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MICHIGAN NEWS

Districts Rearranged.

The new apportionment bill rearranges the districts as follows.

First district—Fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth and fifteenth wards of Detroit and townships of Hamtramck and Grosse Pointe.

Second district—First, second, third, fourth and sixth wards of Detroit and townships of Greenfield, Redford, Livonia and Plymouth.

Third district—Eighth, tenth, twelfth, fourteenth and sixteenth wards of Detroit and townships of Springwells, Dearborn, Nankin, Canton, Sumpter, Huron, Brownstown and Sumpter, Huron, Brownstown and Manguagon and city of Wyandotte.

Fourth district—Washtenaw, and Monroe (election returns to Washtenaw.

Fifth district—Lenawee.

Sixth district—Jackson and Hillsdale (returns to Hillsdale.

Seventh district—Branch and Calhoun (election returns to Calhoun.

Eighth district—St. Joseph and Kalamazoo (returns to Kalamazoo.

Ninth district—Berrien and Cass (election returns to Berrien).

Tenth district—Van Buren and Allegan (returns to Allegan).

Eleventh district—Barry and Eaton (returns to Eaton.

Twelfth district—Shiawassee and Ingham (returns to Ingham.

Thirteenth district—Livingston and Genesee (returns to Genesee.

Fourteenth district—Oakland.

Fifteenth district—Macomb and St. Clair (returns to St. Clair.

Sixteenth district—Sanilac and Lapeer (returns to Lapeer).

Seventeenth district—Huron and Tuscola (returns to Tuscola.

Eighteenth district—Saginaw.

Nineteenth district—Clinton and Ionia (returns to Ionia

Twentieth district—Kent.

Twenty-first district—Muskegon and Ottawa (returns to Ottawa).

Twenty-second district—Mason, Lake, Newaygo and Oceana (returns to Oceana).

Twenty-third district—Mecosta and Montcalm (returns to Montcalm).

Twenty-fourth district—Gratiot, Midland, Gladwin, Clare and Isabella (returns to Isabella).

Twenty-fifth district—Arenac and Bay (returns to Bay.

Twenty-sixth district—Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona and Iosco (returns to Alpena.

Twenty-seventh district—Montmorency, Otsego, Cheboygan, Emmet, Antrim, Missaukee, Kalkaska, Crawford, Otsego and Cheboygan (returns to Cheboygan.

Twenty-eight district—Benzie, Manistee, Wexford and Oceola (returns to Oceola).

Twenty-ninth district—Marquette, Baraga, Charlevoix, Antrim and Grand Traverse (returns to Grand Traverse).

Thirtieth district—Emmett Mackinac, Chippewa, Alger, Schoolcraft and Delta (returns to Mackinac.

Thirty-first district—Iron, Menominee and Marquette (returns to Marquette.

Thirty-second district—Keweenaw, Isle Royal, Houghton, Baraga and Houghton (returns to Houghton.

Mr. Monaghan entered a protest against the attachment of Lapeer from Sanilac and Huron and against connecting St. Clair and Macomb. St. Clair has increased in population since 1880 and Macomb has decreased in population. St. Clair alone has more population than Oakland.

Alger's Appointments.

Gov. Alger sent the following appointments to the Senate a few days ago, which were promptly confirmed:

Trustees of the Soldiers' Home—Aaron T. Bliss, Saginaw; Samuel Dickinson, Hillsdale; Royal A. Remick, Detroit; Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids; Michael Brown, Big Rapids; Harley J. Webster, Marquette.

School for the blind—Michigan school for the blind, Traverse; Nathan Kimball, Flint; Thomas S. Applegate, Adrian; James M. Turner, Lansing.

Pharmacists—Board of Pharmacy, George McDonald, Kalamazoo; F. H. Van Emster, Port Huron; Charles W. Jessup, Muskegon; Vernor Bettorf, Christian Eberbach, Ann Arbor.

Live stock men—Live stock sanitary commission: Chas. F. Mills, Ann Arbor; Henry H. Hinds, Greenville; Thomas Foster, Flint.

Veterinarians—State veterinarian: E. A. A. Grange, agricultural college.

Miscellaneous—The following appointments were also made: Governor of the state board of corrections and charities, vice E. H. Van Deusen, resigned.

Asylum for the blind, Saginaw, industrial home for girls, vice T. H. Hinchman, resigned.

Authorized to Raise Soldiers'.

The bill for the enlisting, organization, equipping and mustering into the service of the U. S. of military companies, which passed the Senate the other morning, provides that Sylvester C. Ford, Fred S. Newcomb, Joseph Jacobs, Jr., and their associates of Menominee; Daniel Alexander, Charles Watson and Thomas Moran, and their associates of Muskegon; Martin Bergan, Ed. A. Richmond and Frank C. Murphy, and their associates of Detroit; John E. Torrell, P. Deshaunty, and John McFadyen, and their associates of Saginaw; Joseph Babcock, George E. Cogshall and Joseph T. Stiles of Grand Rapids, and Charles Hoyt, Harry T. Paul and John A. Sherman of Houghton, are authorized to raise and organize military companies of Gatlings.

A Woman Who Will Fight.

Suit has been entered in the Kent county circuit court against the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad company by Mrs. Jennie McMahone, claiming damages in the sum of $15,000. In her declaration Mrs. McMahone declares that on September 2 last she was at Grand Haven and had boarded the train at Cooperville, where she had purchased a ticket to Spring lake which was taken up by the conductor. The train did not stop at Spring lake but at the village, had a mile or two further to go. She was informed that the had reached the station, and stepped off the platform of the car, and was pushed off by the brakeman. It was mid night, and she was left alone. She had no ticket, causing her great pain. She was then in delicate health and the injuries received caused her to be sick for three months.

Can Michigan Raise Sugar?

Can Michigan produce sugar in quantity? This question is now being solved in Lenawee county. Daniel Scott of Hudson, one of the most extensive growers of sorghum in the state, believes that the manufacture of sugar can be made a success, and last year he put up machines and machinery, and began experimenting. He produced 600 pounds of nice sugar, which he readily disposes of at 10c per pound. Not just the cost of production, however, we cannot learn, but Mr. Scott is enthusiastic in the advocacy of the industry.

GENERAL STATE ITEMS.

Alpena wants a floating mill.

The aged Indian chief Petoskey, is dead.

Tramps found in St. Louis are arrested and put to work.

Two hundred citizens of Monroe petition for a city library.

Levi Lyon, aged 50 years a resident of Jackson, is dead.

Mrs. Sarah Jeffray, a resident of Hillsdale for 50 years, is dead.

Wheat in Kalamazoo county has been injured by the Hessian fly.

The school-house at Battle Creek has over 300 students in attendance.

Mrs. Minerva Tryon, a resident of Grand Rapids since 1836, died last week.

Kalamazoo's city railway made a net profit of $10,000 for the year's business.

Thirty emigrant families from Holland have recently settled in Ottawa county.

Olivet college declines the gift of $50,000 from Ezra Beach of Chicago.

The G. A. R. post of Ionia are about to erect a soldiers' monument in that village.

Louis Swellenbach, a resident of Grand Rapids died in the Detroit sanitarium recently

Gen. N. Davis has been appointed collector of internal revenue for the 4th Michigan district.

Dr. C. H. Van Dusen has resigned as member of the state board of charities and corrections.

The next meeting of the Wayne county Horticultural society will be held in Detroit June 29.

Thos. G. Gilbert, for over 23 years president of the City national bank of Grand Rapids, has resigned.

Western Michigan editors will enjoy a picnic on Baldhead at Saugatuck, June 24. A great time is expected.

Female antiquarians of Grand Rapids are arranging for a convention to be held in that city early in August.

Mrs. John Holton of Blackman, Jackson county, is dead. She had been a resident of that county 48 years.

Arrangements are nearly completed for a stock sale to be held at the close of Branch county fair this fall.

Upper Peninsula lawyers refused to defend Pat Sheenan, who killed an officer while in the discharge of his duty.

Hiram Way, a farmer aged 83 years, was killed at Whitefish, near Grand Blanc, by a team of runaway horses.

The stock for a $60,000 tannery in Grand Haven, has all been subscribed, and articles of incorporation duly filed.

George Burnham, son of the manager of the Battle Creek machinery company, was drowned in Mullet lake recently.

One of the five buildings belonging to Hope college in Holland, burned the other morning. Loss, $1,500; insurance, $600.

All reports to the contrary notwithstanding, the Lewis art gallery will remain at Coldwater during the lifetime of Mrs. Lewis.

The authorities of Deerfield, Lenawee county, recently visited Adrian, at an expense of $1.50, for an 8-cent lamp chimney.

The degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon Gov. Alger by Hillsdale college at the annual commencement of that institution.

Frank M. Stewart, president of the First national bank of Hillsdale, succeeds the late John P. Cook as a trustee of Hillsdale college.

Patrick Leslie and Frank McAdams, postoffice burglars of South Stafdon, have been sentenced to five years each in state prison.

Kitchener's shoe factory in Manistee burned at a late hour the other night, together with its contents. Loss, $23,000; insured for $11,000.

Frank W. Morris of Grand Rapids, has been adjudged insane and will be taken to Brigham hall, a private asylum at Kalamazoo, N. Y.

Dr. Douglass of Stony Creek who was serving a four year's sentence in the Detroit house of correction for pension frauds, has been pardoned.

The supreme court has reversed the decision of $25,000 obtained some months ago by the city of Lansing against city treasurer Wood of that city.

A two-year-old child of a German named Ballaker of Ionia, while playing on the track, was run over by the morning train on the D. & M. railroad.

Mrs. Gov. Blair still possesses the beautiful black team presented to her during the War. They are now about 25 years old, well preserved and in fine flesh.

The ninth annual reunion of the Macomb and St. Clair counties soldiers and sailors, association will be held Romeo, Aug. 27 and 28.—*Mt. Clemens Ire*

Henry Frank of Grand Rapids, has been nominated and confirmed by the senate of Michigan semi-centennial commission, vice Thomas D. Gilbert, resigned.

Mrs. Baird, mother of Mrs. Henry Waldron, died in Hillsdale recently, aged 81 years. She was one of the first settlers of Hillsdale county and had been a resident long since 1832.

Mrs. Mary Olinger, and her daughter left Bear Oak, the other day for Independence, Kansas, taking with them a team of horses, 10 head of cattle and a quantity of household goods.

There was much complaint about the deep snows and extreme cold weather of last winter, but now comes the news that it was the only state in the union where wheat left which gives promise of a bountiful harvest.

A party of three men and several boys went on a fishing excursion to-day, twelve miles from Mt Pleasant. While fishing a portion of the party, aged 14 years, while crossing the river on a dam fell in and was drowned.

Capt. Murphy, an old mining exiert, has located the old Cliff mine in Keweenaw county, and will begin work on it at once. He says that Capt. Murphy has found a new vein.

The Michigan copper mine output for May, as boiled up at Calumet, was as follows: Calumet & Hecla 2,546; Quincy 250; Atlantic 25; Franklin 90; Huron 115; Quincy 250; Atlantic 25; Hancock 50.

The supervising architect accepts the report of the commission on the site for the new post office for the new government buildings in Detroit. Work will not be begun on the building until after the so-called fall of congress.

Noah Tyler, a much respected and well known citizen of Ionia, died last week after a long illness, of cancer of the stomach. Deceased was secretary of the Oakland county agricultural society in 1852.

On July 4th Mich. cav. holds a reunion at Four Mile lake near Lake City. Comrades and veterans took preliminary steps for a regimental reunion August 28, the 25th anniversary of the date of the mustering out of the regiment.

At a meeting of the Artisitic Band held in Grand Rapids, a resolution was adopted that the people of the city should be asked to the sociables of the band unless he has a diploma from some recognized conservatory of music.

The pilot course system of school teaching has been adopted in the Ionia school board, and will go into effect next fall. The plan is one teacher devotes her whole time to a single study, instead of teaching all the branches.

William Maynard, a young man sent from Elmore to the Ionia house of correction for 90 days for the crime of vagrancy, escaped the other evening while doing some outwork. He was recaptured the next day.

A business men's association has been formed in Negaunee for the purpose of raising subscriptions to pay the expenses of a delegation from the city may be benefited. The association is well offered and starts out with a determined air.

Thieves entered the foot house of the Michigan central freight house at Detroit, the other night and made off with the contents of the St. Clair valley railroad company's passenger coach. A safe was taken from the office and robbed of about $20.

William Maynard, who escaped from the Ionia house of correction, escaped a second time the other evening while doing some outside work. He was recaptured the next morning. It is thought he had been wounded by a shot fired by the officer.

The new state prison for the upper peninsula will be located by Peter Van Bergen of Menominee, Ed. F. Boyce of Ishpeming, Dr. Hoyt of Marquette, Fill Chamberlain of Mackinac, Charles Hyland of Baraga and John Duncan of Houghton.

The governor has pardoned out of Ionia county house of correction Jacob Ferris, sentenced by court of Detroit July 15, 1882 to five years' imprisonment for robbery. The pardon of criminals is proving to be the last cage of consumption.

Reuben Yerrick, a miller in a saw mill at Carleton, was running the saw on an upright wheel, when the wheel burst, a piece of it hitting Yerrick on the head. The force of the split the entire length so that the brain oozed out. He will die.

At a special session of the court of supervisors of Jackson county, in pursuance of a mandamus issued by Judge Brown, of the circuit court, compelling the board bill for the jurors in the Lockwood murder trial, the bills were allowed for the full amount.

There will be held a tent meeting in the village of Plymouth, commencing June 19, continuing for 10 days, under the auspices of the Michigan State Holiness Association. George Cole, Rev. Mr. Fox, Rev. R. Shaw and others will be in attendance.

While Wm. Dorenbos and H. Dykema of Grand Rapids, were at work on the roof of a house at foot of bar across the staging between two buildings, the staging broke, precipitating the men to the ground, both of whom were badly injured, the head, face and arms by the fall, possibly fatally.

Mrs. Elizabeth Steal, of Grand Rapids, lost her husband about 18 months ago, he having been killed by a train in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Steal secured a judgment for $5,000 against the company, but the case was appealed and the court of appeals reversed the decision of the lower courts.

Sylvester Wright, a young man who resided at Deep River, Arenac county, was drowned in a mill pond at that place the other morning while washing out a flume. The body could not get out for hours, he was drowned. He was unmarried, and was a fine and cut spirited young man and well known.

The Houghton copper smelting works, which have been lying idle for two years, are to be set in motion shortly. The cause of the idleness was the lack of copper, still start up in a few days. The principal stock is held by parties in Boston. Ontonagon county and one or two small mines in Houghton county, and the closing of navigation compelled the works to lay idle during the winter.

The remains of John Friend, for many years a prominent citizen of Sebewa, Ionia county, were interred in Portland a few days ago. He was buried under the auspices of the G. A. R. post F. of Ionia county. Mr. Friend was a prominent republican and a member of the last and ever since been identified with the progressive interests of the county.

The Japanese government wants to secure the Grand Rapids educational exhibit at the New Orleans exposition. The exhibit consists of various colored shoe pegs laid vertically, horizontally and in almost every direction, forming a piece of work which has stood years of age. This is to teach the little ones the different colors of the pegs.

The body of an unknown man, well dressed, of large build, aged about 50 years, was found in the farm of W. H. Ford, on the line of 40 miles north of Middleville, hanging from a tree with a rope tied to his neck. There is a bullet hole in his head and one in the region of the heart. Coroner Evans held an inquest and the jury rendered a verdict of death by suicide.

The $20,000 which Kalamazoo agreed to raise to endow a chair of professorship in Olivet college has been subscribed. The prospects are good to raise $30,000 elsewhere in the state, making an endowment of $50,000 which is more than already possessed, and it is understood that the continuance of the institution is now assured. The question will be definitely decided at the commencement.

The weather is unusually cold in the vicinity of Hougaton, frosts prevailing almost nightly. Farmers are still planting potatoes. A bad year no regular attempt was made to raise wheat in the upper peninsula, and the success was so encouraging that a number of farmers are experimenting this year. As there is not a mill in the upper peninsula, and the nearest to be taken outside to be ground or fed to market.

Michigan university is in luck. It has just been presented the entire Chinese collection now on exhibition at New Orleans. This presentation is the result of a brief correspondence between President Angell the commissioners in charge at New Orleans, and the British customs representative at Pekin. The doctor's success is undoubtedly owing to his influence at Pekin. The exhibit according to Secretary Wade, consists of some 1,300 articles valued at no less than $30,000.

During a severe rain storm the lightning struck a shanty at Big Rock, Cecil bay, about three miles from Calian's mill, and nine miles from Mackinac city, in Emmet county. At the time four pound-net fishermen were repairing their nets, and to note the brothers, Henry and Benjamin Vandaw, were instantly killed, and Jack Chal was knocked down and received almost fatal injuries. Kelly, the fourth party, was not shocked at all. The deceased were both young men, single and lived in Cheboygan county.

Following much, under the direction of Capital grange, will be held at the farm of John Hitchcock, three miles south of Lansing, on June 19, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. Three problems will be given of 8½, 6½ and 82, respectively, for the best work done, as determined by a committee. An entrance fee of 50 cents will be charged for those desiring to compete. The match is open to all, and will be a good opportunity for implement dealers to show their wares. A basket dinner will be served by the ladies.—*Lansing Republican.*

Freeman Brockway of Shelby, Oceana county has been given a pension of $7,000, with $72 per month for the rest of his life. Brockway was injured during his three years' service in the war. His mind failed subsequently, and he was placed in the asylum at Kalamazoo, whence he was returned home incurable. He has since been in immate of the county poor house, his wife supporting herself and three children as best she could. Two years ago one of the children died, leaving a boy, which was a terrible addition to an already heavy burden.

3 Mark West, working as a farmhand for John Stone near Hillsdale, tells a story of cruelty and vengeance which he claims is pursuing him. He is the son of a farmer in Lapeer county, who was robbed of his savings of years from thieves. Young West watched for them and one night he caught two of the thieves and found two men killing chickens, and shot at them. The men fled, but West got no help, and when he returned the men had disappeared and the chickens was killed and carried off. The next day West was arrested for shooting at and shot at twice. He then left home, feeling that he was pursued by the avenging of desperadoes, and went to work for Mr. Stone. Some days ago while alone in the house a man entered and attacked Mrs. Stone with a stake, so used his revolver, and returned the shot. The man ran and West secured his shotgun from the grass. West rushed to town after a sheriff, but on his return the man had gone. I posted blood on the grass and trackers followed him in the road. No further clew has been found of him. The young man's father corroborates his story.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

JUNE 10.

SENATE—The governor communicated his approval of the following acts: Authorizing Ironwood township, Ontonagon; providing for the sale of lands in the state of Michigan; amending section 5774, Howell, relative to determination of the value of real estate by will or sufferance; amending section 9493, Howell, relative to attachment; authorizing Ionia county to construct a county house; to carry out the contracts of their wards; amending section 6900, Howell, relative to the sale of real estate sales on execution, providing for the assessment of property and the levying and collection of taxes thereon. Amendatory act bill was passed. Adjourned.

HOUSE—Senate concurring in approval of the acts for the relief of Francis Marsac; for the incorporation of a company to drain the blooded stocks; authorizing Kent county agricultural society to sell property to pay off accumulated debts; authorizing Ionia county to issue bonds; amending sec. 5662, Howell, relative to assessment of property and the levying and collection of taxes thereon. The following bills passed unless otherwise noted: Concurrent resolutions of inquiry relative to the expense of the state prison at Marquette; amending section 746, Howell, relative to the sale of real estate on execution; amending sec. 1 of act 1, 1881, relative to insurance companies; amending sec. 7, act 1, 1881, relative to insurance companies; amending sec. 1 act 1, 1881, relative to insurance companies; amending sec. 1 act 1, 1881, relative to insurance companies; amending sec. 1