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TROUBLE OVER TAXES CAUSES A DESPERATE MURDER AT OTTER CREEK.

Combined Capital Doing the Trust Act in the Michigan Iron Mines.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY K. OF L. AT DETROIT.

Two Men Murdered.

A terrible tragedy occurred in Otter Creek, 20 miles north of Frankfort, on the evening of Aug. 19. Charles T. Wright, president of the Otter Creek lumber company of Racine, Wis., shot and instantly killed Under-Sheriff Neal Marshall and Dr. Frank E. Fowler. It seems that Wright had not paid the taxes on his mill property at Aral Lake township in several years, and had a suit with the township in regard to it. About three weeks ago the sheriff attached a large lot of logs. Wright tried to replevin them, but could not get the proper bonds, and his mill lay idle for want of logs to cut.

It is thought that Wright, with a force of men, attempted to take possession and in the melee Supervisor Thurber was killed first and Marshall soon after.

Sheriff Marshall was an old settler in that region and brother-in-law to Lewis Sands, the millionaire lumberman of Saginaw. He leaves a large family.

Dr. Thurber is a cultured gentleman who moved there last fall from Holland, Ottawa county. He leaves a young wife and child. He is well known all over the United States, having traveled for years with Dr. O'Leary in his lecture tours.

Wright has been in business at Aral for the past eight years, and it is a surprise to every one to hear of his last crime.

The State K. of L.

At the annual meeting of the state assembly K. of L., held in Detroit, the following officers were elected: Master workman, Henry I. Allen, Schoolcraft; worthy foreman, E. VanWinkle, Blue Creek; recording and financial secretary, F. M. Sheriff, Detroit; treasurer, R. W. Ostran, Ann Arbor; state statistician, Frank Schulte, Lansing; executive board—Jas. Croley, Cadillac; H. F. Baker, Clayton; James O'Grady, Saginaw; delegate to the G. A., E. VanWinkle; alternate, James Morrow, Adrian.

A resolution protesting against the recent purchases by British capital and demanding America for Americans was adopted. The eight hour law and T. V. Powderly were indorsed. Some minor matters were considered.

Recording and Financial Secretary Sheriff read his report. It was exhaustive, carefully compiled and covered the ground thoroughly. That his work has been satisfactory to the state assembly is shown by the fact that he was re-elected. The report showed that seven new assemblies have been formed, eleven assemblies had ceased to exist, the membership had increased ten per cent during the past two quarters, but previous to that there had been a falling off. There have been four halls erected and dedicated by the order in the state; five co-operative associations formed, much agitation and only lock out was the coopers at Hillsdale, which lasted from last year. There are 76 assemblies in the state, running and in good standing.

Master Workman Allen made a very eloquent closing address, and Henry L. Allen a very practical inaugural address.

Michigan's Crop Report.

For the Michigan crop report for August, returns have been received from 866 correspondents, representing 100 townships. The average yield of wheat per acre as estimated is 15.81 bushels in the southern counties, 17.50 in the central and 14.15 in the northern counties. These figures represent the average of the estimates of the correspondents reporting from each section, and are mainly based on examinations made when harvesting had commenced.

In addition to the above, 382 correspondents in the southern counties and 154 in the central have furnished reports of 959 jobs of actual threshing which showed an average of 17 bushels to the acre in the south and 16 bushels in the central counties. This average here per acre as obtained from threshings represents a portion of only a limited number of jobs, however, while correspondents have reported what they believed to be a fair average for the whole of their respective localities. The reports as to quality indicate that the yield of merchantable wheat will be much below threshers measure.

Oats are estimated to yield 35 bushels per acre in the southern, 37 in the central and 30 in the northern counties.

The condition of corn is lower than for a number of years, doubtless owing to the cold nights.

Potatoes indicate 95 per cent. of an average condition.

Meadows and pastures show 97 per cent, clover seed this year 98 per cent, and the yield of hay 94 per cent.

Apples promise 73 per cent of an average crop in the southern and 55 per cent in the central counties.

Michigan's Salt Yield.

The report of Salt Inspector George W. Hill for July makes the following exhibit of salt manufactured in Michigan:

County.	Bbls.
Saginaw	111,900
Hay	106,949
Manistee	51,478
Iosco	45,112
Mason	39,816
St. Clair	22,172
Huron	16,104
Midland	5,795
Total	449,326

This shows an increase over the inspection in July, 1888, of 54,154 barrels. The inspection for the year to the end of July, the annexed table gives the total for each year to Aug. 1, for a series of years:

1884	1,738,075
1885	1,828,922
1886	2,005,906
1887	2,373,852
1888	2,209,311
1889	2,217,728

A New Mine Trust.

Four of the principal mine owners who control the Menominee district in Michigan—from which comes the main supply of Bessemer iron ore—have formed a trust by a new trust, with headquarters in New York and in Milwaukee. The only has this trust been able to swallow up the old trust, but, having bought the Youngstown, Ohio, and Florence mines, the new company has a capital itself of $40,000,000, and controls an amount of iron ore, so it is over, it proposes to induce other iron mining companies to join the combine.

The new trust is headed by Ferdinand Schleisinger of Milwaukee and will pay $1,320,000 for the three mines which make the trust has just bought, and as the Chicago & Northwestern has heretofore enjoyed the undisputed carrying of all the new output in this section, the new trust will begin at once the construction of an independent line from the mines to Escanaba.

Unlimited capital from Pennsylvania and New York stands ready to come in to strengthen the trust.

The Weather and the Crops.

The weather-crop bulletin for week ending Aug. 19 says: The beneficial effects of the warm sunshine of the week have been largely offset by the cool nights. Corn is making very slow progress towards maturity. Drought is injuring potatoes in the southern counties. Late oats are very mostly cut, but only a small percentage of the crop has been threshed. Wheat threshing is progressing generally in this section. Light frosts were noticed in Ocana county on the mornings of the 5th and 6th.

CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

James A. Phelps of Detroit has been appointed receiver of the American Midland railway, a new Ohio road, which at present runs from Findlay to Ottawa, and is to present being extended to Fort Wayne, Ind.

Eddie Nidy, aged 20, is in jail at Hastings for marrying more women than the law allows.

Fleing pistols "for fun" caused the death of a man named Ernst Page, or Graham, at Kawkawlin, on the other day. Charles Andrews is the man who did the shooting. Both are young men.

Williams Wallace, alias Copenhagen Joe, has been arrested in Detroit and taken to Hillsdale on the belief that he is the chap who recently swindled Farmer Johnson out of Hillsdale county out of $2,000 by the three card game.

Andrew Perry, an employe of the Michigan Central, Ann Arbor, & North Michigan railroad, was run over by the cars near Ann Arbor and his right leg cut off and otherwise bruised, it is supposed fatally.

C. T. Wright, the Benzie county murderer, is in jail in Manistee for safe keeping. He was captured in the woods at Otter Creek, after a desperate struggle. The officers had the difficulty to protect him from the fury of the citizens, who were determined to lynch him. It is reported that five Indians are under arrest for complicity in the crime.

Miss Martha Morris of Sturgis was filling the tank of a gasoline stove, when the fluid exploded. In a moment her clothing was in flames. No one was near for assistance, the wind fanning the flames and increasing her peril. She fell down exhausted as a neighbor came to her assistance, but not until she was terribly burned. It is feared she will die about noon.

Orange A. Bartholomew, for over 60 years a resident of Michigan, 35 years of it in Lansing, died in Jonesville, Hillsdale, in that place a few days ago.

The body of an unknown man was found and a stone pipe in his pockets. His nose and upper lip were burned off as was also one arm. The legs, chest and ribs were broken, and the scalp torn off. He was lying face down in the ashes when found and had apparently fallen in. He is supposed he was murdered and placed where found.

The Decatur business men's association has 4 dissolved.

An effort is being made at Three Rivers to organize a stock company with capital of $300,000 to purchase the Hoffman flouring mill plant.

The Kalamazoo asylum has treated over 5,000 patients since 1859.

Newaygo offers a bonus for a sulphite fibre factory.

During July Congressman Burrows traveled 9,000 miles, mostly in the Indian reservations.

The F. & P. M. will have its recent purchase, the Port Huron & Northwestern, fitted to the standard gauge by Sept. 1.

The Converse manufacturing company of Newaygo is building a long new room to track of timber five miles from town.

James Whittaker of Plymouth was thrown out of his wagon the other day, and sustained a broken hip and internal injuries.

Mrs. Mary Starkweather has presented an elegant drinking fountain to Ypsilanti.

The Twenty second Michigan Infantry will hold a reunion at Ionia on Aug. 22.

It is thought that Catherine Jeelbinder, who is charged with stealing $1,000 at Port Huron, Ontario, is in the employ of her City and officers of that county have been authorized to arrest her.

The Oceana county school examiners have revoked Prof. W. Charles Covey's certificate on the ground of gross immorality. Prof. Charles Covey says the charges against him are false and malicious.

Joe Minnicor of Marquette, while drunk, laid down on the railroad track to rest. Funeral two days later.

The eighteenth annual meeting of Eaton county pioneers was held on the fair grounds in Charlotte Aug. 10, and was one of the largest and most joyous ever had. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. Dudley Hawkins of Vermontville; first vice president, Joshua Shepherd of Olivet; secretary, G. A. Perry of Charlotte; treasurer, H. H. Hilsmer of Charlotte; historian, Essek Pray of Windsor.

Charles Cuddy, a single man 30 years old, of Detroit, employed as a greaser on the steam barge J. Emery Owen of Cleveland, was crushing the track on the coal docks was caught between two cars and instantly killed.

Fred Stephens of Sandusky has leased the Port Huron, Michigan, Commercial-Tribune for a term of years, commencing November. Mr. Stephens has been connected with the Sandusky Evening Journal for several years.

The contract has been let for the construction of the Detroit, Charlevoix & Escanaba railroad from Petoskey to Mackinaw City. Work will be begun at once.

Sons of Veterans of Southern Michigan held an encampment at Hillsdale last week, near Hillsdale, a few days since. At the business meeting an amendment was offered, to be known as the Sons of Veterans Battalion of Southern Michigan. Dr. G. W. Stevens of Ann Arbor was unanimously elected Capt. W. R. Ackland of Morenci vice president, E. P. Eason of Hillsdale secretary, and Col. M. E. Hall of Hillsdale treasurer.

Dr. George W. Jones has resigned the position of member of the board of pension examiners at Imlay City to become postmaster.

The state fair officials have engaged Prof. Carpenter of the agricultural college to survey a half mile track and certify his findings to the proprietor of Wallace's Monthly, which magazine has blacklisted the fair for false statements. City Engineer O'Connell and ex-City Engineers Appleton and Bartholomew have each measured the track within recent years and found it to be of the required length.

The Vassar Milling company of Vassar has been organized in Vassar with a capital of $22,000. The officers are: President, E. P. Phillips; vice president, E. M. Taylor; treasurer and secretary, B. F. McMorris; directors—James Tolbert, C. E. Phillips, E. H. Taylor, J. A. Sicher, M. L. Gage, E. F. McMorr and James Armstrong. The company propose to erect a large flouring mill and deal in all kinds of grain.

Fred Jordan, who had accepted a position as assistant librarian at the university, has until lately been connected with the Battle Creek public library.

Warden Hale of the Jackson prison is determined, if possible, to prevent a repetition of last summer's experience with the yellow fever, and has secured the services of Sanitary Engineer Machart of Chicago, who will thoroughly investigate the causes leading to the breaking out anew of the disease, and remedy them at once.

The cemetery one for Alleghan county's new court house will be laid Aug. 24.

A stock company, with $75,000 capital, has been formed at Benton Harbor for manufacturing paper.

The Ionia Pants & Overall company has begun operations at Ionia under the management of E. D. Voorhees. The factory is operated by steam and has a working force of 50, making a specialty of fashion to the manufacturing interests of Ionia.

The Michigan asylum for the insane at Kalamazoo, which has treated over 5,000 patients since 1859, will soon receive an additional library at the cost of $1,000 and immence on the $12,000 chapel allowed by the legislature. Three thousand two hundred feet of cement walk is to be laid about the grounds.

J. H. Covode, who has been in Michigan for some time in the interests of Uruguay, its colonization and the establishment of inter American commercial relations, has returned to his South American home, taking a car load of agricultural implements and Grand Rapids furniture with him.

Frederick P. Hawyer, an old and well known citizen of Ionia, has his late home in Galesburg recently. Mr. Hawyer settled in Charleston on wild lands in 1836.

G. F. Severe, a South Haven news agent, is in jail at Paw Paw for debt.

Thirty eight bands from towns in Michigan and Ohio will hold a tournament in Monroe Aug. 25.

T. H. Nesbitt, living four miles from Flint, lost $4,000 worth of grain, hay, farm machinery and buildings by fire the other day.

Saginaw mill men claim to be shut out of the Milwaukee market because the F. & P. M. road has raised the rate on fine salt between East Saginaw and Milwaukee by rail 5 cents a barrel.

Prof. Pettingill of the agricultural college has been requested to lecture at Ionia.

An English syndicate is endeavoring to get control of the Winthrop & Mitchell bentwhite manufacturing establishment.

A number of cases of typhoid fever have broken out in the Jackson prison.

Kelley and Hilton, the men who swindled Banker McKellop on the gold brick swindle, have been held for trial at Lansing.

State Senator Langdon of Monroe died on the 8th inst.

John Grosser, working for the water mill company of Cheboygan, was kicked in the stomach by his horse and died leading to water, and died from the effects a few hours later.

A $12,000 bridge is to be built across the river at Royalton.

W. L. Curtis, president of the Petoskey City bank, was robbed of his watch and watches, chains, several diamond rings and other jewelry, the other night.

David S. Barry, a Monroe boy, has been placed in charge of the New York Sun's Washington bureau.

John Dewar, the D., B. C. & A. railroad breakman who had his foot crushed by getting in the couplers, died at a car-wheel at Black River last week, died at the Alpena hospital of blood poisoning.

Delmar Bishop, a Saginaw boy, has declined on the 7th inst. Dr. Hunting of Alma college was the orator of the occasion.

August Brewer of Marine City, while towing up the river behind a barge, was tripped out of his boat and drowned.

Edward Judson Lums, the main support of a widowed mother, was killed at Quimby's mill in Grand Rapids by a board flying from a shaper.

Prof. E. C. Anderson of Iowa has been appointed professor of English in the agricultural college to succeed Prof. Johnson.

Robert Smith of Ithaca has been awarded the contract for the state printing. The contract for stationery has been given to Illing Bros. & Co. of Kalamazoo.

Mary and Amy Hawley, accompanied by their mother and Mary's two little boys, have returned to Grand Rapids from Portland. Mary and Amy were dupes of the late Bishop H. Waterman, who died a year ago in southern France after living in various parts of Europe for three or four years in the high business of the two sisters. In church circles the bishop was known as the "Eye of Jehovah," and Mary, partly because a favorite, was given the title of "Handmaiden of Christ." The church, since these revelations, has been entirely reorganized, and all the Patersons are eliminated.

E. P. Perry, a brother of ex-Senator Ferry, has been elected a member of the Utah legislature by 600 majority over his Mormon opponent.

The safe in the Union ticket office at the corner of Jefferson and Woodward Avenues, Detroit, was "cracked" the other night and $1,000 taken.

A company for the manufacture of iron, ironware, glass and glassware, and wooden ware has been organized at Jackson, with a capital of $25,000. The company begins business soon.

A large number of wheatfields in Huron county are so badly affected with rust that they are not worth cutting.

The state W. C. T. U. requests all unions in Michigan to procure the "The Physical, Mental and Moral Effects of Tobacco" Sept. 2. The bill that bear of "Jerry" Rogers got through the legislature last spring, prohibiting the sale of tobacco in any form to minors under 17, goes into effect Oct. 1.

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A syndicate of capitalists, including real estate of Bismarck, Grand Forks and Jamestown, has been organized to develop a new canal scheme that will reclaim upward of 5,000,000 acres of arid and now useless land in North Dakota. The idea is to construct a canal from the Missouri river at Bismarck, 1,969 feet above the level of the sea, to Lake Sonnette and Big Stone lake, 900 feet above the level of the sea. Lateral canals are to be constructed by the various counties, and hundreds of thousands of acres of arid land reclaimed, while the present populated country will be wonderfully enhanced in value.

Heard From Stanley.

The New York Herald's Zanzibar dispatch says: Stanley is coming down the coast with Emin Pasha, 60,000 men and enormous quantity of ivory. The exact date of his arrival is uncertain.

The Germans are doing their utmost to create a disturbance in Zanzibar, and a rising against all Europeans is not only possible, but highly probable.

ABOUT 250 ARMED MEN SEEK TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT.

Postmaster General Wanamaker vs. Dr. Norvin Green on Postal Telegraphy.

RUMORS OF MORE TRUSTS AND SCHEMES TO MAKE THE RICH RICHER.

Insurrection in Honolulu.

The steamer Australia which arrived in San Francisco Aug. 10, brings news of an attempt to overthrow the Hawaiian government. An insurrection broke out at Honolulu July 30, and about 250 Portuguese, Robert Wilcox and Robert Boyd, organized an armed body of about 300 natives and marched from Palama to Honolulu.

When they arrived at the palace gate they demanded admittance which was refused. A general alarm was sounded and the Honolulu rifles assembled. The insurgentes then took refuge in a bungalow, from which they were finally dislodged by means of giant powder bombs. About 30 of the rioters were arrested. So far as known no other natives were in the rebellion and 12 wounded.

About 100 more persons had arranged to take part in the insurrection among them people of good standing, both white and native. Papers found on Robert Wilcox on his arrest led to the apprehension of some well known people among them the editor of the Hawaiian newspaper, J. E. Brown. King Kalakaua, it is alleged, had 5 on informed there was to be an outbreak and summoned his ministry to take measures to prevent the insurrection, but they paid no heed to the warning. On the island the general impression is any form to minors under 17, goes into effect Oct. 1.

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A syndicate of capitalists, including real estate of Bismarck, Grand Forks and Jamestown, has been organized to develop a new canal scheme that will reclaim upward of 5,000,000 acres of arid and now useless land in North Dakota. The idea is to construct a canal from the Missouri river at Bismarck, 1,969 feet above the level of the sea, to Lake Sonnette and Big Stone lake, 900 feet above the level of the sea. Lateral canals are to be constructed by the various counties, and hundreds of thousands of acres of arid land reclaimed, while the present populated country will be wonderfully enhanced in value.

Heard From Stanley.

The New York Herald's Zanzibar dispatch says: Stanley is coming down the coast with Emin Pasha, 60,000 men and enormous quantity of ivory. The exact date of his arrival is uncertain.

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