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The Crops.

LANSING, July 29.—The weather conditions of the past week or more have been very unfavorable to corn, oats and potatoes on account of the continued dry weather. These conditions still continued in the southern section, and especially in the southwest, where there has been but little or no rain during the past two weeks. The effect on the crops in this section has been seriously ripen it; and to dry up the corn and potato crops. In the other sections that received a sufficient amount of rain to moisten the ground, the crops are much improved. The wheat harvest is about finished and the yield is good, and would the yield be seen to a considerable extent.

Growth of Our Cities.

The larger cities of Michigan have made very handsome gains in the last 10 years. Detroit has jumped from 116,330 to 207,790, in round figures; Grand Rapids from 32,016 to 61,000; Saginaw and East Saginaw, now combined, from 29,584 to 50,000; Bay City from 20,693 to 39,000; Muskegon from 11,262 to 24,000; and Jackson from 16,000 to 23,000. Taken all together the increase in these six cities is from a total population of about 226,900 to 407,000, a gain 181,000 or about exactly 80 per cent. This is a good showing, indeed, and one which the people will equal in all respects.

Six Hundred Fell.

IRONWOOD, July 29.—A horrible accident occurred Saturday at the outlet of the grand ledge Sons of St. George of Michigan. About 600 were in the pavilion, a structure raised 15 feet above the ground, when, without warning, it fell, precipitating the mass of human beings to the ground. For a moment there was stillness, then a cry of horror that went up to the struggling victims. Willing hands went to the relief at once. The major portion were more scared than hurt, but many were badly injured. They were extricated and made as comfortable as possible.

The Grand Rapids Strike.

GRAND RAPIDS, July 29.—When the factories shut down at noon Monday workmen sympathizing with the striking street car drivers and conductors made it very difficult for the electric transfers and lifting cars into the gutters. On Canal street a fence was thrown by one of the mobs, who smashed a large plate glass window. On Stocking street boys covered the track with stones, women pulled up the rails and sided them to the fences, and men lifted a car into the gutter. The demands of the strikers have been granted and the trouble is over.

Fire by Lightning.

CLARKSVILLE, July 29.—Near H ecklock last night the barn of C. C. Wingar, three miles northwest of this village in Ionton township was set on fire by lightning, and, with the contents, was entirely consumed. The barn was a large building, and was also completely filled above the basement with hay and unthrashed wheat. The contents, besides the above, were a buggy, harness, a number of farming implements and a quantity of grain.

Two Accidents.

TRAVERSE CITY, July 26.—Charles Wilson, a brakeman on a construction train, was thrown from a flat car Saturday night and was badly bruised up. Two cars passed over him, and broke his breast bone. None of the wounds struck fatally.

Mr. L. O. Burns got his leg badly smashed, caused by a runaway team. The wheels of a carriage passed over one of his legs and struck Mr. Burns below the flesh and muscles of the leg in a horrible manner.

Hurled Twenty Feet.

KALAMAZOO, July 26.—The south-bound Grand Rapids & Indiana passenger train this morning struck Enos Krom's celery wagon at Fruit bank station and hurled it twenty feet and his daughter about 20 feet. She escaped without injury other than the shock, but Krom was thrown to the ground in the back part of the wagon was thrown to the ground in the back part of the wagon was thrown to the ground in the back part of the wagon