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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MICHIGAN.

Charles W. Fonda, the absconding clerk of the Farmers' national bank of Constantine, who embezzled the funds of the bank to the amount of seven thousand dollars, was caught by Sheriff John A. Dice of St. Joseph county, at San Francisco, Cal., Tuesday, and is on his way back.

The new Jackson paper company is organized as follows: President, James O'Donnell; vice president, Henry D. Moore; secretary, F. B. Loomis, Jr.; treasurer, Addison R. Robinson; auditor, Walter J. Heyser; directors, Geo. L. Smalley, W. R. Reynolds, C. C. Bloomfield, R. L. Carlton, H. D. Moore, James O'Donnell, W. G. Heyser.

A. W. Hamilton has bought out the Chase Publishing company of Toledo, and purchased the royalty on the Chase receipt book. The price paid for the whole was about $3,500.

The number of students enrolled in the University up to Wednesday was 1,354, exactly the same number that had been enrolled last year up to a corresponding date.

Isaac Belcher, son of Kalamazoo, aged 80 years, committed suicide Wednesday by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor, at Pine Grove in Van Buren county. The cause was grief at the death of his wife about three months ago.

James Garbett, Richard S. Brown, Fred. Bartlett, James Scott and John Lynch were arrested and arraigned on Wednesday before Justice Beach at Pontiac for breaking into freight cars on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad on the 4th and 5th of March respectively, for the purpose of stealing rides. The accused were committed to jail in default of $100 bail each.

The lighthouse at Sand Beach was lighted on the 5th—Thunder Bay is clear of ice, and navigation is declared to be opened.

Great numbers of wild pigeons have been seen at Niles during the past week, very high in the air, flying north. Pigeons have not stopped in this section of the country for ten years.

Ex-Gov. Baldwin and Bishop Harris were in Ann Arbor last week looking at different sites for the proposed Episcopal Hall, for the erection of which a project is on foot. The plan is to erect a building to cost about $60,000, where students from Episcopal families may room and board, and to raise an endowment fund sufficient for its maintenance, the fund sum now deemed necessary for the project being $200,000.

Frank Durce of Jackson, the man who was run over by an engine on the 5th, died at 2 o'clock this morning after having suffered the amputation of an arm and leg.

At Charlotte, on Thursday, the widow of the late Capt. James W. Hickok found a large dose of morphine, intaking it for quinine, but may survive.

The Menominee Herald says: There are seventy men employed on the Little Quinnesec Falls improvement. The committee which examined the work last Thursday was pleased with it, and progress is being made.

Lake City Journal: P. H. McCracken, who left this county a few weeks ago for parts unknown with about $1,500 of Bradford town, ship money, besides beating others out of various amounts, and also a Detroit tea firm out of $400, is now in jail in Petersburg, Va., awaiting a requisition on the governor of Virginia.

James Bemis has been sentenced at Port Huron to four years in the state prison for the abduction of Augusta Smith.

Thieves entered the residence of Mrs. S. Fox, 12 Madison Ave., Detroit, Wednesday night and stole watches and jewelry valued at from $1,500 to $1,700. The articles are mostly marked with the initials "F."

Alexander Lindsay, a well known citizen of Detroit, died Thursday morning aged 68. He came to the city in 1835.

Wm. McGinn, a brakeman on the D. L. & Northern railroad, was run over by the engine near Mecosta, Thursday night, and so much mangled that he died in about two hours.

Samuel McCormick, an old Washtenaw county pioneer, died of paralysis in Salem Thursday night, aged 80 years.

The examination of Hycraft, accused of shooting at Jennie Hobson at Ann Arbor, has been continued, and his bond increased to $2,000.

The depot at Minden, on the Port Huron and North Western railroad, was burned Thursday night. The books and telegraph instruments were saved, but considerable freight was destroyed. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

At Tuscola a movement is on foot to raise funds for the purpose of more thoroughly investigating the coal region. It is proposed to providing a sufficient sum can be raised, to sink a shaft large enough to satisfy beyond a doubt that there are strata of sufficient magnitude to warrant mining.

D. B. Hibbard, of Jackson, decides to proceed with the work on his new opera house, on Cortland street. The plans for the interior have been completed and the supervision of the work will be made under the direction of Mr. Frank Armstrong, theatrical architect and scenic artist. The building will be heated by steam and the gas lighted by electricity, having a seating capacity for 1,500 people.

Judge Chipman has denied the motion for a new trial of the libel case of Peoples against the Detroit Evening News.

The first of a series of 50 lectures in the Detroit training school for nurses began last week in the Michigan college of medicine.

The state legislature concluded its sessions on Saturday 11 inst.

The hotel at Indian River near Cheboygan burned with a loss of $2,000 and no insurance.

Col. Norris asks an appropriation of some $8,000 for services rendered as commissioner of the National Soldiers' Home Park before the office became a salaried one.

Gen. J. G. Parkhurst of Coldwater, is subscription agent for Michigan in behalf of the army of the Cumberland to raise $300,000 for a Garfield monument.

Mrs. Hart of Grand Rapids, died from the effects of a surgical operation to remove a tumor. Her husband claims that her death resulted from malpractice and demands an investigation.

An immense bell for the Michigan Car Co., Detroit, has just been finished by the Croul Brothers, at a cost of $700.

The Clancy Iron Mining Company was organized at Grand Rapids Monday, with capital stock of $5,000,000, which is to operate in the Upper Peninsula. It is composed mostly of Grand Rapids men and has John Clancy for president.

A fire at Crystal Lake, Montcalm Co. Sunday night, destroyed three stores and their contents with the records and paraphernalia of the Masonic and Odd Fellows, lodgerooms above them. Loss $9,000.

The snow fall at Alpena on the night of the 5th and succeeding day, was the heaviest of the season—over 12 inches on a level.

Wm. Cronin, of Manistee, was drawn over the dashboard by a runaway team, under the horses feet, and received such injuries that he died on the 7th.

Thomas Ward, treasurer of the town of Hampton, Bay County is said to have left, with accounts showing a deficiency of over $900.

John Boddy, of Springfield, Oakland Co., has been arrested in London, Ont. on suspicion of throwing James Watson into the river.

James Morris, charged with being implicated in the robbery of the Wayne Co. treasury, was discharged on Monday, for want of sufficient evidence.

Fred Twist, conductor on the Flint & Pere Marquette, while coupling cars at Holly, was pushed into a switch-guard, and fell outside the rail. He had the presence of mind to throw his body over, which saved his life, but one leg was crushed.

Of order from the office of the Adjutant-General of the State Militia sets forth that the resignation of Col. W. C. Fitzsimmons, of the First Regiment of M. S. T. has been accepted. The Colonel was president of the collapsed Tuscola bank.

The cooperative or grange store at Grand Rapids, has passed into the hands of a receiver.

John Van Slyke, a prominent farmer near Ionia, died last week after 16 hours illness. He said, before dying, that he had been poisoned. For some time his domestic relations had been unhappy.

John Mitchie, a resident of New Kawlin, was found dead on the railroad track Tuesday morning not far from his residence.

Frank Scott has been arrested at Flint, for passing counterfeit dollars of a bank named Cutler. He is charged with obtaining the money and running away, while his accomplice pretended to arrest him and hold him until Scott escaped. Scott has been arrested.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A Representative of the national glucose association was in Washington to approve the proposed legislation for the free manufacture of glucose sugar. Men claim that their product is pure and harmless, giving employment to 5 said persons, who will be turned out of work if the bill in contemplation shall pass.

At the request of a number of citizens Grant is trying at Morgan Center, O. There are 40 or more cases reported, and four deaths have occurred in the last three days. The disease is a malignant form of diphtheria, and other cases are suspicious, and has been treated with the simplest remedies, the contagious character being unsuspected.

The Secretary of War is informed that 10,000 persons in the Mississippi, 20,000 in Arkansas and 5,000 in Tennessee are without supplies or means for securing them. The rations issued by the war department at these points will probably last until the 15th inst. Twenty-five and rations were ordered to be sent to Tennessee.

Arnold Howard and Francis Young were lodged in jail at Fort Smith, Ark., on Saturday night, 100 mounted men, said to be stockmen from Rio Grande and San Luis valleys, rode down the prison guards and began firing in all directions. As the jail was broken open, the prisoners attempted to escape, but both were killed.

"Jumbo" is the largest elephant in the world. London does not seem to keep him; Barnum desires to get him, despite the injunction of isolation by reason of his remains, and telegraphs his agent in London: "Employ best counsel in London. Spare no expense. We must have Jumbo. Have expended $20,000 for engraving, lithographs of a monster representing the largest elephant in the world standing beside little Bridgeport, the smallest elephant in the world."

While coming house of Joseph Mentlo of Newark, O., was on fire, and passage by his halls was prevented by the flames, two young men jumped from the second story and Mary Nagle, a young lady 18 years old, perished in the flames.

The Star routers are held to bail as follows: Geo. Brady $2,000; S. G. Gobel, $5,000; J. R. Miner, $5,000; W. H. Turner, $2,500; Kate M. Armstrong, H. W. Vail, A. E. Jewell, H. W. Donelhe, W. B. Bidwell, W. W. Jackson, C. N. Bickerman, $1,000 each, and J. A. Minkin $1,500.

Joseph R. Smith, of Lockland, O., pointed a revolver at a boy's head and snapped it in fun, but the pistol "went off" and killed the boy. Smith knew the revolver had a charge in it, but thought the hammer would fall in an empty chamber.

New Orleans is in trepidation lest she also be inundated, and 2,000 men are vigorously a work on the levees.

The steamer Sidney, en route from Cincinnati to Wheeling, when near Ripley Landing, W. Va, twenty miles above Pomeroy, at 3 o'clock Friday morning burst the main steam pipe and instantly killed Mr. Hale and a Grandson, of Maysville, Ky., and fatally scalded Mrs. Stephenson of Portsmouth, O., wife of the pilot of the boat.

In the Christiancy divorce suit Friday a report is handed in by Referee Mr. Christiancy on the morning of January 4, 1881, after the letters put in evidence by Edd Giro were published. She said she had no object in writing the letter she did, and she was giving him (Giro) "taffy."

The overflow of waters in all the states is disastrous and alarming. On the tired river hundreds of families are living on rafts. The Bayou Sara levee is in imminent danger of breaking and the water is spreading far and wide over the country, and will overflow the best sugar district of Louisiana.

A Philadelphia dispatch of the death of Rev. Henry Highland Garnet of New York, and consul to Liberia.

The report was false that the James gang of robbers had been captured.

The steamship termanic, from New York, has just taken out $150,000 in gold and $142,000 in silver bars. The motive for the shipment is not understood, as the rate of exchange is below the shipping point.

Director Conclet, of the Mechanics' National Bank of Newark, N. J., under arrest at the instance of Freelinghuysen, has been released on $20,000 bail.

The track of the main line of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad is now completed twenty miles northwest from below Galveston.

The New York hotel keepers' association favor legislation which will furnish thereby with "drawn" and properly prepared poultry.

To be dishonorably discharged and eight years' imprisonment is the penalty attached to personal violence to a superior officer.

The western glass association at Pittsburg have agreed to advance the price of glass from 3 to 5 per cent.

The Union Pacific railroad reports for the year total earnings $24,356,317, an increase of $2,000,000 over the previous year, with net profit of over eleven and a half million dollars.

Senator Edmunds having finally declined the supreme judeship, the President has nominated Samuel Blatchford of New York for the position, who will be confirmed without opposition.

John Russell Young has been nominated as minister to China.

Petitions are circulating and numerously signed, in Detroit and Toledo for the pardon of Sergeant Mason. A fund for Mason's family is also started at Toledo.

A "strike" of the laborers engaged in grading the grounds of the Burlington and Missouri railroad at Omaha has assumed alarming proportions. The attempt of the company to replace the strikers with other men is resisted by the labor organizations, numbering thousands of men, and the military has been called on to assist the city government in preserving order. Several arrests have been made, but the agitators are unyielding and a bloody collision is feared.

The Big Inside House and the Sac View House at Dubuque, Ia., were destroyed by fire Monday. Loss on the former $40,000 on the latter $40,000.

The government steamers are distributing supplies along the Mississippi. Fifty thousand rations have been requested from Washington 20,000 sent to Mound City, Ill., and 10,000 to Kentucky where 500 people are suffering.

Mrs. Mary E. Howe, president and manager of the defunct woman's bank of Boston, has been sentenced to three years hard labor in the House of Correction.

Having obtained a new suit of clothes, Gilman has been offered $100 for his old suit by curiosity buyers, but he asks $150.

Senator Hill has undergone four operations. The first was the removal of a small tumor excrescence on the side of his tongue. The second was the removal of about one-fourth of the tongue and the entire floor of the mouth. A hard and painful lump had developed in the posterior part of the mouth, which was also removed. Afterwards it was discovered that the parotid gland was affected. It swelled and became violently inflamed. The symptoms were so violent that the gland was removed. From this time the patient has steadily failed.

The trouble with the Homestead iron strikers in Pittsburg broke out afresh. The company insisted on retaining several non-union men, and when they started to work Tuesday they were met by a body of the strikers, and two of the workers were struck down and badly beaten. Two police officers named Thomas Patch and William Metcalf, who started to quell the disturbance, were fired upon by persons concealed behind a freight car and were wounded. Patch received a bullet wound in his head and was removed to his home.

A Vicksburg dispatch says: Four of the most substantial levees in Texas parish, La., have broken. They protected a district of the most valuable plantations in the state. The levee at Newton, also at Milkand and Bond Hy have broken. There is a great fear of a run off through Grante canal, which might sweep the Delta away and cause the loss of all the lands diroded as a river, town. Sullflower county is overflowed completely; also Lake, Washington, Deer Creek and Yazoo.

CONGRESS.

March 8.—Bills were favorably reported in the senate to facilitate the exchange of land of part of the reservation of the Omaha tribe of Indians in Nebraska; to provide for the sale of certain Chicapoo Indian lands; to provide for the abolishment of fees to receivers in the United Peorias and Miamis of the Indian territory.

In the house Mr. Harris reported favorably the bill for improvement of the navy, and asked the house to fix a date for its consideration. Bills were favorably reported to enable importers to use metric weights and measures; providing for carrying ocean mails. As amended this bill provides for payment by the mile for the mails, monthly, or weekly trips; amending the shipping laws, placing foreign vessels in American ports under the same rules governing American vessels, making vessel owners liable for double the amount of their stock only, and reducing the fees of pilots and engineers.

March 9.—In the Senate the calendar was taken up and the bill for a commission to the Mississippi levees tariff was taken up. The pending amendment, directing that not more than three of the five members of the commission shall be of the same political party, was agreed to. Mr. Bayard moved to acquire that not more than three shall be Republicanists. The amendment was agreed to, yeas 32, nays 16. The Chinese bill then came up and after a long debate, the following Hawley, Jones, Sherman, Miller, Groser, and Brown took part, the bill passed 29 to 15.

In the House the committee on appropriations def rred action until Monday upon the question of an additional appropriation for sufferers by the overflow in the Mississippi Valley. Bills were reported: By Mr. Bunnell a bill providing for the cancellation of stamps on liquors exported, and a joint resolution of the whole. For the admission into the Union of the State of Washington. Committee of the whole. Directing that all public buildings shall be constructed of the materials of the state in which the buildings are to be erected. Committee of the whole. The agricultural appropriation bill was considered in Committee of the whole, which reported favorably the bill and the bill passed.

March 10.—In the senate to day Mr. Morgan reported from the committee on foreign relations requesting the President to call the attention of the government of Nicaragua to the necessity of arranging by convention for a final settlement of unadjusted claims existing between the United states and that country. The senate stated that the amount involved ranges from $200,000 to $500,000. Mr. Mr. Vest introduced a resolution authorizing the secretary of war to use vessels of the government on the Mississippi and its tributaries for the distribution of rations and relief supplies by the overflow. Adopted. Mr. Conger introduced a bill authorizing the construction and testing of an automatic meter to measure the quantity and the specific gravity of distilled spirits and malt liquors.

The house went into a committee on the private calendar, but rose informally after discussing the relief of C. P. Chatenu, and passed the second joint resolution authorizing the secretary of war to use government vessels for the transportation and distribution of the rations furnished by the United states to the sufferers by the Mississippi overflow. The committee then resumed its session. At the night session seventy-seven pension bills were passed and the house adjourned till Monday.

March 13.—In the Senate Monday Mr. Conger presented the joint resolution of the legislature of Michigan urging members of congress to provide means for the extirpation of Mormonism.

In the house the army appropriation bill, appropriating $29,000,000, was passed. It contains a clause making the retirement at the age of 62 compulsory, and one transferring the Lee raid claims from the war department to the court of claims. The house committee of woman suffrage was appointed.

March 14.—In the House the anti-polygamy bill was also passed, 169 to 47, as it passed the Senate. Mr. Reagan offered an amendment requiring conviction for bigamy or polygamy before persons could be prevented from voting. Mr. Mills moved to strike out the retaining board principle. Mr. Mills also moved to strike out the clause disfranchising polygamists from voting all of which were lost.

The Senate took up the Postal Appropriation bill, and discussed the Holman amendment. The House provision is that where a star Route contractor submits his contract at a profit the department may annul it and make a new contract with the sub contractor for the annual pay given him by his employer. The Senate committee substitute provides for contracts hereafter made, and allows the Postmaster General to make the transfer in his discretion etc. Various amendments were proposed and discussed, to the hour of adjournment.

FOREIGN.

London dates, March 2, say the Russo-Jewish committee has prepared a statement confirming the reports of outrages on Jews in Russia, including many cases of murder and rape which the recent British commissioner report is credited. The committee's report is founded on letters received from persons occupying high financial positions in the Jewish community, and upon the personal evidence of Jewish refugees. A letter from an influential rabbi indicates that steps have been taken by the Russian authorities to conceal the truth.

There was a bi-metallic meeting in London on the 9th attended by 300 persons, including many prominent business men, the ministers from the United States, Greece, Holland, Roumania and Chili. Letters of approval were read from the German and French ministers, and several members of the British parliament spoke in favor of free coinage of silver.

Skobeleff says no one could have been more surprised at the effect of his Parisian speech than himself. Ignatiff has informed him that the czar had nothing to do with the speech, which was a simple act of military discipline, and that it will not prevent his seeing the emperor at a fitting moment, like all other officers of his rank.

Eight hundred individuals who were unable to properly account for their presence in Moscow, where preparations are making for the coronation of the czar, have been expelled from the city.

The legislature of the Orange free states has refused to allow President Brand to accept the grand cross of the order of St. Michael and St. George, offered by Great Britain for his service in settling the Transvaal difficulties.

A Guatemala editor who published an offensive but unimportant item about Dr. Logan, the United States minister to Central America, has been arrested and his paper suspended without investigation. "Even the Americans think this rather summary."

A fire broke out in Winnipeg on Monday and burnt ten miles from Ontario back on the south to the Montreal bank on the north, on west side of Main street. Loss $100,000, insurance $25,000.

Fire in the shaft of the Lumly colliery fell in and 150 miners were imprisoned, but they were all rescued by succeeding another shaft.

Queen Victoria started for Mentone Tuesday morning.

Jane Pyett, an American engineer, with six Mexicans, coming down a steep grade on a hand-car on the National railroad, Mexico, turned suddenly upon a bridge, where two of the Mexicans were instantly killed; the other was thrown into the chasm. Pyett and three Mexicans were instantly killed; the balance were fatally injured.

The Paris Figaro says: "Jules Ferry, at the close of the compulsory Primary Education bill, appeals to the deputies.

The English army numbers 132,935 men, and seven regiments of militia, the expense $77,800,000 for their support the current year.

Lieut. Harber has arrived at St. Petersburg, and leaves for Irkutsk to join Dalenkower in the prosecution of the Jenne-the search.

DETROIT MARKET.

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

The general produce market for the week has been quiet. Quotations are as follows: Mess pork, $18 00; do family, $18 00; clear, $20 00 lard, 10@11 for tierces, 11¼ for half barrels; hams, 12@12½c; shoulders, 8½c; smoked do, 12c; tallow, 6@6½c; lard, 12½c; dressed hogs, $8 25 for western and $11 50@12 for Detroit; dried beef, 12½c; ($13½).

BACON—Market light, turkeys sold at 14@16c. Chickens were sold at 11@13c, per lb.

FLOUR.		
White wheat brands, city	$6 25	
White wheat brands, country	6 00	
Rye—Best grade ⅞ bu	1 40	@ 1 25
Rye—⅞ bu	90	@ 95
Corn—⅞ bu	62	@ 65
Oats—⅞ bu	43	@ 45
Apples—⅞ bbl	3 75	@ 4 50
Potatoes—⅞ bu	60	@ 70
Cheese—⅞ lb	8½	@ 9
Dried Fruit—apples ⅞ lb (evaporated)	12	@ 13
(sun dried)	10	@ 12
Cranberries—⅞ bu	4 50	
Maple sugar—per 100 lb	12	@ 14
Honey—⅞ lb	20	@ 25
Beans—⅞ bu	2 25	@ 3 00
Butter—⅞ lb choice	25	@ 32
Eggs—⅞ doz	22	@ 24
Dressed Hogs—⅞ lb	7 40	@ 7 50
Beef—⅞ lb	5	@ 6½
Hay—per ton	14 00	@18 00
Fodder—⅞ cwt	1	@ 1 25
Hops—	20	@ 25
Pickles—⅞ bu	3 00	@ 3 50
Sheep Pelts—each	75	@ 1 00
Tallow—⅞ lb	5½	@ 6
Wool—⅞ cwt	4 00	@ 6 50

Detroit Live Stock Market.

The cattle market has been moderately active, prices were about 10c lower than last week. Oxen were about the same as last week.

CATTLE.	
Steers extra per cwt	5 00@5 10
Steers good all round	4 50@4 75
Steers butchers	4 00@4 25
Steers common grades	3 75@4 25
Per 100 lbs.	
HOGS.	
Per 100 lbs.	4 50@5 25

The Baby's Hand.

Mrs. Arnold was showing a friend through her pretty new house which was undergoing a second and final coat of white paint, and was just proud of being as aesthetically beautiful as the decorative fervor of the aged demanded, the color being a delicate shell pink like the inside of a rose.

"Look at this," said Mrs. Arnold admiringly to her friend. "You see this is an east room, and so it is to have the tints of the morning. Some night think it too delicate for every day use, but I shall make that very room my sanctum if I choose, and have taught baby already that she cannot touch it. Come here, dimple"—to the little one toddling behind her. "Baby won't touch the pretty paint."

Baby won't, cooed the little one in its sweet idiom, and giving it a kiss and an admiring caress the young mother pointed out to her friend the beauty of the white embrasure and the view it commanded.

"I shall sit in summer afternoons with Baby. What it be lovely? Lace curtains within and green vines without. It will be a picture and a poem both."

And they strolled on, leaving the two-year-old baby looking with far seeing eyes through the pretty window and it was not the rosy tint of the paint, nor the flush of healthy childhood that spread slowly over the little face, and left it a tired little head to seek in vain for rest on its mother's bosom. All thought of the tributaries of beauty or art, passed from the mind of the young mother as she saw the little girl's fever flushed face, and she locked the door on her friend from and left it to the gloom and solitude until the crisis was past.

"And the dear little hands, like rose leaves Dropped from a rose, lay still. Never to unclose at the slumbers That crept to the shrouded sill."

Yes it came to that and an awful emptiness of all life, and the hard, rebellious acquiescence in the decree of fate, and one bright day the mother went into the pretty east room, and with a friend, who was with her that day when they had last stood there, and looked with exceeding bitterness on the tint of color that was to have made all her summer bright, and what could be, but it is so.

Ah, me! how strange that when the voice of redeeming love says: "My peace I give unto you," we will have none of it. If Mrs. Arnold had read the Bible in letters of light, "Let not your heart be troubled" she would never have heeded, and when her friend pointing through the window to the blue sky beyond said tenderly, trustingly, "she is safe," the mother would have shut her rosy tear-dimmed eyes, and with a cry of joy kissed again and again one single blemish in the smooth painting of the window sill. What was it? Only the dear dead hand of her baby imprinted there—the little hand, which had been laid one moment on the wet paint that had molded it into this perfect shape and that now seemed to point and beckon the way she had gone; a baby's sinless hand that would one day be reached out to welcome her—

"With the light of heaven thereon."

—*Free Press.*

AT THE CAPITAL.

THE TAX BILL READY FOR EXECUTIVE APPROVAL—CONGRESSIONAL RE-APPORTIONMENT AT A DEAD LOCK—THE FIRE RELIEF BILL SAFELY THROUGH—BEGINNING OF THE END.

The tax bill was taken up by the Senate on Tuesday of this week, and gone over as carefully in committee of the whole as it was by the House, consideration, until Wednesday and a part of to-day being occupied in its consideration, until finally at noon to-day the vote on the final passage was reached and the bill passed by a vote of yeas 30, nays 2, Senators Ambler and Brown voting no. One of the issues of its consideration the Senate made forty amendments to the bill as it passed the House. A few of these, on being submitted to the tax commission as required by the law creating the commission, were disagreed to, and the Senate reconsidered and rejected such, yet leaving about thirty actual amendments to the bill. At a session of the House last evening the conference committee agreed to and the bill now goes to the gov. nor for his approval; which it is sure to receive at the earliest opportunity. The state will then have a new system of assessing and collecting taxes, which no previous legislature with all the other work on its hands has been able to devise and pass.

After consuming barely little a week—less than was supposed—the Senate on the 3d took up the congressional reapportionment bill, hurried it through the committee of the whole and finally passed it by a vote of 23 to 5 yays, those voting no, being Senators Ambler, Andrews, Kilpatrick, Tooker and Welch. The title of the bill was changed to read as follows: "An act to divide the state of Michigan into eleven congressional districts." Each district shall be entitled to elect one representative, the districts to be constituted of the several counties, and numbered as follows, to wit:

First, The First District shall consist of the county of Wayne.

Second, The Second District shall consist of the counties of Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale and Washtenaw.

Third, The Third district shall consist of the counties of Jackson, Calhoun, Branch, Barry and Eaton.

Fourth, The Fourth District shall consist of the counties of Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo and Van Buren.

Fifth, The Fifth District shall consist of the counties of Allegan, Kent, Ottawa and Ionia.

Sixth, The Sixth District shall consist of the counties of Lapeer, Ingham, Livingston, Shiawassee and Genesee.

Seventh, The Seventh District shall consist of the counties of Macomb, St. Clair, Sanilac, Lapeer, Tuscola and Huron.

Eighth, The Eighth District shall consist of the counties of Montcalm, Gratiot, Saginaw and Clinton.

Ninth, The Ninth District shall consist of the counties of Bay, Midland, Isabella, Mecosta, Oceola, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Newaygo, Montcalm, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Otsego, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan and Emmet.

Tenth, The Tenth District shall consist of the counties of Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Benzie and Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Antrim, Kalkaska, Charlevoix and Manitou.

Eleventh, the Eleventh District shall consist of the counties of Chippewa, Mackinac, Delta, Menominee, Marquette, Alger, Schoolcraft, Luce, Baraga, Keweenaw, Isle Royal and Ontonagon.

It was generally understood at once that the House would not pass the bill without considerably amending it, and so the sequel showed. After spending two or three days in "taxing" a bill to suit certain would-be congressmen who are now members of that body, the House on the 8th instant, by a vote of 59 yeas to 25 nays, passed one that left the Michigan districts as in the Senate bill, but so materially changed the last six that we herewith give them as follows:

First, The sixth district shall consist of the counties of Clinton, Ingham, Livingston, Genesee and Oakland.

Second, The seventh district shall consist of the counties of Macomb, St Clair, Lapeer, Sanilac and Huron.

Eighth, The eighth district shall consist of the counties of Shiawassee, Saginaw, Gratiot, Tuscola, Bay and Midland.

Ninth, the ninth district shall consist of the counties of Muskegon, Ottawa, Newaygo, Mecosta, Oceola, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Benzie and Mandalay.

Tenth, the tenth district shall consist of the counties of Kalkaskas, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan and Emmet.

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The tax bill was safely through, and the House would not be detained longer than it could be helped, and so the bill was hurried through the committee of the whole and passed by a vote of 155 to 5 nays, those voting no being Messrs. Bragg, Cox, Hewitt, Lamar and Wright. The bill was then taken up in the Senate and passed without a division. The Senate bill was then taken up and passed without a division. The Senate bill was then taken up and passed without a division. The Senate bill was then taken up