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PROTOBY OF A WEEK

The Doings and Happening in Our Two Peninsulas Which are of Much Importance.

An $50,000 Blaze at the Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane, but All Escaped Unhurt.

A Well and Widely Known Editor has Passed Away—Marshal Hayes Killed His Man.

Pontiac Insane Asylum Burned.

The main building of the eastern Michigan asylum for the insane, which were completely gutted by fire for nearly one-third of its length on Saturday, but happily no one was fatally hurt, as reported, and not one of the 780 patients who occupied the structure suffered any serious injury. The physicians and attendants stood nobly to their work and in a very short time after the blaze was discovered all the inmates of the threatened wards had been removed to places of safety. The local fire department responded promptly, with the help of the city fire engine and fought a plucky battle against the flames. As soon as a special train could reach the Pontiac from Grand Rapids, Detroit, the Pontiac forces were supported by engine No. 2, a hose cart and six of the well trained firemen of the Fire City of the Straits. The training and experience of Detroit's fire laddies was soon shown to be of much value, for within an hour and half from the time of their arrival the flames were under control. The Pontiac fire department did splendid work as did the asylum fire company.

Dr. D. B. Taylor, of the medical staff, was making his rounds when he detected the blaze in the west wing. He ran upstairs before he could discover from whence it came, when he saw the flames burst from the ceiling and at once gave the alarm and in a moment the dread news had spread from wing to wing. Here was where the excellent fire discipline under which the attendants are drilled became useful. The work of removing the patients was carried on in a remarkable way. The north wing was devoted to women and all were removed without any disturbance within a remarkably short time. The inmates being safe the entire force available began fighting the fire in earnest, but despite all efforts the fire, starting in the building, where the medical offices and dwelling apartments of the medical staff were situated, was destroyed as was the north wing entire.

In speaking of the origin of the fire Dr. Burr said: The telephone in the north tower where the fire started, in that attic were no flues, no chimneys, only ventilating shafts of sheet iron which could in no way have had anything to do with the fire. Rats and matches is not a tenable theory, for there are few if any rats in the asylum and the fire has adopted safety matches, which are never allowed to leave the hands of the attendants. Nor is there any gasoline used in the premises, nor any oily rags or grease or chemicals in the attic. But there was a great deal of dust, and there was a very high wind. It is impossible to ascribe the fire to any other cause than that the telephone wires were blown into contact with the electric wires wire in Pontiac, that a spark was thereby flashed from the wire into the dust beneath the roof, ignited the dust, and that this dust smouldered and smouldered until it burst into the blaze which caused such a terrible loss to Pontiac.

The amount of damage by a careful estimate is fixed at $80,000. Out of the 43 wards but one was seriously damaged by water only. The fire in no case touched the ground floor, except in the administration building. Nearly all the furniture and personal belongings were saved. The walls of the building are believed to be sound with but few brick misplaced. Work has already commenced on removing the debris of the burned portion will be reconstructed at once. It was thought about 100 patients would have to be sent to other institutions for a few weeks but matters have been provided for all and with the exception of being slightly cramped all will be made comfortable.

Genial Tom Applegate Dead.

The well-known and widely known Tom Applegate, editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette and Expositor, died at his home in Adrian of paralysis of the heart on Sunday morning. Mr. Applegate had been ill for some time, to his office and back when death overtook him just as he reached home.

Thomas Applegate was born in England in 1826. He came to New York when quite young and learned the art of printing. After reporting on the New York papers for some time he went to Adrian in 1863. Here he became an able factor in the publication of the Adrian Watchtower. Gen. Cummings purchased the paper and it was reckristened the Times and soon after was merged with the Expositor. Capt. J. H. Eye became a part owner and the firm was Applegate & Eye until Mr. Applegate became sole owner in 1885. He was a member of the Methodist church, never entered politics except as worker on state and county committees. Mr. Applegate was recognized as one of the ablest journalists of the state and ever strived to elevate the standard of local papers. His newspaper associates he was ever kind to, a central figure. He was kindhearted and generous and his absence will be felt very deeply. He leaves a widow and aged mother.

The Marshal Shot Two Men.

Alexander Perala and Michael Kattila were shot by Town Marshal Mayatt, of Lake Linden, while resisting arrest. Perala was instantly killed and Kattila is so terribly injured that he will probably die. The two men were slightly intoxicated, but were going quietly home when Marshal Mayatt arrested them. Perala decided to put them under arrest. When approached the men showed fight, and pulling knives slashed the marshal across the breast and arm. Mayatt then stepped back a few paces and pulling his revolver opened fire. Perala fell at the first fire and died in a few minutes. Kattila was hit by the third shot and is terribly injured. Justice Brule was stabbed in the back, but was not seriously hurt. There is great excitement at the town and the marshal is much blamed.

Short Lived Liberty.

Frank Hendrick, of Adrian, and "Brooky" Quint, of Grand Rapids, the two year-men who made the walls of the Ionia reform school correction at Ionia, were found between Lowell and Ada within 12 hours and returned to the institution.

Soper's Successor Selected.

Robert R. Blacker, of Manistee, one of the ablest newspaper men in Michigan, has been appointed secretary of state by Gov. Winans. He accepted and was sworn into office last week, once entered upon the discharge of its duties.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Fire broke out in the Union school building at Grand Haven damaging it $11,900; fully insured. Cause unknown.

Iron Mountain is hard at work trying to raise $12,000 by subscription for the Chicago logging railway for its proposed extension.

They are living like heathens in Jeddo, no church, no Sabbath school, no social, no singing. Diphtheria has got a grip there.

Isaac Mills, of Carsonville, has purchased the site and will build a kite track at his village, if others do not care to chip in.

Treasurer S. O. McFarlane, of the trainmen's brotherhood at Escanaba, is said to be in Canada with $1,000 of the lodge's funds.

David Morrow, who was injured while working in the St. Clair railway tunnel, has sued the tunnel company for $200,000 alleged damages.

Alfred Thomas, employe of the Wolverine mine at Iron Bay Junct., was scrapping by powder smoke by going into a drift soon after a blast.

A Jackson legal firm will bring action against the Michigan Central for the injurious nuisance in holding one of the interstate sentence prisoners.

Capt. E. L. Baker, has committed suicide at Hancock, Wis.

John Dahlstrom, a miner at the Saginaw mine at Ishpeming, which blew up Friday in operation extensively, was instantly killed by a ball of rock.

Col. Robert D. Burns, of Kalamazoo, a well-known member of the legislature and for years a trustee of the Michigan asylum, is dead; heart disease.

Ex-Secretary of State Soper returned to Lansing with his family from Palm Beach. W. Cook, of Muskegon, as his counsel, and says he is not ready to say "quit" yet.

Nine horses and other live stock and 900 bushels of wheat belonging to Mrs. Gideon Sherner's farm, near Niles, was destroyed by fire, the total loss being $4,000.

Grandma Compton has died at the home for aged women in Grand Rapids, from the effects of injuries inflicted by her insane daughter, Mrs. George D. Seaman. She was 83 years of age.

The Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad company is replacing many of its wooden bridges with iron structures, and that new the bridge between Holly and Pontiac are being rebuilt.

The 16-year-old son of Thomas Wilson, of Hartford, stood with his mouth over the muzzle of a shot gun. The shot slipped off the end of the barrel, the gun was loading on and he had his wrist shot to pieces.

Charlotte Hanley, a young Grand Rapids orphan, is dying. She claimed that she was grossly assaulted by a man, after being rendered unconscious by some liquor. The warrant has been issued for the brute.

The Stickley Bros., chair manufacturers, have changed their base of operations from Binghampton, N. Y., to Grand Rapids. They will erect a big factory and the firm's new factory is ready for the machinery.

The highwayman is still making life miserable for Portland citizens. The latest victim was William R. Foster, aged 70, who was knocked down, and robbed of $18.75. He claims three men assaulted him and he is badly bruised.

August Johnson, a miner at Crystal Falls, was firing a steamplug under ground when his candle went out. While groping around in the dark he fell into a tank of boiling water and was fatally scalded. He was 23 years old and unmarried.

Mrs. John Frohling, of Grand Rapids, disappeared, and next morning was found dead in a cistern. She had fallen into cistern over closed after crawling in. She was 28 years old and had been married a year. She had suffered long from ill health.

After a year of great and seemingly uncertainty the supreme court has decided that John Ogilvie was the legal mayor of the United States, and legally qualified to hold the office of Sheriff of Kent county. Mr. McQuestion has been serving as sheriff since January last.

The Saginaw hostelry, Hotel Vincent, whose proprietor, E. Kirby, recently filed mortgages to the amount of about $25,000, will remain open. Who will be the proprietor has not yet been decided. There is some talk of Fred Webster, of the Wright house, at Alma.

George Jacob Schweinfurth, of Rockford, Ill., has again succeeded in obtaining James Ogilvie, of Alpena, as a disciple and has turned the old gentleman loose from Illinois heaven. Ogilvie has given up his mortgage upon the estate and his earthly possessions will now go to a Rockford, Ill.

John Craig, the Toledo shipbuilder, is going to construct the new steel steamer that is to run upon the heavy dew and about three feet of water in the Grand river channel below Grand Rapids. The boat is to be a modern river craft and something of a novelty in the line of marine architecture.

The Congregational church of Saginaw has found a new channel for unselfishness. It raises a jubilee fund for a tribute to the Dwight Inebriate institute. The man has returned home and is working at his trade, which has been slightly cramped all with the exception of helping slightly cramped all with the exception of helping the institution of liquor. This a branch of home mission work will be continued.

P. M. Church, of Sault Ste. Marie, claims to have made a valuable discovery. He says if a person will refrain from swelling a sneeze through the nasal passages he will never have a catarrh, and if one who has the disease will also refrain from forcible exhalation the disease will be cured. The remedy is so inexpensive that the merits of Church's claim can be tested by thousands.

L. E. Bowler, deputy secretary of state, has tendered the position of his resignation as a member of the committee to investigate the state department. The governor immediately named Bowler and Auditor General Prosser, of Ingham county, in his stead. The governor has formally accepted Soper's resignation, and asked for the resignation of his action. It is believed he will nominate his successor at an early day.

The committee appointed by the Grand Rapids common council to examine the books of deposed City Physician Wright found that 20 prescriptions had been filled for canned goods in the city poor house. By these an exorbitant amount of liquor had been drawn and charged to the city. One hundred and twenty-five gallons of whisky and six quarts of brandy, while another had received five gallons of fine brandy, six quarts of whisky and over 50 dozen bottles of morphine, or over 12,000 doses. All this happened in the last year. Dr. C. M. Kelly has been appointed Dr. Wright's successor.

Brutal Murder at Detroit.

Frederick Zplades, a poor Polish laborer, of Detroit, was murdered with shocking brutality, such as was never shown before in the commission of crime in that city, and the terrible mutilated body was not discovered for two days. The crime was committed in the old Lutheran cemetery. William Schroeder, the son of Christian Schroeder, the sexton of the Lutheran cemetery, and Fred Lambert found the body in a portion of the cemetery used for gardening purposes by the sexton's family, who lives nearly in the center of the cemetery. A large number of deep knife cuts were found, one about an inch long, all over the face, head and neck, and several fractures of the skull, on the back of the head, the skull being almost crushed in and the fragments of the bones driven into the brain. The fractures must have been produced by a blunt and heavy instrument, and this seems to support the theory that two persons must have committed this foul crime.

Bought the River Bottom.

Robert Stephenson and E. Vandeventer bought a herd of 42 horses from J. D. Hasell, of Hillsdale, Mich., giving notes to the amount of $4,000, secured by a mortgage on 200 acres of land in Iowa. Later Hasell became suspicious and, upon investigation, discovered that the property described had some time ago been washed away by the Missouri river and was now in the river bed. Stephenson was captured and jailed, but Vandeventer escaped.

A Tramp Dead.

Jerome I. Case, the well-known manufacturer and horse breeder of Racine, Wis., has died, aged nearly 70 years. It is estimated that his fortune amounts to $5,000,000 or more. About 15 years ago Mr. Case began breeding trotting horses, and his stable included such famous cracks as Jay-Eye-See and Phallas. Mr. Case leaves a widow and four children. Milton son, Jackson, is now mayor of the city.

Must Take Their Medicine.

Chief Justice Fuller has announced to the United States supreme court that the court had affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of Charles L. Mc-Nulta, who killed Mr. Mannel Mannel of the Brooklyn grocer Lucca, and Nicola Tresse, also convicted of murder. Their appeals contended that the provision for solitary confinement and other features of the law were unconstitutional.

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House.—No session.

Senate.—Among the papers presented and referred on the 23d, were resolutions of the military order of the Loyal Legion, urging the completion at the earliest possible moment practicable "a navy sufficient in ships and armament to command and enforce the respect due to the flag of this nation the world over." Senator Stanford took the oath of office for his new term and then introduced the following bills: To provide the government with means sufficient to supply the want of a sound circulating medium; for the extension of the executive mansion; to encourage co-operation in the District of Columbia and to provide for the erection of stations for the purpose of conducting lawful business and dividing profits. Executive session followed and at 4:50 p. m. in respect to the memory of the late Congressman Pord of Michigan. Pursuant.—No session.

Senate.—Senator Manderson presided at the session of the 23d. Three memorials signed by thousand persons were presented. They were indorsements of the movement in Georgia for securing continuous passenger and freight service between the harbor of Savanah, Ga. Bills introduced: To amend the Nicaragua ship canal act; to provide an appropriation for improving the harbor of New Orleans; two messages from the president were presented, one transmitting information in relation to the arrangement and operation of electric wires in the District of Columbia, and the other as to a uniform usage by all the departments in the spelling and in the spelling of the geographical names. Adjourned to Jan. 5. H. Doc.—Chaplain Butler, of the senate, conducted the funeral of Mr. Meredith, of Virginia, today the oath of office. The speaker then announced the committee appointed, viz: Messrs. Reed, received a good share of representation. Mr. Springer was made chairman of the ways and means committee and Mr. Mills was placed at the head of the commerce committee. Mr. Rusk, of Maryland, offered a resolution calling for the commission on accounts to designate the committee to which claims should be allowed. Mr. Meredith, of Virginia, announced the death of his predecessor, W. H. F. Lee, and as a mark of respect the house adjourned to meet January 5.

IN MODERN ROME.

Most Classical Antiquities Must Indir criminate With Modern Rubbish.

How extreme nations in Rome? The most heavy antiquities are generally close beside, or mixed up with, the glaring fabrics of the modern jerry builders. Mr. Henry Torrell in Frank Leslie's Monthly. It is hardly possible to put down a gas pipe without unearthing some archaeological relic for the museum of Lateranensi's museum on the Cellian hill. Only the other day some beautiful antique busts were found in the Via del Tritone, close by the Trevi, where workmen were laying a new pavement. Still, these relics are dear enough, when discovered at the cost of demolishing or disfiguring up the old city. The whitewashed wall is now the rule and the gray ruin the exception. One of the first sights to make the expectant traveller gasp is the frightful iron bowstring of a bridge which has been flung across the Tiber just below the renowned and beautiful Ponte S. Angelo, completely destroying the view of St. Peter's from that point. After the shock of this unspeakable bridge one is prepared for any other disillusions which may follow—and they are numerous enough. A tower in the poor old copper-colored Tiber, for instance. Its picturesqueness has been effectually done for by the elaborate work of modern improvement which is now going on, with a view of making drives and promenades like those of the Lung' Arno at Florence and Pisa, and along the Seine at Paris. The Fruit di Cadenabbia, on the Lake Como, Angelo, are no longer *prati*, or fields at all, but a howling wilderness of brand-new brick tenements, shops and dwellings. Everywhere brick, brick, mortar, derricks and scaffolding. As everybody knows, the municipality of Rome has bankrupted itself through this mania for building; but the government still keeps on with the public "improvements." It is not to be denied that these improvements are necessary, so far as the sanitary condition and general material welfare of the city are concerned. There are new school buildings, places of amusement, baths and other public institutions worthy of a great metropolis and seat of government. After all, a nineteenth century capital cannot be expected to be habitable populated with twenty years and remain all the time a graveyard. A large proportion of this new population consists of mechanics and workmen of all peoples, and the wages paid are said to be better off to-day than they ever were before in this part of Italy. It is the middle and upper classes who are poor. This is probably what has kept down the cost of living, so that Rome is still the paradise of genteel poverty. One may rent a palace for the price of a New York flat, and live like a prince on time sumptuously for 2 or 3 francs, ride in a carriage for 10 cents, and go to the opera for 10.

MONOGRAM TOAST.

A Culinary Curiosity Produced by a Clever Young Woman.

A certain young woman who, her family says, sits up nights to think up clever things, brought up a special clever one a month ago, says the New York Sun. The family knew as soon as she came down in the morning that she had a supreme self-satisfaction, that she had an idea working somewhere back in her brain. But for a week or more she kept her counsel. Then one morning when they came in to breakfast they knew. For at each place was a small plate of hot buttered toast and on each slice appeared the monogram of some one member of the family, in creamy yellow against a golden-brown background.

And when everybody had wondered enough to satisfy the vanity even of this exacting young woman she was induced to go down into the kitchen and display the contrivance by which the toast was attained. It was not made like an ordinary toaster, only that the center was composed of a monogram, which was held in the place of the slice of bread intended for each side. When the bread was put in and held over the fire the metal of the monogram kept its outline from burning and the rest of the bread surface was crisp and brown, the letter device was just touched with creamy yellow. The rack was made of ordinary wire, and the letters were cut out. There was a toaster for each member of the family, so that the self-esteem of all might be equally ministered to, and the toasters were capable of holding but one slice at a time.

"The beauty of this toaster," explained the clever young woman, "is that it can be made in silver and used for dinner favors."

But the father shook his head rueefully and said: "I don't see the beauty of that."

A MAMMOTH STUMP.

A California a Tree Which Measures Over Fifty Feet in Diameter.

Long before the advent of the white man in California fires sweep the land, and from recent discoveries it is probable that giant trees were thus destroyed, in comparison to which our much boasted redwoods of the present are but saplings. In 1849 Commodore Apetsby Jones U. S. N., established a small saw mill in the Sierra Nevada for the purpose of getting out lumber, there being no saw mills on the coast at the time. A few remnants of this old mill still remain, the locality being about six miles from nessville, on the North Pacific coast railway. Close by this mill there can to-day be plainly traced the outline of a tree destroyed by fire, perhaps ages ago. The stump still measures fifty two feet in diameter, and from appearances perhaps once measured fully pixty feet.

Near this mammoth stump had grown immense trees, which were cut and used in the saw-mill in 1849. Since then a third growth has been cut and used in the same mill, and glad the heart of any lumberman. The stump was measured lately by Edward A. T. Gallagher, the pioneer, who lost his life in a mountain forest early in 1849, when his description of the sequoias of California was published in the Eastern papers, in which the statement was made that the employes had driven a wagon and a yoke of oxen through a prostrate tree that was burned hollow, and they would drive for 100 feet and "gee off" and went through a knothole. At the same time the statement was made that he had felled a tree seventeen feet in diameter and had used the hollow of one that was standing in which to stable thirteen head of horses.—California Fruit Grower.

Where the Schoolmaster Learns.

Sometimes the schoolmaster learns more than all his books have taught him from the simple-minded seventeen-year-old girl who sits in one of the back seats and looks at him shyly without speaking when he asks the dates of the Punic wars.—Somerville Journal.

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