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MICHIGAN NEWS.

GENERAL STATE ITEMS.

Willard Dodge, one of Kalamazoo's rep resentative men, is dead.

There were 141,750 barrels of salt inspected in Michigan in January.

Judge Cooley declines to be a candidate for judicial honors this spring.

Mrs. Catharine Diamond, an early settler of Genesee county, is dead, aged 80 years.

Wakeman I. Crosby of Grand Rapids, one of the early settlers of Montcalm county, is dead.

W. H. Dickinson, a Vermontville man, has purchased a 2400-acre plantation in Georgia.

The new roller process mill of Darrah & Bros. of Big Rapids burned on the 12th inst. at a loss of $20,000.

L. H. Bailey late of Harvard college, has been appointed Professor of Horticulture at the Agricultural college.

In a short time the western extension of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon railroad to Ashland will be built.

A bill is being prepared authorizing the establishment of an industrial and mining school in the upper peninsula.

Hattie Bowers, a Battle Creek compositor has left for Europe to work in the Adventist printing office in Switzerland.

Creditors of the defunct Bank of Detroit and Deposit bank of Jackson will bring suit to discover what became of $5,600 on deposit.

Hemlock logs are in demand at Saginaw at $2 50@3 per M. and the farmers are actively engaged in hauling to the river bank.

February 17, 18 and 19 are the dates, and Lansing the place, for the sixth annual meeting of the mechanical engineers' society of Michigan.

All the factories in Grand Rapids have promptly complied with the law relative to employing children between the ages of 8 and 14 years.

Henry Otto of Ypsilanti, a puny, delicate young man aged 23, became despondent because of his health and suicided by hanging a few days ago.

James Bolton, Sam Hewey and William Trenise have been held for trial at Lansing on a charge of stealing at the big fire the other morning.

The township treasurer of South Bordman was found guilty of embezzling $400 of township funds and given two months to make good the loss.

A Lawton man has taken all the furniture out of his parlor, and uses it for a private skating rink. Reverend Brothers want telephone connection with his house.

Mrs. H. T. Parsons, wife of the editor of the Hillsdale Herald, died on the 12th inst. Mrs. Parsons had been a resident of Hillsdale for many years.

Capt. John Spaulding of Sault Ste. Marie announces that he is going to resume operations in the old Holyoke silver mine which has lain idle twenty years.

"Dr." Gunn of Howell, recently arrested on assuming a young girl in Holly, has been sentenced for 90 days' imprisonment in the Detroit house of correction.

The Detroit postoffice bill passed the House on the 13th inst. The bill fixes the salary limits of postmasters to $900.00 and provides for the purchase of a new site.

Vanity was satisfied by a Lansing fire on the 13th inst. For a time it seemed as if the entire business portion of the village would be consumed by the devouring element.

The new dwelling house of Elias F. Pierce in Sandstone, burned recently with all its contents. Loss $4,000. Insured for $2,000. Pierce was a juror in the Dan Holcomb trial.

Thos Grover was thrown to death near Cadillac Feb. 10, and George Washington, an aged colored man of Detroit was found dead on the same day, having frozen to death.

About 125,000 pounds of fresh pork and 6,000 pounds of lard were consumed by the burning of Hammond, Standish & Co's pork packing establishment in Detroit. Loss about $60,000.

The present membership of the G. A. R. in Michigan is 14,506. On January 1, 1884, there were 221 posts and 10,755 comrades. Twenty three new posts have been organized under the late administration.

The reported arrest of the Coldwater bank robbers was false, as no money was taken at the robbery in July. Jack Wilson, who stole jewelry, and one of the robbers is now said to languish in an Indiana prison.

There were 778,326 bushels of wheat mark ed at 235 elevators and mills in this state during the month of January. The total amount marked for the year ending on January 31 is 6,004 848, about 25 per cent. of the crop 1884.

John Stein, a farmer living in the township of Ingersoll, Ionia county, is insane arrest, charged "with incest with a daughter 17 years old, who is about to become a mother. The case excites much feeling in that neighborhood.

The bill before the legislature looking to the better protection of the health of persons employed in shops and factories, provides for the appointment by the governor of a sanitary inspector at a salary not to exceed $1,500 a year.

At the annual meeting of the Hillsdale county farmers' mutual fire insurance company held in Hillsdale, Hon. C. D. Lacey was elected president and J. W. Fall, secretary. The company holds policies covering property to the value of $8,529 306; losses and expenses last year were $8,164 66.

James Tolliver, a Jackson citizen of color loved Mrs. Wesley of same hue. Mrs. Wesley did not reciprocate the tender affection of James. This made him angry and he attempted to cut Mrs. Wesley's throat, failing to do so he proceeded to perform a successful operation on his own jugular vein.

A Utah party, mostly Mormons, has been organized to manufacture Saginaw Bay Asphalt for painters. They were Judge W. N. Ainsworth, president of the board or trustees; Dr. W. B. Fine vice president; Andrew Jackson, and J. D. Jones E. S Jones and J. B. Page, of the Provo, Utah territory, Insane Asylum.

The Lake Superior ship canal company offers to actual settlers a number of 40-acre tracts of land in the upper peninsula, to settle to reside on the lands 1 ay the taxes, build a house and clear not less than two acres of land during each of the first three years of settlement. The company reserves all mineral rights.

Hon. O. M. Barnes, now in Florida, has been appointed as a delegate to represent the Central Michigan Agricultural Society at a National convention in Atlanta to advance agriculture, to be held in the grand hall of the Exposition, New Orleans, Tuesday commencing February 10 and continuing one week.—Lansing Journal.

Dr. Salsbury's business block in Wyandotte was destroyed by fire on the 13th inst. Loss $10,000, insurance $5,000. The companies are Orient, Queen of Urbana, A. O. T. W. society, Anspach & Parvenchere's general store, and Reno & Thorn's meat packing establishment, whose loss will swell the total figure to about $15,000.

A Detroit, Lansing & Northern train left the track at Lansing, Sunday two miles from Lansing, on the 11th inst. The engine was wrecked, and several cars totally wrecked. Alger and Smith were in the board, all of whom were considerably shaken up, but with the exception of the governor's private secretary, no one was seriously injured. The private secretary was thrown several feet and considerably bruised.

Mr. J. N. Stearns, in turning back the pages of time, came to weather very similar to that reported in his Journal. Just ten years ago Wednesday he chronicled that the mercury marked twenty-four degrees below zero at his house. Just as it marked Feb. 11, 1885, and the snow was like that of Wednesday, and the conditions were similar in all respects. Before he examined his journal he believed we had never before had such weather.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

The report of Commander Shank at the G. A. R. encampment at East Saginaw shows that on January 24, 1884, there were 221 posts with a membership of 10,750 comrades in the department. During the present year 34 posts have been mustered in and organized, making a total of 204 posts now in the department. This gives us a total membership in good standing of 13,296, while the net gain in the organization of new posts and the recruiting of old posts is 3,661 and the net gain gain over 6,000.

The officers for the G. A. R. of Michigan elected at the encampment held in East Saginaw a few days since are: Department Commander, Chas. D. Longyear of Flint; Senior Vice-commander, G. L. Fisher of Fowlerville; Junior Vice Commander, H. T. Higgins of Petoskey; Department Chaplain, Norman Johnson; Champlain, F. P. Gibbs; Department Surgeon, Geo. Ketchum; Surgeon, G. W. Romeyn, Detroit, Geo. E. Aiken, Bay City; C. O. Jennings, Greenville, and Albert Dickinson, Jackson.

Robert Forensay, the agent of the Lewis fire extinguishing company, was on his way home in the suburbs of Detroit, late at night when he was set upon by two footpads who knocked him down and after presenting a revolver at his head, went out of him $285 which he carried in his vest pocket. The robbers overlooked a roll of bank current money, and were laying in wait for him when he returned from the skating rink. The police are hard on the case but as yet no arrests have been made.

Wednesday I. Crosby of Grand Rapids, died at the house of his father in his home for recent morning. He was in good health when retired the night before and went out to do chores. He was 65 years old, and formerly county treasurer, and register of deeds and he had been in public office more or less all his life. He was a heavy dealer in real estate, a proprietor of pineries and owner of one of the Central mills and other property there. Also a prominent mason and well-known Knight Templar. He was a brother of Judge Van Buren county. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death.

People in this section who by chance may yet be possessed of a lingering stack of the Jackson Citizens of Wednesday, will be relieved of a correspondent writing from the central portion of that territory under date of Jan. 31, as follows: "We have had a Mammoth storm 24 degrees below zero, and on Christmas, with no blizzard and very little snow, 46 below. Cattle are in good condition, wheat was 65 cents, oats 20, barley 25 and corn 23—in fact everything is cheap except cows, and the average citizen could do but little inside sitting by the fire and attempting to keep warm. I don't know what he will do for the most of us.—St. Clair Republican.

Fatal Result of a Mock Fight.

A school closed for noon at the school house near Grosvenor, a few days since, Adolph Parker, aged 17 years, and Ira Parker, aged 15, aged 15 years younger, and very intimate friends, had a mock fight with their fists for diversion. Mr. and Mrs. Parker were both away, and the boys were alone. While returning their dinner pails they had a mock fight of life on the prairies or in the wilds of Africa and when they reached the market it seems that Wolving espied a hammer, and taking hold and flourishing it as a hatchet he was aspiring to have an Indian scalp. Young Parker fell of bushranger led finally to a run into a bed room, where on a stand lay a revolver of Adolph's, which he picked up and, in lieu of his weapon in the mimic struggle, and approaching for the scalp, he fired the pistol, there were no antidotes to utilize, he leveled it and pulled the trigger. The pistol proved loaded and the ball penetrated the head of Wolving, entering the brain and killed him instantly, to the horror of young Parker, who frantically hastened to the nearest house and informed the teacher. Young Wolving was found stone cold when he fell. The boys were intimate friends, and Parker is almost wild with grief. There was an inquest by Justice Ann of Hillsdale, and a verdict in accordance with the facts rendered. Young Wolving has grandparents, and his parents reside in Virginia.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

FEBRUARY 11.

SENATE—Bills were introduced: To authorize cities and villages of Michigan to carry out contracts of their wards; to amend section 8739 of Howell's statutes relative to assessment; authorizing the sale of the Northern insane asylum; also to amend section 7788 of Howell's statutes; also to amend statutes relative to railroad taxation and running of trains.

HOUSE—The following bills were introduced: Incorporating Gladwin village; amending section 7841 of Howell's statutes relating to ejectments; amending the act to incorporating Alpena; for the organization of manufacturing companies; amending section 6778 Howell's statutes, transferring causes in Lake county; authorizing the Genesee Lake company to collect tolls; authorizing to institute proceedings against embezzlers of school moneys; for the appointment of a state live stock sanitary commission; establishing a board of building commissioners in Detroit; fixing salaries of the state officers; shots at dams; relating to the Jackson fire and police department; authorizing cities to punish truancy; authorizing sale of Michigan Central; establishing school district in Kwart; establishing school district for Ionia children; amending laws relative to probate courts; amending section 7, Howell; amending laws relative to liens on real estate property, section 8375, of Howell; also amending section 8376 of Howell; also section act 155 of 1881, relative to evidence for divorce; also making a misdemeanor to unhitch and drive away horses, or to certain cases; amending section 6 of the act for the centennial of the state; amending section 7 Ramsey, Wood and Parkhurst, Bills passed on the third reading: Amending act 155 of 1881 relative to Millers' fire insurance company; to require parties in civil suits in circuit courts to give a bond for costs; also amending laws relative to partition of lands; amending section 7, Howell; relative to judge of probate; asking congress to establish a harbor of refuge at Ludington; authorizing the supervisors to loan taxes to the Central Michigan soldiers' home; authorizing a patent to M. H. Davis; vacating part of Hamilton street; locating same to Detroit. For formation of municipal corporations in Ionia; for the organization of the joint resolution submitted to prohibitory amendment was made the special order for Feb. 18. The convention or a delegation to visit and participate in the exercises of the dedication of congress at Philadelphia, and that for an appropriation of commissioners of justices in peace, were laid on the table.

FEB. 12—SENATE.—Bills were introduced; amending the act providing for the appointment of an Assistant Attorney General for Wayne County; also amending section 4741, Howell, relative to burial ground associations; amending section 7, Howell, relative to printed copies of laws; also to amend section 7, Howell, relative to bookkeeping for all state institutions; also relative to state institutions to submit their estimates of expenses to the Auditor General and Commissioner and Charities; preventing the sale of tobacco to minors; also regulating the width of lumber wagon tires; also relative to the compulsory education of children in certain counties; authorizing the Kalamazoo Circuit County; to prohibit leaving highway and drain taxes on an island in the Saginaw Bay; amending section 880, Howell, relative to the appointment of guardians; providing for the appointment of county game and fish wardens; amending section 8018, Howell, relative to proceedings in bastardy cases; the laws providing for the incorporation of manufacturing companies and mercantile companies, or any union of two or more of the duties and liabilities of such corporations; also relative to the village of Hillsdale (Grek; amending section 762, laws of 1881, relative to the protection of land and pasture; meet for cutting and taking away the same. The remainder of the session was in committee of the whole.

HOUSE—Bills were passed: Amending act 168 of 1881 regulating the catching of fish for paying exclusively the expenses of the state board of agriculture; exempting from payment of taxes lands forfeited or charged sales; amending sections 9583, 9584 and 9585, Howell, relative to inquests; to incorporate Sand Lake, Kent county; to incorporate the Bone of Industry; to authorize the supervisors of Ionia county, to borrow $40,000 to erect a county house; also amending the law relative to prosecutions for violations of the game laws; the following Bills were introduced for the medical treatment of dependent children: At Michigan University; amending act 155 of 1881 relative to holidays; amending act incorporating Detroit and Saginaw Bay Railroad, also, to provide for taking testimony stenographic in criminal cases; also, for better protection of health and safety of persons employed in shops or factories; amending section 6, Howell, relative to subjects for discussion; amending tax laws; amending general fish laws; also, amending section 3115 Howell, relative to fishing; also amending section 350 of 1883, relative to fisheries; also, for appointment of an inspector of fisheries; to authorize Harbor Springs to borrow money to erect a court house for Emmet county; to establish the Fire and Police Department of Ionia.

FEB. 13.

SENATE.—Bills were introduced as follows: Providing for the protection of keepers of Stallions; to establish a Recorder's Court for Saginaw; relative to the management of the State Library; to confirm the sale of certain salt swamp lands; also, relative to the disposition of petit jurors in the Upper Peninsula; for the deposit of public money by County Treasurers; to interest in the appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court; making an appropriation for an armory at Jackson; providing that terms of state officers shall expire February 1 instead of January 1; to require state officers, institutions and agencies to report the list of employes and salaries; also, making an appropriation for books for the State Library; incorporating Ontonagon; also, to establish territory Houghton Township and attach it to other townships; also, for an state camp equipage to the Knights of Pythias. The following passed on third reading: To legalize the assessment roll of Ionia; also, to authorize Presque Isle to borrow money; authorizing Harbor Springs to borrow money to help build a court house; also, for an appropriation for the pioneer society; to amend the highway act; to establish territory Houghton Township and attach it to other townships; also, for an state camp equipage to the Knights of Pythias. The following passed on third reading: To legalize the assessment roll of Ionia; also, to authorize Presque Isle to borrow money; authorizing Harbor Springs to borrow money to help build a court house; also, for an appropriation for the pioneer society; to amend the highway act; to establish territory Houghton Township and attach it to other townships; also, for an state camp equipage to the Knights of Pythias.

HOUSE—Bills were introduced by Mr. Collins establishing the Michigan institute of the blind; to facilitate the taking of notes; to amend statutes regarding constables; to amend section 7, Howell, relating to wheel or wagon tires; to amend the law relative to evidence; to regulate the appointment of commissioners of insane asylums; to make Detroit; chartering the villages of Eaton Rapids, Owosso and subdivision of the divorce statistics of Michigan; to amend the laws for the inspection of oil; relating to assessing and collecting taxes; the number of jurors in civil trials; to protect and owners against bounters; relative to the citation or documents; relative to the revive to the possession or lands; to amend the prior to a; to amend section 7, requiring the reports of mutual insurance companies; to amend the statutes relative to the payment of debts by a corporation; to amend section 7, act of the state or of state officers; relative to building permits; also, to amend sections: relative to interest on contracts; relative to sales of certain streets in Bay City; to amend the section 7, Howell, relating to Lenawee county to sell its poor farm. Authorizing the public counsel. To increase the usefulness of Michigan reformatory; relative to fees of justices. A joint resolution to amend the constitution of the state of Michigan; relative to United States, State and county officers ineligible to seats in the legislature. Bills passed third reading: Making the Auditor-General to pay County Treasurer Ionia county, for delinquent tax lands. The following passed on third reading: To amend statutes relative to filing vacancies in the governor's office; to provide for trial or the adjudication or payment of claims for damages against due soldiers, but paid on fraudulent or forged claims; to make an appropriation for maintaining the Fire and Police Department of the City of Ionia; authorizing Presque Isle County to issue bonds. To establish proof of instruments in writing. To amend the Revised Statutes, act 155 of 1881 relative to holidays; to provide for the preservation of public records and maps. Insurance companies against cyclones, windstorms and tornadoes incorporating the village of Gladwin. To authorize the sheriff of Ionia county to remove all to prohibit confinement of prisoners from House of Correction. Relative to fees of justices of the peace and Territories in the District of Columbia. Relative to pensions and to a third reading. The bills in in terms identical with the House bills, "Feb. 14" 1885, being copied from that. Adjourned 9 p. m. Saturday.

FEBRUARY 14.

SENATE—Bills were introduced for the coordinance of actions in the Supreme Court. Also, for the retirement of judges on a state pension at the age of 70, after a period of service. For the relief of Hugh Walker Lowe. For the establishment of a state prison and reformatory in the Upper Peninsula. Also, for organizing Goodwin county. For bringing suits against foreign insurance companies. For the organization of electric and electric clock companies; also relative to actions in justice courts. To provide for the government of the case of the state of Michigan against Jerome Fox. Of mining company; amending the Howell charter; to incorporate the village of Frankfort; to purchase land for the Kalamazoo insane asylum; making an appropriation for the Kalamazoo insane asylum; relative to the interest on money; also to repeal the libel law. On third reading the following passed: Reincorporating Gladwin; reincorporating Marquette; reincorporating Coopersville.

HOUSE—The House began its regular session at 9 a. m. Bills were introduced: Relative to the crime in the manner of selectors in the Upper Peninsula, locking to the establishment of a reformatory school as exists in Wayne county amending the statutes relative to the sale of swamp lands as to the application of the proceeds to various state educational institutions; to prohibit the running of tractable or portable steam engines on the public highways; authorizing Howell to raise money for public improvements; to prevent teachers from using tobacco on school premises. The following passed on third reading: Establishing a school district in Kwart; to incorporate certain drain taxes; appropriating $1,000 for exhibition of horticultural products at Grand Rapids; to provide for the Supreme Court and increase the number of its judges. Adjourned to 2 p.m. Monday.

FEBRUARY 16.

SENATE—Bills introduced: Reincorporating Roosevelt; reincorporating Lake City. Also, organizing the township of Antrim; for the punishment of public officers who appropriate to their own use the money or property of others; detaching territory from the township of Kwart. Twelve bills concurring; amending section 9648, Howell, relating to cleaton of witnesses; also, amending section 1861, Howell, relative to attachments; also, amending section 3131 Howe, relative to religious incorporations; also, amending section 5033, relative to the Michigan Asylum; also; amending act 137, of 1869 relative to organization of a school district; also, for the establishment of a school district; also, relative to offenses against property; also, amending section 9085, Howe, relative to garnishees. Adjourned.

HOUSE—A number of bills were introduced, the following being the most important: Attaching territory to Lenawee county; also, relative to filing state or public notices of sales; also, relative to the Ionia County Circuit Court; regulating practice in chancery; amending section 3088, Howell, relative to Sunday; also, relative to the town of Litchfield from a portion of the present town of Hillsdale; also, for the deepening of Swan creek, Midland county; also, for the drain law; vacating a portion of Ionia street; also, amending section 1813, Howell, relative to dependant children; also, to add a new section to chapter 397, Howell, relative to the appointment of Michigan creek, Shiawassee county; prohibiting fishing in Lake Michigan and Black lake; amending 7529, Howell, relative to fences; amending general highway laws; for the election of a superior general.

FEBRUARY 17.

SENATE—S. B. McCracken was appointed clerk of the committee on elections. Bills were introduced for an appropriation of state swamp lands to the Ionia county; also for disposal of state swamp lands; also, for a new section to chapter 9806, Howell, relative to the duties of the attorney general to pay accounts of the state treasurer; also, to incorporate the village of a ditch tax in Dexter; for the appointment of game and fish wardens; increasing the salary of the state dairy and food commissioner; the time for the completion of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon railroad; for the registration of births, marriages and deaths; making an appropriation for the Fontinac Lake school district; repealing section 9731, Howell, relative to state prison funds. The following passed on third reading: Incorporating Isle Royale to Houghton for judicial purposes; to authorize a jury for new trial in the supreme court; amending section 5727, Howell, relative to wills; amending section 4369, How, relative to the sale of lands; amending section 7856, Howell, relative to the duties of the state; amending section 2068 of How. The Senate committee confirmed the appointment of Rufus Dwight as police commissioner of Detroit. Adjourned.

HOUSE—Committee reported that members of the committee on appropriations and state institutions are entitled to actual expenses while in the discharge of duty. The bill 242 was reported adversely by the joint committee because it seeks to amend an act that has been repealed. Relative to agriculture, bill to amend dog tax. Placed on third reading. Bills introduced: J. S. Lansing; authorizing trustees of Michigan asylum for the insane to establish and maintain an infirmary, also making an appropriation for certain purposes; also, to organize an asylum; to organize Alger county; to organize Iron county; to prevent the spreading of the Canada thistle; to prevent the spreading of noxious weeds; relative to inspection of illuminating oils; amending act for levying and collecting taxes. To connect state institutions at Ionia with the city. The affair caused intense excitement throughout the city.

Yan Phon Lee, a young Chinese educated in the United States, has prepared a series of articles for Wide-Awake entitled "When I Was a Boy in China."

ROASTED MANIACS.

The County Alms House in West Philadelphia Burned.

Eighteen Lives Lost.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—Eighteen raving maniacs burned to death in the insane department of Blockley almshouse on the west side of the Schuylkill this morning. The conflagration which needed nothing to make it the most horrible disaster of the kind ever known in the history of the city. The fire originated in a wing of the old building of the insane department of Blockley, which fronts towards the Schuylkill river and Street east of the main building of the almshouse. This wing is 240 feet in front and 60 deep, connected on the south side with the main building of the old structures of the insane department, and on the south 400 feet to a similar wing to the one in danger, and connected with it. The main building, where the fire broke out, there were sixty insane male for violent patients, twenty on each floor. In addition to this there was a large room on each of the three floors, in which were for twelve men or more placed, all of which were occupied when the fire broke out. In the second floor opposite the central end of a row of separate rooms for insane sits of the corridor, which runs east and west, was a dry room heated by steam. This room, which was about ten feet square, ran directly alongside the middle stairway leading to the floor above and to the rooms the flames originated, but from what cause no one knows. At the time there were insane persons in each of the rooms on the floor—four, ten in the large room on the floor, and twelve in each of the large rooms on the second and third floors.

From all accounts to be obtained, it appears pretty certain that the first alarm was given by an insane patient on the first floor of the main building. Mr. Dolpa, of Port Nadine, occupied a room adjoining the stairway, and drying room, with about twenty other quiet patients, and he was in his room when Joseph Surceder, an attendant, came to his door and called to him to see the other attendants worked heroically to save the unfortunate inmates. The horror of the situation was increased by the people. I do not know who sounded the alarm. As soon the alarm was given I rushed to the foot of the stairway, and after a short delay I got to check the fire at once set to work to get out the patients. I found the stairway in the room in which Nadine and his companions were. They ran out at once. By this time the flames were gathering in very dense volumes of smoke ascending into the stairway. I succeeded in unlocking the doors of all cells on the first floor, and though with difficulty in some cases, succeeded in getting the patients out. By this time to look after them further than run out of the hall, for the flames were getting so fierce it was almost impossible to breath in the now fiercely burning building. Every minute the flames were so thick that breathing was impossible.

"While I was getting the men out below, Attendant William Strain was in the same for inmates on the second floor. I met Strain, the night watchman, who was also helping, and we went up to the third story and were driven back by the flames, which had spread so rapidly that it was impossible to get to the cells of the second floor. We ran around to the other stairway near the new building and the west, and by that time some firemen had arrived. All the stairs were in flames and out of the second story, so there remained about twenty eight on the third floor, twenty in cells and eight in a large room adjoining in the west end.

The unfortunate occupants of the cells were being smothered to death by smoke and perhaps blistered and burned by flames. We went to the cells and found some men in them cursed and swore others laughed hideously, and others cried with pain, with such awful cries as would have made the hardest heart. The firemen, myself and a policeman, then rushed through the flames and knees to each of the men as we found them and dragged on fourteen, eight of them alive, four of them dead. Two of the two so horribly burned they died before we reached the door out of the building. We could not see any of the men in the cells, of course, but could hear their horrible cries. The flames in the cells were so fierce they came to realize the horrible fate that was in store for them.

The 430 inmates who escaped were as far as possible furnished with secure sparm mattresses, and placed in the chapel, which was valled at the almshouse grounds late at night. Nearly all of the most violent patients confined in the third story of the building. These rumors could not be traced to any responsible authority. The chapel was attended quite questioned in reference to it that the inmate in the upper floor were all rescued. There were four of the inmates in the ward M. who were rescued by the police, but one of them was so badly burned about the head he died soon after being rescued. The names of the three taken out by the firemen are not known, and there were no information prevailing among attendants.

The fire financially is about $150 000. It is generally conceded that there were absolutely no means of fighting the flames.

IN CONGRESS.

FEB. 11.

SENATE—After the opening routine the Senate adjourned to the hall of the House for the purpose of counting the electoral vote.

HOUSE—At noon business in the House was suspended while the Senate proceeded with the count. The two front rows of seats were occupied by the Senate, headed by President Edmunds, in the center, and on the right the venerable doorkeeper, Mr. Hassett, bearing the ballot box, the votes, as they were announced by Mr. Leedom, the sergeant at arms of the House, and a moment later entered. The president of the Senate, taking the chair, announced that in obedience to the joint resolution of the two houses in accordance with their concurrent resolution, the two houses had met in joint convention and had counted the votes for president and vice president for the term commencing March 4 1885. The tellers on the part of the two houses were directed to take their places. The clerk then said: "The president of the Senate will open the votes of the several states in alphabetical order, and as now opens the certificate of votes of Alabama, he will deliver to the chairman of the Senate tellers the certificate of votes of Alabama, and the chairman of the House tellers the certificate received by messenger." After the counting was completed the chairman announced to the room of their computation was that the whole number of votes cast was 401, of which a majority was 201. Thus Cleveland was re-elected president the following: For Grover Cleveland of New York 219. For James G. Blaine of Maine 182. For vice president the following: For Thomas A. Hendricks of Indiana 77. For John A. Logan of Illinois 74. For vice president pro tem of the Senate, Mr. Edmunds announced that he had stating that he made his declaration as to the result of the count of the electoral certificates and not the power conferred upon him by the law to determine the result. There was some applause, which was quickly suppressed by the chair, who then declared the joint session dissolved.

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At 1:15 p. m. the Senate, after witnessing the counting of the electoral votes, returned to the hall of the Senate chamber and the legislative proceedings of the day were resumed. As soon as President Edmunds rapped the Senate to order Senator Hoar rose and had placed on record his dissent from the official declaration of the election of Mr. Cleveland just announced by the president of the Senate in the joint meeting. He dissented from the action of proceeding the discussion of a question not yet settled, but which he thought not to be accepted as a precedent. Mr. Hoar's dissent was in accordance with his opinion the day devolved upon the president of the Senate to announce the result of the count. Mr. Ingalls offered the following resolutions bearing on the question, which was read and agreed to: Resolved, That the Senate will ever: "Resolved, That the Senate adhere to its action in the joint session of the two houses of congress this day." Mr. Hoar then offered the following resolutions: Resolved, That the Senate adhere to its action from Mr. Ingalls, and also went over: Resolved, That the Senate and the House of Representatives in accordance with the 5th section of the act of March 1, 1792, relative to the election of electors of the president of the United States, and the electoral votes cast by them, are the sole judges of the qualification of electors, and that the Senate of the United States, and the House of Representatives, have been duly declared by the Senate in the presence of the Senate and Houses; therefore, resolved, by the Senate of the United States, that the Senate is of the opinion that the constitution and laws have been duly executed and that no further declaration of these facts is necessary. Mr. Dolph's bill to repeal all laws relating to the pre-emption of public lands and allowing entries for timber culture.

In the House being called together again at 1:35 Mr. Keifer offered a resolution reciting the result of the joint convention and declaring it to be the sense of the House that the constitution and laws have been duly executed and that no further declaration is necessary. This, he said, was a copy of resolutions adopted four years ago. After some discussion Mr. Keifer said he was leaving the constitution regulated the whole thing. Mr. Hoar by his resolution, the effect, which was agreed to: yeas, 136; nays, 124.

FEBRUARY 12.

SENATE—The concurrent resolution of the joint committee of the two houses officially inform Hon. Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks are elected respectively president and vice president was, on motion of Mr. Garland, who thought the phraseology should be changed, referred to the committee on privileges and elections. The Senate then took up the joint resolution authorizing the president to return to the government of the Territories, with thanks, the arctic steamer Alert. On motion the resolution passed. The Senate authorizing the appointment of a committee of three on the part of the senate to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration. Mr. Dolpa's bill to repeal the pre-emption and timber culture laws came up as unfinished business, the question being the Senate Mr. Dolpa's bill to legalize the patents to lands purchased from the Indians where the lands had been populated by the Indians. Mr. Dolpa's bill to repeal the pre-emption and timber culture laws. Mr. Vest had read at the public meeter assembled in a certain parties had bought a tract or 100.000 acres for speculation purposes. He urged that the legislation proposed by this amendment was not in the interest of poor men, but was in the interest of speculators, who probably one half of honest settlers in the upper half of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. A few majority of the Senate, the Indian land would be perfected by the passage of the bill. Mr. Dolpa said he had called up the bill to amend the Pacific Railroad and Egyptian women were subjected to the most shameful indignities. More than 100 women and young girls were given over to the mandarin's followers to be used as slaves. The Turkish Bashi Bazouks were actually rushing through the streets with heads on pikes and decapitated upon spears. The next night was spent in a succession of Saturnalia and debauchery.

Since the capture of Khartoum the mahdi has repaired the fortifications and made the place almost nigh impregnable. He has made a fresh appeal to the Dervishes, and is said to have abundance of guns, small arms and ammunition. Lord Cecil, Wilson's nephew gallantly leading his command. The enemy's loss was heavy.

It is announced that a narrow gauge railway will be constructed between Suakim and Berber. English firms offer to undertake construction of the road within a fortnight by the use of manufactured sections of railength.

Turkish newspapers are prohibited from publishing news from the Soudan or concerning Egypt and Egyptian affairs.

It is related that the government has suppressed information received from Gordon which is to the effect that the Mahdi has sent a way from Khartoum in order to save his life. The Mahdi is intending to meet and himself at Kartoum, he knew no help could reach him there.

The news of the fall of Khartoum has been received with great rejoicing throughout the city at day-break Jan. 26, and Egyptian troops have been ordered to Suakim and Wadi Halfa making his way from his quarters to the Austrian consul.

Egypt has been reported to have 10,000 warrior's energy for a single day's notice or warning, and that he will make a supreme effort to drive the English before the arrival of British reinforcements.

Alliance with Turkey is suggested as a means to compelling England out of her present troubles in Egypt.

The contract for the construction of a railroad from Suakim to Berber has been let. Work will be begun at once.

The demand for reinforcements for Egypt has obliged the British government to release twenty hundred soldiers imprisoned for military offenses.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Princeton, Mo., has a $75 000 Low Pressure Hotel.

The ex Khedive of Egypt is seeking residence.

Cardinal McCabe, the eminent Irish ecclesiastic, is dead.

A recent railroad fare bill has passed the Nebraska legislature.

The strike of the miners in the Hocking Valley has ended.

The Georgia legislature has passed a railroad restriction bill.

The French force in Tonquin consumes 1,000 tons of rice every month.

The naval appropriation bill reported to the House appropriates $13,515 837.

For the present there will be no further outrages in the Hocking Valley.

The New York legislature has adopted resolutions favoring Grant's retirement.

Gen. Gordon's diary is said to be in possession of the British government.

John Kelley of Tammany fame is seriously ill, and his physicians are fearful of the result.

A powder explosion in Gibralter, Spain, on the 16th resulted in the death of 17 persons.

G. H. Warner, the patent medicine man of Rochester, wants to be governor or New York.

Ex-Mayor Edson of New York, will spend 15 days in jail and pay a fine of $250 for contempt of court.

The Canadian voyagers who assisted in the Cecilia rescue will reach home again about the 1st of March.

Mr. Dudley, the assailant of O'Donovan Rossa, has left London bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

A son of Senator Mahone of Virginia is under arrest charged with assault with intent to kill.

The Kanawha house in Charleston, W. Va., was burned to the ground on the 11th inst., and one guest burned to death.

A laborer named Martell claims to own about half the city of Detroit and has already commenced to push his claim.

The Exchange bank of Belleville, Ohio, has been robbed of $3,000 and abscoded with $75,000 belonging to depositors.

Charges of mal administration, inefficiency and neglect of duty are made against Evans, commissioner of internal revenue.

An explosion occurred in Vale colliery in Lanarkshire, Scotland, on the 11th inst., and 15 miners were blown into fragments.

A grandson of President Jackson has brought suit to recover the custody of valuable papers left by the late ex President.

A woman in the City of Mexico gave birth to seven children on the 14th inst. The children died, but the mother survives.

The boiler in the rolling mill in Bessil, Ind., exploded on the 16th inst., killing six men, and terribly injuring fourteen others.

The president has, by executive order, suspended the Chickasaw Nation from the commissioner of internal revenue.

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Cleveland and Hendricks have been notified of their election.

Nebraska is entitled to one Representative in Congress