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TIMELY TOPICS.

AROUND A GREAT STATE.

The State Board of Health.

The regular quarterly meeting of the State Board of Health was held in Lansing, July 15. There were present Dr. Avery of Greenville, president, and Dr. Lyster, Hazlewood, Vaughan, Tyler and Secretary Baker. The secretary read a report of work during the quarter ending July 13, 1885, the leading features of which are as follow. The weekly and monthly bulletins of health in Michigan, and the meteorology and mortality reports had been prepared from the sanitary reports received and sent out as heretofore. The footings and computations on meteorological registers and on sickness and mortality have been carefully rled on; and the meteorological computations for the year 1884 were completed, ready for tabulation. The office had made large distributions of documents relative to the work of health officers, and to the restriction of contagious diseases, by appointed health officers, and to others especially in localities where such diseases have occurred. The proceedings of the Sixteenth Convention in Lansing have been edited, sent to the printer and the proof on most of it read. Articles on meteorology and sickness in Michigan in 1884 have been prepared from data previously collected. Data collected by the office relative to scarlet fever in Michigan in 1884 have been compiled, and also that relative to diphtheria. A map has been prepared showing the distribution of diphtheria in Michigan in 1884. Smallpox has been present during the quarter at Bellevue, Eaton county, Lake Linden, Houghton county, Battle Creek, Girard township, Branch county and South Haven. The outbreak at South Haven was confined to those first exposed, and has been stamped out after nine cases occurred, with one death. The infection at South Haven was from a German immigrant who sailed from Bremen, April 12, on the steamship North German Lloyd line. The immigrant was broken out with smallpox when he reached South Haven, April 27, and was at once quarantined on route, and the outbreak thus confined to one case. The other persons were at once vaccinated by the Health Officer, but the virus was not good, and time protective time was lost. This outbreak is but another link in the long chain of many constantly recurring outbreaks of communicable diseases in Michigan and the Northwest, to which a faithfully enforced immigration inspection, such as carried on by the national government, would put an end, or greatly lessen. It is not too much to say, so far, as known, there is not a case of smallpox in Michigan. Yellow fever was reported at Grand Rapids during the month of July 4.

Cholera is spreading with great violence in Mediterranean Spain, hundreds dying daily. It was reported in Spain for the first time a month ago, and July 10 at Toulon. A strange and malignant disease, believed to be cholera, was also reported from Portugal. Asiatic cholera will probably reach this country this year, next year, and the state Board of Health is prepared to meet the emergency by many lines of work, as set forth in the Sixth Annual report of the document on the best methods for the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases, distributed to the people last year.

Distribution of documents relative to typhoid fever especially to the communities with health officers throughout many parts of the state on the best methods of treating the disease has done something in the way of drill in the very important work applicable in case of cholera, disinfection of all fecal discharges and the protection of the purity of the water supply. Much remains to be done in many localities in the way of aiding the people to see the need of the sanitary control of contamination. The legislature should enable the board to carry on the work for which it is provided for in the act can be used or not after September 1 in case the governor thinks its use is necessary.

Rules for Getting a Pardon.

The advisory board in the matter of pardons is now permanently established at room No. 9, Telegraph block, Detroit, and Hon. Alexander James B. Wilson, attends to the routine business of the office. The board has drawn up a set of rules of procedure, to which those making applications for pardon must conform, to applications handed to individual members of the board will be returned. The rules are as follows: Applications for pardon must be accompanied by a certified copy of the judgment of the court, and a statement of the grounds upon which the application is based. The facts to contain the request in the form of a history of the case, and the evidence taken at the trial and letters from responsible persons in the community where the crime was committed.

A notice of the making of the application must be given to the judge and prosecuting attorney who tried the case, and to the present prosecuting attorney. Proof of the fact of furnished that the notice of application has been published for two successive weeks in a newspaper printed in the city or county where the crime was committed. Proof of the fact of service to sustain any allegation as a ground for limitation upon the time of deposit of the ballots within the jur sdiction of the court where the conviction took place, or by the stat ment of the judge who tried the case, or other facts and reasons connected with the prison in which the applicant shall be confined.

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About the Soldiers' Home.

The first meeting of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, Alger's office in Detroit a few days ago. There were Governor Alger, Alger, Gen. Byron H. Pierce of Grand Rapids, Col. Amos M. Rice of Saginaw, Judge Michael Brown, Big Rapids, Col. Samuel Will Robinson and Hon. Geo. H. Pond of Detroit. This was the entire board, with the exception of Lieut. Gov. Jeremiah M. Wilkinson, of Marquette. Senter James Hueston, Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Sites, was present by invitation. It was noted that the board of the members of the Board of Managers were the legal of the Legislature.

The board organized by making Judge Brown Secretary, Gov. Alger is Chairman by virtue of the provis ons of the bill.

Col. Sylvester Larned presented the merits of the Wyandotte River Park site, and followed in a twenty-minute address. He read a petition from Christian B. Holt and others, of the most prominent citizens, urging the adoption of this site. It was noted that it is free from encumbrancy. The offer of site and 100 acres of land is made by Hon. James W. Field and the Eureka Iron and Steel Works Co. Mr. Larned.

Col. O. A. James of Hillsdale, past department commander of the G. A. R., made strong oral terms of the locating the home near his city, without advocating any special site.

Col. Crook of Brooklyn, spoke for the Vineyard Lake site where it is proposed to donate 500 acres.

Representative Gerrit J. Dickema and ex-Representative VanRaalte spoke of the advantages of a Holland site.

Site proposals have been received from the following cities, with requests that the board visit the places: Grand Rapids, Jackson, Muskegon, Saginaw, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, Bay Springs, Owosso, Petoskey, Battle Creek, Port Huron, Ionia, Hillsdale, Lake Linden, Lake), Grand Ledge, Cassopolis, St. Clemens and Big Rapids.

Gordon W. Lloyd and Spier & Rhone presented plans for buildings, for which the thanks of the board were tendered.

Gov. Alger will take no part in selecting a site and the other members of the board will act as a locating committee with Col. Wells as chairman.

Of Interest to Exhibitors.

The following circular, covering shipments to fairs, has been issued by Geo. B. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Chicago & Grand Trunk:

All live stock, merchandise, implements, etc., intended for exhibition at any annual state fair, or any county or district fair, will be carried by the company at half the rates, subject to the following conditions: Freight must be routed to the fair, and to be at owner's risk. In case of live stock, the transportation must be executed in the regular manner. Charges from shipping point to the exhibition must be prepaid at full tariff rates, and receipt given for the same. Agents at intermediate stations with other roads will be supplied on application to their office or that of the Assistant General Freight Agent at Detroit, for the charges of connecting roads on freight intended for exhibition at such fairs will be paid, advanced by the company. Way bills and car labels must show plainly that property is for exhibition." Provided it is reshipped within 15 days after the close of the fair, property will be returned to the original point of shipment on any of those roads free of charge, upon presentation by the owner of the original receipt for the prepaid charges, accompanied by a certificate of the secretary of the fair.

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There are 116 medical colleges in this country, and yet we are not any too healthy.

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Foreign News Epitome.

The London Daily Telegraph says that negotiations between England and Russia regarding the Afghan frontier question have become serious. Russia is performing her claims and refuses to yield to Lord Salisbury, whose tone, although studiously friendly, is firm. The Standard, in commenting upon the same subject, declares that England will never condone a second edition of the Penjdeh outrage.

The Standard in an editorial on the reported advance of Russian troops to Zulfikar pass, says that although no news to that effect has been received from col. Ridgeway, the chief of the British Afghan boundary commission, the news from other sources regarding the Russian movement is of a hostile character. The only redeeming feature of the intelligence from Afghanistan, says the Standard, is that the Afghans have attacked the Russian outposts than ever to our side.

An effort is being made to reorganize the Munster bank of Dublin and Cork.

Two hundred persons in Rome were poisoned by eating ice cream. The confectioner who supplied the cream has been arrested.

The Russian press is becoming aggressive and appear intent on forcing a quarrel with England. A correspondent of a London paper says that Russian officers have visited the Afghan frontier, and are encouraging the Afghans to make a raid on Herat. The Afghans have attacked the Russian outposts on their mission.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE.

ATLANTA'S SERE.

Messrs. Charles Langelier and A. A. Fontaine of Montreal, are about to go to the centers of the Pretty Prairie country in reputation in the United States to solicit assistance for the Canadian Riel. It is probable that Gabriel Dumont will accompany the pair on their mission.

SEVRED TEN RIGHT.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 strikers in Cleveland attempted to make an attack on the rolling mill at Newburg, armed with clubs and stones. The attacking rolling mill they were met by about 60 police men, who used their clubs and revolvers with telling effect. The attacking strikers in every direction, about 40 of whom were seriously injured, two fatally.

SUICIDE BY SHOT.

John Roach, the well-known ship builder, has made an assignment. The liabilities are not known, but it is said to be very extensive. The failure is said to be due to the decline of the shipbuilding business in the United States. The particularly unpleasant feature of this failure is that it comes at a time when the business of their act.

MULLETT PROTESTS.

H. B. Mullett, formerly superising architect of the treasury department, has written a protest against employing convict labor in government buildings, which has been laid before Secretary Manning. He says the unwritten law is that a convict forfeit the degrading of honest labor, and that if he should be pardoned he would have a perfect right to reject the Joliet and Sing Sing.

A COTTON ENEMY.

The dreaded web worm has made its appearance in some cotton fields south of Dallas, along the river. Thus far their ravages have been confined to a district only a few miles wide. Farmers are afraid this worm is worse than any other and considerable anxiety exists among cotton growers. The worm is a small sudden appearance of this scourge in the very heart of the cotton belt.

OVER THE FALLS.

Mrs. McIntyre of Welland, Ont., was swept over Niagara Falls on the day of the celebration of the transfer of Niagara park to the city of Niagara. Mrs. McIntyre was a young woman of a particularly daring disposition, and had gone to go a frame bridge leading from the main shore to Goat island, which was in bad condition and fell into the water. She was swept under the main bridge and dashed to death just below.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICAN SELECT CANDIDATES.

The republicans of Virginia met in convention in Richmond July 16. After the adoption of a platform and resolutions of the sympathy for Gen. Grant, the nomination of candidates for governor, H. Clinton Wood of Scott county for lieutenant governor, and Capt Frank Blair of Wythe, for Attorney General, were made by acclamation, after which at 3:20 a. m. the convention was dissolved.

A DAKOTA CYCLONE.

A severe cyclone visited portions of Dakota the other night. At Highmore and Holdrege there was a regular cyclone, the latter town being swept clean, not a house left standing. A P. Reed, grain dealer of Holdrege, was killed instantly. At Highmore there being no mark whatever found on the place. The Methodist church at Highmore was carried 41 rods and the pulpit was broken. Fifteen houses were blown to pieces at Highmore and others badly damaged.

DANGERS OF RUSHING.

Six persons were drowned in Walnut river, seven miles below Douglass, Kansas, while fording the river. Anson Carman and wife and Mr. C. Hutchinson, their aids who were on to the stream, which had risen during the night from a heavy rain, and were swept down out of sight of the second wagon, which broke down to the ford a few minutes later. In the wagon were Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carman and Mr. Jay Carman. They drove into the stream and were swept down, also. Only Anson Carman was rescued alive.

BURNERS OF REBEL-KILLED.

The following dispatch from Havana is published: "The combatant between the forces of the revolutionists and Quintero, governor of Jacobon took place at Tamalamque. The results are as communicated to us follows: A loss of more than 300 among the killed and wounded and prisoners on the side of the rebels. Among the former were the commander of the steamer Medellin, belonging to the rebels, was killed, and the chief of the insurgent forces followed ex-Gens. Pedro Sarmiento and Daniel Ramirez, and ex-Col. Capitaine Grandpo were killed."

A FLICKY WARDEN.

For several days there has been serious trouble in the Ohio penitentiary, which culminated in a plot by several convicts to kill the warden. Leaving the prison in a mutiny, with eight assistants armed with revolvers went into the ward. The cells are so arranged that the prisoners could not be opened without being an odier at each cell, with an order to open the door, which was done. The plot of the warden took the ringleader of the revolt and shot him down in his cell. Two others were shot down in the same back. This prompt ness on the part of the warden effectual ly quelled the regit.

WHO WAS SHOT FIRED TO CURE.

W. A. Jackson, the wealthy cattleman of Hillsboro, Texas, who recently fled the country leaving behind the amount of liabilities, is in Cuba. After selling his train load of cattle in Chicago he went to Cuba and purchased about to nearly $60,000 and went to New York where he sailed for the island of Cuba. Fearing the effect of his ignoble flight upon his wife and his sensitive wife he sent her, through a friend to the Cuba, by cable message to meet Havana, defending his course and begging his wife to come to him at once. Where the happy place was revealed. His many creditors have as yet taken no steps toward his extradition.

A SPECIAL ORDER.

The president has made the following special civil service order: Applicants for the 1,500 places in the pension office provided to be filled by the civil service, shall, except so far as they may be filled by promotions, be required to be separately appointed by the appointing power in each bureau, under the second section of the act of January 16, 1883, as the need of filling them promptly and the fitness, diligence and qualifications of the applicants will permit. The rules shall also provide for providing that appointments shall be apportioned among the states and territories and the District of Columbia upon the basis of the population ascertained at the last preceding census.

TRAFFIC IN BABIES.

Another white girl baby has been found in possession of Chinese foster parents in a lodging-house in the Chinese quarters of San Francisco. The Mongolians having the baby in their charge claim that it was two years old and had been named Chuen Ho. It was originally $100, and as it was sickly they had paid a physician some time ago to cure the disease price. The baby was given in charge of the secretary of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children. This makes 26 white babies taken from the Chinese, to whom they have sold by inhuman parents or unnatural guardians within the last year. The purpose of the Chinese in buying the baby is unknown to the wealthy merchants of the Chinese quarter.

A BETRAYER'S FATE.

Ida Kimball, aged 15, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Hiram Kimball, the banker of Bedford, Ia., shot and killed T. M. Giles. Miss Kimball called on Giles at his place of business, and after some conversation suddenly drew a revolver from her pocket and fired two shots into his head. Giles died within an hour. After the shooting the girl walked swiftly to her home. She told her mother that Giles had betrayed her two years ago, and that she had kept it a secret. On hearing her daughter's confession Mrs. Kimball fell insensible and was remained unconscious ever since. Mr. Kimball is nearly crazed with grief, but the girl remains apparently free from any deep emotion. Giles's wife is not been arrested. Giles' wife is completely prostrated by the blow.

NEWSPAPER OFFICES BURNED.

The building at Tenth and D. streets, Washington, occupied by the Evening Post, Sunday Gazette, National Republican and Warm Springs Review, caught fire and was completely gutted by the flames, the entire contents of the building being badly injured by water. Firemen worked hard, and one, Michael W. Conway, a resident of Washington, who was with the Chief Croman, was put in command of several companies of firemen. The fire broke out in the electric light department. Loss on the building are $80,000. Stilson Hutchins being the owner. Burnham also lives the plates and 5,000 copies of a new book, "Afghanistan, says the Standard, is that the destroyed were worth $80,000. These losses will make a total of $120,000.

AN OLD-TIME "OBSERVER" GONE.

The Rev. Samuel Irenaeus Prime, D. D., editor of the New York Observer, died at the age of 45 years, died at Manchester, Vt., a few days ago aged 75 years. He was attacked by paralysis last Sunday and since taken to Manchester, by stinking. He was born at Hallston, N. Y., 1812, graduated at Princeton college in 1831, and immediately began his studies for the ministry at Princeton, and for the ministry of the Presbyterian church. He preached for several years, but in 1840 gave up the ministry to become editor of the Observer. He was also a poet, which he has written as "Irenaeus." He has written several books, and in 1868 was made D. D. by Hampden Sidney college, Va. He comes of a literary family, his father being D. Griffin Prime, being associate editor of the Observer, and his grandfather being Cooper Prime, was for many years editor of the New York Journal of Commerce.

A DANGEROUS PLAYGROUND.

An express train running between Atlantic and Philadelphia ran through an open switch at Frankford Junction, July 16, and The Pullman car which was next to the engine, turned completely over, and lodged in the ditch the track. Its occupants were badly shaken and bruised, and the passengers of the smoking car were compelled to leave through the window. The rest of the train remained on the track. The Pullman car was in an unsafe time to jump and save his life, but he bravely remained in the car and helped the brakeer reversed, and threw open the throttle. The engineer reversed the lever, lumber car and with the tender turned completely over. Jeremiah Murphy under the wreck. Murphy died in a few minutes after the accident. The other 150 passengers on the train, who say their lives were saved by the presence of the brakeman. A rigid investigation will be made to ascertain the responsibility for the misplaced switch.

MORE LANDS.

Land Commissioner Sparks has rendered a decision on the inquiry of the receiver of the Northern Pacific railroad, as to whether entitled to land regularly settled upon by one Jacob Ziegler, in the Bismarck land office, in the line of the road, brought within its indemnity limits, the decision being in the affirmative, the land to be subject to the claim of Ziegler, provided the entry selection may be made in a proper time and manner, but it is not operative as a prohibition of entries of lands outside within such limits under the public land laws, prior to the time of the entry and selection by the railroad company has been made.

THE INDIAN SUITS.

The Indian suits will now begin with the firing of a hundred guns at sunrise. All business houses of the city were gaily decorated and the streets were thronged with people. At an informal meeting of the commissioners it was decided to commence the filing the patch was received.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 14, 1885.

To the Representatives of the State of New York at Niagara Falls.

The committee on reservation society congratulate the state of New York on securing Niagara Falls for all time.

EX-GOV. TILDEN sent a telegram to the committee regretting his inability to be present at the meeting. Notwithstanding the rain this morning the committee of arrangements decided that the ceremonies should not be postponed, and accordingly the speakers and musicians assembled at the appointed time under the pavilion and at the appointed time the Rev. Dr. Cuyler opened the proceedings with prayer. Letters were read from the governor of Canada and President Cleveland, expressing regret at their inability to attend the ceremonies.

Ex Lieut. Gov. Dorsheimer, president of the commission, then made the presentation address, which was received with enthusiastic applause. Gov. Cleveland then on behalf of the people of the state of New York. There were about 25,000 people in the park. The flag was then raised and the ceremonies were made by Erastus Brooks, James C. Carter, orator of the day, Lieut.-Gov. Jones of Canada, and Attorney-General Mowat.

Mr. J. C. Carter began his address with an allusion to the discovery of Niagara by La Salle and his associates about 300 years ago. He then described the condition of the country at the time of the first settlement. The settling of the falls into a state of reservation, he said, was due to the public sentiment that finally secured the property from the hands of private parties. Concluding he said:

Our ancestors, in the wisdom of a neglected oracle, to manifest our sense of the pre eminent dignity and worth of the gift, have set it as a trust—a source of every softening and elevating influence. Let it be ours to use its creative powers to reproduce its original majesty and to make it open to the beautiful gates that all of whatever rank may enter.

But though the task of New York is accomplished, the duty of the commonwealth is not yet. Around the falls are still unsightly blots, which her duty will be fully discharged. Our own enterprise and taste will be the best guarantee of proceeding from her chief magistrate. Our duty is to encourage and support the state in this action. And what better pledge of everlasting unity could be given than a mutual and peaceful guardianship over a common heritage? The tumult of contending armies engaged in the conflict of three in the last century, the murder of the catarct. Does it not forever say to Europe, that the passions by which such strife is engendered?

"Hark! they waves which maddein in the deep,

There spend their rage, nor climb the energlitting shore,

And till the conflict of thy surges cease

Let man be taught to imitate thee in peace."

After the singing of the hymn "America" and the doxology, the exercises were closed with the benediction by Dr. Cuyler.

In the afternoon there was a parade and review of the local militia, which was heard display of fire works, witnessed by an immense gathering of people. It is estimated that 50,000 visitors witnessed the ceremonies.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Fifteen Mexicans were killed in an engagement with the Indians at Eagle Pass on the Mexican frontier.

Six editions of Miss Cleveland's book have already been sold, five in America and one abroad. In Germany it is called "Ruth." The author still refuses to let her portrait appear in the book.

Louis N. Jennings, formerly editor of the New York Times, will run for the British parliament. Tom Hughes, author of "Tom Brown" is his address he advocates self-government for Ireland and an import tax on finished manufactured goods.

While the center roof of the new gasometer at Albany, N. Y., was being lifted into position a gaff gave way precipitating five men from the platform. The men fell to the top of the shaft, 105 feet, and were instantly killed. Two others saved themselves by catching hold of rope.

The potter's field is the most "popular" burying ground in or around New York city.

In India they use corals as ornaments for corpses when they are laid in their graves.

Theo. Thomas believes all good singers and musicians should be bald headed, like himself.

It would take $2,000,000 women to hug the globe, even if they clasped hands and stretched.

President Cleveland has become greatly interested in a night blooming cereus at the White House.

Strawberries, as well as oysters and peaches, are a delicacy on the market, since of Maryland.

Chinese make more than half the white shirts worn in San Francisco, and wash two-thirds of them.

There is only one woman infidel lecturer in the world and her name, revised, is Sheelen Gardner.

One prominent college for young women has over 600 graduates, of whom less than 200 are married.

MODERN ARCHITECTURE.

How Its Ugly Ways Were Called Out His First Rebuke.

It may be presumptuous, perhaps, but I desire to suggest to anyone who may be contemplating the erection of a summer residence, that to me, as a slight testimonial of his high regard for my sterling worth and symmetrical proportions, a testimonial more suggestive of earnest admiration and warm personal friendship than of great intrinsic value, etc., that I hope he will not forget to add to the modern plan of mental half-cultivation and morbid diminuteness peculiar to recent architecture.

Of course, a man ought not to look a gift horse in the gable end, but if he does, he ought to know one any better than to build me a summer cottage and thus give odd windows that look only like a wink, and then dash it all, I don't know that they have bought at out and applied to the house of Dr. Dio, in a short gun, I think it is Dio, that we had a better understanding.

Such a structure does not come within either of the three classes of ranges