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MICHIGAN PEOPLE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Guatemala didn't lick Mexico after all. That's some relief after all this tremendous strain.

The high price of oil is not caused by its scarcity. The Standard Oil company has plenty of oil—but no one else has.

In the fierce struggle and conflict of modern life the new woman is throwing herself into the breaches everywhere.

A man was arrested in Chicago last week for making aluminum, 5-cent pieces. He was probably trying to settle the silver question.

Milwaukee's cat show was a dignified and serious affair. No back-fence concerts were given and the visitors came away without a scratch.

Attempts are being made in New York to form a coffin trust. It is presumed that a man will not be allowed to die unless he is a subscriber.

Ex-Speaker Peel of the house of commons hopes to be elevated to a higher office. He seems to be a statesman after Tom Reed's own heart.

The price of beef seems inclined to try to beat the highest record, which we believe, was made when the late Mrs. Goose's cow jumped over the moon.

Patti's salary has been cut nearly one-third. But she is still able to afford a carriage to and from the opera. Her last engagement of six nights netted her $12,000.

A philosophic exchange remarks that "a fish never would get into very serious trouble if it only would keep its mouth shut." How about the fisherman's net receipts?

The Kentucky preacher who preached two sermons every Sunday and made moonshine whisky on week days certainly was engaged in spiritual matters all the while.

Yellow is becoming the popular color. There are yellow flowers, yellow bill-posters, yellow books in Li Hung Chang's yellow jacket, and a lot of politicians with yellow reputations.

A New York boy who was hurt by a gunpowder explosion last Fourth of July has been patched up with 15,000 pieces of skin contributed by his friends. That's a queer way to hide personal defects.

A Boston parson publicly accused President Cleveland of drunkenness. His friends demanded time and place, and the parson now publicly apologizes, and says he made the statement on hearsay. The time is past when people will accept without inquiry or doubt any statement because it happens to be made in a pulpit. Religious gossip is as contemptible as any other kind.

The sultan of Turkey sent to New York 500 pounds of rice for the relief of Minnesota forest fire sufferers. The money was not called for by the Minnesota authorities and Mayor Strong has just ordered that it be appropriated for use among the poor Armenians in New York city. In view of the recent Armenian outrages this incident has a queer bearing.

Every woman who writes the memoirs of Napoleon Bonaparte from personal acquaintance relates that at one time the great conqueror tried to throw her out of a bed. This seems to have been regarded as a compliment to the historian's charms that she could not refrain from telling. If he did this as often as charged he would have had no time to win a victory outside of France.

An incubator for hatching hen's eggs under reduced atmospheric pressure has been devised by Prof. C. Giacomini, an Italian embryologist, who expects the apparatus to prove a valuable aid in the study of teratology. Reduced pressure in the early days of development incites various monstrosities, besides retarding growth, but in later stages embryos are killed unless oxygen is added to counteract the effects of the rarefied air.

It is now a well recognized fact, states a medical journal, that the structures of the eye, especially the cornea and conjunctiva, are subject to malarial affections, periodical in character, differing from the usual affections of these parts, but yielding actual tissue change, and amenable to quinine or other anti-malarial treatment. Some ulceration or abrasion of the corneal epithelium may occur, or intraocular hemorrhage during the cold stage of a paroxysm.

Live alligators have been seen in a creek at Cape May. Jersey whisky has always had a hard name, but even North Carolina moonshine products in their rankest days never produced anything worse than mere snakes.

As an example of the value of keeping still, look at Oscar Wilde, the apostle of beauty and purity. If he had kept still when accused, no one would have paid any attention to the charges against him, but he rushed into court, a picture of outraged innocence, and look at him now.

It is in order now for Russell Sage to go into a decline and die of regret and disappointment. He only made 100 per cent in oil, and he might have made a little more with a little nerve.

Fashion has ordered that "Trilby" shall not be in evidence at the bathing beaches this year. The eastern consumers announce that stockings will be universally worn with bathing outfits. The reason for this is best explained by a Boston girl who says that a girl's foot never looks pretty when legs are arenarious."

Nine million watermelons were shipped from Georgia and Florida last year. In the town of Montgello, Ga., some, this spring, 52,000 pounds of water-melon seeds have been sold, and still some people dread the approach of summer.

We have little sympathy for those business men who were bitten while trying to buy postage stamps at cut rates. Two cents apiece is cheap enough and Uncle Sam has established branch stores almost everywhere for the convenience of buyers.

Lake Navigators Becoming Alarmed Over the Low Stage of Water in the Lakes—Sand Lake Village Nearly Destroyed by Fire.

Low Water in the Lakes.

Lake levels are playing some peculiar freaks this spring. From various reports of low water made since the opening of navigation it would seem as if the mean lake levels are a foot below the ordinary stage. Thus far this season continued northerly winds have kept up the stage of water in Chicago harbor to its usual height, but at the foot of Lake Michigan the drop is reported from two to three feet, more especially in Green Bay, where it is said to be four feet. At both the Welland canal and the St. Marys canal the tonnage of craft is materially reduced. Continual strandings on Grosse Pointe, in Detroit river, have given warning that cargoes must be materially lessened. The capacity of deep draft vessels, which do nearly all the lake commerce, has been reduced by the low water from 5 to 8 per cent.

Gen. O. M. Poe says: "I don't blame them for being uneasy. There is a good reason for the low stage of water, and it will get still lower unless there are abundant general rains soon. Since February the rainfall has been five feet inches short of the normal quantity in the entire lake region. Four inches all over the lakes and the country that is drained into the lakes means a considerable difference in depth. Besides this, there is less evaporation and much flow going on all the time, all of which is lowering the lakes all the time."

Sand Lake Suffers a Heavy Fire.

Every business place and many residences were wiped off the earth by fire at Sand Lake. The fire started, probably from a spark from J. E. Goul's lumber mill, in the livery barn of Alfred Goldings. It was but a moment when the hotel and adjacent stores were in flames, with no possible means of checking the fire. Many people were homeless and without shelter for the night. The loss, will run up to about $70,000.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. Hendrika Geukes, of Kalamazoo, aged 67, hanged herself.

Bancroft is dry; saloonkeepers could not get satisfactory bondsmen.

James Colter, aged 16, was drowned while bathing in Muskegon river, near Muskegon.

Woodruff-Parmalee was held for trial for the murder of Julia Curtiss at Traverse City.

Algonacs village council refused licenses to the four saloons, but granted one to a druggist.

"Uncle" Harve Hobson, aged 75, and Miss Lucy Dibosh, aged 60, were married at Clarksville.

E. C. Warriner, principal of the Battle Creek high school, has accepted a similar position at Saginaw.

Game Warden Hampton has presented the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids with two deer for the "zoo."

John R. Corliss, of Detroit, has obtained a franchise for an electric road from Jackson to Vandercook Lake.

Phillip Patterson, aged 58 years, fell under a moving train on the P. & P. M., at Flint and was crushed to death.

Zachariah Taylor, a farmer near Wessel, was arrested on a charge of assault upon Emma Miner, aged 10.

John Morriarity and Frank Conley, aged 14 years, were drowned in the River Rouge at Detroit while bathing.

Two linemen working on the Michigan railroad near Athens, were poisoned by eating canned beef, but will recover.

Henry Fisher, aged 8, was drowned at Bay City. He was paddling about on a large plank and fell into the water.

Esty & Calkin's sawmill was burned at Pinconning. Loss $17,000, partially insured. A lamp in the engine room exploded.

John McLellan, aged 21, stole his father's chickens at Battle Creek and now takes his meals at the Detroit house of correction.

Students of the Michigan mining school are getting a little experience by working in the Champion mines side by side with the grimy ore diggers.

George H. Baugh and his wife, of only nine weeks were drowned off the foot of Twenty-fourth street, Detroit. Their boat upset while they were rowing.

Peter Iederdam, aged 72, was found dead in his dirty little room at Muskegon. He was a miser worth $20,000, and lived alone. Over $4,000 was found in his room.

Adam C. Arnold, who has been on examination for murdering his son George at Battle Creek was held for trial to the circuit court on the charge of murder in the first degree without bail.

West Bay City aldermen sought to keep the salvation Army off the street by an arbitrary ordinance. The soldiers kept right on, and Judge Maxwell has declared the ordinance unconstitutional.

Alex. Robertson, of Silver Lake, has been missing since last September. He was 71 years old and demented. Boys fishing in the lake a few days ago fished up his body.

Bertha Schwalz, aged 20, attempted suicide at Traverse City. She took half an ounce of laudanum and left a letter saying: "I tired of life. She was pumped out and may live.

A man apparently about 33 years old was found dead on the Lake Shore tracks at Sturgis. He was frightfully mangled. In his pocket was an address, "H. H. Thomas, Ogden, Ia.," appeared.

An unknown tramp who was refused food at E. F. Armstrong's, at Niles, tried to assault Mrs. Armstrong's daughter, but she seized a revolver and fired at the fellow. He was slightly wounded and fled.

Three young men left Chelsea in a wagon for a trip overland to California. They are Sanford Armstrong, West Hamburg and a young man named Beckwith. They go by way of Chicago and will sleep in their wagon.

John Swendike and Adam De Meester, each 10 years of age, were drowned while bathing in Grand river near the D. G. H. & M. bridge at Grand Rapids. They could not swim and ventured beyond their depth.

Mary Liebolt, better known as Jessie Lewis, awaiting trial in the circuit court, Ionia, on a charge of keeping a house of ill repute, committed suicide near Lyons by taking arsenic. She preferred death to standing a trial.

Miss Mary St. Dennis, an estimable young lady of 18 years, who has been residing with her grandparents at Monroe, left her home, and a note was found on the bureau, leaving the world no longer endure the false stories that were being circulated about her and had decided to drown herself. She bore a splendid reputation.

Julia Curtis, 21 years old, daughter of a prominent farmer near Traverse City, left home to gather trailing arbutus in the woods and did not return. Men searched for her all night, and finally found her dead. She had taken by her side contained a two-ounce bottle of laudanum.

The Michigan Trust company, of Grand Rapids, has been appointed receiver of the Buchanan Power and Light company on the ground that the assignee is not properly managing the property. The liabilities are $67,000; the assets, $106,000.

Wyandotte citizens, were justly indignant when it was reported that the bodies of two victims of small pox had been brought from Rockwood and taken to the Old Western hotel on the orders of an undertaker. The hotel has been quarantined.

A. P. Cook, of Ionia, claims to have perfected an electric mail car which will revolutionize the present system of transporting the mails. He says the car will travel 100 miles an hour, making the trip from New York City to Chicago in five hours.

The poultry department is something new at the Agricultural college and is attracting much attention. Before the season closes there will be 500 lively incubator-hatched chicks and in another year 1,000 will be raised. It is the design to show the farmers that there is money in the business.

In Monitor township, five miles from West Bay City, five wells have been sunk to determine the extent of the body of coal that was discovered two last fall. In each hole evidences of gas were discovered and in the last hole a pocket of gas was entered that made a blaze as large as a barrel.

The law giving villages the option of suppressing liquor business within their limits will be tested in the supreme court by Chas. E. Shafer, proprietor of a hotel at Northville, whose license Mayor Smith refused by the village council. Mr. Shafer contends that a hotel with a barroom attached is not a saloon.

Jackson is in the midst of a Francis Murphy temperance revival. The police and the Liquor Dealers' association united in ordering all saloons closed on Sunday, and Jackson was dry. The few saloonkeepers who sold liquor will be prosecuted. This is the first time, in years that Jackson has had a dry Sunday.

The latest grand jury at Bay City has returned 14 indictments. The jury reports the superintendents of the poor who, it is alleged, have conducted their business loosely and sold many goods to themselves contrary to law. Judge Maxwell instructed the county treasurer to collect from each superintendent the $50 fine which the law specifies.

The residence of Mrs. Oscar Alleg, an aged widow, near Jackson, was burglarized during her absence. The thieves got $1,350 in gold and bank bills, $500 in negotiable notes, a lot of silverware, a pair of gold rimmed glasses, two pairs of ladies' shoes and a dress suit. Mrs. Allen did not believe in banks and kept her money in the house.

A post mortem examination and an investigation into the death of Julia Curtiss, who was found dead in the woods near Traverse City reveal the fact that the girl was about to become a mother and that she had been choked to death, instead of having suicided as at first supposed. Wood Parmalee, an old resident, was arrested on a charge of murder.

Reynaud's tailor shop, the Commercial house and Keystone hotel were destroyed by fire at Manistique while Thompson's meat market had to be torn down in order to prevent the spread of the flames. The total loss is about $25,000. The wind was blowing a gale and for a time the entire business portion of the town was threatened.

John F. Adrian, of Bedford Station, was arrested on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. The complainant is Miss Jo M. Weeks, who recently caused the arrest of Adrian's brother and had him tried on the charge of leaving a dead infant unburied. He drew out a pocket-knife and stabbed her in the side. But for her corset she might have received fatal injuries.

THE KENT CASE.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The 100 coalmakers of Baltimore, members of the United Labor Makers of America, opposed to the sweating system are out on strike.

Various towns along the Ohio river in Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois were damaged by waterspouts and cloudbursts. Considerable damage was done to crops.

James Herbert, a clerk, killed his wife by cutting her throat with a razor at New York city. Then he fled from the house and his body was found floating down the East river. Jealousy was the cause of the double tragedy.

News has been received from Kodiak, Alaska, to the effect that the steamer George H. White, of Seattle, was wrecked in a gale on Shuyak island, and that 16 persons, either drowned or frozen to death. Eight reached shore.

A fire destroyed the large tobacco factory of W. C. McDonald at Montreal, in which 1,000 people, mostly girls, were employed. About 500 girls escaped from the factory, but 100 were injured, at least 10 of them fatally. The loss was $500,000.

Governor Brown, of Maryland, has written a letter to the governors of every state in the union asking them to use their best endeavors toward the erection of the subscribed for the erection of a monument to Francis Scott Key, the author of the "Star Spangled Banner."

A general strike among the black farming employes in the Sharon, Pa., section is imminent. They are not satisfied with the advance of 5 cents a day in their wages, and threaten to strike because the rate is 15 cents than is paid in New Castle. About 1,500 men will be affected in Sharon, Sharpsville, and probably go out.

A statement has been prepared at the bureau of immigration which shows that nearly 500,000 immigrants which arrived in the United States for the nine months ending March 31, in the last three years, and 400,000 in the last three years, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 215,000 in 1895, 140,000. Number of immigrants debarred for nine months ending March 31, 1896, 1,848. The amount of money brought in by immigrants during the same length of time was $3,914,000.

Two men and three children were drowned while fishing near Fort Collins, Col., by their boat capsizing.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

BRIEF CHRONICLE OF VARIOUS OCCURRENCES.

Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, Missouri and Illinois Visited by Awful Cyclones and Several Towns Devastated—Fully 100 People Killed.

Dispatches from Sioux City, Ia., Halstead, Kas., and other western towns, tell of frightful destruction of life by a series of cyclones visited upon several states. Telegraphic communication was so interrupted that it was some time before the damage could be estimated with any degree of accuracy. The storm, widespread as it was, appears to have been a true cyclone in places and in other parts of its territory partook more of the nature of a tornado, and in others, where the damage was considerable, was not more than a gale of wind, with severe hail and rain. The worst cyclone had its course for 12 or 15 miles in Sioux county, Ia. The same storm or another one touched at Ivesley and did great damage, there. In South Dakota, even where there was severe rain and hail there was not reported to have been a real cyclone with the swirling funnel-shaped clouds.

From Sioux City and other places in Sioux county, estimates come that no less than 20 have been killed and two or three times as many injured. As the path of destruction is traced together in the country, definite information is difficult to get. Everett Arnold, aged 11, was struck by lightning and killed at Creston. North of Ireton, George and Anna Marsden were killed. The schoolhouse in which they were teaching, two miles apart, were demolished. Four miles north of Sioux Center 17 houses were demolished. A curious feature of the cyclone was the accompaniment of electrical violence and many balls of lightning are reported. The towns of Sioux center, Ireton, Orange city, Perkins, Doon, Hull, Meridon, Alton, Ashton, Sidney and LeMars are in the path of the cyclone and all were damaged more or less. The storm was followed by furious wind and rainfall.

A pitiful feature of the disaster is the loss of youthful life. Three school houses near Sioux Center were destroyed, while school was in progress and at each school from three to ten children were killed or injured. Many of the children were carried from a quarter to a half a mile before they were dropped. Two little daughters of John Roster, a farmer near Sioux Center, were picked up as they were leaving the school house and dashed into a wire fence, where both were killed. The two sons of G. H. Haggie, at the same school house, had their legs broken and received other injuries, from which they will die. In Monticello, Ia., Mrs. Jerome Waterman was killed. A post fell on her head. She held her baby in her arms, and the baby escaped injury. John Coughlin, wife and ten children were all saved by taking refuge in a cyclone cellar. They lost their entire household goods, barn and had a horse killed.

The village of St. Charles, Ill., was visited by a cyclone with fatal results. The old stone postoffice building, occupied by Mrs. Church as a millinery store, was blown down and Mrs. Church was killed. Two young ladies and a child were in the building and one of them, who is missing, is supposed to be in the ruins, the other, Miss Hattie Anderson, was killed. The falling walls caught and killed a passing horse and the driver was seriously injured.

A fearful cyclone devastated a strip of country several hundred yards wide and at least 10 miles in length, near Halstead, Kas., killing 10 persons outright and seriously injuring several others, while many have received slight injuries. Twenty-four houses and one school were completely demolished, and but for the cyclone cellars of the farmers the death list would have been very large. Road stock was scattered everywhere. The loss in Halstead is fully $50,000.

Sutherland, Ia., Manitowoc, Wis., and Northville, Wis., were visited by cyclones, and in each place more than five people were killed or crippled and from two to five lives saved.

In summing up the results of these storms a careful estimate places the number of lives lost at 100. The property loss can only be roughly guessed at. Probably $500,000 would cover it.

BRITISH LEAVE CORINTO.

Nicaragua and Great Britain Come to an Agreement at Last.

Managua, The British and Nicaraguan governments have reached an agreement, thanks to the good offices of the United States and the British marines have evacuated the port of Corinto. Nicaragua has agreed to pay the $75,000 demanded by Great Britain for the expulsion of ex-Consul Hatch and for other alleged damages. Subjects arising from the recent troubles in the Mosquito reservation, and instead of paying the money at the opinion of the British government, originally demanded should be done, she will pay the $75,000 in 15 days after the vessel of the British fleet withdraws from Corinto. Two of the three vessels will left the harbor after the marines were on board, but the Royal Arthur remained.

The action of San Salvador in guaranteeing the payment of the indemnity as, in a further course throughout the whole dispute is very favorable comment in the United States, where it is believed that an entente will be established that will lead to results beneficial to Central American states. The attitude of Britain should result in the formation of an alliance between the Central American states for defensive and commercial purposes. In fact President Zelaya has received letters from prominent men in other states suggesting a commercial union. Not for years has there been such unanimity of opinion among the Spanish-American republics.

More Trouble in Nicaragua.

New York, A cable from Tegucigalpa to Honduras says fighting has begun in Granada, Nicaragua. Disorder is also reported from Leon. The Honduras troops concentrated at Cape Gracias will remain there as it is feared that the Nicaraguan outbreak may spread quite rapidly, may extend here from Bonilla will take 1,000 men and go to Greytown to aid the Nicaraguans.

Washington, The fact that the revolution along the east shore is regarded as significant. The Mosquito region in which British influence is long been dominant. It is apprehended that the Central American diplomats that if the Mosquito natives made further trouble it would be necessary for Great Britain intervention and probably an attempt to restore chief Clarence.

Theraplis, an insect of the family hemiptera, is playing havoc with young wheat in California. Hundreds of acres are ruined.

James Bound shot and killed his wife at Rosiersville, Ind. He then drove to Brazil went to the court house and gave himself up.

One of the powder mills of the American Powder company at South Acton, Mass., blew up. A few minutes after the explosion a quarter of a mile distant also exploded. Fire caused by the explosion spread to the third mill, but in a few minutes it was also destroyed. Five persons were killed.

ECHOES OF THE EASTERN WAR.

Japan Will Make Concessions to Satisfy the Powers, but Russia Notes.

Washington: Information has been received to show that, in response to Russian intimations, Japan has abated her claims to the cession of Chinese territory in Manchuria, and now offers to demand only the absolute cession of the peninsula of the Port Arthur peninsula as far north as and including Talienwan. In return for this relinquishment of territory Japan will demand a considerable increase of the war indemnity originally fixed at 200,000,000 taels. It is feared that this concession will not be sufficient to meet the demands of Russia, which has set up an entire abandonment of the Liao Tung peninsula. The Russian reasoning is that by the occupation of Port Arthur the Japanese will dominate Manchuria as effectually as if she held the nominal title to the province. It would also be impossible for Russia to locate a western terminal port for the Siberian railroad anywhere in Manchuria as it would be closed at a moment's notice by the Japanese from their powerful base at Port Arthur, which would dominate the Liao Tung peninsula. The Russians would dominate Manchuria and the Gulf of Pechili, but also Wei Hai Wei, only 40 miles across the strait, Japan would also be in a position to control the commerce of Manchuria.

Mr. Matthew Bigelow, one of the best posted writers on European politics, publishes a statement of the attitude of the various powers. It may be summed briefly as follows: Russia is the only party who will, the Japs have won, Germany rather desires to secure a friendship with Russia and to cause a coolness between that country and France. Republican France steadily supports Russia, demanding peace for fear of entanglements in Europe. Britain has decided to incur the displeasure of either side, and France also is absolutely neutral in foreign affairs.

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