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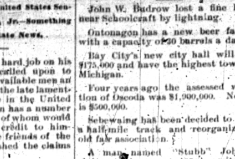
PATTON IS THE MAN.

STOCKBRIDGE'S SUCCESSOR A GRAND RAPIDS MAN.

Gov. Rich Gives Due Honor of Representing Michigan in the United States Senate to John Patton, Jr.—Something About Him. Other State News.

Gov. Rich had a very hard job on his hands when he was called upon to choose from the many available men at present for the seat of the late lamented Senator Stockbridge in the United States senate. Michigan has a number of favorite sons, any one of whom would fill the position with credit to himself and the state. The friends of the various candidates pushed the claims



JOHN PATTON, JR.

of their men very strenuously. There were such names as ex-Gov. Luce, Congressman Ouicheron, ex-State Treasurer Spaulding, Jay Hubbell, S. M. Stephenson of the upper peninsula, and the successful man—John Patton, Jr., of Grand Rapids. Ex-Gov. Rich showed his independence when he overruled the appeals of his own personal friends and gave the honor to the one who received the largest number and the strongest endorsements.

Gov. Rich said that the appointment was made because of the acknowledged ability of the appointee; the fact that he resided in the section of the state naturally entitled to the honor; that he was a representative of the young Republicans of Michigan; that in appointing Patton he had met the issue squarely and had not dodged it, and made a negative appointment as some of his friends had advised him to do and finally because Patton's indorsements represented more of the state than those of any other candidate.

John Patton jr. was born at Cowensville, Co., October 30, 1860, and is the son of Congressman John Patton, who for many years was the Democratic district in congress. He graduated at the high school in Grand Rapids and at the age of 16 entered the literary department of the University of Michigan. While in college he was prominent in athletic sports, and was captain of the football team in his junior year. He graduated with the class of '79, which also contained Senator Stockbridge, Delaware Baldwin, ex-Secretary of State Ingham, Emmons Blaine, son of the late Secretary of State, and Judge Swift of the United States court of appeals of Cincinnati. Mr. Patton afterward took the degree of LL. B. in law school, graduating in '81, and a year later went to Grand Rapids to enter the practice of law. He married Miss Mary Waldo, daughter of ex-Congressman Waldo of Detroit, and a very handsome and bright children.

Parsell Must Step Down.

The Michigan supreme court has handed down a decision in the long-what famous case of Fuller vs. Parsell by which Otis Fuller, of St. Johns, appointed warden of the state house of correction at Ionia, by Gov. Rich, has been for many months trying to oust Warden Parsell and secure the position. The decision is in favor of Fuller, a verdict of costs being granted against Parsell. One of the principal contentions of the defense was that the law of 1893 creating the prison board was defective, in that the title of the bill had been amended after it had passed. The court knocked this out.

Justice Grant wrote the main opinion, which was concurred in by Justices Long and Hooker. Justice Montgomery wrote another, concurred in by McGrath. They differed little except in detail.

Michigan Loyal Legion.

The tenth annual banquet of Michigan Commandery of the Loyal Legion of the United States was held at the Russell house, Detroit. The battles were fought again and stirring toasts were heartily applauded. Previous to the banquet officers were elected as follows: Gen. J. G. Parkhurst, of Coldwater, Mich., was elected commander; G. W. Chandler, of Detroit, was elected senior vice-commander; C. E. Chadwick, of Detroit, junior vice-commander; J. W. Sterling, recorder; C. L. Williams, registrar; James Rhines, chancellor; O. A. Mosher, chaplain; C. Dupont, G. C. Hopper, S. Randall, Robert Miller and K. B. Hughes were chosen for the council.

Fuller's Appointment.

Warden Otis Fuller has taken formal possession of the state house of correction at Ionia. Warden Fuller has announced the following appointments: Deputy warden, W. Johnson, of Lapeer; hall master, John Q. Cressey, of Grand Rapids; clerk, Frank Douglass, of Ionia; physician, E. F. Beckwith, of Ionia. The minor positions will be filled as soon as recommendations can be acted on.

Fire broke out in the Union School building at Ypsilanti, and in a few minutes things looked like a panic. Children jumped out of windows and piled over each other in the stairways. Olive Collins jumped from a second story window, injuring her spine, which will cripple her for life. Several were slightly injured and some fainted, while others are under the doctor's care with nervous prostration. No one was killed. The chief of the fire department was badly cut on the side of the head by a piece of temple the falling brick, but will recover. Ann Arbor's fire department helped to fight the fire. The loss is $40,000.

Postmaster-General Bissell has formally notified all existing saloon-keepers and bartenders from appointment as postmasters. Where there are several candidates for office, and any of them is connected with saloons, it will be given weight, and the other candidates will be given preference in making appointments.

A freight train of the Pennsylvania road was wrecked by a broken axle at Tipton. Thirty-nine cars were piled up. Brakeman J. D. Sauerman was instantly killed. Harry Marks, of Robertsdale, who was riding on the train, was seriously injured.

Two men were killed and horribly mangled near Petoskey. Isaac Noble, an Indian, was struck by the C. & W. M. special. Both legs were cut off and the body badly mangled. Later in the evening a G. R. & I. special, returning from Mackinac, struck Patrick Mulvogue and ground the unfortunate victim into fragments. Both men were intoxicated.

State Med'cs' Officers.

The convention of the State Medical society at Lansing elected the following officers: President, E. C. Walker, Detroit; vice-presidents, Victor Vaughn, Ann Arbor; C. H. White, Reed City; Miss Leggy, Adrian; C. B. Kain, Vicksburg; secretary, W. H. Hitchcock, Detroit; treasurer, W. H. Henry, Detroit; members of judicial council, Fleming Farrow, Ann Arbor; Frank Gardner, Muskegon, E. L. Sharly, Detroit. The '95 convention was secured for Bay City.

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

John W. Budrow lost a fine house near Schoolcraft by lightning.

Ontonagon has a new beer factory with a capacity of 5,000 bbls a day.

Bay City's new city hall will cost $175,000 and have the highest tower in Michigan.

Four years ago the assessed valuation of Hancock was $1,900,000. Now it is $500,000.

Sebewaing has been decided to build a half-mile track and reorganize the old base ball association.

A man named "Scotch" Johns has claims to have got 100 recruits for Coxey in Muskegon.

Rudolph Ritter's large barn, near Cagar, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

The 2-year-old child of Stephen Douglas died at Marquette from the effects of vaccination.

John A. Young, finance keeper of Simoneau tent, K. O. T. M. of Saginaw, is missing with $1,000.

Over 50,000 forest trees have been planted in Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle counties this spring.

Union City's common council placed liquor dealers' bonds at $7,000. Nine dealers have taken licenses.

Burlington's burnt district is being rapidly rebuilt. A new K. of M. hall will be among the new structures.

The 5-year-old daughter of Mr. Gokey was fatally burned at Bogle's camp, near Cheboygan, while playing around a fire.

Rev. Montgomery M. Goodwin, of Ypsilanti, the newly appointed naval chaplain, will have to report for duty July 1.

Senator A. O. Wheeler, of Manistee, announces himself as a Republican candidate for congress in the Ninth district.

Henry Dove, of Port Huron, was drowned in the St. Clair river. His four companions in the sailboat swam safely to the shore.

The work on Jackson's new postoffice is progressing rapidly. The contractor says that it will be ready for occupancy by September 1.

Harry Smith was drowned near Menominee while in swimming on the river. He was 21 years old and had been married only a few months.

The fishermen who have visited the trout streams about Hillsdale since the opening of the season report that fish are unusually scarce this season.

Gill entercises and drawing schemes have become so common in Tekonsha that the village council has declared the unlawful practice.

A Chicago man has planted 80 acres of tobacco in Robinson, Ottawa county. He says there is no reason why tobacco cannot be grown in Michigan as well as Wisconsin.

The body of Andrew Johnson, the Muskegon fisherman who has been missing two weeks, was found by fishermen in Muskegon lake, near Hackley & Hume's mill.

The body of Chas. Spaeth, a well-known harness-maker, and esteemed citizen of Saginaw, was found in a hay loft near the half-way house, two miles from the city.

The State Fireman's association will hold its annual meeting at Milford on May 16 and 17. All the members and delegates will be present from leading cities and towns of the state.

The Michigan State Medical society will hold a convention in Detroit to get a law enacted for shutting out quacks and impostors. They claim that Michigan is a dumping ground for such practitioners.

James Lajeice, a farmer who lives in Moorland, was found nearly dead in the woods. He managed to himself three times. He was subject to fits. He was 45 years old and has a wife and eight children. He will recover.

Promoters have been booking over the ground for a proposed electric railroad to connect Farmington with Detroit. The distance is about 19 miles and it is estimated that enough patronage could be secured to make the road pay.

The wife of Richard Blankenberg committed suicide at Grand Rapids by hanging herself from a rafter in the cellar. She had been ill for a year and was melancholy. She was thirty-one years old; her husband and seven-year-old son survive her.

A competitive examination for the appointment of a cadet to the United States Military academy from the Seventh congressional district, under the recommendation of Congressman Bowling, will be held at Fort Huron, Saturday, June 9. A large number will compete.

John Tobin, a 14-year-old boy of Owosso, met with a terrible accident which will result in the loss of his fashioned muzzle-loader, and the ramrod became stuck inside, so he discharged the weapon to dislodge it. The breech burst and a part of it struck the boy in the face, inflicting a serious wound.

Thomas Chubb, aged 76, hanged himself at Lapeer. He had so frequently threatened to kill himself that he had become an old story, and no attention was paid to his threats. He hung himself to the ceiling in the kitchen, which was so low he had to bend his knees to be free from the floor. He leaves an aged widow and five children grown up.

Samuel Hulett and family, of Summit City, were poisoned by what they supposed to be mushrooms. The eldest boy, aged about 16, is dead, and another child, aged two, is not expected to live. George Hulett, a brother, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hulett, are in a critical condition.

James Moore, a farmer living near Petoskey, has received the assurance that some specimens of quartz that he sent for analysis were good if there was enough of it. The field in which the quartz was found is said to be similar to cats and Mr. Moore says that he will make sure of the gold that is in them before he attempts mining.

Elijah Sutton, employed on the coal docks at Marquette, suicided by shooting himself in the mouth. The ball passed upward into his brain. The shooting occurred in the dock closet about 9 a. m. and he was not found until 6 p. m. The revolver was still in his hand. Domestic trouble is believed to have discharged Sutton in unmarried and has been a hard drinker.

SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

Semi-Annual Division of the Primary School Fund of Michigan.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Pattengill has completed the work of making the 16th semi-annual apportionment of the primary school interest fund among the several counties of the state. The total number of children of school age included in the apportionment is 776,673 and the sum apportioned, $561,437.47, the per capita being 83 cents. This is the largest sum ever apportioned under the semi-annual system. The following shows the number of children of school age in each county in the state to which each county is entitled:

	No. of Children.	Amount Apportioned.
Alcona	1,701	$ 1,417 02
Alger	2,772	2,310 00
Allegan	9,492	7,910 00
Alpena	3,960	3,300 00
Antrim	4,302	3,585 00
Arenac	2,364	1,970 00
Baraga	2,364	1,970 00
Barry	7,176	5,967 50
Bay	16,128	13,440 00
Benzie	2,190	1,825 00
Berrien	20,790	17,325 00
Branch	8,544	6,762 50
Calhoun	17,490	14,575 00
Cass	7,452	6,210 00
Charlevoix	3,996	3,330 00
Cheboygan	4,476	3,730 00
Chippewa	4,218	3,515 00
Clare	3,774	3,145 00
Clinton	7,263	6,052 50
Crawford	1,944	1,620 00
Delta	5,346	4,455 00
Eaton	9,252	7,710 00
Emmet	4,158	3,465 00
Genesee	15,354	12,795 00
Gladwin	3,483	2,902 50
Gogebic	3,753	3,128 00
Grand Traverse	4,662	3,885 00
Gratiot	9,097	7,580 83
Hillsdale	9,180	7,650 00
Houghton	10,467	8,722 50
Huron	12,870	10,725 00
Ingham	11,787	9,822 50
Ionia	10,764	8,970 00
Iosco	3,273	2,727 50
Iron	3,267	2,722 50
Isabella	4,845	4,037 50
Jackson	21,141	17,617 50
Kalamazoo	15,939	13,282 50
Kalkaska	1,839	1,532 50
Kent	37,917	31,597 50
Keweenaw	927	772 50
Lake	2,787	2,322 50
Lapeer	9,825	8,187 50
Leelanau	3,567	2,972 50
Lenawee	12,996	10,830 00
Livingston	6,969	5,807 50
Luce	1,347	1,122 50
Mackinac	2,787	2,322 50
Macomb	12,996	10,830 00
Manistee	3,564	2,970 00
Marquette	12,351	10,292 50
Mason	4,407	3,672 50
Mecosta	4,407	3,672 50
Menominee	7,263	6,052 50
Midland	3,429	2,857 50
Missaukee	2,187	1,822 50
Monroe	14,913	12,427 50
Montcalm	10,467	8,722 50
Montmorency	1,863	1,552 50
Muskegon	11,853	9,877 50
Newaygo	7,452	6,210 00
Oakland	17,214	14,345 00
Oceana	5,346	4,455 00
Ogemaw	2,364	1,970 00
Ontonagon	2,364	1,970 00
Osceola	3,708	3,090 00
Oscoda	1,215	1,012 50
Otsego	2,187	1,822 50
Ottawa	14,652	12,210 00
Presque Isle	2,862	2,385 00
Roscommon	1,215	1,012 50
Saginaw	21,060	17,550 00
St. Clair	15,795	13,162 50
St. Joseph	8,505	7,087 50
Sanilac	9,477	7,897 50
Schoolcraft	3,375	2,812 50
Shiawassee	9,477	7,897 50
Tuscola	10,305	8,587 50
Van Buren	9,774	8,145 00
Washtenaw	13,905	11,587 50
Wayne	54,729	45,607 50
Wexford	3,267	2,722 50
Totals	676,673	$561,437 47

A Disgrace to Michigan.

The most brutal and blood-curdling prize fight ever held in Michigan occurred at Wyandotte. Tauk Kinney, of Detroit, ex-amateur heavy weight of Michigan, and Frank Keller, of Lapeer, Canada, were the contestants before a crowd of 300. Twenty-seven rounds were fought when, amid a scene of terrible howling, cries of "Kill him, curses and yells, the referee called it a draw. Both fighters flagrantly broke the rules of fighting and the referee knew still better of his share of the contest than they did. The bout lasted two hours and a half. Both men were terribly punished by the repeated blows upon their faces. Their features were unrecognizable when they left the ring. Both men were arrested on a charge of assault and battery, but were released on bail.

Congressman Griffin Becomes Deaf.

Washington: Congressman Levi T. Griffin, of Pittsburg, has found himself time suffering from impaired hearing, but the trouble seemed to be slowly yielding to treatment. A few days ago, however, he contracted a severe cold, which seemed to temporarily render him totally deaf. The physician who attended to him at first but his hearing did not return. Maj. Griffin has accepted the situation very bravely, he knows that unless improvement follows it has been the best part of his life and unfits him for the public duties for which he is intellectually perfectly equipped, and for which he has already demonstrated his high capacity in the many friends that the brilliant lawyer has made in congress deeply regret his affliction and are hoping that it may prove to be but temporary.

Emperor William a Fire Fighter.

Potsdam: Gahow, a village near this city, suffered severely by fire and for a time was threatened with complete destruction. Emperor William, accompanied by rode to the burning village, after having alarmed the Spandau garrison and summoning the Berlin fire department to send a number of engines to Gatow. By the time he reached the village many houses were already consumed and the flames were spreading rapidly. Emperor William actively assisted the villagers in fighting the flames. He carried buckets of water, wielded an axe in cutting down dangerous beams, and was indefatigable in organizing succor for the people rendered homeless by the conflagration.

Do Nothing Six Days and Rest the Seventh.

An enterprising real estate man of Washington offered to set the cherry trees at work. He has a tract of land about three and a half miles distant from the city, which he desires to have cleared of underbrush and made ready for subdivision. It is a pretty spot and much healthier than the camp now occupied by the Coxeyites. The owner, Dr. G. F. Gerbing, offered to let the army camp on his land and to pay them $500 if they would clear the ground. The proposition struck Coxey favorably at first, but Bourne was induced to move the camp so far from the city and the offer was rejected.

No Rain for Four Years.

Another appeal to the world for assistance has been received from the Texas drouth sufferers, this time from Texas. The appeal states the starving people have become so desperate that they will kill the first man, a rich man, a general store the other day for food supplies. The raid was stopped by the temporary wants being supplied. The drouth in that country has lasted for four years and there is not a wagon load of grass in the entire county. It is the only section in southeast Texas that has not been visited by the recent heavy rains.

Mrs. J. W. Blake, a patient at the Battle Creek sanitarium, jumped from a fourth-story balcony of the hospital building during temporary aberration of the mind. She received probably fatal injuries. Her home is in Texas.

O. B. Dewolf, an old and prominent resident of Tecumseh, was found dead in the hay loft in his barn. His daughter prepared dinner for him and waited until finally she became alarmed and inquired about it's neighborhood. She found him in the hay now partially covered with hay, having ended his life by taking laudanum. He has been poor health for a number of years and had been despondent.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE.

Alabama Coal Miners Destroy Property and Intimidate Workers.

Hat h's New Anti-Option Bill Before Congress—Other Matters.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE.—18th day.—Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain, spoke feelingly of the death of Senator Stockbridge in his prayer. Senator McMillan, of Michigan, was then sworn and introduced the death of the deceased, and then offered the customary resolutions. Speeches were made by Senators Manderson, of Nebraska, Michigan, of Michigan, and others, all of which were unexceptionably interesting and her interests. In the course of the remarks Senator McMillan said that Senator Stockbridge was not less than his colleague, but he was not ashamed to say that he was proud to shoulder with her brother he had a place in their hearts, and by her family and friends their resolute tenacity it will be said of him that he was a man and a friend indeed. The brave wife whose powerful sufferings were so feelingly told by the widow Senator and to the hours of misery, I venture, in the future of the husband. The eulogy of those who honored and respected him. Then as a further mark of respect the chair appointed a committee to attend the funeral, consisting of Senators McMillan, Morrow, Mr. Burrows announced the end now in the House and in a few words paid tribute to the dead Senator's life and memory. The following resolutions were adopted: The House has heard with profound sorrow the decease of Hon. Julius C. Burrows, late a Senator from the State of Michigan; that the Clerk of the House appoint a committee of the House to act with the committee appointed by the Senate, to make all necessary arrangements for the funeral ceremonies; that as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

SENATE.—18th day.—Mr. Hour tried to pass the anti-lottery bill, but it was objected to. Senator of Washington, made the only speech of the day on the silver bill. Mr. Hour of Illinois, Representative Johnson, of Ohio, created a sensation by introducing a resolution calling for a Congressional investigation of the charges of bribery by the police during the Coxey demonstration at the capitol. He urged that a question of privilege was involved, the offense occurred on the grounds, and purported to be in defense of members of congress. Speaker Crisp ruled that the resolution did not present a question of privilege and declined to entertain it, and of order. Mr. Johnson said that the only way the regular order could be obtained in front of the capitol, but several Republicans had voted against it, and it was unprecedented and rather unusual. Mr. Hour, of Illinois, then offered the following, which was agreed to: Resolved, That the House will take up the bill to improve the methods of accounting in the treasury department. To prevent the offices affected by the bill employ 1,500 clerks at a cost of $1,000,000. During the pending bill there will be no clerks at an annual cost of $900,000. The bill was passed and the House went into committee of the whole on the bill for the sundry appropriations bill, but it was adjourned without taking action.

SENATE.—19th day.—After a few minor matters had been disposed of the anti-option bill was taken up in executive session on the floor. Mr. Hour's amendment to section 3 of the bill giving effect to the amendment making it unlawful for any person to deal in options. Into effect was passed over in order to make progress on other amendments. Mr. Hour then further was done. Mr. Chandler and Mr. Hour spoke against the bill. Mr. Hour was discussed at some length and passed. The pension appropriation bill was considered and no votes were taken.

SENATE.—20th day.—Mr. Quay gave another speech in opposition to the tariff bill. This was mainly devoted to the silver question. Senator Peffer presented a petition taken up in connection for silver. Senator Walker, of Massachusetts, and Mr. McCreary, of Kentucky, got into a tariff discussion as a result of which each charged the other with doubting about the tariff question. The chairman of the finance committee, in order to expedite matters, moved that the senate proceed to the consideration of the bill to provide for the appointment of a commission of engineers to report upon the practicability of building a ship canal across the Nicaraguan canal. The motion was agreed to. A special order was made providing the bills for the erection of a new government building in Chicago and