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### FARMINGTON. - MICHIGAN RECREATIONS OF SCIENCE

RECREATIONS OF SCIENCE The appearance of a book of up rearious humor as a thore by Stephen Leadock, professor () fogic in a Canadian un-versity, calls attestion once more to the duit castly value to a career devoted to the more serious things of the tits is fact, hot usually recog-nited but easily believed, that mines which are conseried with philosophy, mathematics, statistics, or other ab-sorting intellectual pursuits for the duits presention in something quite the re-verse of these topics, args the Clifford promance of the most modern type. There's Carnoli was mathematician, deeply expert in the clicar's borne. They brought her several books and endrage not yet over. They brought her several books a nonsense book, How to Tell Wild Pjorers From the lifting when the identity. Banerman, the alling and mathematician, deeply expert in the clicar's stories work. They brought her several books a nonsense book, How to Tell Wild Pjorers From the Birke, whence fiamer spread with treemendous repidity and ferceness. All over the northern hard of the state foreas and fields are so ago a nonsense book, How to Tel Wild Flowers From the Birds, delight ed us. Its author proved to be a pro fessor of some dull science at John Hopkins. And thus it goes. Extreme Hopkins. And thus it goes. Extrebies meet. An astronomer, when away from his erepicee, throws himself with ardor into pinzponse. An amatema-tician in private life holds the tiddly dewrinks champlonship. The law of compensation works, and nature pre-rides a astery raive which prevents the boller from blowing up.

A member of the British parliament, A memory of the birther parameters Bir Henry Seymour King, has been unseated because it was found that he had been "guilty of treating his con-stituents latishly." The cable does, not explain whether he furnished barrels of beer or boxes of campaign cigars for the purpose of winning the favor of the voters, or whether he went so far as to distribute bottles of scotch and soda. In any event, the judges who considered his case were not disposed to excuse him on the plea not disposed to excuse him on the plea that if beer or cigars were distributed they were passed around by his friends who were eager to "put him over." In England they have a cor-rupt practices act which is enforced without the necessity of such dilatory proceedings as have characterized the Lorimer case.

The graduates of a high school in Washington were warned to keep away from the fashionable set if they wished to avoid degradation and lead upright Christian lives. But the elo-quent orator might have tempered his fears for their future by the reflection that it takes comething more than nondetermination to lead upright lives to get into the fashionable set of the capital-it takes money.

capital-it iskee morey. Following a dispute in a medical convention in Philadelphia on the re-moval of tonsils, and the sharp crit-dism of young surgeons for removing tonsils on slight pretexts, a resolution was adopted calling for an exhaustive report on the matter narty year. But this will hardly tend to create over-much confidence and pleasant feeling in people whose tonsiliar troubles will occur this year.

Before leaving Chicago for Detroit Refore leaving Chlengo for Detrökl, Rev. Joceph Anderson Yane declared that to be, with the possible exception of San Francisco, the wickedest affy in the world. It might be suggested to the reversed gestleman that there yer as many "wickedest cites" as there are cities with "the finest water supply in the world". It would take an expert to decide between them.

A Michigan man remembers when he was getting \$25 and Taft \$12 on the same paper. Now Taft is presi-dent and gets \$75,000. The Michigan man is an editor and gets an invita-tion to join the press association.

"The housefly." opines Doctor Wil-son, has its good points. So has a cac-tus, but we advise our readers to pause and consider before swaiting said cactus. We hope everybody sees the point.

A Baltimore man left part of his money to a girl who had been dead 25 years. That's the way it goes. Somebody is always leaving money to folks who don't need it.

The report that a New York taxi-cab company is losing money leads one to suspect that certain persons are eligible to the Ananias club.

A New York man died because his nervons system was shattered by the plano playing of a girl who lived next door. Another joke has been ruined.

## The Farmington Enterprise FOREST FIRES WIPE OUT OSCODA AND AU SABLE

Alpena Also Suffers, Flames Sweeping in

Cities of Oscoda and Au Sable, lying across from each other at the mouth of the Au Sable river, completely wiped out by fire. Not a building left standing, and many lives may have been lost, so rapidly jdi the fiames sweep through the towns. Gity of Algena sweept by fire which causes half a million dollars loss, with danger not yet over the standard and bruch fires in the vicinity. Both these fires started by forest and bruch fires in the vicinity. Both these fires started by danger for slab plies, whence fiamer spread with tremendous rapidity and flerceness. All over the northern half of the state forests and fields are so dry from the recent long hot spell that fires are springing up every-where.

where. High winds are prevalent, and are fanning these fires into con-flagrations that are likely to cause the loss of thousands upon thou-sands of dollars, and may result in great loss of life, as was the case in the forest fifes in Presque laic county in September, 1908. Fires have cut off all wire communication on the Detroit & MacNings' Allroad north of Oscoda.

Macklina ràilroid north of Oscoda. Ail along the line of the Michigan Central in the northern part of the lower poninsula towns are threatened by the forest fires which surrgund them. Bridges have been burned, as well as many freight cars on sidings.

During the evening the wind changed and avapt the fames down note Au Sable, and it is expected that every building in that town will be functed. The set of a propiet are homeless and have nothing except what indicates into Lake Huron, and while it is impossible to assuriant whether any lives were lost, it is feared that many have into the fames drove and the set of work of the set of the set of the set of the set of the work of the set of set of the set of the set of the set of the set of set of the set of the set of the set of the set of set of the set of the set of the set of the set of set of the set of th

### Village of Lewiston, on Michigan Central, is in Serious Danger

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Detroit.—Martin King, "the ac-quiring kid," of Battle Creek' and atar wittees in the case of the gov-rament against Lesife Powers, who is accurated of piceling as a constraint neasis stand in the district out: He was given a grilling at the bands of Attorney 3. M. Powers, the defend-ant's father, that revealed meeth of Martin's past. Also the line of ques-tioning abowed that it is the purpose of the defense to fasten the crime upon King, if possible.

upon King, if possible. Big: Rapids-W. S. Stegenda, agod about twentydre, was drowned at the upper dam in the Müskegon ther while bathing. Two companions watched him struggle and sink, but talled to assist him. William Smith dove twice and got him twenty min-ues after be went down. Scatser-and bim foot in vin. Cramps chusch and bim foot in vin. Cramps chusch dy the cold river currents caused desht, Stegenda was a Ferris Insti-tute student and his parents lire in Holland.

Houma. Mt. Clemens.-Risking her life to save that of a three-year-off ald, d 234 Townsend avenue, before-ville and around the second scheme-ville and around the second scheme-ville and around the second scheme-ties and around the second scheme-ties and around the second scheme-second scheme scheme scheme-scheme scheme scheme scheme waterg grave. The git, who was a nuest of the Clines, was playing upon the shore of the like with the child when the little fellow fell headfirst ind the water. Lackson --infine prostrate in his

Incision-Jajing prostrate in his cell, Myron Calvin, an immate of Jackson pricon, was found by a guard. He died before a physikan arrived, it is thought that death was due to epi-lepsy, as Calvin was subject to this disease. He was about thirty years old and has been an i numate of the scattered from Allegan county June 10 for one to five years for grand increay.

Inreeny. Houghton-Miss Mary Corneller has been missing and it is learned she has been drowned in Port-age lake. Her bat was found floating in the lake near the Van Orden dooks. The lake has been draged without in suits. Miss Contact is believed abe on researd into the lake during temport. wandered into the lake during tempor ary aberration.

Grand Rapids.—The storm brought relief from the heat, but it hear. Is brought death to a party of its campers the following the brows of glass are followed in the party were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shepard of Derroit, who are visiting the latter's dister, Mrs. R. D. Schwartz of this city.

Lansing -- Governor Osborn has appointed A. E. Meigs of Detroit as a member of the board of controi of the Mitchigan Home for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic at Lapeer. Mr.j Weigs displaces John S. Weidman, who was a recess appointment of Governor Warner.

Hudsonville.-George Boersem, oc-cupying a farm in Jamestown township, was killed by lighting Boersem was askiep in the kitchen whén a bolt descended the chimney glanced from the stove and' struck him.

Sobewards, — William Luckhardt died as the result reinfage sustaised through the running away or a horse bicked toos in a field some time after a some the borse same to the barn, stabiling consciousness. Mir Luckhardt and a weldly farmer and was a plonger in these parts, being seventy-sight years old. Muskergon-Tr. James P. Donel-

seventy-eight years old. Muskegon.-Dr. James P. Donel-son, known chrougbout western Michigan in early lumbering days and for the last fitteen years a resident of chicago, died here of blood poison. Some time sop the doctor extracted na ulicerated tooth from a patient and a small sortach on his hand was in-fected. He was sity-four years old find was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He leaves a widow and daughter, Marie, now abroad studying art.

Grand Rapids—Benjamin S. Han-chett, regent of the University of Michigan, and chairman of the Re-publican state central committee, has resigned the latter position. His lei-ter to that effect reads that he bu-lieves the regency should be varced from politics. He will devote all his spare time to his regency duties.

duties. Bicanabis—After floating: for hear-iy eight hours on the bottom of a capaized sailboat at the mercy of which and waves, Arthur Derocher and dif-ry Brassiw of bils tilty were plot the in the vicinity of the annex sillor Boy-mab bris and, is round i coming up. The form and, is round i coming up. The or a capaized and both were there in the vicinity of the annex there in the vicinity for annexed to acramble back on the boat, which kept andar and the or were carried out into the like. When pleted up they were nearly exhausted.

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## MEANS MUCH TO STATE SHIPPERS \$8,000,000 GROP.

MEANS MUCH TO STATE SHIPPERS Railraads Agree to General inter-change of Sidings and Terminals for Freight. At a conference of railway chiefs with the state railway commission it was agreed that the facilities of one road for Aransferring Freight from another links or coldings should be opened between the roads of the state. The agreement is considered of great importance to the shipfer of great importance to the shipfer of great importance to the shipfer of the stud, awing to the rules which some roads have enforced or relusing to Accept shipments to carloads from Holdings. A new tariff to cover these beliveries will go into effect Septem-ber 1, but the general interchange of these terminal facilities for either load of interstate shipments will bo immined at once. State terminal studies of railroads regarding transfers of this character. Charles L. Jobnson, Chicago capi-

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MICHIGAN'S CROP THIS YEAR TO BE GREATEST EVER OBTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES.

APPROXIMAELY 150,000 ACRES ARE PLANTED.

Michigan Now Ranks First Among the States' in Production of the Plant—Crop is Two Weeks in Advance This Year.

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