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THE STATE NEWS.

DOINGS AND HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN.

The Congregationalists Congregate at Kalamazoo—Storms of Rain, Hail and Snow Injure Crops and Fruit.—K. of P. Annual Session at Benton Harbor.

Knight Templars of Michigan.

The thirty-eighth annual conclave of the grand commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan was held in the asylum of Peninsular Commandery No. 3, Kalamazoo, all the subordinate commanderies in the state—forty-four—being represented. Officers elected: Grand commander, Charles H. Rogers, Detroit; deputy grand commander, M. E. Jewell, Adrian; grand generalissimo, Edward P. Allen, Detroit; grand captain general, Albert Miller Jackson; grand prelate, Frank A. Blades, Detroit; grand senior warden, Francis M. Moore, Marquette; grand junior warden, Robert B. McKnight, Saginaw; grand treasurer, Charles A. Warren, Detroit; grand recorder, John A. Gerow, Detroit; grand standard-bearer, Eugene P. Robertson, Albion; grand sword bearer, Philip T. Van Zile, Detroit; grand warder, C. B. Hawley, Bay City, and grand sentinel, Alexander Hegor, Detroit. After the election Hugh McCurdy, grand master of the grand encampment of the United States, installed the new officers. Saginaw was given the next meeting.

Storms in Our State.

A very severe storm of rain and hail, intermingled with vivid lighting and deafening thunder, passed over the state in Harrisville the man above town broke, flooding the streets and carrying away outhouses and about 50,000 feet of logs; crops and gardens along the stream were washed out. Port Huron was pelted with hailstones four inches in circumference, breaking many windows and skylights and causing several runaways. An Train jumped many dangerous washouts along the D., S. S. & A. railroad, causing at least one wreck. Kalamazoo lumber yards and trees suffered from the wind. Mason, Traverse City and other points report damage to crops. One man was killed a mile east of Grover Popewell and severely injured a man in the name of Potter at the farm of Sapewell at Greenville. A horse was also killed.

Sleighing in May.

A wild snow storm raged at Alpena on the night and eight inches of snow fell on the level. Several sleighs and cutters were out. All vegetation was completely covered. Trees are badly broken. Reports from all over the state report the snow deep under the weight of the heavy snow. Fruit blossoms were knocked off.

Marshall: There was a change of 60 degrees in temperature in 24 hours, followed by a heavy snow storm, until the ground was completely covered with the beautiful. The heavy rains have swelled the Kalamazoo river to an unusual depth for this season of the year.

Cadillac reported three inches of snow, as did East Tawas. Solar Springs and several other localities. Many correspondents fear that great damage has been done to fruits, especially the early varieties.

Pine Barrens no Good for Farming.

For the past five years the state board of agriculture has been spending money received from the United States government for an experimental station at Grayling. A determined endeavor has been made to render an unpromising tract of barren pine lands productive. All the ingenuity of the skilled agriculturists employed by the state, however, has been expended only in illustrating the fact that barren pine lands are a poor investment for purchasers for agricultural purposes. The board at a meeting held at Lansing decided to abandon the experiment, and to let the poverty acres lie idle for the purpose of demonstrating whether or not nature will do anything toward increasing its fertility after having been given a boost.

Michigan K. of P. Officers Elected.

The grand lodge of Knights of Pythias of Michigan was held at Benton Harbor. The reports showed a full attendance of representatives from the 163 lodges, net increase of nine lodges during the year. The membership has increased 992. The balance in the treasury is $3,291.90, a decrease of $676.20 during the year. Eleven lodges have applied for charters. Election of officers: G. P. C., George A. Reynolds, Saginaw; E. C., G. E. M. Douglass, Detroit; K. of R. and S., Clizbe, Birmingham; G. K. of R. and S., James W. Hopkins, Lansing; G. M. of exchequer, Henry C. Hall, Hudson; G. prelate, James Gray, Detroit; G. M. of E. F. Woodcock, Niles; G. I. G., O. D. Jones, Manistee; G. O. G., Dan P. McMullen, Cheboygan. S. T. Gage was re-elected trustee.

Congregationalists Congregate.

The annual meeting of the Congregational association of Michigan convened at Kalamazoo. Officers elected: Moderator, Dr. James Gallup, Grand Rapids; assistant moderator, Honorable C. Gower, Lansing; scribe, Rev. E. S. Shaw, Bennonia; assistant scribe, Rev. B. F. Aldrich, Pontiac. The total number of churches in the Michigan association is 344. The Sunday school growth has also been very large; the membership now being about 40,000. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand March 31, 1894, of $2,633.45. The report of the home missionery society showed that during the past year nine churches were organized. There have been added 1,396 to the membership.

Homeopathic Physicians.

The following officers were elected by the organization of the Homeopathic Medical society in their meeting at Battle Creek: President, Oscar La Segue, Detroit; first vice-president, Professor D. A. MacLachlan, Ann Arbor; second vice-president A. B. Sherman, Kalamazoo; general secretary, B. S. Copeland, Bay City; corresponding secretary, W. M. Bailey, Detroit treasurer, C. S. Slade, Ann Arbor; necrologist, J. S. Ayres, Kalamazoo. W. M. Bailey was elected a member of the board of control, vice Porter, whose term expired.

The Boiler Busted.

The boiler in Moses Howe's planing mill at West Bay City exploded killing George L. Slosson, engineer; fatally injuring John T. Sumner, aged 70, and severely wounding John Gregg, Stephen Algea and Foreman Henry Neal. The mill was demolished. Loss over $6,000.

Suicide in May.

Miss Bella Walsh was found dead by her mother on the second floor of their home at Mason. The coroner's investigation disclosed the fact that the young lady had suicided with morphine.

The fish boat Orphan Boy sank about 3 miles and a half out from Ludington during the terrible gale, with one man and a 15-year-old boy. Wm. Geno made a daring attempt to reach them with his fish boat and saved their lives. The man had only one leg and was so fatigued by the storm that he lost control of his boat.

Clark Guilty of Conspiracy.

James G. Clark, charged with conspiracy in altering the election returns of Wayne county on the amended amendment, was found guilty at Detroit. The jury had been out 25 hours and the defendant had begun to fear that the long discussion meant either his acquittal or a disagreement and the announcement of a verdict of guilty made him like a thunderclap. Clark was a member of the footings committee, with George Hussey and W. H. Green, Jr., all of whom were charged with altering the returns relative to the increase of salaries of state officials. At the examination before the prosecuting attorney Clark had confessed, but at the trial denied the charge and fought hard against conviction. Hussey is the next to be tried.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

The regular annual session of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church of the United States, held a four day session at Saginaw. A large amount of detail work was done. The election of officers resulted: For president, Mrs. A. S. Brown; for vice presidents, Mrs. D. S. Stephens; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Andersson; editor of the Missionary Record, Mrs. Miller, of Hillsdale; recording secretary, Miss Jennie White; corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. S. Stephens and Mrs. Dr. Palmer.

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

John Newhouse, of Garfield, died from the effects of a kick from a vicious horse.

A 12-year-old daughter of John Crowley went fishing in the bayou south of Saginaw. She fell into the water and was drowned.

The safe of the electric light work and Roller Mill company, of Marine City was blown open and $75 in cash and some checks taken.

Nathaniel Flint, of Flint, aged 70 years, was arrested, charged with taking liberties with Teranna Foale, the 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. Foale.

The belt of Jack Kinney, a well-known character who mysteriously disappeared from Evart about two months ago, was found in the river at Jersey.

Reports are indications of foul play.

Ross West, about 20 years old, while bathing in Lake Michigan, at Muskegon, was taken with cramps, and before his companion, young McGregor, could get to him sank for the last time.

Miss Nellie Hunt ey, aged 20 years, committed suicide at Holland by shooting herself with a shotgun. She left a note to her mother asking her to forgive her, with whom she had been quarreling, which is the cause of the sad deed.

The development of the coal fields around Saginaw will be resumed at once, under the auspices of public-spirited citizens. The balance of money appropriated by the board of trade for this purpose has been exhausted but the good work will go on.

Clara Schuman, aged nine years, daughter of Adam Schuman, a farmer near Saginaw, found a dynamite cartridge and began pounding on it when it exploded, mangling her left hand so that amputation was necessary at the wrist and taking off the thumb and tips of the fingers of the right hand and cutting her face and both arms badly.

Henry Fisher, sent to Jackson prison from Oakland county for two years for breaking and entering an office in the night time, completed his sentence and as he left the prison doors Sergt. Tobin arrested him for personating a deputy sheriff. The arrest was made at the request of United States Marshal Winney, and Deputy Large took the prisoner to Detroit.

Silas White, colored, of Grand Rapids, has a fully developed case of smallpox. He arrived from Chicago and established himself in what was after he lodged with a family of 12 persons named Robinson, and visited the common council chamber with bedding in a suit. Two hacks in which he rode are laid off and everything connected with him quarantined.

The fifty-third anniversary of the Kalamazoo River Baptist association was held at Kalamazoo. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Isaac Horton, of Climax. Officers elected: Moderator, Rev. A. B. Jessup, South Haven; clerk, Rev. Eugene Haines, Allegan; treasurer, P. Hoffmaster, Battle Creek; reading clerks, Rev. D. T. Magill, Lawton; A. J. Hutchins, Paw Paw. Sunday school superintendent, W. A. Powell, Marshall.

Foundery Fired From the K. of L.

For several days the general executive committee of the Knights of Labor in session at Philadelphia was investigating charges against Powderly. It is alleged that he and others collaminated the present K. of L. scheme in order and schemed to turn the K. of L. over to the Federation of Labor. The charges were submitted and Powderly expelled by the votes of McGuire-French and Martin, who constituted a majority of the board. With Powderly A. W. Wright, of Toronto and Master Workman Quinn of D. A. 99, were also expelled.

Young Parke Found.

Edmund H. Parke, the 20-year-old son of Hezekiah S. Parke, of Parke, Davis & Co., manufacturing druggists of Detroit, who mysteriously disappeared from New York, was found at Coaling, a small station about 40 miles south of Birmingham, Ala., on the Alabama Great Southern railroad. Young Parke was demented when found and had been wandering aimlessly over the country for days. Detective Lombard, of Detroit, was the officer who tracked him down.

Coal Miners Still Striking.

The three days' conference at Cleveland between striking coal miners and operators to settle the strike in the coal districts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana resulted in a disagreement, the miners refusing to make concessions on the wage scale. The operators wanted to make the scale 63 cents for Pittsburg and 55 cents for Hocking Valley and other districts in proportion. The miners stood firm for 70 and 70 cents.

Cincinnati Carpenters Strike.

All the carpenters and millhands in Cincinnati, Covington and Newport have been ordered on a strike by a mass meeting held in the latter city. Over 1,200 men, only forty votes opposed the strike. It is ordered because the boss carpenters refuse to grant the nine hour strike or eight hours or $3 for nine hours, with an hour less on Saturdays. Nearly 5,000 men are affected.

Dr. Meyers Guilty.

The jury in the case of Dr. Henry Meyers, charged with the murder of Ludwig Brandt and attempting to defraud insurance companies, found him guilty of murder in the second degree, at New York City.

Loomis' battery held its annual reunion in Coldwater. Thirty of the old comrades were present.

The Cincinnati board of trade desires to promote trade between that city and the Central and South American republics. To that end a movement was started for a school for instruction in the Spanish and Portugese languages.

Anarchist Henry, the author of the explosion in the cafe at the Hotel Terminus, was guillotined at Paris. As the anarchist from the prison gate shouted "Vive-la Anarchy," which he repeated just before he was seized and hurried to the guillotine. There was no disorder.

RAMPANT RIVERS.

PORTIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA SUBMERGED

Bonest Bottle Seething Waters Which Bring Death and Destruction—Johnstown, Williamsport, Bradford and Many Other Towns Suffer.

Johnstown, Pa.: The awful Conemaugh disaster of 1889, has been vividly recalled by the cloudburst and heavy rain fall which lasted in this section for three days and caused the Conemaugh river to flood the city and surrounding country. It is a noteworthy fact that the damage done in the city and within five miles of it will amount to from $60,000 to $80,000. The Pennsylvania Railroad company is the heaviest loser. A house, owned by Peter Seymour, was caught and carried a distance. A three-story building of Phillip Brown was torn from its foundation and greatly damaged. The iron bridge was badly wrecked. The men of Anthony George was submerged, and although anchored with ropes, the water swept them away, as well as the tents. The residences of Emanuel James and Charles Stattler also went down stream. The latter's house undermined an embankment, which gave way, carrying down into the river about 200 feet of track and the cars. In one of the cars were five tramps. Three of them succeeded in getting away, but the other two were lost. A $15,000 worth of timber belonging to the Conemaugh Lumber company went out, taking two bridges with it. Five feet of stone wall was washed away. Throughout this county and Somerset the damage to roads and bridges is reported to be very heavy. Tom McFeaters, a lad 13 years old, was drowned in the vicinity of Inch and Benson places. The second night of the flood the water reached its highest point. There was very little sleep in the fully demoralized citizens, and when at midnight it was known that the water was subsiding there was a feeling of thankfulness every heart. At midnight the big low bpom containing 175,000,000 feet went out with a terrific crash to the ground. Three bridges went down as they were struck. Household goods and store goods floated by, little pride to anyone, even third stories. The property loss cannot be estimated for some time but it cannot fall to be large. Some of the gas and electric light plants being submerged there was no light on the rushing waves on the first nights. The mode of transportation about the city was by boat. The loss to corps and farms cannot be told. Forty miles of road track was swept away. Over 25,000,000 feet of logs were swept away at Lock Haven.

Bradford: Many houses were under water to a depth of four feet. Over 40 families in the river district were rescued from their homes in boats. A large number of business houses were flooded on the ground floors. Loss over $250,000.

Pittsburg: Two lives were lost in the flood. Adrian Welchel, aged 35 years, was trying to get a number of horses near Etna, about 1 o'clock, when his feet caught in the harness and he was dragged to his death. Three later an unknown boy about 15 years old was drowned in Allegheny while catching driftwood. Both bodies were swept down the stream.

These are but a few of the many terrible scenes and circumstances attending the flood. At Huntingdon the Juniata raised 25 hours and surrounding towns were submerged. Mrs. Moverstown Mrs. Jacob Miller was drowned while trying to save her household goods. The Susquehanna flooded at least a hundred feet and an estimate by Pennsylvania railroad officials of the damage to towns along their lines puts the loss at not less than $2,000,000. Five new county bridges in Huntingdon county have been destroyed, the loss on turnpikes is about $60,000. At Everett, Elmer Wagner was drowned. The two children of John Minkosky at Nanticoke, aged respectively ten and eight, fell into a swollen creek and were drowned. Warren used boats for street cars.

FOUR HERDES DROWNED.

The Schooner Shipe Wrecked near Port Huron and Four Rescuers Drowned.

The schooner William Shupe was struck by the storm on Lake Huron off Sanilac. She labored in the heavy waves and the wind for several long hours, but at last struck on a sand reef off Lexington, six miles south of Sanilac. The crew was in great peril and a volunteer life-saving crew was organized at Port Huron. It consisted of Harvey Mills, Angus King, Wm. L. Lewis and Daniel Lynn, all of Port Huron. They towed out in a yawl boat in which half a mile of the life-fated Shupe. They reached the vessel safely and had made a line fast and were about to take the crew off when the yawl caught in or under a timber projecting from the side of the schooner and was capsized, tossed the yawl over in an instant, throwing all into the water.

One of the yawl managed to have been Mills, disappeared at once, while the others began striking out for shore. The yawl was distant by the time the King soon succumbed, but Lynn, who is a robust young man, had more endurance and swam on, reaching shore while the gale carrying him down the lake. He also would have succumbed had not a rescuer run down to him in almost heroic manner and pulled the thick of time. Chubb Randall, 20 years old, a river reporter, and Charles Conkey, who owns a bathing suit, attempted rescue from ashore waded out into the lake against the heavy swells about 75 feet and began to swim, but as he had become exhausted, he falling down unconscious when the young men approached him and he had to be dragged ashore. He would have been among the lost had the two brave young men been 30 seconds later in reaching him.

After this catastrophe the life-saving crew gave up the rescue of the wreck and in two hours the life savers had taken all of the crew, six persons, off the wreck and brought them to shore. The were Nelson Little, Port Huron, captain; William Brown, Port Huron, mate; Charles Ford, Port Huron, sailor; Roddy Curry, Oswego, N. Y., another sailor, name not learned, and Mrs. Lynn, wife of Lynn, cook. The crew were in excellent condition, considering that they were exposed to a fierce gale 18 hours. The Shupe was owned by her master, Nelson Little, and was valued at about $5,000 with insurance.

"Silver" Bland for President.

At the Democratic state convention at Kansas City, Mo., Gov. Stone launched a presidential boom for Congressman Bland. He said that the people could not nominate a more conscientious, faithful and devoted servant. Congressman Tarsney came next and confined himself to the tariff. Indorsing the principles of Grover Cleveland, whom he called the author of tariff reform and giving Senator Hill a side thrust, classing him with Benedict Arnold.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE—18th day—Mr. Allen's resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for information as to the number of persons directly employed by the government in competition with foreign laborers in the United States was discussed briefly. Then when the tariff bill was taken up. Mr. Gallinger offered an amendment including paper of manuscripts and announced that he was about to offer a substitute for the amendment on the tariff since the landing of the pilgrim fathers. Mr. Hill said that he thought that saying as had brought the story down to date, his game was up. Mr. Dixon delivered a carefully prepared speech. Amendments were offered increasing the rates on linseed, flaxseed, poppyseed and olive oils, and opium respectively. The rate on opium provoked considerable discussion. The "compromise" rate was fixed at $6 per pound. Mr. Palmer, of Illinois, said he would like to see the manufacture of morphine encouraged. Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, and Mr. Mitchell, of Oregon, opposed the "compromise" rate and carried it. Option for smoking reduced from $12 to $6. The bill passed including 42 amendments. Mr. Davis made before United States commissioner in all local parties." This paid remaining authorizing an investigation of the industrial commission was reported from the committee on labor. Mr. Springer gave notice that he would call up the bill to repeal the 10 per cent tax on state bank circulation. Then the United States senate committee on agriculture and forestry met and began the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. An amendment was offered increasing the appropriation for the purchase, preparation and distribution of seed from $15,000 to $100,000 agreed to.

SENATE—12th day—Mr. Morgan opened the proceedings by offering for reference a resolution which after reciting the existence of the Nicaragua canal company, and that the alleged existence of a sugar trust, called upon the committee on finance, to investigate as to whether any proceedings were pending against which corporation and if not why not. The bill was reached, if not, whether in his opinion, there was such a trust in the United States. Mr. Lodge tariff bribery and sugar investigation resolution was then laid before the senate and after being amended was adopted as follows: Whereas, charges have been made in the public paper published in New York City, that bribes have been offered to senators to induce them to vote against the pending tariff bill; and WHEREAS, it has also been made in a public article in the Press a newspaper published in Philadelphia, that the sugar schedule has been made up as it now stands in the proposed amendment in consideration of large sums of money contributed for campaign purposes of the Democratic party in 1892; therefore, be it RESOLVED, that a committee of five senators be appointed to investigate these charges and to report the facts to the senate; that attention has been made by the sugar trust of any person who has used or will use their influence for campaign or election purposes or to secure or defeat legislation or who has been offered or has been made as to