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THE THEATERS.

One of the brightest and most entertaining comedies will grace our stage this season...

Next Saturday afternoon Manager Geary is going to have a prize doll exhibition...

Florence Hindley, the charming soprano of the performance of the "Play Train," continues to draw large audiences...

Burlows Bros.' famous minstrels will appear at Powers' opera house next Monday night...

Smith's opera house is not as largely patronized as it was some time since...

The sale of seats for the Grand Bernhard engagement will open this morning at 9 o'clock...

LOQUQUET FATHER NUGENT will lecture for the Press Club on St. Patrick's day.

The regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Press Club was held last evening with an unusual large attendance.

Mr. Hansen also reported that his own company had been organized...

Alleged to Have Taken Advantage of a Perfidious Fair.

FAR REACHING STRIKE

MANY MILLIONS AFFECTED BY THE ENGLISH COAL MINERS' ACTS.

The Price of Fuel is Rapidly Getting Up—Many Factories and Public Institutions Affected—As well as Private Consumers—The Railways Bothered.

"London, March 2.—As the time approaches for the inauguration of the coal strike of the coal miners, who on March 12 will quit work for two weeks with the object of compelling such an advance in the price of coal as will prevent the mine owners from reducing wages...

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CIRCULATION YESTERDAY: Number of papers printed, 9,120; Delivered by Carriers to City Subscribers, 4,174; Sold to Subscribers (not including exchange), 4,324; Total Paid Circulation, 8,500.

THE CITY CONVENTION. Mr. Howell urges the People's party to put only those on the city ticket who wholly and firmly believe in the principles of that party's platform.

It is often the case that men of all parties gather in conventions and nominate a citizens or people's ticket. This is done in the interest of good government. This should be something of the nature of the People's party convention.

There is however a wide difference between the platforms. The one that favors woman suffrage, that at St. Louis does not. The statement of the sub-treasurer plan in the Omaha platform is much more pronounced than the one at St. Louis.

Under the circumstances of the case this spring the People's party should aim to show itself an acceptable medium for securing to the city more of a people's government in place of the ring rule, that prevails in several of the departments and that is becoming offensive.

A respected correspondent and old time Greenbacker, Mr. Howell of this city, appeared in the People's Column yesterday with an article in which he urged the People's party to make a ticket for principle.

It is true that the People's party opposes the national banking system, but Mr. Howell's position is not the reason for that opposition. It is only as banks of issue that the People's party opposes the national banks.

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better and safer than bank issues, and they are cheaper than bank money that is secured by bonds upon which the government pays the interest.

Mr. BEAINE'S ready letter writing proclivities had got him into more trouble than he ever had on his hands before. He will find in Mary Nevins Blaine a harder opponent to handle than Lord Salisbury.

FRANK DAVIS of Iowa and Gerritt DeBona have both obtained the list for attorney general, on the Republican ticket. They are both pleasant gentlemen and men of good character and fair talent.

It would be a greater shame to this country than submission to the insults of Chili would have been, if now in any way it lends itself to the robbery of Chili by the men of the Republic.

It is golden to basinet. Mr. Blaine is not on the gold basis, or at least he is not a few days ago. He may conclude that it is now the proper thing.

Fractional Currency. Congress ought to supply a fractional currency for convenience in transmitting small sums by mail. The postal note, an ever the purpose, besides its costs money to buy one and time to collect it.

GERMANS OF CHICAGO HOLD A LARGE MEETING at which speeches were made, and an address to their suffering fellow countrymen in Berlin were adopted.

Extravagance in College Life. There is too much jingle of the dollar in the mounds of Yale to pronounce weak. Everywhere one reads of the cost, and the large cost, of the various forms of entertainment.

The splendid strength of Yale is in the democratic spirit that prevails there. In the opinion of the majority of a good many of Yale's best friends, it is about time to shut down on the extravagance. It does nobody any good, and it does the university no harm.

Millionaires in New York. It now takes a bribe to be a millionaire with any comfort to himself, particularly in New York. Since the late Max and encounter one of the most terrific is a tarantula.

HORRID BEDFELLOWS

TARANTULAS CRAWL ALL OVER A SLEEPING TRAVELER.

A Hotel Camper Who Awoke One Morning to Find a Poisonous Tarantula Exploiting His Anatomy, While Another Made a Bed of the Man's Upright Hair.

Joseph Grandelmyer, a well known mining man of Nevada, has passed through the ordeal of a tarantula bite. He had in his hands before him a residence of twenty-eight years in the far west, but it is perhaps the only man who can boast of having had a tarantula bite.

In 1881 I came to San Francisco, said the gentleman, and with the hopefulness of youth determined to make my fortune. I had a little money saved up, but was a ray tenderfoot, and whatever I put my money into failed to pan out.

Nothing daunted, however, and not allowing myself to be dismaded from my purpose, one day in the summer of 1882, I had three acquaintances call on me. I set out for the land of gold, my particular object in going was to better my fortune by any method I could.

There was feed for the horses in abundance, and while one staked them out the others began preparations for supper and made the beds ready. My friends preferred sleeping under a large oak tree near, but I chose a spot adjoining the hotel.

I presume it was within an hour of daybreak when I awoke with a sudden start. A peculiarly dreadful feeling, worse than any nightmare, took possession of me. I felt paralyzed and could not move.

Next I found myself lying on my back, my face to the wall, and I was unable to move a muscle and gazed helplessly at the stars.

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A GOOD CHANCE. As announced before, we are selling our best Overcoats for \$15.00. This means that Overcoats, the finest that skilled tailors can produce, formerly sold at \$30, \$28, and \$20, are now going from our store for \$15.00.

GIANT CLOTHING COMPANY. A Starting Incident. A native in Knin, India, had to all appearance died. As the body was being carried for cremation it suddenly sat bolt upright on the bier, demanded its clothes and asked to be told where it was being carried.

COMFORTS. An incident presented a scene of a child who had been run over by a street car. The child was so badly injured that it was necessary to amputate the foot.

For Ladies Only! MOTHERS Save Your Daughters! THE ONLY SUPERBLY FOR MONTHLY PERIODS! STEKETE'S Positive Periodical Preparation.

Don't Read This IF YOU TRADE ON A BOOK --- IT WILL MAKE YOU SICK. The first item is getting to be a "chesnut" to those who cannot comprehend the value of a book.

SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE. W. B. SMITH, Proprietor and Manager. ONE WEEK, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29. ENTERTAINING, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY. New Orleans Creoles! 20 Beautiful Creoles. 20.

A. B. KNOWLSON NEW YORK Coffee Rooms and Oyster House 61 PEARI STREET. Five Cents Each for All Dishes Served From Regular Bill of Fare. BEACH & BOUTH PROPRIETORS.

Free to All! A LUXURY WITHIN THE REACH OF EVERYONE. FRAGRANT! AROMATIC! CLEANSING! Commencing Wednesday, March 2, I will present FREE to every one making a purchase to the amount of 50 cents an Elegant Jar of TOOTH PASTE.

VALLEY CITY PHARMACY. PAUL V. FINCH, Prop. 75 CANAL ST. 85 Canal Buffalo Clothing Co. 85 Canal.

BUFFALO CLOTHING COM'Y, 85 CANAL STREET. Our Alteration Sale has proved an unparalleled success, both to the public and ourselves, and close buyers of clothing are convinced that we mean business.

BROKEN CRACKERS and COOKIES! FRESH and CHEAP. CRACKERS, 5 cents per pound; 6 pound for 25 cents. COOKIES, 8 cents per pound; 4 pounds for 25 cents. 33 KENT STREET, Near Lyon.

Flowers FOR Wedding Parties and Funerals A SPECIALTY. T. R. Renwick & Co. 123 MONROE STREET. Telephone 148. HEADQUARTERS FOR PINE WOOD! \$1.10 per Load. ALSO COAL, HARD WOOD AND HARD WOOD CUTTINGS. W. H. HAND & CO., Office and Yard, No. 5 Water Street.

Wind and Weather.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—For Lower Michigan: Warmer; fair and southeasterly winds Thursday warmer; Friday.

CITY AND VILLAGES.

Mrs. George Snyder leaves today for Motley for a visit with friends and relatives.

Poker and Faro tables in various parts of the city ceased a rich harvest last night.

The H. O. H. celebrate tomorrow evening the eighteenth anniversary of the society.

James Clark and John O'Brien are in jail for stealing an overcoat from Newcomb's store.

Charles M. Scott of Geary's Museum was clothed with the powers of deputy sheriff yesterday.

Frank Daley and William Welch, two professional tramps, were given lodgings last night at the jail.

Feeling cooled 75 and Water at the pool contest last evening. Woolsey and Gray play this evening.

The horse car on Lawrence avenue will hold fifteen minutes last night by a freight train on the G. E. & I.

The jury for the March term of the Circuit court has been notified to appear March 15, instead of March 8.

Postmaster George G. Briggs has been invited to participate in a postmaster's conference in Washington, March 9.

The new double track of the G. E. & I. and G. W. M. across the river and Winter street are nearly ready for use.

W. D. Fuller, Supreme court reporter, has resigned his honor for the past two weeks with muscular rheumatism.

Contractors will begin in a few days laying the concrete flooring in the cells at the new police headquarters.

F. I. Maybury, Jerome Phillips and Henry B. Huston are said to have been arrested for Alderman Carpenter's office case.

Frank Delmont, well known in police circles, was arrested last night as a burglar in his home on Grand street.

A burning chimney on the residence of E. K. Quinn, on Grand street, caused the alarm of fire last evening from box 15.

Senator Cavanagh announces he will be unable to deliver any more addresses before the Electromathia society because of his condition.

There will be a public presentation of a flag to Grand Rapids post No. 408, G. A. R., at St. Anthony's hall, Grand Rapids, Friday evening, March 3.

Crescent Commandery, Order of United Friends, will give a piano party at their hall, corner of Second and Leonard streets, Thursday evening, March 3.

Dr. P. B. Wright of South Division street and Dr. H. E. Wright of Grand Park are spending several weeks in postgraduate work in the hospitals of New York.

Officials of the G. E. & I. have published a map showing about 200 factories and wholesale concerns in the city which are reached by sidings from the G. E. & I. tracks.

The fourth annual People's party caucus to elect delegates to the city convention will be held at Ben Mead's hall, 307 Canal street, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, March 3.

An old man in the rear of 272 North Iowa street, belonging to Henry Huber, called at 810 1/2 Grand street yesterday afternoon. Huber and his wife were the cause.

John Smith, representing himself as a member of the largest plate-glass manufactory in the world, claims to have been attached to the city convention to the tune of \$120. He was drunk at the time.

Thomas Haley got into a fight last night in front of the Bridge Street house and was badly cut over the eye. He was taken to police headquarters and later to St. Mary's hospital in ambulance, attended by Dr. Kelley.

J. D. McGowan, the man arrested for selling railroad transportation on an alleged forged ticket, was released yesterday. Mr. DeLavaux learned that he had sold no railroad tickets and was released with misfortune, and refused to prosecute.

The state board of pharmacy is holding a quarterly examination in this city this week with 105 applicants for certificates. The board is made up of President James J. Muskegon, Secretary James A. Verrier of Detroit, George Grundstrom of Louis, Olanier Eberbach of Ann Arbor and C. A. Bugbee of Cheboygan.

Following are the names and amounts paid by township treasurers in settlement with the county treasurer: Roland E. Kelley, Gaines, paid \$1,029.71, uncollected \$124.63; E. E. Amlin, Sparta, paid \$1,644.63, uncollected \$298.34; Joseph Hulsten, Tyrone, paid \$184.45, uncollected \$667.11; W. E. Hough, Spencer, paid \$102.16, uncollected \$369.13; A. C. Powell, Nelson, paid \$89.99, uncollected \$57.66; George E. Rector, Alcona, paid \$337.31, uncollected \$369.71; M. R. Hartwell, Cannon, paid \$309.35, uncollected \$156.10.

THE STOCK TO BE SOLD.

There will be some Golden opportunity. The Vosses stock, which was bid for by Attorney Wany for the benefit of eastern creditors has been turned over to Sprig & Co. to be disposed of.

The stock has been moved to the rear of the clock department of Sprig & Co. store, and as soon as it can be properly arranged will be sold out at some price above the shortest possible.

Effort is being made to get the goods for sale on Monday morning next. The stock comprises all goods found in a dry goods store, and when it is shown upon the market there will be buyers, as the first who comes will be served first. It will be to your interest to watch for future announcements.

PEOPLE'S PARTY CAUCUSES.

Ward "Summers" Will Not be Allowed to Run Them. Edron Morning Press.—In regard to the following political caucus of the citizens and the Fifth congressional district at large as to when and in what manner the People's party intends to arrange for caucuses and its convention, I beg leave through the columns of the Morning Press to give the following information:

Although the People's party was created for the benefit of the masses and a general appeal made to affiliate with it, the fact of its election to its origin and present prominence is due to the incessant agitation of the many reform societies through our broad land, who, whatever their name may be, are working in concert for the accomplishment of their common and principal object, namely, the elevation of the masses and the recognition of the working classes.

In order to accomplish this object they are pledged to support the political platform which is mostly in accordance with the declaration of principles as set forth in the preamble of the present organization. Every non-affiliation and non-fusion with any of the old parties is the foundation upon which their aim for independent political action is based. Hence they are rigidly observed. Hence they acknowledge neither so-called People's party clubs nor individuals who pretend to sanction the platform recently adopted at the St. Louis convocation of the People's party and to pledge of the alliances—our People's party clubs who are under the same obligations to support and to vote according to its demands.

According to the People's party of the Fifth congressional district, it is intended to keep their caucuses and conventions openly and in public halls, but they will not admit or take in consideration the vote of any person or persons, whoever they may be, who are not bound by the pledge of any of the political organizations whose preamble contains the following declaration of principles: "Should through the interference of so-called 'ward-burners' and 'wire-pullers' the platform be disturbed, the executive officers will immediately annul the meetings called for the primary elections and proceed to a private residence to nominate their candidates."

For further information I would refer to Howell's statistics, vol. 2, chapter 323 for governing primary elections which are printed by the State of Michigan.

To the convention (as can be seen in the call made by the chairman of the Fifth congressional district) all delegates of the different reform and industrial organizations will have a vote.

Respectfully FRANK DEBAR, Chairman Fifth Congressional District People's Party Convention.

Stephen Wetli Discharged. Stephen Wetli a hardworking farmer of Alpine township was on trial in Justice Hydrick's court yesterday charged with cutting timber on land that belonged to the late deceased Timothy O'Brien. The jury was out but a few minutes and returned a verdict of not guilty.

When Butler Was Radical. In his memoirs, just out, General E. F. Butler tells of a workman's meeting he addressed in Lowell, Mass., in 1851. The meeting was called to give an expression on an order issued by the manufacturers prohibiting any of their employes voting for Butler for governor. "Ten hours' picket line," the loving extract is made from the general's account of his speech:

"Up to this time I had spoken in an almost conversational tone, because a whisper would have been heard in that great assembly, so silent it was. I went thus:

"I know the power of these corporations. I know many of the men who have been in charge. They have made a mistake in the appeal for force. When that weapon is tried they are weak and you are strong. They have their mills and machinery their bribes and their mortar, and that is the extent of their power."

"And then my voice rang out as it can do occasion: 'You are stronger than they. You have your right arms and your torches, and by them we will blot out this accursed outrage.'

"As God lives and lives, by the living Jehovah! if one man is driven from his employment by these men because of his vote, I will lead you to make Lowell what it was twenty-five years ago—a sheep pasture and a fishing place; and I will commence by applying the torch to my own home. Let them come on. As we are not the aggressors, we seek not this awful conflict."

The World's Fair and Federation. At a recent meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor the following bill of grievances was found against the construction department of the Chicago World's fair:

Exclusive employment of carpenters by the contractor; the employment of labor unions from entering the building; violation of the eight-hour system; charging a man five or ten dollars a month to let him hold a job; employment of a discharged and disgraced convict as chief of the police on the grounds; the employment of a convict as an agent accommodations on the grounds in which the men are compelled to eat and sleep, and prohibiting members of trades unions from holding the position of inspector of buildings, gatekeeper or watchman.

Essex bars of German Family soap for 25 cents at Hatch's.

How Snakes Climb.

How do snakes climb a question which has been frequently asked. Many have thought that they accomplish the feat by wrapping themselves about the object to be climbed.

Several years ago a story went the rounds of the papers to the effect that two we-droppers, having secured a large oak tree several feet in diameter and very tall, found in its top two common blacksnakes.

After pondering for some time the men arrived at the conclusion that one snake had taken hold of the other's tail, and that by co-operation they had been enabled to grasp the trunk and by clinging about it had ascended to the top.

Whatever probability may have attached to this conclusion has been dispelled by the observation of two young naturalists while hauling firewood from the forest.

A black snake, measuring perhaps a trifle over six feet, was found clinging to the side of a small tree, around which the snake passed right and left at short distances, catching the folds along its sides and pulling them up and slightly projecting roughness of bark.

As the snake raised only five or six feet off the ground eyes of the young men grasped it tight to test its climbing qualities, but so great was the force with which it pulled upward that it proved a difficult task to hold it.

Finally annoyed at this ill treatment, the snake reared up threateningly at the boys, and by a sudden lunge leaped to the ground. It was afterward returned uninjured to the forest.—Youth's Companion.

The Lady Factotum.

The "lady factotum" is that our English neighbors call those engaged in the vocation of "visiting housekeeper." This is an employment which has been highly recommended, and which a number of ladies in this country as well as in England have adopted.

Such a person visits the homes of ladies who from ill health or some other reason are unable to perform their domestic duties. She oversees the servants, inspects their work and possibly undertakes shopping, marketing and the writing of notes, and she performs other light house work.

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