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ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

READABLE RESUME OF MANY MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Adventists' General Conference Held in Battle Creek.—A Woman Convicted of Murder.—Traveling Man Suicides.

Adventist's General Conference.

The 20th session of the Seventh Day Adventists' general conference was held at Battle Creek. The roll called showed over 150 delegates. The conference is the legislative body of the church, and its jurisdiction embraces the world. The leading men of the denomination were present representing nearly every state in the union and the countries of England, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, South Africa, Australia and South America.

At the opening meeting a congregation of 2,000 was in attendance. P. J. D. Wessels, of South Africa, introduced the newly organized conference of South Africa for membership and was unanimously received. Eight years ago Mr. Wessels embraced the Adventist faith and he has been a most earnest worker since. He is connected with the famous Kimberly Diamond mine in South Africa and his immense wealth makes him a most efficient agent.

"America for Americans."

The state council of the Michigan Junior Order United American Mechanics held a two days' session at Saginaw. About 50 delegates were present and also the following state officers: State councilor, W. Niles Stevens; state vice-councilor, Theodore Michel; state council secretary, H. C. Shoonmaker. The special object of the order is to maintain and protect Americanism to shield them from the alleged depressing effect of foreign competition, also to assist Americans in obtaining employment, to establish a sick and benefit fund, to maintain the public school system of the United States and to prevent sectarian interference therewith and to uphold the reading of the Bible therein. The meeting of the national council will be held in Detroit in June, and it is expected 40,000 delegates and others will be present.

Mrs. Dalton Guilty of Murder.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Mary A. Dalton, charged with the murder of Jame Wyce, at Sault Ste. Marie rendered a verdict of guilty.

Mrs. Dalton on Sunday night, Sept. 11, 1892, heard a knock at her door. She suspected two men who had been following her, opened the door and fired two shots, killing James Wyce. She left the body out in the snow all night and notified the authorities the next morning. She is said to be demented. Since her incarceration her husband and son have threatened to kill the widow and burn the jail. They have also been arrested.

Traveling Man Suicides.

O. L. Shepherd, traveling agent for the J. G. Flint coffee and spice house of Milwaukee, committed suicide at the Reed house, Ludington, by shooting himself through the head. The wife and two children of the deceased are relatives in Niles. Shepherd had bad luck getting orders and became despondent.

A Spikeman's Head Cut Off.

Tony Fossbender, a brakeman on the Houghton freight of the D., S. S. & A., was instantly killed at Trout Creek by falling under the cars. His head was completely severed from the body. His home is in Marquette, where he leaves a young wife, having been married but a few week ago.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

A brass foundry is to locate in Albion on 25 acres of land.

C. W. Ashford, of Lansing, is editing a newspaper in Honolulu.

Mrs. Eliza Marsh, a pioneer, died at her home in Ypsilanti, age, 85 years.

G. W. Darrow, of Dundee, fell over a railroad bridge and was badly hurt.

Munith, with its 50 dwellings, only has 17 would-be postmasters listed to date.

Concord has purchased a fine new library for the exclusive use of its high school.

Dr. Seth M. Andrews died at Romeo. He was a missionary to the Sandwich Islands 1836-40.

The vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Owosso-Corunna Railroad have resigned.

John McDermott, aged 59, of Muskegon, was struck by a street car. His recovery is doubtful.

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph have settled their sewer fight and will here after help each other.

The Lansing Driving club has begun suit against nine prominent citizens as delinquent stockholders.

The Van Buren county farmers institute was held at Lawton. Several interesting papers were read.

Kent county Prohibitionists refused to fuse with either old party and named their own men for state and judges.

It required the examination of 111 men before a jury was secured to sit in the Kuehn murder trial at Port Huron.

George Woodward, of Saginaw, put calomel in a doctor's powder and pumped him out. Woodward was disappointed in love.

The Marquette county seat war has been renewed. Ishpeming and Negaunee are uniting in a fight against Marquette.

James Liens, aged 65 years, was found dead on his farm near Croswell. His family was visiting in Detroit at the time.

Dr. E. S. Leonard, of Ovid, is desirous of being named as minister to Palestine, and is working up a boom with a petition.

Dundee wants someone to run the paper mill, which is idle there, and someone to take a bonus to start a canning factory.

A Sandusky glass works, employing 120 hands, will put up a $25,000 plant at Monroe, if the city will give them a $15,000 bonus.

Fred Harris, a well-known Menominee young man, was injured by a log rolling over him at Elmwood. He died on his way to his home.

The priest of the Menominee Polish congregation has been arrested for slandering the trustees of his church by accusing them of theft.

Grand Ledge Odd Fellows will have a big blowout Feb. 28. They will dedicate a large new hall. Visitors from various places will attend.

A petition is now quite generally signed in Adrian, asking that Capt. D. F. Graves be made commandant of the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids.

The topographical survey of Connecticut shows the area to be 5,004 square miles or 340 square miles greater than supposed. The cost was $25,000.

The Charlotte improvement company was voted $5,000 by the city council. An injunction prevented the payment, but the injunction was dissolved.

Nellie Cadlip, aged 16, gave birth to a child on a public highway, near Ogden, when the thermometer 10 degrees below zero. Mother and child will live.

Henry Benson, a wealthy farmer living near Flint, paid a fine of $40, after pleading guilty to cruelty to animals. He starved his horses, allowing several of them to die.

Muskegon people are already making preparations to entertain the Michigan veterans on the occasion of the state encampment, to be held in that city March 7, 8 and 9.

Miss Gertrude Beigh, a domestic at the home of Clarence M. Putnam, of Nashville, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart. The cause is unknown.

A lot of beer in bottles arrived in Champion a few days ago from Milwaukee. The cases froze and crushed, breaking bottles. Somebody loses $800 by Jack Frost's friskiness.

William Galbraith, Sr. an old resident of Crystal Falls, while shoveling snow from the roof of a house slipped and tumbled to the stoop below, breaking his neck. He died instantly.

Three small children of John Schroder, of Bay City, died from diphtheria last week. Schroeder is a laboring man and is in straitened circumstances. He has seven more children who may die from the disease.

Fred, Carney and A. C. Merryman, Menominee lumbermen, have received from the United States land office 50,000 brook trout fry, which they have deposited in a beautiful, little spring creek near Beechwood.

Mike McGraw, section foreman of the Elk Rapids division of the Chicago & West Michigan, was instantly killed at Williamsburg. He slipped and fell, four cars having passed over him before he was discovered.

John Winters, aged 60, a well-known Saginaw plasterer, died during hospital in late hour when his horse ran away, throwing him out. His skull was fractured against the curbstone, causing almost instant death.

The "Plank tavern-on-the-beach" has been sold at St. Joseph for $30,000 cash. J. C. Fitzgerald, of Grand Rapids; J. H. Graham, of Chicago, and others are purchasers. It will be called Hotel St. Joseph and will be opened June 1.

C. K. Eddy & Son, of Saginaw, have received a contract to furnish the pine to their holding of 400,000,000 feet in Georgian Bay district. This latest purchase puts the Saginaw lumbermen's 8,000,000 feet full, be cut before spring.

Owen Blevens is an inmate of the Calhoun county poor house and for some time has been. He has clothing laid away in the care of a friend. Fred Swanagan has been arrested on the charge of stealing the uncanny garments.

E. S. Keskey, of Ishpeming, sues his father to obtain possession of his son. The elder Keskey claims $1 per week for his son's board, clothing and care of the child, amounting to over $2,000, before he will surrender possession of the youngster.

The coroner's jury investigating the recent fatal Manton hill wreck on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad charge that the engineer, Thomas Gilbert, engineer Tate, whose train dashed into the caboose of the standing train. The jury also charged the late death of Henry Hurleson, who was warned in plenty time to escape.

The state council of the Michigan Junior order United American mechanics held a session at Saginaw. Their constitution is an exemplification of the principles of the "Junior Order United American Mechanics." They are pledged to maintain the public schools and to prevent sectarian interference therewith. The national society meets in Detroit in June.

Mrs. J. W. Chaddock and daughter, of Kalamazoo, and Miss Lulu Williams, of Ada, are in Sturgeville, N. Y., contesting the will of a bachelor brother of the former, D. D. Ingalls, who died recently and left a fortune of $800,000, all but $10,000 of which was left to charities and missions. The grounds for contesting the will are undue influence and insanity.

In the matter of the application of Charles E. Belknap for mandamus to compel the present board of state canvassers to canvass the returns now on file of the vote cast for congressman in the Fifth district, the court holds it to be the duty of said board to canvass said votes upon the returns now on file. This gives Belknap a plurality of 19 votes in the race for congress.

GLADSTONE'S GREATEST.

Outline of His House Rule Bill Introduced Into the House of Commons.

London cable: Gladstone's great speech, introducing the home rule bill in the House of Commons occupied over three hours in delivery and was greeted with hearty attention and demonstrative applause. In formally outlining the measure he said: "The object of the government was in part to establish a legislative body in Dublin for the conduct of both legislation and administration of the Irish exchequer, subject to the veto of the imperial affairs. The limited conditions which were then observed were these: We were to do nothing inconsistent with imperial unity. We wish to strengthen it. We wish to give it greater intensity than it ever yet possessed.

"Firstly, then, imperial unity is observed and the equality of all is observed.

"Secondly, the equality of all the kingdoms would be borne in mind.

"Thirdly, there would be equitable reparation of imperial charges.

"Fourthly, any and every practicable provision for the protection of minorities would be included."

Kansas Republicans Win a Victory.

Judge Hazen of the district court at Topeka, Kan., sustained the motion of the Republican House for a permanent injunction restraining the state treasurer from paying any warrants issued by authority of the legislative organization. This is a victory for the Populists. This is recognition of the constitutionality of the Douglass house and the Republicans are jubilant over it.

The majority of the Populist members had already procured their money from the auditor before the injunction proceedings were brought. Twenty thousand dollars was paid out in per diem and mileage. There is a matter of much interest as to how the state can recover this money if the supreme court sustains Judge Hazen's decision.

O'Donnell Acquitted of Murder.

After having been out all night the jury in the murder case against Frank O'Donnell at Pittsburg, brought in a verdict of not guilty. He was accused of being the author of the letter to the Homestead riot duty during which T. J. Conners, a Pinkerton detective, received the wound which cost his life.

The Art Publishing company's plan t, Gardner, Mass., was destroyed by fire. Loss, $125,000.

The Choctaw council has sent delegates to Washington with power to close the sale of 2,393,146 acres of land owned by the council district" to the United States for $2,991,450.

Mrs. Fred Edwards, of Dundee, put strychnine on some bread for rats and a neighbor's boy came that way and ate the bread. By the timely aid of a physician the child pulled through.

Collector of the Post Cooper at Philadelphia has issued an American register to, the International Navigation company, of Philadelphia, for the steamer New York. This is the first certificate ever issued transferring a ship from British to American registry.

IN STATE LEGISLATURE.

A LARGE NUMBER OF BILLS INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES.

Senator Jordan, Dem., Ousted in Favor of S. M. Wilkins, Rep.—Popular Vote for U. S. Senators.—The Record.

SENATE.—Twenty-ninth day.—Bills introduced: Joint resolution for amendment to the constitution relative to the circuit courts; reorganizing the fifth judicial circuit; amending law relative to corporations; amending law relative to powers and duties of incorporated villages; providing a legal and uniform system of interest on money; amending law relative to fees; prohibiting any person, from using any of the designations "trust company," "loan company," or "& Co." bringing special charter; amending the general railroad law; giving board of control for Michigan Asylum for the Criminal Insane, Ionia, power to expend a yearly sum not to exceed $10,000 for the purchase of land; providing for the location of a normal school in the upper peninsula; amending law relative to primary elections; to amend the liquor law; for the Hibbard bill recorder to be used in recording; regulating the use, transportation and sale of oils and gasoline; to fix the salaries of state officers; to regulate the employment of women and children in manufacturing institutions; limiting appeals to the supreme court to cases where the amount in dispute is at least $60; amending the railroad law; prohibiting emergency appointments by the governor and the board of examiners; to appropriate $10,000 for repairing and rebuilding owned by the state which may have been destroyed by fire; providing for the giving away and selling of liquors upon the ways of this state and within the boundaries of any city, village and township; authorizing water supply companies to operate electrical plants in connection with their water works; Jordan-Wilkins House.—The contested election cases of Jordan (Dem.) vs. Wilkins (Rep.) from the Second district of Michigan Asylum for Criminal Insane, Ionia, power to expend a yearly sum not to exceed $10,000 for the purchase of land; providing for the location of a normal school in the upper peninsula; amending law relative to primary elections; to amend the liquor law; for the Hibbard bill recorder to be used in recording; regulating the use, transportation and sale of oils and gasoline; to fix the salaries of state officers; to regulate the employment of women and children in manufacturing institutions; limiting appeals to the supreme court to cases where the amount in dispute is at least $60; amending the railroad law; prohibiting emergency appointments by the governor and the board of examiners; to authorize the rebuilding or repairing of any building