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Cecil Rhodes' profits from his diamond mines last year were $2,500,000.

A Kansas man was whirled around so fast by a cyclone that he stepped on his own heels.

May was a month of disaster. More than a thousand people were killed by cyclones alone.

When Queen Victoria puts on her state robes she sometimes wears $750,000 worth of jewelry.

Capt. William L. Cash, a famous expert riflemen of Wisconsin, died last week. It is hoped that he was ready cash.

"What will prevent women from pouring kerosene on fires?" asks the New London Telegraph. Well, death usually does it.

Jacob Oppenheimer of Brooklyn, N. Y., is suing for a divorce because his wife joined a woman's lodge and stayed out late at night.

Many of the "instantaneous photographs of the St. Louis cyclone" produced in the New York papers are much more natural than life.

Thomas Copper of Jamestown can afford the wind more amusement than any other man in Indiana. His whiskers are four and a half feet long.

People are still chatting about the lawsuit in Paw Paw, Mich., which ended in the Supreme court of Michigan, but there are lots of such cases.

A Denver minister predicts that this century will be made shorter by 100 years. We think that'll be all right if he fixes it so that address for one year.

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PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

State Convention of the Women's Christian Union at Marquette and a Warm Time—Ex-Gov. Alpheus Felch Passes Away at Ann Arbor at the Age of 92 Years.

Ex-Gov. Felch is Dead.

Ex-Gov. Alpheus Felch passed quietly away at his home at Ann Arbor after a lengthy illness at the age of 92 years.

Alpheus Felch was born born in 1804 in Limerick, Me., and came to Michigan in 1833, settling at Monroe. He at once took an active part in the public affairs of the territory. He was chosen a member of the first legislature in 1835, and was re-elected in 1836 and 1837. As a legislator he rendered signal service in laying the foundation for Michigan's statehood. In 1838 he served as one of the state bank commissioners, and in 1839 was attorney general in 1842 was followed by his appointment as judge of the state supreme court. He was twice elected governor and served in that position until he resigned to enter the U. S. senate, April 1, 1853. His term closed March 3, 1853. He was soon after called upon by the President of the United States to assume the duties of a most important and delicate position in adjusting Spanish and Mexican land claims in California. His duties completed he returned to Michigan in 1856 and made his home at Ann Arbor. Being a Democrat in politics the ascendancy of the Republican party in Michigan relegated Mr. Felch to private life; he was nominated for governor, for U. S. senator and twice for judge of the supreme court, but was defeated at each time. In 1873 he retired from the active practice of law. In 1877 the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by the University of Michigan, and in 1879 he was appointed Tappan professor of law, which chair he held for six years. His last speech in public was at the banquet given him at Ann Arbor by the Michigan bar on his 90th birthday. Prominent lawyers were present from all over the state and from other states. Fifty-three of the occasion was that by Gov. Felch.

Michigan W. C. T. U. Convention.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Michigan met in annual convention at Marquette with nearly 200 delegates in attendance. The first session was devoted to memorial services, Mayor Jacobs, Rev. F. J. Mallett and Mrs. Geo. L. Hanavalt delivered addresses of welcome. Reports of officers showed a state membership of 8,063, new unions, 48; honorary members, 1,180; receipts, $3,901.16; disbursements, $3,281.47. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. A. S. Benjamin, of Portland; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Julia Parish, of Bay City; recording secretary, Mrs. C. H. Robinson, of Flint; treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Voorhees, of Ann Arbor; delegate to national convention at St. Louis, Mrs. Anna Sheldon, of Stambaugh. There was a warm time over a proposal to elect a president-at-large instead of allowing the president to name the incumbent, but it was voted down and the president named Mrs. C. J. Bell, of Ann Arbor. A telegram received from the headquarters of the new National party came near causing trouble, but was voted down by a memorial denouncing the old Prohibition party for refusing to place a suffrage plank in the platform, and to indorse the new party. The matter was finally referred to a committee and a compromise was later reported and adopted which virtually commits the union to the new party, without naming it.

Fireworks Cause a Big Fire.

Fire broke out in a pile of several hundred dollars' worth of fireworks in the commission house of Buck & Leighton, at Bay City. It at instant all was ablaze in the place, and hundreds of cannon crackers roared and sky rockets and Roman candles shot in every direction. Mr. Buck crawled from the building on his stomach. Mr. Lewis, Mr. Buck's father-in-law, has his face burned, and a horse was cremated. Not even the books of the concern were saved. The loss will be $6,000; insured for $4,000. The building is owned by Ald. George Schindchette, who used the second and third floors as part of his hotel, the Republic house. The building and furniture were ruined by water. The loss of the building and furniture is about $15,000; insured for $10,000. The loss to the guests will be about $1,000.

Almost a Catastrophe at Muskegon.

For some time the pipe line via duct which spans Ruddimans river, on Lake street, Muskegon, has been considered unsafe by a great many, and yet the city has allowed it to go unrepected and unrepaired until it has finally collapsed. A street car and two trailers heavily loaded with people had just crossed the river by Lake Michigan park when the west end of the bridge went down with a crash. Fortunately no one was hurt. The big main from the pumping works, which runs along the bridge, broke in two, and the city's water supply was cut off. The old abandoned pumping station was started up, and a large force of men went to work repairing the main.

Mrs. Frances E. Burns, newly elected great commander of the great hive of Lady Maccabees, was given a big reception upon her return to St. Louis.

The decomposed body of a man was found in the river at Bay City. He was dressed as a laborer and there were cuts which suggested murder. The body was identified as that of John Dorr.

Bela Hubbard, aged 82, one of the oldest prominent citizens of Detroit, disafter an illness of several weeks. He had been identified with Detroit's interest's since the early territorial days of Michigan.

The brewers of Jackson held a picnic at Pleasant lake near Leslie and brought a large number of people. They got into a row with the country boys. Finally clubs and stones were resorted to and several men were given very ugly heads.

The State Horticultural society held an interesting meeting at St. Joseph. Among the resolutions adopted was one authorizing a committee to draft a bill providing for the proper quarantine and inspection of all fruit trees and plants introduced into the state from abroad.

John Cornelius is under arrest at Grand Rapids, suspected of foully dealing with Jacob DeBag. Cornelius and DeBag lived in a shanty in Byron Township and worked among the farmers of the neighborhood. The two men had a quarrel a week ago and since then DeBag has not seen.

Detroit was booked to entertain 1,000 delegates to the convention of the National Tariff league, which was designed to try to take tariff matters out of politics. However, only about 50 of the delegates came from a distance, and the convention was rather a fiat failure, although an organization was effected.

Michigan Maccabees.

The biennial session of the Knights of the Tented Maccabees held at Saginaw had as its opening feature a big parade with 2,500 people in line, including eight uniformed and uniformed rank, a brass drill by a number of young Maccabees girls was also a fine feature, and after the parade, the judges awarded four prizes. The first went to the following tents: Central City No. 139, of Jackson, for having the largest membership in line (65); Batavia No. 215, of Grand Rapids, for coming the longest distance; David Swinton No. 259, of Bay City, for presenting the finest appearance, and Blumfield No. 399, for having the largest per capita of membership turn out.

When the great camp assembled in business session 576 delegates were reported present. The union had scarcely opened when the opponents to Great Commander Boynton began to show fight, but they were turned down at every point. The great commander reported 65,000 men and 29,000 women in the order of the Maccabees in Michigan.

The first session of the uniformed rank was held at Germania institute, Brigadier Gen. White presiding. Adjt. P. J. Abt, of Detroit, was chosen adjutant-general; Col. Stetzer, quartermaster-general; Louis. Kries, of Saginaw, commissary-general. It was decided to hold biennial encampments at Kalamazoo in August, 1898. The uniformed rank will secure an outfit and will hold their encampments in full military style. The prize drill at Union square was interesting and Celery division, No. 15, of Kalamazoo, won first prize, with Pearl division, No. 1, of Cleveland, a close second.

At the session of Ladies' tent of the Maccabees Great Commander Lillian M. Hollister made a thorough report. During the year ending Dec. 31, 1895 there was an increase of 96 hive members, 7,869 members, giving the order a total of 618 hives and 27,110 members. Since January the number has grown to 640 hives, 28,675 members, and about 20,409 life benefit certificates. The local Maccabees gave a reception at the Masonic temple which was greatly enjoyed.

The fight against the administration of Great Commander Boynton was continued when it came to the election of officers, but the kickers were defeated and the administration slate was elected as follows: Great commander, S. S. Boynton; great lieutenant commander, Jacob L. Hatt; great commander, Thomas Watson; great finance keeper, R. J. Whaley; great medical examiner, Edwin Eaton, M. D.; great chaplain, Oscar Allyn. Heather great officers elected are: Great warden, Edwin Boyce, South Site Marie; great master-at-arms, W. S. Evans, Pentwater; first master of the guard, Emil Schelin, Ironwood; second master-at-arms, George G. Lutz; Ann Arbor; great sentinel, George C. Ray, Bay City; great picket, Nat L. Johnson, of Detroit. The delegates to the kickers announced that they were content to return to peace and hereafter would be pledged of loyalty.

The election in the great hive of Lady Maccabees resulted: Great commander, Mrs. Frances Burns, St. Louis; great lieutenant commander, Mrs. Rachel B. Hulett, of Muskegon; great record keeper, Miss Emma Bower, of Ann Arbor; great finance keeper, Mrs. Susie E. Graves, of Port Huron; great medical examiner, Dr. Emma B. Cook, of Detroit; great chaplain, Mrs. Anna E. Coffin, of Bay City; great sergeant, Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Marquette; great mistress-at-arms, Mrs. Anna E. Holtle, of Muskegon; great sentinel, Ada Dobson, of Saginaw; great picket, Mrs. Pogue, of Dryden; great guard, Miss McCullen.

Two Men Killed by an Awful Fall.

John Wood and Benjamin McCall, both about 50 years of age, were almost instantly killed by a terrible fall inside the new 211-foot chimney of the Consolidated Street Railway Co.'s power house at Grand Rapids. The chimney had just been completed and the men were working inside removing the scaffolding. They wanted the elevator to go down but pulled the wrong signal and it went up. The support was knocked from under them and, with a mass of timber they fell 70 feet. McCall was dead when picked up. Wood lived soon after. Wood leaves a family, but McCall was single.

Three Killed in an Explosion.

A terrific explosion at the Michigan salt works, two miles below Marine City, killed three men and injured one other. The dead are: William Mowbray, night foreman; John Z. Benjamin, day foreman; Jos. Freeman. The injured: Cornius O'Neill. A few minutes after the explosion flames broke out, and half an hour later, the structure was in ashes. This was the newest salt works on Lake Michigan. The loss is about $50,000, with $10,000 insurance.

Constable Killed by a Tramp.

Constable Arthur Silver, of Bridgeman, was stabbed through the heart by a tramp, whom he was trying to arrest near Lake Michigan. The tramp resisted the officer, and a fight ensued, in which the former drew a long knife, and plunged it through the officer's heart. Several died instantly.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

Baroda Methodists have a new church.

James Packard was killed by lightning at Union City.

The Manistee & Luther railroad is almost ready for traffic.

The Catholic church at Clifford was destroyed by lightning.

Joe Shellette, aged 10, was drowned while fishing at Bay City.

John Bonnie, aged 10, fell from a trapeze at Coldwater and died.

While bathing in the river at Clare Henry Alger, aged 12, was drowned.

Lonnie Williams, aged six, met death by falling under a wagon near Vassar.

Joseph Spisler, a farmer, near Caledonia, hanged himself. No cause known.

Richard Williams, a farm hand near Hamburg, cut his throat. Despondent from ill-health.

Frank Sears, aged 13, was probably fatally bitten by a rattlesnake, while berrying near Constantine.

A drunken Englishman named James Buckwell was killed by a Michigan Central train near Kalamazoo.

Oakland county's new national partyites (split from the Prohibitionists) have perfected a county organization.

A loose coupling jar flew from a passing engine and struck Thomas Holland, of Lake Linden, causing fatal injuries.

Mrs. R. R. Blacker, wife of Mayor Blacker, of Manistee, was killed by jumping from a carriage drawn by a runaway team.

The Saginaw Valley Baptist association met at Ithaca in a two days' session. There were nearly 100 delegates present from all over Michigan.

J. D. Ryan, commercial agent for a Chicago house, while on his way from a story window of the Keefer house at Hillsdale at 3 a. m. and was killed.

SENATE AND HELD IN CONCUSSION.

Senate—147th Day.—The senate agreed to conference reports on the naval and military appropriation bills, having only the sundry civil bill and the District of Columbia conference reports outstanding. The resolution fixing the date of the ceremonies attendant on the award the statue of Gen. W. T. Sherman caused an animated debate, Mr. Wolcott (Colorado, criticising the award on the ground that it was an injustice to the Society of American Sculptors. Senators Allison, Hawley and Mills defended the award. The resolution was finally adopted. Several minor matters were also disposed of. **House**—The house gave its final approval to conference reports on two of the four appropriation bills which were delayed—the naval and the Indian bills. The naval report was for three battleships and no armor company will congress fix the price for the next session. The Indian report permits sectarian appropriations till July 1, 1897. A change was made in the deficiency appropriation conference report which was broadened so that it now reads: "It is hereby declared to be the settled policy of the government to hereafter make no appropriation for any service or education in any sectarian schools, most of the day was devoted to the consideration of the Aldrich-Underwood contested election case.

Senate—146th day.—The senate disposed of the last of the appropriation bills and fixed 4 p. m. the next day as the time for final adjournment. A number of bills were passed including the important bill giving trial by jury and other safeguards in prosecution for contempt of courts. The measure has been vigorously opposed by labor interests, particularly railroad employes. It is the result of the agitation resulting from the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs for contempt of an injunction issued at the time of the Chicago strike. Bills were passed: To increase the pay of letter carriers; authorizing the secretary of the treasury to lease out Alaskan islands for the propagation of gold and silver foxes. **House**—An enormous amount of business was transacted in order to clear the decks for the final adjournment. Fifty-three bills and joint resolutions were passed. After the conference report on the District of Columbia bill, containing its compromise on sectarian charities had been presented, Mr. Cannon principated a heated discussion of the political situation in which Mr. Dockery, Dem., Mo., and Mr. Dingley, Rep., Me., participated. The work of the session was elaborately reviewed, criticised and defended. The conference report on the District of Columbia bill was adopted.

Congress is Adjourned.

Senate—150th day.—The last day was very busy and strenuous. The galleries were well filled but there was an absence of the packed corridors incident to an eventful close of congress. The senate convened at 11 o'clock and no business was transacted beyond the formalities preceding an adjournment. Resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted to the Vice-President Stevenson and President pro tem Frye for their impartial rulings in the chair. One of the last acts was to give the important immigration and a parliamentary status by which it secures the right of way as soon as the senate reassembles. A similar resolution of thanks to Vice-President Stevenson for his dignified and impartial service as presiding officer was offered by Mr. Allison. Both resolutions were unanimously adopted. A few moments before the hour set for adjournment the vice president rapped the senate to order and after thanking the senate for their kindness and making a few valedictory remarks he announced the senate adjourned without a day. **House**—The final session of the house was devoted to public business. The appropriation bills had been passed and the members simply waited for the end to come. A number of the members were somewhat hoarse from speaking of small bills of interest to their districts. Mr. Turner, Dem., Ga., who was the floor leader of the minority during the absence of Mr. Crisp, offered a resolution of thanks to the speaker, which was adopted by a standing vote, a most unusual honor. As the hands of the clock pointed to 4, the speaker arose and in a few words thanked the house for its expression of kindness and then declared the house adjourned.

Clark Porter, aged 14, was drowned while bathing in a pond, near Leonidas.

Spontaneous combustion caused a fire in the Beckman furniture factory at Saginaw which caused a loss of $3,000.

While cooking over a gasoline stove at Grand Rapids, Mrs. G. W. Connor's dress caught fire and she was fatally burned.

Herman Showalter, aged 25, was drowned in Gordon's lake near Onekama. He jumped into the water to save a boy, but got stuck in the mud.

Fruit growers about South Haven report peach trees so heavily laden that many have to pick green fruit to prevent the limbs from breaking.

Frederick Goeschell's hay and grain barns, near Wales, were destroyed by lightning together with contents, including two span of draft horses. Loss: $3,000.

Wm. Saunders, a young man of Walford, Ont., went to Port Huron to see the sights. He spent $150 in two days and then became so remorseful that he committed suicide by drowning.

Wm. H. Lampham, proprietor of a cheap lodging house at Grand Rapids, was shot and killed for calling Geo. T. Sullivan "a thief and a liar" during a quarrel over a laundry bill.

Samuel Zuckerman, aged 38, a metal polisher having a wife and two children, was arrested at Grand Rapids on a charge of criminal assault upon Louise Sweitzer, aged 8 years.

Chief of Police Murphy, of Bay City, has given saloonists warning that they must close their saloons at 11 p. m. every day and keep closed on Sundays under any and all circumstances.

Last spring the clerk of Montmorency county was elected as supervisor and he refused to resign either office. Attorney-General Maynard has decided that he cannot retain both positions.

A year ago lightning damaged the residence of C. S. Jenks, on Paw Paw lake, near Waterville, and now it has taken a second whack at it and all that is now left is a pile of charred ruins. Loss $3,000.

Herman Smith, a D. & M. car repairer, discovered a colored trespasser out of a freight car in the yards at Owosso. The fellow fired several shots at Smith, wounding him in the cheek and leg. The latter narrowly escaped lynching when arrested.

Over 3,000 German from Detroit, Toledo and Owosso were picnicking at Owosso when a free fight broke out which could not be quelled. Revolvers, clubs and knives were used and several people were badly hurt. The affair originated from a trifle but grew to such dimensions that it became impossible to quell it. Many of the participants were Germans, who claim that the Sunday liquor laws will be enforced in Owosso in the future.

THE FOUR QUARTERS

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Caused by Dynamite Explosions Which Nearly Cut Off the Water Supply—Disease and Famine Feared.

Reign of Terror in Havana.

Havana, this city was startled and alarmed at 9 p. m. by the noise of two successive explosions which was heard for several miles. Consternation prevailed for a time as it was feared that this was a prelude to an attack by the insurgents or to a series of similar explosions. Excited throngs rushed to the streets while alarm bells were rung and the city is nearly uninhabitable as possible. The greatest apprehension is felt on account of the secrecy and effectiveness with with which the insurgents have been able to carry out their designs.

All fruits and vegetables and fresh meats are unprecedentedly high-priced and difficult to obtain in Havana and the city is unhealthy. Typhoid fever and smallpox has broken out and in the unwholesome condition of affair threatens to become epidemic. Disease is suffering from hunger, and there is much intestinal trouble among the inhabitants owing to poor and insufficient food. The failure of the water supply under these conditions is a dire calamity.

Another sensation has been created at Havana by an editorial on the situation of affairs in Cuba, in the Diaro del Commercia, the leading paper of Barcelona, Spain. Copies of the paper which reached Havana have been suppressed by Captain Gen. Weyler. The subject of the editorial is Senor Sagasta's statement that the war is annually costing Spain 500,000,000 pesetas and that it costs Spain 40,000 soldiers, but that the conflict may end in a year or so. It says in part:

The gravest is not what the liberal chief says, but what he omits to say. He knows the war will never terminate, except in the loss of Cuba. The treasury of Spain is exhausted. We cannot cover the expenditures, nor has that of Spain. The powers of consumption are dried up, and agriculture, industry and commerce are paralyzed. We have to accept the economic catastrophe, colossal as it is, and admit both Spain and Cuba are ruined. The disastrophe is due to the stupidities that followed the last revolution.

Dispatches from Madrid say that the bankers of Paris and Amsterdam have declined to advance any further loans to Spain before next November at least.

Many Aliens in U. S. Departments.

In accordance with joint resolutions passed by congress, the secretary of information as to the number of aliens, if any, are employed in the governmental departments, investigations have been made which show a surprising state of affairs. During the past month the clerks of the supreme court of the District of Columbia have been busier with naturalization cases than they have been for a long period. Since May 14 no less than 56 persons have taken out their papers. Ordinarily the naturalization cases in the district for a similar period of time, according to the statement of the clerk is about eight. From the records of the court the names of all those naturalized since May 14, were examined and the investigation, which is far from complete, reveals no less than 15 employes in the different departments who have taken out the United States. Some of these are holding positions of great importance and when the statement of the heads of the different departments, in response to the inquiry of congress, are submitted, they will no doubt create quite a stir.

One reason for the introduction of the resolution in congress was found in well-grounded rumors that certain foreign governments were in receipt of information which they could not have obtained if there were not a few in the intention of those interested to make some startling revelations when congress reassembles in December. In the meantime the alien officeholders are getting under cover by taking out naturalization papers.

"Uncle Billy" Ackerson died at Ithaca at the age of 101. He was born in England and came here 40 years ago. He was strong and hearty up to two weeks ago. Mr. Ackerson served three times, twice in England. He survived all the children who came to America with him, but a daughter is still alive in England, at the age of 80.

Mrs. Victoria Morris, widow of the late Prof. George Morris, has offered to donate to the University of Michigan, the entire philosophical library possessed by her husband, consisting of about 1,000 volumes, pamphlets and papers. Prof. Morris was at the head of the philosophical department of the university at the time of his death in 1889.

George H. Wyckoff, president of the Bank of New Amsterdam, of New York City, was shot twice in his bedroom while in his private office in the bank, by a man named Clarence Clark. Clark demanded $6,000 and upon being refused fired the shots and then turned the pistol on himself, and both men will die. Mr. Wyckoff is 60 years old, and resides in Montclair, N. J. Clark is years old.

In Bow street police court, London, Dr. J. S. Jameson, Maj. Sir John Willoughby, Col. R. Grey, Maj. R. White, Col. H. F. White and Hon. Henry F. Coventry, the prime movers in the Transvaal raid, were committed for trial. The other nine accused persons were discharged. The men committed for trial were admitted in $10,000 personal bail in each case, and in addition, they were each required to furnish one surety of $5,000.

Li Hung Chang was granted an audience with Emperor William at Berlin. He was escorted to the palace, in the in the emperor's carriage, surrounded by Uhlans. The emperor and empress received on the throne and surrounded by the royal princes, awaited the famous Chinese, who, after presenting his credentials, dwelt upon the friendly feeling existing between China and Germany, and expressed the opinion that the German army is the finest on earth. The emperor was profuse in his compliments to Li, beginning to convey his best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Chinese empire.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF.

August Jensen, aged 17, was drowned in Perch lake at Gowen while bathing.

Jules Simon, a distinguished French statesman and author, formerly Premier, died in Paris, aged 81.

The six leading manufacturers of fireworks in the United States are planning a trust to raise prices.

An early morning fire in a tenement house in Allegheny, Pa., resulted in the killing of two persons and serious injuries to two others.

The Republican national committee will have to decide upon 138 contested seats out of the total 909. Fifteen states and one territory have contested delegations.

Another detachment of British Egyptian troops, under a sudden swoop on Suarda, from Akasch, capturing the place with about 40 dervishes and killing as many more.

One hundred and eighty cases of dynamite smuggled near Lilly, Pa., killing one man outright and fatally injuring six others, working on the road bed of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Five hundred quarrymen went on a strike at the quarries of Barre, Vt., on Boreas. The men demand that all nonunion men be discharged and that several union men, recently dismissed, be reinstated.

It is reported from Washington on good authority that Senor De Lome, the Spanish minister, has given Secretary of Havana the assurance that the Madrid government had decided to accord a new trial to the Competitor filibuster crew.

By the burning of the American Hardware company's building, in New City 123 valuable horses and 106 carriages were burned at a loss of $200,000. Among the owners is John Deyeo, of Mount Clemens, Mich., who lost horses valued at $18,000.

It is reported that the Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato are turning their attention to the mining regions of Brit. Columbia, and that they had been greatly benefited by their use, and suggested that it would be a good plan to try them. They said