

Yellow Fever Stricken Memphis.

One of the characteristics of the American nation is an unwillingness to look on and witness any portion of its people suffer for the necessities of life. It matters not what religious belief they espouse, nor what their political predilections are, there is a sympathetic chord in the hearts of our people that is unloosed in times of disaster or desolation. The alacrity with which succor was furnished to those who suffered by the Chicago fire astonished the world. The promptness with which almost every city and village responded to the call of distress that came up from yellow fever stricken localities in the south last season, was without parallel. Americans, in times of distress act upon and appreciate the Biblical injunction "It is more blessed to give, than to receive."

Although the plague has again broken out in Memphis and virtually depopulated it of its white citizens, there is as yet no call upon the sympathetic people of other latitudes for aid. There are less white people to day within the city limits of Memphis, than there were a month later in 1878. This can be accounted for in the fact that last was the first season for many years that yellow fever made its appearance in the country. Its face is becoming familiar; the disease is easier handled; a certain amount of precaution has been taken in advance, and people, anticipating, have prepared for removal in case of re-appearance.

That it has re-appeared in Memphis is credited to the impetuosity of an old woman who locked up infected apparel at its disappearance last, and brought it forth to do duty this season. Investigation reveals the fact that there is the seed that germinated so rapidly, spreading terror over the city, bidding citizens to flee to the mountains or other localities, and ruining business temporarily. Chicago's calamity was traced to a cow that kicked over a lantern. Memphis' sorrow to a miserly old woman.

But we opine the spread of the contagion is not wholly due, even though its origin be traceable to, a careless and stingy woman. The lesson of last season, bitter and expensive as it was, failed to admonish the public authorities of Memphis to do their duty. Public good if not private health, wonderful as it may seem, appears to have received little or no consideration. The streets of the city, permitted to accumulate filth were not cleaned. Defective sewerage was not mended. Removal of soil from vaults was neglected until warm weather set in, and, though done at night, in the coolest portion of the day, became so offensive as to compel citizens to vacate their residences for days at a time, to escape the sickening effluvia. The stagnant, superheated atmosphere which prevailed there thirteen successive days occasioned the outbreaks which have already cost Memphis and the valley millions of dollars.

The latest news brings the welcome tidings that the disease is abating. There is as yet no apparent reason to apprehend a repetition of the horrors of 1878. It is a bad disease about which to predict. There can be no doubt but that a substantial gain has been made in the sanitary conditions of towns in the valley generally, despite the blunder made at Memphis.

The Jews are a persecuted class. Gen. Grant expelled them from within the lines of the western army; Hilton issued an order against accepting them as guests at Stewart's hotel in Saratoga; and now a hotel keeper at Manhattan beach won't allow them entrance to his building.

Congressman Conger is even with our stalwart Zachariah. Western Reserve college, Hudson, O., took pity on and made him an L. L. D. His full title now is "The Great Objector, Hon. O. D. Conger, L. L. D."

Justice triumphs in Kentucky. Buford who shot a judge for deciding a case against him, has, after an exciting trial, been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. He should have graced a gallows.

Butler is going to enliven Massachusetts politics again. A convention favorable to his nomination is called at Worcester, Sep. 2. It is thought he will not run so well as he did last year.

The political events of last week were the speeches of Secretary Sherman at Portland, Maine; Chandler and Garfield at Madison, Wisconsin; and Ewing at Lancaster, Ohio.

Personal Mention.
—Jno. B. Gough is sixty-two years old, and in his thirty-seven years has traveled 420,000 miles to deliver nearly 8,000 lectures.

—Frank Walworth, the murderer of his father, is at Saratoga, but he is shunned by his old associates, and his mother will take him to Europe to escape the unpleasant memories of his home.

Political Topics.
—N. Y. Republican convention, Saratoga, Sep. 3.

—Charles Foster vows that he meant to go to the war, but forgot all about it.

—Schurz is generous. He will donate \$1,200 to the Ohio canvass. Four speeches at \$300 each.

—A congressional committee is investigating alleged political frauds in Cincinnati. Another, the causes of industrial and commercial depression in Chicago.

—Mr. Sherman is now on a presidential raid. He is about to devastate Blaine's country and kill Blaine himself, and as he returns he will probably stop in New York long enough to see if Conkling "stays dead." Then he has some killing business to attend to in Ohio, where he has the senatorial as well as presidential interest at stake.

The bodies of Garfield, Matthews, Taft and others must be in his grave-yard before the middle of next January, else his plans will be less than half fulfilled. Altogether this is going to be a busy year for John—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Extra Session of the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents of the University met in special session in President's room on Thursday evening of last week. Regents E. C. Walker and Duffield were absent. There were present besides the other members of the board, Gov. Croswell, Regent-elect Shearer, Lieut. Read, Professor of Topographical Engineering at West Point, Prof. Jenney of Chicago, architect of the new museum building, a number of professors, citizens and others.

Four bids for putting in steam heating apparatus were opened. That from Detroit Metal and Plumbing Works being the lowest, \$9,606, was accepted conditional upon contractors entering in \$10,000 bonds for faithful performance of the work.

Three bids for erecting central boiler house and chimney were next considered. Dean Bros. of Detroit secured the job at \$5,140. The total amount, therefore, for putting in its apparatus, furnishing new boilers, erecting the building, and doing the work called for in the specifications, is \$14,446. The appropriation is \$20,000 and this will leave a margin for connecting the central boiler house with the law building and main part of the literary building. Arrangements must also be made for making connection with the new homeopathic hospital and amphitheater.

Steward Bennett was directed to remove from the roof of the wings of the main building the balustrade; also the two circular corner turrets and the two turrets at the base of the dome and finish said corner and said sides in conformity with the style of the dome; to remove the slate roofing and cover with tin, and said tin roof and the wood work to be painted in a good and sufficient manner.

GOV. FELCH TO JOIN THE LAW FACULTY.

A communication was presented to the board, through Regent Cutcheon, Chairman of the Committee on the Law Department, from Judge Conley, Dean of the Law Department, stating that the members of that faculty had decided to request the Regents to appoint Hon. Alpheus Felch of Ann Arbor to do the work in that department, for which provision was made at the last meeting of the board. Judge Conley said: "The considerations moving to his appointment were his well-known learning, ability and readiness and his residence here, so that he could at all times be accessible. He would be expected to devote to instruction the time that would have been given by two, had two been appointed, and should have the same salary with the other professors."

In accordance with this recommendation, a new professorship to be known as the "Tappan Professorship" was established in the Department of Law, and Hon. Alpheus Felch was appointed thereto, at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. The work to be assigned Gov. Felch will not consist of lectures to students, but will rather be the hearing of recitations, moot court cases and some other special duties of a practical nature, and not hitherto given, as the time of the instructors has been fully occupied with their present duties.

The appointment to such a chair, for which Gov. Felch, by his experience on the Supreme and Circuit benches, is peculiarly fitted, and whose ability is everywhere recognized, cannot fail to be satisfactory in the highest degree to both the faculty and students of the Law School, and to redound to the honor which the distinguished professors in that department have already conferred upon it.

ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES.
The salary of Dr. H. Lyster, as lecturer to the Department of Medicine and Surgery, during Prof. Palmer's absence, was fixed at \$2,200.

The salary of the librarian, R. C. Davis, was increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The salary of P. R. B. DuPont, secretary of Literary Faculty, was increased from \$200 to \$400.

The Com. on Buildings and Grounds and the Finance Committee were authorized to employ suitable superintendents of the buildings to be erected this summer.

A sum not exceeding \$400 was appropriated for the purchase of microscopes for students in the chemical laboratory.

THE OLD, OLD QUARREL.

The Governor of the State was requested to direct the Attorney-General of the State to appear in behalf of the board in the Supreme Court upon the appeal in the case of the Board of Regents vs. Silas H. Douglas et al., the Executive Committee being authorized to employ such assistance for the Attorney-General as they may consider desirable and necessary. In case of the refusal or inability of the Attorney-General to act in the aforesaid case, the Executive Committee is authorized to employ such counsel as necessary to protect the interests of the University.

On motion of Regent Grant a resolution was introduced and adopted, the sense of which was that the board desired to interpose no obstacle for the purpose of preventing either party to the suit brought by the Regents against Silas H. Douglas and Preston B. Rose from perfecting his appeal to the Supreme Court.

THE MUSEUM BUILDING.

The plans and specifications prepared by Prof. W. L. B. Jenney, of Chicago, for the construction of a museum were adopted subject to such modifications as may be made by the committee.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with the President and Finance Committee, were instructed to advertise in Detroit Dailies for bids for the erection of such museum building, on the plans and specifications adopted, or as modified by the committee. The committee were instructed to let the work to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that the amount shall not exceed the sum contemplated by the board for such purpose, and the committee were instructed and empowered to make a contract obligatory on the board, and to secure bonds from such contractor in the sum of \$50,000; and the committee were further empowered to reject any and all bids.

The plans of the proposed building were exhibited to the Regents and explained by their architect, W. L. B. Jenney. The building is a handsome four-story fire-proof structure, of the Neo-Gothic style, its general dimensions being 120 feet by about 50 feet. The building has a central tower, in which is the front entrance. There are pavilions at two sides. The ground floor is twelve feet high; the main floor twenty-two feet high, with gallery all around in the center of the story. The upper, or roof story, is eighteen feet high. The plan is arranged for any amount of future additions at the end of the central hall. The building is furnished with an elevator, 7x10 feet in platform dimensions, communicating from the ground outside with the different portions of the building. The materials of the building are brick, cut stone and iron. The roof will be slate laid in porous terra cotta tiles, supported by iron. The collections will occupy the ground floor, the main floor and gallery. The fourth-story will be used for working and until suitable additions are made to the building will be furnished with seats and used also for lecture rooms by the instructors in natural history. The building, it is expected, will be completed next year.

The other building, the steam boiler house, the homeopathic hospital, the two amphitheaters, the kitchen and dining-room addition to the old hospital will, it is expected, be completed by Oct. 1 next.

The board adjourned, having completed its business in regard to the new building, so far as it was yet possible, and leaving the remaining work to be done by the appropriate committees.

Probable Fatal Accident to Rev. Father Van Erp.

As Father Van Erp, pastor of St. Thomas' Catholic Church in this city, was returning from a visit to the poor and sick at the County House on Wednesday morning he was thrown from his carriage, on the corner of North and Division streets, and striking his head upon the concrete sidewalk receiving injuries from which he will probably die. He has remained unconscious from the time he was thrown from his carriage, and shows no improvement at the time of our going to press. The news of the terrible accident filled the city with gloom and sorrow. Hundreds of our citizens called at his house on Wednesday to inquire about his condition. The physicians of the city tendered their services. But the attentions of his faithful congregation and the science of the physicians seemed of no avail. When the accident occurred Father Haire was called from the Probate Office, where he was doing some business, and administered to his dying brother the last rites of the church.

Father Van Erp was born at Oss, in Holland, of an ancient and wealthy family belonging to the nobility. He was fifty-two years of age, and was the youngest of sixteen children. He has a brother nearly seventy years of age who is a priest near their native town in Holland. Father Van Erp had no relatives in this country. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Leveque of Detroit in 1852, and his first charge was at Grand Rapids. He was then assigned to Hudson, in this State, where he remained fourteen years. Seven years ago he assumed his charge in Ann Arbor. He was very popular at Hudson and his congregation presented a unanimous petition to the Bishop to allow him to remain there. Although it was not in the most satisfactory condition when he came here, he has made St. Thomas parish one of the most prosperous and influential in the diocese.

Father Van Erp was a powerful theologian and accomplished scholar. He spoke and read with ease five languages besides his native tongue. He had made two trips to Europe since his first arrival in this country, and had traveled extensively in France, Italy, Ireland, Holland, and England.

Since his residence in our city Father Van Erp has endeavored himself to all of our people. He commanded the respect and esteem of Protestant and Catholic alike. The possessor of inherited wealth, his entire salary was bestowed in deeds of charity and given to the poor. His last services as a priest were performed for paupers at the County House, a fitting, though sad termination of a noble and unselfish life, devoted to the great church which he loved, and to mankind, for which he labored. No whisper of scandal ever touched his name. All the influence of his example and speech alike was for good. Brought up ourselves in the protestant church, we must say that we have never heard more powerful appeals in favor of temperance and purity, and integrity of character and life, than we have heard from the lips of Father Van Erp.

The great secret of his influence and success lay in the fact that he possessed that rare combination of qualities, extreme good nature and at the same time the utmost firmness of character. Nothing could disturb his temper. Nothing could deter him from the course which his conscience and his judgment approved. Next after the church, to which he devoted his life, he loved his adopted country. After his late return from Europe, he said that no money or position could induce him to reside there again. He preferred the new to the old world, America to the land of his birth. He stated, at an occasion given him by his church, on his return from Europe, that much as he had enjoyed his trip, nothing that he had heard was so pleasing to his ear, nothing gave him so much delight as the cry of the brakeman on the Michigan Central R. R., "Ann Arbor!"

General Notes.
—Chastine Cox's wife takes his sentence very philosophically and says it is "good enough for him."

—Sporting men will be interested in the wonderful time 2:12 1-4 made by Sleepy Tom during the Chicago races last week.

—For years Massachusetts women have been agitating the right of voting at school elections for trustees. Finally a law was passed granting the boon. And now less than 200 women are registered in Boston as taking the necessary steps to exercise the sweet privilege.

Neighbors.

—Tecumseh will build a soldiers monument.

—The Lansing spiritualistic camp-meeting has been a very successful affair.

—There is to be a Methodist camp-meeting near Albion, beginning August 13.

—Supervisors and families of Oakland county will picnic at Orchard Lake, Aug. 6.

—Pontiac elects a mayor on Monday to succeed Thomas Mahley, removed to St. Louis.

—A large rattlesnake with 15 rattles was captured in the streets of Pontiac on the 27th.

—Prof. French of Marshall, decides to stay there and manage the public schools for \$1,400 per annum.

—Chas. Clark of Clinton went to look after his real estate in Arkansas. Quarantine law prevents return.

—Port Huron will have her Methodist church, which was recently destroyed by fire, rebuilt in 100 days.

—Mr. Boren of Ovid, tried to suicide, but his friends have again got his huik afloat on the troubled sea of life.

—Bro. Clough of Clinton News has gone to Lake Superior county to try and recuperate Mrs. C's poor health.

—Allen Rowe wants a divorce from his wife at Jackson on the ground that she is an excessive drinker and smoker.

—Ninety-eight ladies petitioned the Hudson county to enforce the law, relative to closing saloons on Sunday, and at 11 o'clock week days.

—E. G. Parsons, once a lawyer at Coldwater, has been assigned a cell in the Kansas state prison for obtaining money under false pretenses.

—Chris. Eisle, an Adrian saloonist, sold liquor without filing his bond, and went to jail for 25 days, where he has bonds that he cannot file.

—Adrian holds religious service in an orchard. Many a person whom you couldn't pull into a church can be coaxed to go into an orchard after dark!

—R. H. Morrison of L. O. O. F. fame has now secured Packard & Austin of Sturgis for \$20,000 damages for selling his goods while he was in jail last winter.

—Fred Jordan of Battle Creek, who recently took a degree at the University, has sailed for Germany to take a two years' course in the celebrated University at Leipzig.

—The Marshall methodists, whose church was recently sold on a mortgage, met at the parsonage Tuesday to see what can be done about continuing public worship.

—Hager of Jackson, won the 50-mile walking match at Marshall; time seven hours 53 minutes. On Saturday night he vanquished Fortney, of Albion, in a 15-mile contest.

—A Jackson dog of the female persuasion recently died and was given a funeral—casket, flowers, evergreens—carriages and friends following the remains for a free ride.

—The Marshall A. O. U. W. refuse to pay the supreme lodge assessment for last year's yellow fever. They hold that the supreme lodge has no jurisdiction over the matter in Michigan.

—A company has been organized in Jackson for the purpose of manufacturing the Humboldt washing machine, an ingenious invention by Gilbert F. Butch, a young mechanic of that city.

—Frank Raleigh, attorney many years at Monroe, and twice elected prosecuting attorney of that county, started for Pueblo, Col., on Friday, 18th ultimo. Reaching Quincy, Ill., he died from excessive drink.

—The 10,000 people who went to Orion to hear Doctor Zachariah Chandler speak, July 4, have not yet seen a statement of who lied—the doctor or the Orion local committee. They know that the doctor was not there!

—A Weston, Lenawee county farmer was ejected from the house he was occupying on a charge of non-payment of rent. He revenged the injury done his feelings by whipping the man who acted as attorney in the case.

—An affair of honor occurred at Pontiac Monday between two youths, aged respectively 17 and 20 years. Three rounds were fired but no injury was done. The affair grew out of a difficulty over "a sweet little dressmaker."

—A Clinton girl married a man she had known less than a week. About that long after the wedding she asked to be taken back to her old home. The little knowledge some folks get has to be banged into their heads by hard knocks.

—Mrs. Gertrude Truesdell went to Exchange Hotel in Troy to forbid the proprietor selling her husband liquor. She was pushed about somewhat lively. Causing his arrest for assault and battery, the lady recovered a verdict of \$20 and costs.

—A tramp ordered Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Ogden, Lenawee county, to put down her baby and follow him. She replied, "I never have killed any one yet, but if I lay down this child I shall take you by the collar and make short work of you."

—The brute fled in terror.

—Battle Creek will hereafter live within herself, the city council having passed an ordinance imposing a license fee of \$10 per day on the sale of carriages made outside the city, and \$3 per day on all other articles made outside the city, if the same class of goods are already manufactured in the city. A rigid penalty is provided for its violation.

—Mr. George Martin of Tecumseh has been amusing himself for the past six or eight years in the construction of a "full-rigged 100-gun man-of-war."

—The boat is seven and a half feet in length, well proportioned and perfect in construction. The guns are of brass, about three and a half inches in length, mounted on carriages. This elaborate toy will soon be completed.

—The Coldwater Republican occupies this week in new dress. Our contemporary looks as neatly as possible. It is well edited, and the champion of morality in politics as well as in private life. Its local page is also industriously cared for. What is lacking is a better advertising patronage, showing the merchants of Coldwater to be unappreciative of the excellent newspaper our contemporary is.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Estate of Lawrence—minors.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF Washtenaw, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Washtenaw, held at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, on the 27th day of July, A. D. 1879, the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

Present, William D. Harriman, Judge of Probate, and Jesse W. Lawrence, minors.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Albert G. Lawrence, guardian, praying that he may be appointed to certain real estate belonging to said minors, it is ordered, that Saturday, the 2nd day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the next of kin of said minors, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the Michigan Argus, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

WILLIAM D. HARRIMAN, Judge of Probate.

Wm. G. Dorr, Probate Register.

Estate of Marinda M. Colman.

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On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Clara M. Colman, praying that she may be appointed to certain real estate belonging to said minors, it is ordered, that Saturday, the 2nd day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the next of kin of said minors, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate Office in the city of Ann Arbor, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published in the Michigan Argus, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

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