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THE STATE NEWS.

DOINGS AND HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN.

Kalamazoo college has a summer school of 9 pupils.

The potato crop is not worth digging.

A little son of Otto Starr, near Sagi naw, fell off of the seat of a reaper and was fatally injured.

The Bliss machine shops at Benton Harbor shut down because of a scarcity of fuel. Fifty men are idle.

Hartford schemers are working to have the county seat of Van Buren removed from Paw Paw to their own town.

John D. Groves, a well-known liveryman at Kalamazoo, was kicked by a horse. He had three ribs broken, and may not recover.

Nina Strang, the 9-year-old daughter of Charles J. Strang, of Lansing, was struck by A. & M. T. train at Oliver, and instantly killed.

Several hundred dollars' worth of clothing, and a small sum of money, were stolen. He had burglars on the brain. R. & L. elevator at Kalamazoo.

The family of John Rook, of Battle Creek, consisting of five members, were poisoned by eating canned beef, and were in a precarious condition.

The 8-year-old son of Daniel B. Beardslee, a farmer living near Perry, Shiawassee county, had his head run over while cleaning a ride. He may recover.

Centerville people are talking of constructing a new water works system. Cheading is to have an election soon to determine upon the same improvements.

While drawing wheat Joseph Haire, a Leslie bachelor about 65 years old, fell from the load, breaking his neck. It is supposed his fall was caused by sunstroke.

Gertie Young, of Grand Rapids, eloped with Sydney Reis, a "drummer." Gertie's mother caught on and stopped the pair at Chicago and forced a marriage.

A soldiers' monument was unveiled in Littlefield park, Farwell. Hon. Washington Gardner delivered the oration. Gov. Rich was to have been there but mixed his dates.

Mr. Wall, of Bancroft, tried to end his life with arsenic; but by physician pumped him out. A quarrel with his wife, which resulted in their parting, was the cause. He says he will try again.

An explosion occurred in Charles F. Clark's meat market, blowing out the plate glass front of the building. The explosion was followed by fire, which did $1,500 damage. The cause is a mystery.

Deputy Collector P. A. Dewitt, of Grand Rapids, collared Ed. Bolan, a Chicago cleaner at Holland for selling liquor without a tax. The case was settled but Uncle Sam is after others of like kind.

Edgar Warner was arrested at Ann Arbor charged with excessive cruelty in beating his 4-year-old stepson. Warner has spent two long terms in the Detroit house of correction for the same offense.

A huge pile of meal sacks in Botsford's elevator in Fort Huron tumbled over, burying Fred Nuernberg and John Devine. It was 20 minutes before fellow employes could release them. Both were severely injured.

Ex-Justice of the Peace Oliver M. Dix, of Crediton, Ont., upon whom who was under arrest on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, ate the contents of a box of matches, and ended his life by taking arsenic.

Mrs. Allen Thayer, of Osceola, Livingston county, tipped over the kerosene stove. Her clothing was instantly burned from her body before neighbors came to her rescue. She died in terrible agony a few hours later.

The Cleveland Cliffs Mining company is building a $250,000 furnace at Gladstone for the manufacture of coke and charcoal iron. The company has bought 9,000 acres of timber in Delta and Alger counties for fuel for the furnace.

Louis Kanitz, of Muskegon, department commander of the Grand Army, has refused an appointment of the Ionia prison board, because he will not be satisfied with the way the furniture plant at the prison is operated, and he wished to have it either made a paying institution or abolished altogether.

Two strangers were arrested at Benton Harbor, by a United States marshal from Chicago for passing bogus money that has been in free circulation for several days past. In their possession was found $100 in counterfeit money. More arrests will follow until the entire gang is caught.

Lewis Livingston, 13 years old, lately taken from the reform school by Al. Eckles, of Commerce, stole a span of horses and buggy belonging to George Fie da. Deputy Sheriff Slaughter, of Milford, caught him several miles away and beside the load of goods. He will likely go back to the reform school.

The official census figures show that Saginaw has fallen off nearly 3,000 in population since 1884. This is quite an isolated case, for Muskegon has lost 3,000 in the same period and West Bay City nearly as much. The prison in Saginaw county since the federal census was taken is only a trifle over 3,000.

W. S. Slagle purchased strychnine of rice poison and two days later his wife died suddenly. A post-mortem examination disclosed the fact that poisoning was the cause of death. The coroner's inquest decided that it was either a case of accidental poisoning or that she took it with suicidal intent. She was 30 years of age and would have been a mother in a few weeks.

The upper section of the Wyandotte rolling mills, known as the rail mill, burned yesterday, at a loss of about $70,000, upon which there is no insurance, as the plant has not been operated for a number of years. The property was owned by the Eureka Iron company and has been useless, the only portion remaining being the rail mill itself. Last winter the bar mill was burned and both fires are supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Now that the bitter railroad strike is over, the leaders of the labor organizations are taking up the matter of general strikes and praise for Eugene V. Debs, president of the A. R. U. This activity is in accord with an appeal from Grand President Compers of the American Federation of Labor, which organization will give $300.

Southbound passenger train No. 6 on the G. R. & I. was wrecked at Lacota, sixteen miles west of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Some miscreant had driven a brake beam in a switch. The engine passed over safely, but the tender, baggage car and smoker jumped the track. The train was loaded with Fort Wayne excursionists, but officials of the road assert that none were bruised.

Fire burned in Stowers' furniture store, at Birmingham, all day owing to lack of pressure on water works that firemen were unable to control the flames which soon broke through the second street and consumed the celebrated Lathrop hotel, the finest structure of the kind in the state. The fire spread to adjoining buildings. The loss is $700,000. Insurance, $300,000.

Official reports from United States consuls at Antwa and Hong Kong, China, say that 10,000 deaths occurred in those cities between Feb. 1 and July 1, from the black plague.

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

Centerville will soon be lighted by electric lights.

John Post, a Romulus farmer, died at his dinner table.

Coleman will build a new schoolhouse to cost $9,000.

Brown City will have a race meeting September 5, 6 and 7.

Mrs. F. Frost, of Alma, suicided because of family troubles.

The choir boys of Christ church, Adrian, struck for higher salaries.

An athletic association has been organized at Ypsilanti, with 30 members.

Stockbridge will have three saloons after the 1st of August, in spite of the effect on the lawless gang that is trying to terrorize the city. The three steam shovels at the Ogle Tye mine are piling a large amount of ore and making big holes in the stock piles. None of the shovels are running at present at Norrie, and very little is being done except the work by the shovels. As long as the present situation remains practically unchanged.

The city was awakened at night by a tremendous explosion in the neighborhood of the Norrie mine. The troops were called out and an investigation made. It was found that someone had fired several sticks of dynamite on the Norrie hill back of the mine, and Pres Sargent is to call a conference between the strikers and the operators.

Wreckers Pulled—The Tunnel Guarded.

Two unsuccessful attempts were made by train wreckers on the Grand Trunk railroad last night to wreck the trains. Ties were piled across the tracks near the Allegheny, Ecorse and Detroit junction, but the obstructions were seen by a freight train. The would-be wreckers again placed the ties on the tracks, but the night operator at the bridge managed to clear them away before the approach of the train. Three previous attempts had been made within a week to derail trains on the Grand Trunk near Lansing.

Since the recent attempts to wreck the Chicago & Grand Trunk trains, the officials of the road have become alarmed and have placed guards at the blow up the tunnel at Port Huron and have had a number of United States deputy marshals sworn in to act in the service of the railway company. They are guarding the approaches and portals night and day.

The Monthly Crop Report.

The monthly report of the statistician of the U. S. department of agriculture gives the following percentages of conditions of the principal Michigan crops: Corn, 93; wheat, 92; rye, 99; oats, 90; barley, 96; potatoes, 96; beans, 96; sorghum, 96; clover, 96; timothy, 86; apples, 70; peaches, 74; grapes, 70. Michigan shows a large increase in the area of corn and is planting in this respect all states excepting Ohio. The average condition of apples for the whole country denotes a meagre crop of this most necessary of fruits. Michigan is one of the few localities in which the report is made to point to a crop ranging from fair to good, but a further reduction of the percentage will doubtless be shown by the next returns. The outlook for the peach crop is about the same as it was a month ago.

A Whole Town Burned.

Mosstown, a suburb on the northern outskirts of Manistee, was entirely destroyed by fire. It is a Polish settlement. Twenty houses with barns and buildings were burned, leaving 150 homeless people. The fire started in a barn in the center of the settlement caused by a young Polish lad playing ski dropping a match in the hay. Most of the people were at church in the morning, a stiff wind fanned the flames into fury. The household goods were taken from the houses on the outskirts, and piled in promiscuous heaps in the groves. The loss will be about $10,000. Only two houses were insured, each for $1,000. The fire department was housed in the Manistee town hall. All of them are employed in the mills at East Lake.

Horsewhipped by a Woman.

Mrs. George Walroth gave A. J. Mason, a grocery rival, in Muskegon a severe store, Muskegon, a most thorough horsewhipping in the store. His hat was smashed, his coat torn off in the neck and great welts were raised on his face and shoulders. Mrs. Walroth has been married but a year. Mason went to get an order for groceries as usual, and found her 19-year-old daughter alone. The girl says Mason gave her candy and money and attempted to assault her. Mrs. Walroth, after consultation with her friends, came to the conclusion that a flogging was the proper punishment for Mason. The clerk denies the child's story, and the case will probably be taken to the courts.

In the First Degree.

In January Mrs. Mary McKendrick was found dead, bound and gagged, in her home at Utica, Macomb county. It was soon discovered that she had been murdered and robbed of several hundred dollars. Soon after Henry Prame was run down and confessed, charging Charles Macard with being the chief actor in the crime. The trial resulted in a verdict against Macard of murder in the first degree.

When asked after if he had anything to say Macard remarked that he expected conviction, but was surprised that the verdict was murder in the first degree. The court then sentenced him to prison for life. A new trial will be asked for.

Man and Wife Killed by a Train.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stroube were instantly killed at St. Louis by train No. 6, from Mackinaw City. They were driving in a one-horse wagon, together with an adopted son, and when they neared the railroad track was completely hidden from view. The whistle was sounded, but the unfortunates were run down by the engine. The horse was killed and the wagon demolished. The bodies were terribly mangled, Mr. Stroube's leg being crushed to a pulp and his head cut off. The son who was in the wagon with them was not injured.

The effects of the railroad strike are being felt in Flint, 25 employes of the Pathfinder railway shops having been laid off pending the revival of business from that movement.

Fred Dey has confessed to the robbery of Bailey & Cowley's store at Slight's Siding, near Traverse City, and implicates Charles Standfield. Dey was caught selling part of the booty.

Albert Heidenbergh, aged 20, in the employ of Hamilton Hamilton & Mining Co. at the stamp mill, at Houghton Lake, was killed while assisting in repairing a belt. He lost his balance and fell 25 feet.

William Diedrick, a respectable young man of Jackson, picked a peanut from Barnhill Legrier's stand. In a frenzy Legrier plunged an ugly stiletto deep into Diedrick's left arm. The wounded man lost a great quantity of blood and may die.

The Cincinnati, Jackson & Mackinaw express was stalled by a washout one mile east of Bellaire. The baggage and motive carsened over on the south side of the track and the train stopped just before coming to a high embankment. No one was injured.

George Cates, aged 88 years, of near Adrian, was struck by a barn door blown by a strong wind, killing him up bone. It was three hours before he was found by a neighbor who helped him into the house and then went for a physician. The old man's 90 years of age, objected to a doctor being called, but the doctor being called to thrash him into submission.

FIRES HOT SHOT.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND ON TARIFF REFORM.

Says Congress Must Redeem the Pledges of the Democratic Party—Free Raw Materials Demanded, but Sugar Is a Proper Subject for Taxation.

Executive Mansion, Washington, July 12, 1894.

To Hon. William L. Wilson:

My Dear Sir—I am pleased that a conference will be ordered between the two houses of congress, with the view of securing a prompt agreement on the subject of tariff legislation, and I trust that the conferees will be instructed to do such service in the cause of tariff reform, as the house bill, when originally passed by the house, and the senate bill, as agreed upon by the senate finance committee, fairly represented. Entertaining this opinion, I have no reason to my fellow countrymen as a result of the action of congress upon the tariff, except to say that I hope no excuse is necessary for my renewed appeal to you that in this crisis you strenuously insist upon party honesty and good faith in the accomplishment of the party pledges and principles. I believe there are absolutely necessary conditions to the relief of the present financial distress.

I believe myself of the feeling that this conference will present the best if not the only way to accomplish the result we seek, and I am sure my fellow countrymen as a result of the last election have a right to expect that their trust and confidence in the Democratic party,