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MICHIGAN MATTERS.

IN CONDENSED FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

A Decision Which Agats Opens the Barrien County Seat Trouble—Hastings C. E. E. of P. the Champion—William Shakespeare's Pension Case—Briefless.

One of Old Boreas' Strong Breaths.—Saginaw: During the gale a pile driver was blown from its fastenings up the river and crashed against the Bristol street bridge, narrowly missing two electric cars loaded with people. The pile-driver weakened the bridge, and the heavy wind soon carried away two spans, entailing a loss of $6,000. The fine steam yacht Alcatraz was struck by the falling bridge and badly damaged. The Palmerton Woodenware company's plant was damaged by the wind to the extent of $1,000. Fully a score of other places were damaged from $200 to $1,000.

Jackson.—A number of trees and a few houses were struck, but the damage was in no case severe. Albran Mason slept peacefully until falling strike his bed, splintering the posts and letting the mattress and Mason fall to the floor, none the worse for his scare.

Fowler: Frank Gruler's store rooms were damaged $600 by the storm. State Savings bank building, $200; a hay warehouse toppled over. The storm west of town tore down windmills and fences and trees in its path about four rods wide.

Altona: Lightning destroyed the barn of Farmer Henry Smith, together with hay, wheat, implements and a stallion, valued at $1,200. A threshing machine was consumed. John Lilly hart's barn was struck by lightning; loss $2,000.

St. Joseph: The worst wind and rain storm of the season did great damage to fruit on trees, blowing down small houses, trees, etc.

Orleans: Lightning burned Leander Benedict's barn, with its contents; loss $1,000.

Flint. Large barns and other buildings on the farm of George Hinchey, burned by lightning; loss $1,000. Dr. Davison Wm. Bagley's house was considerably damaged.

Mt. Morris: The house of Charles Johnson was partially demolished. Richard Burgess, and wife and child were thrown out of bed.

Niles: The wind unroofed houses, blew down scores of trees and badly wrecked one fields and orchards.

Portland: Two barns belonging to H. H. Wilcox were burned and James Arwin's house damaged by lightning.

Caro: The Carojelectric light works were damaged $500.

Berrien County Seat War.

Judge Coolidge, of Niles, has given out his decision respecting the certiorari proceedings in the Berrien county seat removal case. He decides the election (which moved the county seat from Berrien Springs to St. Joseph) null and void, and all proceedings of the board thereunder. The main error as he decides it was placing the proposition voted on on a separate ballot instead of at the foot of the township and municipal ballot. The case will probably go to the supreme court. About $10,000 expended in the election is made of no avail if the decision is upheld, as well as over $20,000 expended by St. Joseph in the purchase of land for a site. Berrien Springs is celebrating.

Special from St. Joseph: Judge Coolidge of Niles, rendered an adverse decision in the proceedings against the county seat removal, at Niles, which the people last April. This is more than unfortunate, as St. Joseph is the city and citizens are out about $4,000 for property bought, boulevards and cleared preparatory to erecting new county buildings. Indignation meetings are being held here.

Gloomy Crop Prospects.

Secretary of State Gardner, in the monthly crop report, takes a very gloomy view of the condition of crops since the drought. The report says: "The average rainfall in the state in August did not exceed three-fourths of an inch, or, two inches less than the usual amount in this month. In July there was a deficiency of one and three-fourths inches. With a drought thus practically unbroken during the two principal crop growing months of July and August it is not difficult to estimate the condition of crops. They are dried up. Corn, potatoes and garden truck are damaged beyond recovery, the yield will be but a small per cent. of an average, and pastures afford little or no feed for stock. The fact that in a few localities rain was slightly more abundant and crops are consequently somewhat better, does not disprove the general statement. There is little doubt that wheat will be largely fed to stock the coming winter. We hope to have estimates soon of the proportion of the crop. One country miller writes that he has already ground 1,500 bushels for feed.

Six Ladies Strange'y Injured.

A bad accident occurred at Nashville, in which several ladies nearly lost their lives. The street was filled with pleasure-seekers, who were waiting to see an exhibition of rope-walking. A crowd of some 30 or more women and children stood on the sidewalk in front of W. H. Kleinhons, dry goods merchant. Suddenly the sidewalk gave way, precipitating its load into the basement. They were piled up on top of each other, and a great many limbs were broken and wrenched. Those who were injured are: Mrs. V. P. Cassell, slightly fractured and internally injured; Mrs. Albert Mix, both legs broken; Mrs. F. M. Sprague and Mrs. William Sweezy, badly cut; Mrs. Frank Showalter, injured about the face and spine.

Brutal Murder of a Miner.

One of the most shocking crimes which has ever occurred in or about Detroit took place near Grosse Isle, when the victim being a historical Grosse Pointe road character, Charles Chauvin, an old man worth probably more than a quarter of a million dollars, who has for many years lived as a hermit. The perpetrators of the deed broke into the back door of the little, humble-looking cabin, and killed the taciturn old hermit with an axe. They leisurely over all the articles in both rooms of the house, presumably in search of valuables, and made their escape. It is believed that they were unsuccessful in securing any money.

Brakeman Barney Hebner, of Au Sable, fell under the wheels at McKinley, and both legs were cut off. He cannot recover.

Janitor Freeman, of the Muskegon city hall, thought he would fumigate one of the rooms, so he chinked up the oral pounds of sulphur, closed all the windows, locked the door and touched it off. He was found more dead than alive and a tragedy was narrowly averted.

Guy McGregor, a 17-year-old son of Capt. J. McGregor, of Detroit, died of a very singular affection. A few days previous he was attacked with lockjaw. The glands of the throat swelled to an enormous size, causing suffocation, and in spite of the efforts of two physicians the boy strangled to death.

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

The Tuscola county fair will be held at Vassar, September 18 to 21.

The Ionia district fair at Ionia, October 2 to 5.

Schoolcraft's fireman's tournament for September 13 and 14 was canceled.

A high wind blew a tree over on John Lakto at Trout Creek and killed him.

The annual Michigan conference of the A. M. E. church was held at Lansing.

Bert Andrews, near Corunna, was thrown from a horse and is feared that he will die.

The infant child of Farmer Lansshaw, near Alma, pulled a pot of hot tea off the supper table and was fatally scalded.

James Heal, a Davison farmer, lost a clover huller. Some miscreant set it on fire in a field where it had been left for the night.

Chauncey Stone, secretary of the Grand Rapids Cold Storage company, was disappointed, having overdrawn his account $9,200.

It is said that no less than 15 families in the Third ward of Jackson have the chills. This is malarial fever caused by bad drainage.

The annual Detroit conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was held at Port Huron. Marie and was quite largely attended.

Rev. H. E. Dosker, D. D., recently appointed extra professor of the Western Theological seminary at Holland, has taken charge.

The candidates for governor will speak at a county mass meeting in Flint, September 19. The whole of northern Michigan is expected.

During a thunderstorm the horse of W. S. Shankland, of Port Huron, became frightened and ran away. He was thrown out and had five ribs broken.

James Cook was killed at the Kirby Carpenter company's mill near Menominee by a blow on the head from a stick of hardwood falling from the carriage.

Several mysterious fires have recently occurred at Grayling, and it is suspected that a fire bug is in town. They have all taken place at 2 o'clock in the morning.

The barn of Wm. W. Sage, near Ionia, was struck by lightning and burned, together with a horse and wagon. Insurance, $150 on the wagon, given for the deed.

The ship yards at Wyandotte may open November 1. As there are good prospects for work the yards have already been signed for the building of a small boat.

A 14-year-old girl named Hodges, living at Quincy, was recently assaulted in the woods by an unknown tramp. She is seriously injured. A lynching party went after the fellow.

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Ewen is to have a new Episcopal church.

The Salvation Army has invaded Ironwood again.

The Eleventh Michigan cavalry will hold a reunion at Greenville, Sept. 27.

Grass fires came very near setting fire to a big powder magazine near Saginaw.

By the spreading of an old and new dock at the Soo 50 tons of soft coal dropped into the river.

Mrs. Mary Hunt, a wealthy widow of Corunna, has been adjudged insane and sent to the asylum.

Two hundred people will be employed in the Traverse City's new canning factory the whole year round.

F. M. Link, who keeps a restaurant at Britton, is under arrest for selling liquor without the proper license.

Mr. Clark Benikes, of Ann Arbor, was seriously injured by being thrown from a carriage and has become insane.

John Verhoeks, who escaped from the state prison several months ago, has been captured in Duluth.

The Kalamazoo Telegraph celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by issuing a 16-page edition profusely illustrated.

The woolen mills burned at Ionaville. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at about $4,000.

Wm. Hoyt, aged 37, was found dead at his home, two miles north of Carleton, with a revolver ball in his temple. Suicide.

A digger named Charles Carr, aged 45, was buried in a cave-in near Holland, and sustained fatal injuries. He left a family.

The ladies won at Jackson. Mrs. C. Bloomfield and Mrs. Laura H. Ford being re-elected school trustees by good majorities.

William Helsizer's farmhouse near Rochester burned, and his daughter, Mrs. Davison, jumped from a window breaking her leg.

Rain storms at St. Joseph blew hundreds of bushels of apples from the trees and the owners turned their hogs in to eat them up.

While Joseph Smith was sitting at a window in his father's residence, near Newaygo, he was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Frank Moore, of Shepherdsville, was arrested by Sheriff Ford, charged with posing of a cow, which he is charged with having stolen from J. T. Fisher.

Charles Pierson, a young man aged 22, committed suicide at Ludington by jumping into the lake. He was despondent on account of his discharge from employment.

Mrs. George J. Huntley, aged 58, shot herself through the heart, dying instantly, at Holland. She had been married but a few weeks. No cause is given for the deed.

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NEWS IN GENERAL.

SOME ITEMS OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

A Severe Electrical Storm Without Rain Destroys Several Illinois Towns.—The Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Pittsburg.

Towns Destroyed by Lightning.

Lightning played havoc among the various small towns about DeKalb, Ill. An entire block in the village of Malta, a town of 600 inhabitants, is ashes, with losses aggregating $60,000. The little settlement of Hiedelberg was also visited by lightning and completely wiped out. The loss will not be quite, very extensive. At Caledonia four buildings were struck at different times, and each of these structures was destroyed. At Shabbert two buildings were struck and totally destroyed. The people had just work to save the schoolhouse. The northwestern railway track for a stretch of 300 feet at Trout Park was washed out by the heavy flood. At Genoa the lightning was exerted on the Air line, carrying away a large portion of the roadbed.

THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

The Veterans Meet Once More in National Reunion at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, the metropolis of western Pennsylvania, is the scene of the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and herself proud. The number of people who took the occasion to visit that city almost reached 100,000, and although the number of veterans in attendance present was not as great as at Washington, the enthusiasm was almost as great. Illinois veterans were conspicuous in pushing the claims of Judge C. B. Lang as their candidate for commander-in-chief, and considerably more than half as well supported, Ohio sent a large delegation as did state excepting Pennsylvania and New York. Indiana and Illinois had each candidates for commander-in-chief, and of course a large number of veterans from those states were present.

The first spectacle of the encampment was the parade of the naval veterans over the Allegheny river, under command of Rear Admiral J. R. Osborn, were in line. The old sailors walked along the river bank in single file. In the parade were carried many historic relics of naval warfare among them the flag of Commodore Perry under which flew over the good old Kearsarge when she sinked Alabama. The American flag which flew over the Union navy. Their ninth annual convention of the naval veterans showed an encouraging increase in the number of veterans. Admiral Bell of Chicago and Francis B. Allen, of Hartford, were re-elected commander.

Judge Long's Position, Again.

Judge Long, of Michigan, filed his replication in the suit for mandamus against the secretary of the interior, in the supreme court of the District of Columbia. He denies the allegation that he is a judge of Michigan, and is perform such labor as may be performed by a person having one arm, and that he is fully able to perform such labor as may be performed by a person having one arm. He denies that he is physically and entirely disabled. Judge Long holds that his duties are those of the judiciary of the state of Michigan, and that he no may be conducted as usual labor, an opinion which was concurred in by Commissioner Tuttner.

50 Houses Burned in an Ohio Town.

Special from Chicago: At the hour of the 'of Dalton, Ohio, a town of 1,500 people, and over 50 houses destroyed. Assistance was sent by special train from Massillon, Ohio, and Akron. The village water supply was soon exhausted and their wells and cisterns, were soon dry. Early in the morning a welcome rain began to fall and the flames began to die out. The fire is supposed to be the work of incendiaries. The entire loss is estimated at $200,000.

50 to 60 Killed in a Collision.

Paris: The disaster to the Paris and Cologne express train at Apilly, the twenty-Nuyon and Paris express was more serious than at first supposed. The first estimates placed the number of people killed at from 30 to 40. Now it is now stated that from 50 to 60 were killed or injured.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Reports received indicate that the Republican party will gain in Maine.

The Republican state convention at Denver was a most affair, but two Wallace men were elected and was renominated.

Miss Marion Cleveland and Kate Rutod of Brooklyn, aged and 17 respectively, were drowned yesterday Saybrook Conn.

W. J. Dollar, a Iowa grocery storekeeper, at Sioux City, Ia., were shot and killed by a burglar, who escaped with the other three dollars and a half for a night lunch.

The Union Pacific railroad issued a notice that it will be a violation from any participation in politics. Employes discussion of any subject tending to that direction is prohibited.

It is believed that the fatal death list in Fire county, Minn., will exceed 200, as nearly 200 people are known to have been killed according to Coroner Cowan's official estimate.

The national convention of the Knights of Labor in the United states was held at Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colo. Fifty-two delegates from all parts of the United states were present.

The case of Judge Charles D. Long of Michigan against Secretary Hoke Smith and President Cleveland, Lochren was before the district supreme court but was postponed until Monday.

Ten persons were killed and 50 injured by the wreck of the Paris and Cologne express train. The accident happened at Apilly near Brussels and was caused by a collision of the express train with a freight train.

Michael Roepiel was arrested and taken to Ashland, Wis., charged with setting fire to the forests, causing the loss of eight lives at High Bridge. He was bound over for $5,000 and lodged in jail. The feelings is intensel, bitter against him.

Judge Noble sitting in the court of common pleas at Cleveland, announced a decision against the city and favorable to the Lake Shore and Big Four roads in the celebrated Cleveland lake front case. The property in question is a large tract of land lying between Water street and the old river bed and involves several millions of dollars.

The whole plot of the lynching of six alleged Negro incendiaries near Millington, Tenn., the night of August 31, has been laid bare, and every man participated in the conspiracy will be in jail. Robert McCarver, son of J. A. McCarver, sheriff of Shelby county, is the man who exposed the conspirators.

An area of one square mile suffered from a cloudburst at Bethlehem, Pa. The flood reached the second story of houses on Greene street, Spruce street, Old Bethlehem and Second street in South Bethlehem. The damage to property is estimated at $50,000 and to sewers and highways $10,000. That no lives were lost is a miracle.

AN ENGINEER'S FATE.

Wrecked Three Times at One Spot in Wisconsin—The Third Time Killed.

Three years ago Fred Almquist, of Rockland, became an engineer on the C. M. & St. P. railroad, and since that time he has been a marked for accidents. About one year ago his entire train was wrecked at Adventure bridge, 305 miles north of Milwaukee, and the bridge was destroyed. Last June he was wrecked on the same train but nine miles south of the first wreck. His engine was thrown down a 10-foot embankment and several cars piled on top of it, but Fred crawled out of the wreck without a scratch. During the recent forest fires he operated north with the same engine and train. Fires raged fiercely each side of the track for many miles, necessitating a very careful, slow and a slow run; but in spite of all precautions, when he reached the spot near Adventure bridge, where he was wrecked a year ago, the rails spread, and the engine turned over on its right side in precisely the same manner as last June, killing Fred instantly.

A passenger was due in one hour. Scores of lives were in danger. Trainer Brakeman Crane started ahead to flag the approaching train, but each time he was driven back by the smoke, his face being blistered and half scorched. A third time he succeeded, and stopped the train just in time. Brakeman Orton was found with a broken leg.

Two Killed in a Wreck in Hoosic Tunnel.

"A most horrible railroad disaster took place on the Fitchburg road in the Hoosic tunnel, near North Adams, Mass. A freight train had stopped to repair an engine which had broken down, and at about the same time a west-bound express train passed having the tunnel filled with smoke. A second eastbound freight train was allowed to enter the tunnel in violation of the rules of the road, and the engineer being unable, on account of the dense smoke left by the passenger train, to distinguish the lights from the train from the lights on the walls of the tunnel, went into it with a crash. A horrible disaster was the result, both trains being badly wrecked. The tunnel was blockaded and two men killed outright and three seriously injured.

Elution Expenses to Lochren.

Washington: Congressman Linton of Michigan, called at the pension office to see commissioner Lochren regarding the charges made in the commissioner's recent letters to congressman that he has violated the regulations of the bureau and made false statements regarding claims for pensions now before the bureau. Mr. Linton's defense is based upon the circumstance of a check sent to him by Lochren as to the exact residence of certain claimants concerning whose status he had made inquiries. He also admits that he has inadvertently sent to the bureau slips containing information which he knew to be true but not intended to deceive or reflect on the bureau. His explanation was satisfactory to Mr. Lochren.

Collision at Columbus.

A remarkable collision occurred on the B. & O. west side of Columbus, O. Ten loaded coal cars broke from a train and ran down the hill and into the collision and ran down grade into the yards of the Hocking Valley railroad. The engine was buried under the coal cars and went off the bridge into the river, pulling the baggage car with it. The other coaches remained on the track. One span of the bridge went down and the coal cars piled upon the engine. Wm. Herbert, fireman, of Newark, was crushed to death in the wreck. Smallwood, engineer, was buried out into the river and escaped with some scalds. The water stands in some coaches fell on 11-year-old Burniss Burland and broke her leg. No other passengers were seriously injured.

Peary's Expedition.

Copenhagen: The Peary relief expedition has been fitted out. The Danish vessel Tjalfe, commanded by Lieut. Hansen, has arrived from Greenland and the captain reports that not one the members of the expedition at Peary's station only All were well. Capt. Brick states that the winter in the Arctic regions has been extraordinarily long and he thinks that the chances of finding alive Dr. Emil Bessels, the Swedish explorers, who started for the north in 1892, and the search for whom was one of the objects of the Peary relief expedition are very remote.

Sunbeam Messages.

The rays of the sun are carried a mile from the top of the Equitable building, Denver, today, the center of Pike's peak, 65 miles in an air line, was a remarkable feat in telegraphy. Signals were sent not only up to expectation. Successful messages were sent to Denver, Chicago and Washington for several days and the sun was kept busy carried for the attempt to flash a message from Mt. Lowmphgre to Mt. Hilton in Pike's Peak, but the mirror on Pikes Peak could be distinctly seen by the naked eye during the transmission of the message.

Condition of the Treasury Improving.

Secretary Carlisle is much pleased with the condition of the treasury. Instead of a deficit the treasury ending August of this year show a surplus of nearly $5,000,000. This indicates an improvement of more than $25,000,000. The cause of this improvement in the finances increased internal revenue and customs receipts and an improved condition of business. The secretary is also confident of his ability to meet all the treasury obligations without another issue of bonds.

Severe More People Burned to Death.

Seven people were burned to death in the fires at Marengo a few miles south of Ashland Wis. The bodies were so badly charred that recognition is impossible.

Reports from the north are to the effect that the forest fires in Minnesota, Minn. are in danger. The fires now surround these places and are approaching fast. The smoke at Carlton that the people could not see across the street.

The Election in Maine.

The results of the Maine election is thoroughly satisfactory to the Republicans. Gov. Cleaves was re-elected by nearly 10,000 majority, the largest majority in the history of the party. The legislature is 125 majority on the Republican side insuring the re-election of Senator Hale and Speaker Thomas B. Reed. Dolbeare and other Republican congressmen are renamed, by majorities running from 10,000 to 6,000.

A Farmer's Shirt Saved the Train.

A farmer near Stevens Point, Minn. drove off a band of tramp wreckers who were tearing up track on the Wisconsin Central. He then tore off his shirt, set fire to it and signaled the early morning train from Chicago, which was approaching, and which would otherwise have been derailed and thrown over a precipice.

Secretary Gresham had a conference with Chinese minister concerning the Chinese treaty which was ratified by the senate. Minister Yang Yu told Secretary Gresham that he was overshadowed all else, but that he had yet been taken by the Chinese government.

A terrible storm visited Wichita, Kas. The lower portion of the town was inundated by the cloudburst. The lightning was phenomenal and the home of Thomas Hermes, a bolt of lightning killed his 3-years-old boy, fatally burned a 9-year-old girl and literally tore the house to pieces.

AGAINST THE HOMESTEADERS

Secretary of the Interior Decides a Big Land Case in Favor of a Monopoly.

Washington: Secretary of Interior Hoke Smith has decided the long awaited homestead case of Amassa Daly against the giant Michigan Land and Lumber company. Fifteen thousand acres of land with some of the most valuable or pine timber, depended on the decision of this test case. Over $1,000,000 worth of property.

Secretary Smith decrees that several hundred homesteaders shall be turned out and the title of the vast tract shall be confirmed to Lord Brassey, of England, and other millionaire stockholders of the Michigan Land & Iron Co. The 15,000 acres at issue—which is only a small portion of the 462,344 acres, of which 129,574 acres were fraudulently gobbled, of the monopoly, lie in the heart of the west of L'Anse in the upper peninsula on the line of the old M. H. & O. railroad. The contest point upon which Secretary Smith seems to hinge his decision is that the company was an "innocent purchaser" of the railroad land grant, notwithstanding the fact that evidence of statutes known and read of all men seemed to militate against the innocent purchaser theory.

Shakespeare's Pension.

A pension case of adjudication of importance to that of Judge Long is that of Gen. Wm. Shakespeare, of Kalamazoo, Mich. The general has been informed that two persons have filed affidavits opposing his being rated as first grade in his month. The nature of the affidavits, the evidence they give and the names of the persons making them the pension commissioner declines to give. Gen. Shakespeare intends to test the question of legality of "confidential and private" evidence, and if necessary, will appeal to the highest tribunal. The legal question involved is one of constitutional right that it is the privilege of every man to be confronted by his accusers.

Paced a Mile in 2:02 1-2.

The flag of honor floats over the track of the Indianapolis Driving club, August 1, the great son of Hartford, reigns supreme as king of the turf. The match purse of $3,000, between Robert J. and Joe Patchen at Indianapolis, was decided by fifty with some phenomenal speed, but not one of the 10,000 people gathered at the track was prepared for the 2:02 1-2 mile record of records that began with the word "go." The battle was a beautiful one, and the laurels crowned the Robert J. were: First, 2:04¼, second 2:03, third, 2:04¼.

Canadian Lumber Free.

Washington: Secretary Carlisle was notified by the state department that the Canadian government has notified the secretary of state that hereafter he export or stumpage dues will be levied in Canada on any of the logs, timbers, planks and other articles included in the lumber schedule of the Canadian tariff bill. Acting on this information, Secretary Carlisle at once sent a telegram to collectors of customs notifying them that hereafter all canadian lumber will be admitted free of duty.

Opium Smugglers Caught Red-Handed.

Deputy Collectors John Dinneny, of Port Huron, and Samuel A. Harkness, of St. Clair at 2:30 a. m. Friday, arrested Jacobs and John Green for alleged smuggling. The two men crossed from Canada to the St. Clair in a rowboat with two trunks and about 250 pounds of opium, and just after landing they were handed by the officers, who had been laying in wait. The opium was obtained in Toronto, where the alleged smugglers are said to have been living