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EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

Washington

In their annual reports Secretary of the Interior Fisher urges the need of new public land laws and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel recommends the establishment of a board to adjudicate the differences between railways and their employes.

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The annual report of the interstate commerce commission contains a caustic arraignment of the lax methods prevalent among the railroad companies with reference to providing protection for their passengers and employes.

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Imports of luxuries into the United States during October were probably the highest on record. The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce and labor estimates that luxuries are coming into this country at the rate of $1,000,000 a day.

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That commissions amounting to nearly $50,000,000 a year are poured into the pocket of Wall street brokers each year was the testimony given in Washington before the house committee investigating the "money trust." Frank K. Sturgis, a broker and former president of the New York stock exchange, was on the stand.

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The omnibus private pension bill, providing increases for 228 pensioners, passed the house of representatives without a record vote. It adds about $50,000 annually to the pension rolls.

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Adjournment of congress for the Christmas holidays from December 19 to January 2 was authorized when the senate adopted a resolution already passed by the house.

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Representative Charles C. Bowman of the Eleventh district, was unseated by the house of representatives by the passage, 152 to 118, of a resolution declaring that corrupt practices had been used in his election in 1910.

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Representative Roddenberry of Georgia on the floor of the house of representatives scathingly arraigned Jack Johnson, the negro prize fighter, for his recent marriage to Lucille Cameron, a white girl, in Chicago. He declared the action of the state of Illinois in permitting the marriage was "damning," and said the continuance of the practice would plunge the United States into bloody war.

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Domestic

A Missouri state appointive office, with fees estimated at $9,000 a year, which had been overlooked for thirteen years, was filled for the first time by the appointment by State Auditor Gordon of Thomas Bond as auditor's counsel in collection of the collateral inheritance tax.

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Judgment for $660, entered by agreement against the estate of Floyd K. Whitehorne, a bohdsman for Henry L. Hertz, Illinois state treasurer in 1907, settled the last of a score of cases brought by the state to recover fees for recording bonds from former state treasurers.

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The National Museum in Washington has added to its historical collection four antique chairs that once were the property of Alexander Hamilton.

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Brought to Indianapolis by the defense to impeach the testimony of Ortie McManigal, Frederick W. Zeiss, union iron workers, Chicago, was taken from the witness stand at the dynamite conspiracy trial by order of Judge Albert Anderson and held under $2,000 bond to appear before the next federal grand jury for perjury.

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The 20,000 officers and men of the Atlantic fleet will be in New York for the next fortnight and will spend about $800,000 on their Christmas shopping and holiday festivities.

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Marvin W. Hamby, twenty-year-old messenger, whose car on the Sunset Western train of the Santa Fe railroad was robbed of $20,145 in gold near here last week, confessed that he had robbed the safe with the aid of his sixteen-year-old brother Melvin.

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Herman Steinberg, a seventeen-year-old boy who is alleged to have declared that he was going over to New Jersey and shoot President-elect Wilson, was arrested in New York and held without bail. A loaded revolver was found in his pocket.

The Elgin Board of Trade, popularly known as the "butter trust," and the American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers were attacked by the federal government in a civil anti-trust suit filed in Chicago for the dissolution of both concerns. Sweeping charges of a conspiracy to fix arbitrarily the price of butter in the interest of big manufacturers and cold storage concerns are made.

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The application of A. E. Carr and others who are members of the supreme lodge, Independent Order of Moose of America, for a writ of mandate to compel Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan to file the articles of incorporation under this name, was denied by Superior Judge Shields in Sacramento, Cal.

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The Tenants' union of New York, devoted to the interests of 800,000 rent-paying families, hopes to enlist the aid of the clergy in an effort to help the poor families of the city by having landlords remit ten per cent of the rent until the high cost of living is reduced.

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Mrs. Clara Schumann, wife of Herman M. Schumann, a cafe owner of St. Louis, Mo., committed suicide by hurling herself from a window on the fifteenth floor of the new National Bank of Commerce building. Mrs. Schumann had been despondent over ill health.

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Four men were hanged in the penitentiary at Salem, Ore., despite efforts to save their lives that were unprecedented. The quartet had been under reprieve granted by Gov. Oswald West for varying periods in order that the electorate of the state might have an opportunity to pronounce its verdict whether the men should hang. The verdict was given in November and was in favor of hanging.

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Senator Benjamin F. Shively of Indiana had one of the toes of his right foot cut off in a Washington hospital. The toe had become irritated and blood poisoning was feared. Senator Shively refused to take ether or chloroform. During the operation he smoked a cigar.

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George W. Perkins won a complete triumph over all opposition in the meeting of the Progressive national committee in Chicago. He had the national headquarters removed to New York, put through his plan for branch bureaus and then announced that the next official business of the Progressive party would be at a meeting of his executive committee in New York city, December 18.

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Luring his sweetheart into the depths of a mine near Harvard, Idaho, Jesse Dillman shot and killed Miss T. M. Liner of Holmer, Idaho, and fatally wounded himself.

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Verdict of involuntary manslaughter was returned in Wytheville, Va., against Sidna Allen, one of the mountaineers who shot up the Hillsville courthouse last March, killing several officers of the court. Allen was then sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The specific charge against the defendant was the murder of Prosecuting Attorney Foster.

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Foreign

The much beloved and venerated Luitpold, prince regent of Bavaria, is dead in Munich, at the age of ninety-one years.

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Queen Maud of Norway has undergone a slight operation at Appleton house, near Sandringham, one of her father's (King Edward's) wedding gifts.

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Whitelaw Reid, United States ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died at Dorchester house, his London residence, of pulmonary oedema. Mr. Reid was in his seventy-sixth year and the end was quiet and peaceful.

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The peace conference, which has before it the arduous task of arranging terms of permanent peace between the Balkan states and Turkey, began in historic St. James palace in London, the picture gallery having been set aside for the use of the plenipotentiaries.

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The announcement that M. Simics, the Servian minister to Austria, had been recalled by an imperative order from Belgrade has thrown the Austro-Servian situation into a state of utter confusion.

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Personal

Half a million dollars to Harvard university and $250,000 to a memorial home for convalescents in New York are the chief charitable bequests in the will of Prof. Morris Loeb of Columbia university, who died last October. The estate is valued at $1,000,000.

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Passaic, (N. J.) benevolent and charitable institutions will receive $240,000 under the will of Peter Reid, one of New Jersey's pioneer manufacturers.

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Governor-elect Samuel L. Ralston of Indiana was the guest of honor at the sixth annual dinner of the Indiana society of New York. Several hundred native "Hoosiers" attended.

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Miss Helen Miller Gould, one of the world's richest women, and world famed because of her philanthropies, is to be married to Finley J. Shepard of St. Louis. Miss Gould is forty-four years old. Her finance is forty-five. The announcement of the engagement was made by George J. Gould at his home, Lakewood, N. J.

PARCELS POST

List of Zones and Rates.

The parcel post law which becomes effective January 1, 1913, provides: "That hereafter fourth-class mail matter shall embrace all other matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second, or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employe or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery."

For the purpose of carrying this law into effect the United States is divided into zones with different rates of postage applicable to each, as follows:

Weight.	1st zone. Local rate.	1st zone. Zone rate, 50 miles.	2d zone, 50 to 150 miles.	3d zone, 150 to 300 miles.	4th zone, 300 to 600 miles.	5th zone, 600 to 1,000 miles.	6th zone, 1,000 to 1,400 miles.	7th zone, 1,400 to 1,800 miles.	8th zone, all over 1,800 miles.
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
1 pound	$0.5	$0.05	$0.06	$0.07	$0.08	$0.10	$0.11	$0.11	$0.12
2 pounds	.06	.06	.10	.11	.12	.16	.17	.17	.24
3 pounds	.07	.11	.14	.17	.20	.24	.28	.33	.36
4 pounds	.08	.14	.18	.23	.28	.32	.39	.44	.48
5 pounds	.09	.18	.22	.29	.32	.40	.45	.51	.60
6 pounds	.10	.20	.26	.33	.38	.48	.56	.61	.72
7 pounds	.11	.23	.30	.37	.44	.56	.64	.71	.84
8 pounds	.12	.26	.34	.42	.50	.64	.73	.81	.96
9 pounds	.13	.29	.38	.47	.56	.72	.82	.91	1.08
10 pounds	.14	.32	.42	.51	.62	.80	.91	1.01	1.20
11 pounds	.15	.35	.46	.57	.68	.79	1.00	1.111	1.32

The local rates is applicable to parcels intended for delivery at the office of mailing or on a rural route starting therefrom.

It will be observed that the rates of postage are largely reduced and that the limit of weight is increased from four to eleven pounds. Parcels will be delivered at all free-delivery offices and to patrons residing on rural and star routes; they may be registered and may be accorded special delivery service on payment of the usual fees, and they may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to their actual value, but not to exceed $25, upon payment of a fee of five cents. Distinctive stamps must be used on all parcels, but they may be mailed in quantities of not less than 2,000 identical pieces without stamps affixed, the postage being paid in money.

DISSOLVE BUTTER TRUST

Sweeping Charges of Conspiracy to Fix Prices Is Charged.

The Elgin board of trade, popularly known as the "Butter Trust," and the American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers was attacked by the federal government in a civil anti-trust suit filed in Chicago, for the dissolution of both concerns.

Sweeping charges of a conspiracy to fix arbitrarily the price of butter in the interest of big manufacturers and cold storage concerns and to the detriment of the farmer, other small producers and the consuming public, are made by Attorney General Wickersham.

Butter-making has drifted to the large manufacturers, the natural increase in volume of business has been curtailed and prices to the people have been enhanced, especially during the winter season, by the operations of the "conspirators," according to the government's petition in equity.

Reimburse Settlers in U. P.

Through the efforts of Assistant Attorney General Charles McGill, settlers in northern Michigan are to be reimbursed to the extent of $53,534.75 by the national government, the payment of such a sum having been authorized by the secretary of the interior. The payment is to reimburse white settlers who are now, under patents from the state of Michigan, occupying lands within the L'Anse and Vieux Desert Indian reservation in Baraga county. Payment would have been recommended in the regular appropriation bill, but came in too late to be therein incorporated. The state of Michigan claimed title to lands in the reservation under school land granted and patented the land to white purchasers.

Another Dam in Au Sable River.

Another link has been forged in the remarkable chain of dams which are harnessing the water power of the Au Sable river. The gigantic dams at Five Channels are completed and power is being furnished from three 3,000 kilowat units. This means that 9,000 kilowat are being generated. The Five Channels development is the second of the big dams that has been completed by the Commonwealth Rail, Light and Power company. Cooke's was the first and power from it was furnished about five months ago. The first dams furnished 12,000 horsepower. There will be 13 dams in all.

Work has been started on the third set of dams. These will be at what will be known as Loud's, about 13 miles above Five Channels.

Find Deadly Deer Traps.

Game wardens in the upper peninsula report the finding of many of the most deadly deer traps ever devised. The traps are made of two scythe blades, keenly sharpened, and many wires. The wires are so suspended over runways that an animal will stick his head into them while running. The wires, fastened to nearby trees and shrubbery, cause the blades to close and cut off the deer's head or to sever its throat.

Over a score of these traps were found in Baraga county, together with evidence that several deer had already met their fate.

A special investigating committee recently appointed by the board of supervisors will visit the Detroit house of correction on Dec. 17, to get pointers for a reformatory, which the board plans to build in Kalamazoo county.

While Prof. W. B. Pillsbury, of the physiological department of the U. of M., at Ann Arbor, was lecturing to his class he suddenly lost his mind. Physicians said the affliction was caused by an attack of acute indigestion, and that he will recover.

PROSPERITY LARGEST EVER

Bank Report Proves 1912 Was Banner Money Year.

This has been the most prosperous year in the history of this country, as reflected in the condition of the banks of the United States, according to the annual report of the comptroller of the currency, made public in Washington which showed the assets of 25,195 banks whose condition has been tabulated as $25,000,000, in round numbers—or an increase of $1,255,000,000 over last year.

The capital of these financial institutions amounts to approximately $2,010,000,000, an increase of $58,000,000.

Exports from the United States during the first 10 months of this year aggregated $1,870,000,000 and the imports $1,611,000,000, resulting in a favorable balance of $359,000,000.

There are in actual operation 7,397 national banks, representing paid in capital of $1,046,012,550. The total of deposits in all banks, the report states, is $6,496,192,707.60.

HELEN GOULD TO MARRY

Announces Her Engagement to Finley J. Shepherd of St. Louis. Mo.

Helen Miller Gould, sister of George J., Frank J., Howard and Edwin Gould, and the Princess de Talleyrand-Perigord (Anna Gould de Castellane) and who is famous not only because she is one of the richest women in the world, but also on account of her philanthropy, is to be married, probably next month, to Finley J. Shepherd, of St. Louis, who is assistant to President B. E. Bush of the Gould lines, Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain and Denver & Rio Grande.

Miss Gould is 44 years old. Her fiance is 45.

Young Elected to Congress.

H. Olin Young, republican, was given a certificate of election by the state board of canvassers to the office of congressman in the twelfth district in the upper peninsula. The decision was based on an opinion given by the attorney general's department. The decision means the defeat of the progressive candidate, William J. McDonald.

Before the Saginaw Board of Trade, Congressman Fordney urged engaging an agricultural expert, promising the support of the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Buechke, of Saginaw, are the parents of twin daughters, who will celebrate their birthdays on different dates. One daughter was born shortly before midnight Friday and the other early Saturday morning.

Mrs. M. B. Ferry, secretary of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society, announces that the mid-winter meeting of the society will be held at Grand Rapids, Jan. 30 and 31. Governor Ferris and Lieut. Governor Ross will be asked to participate.

WILL COMBINE TWO TAXATION BOARDS

STATE TAX BOARD WOULD JOIN FORCES WITH THE STATE ASSESSORS.

TAX BOARD WILL REAPPRAISE SEVEN COUNTIES.

Says Electric Railways Should Be Assessed by State Officials Only—Many Other Important Recommendations.

Recommendations by Board.

That supervisors begin their terms of office in July instead of April and have nine months for their work.

That electric railways and similar properties be assessed, not by local assessing officers, but as an entirety by the state board and the levy duly apportioned among the counties.

Asks for power to call assessing officers together, instead of the board being required to visit each county.

That the state board of assessors and the state tax commission be consolidated.

That all conveyances of real estate name the actual consideration.

The board of state tax commissioners made its report to Gov. Osborn for 1911 and 1912. It is the most complete ever issued by this board.

The report shows that during the past two years the assessed valuations of iron mines have been raised from $19,625,508 as assessed by local assessing officers, to $85,567,500 after reviews had been held.

"When the board began its work in 1899, the real estate of the state was assessed at $825,858,711, and the personal property at $142,320,376, or a total of both real and personal of $968,189,087.

"In 1891 the real estate was assessed at $796,431,830, and the personal property at $156,299,285, a total of $952,731,115, showing an increase for the ten year period of $29,426,881 in real estate and an actual decrease in the assessment of personal property of $13,868,909, and showing a net increase of the whole assessable property in the state for the ten years mentioned of only $15,407,972.

"In 1910 the real estate of the state was assessed at $1,348,901,950 and the personal property at $390,750,508, or a total of $1,739,652,458. This was an increase in real estate assessments of $523,043,229, and an increase in personal property assessment of $248,420,132, or a total increase of $771,463,871."

"In 1899 the per cent of personal property assessed to real estate assessed was 14.66 per cent. Through the work of the commission of personal property assessed is now 10.

As to the Railroads.

Under the old taxation law, the report shows 101 railroad companies, 20 car loaning companies, seven express companies and 250 telephone and telegraph companies paid in taxes $1,649,175, while under the new ad valorem tax law as administered by the tax board these companies paid the state in taxes $4,857,865 in 1910 and $4,912,997 in 1912.

During 1912 reviews were held in six counties, resulting in increased assessed valuations by the state board of $98,092,1112.

Will Reappraise Seven Counties.

The state tax commission announced that the commission would start a reappraisal of the counties of Bay, Calhoun and Jackson in the lower peninsula, and the counties of Alger, Baraga, Ontonagon, Chippawa in the upper peninsula for the coming year.

The work in these counties will probably take the entire year of 1913 and judging from the raises made in those counties where reappraisals have been held, there will be some big boosts.

President-Elect Wilson Is Home.

President-elect Wilson has returned from his vacation trip to Bermuda. The steamship Bermudian, which carried him and his party, docked in New York Monday.

Not an announcement as to politics or anything else did the governor have to make on his arrival. "I'm going to devote myself to New Jersey affairs," he said.

D. G. Fisher, of Homer, says that his brother, Fred, who mysteriously disappeared two years ago, had been located at Niles.

Warren Shepard, of Belding, Mich., will get $1,200 in a lump from Uncle Sam as back pension. He will also receive $12 a month.

State Senator William B. Grace, of Kalamazoo, says he will introduce a bill at the next session of the legislature which will prevent the intermarriage of blacks and whites in Michigan.

At a meeting in Grand Rapids of the receivers of the Pere Marquette Railroad Co., it was decided to overrule the order of the traffic department not to accept perishable freight in less than carload lots during severe weather unless shipped in refrigerator cars.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

Lansing.—Governor Osborn released another notorious Detroit convict, James Burke, convicted of safe-blowing in Detroit in 1910, being the favored person. Burke was sent to Jackson for 11 to 26 years, but he has been mixed up considerably in the prison plots at Jackson. Although nothing official was ever announced on the matter, it was believed that he "squealed" on his fellow convicts when the dynamite plot was discovered several months ago. Some of the prisoners were transferred to Marquette after the expose, but Burke was retained at Jackson. One of the strongest workers for Burke's pardon was Mayor Whitlock of Toledo. He wrote several letters to the governor asking that Burke be released.

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Lansing.—The Michigan Beekeepers' association closed its annual convention with an afternoon session at East Lansing. Detroit was selected as the meeting place for the 1913 convention, which is to be called early in December, and officers for the ensuing year elected as follows: President, J. T. Morse, Saginaw; vice-president, David Running, Grindstone City; secretary, C. E. Schmidt, Bay City.

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Hillsdale.—Mrs. Martha Barker is dead as a result of asphyxiation by coal gas, after lingering over two weeks. She was found at her home, where she lives alone, by neighbors who broke into the house, nearly dead from escaping gas. She revived and it was thought that she would recover, but because of her advanced age, seventy years, she could not survive the shock.

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Lansing.—The state highway department has received word from the counties of St. Clair, Saginac, Allegan and Bingham to the effect that they are to vote on the county road system at the coming election. The department is sending letters to all county officials urging them to adopt the system. Forty-five counties are now under the county system.

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Charlotte.—John Reese, who forged a check for $50 on the firm of Gillette & Lee of Detroit township, and passed it on a Grand Ledge bank, was sentenced to three to fourteen years at Ionia, and David Ellsworth, the youth who robbed the A. E. Conley grocery here several days ago, received a sentence of from one to fifteen years at Ionia.

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Alpena.—A man whose identity is unknown, is supposed to have been burned to death in the fire that destroyed the barn on the James Johnson farm, four miles west of this city. The man was seen to enter the barn shortly before midnight, before the fire started. The men fighting the fire heard cries for help, but were unable to rescue the victim.

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Owosso.—Vera, six-year-old daughter of Fred McDowell of Owosso, was burned to death when her night dress was drawn by a draught into a stove.

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Hastings.—Owing to an epidemic of measles among pupils, the board of education of Freeport has ordered all schools closed until December 30.

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Ypsilanti.—The dwelling house of Mayor Frank A. Norton burned to the ground with all its contents. Mayor Norton and his family were awakened just in time to escape with their lives and a few clothes. The loss which is partially covered by insurance, will reach between $5,000 and $4,000.

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Allegan.—The Allegan county bankers are backing a movement to secure a farm expert. Judge Frank H. Williams, president of the First State bank, told the several hundred men at the school officers' meeting of the plan and received memberships in the newly organized farming association of Allegan.

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Battle Creek.—Mrs. Mary Pittsford, thirty-five years old, was arrested, charged with the murder of August Sandusky, a watchman, forty-five years old, who died as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by the woman during a quarrel. Jealousy is said to have caused the shooting.

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Kalamazoo.—George Hall, a well known Kalamazoo county farmer and stock buyer, fell dead in the stock yards at Nashville. Hall had gone there to buy stock. The news of his death proved a surprise to all who knew him, as he had always been in fairly good health.

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Grand Rapids.—Joseph J. Zimorski, Jackson drug clerk, who was arrested and brought back here to stand trial charged by William C. Kirchgessner, local druggist, with embezzling $165, has been acquitted by Judge Hess.

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Marshall.—When John Winters and William Hoffman of Lee township entered Justice Cortright's court to try a horse case they got into a dispute over the affair and decided to settle the case in a fistic contest. Both are husky men and they "mixed it" on the spot. The court, officers and spectators made an effort to part the men, and it was not until a notary's seal was brought into play that the two men were parted. The case was adjourned until January 6 so that the two men could get in shape for the trial.