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GRAND MARAIS TRAGEDIES.

Full Account of the Fire With Its Two Fatalities—A Drowning Accident.

GRAND MARAIS, October 30.—Sunday was a sad and eventful day in the history of our young and usually quiet village. About 2 o'clock that morning the stable of the grand Marais Hotel, owned by John Hagens, was discovered to be on fire. The wind was blowing freely from the south-east, and the fire rapidly with which the flames spread that many narrow escapes on the part of the hotel guests were experienced. One young lady, man named Peter Neisser, a Swede, and a blacksmith by trade, was occupied late Saturday night to be considerably under the influence of liquor, but this was being an unusual occurrence, no particular notice was taken of it until he was missed during the fire, and a search revealed his body, lying face downward, burnt and charred beyond recognition, in an open space between the stable and yard fence, the bones of the limbs crumbled into dust. The skull was completely bereft of all kind of covering and it seemed as if the muscles of the back of the neck were burnt with the heat so extreme that the face was elevated above the level of the body, presenting a fiendish appearance. Great consternation to all who are sisters of the city. The deceased was about 35 years of age, a quiet, inoffensive man and good mechanic. Little is known of his previous life, but he spoke some time at Point Lake and Port Huron where it is believed he has friends. The fire was discovered by Mr. Graves, who was in a two-story building 24x60, and soon covered, and he barely had time to escape with his life. A three-story building 24x60 feet, and in which about 50 people were sleeping, there passing up to adjoining cottage occupied by Mr. Elliott, mail carrier, and thence to Dr. Snyder's new drug store, drugs and fixtures, which is less than two hours $10,000 worth of valuable, and a large property was lost, which is not known of the insurance as yet, but it is feared that nothing commendable, with the exception of Mr. Graves' building, the fire was allcreation took place between Mr. Duggan and Mr. Graves' blacksmith shop, which prevented to result fatally. Mr. Duggan is under care.

There are various theories regarding the origin of the fire. Many are of the opinion that it was the work of an incendiary, while others surmise that the victim, Neisser, woke up crazed, and, not knowing the place, lighted a match which in his stupor he carelessly threw aside, thereby setting fire to the hay and straw about the stable. But two strong points contradict this theory, one being that if he was able to light a match he was also able to get out of the way of its terrible consequences, while, on the other hand, the fire originated on the opposite side of the building. The following and two more days of fatality, the screaming of two pigs in an adjoining pen, attracted the attention of the night watchman of Messrs. Brand Bros. Lumber mill, who immediately blew the whistle and alarmed the sleeping villagers.

Since writing the above another man is missing, and fears are entertained that he too was met in the fire. His name is Joseph Woods, aged about 30, dark complexion, full beard, and is hunched, crippled in one of his feet. He is supposed to have worked in Dolan & Graves' stable, and has been here a few days, and all the time more or less intoxicated.

IN THE STATE.

Battle Creek street cars are heated.

Flint doesn't want the electric light.

Gold has been discovered in Marquette county.

There is an increasing demand for Michigan land.

Burglars are uncommonly active throughout the state.

The addition to the Battle Creek Sanitarium is finished.

The taxable valuation of Wayne county is $199,670,349

Miss Eliser of Alpena fell over in a fit and broke her neck.

A gymnasium is to be built on the Hillsdale college campus.

There is good sleighing in the northern part of the lower peninsula.

Measles have caused a temporary suspension of Kalamazoo schools.

A sanitary convention is to be held in East Saginaw December 2 and 3.

A new worm is creating great trouble to the farmers around Portage Prairie.

Grand Rapids' city hall is to cost $150,000. F. E. Myers of Detroit is the architect.

William Hartung, dug up the skeleton of an Indian on his farm near Albion recently.

Several Charlotte citizens received a letter from that place to New Orleans by boat.

About 13,714 rods of drain have been constructed in Saginaw county during the year.

Frank W. Abrams, the Brighton boy burglar, is said to be insane. His trial is set for Nov. 11.

Certain capitalists are talking of establishing a new national bank in Battle Creek.

Mackinaw Islanders are bestirring themselves to secure that quarter of a million dollar hotel.

Deacon James Ripp of St. Johns, a member of the legislature of Michigan in 1867, died on the 21st inst.

The assessed value of Bay County, is $15,205,070, of which $11,415,209 is real, and $3,540,461 personal.

The Allegan county supervisors have raised the salaries of the treasurer and prosecuting attorney to $1,000 each.

Thirteen Chinamen have been stealing logs from the yards in Bay City. Two of them were caught in the act the other night.

Michigan horse-breeders formed an organization in Jackson a few days ago, to promote the breeding of fine horses.

Herbert Cole and John Updegraft of Schoolcraft are under arrest and $200 bonds for selling liquor without a license.

During the season of 1884 200 rods of new stone road have been constructed in Bay county, at a cost of $2,000.

A South Haven farmer recently marketed a 20,100 load of cabbages and it wasn't as heavy as a load of wheat either.

F. S. Freeman, formerly editor of the Detroit Post, has accumulated a fortune of $211,000 from a deceased relative.

Charles Romine and Ernest Roberts quarreled in Kalamazoo a few days ago and Roberts was stabbed three times.

At the Baptist state convention held in Ionia a resolution was adopted urging the establishment of a state inebriate asylum.

John Burrey, employed at Ross, Bradley & Co's canning mill, Bay City, had an arm taken off by the machinery recently.

Willis W. Fisher, postmaster of Franklin township, Roscommon county, is under arrest for embezzling $400 of the county funds.

Andrew Sandman, a German, shot his child Wm. Berg, in Saginaw a few weeks ago, has been sentenced to state prison for twenty years.

Thieves secured $400 in money and two gold watches from Thomas Mathias, a wealthy farmer residing about six miles from Ionia.

A Maquoketa dispatch of October 28, says the fire in the Calumet and Hecla mine is subdued at last and the fight is over.

The Bay City street car company is held liable for the death of little Lovina Jones, who was run over by the car on Saginaw street.

Charles Q. Dill, a German 45 years of age, fell into the engine room of Ross, Bradley & Co's planing mill, Bay City, had an arm taken off by the machinery recently.

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