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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1901.

THE PERKINS ARGUMENT. President Perkins has been invited to C. B. & Q. railroad in his annual report.

THE BARRIERS WERE PAID. Chicago Tribune: Delano, Harper and Lawrence, the three Ohio railroads, hold the wool-growers of that state to the effect that the tariff on imported wools was to put up the price of their fleeces.

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A MURDEROUS JAILER.

The jailer at Monroe, in this state, is getting a great deal of credit for deterring jail breaking by shooting down two prisoners who made an attempt to escape.

He gave a warning to the prisoners that he knew their purpose and was prepared for them, but armed to kill, he hurried them to their death by going to them in a manner to incite them to make their break for liberty, and when they did it he shot them down.

Was this the act of a brave and noble man or the act of a coward and a murderer? These prisoners were only suspects, but no difference if they were convicted and very bad men, they had a natural right to plan for their liberty and the officers duty was to keep them safe.

BLIND PARTNERSHIP. It is conceded by the Chicago Journal that a new apportionment would give Cook county, Illinois, 15 senators and 45 representatives.

It is as we expected and predicted—Mr. Blaine will not be a candidate for the presidency again. He could not possibly have his name as against President Harrison without being treated as a defeat.

THE QUESTION WE NOW HAVE TO DISCUSS. The question we now have to discuss is what should be done with the surplus of 4 per cent. Should the surplus go to capital or labor? We think it should be divided equally between them—that is, that 2 per cent should go to capital and 2 per cent to labor.

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THE WORKERS ROBBED.

Where the \$22,000,000 surplus they have for the past ten years has been. The people of the United States were, according to Annual Statistics, on Jan. 1, 1890, worth, in the aggregate, \$69,000,000,000.

According to these calculations, which were made in the most careful manner, the aggregate value of property of all kinds in the United States increased 50 per cent in ten years—that is, during the ten years that elapsed between Jan. 1, 1880, and Jan. 1, 1890, the people of this country not only succeeded in doubling the value of their property, but also in producing additional wealth equal in value to 50 per cent of the total amount of wealth in existence in the United States at the beginning of that period.

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Happy Hooters.

Wm. Timmon, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that had feeling arising from kidney and liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best kidney and liver medicine made me feel like a new man."

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND BENEFIT CONCERT.

TENDERED BY Schubert Club! Grand Rapids Guard Contingent At 72 Monroe St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE.

ALL THIS WEEK LITTLE MELODY St., Grand Rapids, Mich. GAIRTY GIRLS AND BOYS! A Company of High-Class Vaudeville Burlesque Artists and Comedians in a New, Or French Oriental Burlesque entitled the SULTAN'S DELIGHT.

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Would respectfully call the attention of all disabled soldiers and the widows, parents and friends of soldiers who are interested in some peculiar features of THE NEW PENSION LAW.

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HESTER & FOX, 44 to 48 SOUTH DIVISION STREET. It's What You Save MAKES YOU RICH NICKEL Saving Stamp System.

CHARLES K. GIBSON.

Late Acting Chaplain Michigan Soldiers' Home also Company B, 1st Mich. Infantry. SOLICITOR OF PENSIONS. Room 58, New Housenon Block, Opposite City Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich. TELEPHONE 1278.

AGENCIES:

John Perrier, 948 Carleton street. J. C. Dittmer, 438 South Division street. P. B. Winter, 97 East Leonard street. A. L. Brown, 216 East Grand street. W. A. Palmer, 67 West Albany street. J. W. Decker, 481 West Leonard street. J. W. Decker, 481 West Leonard street. J. W. Decker, 481 West Leonard street.

WALTON CHURCH... Arcadia, most first and third...

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Mr. Houghtaling Once More. Editor MORNING PRESS—There seems to be a general variety of opinion...

But what could I do? The paper will be published, and these "infidels" will write for it, and with a good flourish...

I have endeavored to show as well as I was able through the actual experience...

Now we all know that there is a moral decay... that the nation's leaders...

Now, as I have said before, that the gospel of Christ is the all sufficient...

What then shall we say to these things? What are the motives...

But your correspondent from Grand Traverse calls this kind of preaching...

Yes! O fellow sinner, think of it! You do not doubt it. It is the...

La Grappe Agony. During the epidemic of La Grappe last...

TIPS FROM GOTHAM.

"Crank" Writes About Things He Doesn't Like and Other That Interest Him. The word "crank," as applied to an individual...

Organized labor in New York is justly indignant at the way in which Joseph Barones has been treated by the representatives of the press...

The Southern Alliance Farmer, official organ of the Alliance of the South, is bitter in its denunciation of Charles A. Dana...

The mortgage on farm lands is increasing in number at a very rapid rate throughout the United States...

The laborer and the Machine. The wage receiver has been taught to enjoy the machine...

The Indictment. In ancient times thieving barons with their hands full of blood and plunder were sometimes sainted because they gave generously to monasteries...

It is self evident that if every product received the full value for its labor there would be no poverty...

REMEMBER the closing out sale at 57 Canal street for 4 and 8 cent for 18 days only.

The Kind of Men They Are.

This Alliance state convention in this city was remarkable in many respects. Creston is the metropolitan of the blue grass region of southwest Iowa...

These well to do farmers who practice frugality and temperance and who are the leaders of the great movement...

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Which Is Lighter?

This from the editorial page of the New York Sun: His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, the distinguished Roman Catholic archbishop of Baltimore...

"We cannot speak for England, nor for Baltimore, but if the houses in this poor in New York are such as the cardinal describes them, our board of health is sadly remiss in the discharge of its duties..."

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ACE OF SPADES. Of the Patents Issued by the Chicago & West Michigan AND Detroit, Lansing & Northern RAILWAYS. CHICAGO, DETROIT.

CHANGE OF FIRM! GREATEST Change for Sale of Boots and Shoes. 30 THIRTY DAYS 30. Mr. Ed. Donnell.

ADD SIZE SALE! Large line of Ladies' and Misses' odd sizes, including some very fine hand-sewed, hand-turned and medium grade shoes on A and C lasts.

It Is Coming Summer. And a large quantity of oil will be used in STOVES. We have reduced the price of the BEST WATER WIFE OIL.

Van Every & Co., Dealers in Everything to Eat, 55 Canal and 152 W. Fulton Sts.

M. C. Orser, Dentist. Teeth Extracted. Chicago Route. GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA AND MICHIGAN CENTRAL R.R.'S.

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