

Envy is the dyspepsia of the mind. A burlesque is the refuge of indigent jokes. Crazy men and fools are poor instructors. A fool at home will be none the wiser when abroad. Lots of busy people never seem to accomplish anything.

A gentleman is a human being combining a man's courage and a woman's tenderness. When a man and a woman become husband and wife they are joined together for a strenuous life.

LITERARY NOTES.

The well-known historian of the Inquisition of the middle ages, Henry Charles Lea, LL. D., has just given to the world a volume of noteworthy excellence, entitled "The Moriscos of Spain—Their Conversion and Expulsion." Mr. Lea is now 76 years old.

STAGE WHISPERS.

Charles Klein's play for David Warfield has not been given a name, as yet; but it has been settled that the venture will be launched in the metropolis in September. F. Marion Crawford is writing a play for Mrs. Sarah Cowell Le Moyne on the subject of Mme. de Maintenon, the production of which will occur in Boston next October.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Ventilating an opinion often causes a coolness between friends. A gardener minds his peas and a billiard marker minds his cues. Only a few men can talk about themselves to the satisfaction of others.

ASCHER GETS A NEW TRIAL

The Convicted Murderer of V. C. Nichols, a Farmer,

HAS BEEN GRANTED NEW TRIAL

By the Supreme Court—The Case Attracted Much Attention in Detroit Where the Murder was Committed—Other Events of a Week Briefly Related.

Weather Crop Bulletin. The weekly weather crop bulletin of the U. S. climate and crop service, issued at Lansing on the 21st, says that in most sections of the state the rainfall has been sufficient, but in the extreme southeastern counties it is lower than desirable.

Ascher Gets a New Trial.

Edward Ascher, convicted in Wayne county of the murder of Valmore C. Nichols, was on the 21st granted a new trial by the supreme court. Ascher's case attracted widespread attention. His alleged victim was interested in spiritualism. He went to Detroit from near Ypsilanti to consult a medium.

Oakman Ousted From Tax Commission.

The supreme court has ousted Robt. Oakman as a member of the state tax commission. The opinion was written by Chief Justice Montgomery and concurred in by the four other justices. As soon as the order of the court is served upon Mr. Oakman he must relinquish his office to Wm. T. Dust, who was appointed by Gov. Bliss.

Twins All a Dream.

Mrs. John Moon, the mother of Mrs. Ethel Costello, the Kalamazoo nurse, alleged to have recently fallen heir to \$300,000 through the death of a rich uncle of her first husband in Honduras, arrived in Kalamazoo from Marcellus on the 20th. She went directly to the home of J. H. Bostwick, where her daughter had been engaged as nurse, but was informed that the alleged heiress had slipped away on the 18th and that her whereabouts was a mystery.

An Outrage at Lake Odessa.

A heavy charge of dynamite was placed under the window of Mrs. Alice Montague's residence at Lake Odessa on the night of the 20th, and exploded. All of the windows of the residence were torn out and the woman and her daughter frightened so they have had a doctor in constant attendance ever since. Gossip has been running wild about the woman, and it is evident that this is the result. Mrs. Montague has always been a good reputation. Her daughter is a teacher in the village schools. Great excitement prevails and arrests may follow.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Hart is to have a starch factory. Manistee is to have a modern flour mill.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The house passed the following bills on the 23d: Abolishing office of chief deputy game warden; Detroit police pension act; amending charter of Port Huron; amending Saginaw charter; appropriation upper peninsula prison, \$16,635; providing that officers making levy on personal property shall file a statement within 48 hours of where goods are stored; setting aside certain state lands in Crawford and Roscommon counties for the use of the forest reserve commission; dairy and food commission appropriation, \$25,000 a year and increasing salaries of commissioner, deputy and chemist; amendment to the law relative to the taxation of inheritances; repealing sparrow bounty law; amending Detroit charter so as to authorize the common council to license laundry branch offices; providing for the drainage of highways where it is necessary to secure private right of way; authorizing the incorporation of embalmers; providing that processes against electric interurban railroads may be served on conductors and sides of cities; providing for the appointment of boards to examine and license plumbers; placing the state census of 1904 under control of the secretary of state; income tax, 1 per cent on incomes over \$3,000; organizing the township of Millen, Alcona county, into a union school district; authorizing the state board of health to examine and license undertakers to embalm bodies infected with contagious diseases for transportation; abolishing political conventions in Kent county—referendum attached; general military bill.

The senate passed the following bills on the 21st: To make a boulevard of Lafayette avenue, Detroit; railroad taxation bill; to authorize Houghton county to build a pest house; amend Manistee charter; to pension Detroit policemen; to reorganize school districts in Saginaw county; to fix the salaries of officers of the legislature; relative to the fees of registrar of deaths; relative to the incorporation of A. O. U. W. lodges; relative to the incorporation of fraternal beneficiary societies; relative to the incorporation of societies for the prevention of cruelty to children; relative to estates in remainder; relative to the duties of salt inspectors; for a county abstract system in Ontonagon county; to fix the salary of the state superintendent of fisheries; to empower the state board of education to prescribe all courses of study in state normal schools.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 21st: Revising laws for the incorporation and regulation of interurban railroads; providing a salary of \$1,800 a year for the superintendent of fisheries in lieu of all other expenses; geological survey appropriation of \$2,800; ad valorem taxation bill; increasing state tax commission from three to five members; appropriating 5,000 acres of state tax lands for the purpose of clearing the channel of the Kawkawlin river, Bay county; amending the charter of the city of Adrian; amending the charter of Grand Rapids to provide for the election of city attorney and to prevent defaulters from holding office; providing a specific tax of 2 per cent on telephone and 7 per cent on telegraph, fixing compensation of employees of senate and house; amending charter of Manistee; authorizing a boulevard of Lafayette avenue; making a boulevard of Lafayette avenue; amending charter of Detroit; amending charter of Sault Ste. Marie; Detroit water board bill; same subject; publication of the laws and documents.

The general military bill was finally passed by the house on the 23d, by a vote of 58 to 6 and if the senate concurs to Rep. Ames' amendment relative to a colored company the state military board will be able to make the necessary preparations for a 10-days camp, which this year will be held at Manistee.

The senate passed the following bills on the 23d: To amend Port Huron's charter; to amend Saginaw's charter; for the transfer of certain state lands to the city of Lansing for highway purposes; relative to pay of Saginaw county officers; for the Torrens system of registering land titles.

Gov. Bliss has appointed the seven members of the state road commission, which was recently created by a bill, as follows: Senators Earl and Palmer, Rees, McKay, French and Goodrich, and Capt. E. P. Allen, of Ypsilanti, and C. J. Munroe, of South Haven.

For all practical purposes the work of the present session will be brought to a close at noon on the 29th, the senate concurring in the house resolution providing for no further business after that time and fixing the date of final adjournment for June 6.

A delegation of labor men from Detroit, Grand Rapids and Flint had a hearing before Gov. Bliss on the 23d on the garnishee bill, and they presented numerous arguments to support their petition that the governor veto the bill.

The senate passed the following bills on the 23d: Allowing county members of Wayne county jury commissioners 10 cents a mile mileage when attending meetings; amending the road and bridge law; authorizing the trustees of the Ionia asylum to participate in the joint meetings of the asylum boards; appropriating \$4,000 for bronze medals to be presented to the soldiers and sailors of the Spanish-American war; providing for the completion of the records in the adjutant-general's office; relative to the printing of the report of the railway commissioner. Adjournment was then taken until the 27th.

PRESBYTERIANS IN SESSION

At Philadelphia—General Assembly Takes Up Question of REVISION OF THEIR CREED.

Revision of the 233 Members Ask Dismissal of Subject—Many Ask Revision or an Explanatory Statement—An Indian Outbreak Looked for in Wyoming. The important question of revising the creed, which for the last two years has been agitating the Presbyterian church, came before the general assembly at Philadelphia on the 23d. The controversy regarding revision has led to the formation of three groups among the 440 commissioners to the general assembly. One group opposes change in doctrinal standards. Another is desirous of setting aside the confession of faith as not truthfully expressing the belief of the church. The third favors maintaining the old confession with a few modifications, and desires the adoption of a clear "declarative" statement, setting forth the most important doctrines. In answer to the questions submitted to the presbyteries, 50 asked the assembly to dismiss the whole subject, one was undecided, four said they neither desired a revision nor a supplemental statement, and the remainder of the whole subject, and 16 of the remaining presbyteries, nearly two-thirds of the whole number ask for some change in the creedal statement, 47 desire a revision of the confession, 11 an explanatory statement, 52 a supplemental statement, 15 revision and a supplemental statement, 14 a substitute creed, 1 an alternative creed, and 6 some change, not specified.

The Presbyterian general assembly, by a vote which showed conclusively that a revision of the confession of faith is desired by the church, on the 24th defeated the amendment dismissing the whole subject offered the day before by Rev. Geo. D. Baker, of Philadelphia. The assembly decided by an overwhelming majority to continue consideration of the great question.

Indian Outbreak Expected.

A dispatch from Lander, Wyo., dated the 21st, says an Indian outbreak is imminent on the Shoshone reservation. Six hundred Arapahoes have defied the authority of the agent, Capt. Nickerson, who has refused them permission to hold their annual sun dance and denied them passes. Trouble has been brewing owing to an order giving them rations but withholding the same weekly, as heretofore, and the failure of the government to issue red grain for sowing. Capt. Nickerson has applied to the Indian department for U. S. troops to maintain his authority and is fearful that a clash may occur at any moment. The Shoshones have not yet joined the revolt.

King Edward had a Narrow Escape.

The most dramatic incident in the history of the American's cup occurred on the 23d when a sudden squall on the Solent completely wrecked the challenger and endangered the life of King Edward and several distinguished persons, including Sir Thomas Lipton. Sir Thomas calculates that a delay of three weeks or a month in the date of the contest in American waters will enable him to come to the scratch. He says that he is greatly handicapped by the fact that he has no duplicate masts for the Shamrock II, but by an unlimited expenditure of money and energy he believes the defects can be remedied in time to sail this year.

Carnegie's Big Gift Gets a Cold Welcome.

Scotland is not very enthusiastic over Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$10,000,000 to establish free education in four Scotch universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews. Carnegie stipulated that the beneficiaries be his "Scotch fellow countrymen" only, no English, Irish, colonial or foreigners. According to the education authorities the administration of Mr. Carnegie's gift presents considerable difficulties and for this reason the Scotch papers for the present, are rather lukewarm to the gift horse in the mouth, while the English press is inclined to cavil at the method of Mr. Carnegie's munificence.

New Garnishee Law.

The amount of wages of a working-man with a family to support that can be attached for debt is 20 per cent of what he earns each week. If he earns but \$8 a week, the entire amount shall be exempt. No matter how much he earns, at least \$8 a week shall be exempt. In no case shall more than \$30 of a family man's weekly wages be exempt from a garnishee writ. If he is a single man with only himself to support, at least \$14 a week shall be exempt from garnishee, but in no case shall more than \$15 in one week be exempt. Working girls shall have the same amount of their wages exempt as unmarried men.

Hart has three churches, three newspapers and three saloons.

The census of Ireland shows the population to be 4,456,346, a decrease of 5.3 per cent. This is less decrease than during the previous decade. Scotland, the census shows, has a population numbering 4,471,937 persons. One man was killed, one fatally injured and six others injured by the falling of a part of the sidewalk in front of Central Music hall, Chicago, on the 21st, which is being demolished to make way for an addition to a department store.

WRECK ON LAKE HURON.

Twelve Persons, Including a Woman, was Drowned—Two Rescued.

A dispatch from Bay City, dated the 24th, says: A terrific northeast blizzard all day and last night on Lake Huron. The steamer Baltimore, coal laden, broke in two and sank between Au Sable and Fish Point about 6 o'clock this morning. Twelve were drowned, including a woman. The steamer Baltimore was sighted from Au Sable early this morning about midway between the dead Au Sable and Au Sable Point with her engines apparently disabled and drifting in a helpless condition. The Ottawa life-saving crew were telegraphed for but were delayed in reaching the scene and were unable to locate the wreck until late this afternoon. The tug Columbia, of Detroit, with a government steam dredge and one loaded lighter for the Soo, was caught in the storm. The lighters and dredge was lost, parting their six-inch cable, but were afterward rescued with their crew of six men. While searching for her tow, the Columbia picked up an engineer and a deckhand of the Baltimore on a raft. They were almost dead, and were taken to East Tawas. The deckhand went insane on the raft.

Allen's First Annual Report.

Gov. Charles H. Allen, of Porto Rico, has presented to the President, through the state department, his first annual report. He expresses the opinion that a scheme of colonial administration, such as is found in the Danish, French and English West Indies, might be safely instituted with variations dependent upon the future policy of the home government. The governor refers to the many suggestions offered that the form of territorial government adopted by the U. S. be applied to Porto Rico, but points out that a standard form of such government, while useful in the U. S., would not apply successfully to this island possession. He calls attention to the fact that while in such close proximity to the U. S. Porto Rico has been a comparatively unknown island to Americans. In conclusion, Gov. Allen urged the introduction of fresh blood and Anglo-Saxon push and energy as the means of lifting the little island out of its lethargy, and by thrift and industry, develop its riches to their full measure.

Three Acid in His Face for Revenge.

Charles A. Spencer, better known as "Doc" Spencer, committed a cowardly assault upon Attorney John S. Starckweather at the railroad station in Romeo, on the 20th. As Starckweather entered the door of the building Spencer sprang at him and threw the contents of a bottle containing a strong acid in the attorney's face. Spencer was immediately placed under arrest. Starckweather was badly burned about the right eye, chin, mouth and breast, but his injuries are not serious. Spencer says he intended to maintain his victim for life, and expresses no regret for his act. He says he has waited years for an opportunity to wreak vengeance upon Starckweather. Spencer used to live at Romeo, but his home is now at West Bay City.

NEWSY BREVITIES.

The new Shamrock yacht was again beaten by the old Shamrock on the 21st.

The estimates for Ontario rivers and harbors passed by parliament amount to \$460,900.

Heavy rains caused much damage to property in North Carolina and Tennessee on the 21st.

The joint conference committee railroad tax bill passed the house on the 21st by a vote of 67 to 21.

Esther Cleveland, the 9-year-old daughter of the former president, is suffering from diphtheria.

Bressi, the assassin of the late King Humbert, has committed suicide at the penitentiary at San Stefano, Italy.

Nine hundred Porto Ricans embarked on the steamer California at Guánica for Hawaii on the 21st, and 400 more are ready to sail.

Jack Moffat, the Chicago middleweight, has been matched to box 20 rounds with George Gardner of Boston, at San Francisco, on July 4.

New York may have a jubilee exposition in 1905, to commemorate the physical consolidation of the boroughs of the metropolis by the completion of the rapid transit system.

Dave Sullivan has agreed to fight Terry McGovern in a 20-round battle at Louisville next August. Dave thinks it is no cinch for Terry, but there are others who think otherwise.

Two men, Barney Johnson and Thomas O'Malley, were killed by a flyer on the Erie railroad in Cleveland on the night of the 23d. Their bodies were badly cut up. A card found near one of the men showed that he held membership in the longshoremen's union of Lorain, O.

William J. Cocker, of Adrian, a regent of the U. of M., died at Ann Arbor on the 19th. Mr. Cocker went to Ann Arbor on the 16th to attend a session of the board of regents. He was apparently in his usual health, but was taken ill the day following and while dressing was seized with an attack of heart disease, and expired in a few minutes.

The Philippine commission has passed the weather bureau act and has also voted a loan of \$2,500 for each province to help pay the expenses till the land taxes are available. These loans are payable at the end of 1902. The commission has imposed a registration tax of one peso annually on all males over 18, excepting soldiers. Up to the first of this year the total royalty collected from the Klondike placer mines by the Canadian government amounts to \$2,040,192. The total revenues collected by the Canadian government from Yukon territory since 1896 amount to \$4,376,673.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

The state department has been made fully acquainted by Mr. Rockhill with the character of the proposition as to the floating of the indemnity loan unfolded at Pekin. While grave objections are perceived to the Russian project for a joint guarantee of the loan, because of the immense difficulty of securing the assent of congress to an agreement which would entangle for more than a quarter of a century at least, there is nothing in Mr. Rockhill's instructions which would cause him to antagonize the proposition, provided it is fully developed so as to secure the safety of the loan while assuring the integrity of China. It is suggested that these objects can be best secured by causing China to deliver to each nation bonds bearing 4 per cent interest to the face value of the nation's indemnity claim. The nation holding the bonds could dispose of them at its pleasure, it could affix its own guarantee and sell the bonds in the open market. England, too, is opposed to a joint guarantee of loan.

Reports have been received from Pekin to the effect that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee has informed the Chinese that the troops will not leave Pekin until the court returns, and he himself is received in imperial attendance. The French have withdrawn from the Shansi expedition, and the English have refused to take any part in it. It is probable, therefore, that the Germans will be compelled to go alone. In spite of constant and growing difficulties, Count von Waldersee, single-handed, continues to maintain the prestige of foreigners in this part of China.

A dispatch from Taku says that Gen. Chaffee was told as he was about to leave Pekin that there were two cases of smallpox among the Indian troops now in camp at Tonku, where the Americans were to proceed to board their transports. Gen. Chaffee is now awaiting developments. In the event of being held by quarantine he will probably move up the Pei river for two weeks.

The foreign ministers' meeting at Pekin on the 23d was very unsatisfactory. No power was willing to accede to the Americans' idea of a reduction of the Chinese indemnity to \$200,000,000, though Great Britain recognizes the advisability of some reduction.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Eight hundred Boers have crossed the Orange river from the northwest, and have reinforced the commandoes in the eastern district. The latest reliable report locates Dewet near Philippolis, in Orange River colony, and not far from the Cape line, with 40 horsemen. All the commandoes in the Orange River colony have instructions to cross the Orange river. Several British patrols have been ambushed.

A parliamentary paper just issued shows the total of British troops in South Africa, May 1, to be 249,416. The total deaths were 14,978 and wounded 17,209. In hospital April 15 there were 13,797.

Marthinus Wessels Pretorius, the first president of the Dutch African Republic, the title of which was changed in 1898 to the South African Republic, died May 19 at Potchefstroom, Transvaal Republic.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Friday, May 24:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per ct. Chicago 17 8 .689, Detroit 18 9 .667, Baltimore 11 6 .647, Washington 9 9 .500, Boston 10 11 .476, Milwaukee 8 15 .348, Philadelphia 7 15 .318, St. Louis 18 399.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per ct. New York 14 7 .667, Cincinnati 15 10 .600, Philadelphia 15 12 .556, Pittsburgh 12 9 .571, Brooklyn 12 13 .489, Boston 10 12 .455, St. Louis 11 16 .407, Chicago 11 10 .527.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns: Club, Live Stock, Hogs. New York—Cattle Sheep Lambs Hogs. Best grades... \$5 15 25 50 \$1.50 \$5.50 \$9.25 \$9.25, Lower grades... \$3.00 \$4.50 \$7.50 \$7.50.

GRAIN, ETC.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats. No. 2 red No. 2 mix No. 2 white. New York 79 7/8 50 5/8 34 3/4, Chicago 71 7/8 47 1/4 28 3/8, Detroit 75 7/8 49 1/2 32 3/8, Toledo 75 7/8 49 1/4 32 3/8, Cincinnati 72 7/8 47 1/2 31 3/4, Pittsburgh 72 7/8 47 1/2 31 3/4, Buffalo 72 7/8 47 1/2 31 3/4.

Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, \$12 75 per ton. Potatoes, 55c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 10c per lb; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 10c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 12c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 15c per lb; creamery, 10c.

According to telegrams from various cities throughout the U. S., on the 20th, there were fully 50,000 machinists out on strike for the shorter workday—nine hours.

Servia is on the verge of a revolution. The Obrenovitch dynasty, always hated, is certain to be overthrown now because of what is regarded as a swindle in which both the king and queen were involved. Alexander is showing strength for the first time in his life, and has repelled all suggestions from the cabinet that he divorce his queen.