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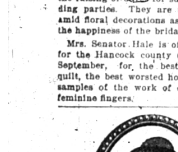

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TWEEN THE LAKES

MICHIGAN NEWS RECORDED IN BRIEF ITEMS.

Over 2,500 People Made Homeless and Penniless and Over $1,500,000 Worth of Property Destroyed by the Burning of the Village of Ontonagon.

Ontonagon Destroyed by Fire.

Forest and swamp fires which had been smoldering for several days in various portions of the upper peninsula were fanned into demons of destruction by a strong wind at Ontonagon. The fire swept toward the village with great rapidity and was soon devouring the lumber piles on the outskirts. By 2 o'clock the whole town was threatened and the flames were utterly beyond the control of the small local fire department.

When it was seen that the town was doomed the railroads were appealed to for help in saving the inhabitants. The Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul roads each sent a train and carried the people to points of safety. Scarcely a building or pile of lumber was left standing within 12 hours, of what had been a thriving lumber town of over 2,500 inhabitants. The Diamond Match Co.'s immense factory and a vast quantity of lumber, belonging to Ed. Bruce & Co., were destroyed with a loss of $1,000,000; insured for about $500,000. The property loss other than the Diamond Match Co. is about $500,000.

The following is a list of the principal losses: Sargent, Gennings & Gilkey, of Oconto, lumber, $100,000; Louis Reidinger, of Marquette, lumber on dock, $25,000; James Norton, of Ewing, lumber, $10,000; D. J. Norton, of Ewing, lumber, $10,000; Wm. McFarlane, of, Bruce's Crossing, lumber, $10,000; Lowe House, factory and lumber, $10,000; Original hotel, $5,000; Paul house, $5,000; Hawley's big store, $20,000; Bank of Ontonagon, $5,000; postoffice, courthouse, jail and schoolhouse, $50,000; James Bruce's large warehouse, dock and coal sheds, $50,000; Ontonagon Miner, newspaper, $2,500; Ontonagon Herald, newspaper, $2,500; waterworks plant and dock, Government breakwater seriously damaged; residences reported destroyed. At least 2,500 people are left not only homeless but 2,000 at least are penniless.

Later reports from the terrible conflagration which wiped out the town of Ontonagon show that the first reports were not in the least exaggerated. A list of the burned buildings makes the total 340, including the match plant, hotels, county jail, two school houses, twelve saloons, eight stores and four churches. In the Catholic church the dead body of an infant was burned, it having been taking there for safety. An old German lady named Mrs. Perk became bewildered as the flames surrounded her home and was burned to death. The homeless citizens were left in an entirely destitute condition and had not a neighboring towns sent aid at once the suffering would have been terrible. Gov. Rich has issued an appeal to the citizens of the state to help the unfortunate people. The town of Ironwood raised $1,000 cash and a great deal of clothing and provisions within 24 hours. Eight cars of supplies and clothing arrived within 48 hours. Wisconsin sent tents enough to accommodate 1,000 persons temporarily and sent men to feed them up. Sheriff Corbett from some toughs had designs upon the relief depot and telegraphed Gov. Rich for a company of militia to give protection. The vaults of the county treasurer and prosecuting attorney were cracked open by the heat and their valuable contents burned. General Manager Cowan says that he does not think that the Diamond Match Co. will rebuild.

A Tramp Confesses to a Murder.

The sheriff of St. Joseph county, has taken into a custody a tramp named John Crowley, who signed a written confession that he, and not Del Swartz, is the murderer of William M. Johnson, of Burr Oak. Swartz is at present serving a life sentence at Jackson, having been convicted of the crime on strong circumstantial evidence.

The body of Johnson, who was about 40 years of age, was found in the St. Joseph river on Oct. 13, 1894, one and a half miles northwest of Colon. He had been shot four times and the body thrown into the river. The object of the crime apparently was not robbery. Suspicion pointed at once toward Del Swartz, Johnson's father-in-law, who lived near Athens. Johnson had separated from his wife, who went to live with Swartz. There had been a law suit between the two over the division of property, and considerable ill feeling had developed.

Crowley says, he killed Johnson, whom he met on the night of the 13th at night, simply for revenge for a beating Johnson had given him a few months before. The confession is not strongly believed by people conversant with the case.

Killed His Brother in a Quarrel.

Elmer Buisson, a young man about 20 years of age, an employe at the Wood Dish Co., at Traverse City, came home and not finding his dinner ready, became irritated and struck the word to his sister, who is the housekeeper of the family. A younger brother, Leon, 14 years old, took his sister's part, and Elmer struck him in a fit of anger. Leon had been making a kite and had a heavy pair of shears in his hands, which, at length, he threw at his brother. One of the points pierced his abdomen, producing a wound from the effects of which he died.

Two Children Burned to Death.

A house occupied by a Mr. Robins at Brinton, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Robins built a fire in the cook stove and went to a neighbor's, leaving two children under 3 years old, in bed. Both were burned to death.

The "Old Tremont House," a landmark of early Saginaw, was destroyed by fire.

Twenty-six bands attended the band convention at Ionia. The city was handsomely decorated.

Col. D. S. Wagstaff, the best known man among Michigan publishers, is now located in Detroit, general northern agent of the good old C., H. & D. railway.

The steamer Harvey Watson, owned by the Macatawa Park association, which has been engaged on a ferry between the resorts near Holland, was burned to the water's edge. If the machinery has escaped serious injury the loss is estimated at $2,000, with small insurance.

More Fires at Ontonagon.

The forest fires which continued to burn after the almost total destruction of Ontonagon, threatened the towns of Rockland and Greenland for several hours, but a change in the wind saved them. Several farmers' homes about Ontonagon have been destroyed. The Polish settlement, one mile east of Ontonagon, was completely swept by the flames and this greatly increases the distress, as some people of that township had found shelter with friends there. The country is so covered with smoke that one can see but a few rods and the atmosphere is stifling. There is much sickness and many babies are suffering for the want of suitable food.

Many tramps came to the town attracted by the large stores of food sent in, but as all sufferers are known, they were promptly spotted, punished and run out of town. The authorities have succeeded in subduing the hoodlum element which spread so throughout the day, and there is no doubt but that May 20 will be realized that the worst is over. The people are entertained by the Democratic, the Populist and Union Silver parties all in one week. Free silver was the battle cry of all three of the parties, and it is no wonder that they came together in a fusion of interests to defeat the Republican ticket when all were of one and the same opinions on the great question which came before them, although each party started out with a distinct convention organization.

The Democrats' First Day.

The Democratic convention met in Armory hall, a building which could seat 2,500 people. The delegates were slow in coming and it was late when the work was begun. Daniel J. Campau, Michigan's national Democratic committeeman, and Chairman Fred A. Baker, of the state central committee, called the meeting to order as they entered the hall. Chairman Baker rapped the convention to order and called upon Rev. T. U. McLean, of Trinity church, for prayer, after which he introduced Chas. S. Hampton, of Petoskey, as temporary chairman.

The following resolution was then passed: Resolved, That the minutes of the be published by the chair and authorized to confer on behalf of that journal with a committee of the People's party and Silver party, to be appointed by the chair, and by honorable association of all free silver forces on the ticket.

The regular routine convention work was then taken up. The roll of counties was pointed, and then a recess was taken. When order was again called the committee on credentials reported and members were introduced.

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The committee on permanent organization, Hon. Thomas J. Ryan, of Clare county, Jackson, for permanent chairman, and Hon. Edward Kiely, of Ingham, for permanent secretary, and recommended that the convention reorganize the present Democratic state central committee.

Permanent Chairman Barkworth was escorted to the platform and made a prolonged but vigorous speech.

Hon. Edward Kiely, committee on resolutions, presenting the Democratic party platform of the state. Considering the convention received each plank with enthusiastic applause. The platform is as follows:

The Democratic party of Michigan in convention assembled at Bay City adopts the following resolutions:

First. We heartily approve the platform and action of the national Democratic party at Chicago, and commend its ratification to Democrats of Michigan.

Second. We thank the national convention for its nomination of William J. Bryan and Arthur Sewall, and we pledge them the hearty support of the Democracy of this state.

Third. We believe the issue of bonds by the executive department of the government under the act authorizing the issue of bonds at the present consent of congress, was in violation of the constitution, and that the money raised by government, that no issue shall be levied or collected of taxes except by the consent of the representatives of the people in congress assembled.

Fourth. We denounce the syndicate of American bankers and foreign capitalists which has kept the treasury supplied with gold until after election as a corrupt conspiracy to deceive the people as to the true financial condition of the government and country, and we condemn as unwise and pernicious the management of the treasury in refusing to it dependent upon the grace and charity of this syndicate of bankers.

Fifth. We denounce the Republican administration for practically burning the candle at both ends by keeping the mints of the country closed at a time when agriculture and business interests demand the use of both gold and silver as money.

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