OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL RECORD

$4,316,036.11 was Paid to Instructors for the Year.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 498,665.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin Says Rains Interfered Considerably With Haying—Village Association has Been Organized—Other Events.

Our Public Schools.

The superintendent of public instruction has prepared a summary of statistics from the reports for the last school year, which includes interesting and important data relative to the extent, cost of maintenance, etc., of the public schools of Michigan, as well as to the number and wages of teachers, etc. The more important of the statistics are as follows: Number of townships and cities reporting [illegible]

Village Association Organized.

[illegible]

Rains Interfered.

[illegible]

Woman's Press Association's New Officers.

[illegible]

A Ball of Fire Fell at Big Rapids.

During a heavy rain and electric storm at Big Rapids on the 10th a ball of fire fell and two brothers, Hugo and Chas. Martz, aged 23 and 17 respectively, under an umbrella 50 feet distant, were felled to the sidewalk. Hugo was killed instantly. Charles was knocked insensible, but half an hour later showed signs of life. Both were more or less burned. Rain fell in torrents.

Disease in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, neuralgia, diarrhoea, tonsilitis and bronchitis, in order named, caused most sickness in Michigan, during the past week. Cerebrospinal meningitis was reported at 4 places, smallpox at 8, diphtheria at 17, whooping cough at 19, typhoid fever at 25, scarlet fever at 18, measles at 66 and consumption at 171.

A Busted Trust.

The plaster trust has gone up the spout, and its affairs are being wound up. Threatened competition hastened the end. On August 1 the Grand Rapids office will be closed and the plants will be operated individually. Several plaster mills and gypsum works closed in Grand Rapids by the trust, will reopen.

Order May be Modified.

The recent order of the military authorities that no member of the national guard whose name was not on the rolls June 30 can draw pay from the state while attending the state encampment may be modified so as to admit to camp soldiers who have been attending drills for several weeks before June 30.

Forty-seven couples were married at St. Joseph on the 15th.

A. B. Darragh, of St. Louis, defeated Rep. Mesick for the Republican congressional nomination in the 11th district.

Farmers around Middleville say the grasshoppers are cleaning up more pasture land than are all their live stock.

The postoffice at Sister Lakes was robbed of $40 in cash and $40 in stamps. The hotel safe was also blown open and $200 taken.

During a thunder storm on the 14th lightning killed seven fine cows and a registered bull owned by Scott Waldo, of Williamston.

There are now 2,778 men and officers in the newly organized Michigan National Guard, which is about 500 less than two years ago.

Charles Geddes, of Lodi, died at the Ann Arbor jail on the 10th of acute alcoholism. He was placed in jail on July 3 and was delirious to the last.

While Fred Bush was cutting wheat with a binder two miles northeast of Utica, on the 10th, his horses suddenly became frightened and he was thrown from the binder and frightfully injured. The flesh was torn from the hip joint and he now lies in a critical condition. The binder was demolished.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Clifford is to have a bank at last, after wishing in vain for one for a long time.

The postoffice at Ridgewood, Clinton county, has been discontinued. Mail goes to Elsie.

Ernest Drake, of Mt. Clemens, who cut his throat a month ago in a fit of insanity, is dead.

The eight-year-old son of Ira Brake, of Marine City, was drowned on the 12th in the St. Clair river.

Sixteen sheep belonging to Oliver Irish, of Franklin, were struck by a bolt of lightning and killed.

W. J. Raymond, the alleged embezzler wanted at Port Huron, was recently arrested at Welland, Ont.

The Republican convention for the 12th congressional district has been called to meet at Calumet on July [illegible]

G. T. Hargreaves, recently assistant managing editor of the Detroit Evening News, has purchased the Lapeer Democrat and Press.

A special election will be held on July [illegible] at Holland to vote on a proposition to bond the city for [illegible] for a sewerage system.

Clarence Levern and [illegible] Darling lost their lives in [illegible] south of Menominee [illegible] fishing expedition on the [illegible]

For the year ending June [illegible] the Marshall postoffice sent out [illegible] letters, and the gross receipts for the year were [illegible]

[illegible]

Harvest hands in the state are scarce and it is no trouble to get $1.50 per day, and on some occasions more. At no time for several years were hands so much sought after as now. The large hay crop and the uncertain condition of the weather contributes to bring this about.

Here's a chance for those people who are always talking about desecrating the flag. A farmer near Flushing has stuck a dozen or more of "Old Glory" up in his cornfield, claiming they keep the crows away better than the conventional scarecrow built up of cast-off clothing.

The creditors of the First National bank, of Ithaca, Gratiot county, will now be paid in full. The comptroller of the treasury on the 16th declared a final dividend of 22 8-10 per cent in their favor, making in all 100 per cent, and interest in full, to June 30 last, on claims amounting to $[illegible]

Oscar F. Lewis, of Calumet, Mich., and James B. Gilman, of Rochester, N. Y., who were students at Oberlin university, Marquette, were found dead there on the 11th, overcome by the fumes of charcoal from the Carp furnace.

Fire broke out at Weidman in J. S. Weidman's lumber yard on the 15th and raged for six hours, burning over 5,000,000 feet of lumber. A heavy downfall of rain saved the mills. The loss will reach $80,000, with insurance for half.

The big power dam belonging to the Kalamazoo Light & Power Co., four miles south of Allegan, is in danger of going out, the constant rains having slowly undermined the structure. Workmen are strengthening it as fast as possible.

John N. Alexander, of Lansing, manufacturer of the Alexander furnace, fell from a wheel while learning to ride on the 12th and died instantly. He had been in poor health for some months and death was probably due to heart disease.

The huckleberry crop is now being gathered through northern Michigan at a rapid rate. Large numbers of boxes are on the ground and express cars are being filled with this fruit at many stations. The price is now $1 [illegible] per bushel on the ground.

Fremont D. Nichols, of Lansing, an ex-employe of Auditor-General Dix, committed suicide on the 10th by shooting himself on the farm of his uncle, John W. Dewey, near Owosso.

[illegible]

NEWSY BREVITIES.

[illegible]

The Chinese residents of the recently quarantined district of San Francisco are preparing to demand [illegible] compensation for losses alleged to have been sustained owing to the action of the health officials in quarantining the Chinese quarter against bubonic plague that did not exist.

William McKinley was officially notified of his second nomination [illegible] Theodore Roosevelt received the [illegible] for Vice President at his summer home at Oyster Bay, L. I., on the same day.

Emil Mackenberg, an aeronaut of long experience, fell from a hight of 300 feet, while making a balloon ascension at Santa Ana, Cal., on the Fourth of July, and was crushed to death in the presence of thousands of spectators. The accident was caused by the breaking of a strap to which he was hanging by his teeth.

The new express steamer Deutschland, of the Hamburg-American line, arrived on the 12th from Hamburg and Plymouth in the record time from the latter port of five days, 15 hours and 46 minutes, a distance of 3,044 knots, at an average of 22.42 knots per hour.

The British success at Bethlehem has considerably improved the prospects for peace. The whole of the government of the Orange Free State has surrendered, with the exception of President Steyn. These officers, who are British prisoners, have been allowed to communicate with President Steyn for the purpose of proving to him the uselessness of continuing the struggle.

The treasury department on the 11th received a telegram from Lieut. Jarvis, of the revenue cutter service, saying that there had been 30 cases of smallpox to July 2 at Cape Nome, and asking for medical officers and supplies.

LEGATIONS SAFE ON JULY 9.

Minister Wu Receives Dispatch to This Effect.

COMES FROM RELIABLE SOURCE

Forces of the Allied Powers Are Masters at Tien-Tsin—Completely Rout the Enemy and Capture Native City and All the Forts.

Washington, July 18.—The Chinese minister has received a dispatch from the minister at London, authenticated by Sheng, the imperial inspector of posts and telegraphs at Shanghai, and by two viceroys, declaring that the foreigners in Pekin were safe July 9 and were receiving the protection of the government.

This is two days after the reported massacre. Minister Wu has laid the message before Secretary Hay.

The text of the dispatch received by [illegible]

[illegible]

ALLIED FORCES TRIUMPH.

Drove the Chinese Out of Walled City of Tien-Tsin.

[illegible]

MR. AND MRS. BAINBRIDGE.

[illegible]

The casualties sustained by the allies were exceedingly heavy, especially those to the Americans, French and Japanese.

Several explosions in the native [illegible] were caused by the bombardment.

The Chinese appear to have exhausted their supply of smokeless powder, as they are now using [illegible]

Earl Li Hung Chang is transferred to North China as viceroy to Chi-Li. Please transmit this dispatch to the ministers at other capitals.

Tells of First Battle.

Admiral Seymour telegraphs the admiralty from Taku under date of July 14 that he believes the allies have possession of all the forts at Tien-Tsin except one. The allies at Taku and Tien-Tsin on July 10 were as follows: Russians [illegible]; Japanese, 5,224; British, 2,575; Germans, 1,036; Americans, [illegible]; and small detachments of Austrians and Italians which brought the total up to [illegible]. Considerable of the force had been landed at Taku on the way to Tien-Tsin. The facilities at Taku were limited, however, and the re-enforcements would be obliged to wait.

London News' Account.

London, July 18.—The Evening News prints a dispatch from Shanghai giving a detailed account of the attack of the allied forces on the native city of Tien-Tsin July 13. According to the dispatch, the allies were repulsed and compelled to retreat with a loss of more than 100 killed, the British losing forty and the Japanese sixty. The Americans and Russians, it is added, also suffered heavily.

Tien-Tsin, July 13, via Chefoo, July 15, and Shanghai, July 16.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon 7,000 of the allied troops were attempting to storm the wall of the city. The attack began at daylight. Its success is doubtful. The Chinese on the walls are estimated conservatively at 20,000. They are pouring a terrific hail of artillery, rifle and machine gun fire upon the attackers. The Americans, Japanese, British and French troops are attacking from the west and the Russians from the east.

SMALLPOX AT NOME.

Disease Epidemic in the Gold Fields and Authorities Worried.

Port Townsend, Wash., July [illegible].—Steamship Garonne has arrived, being the first treasure ship from Nome, having about $[illegible] in dust from that place, and nine boxes of [illegible] each from Dawson. The Garonne brought 300 passengers from Nome. [illegible]

COTTON WANTS PRIZE MONEY.

Commander of the Harvard Would [illegible] Interest in Spanish Sails.

[illegible]

Republican Clubs Meet.

[illegible]

To Seize Li Hung Chang.

[illegible]

Farmer Hangs Himself.

[illegible] Robson, a well-to-do farmer living [illegible] town, took his own life here by hanging.

What moments can we not all remember in our lives when it would have been so much wittier and wiser to say and do nothing.—W. W. Thackeray.

Coarse kindness is at least better than coarse anger; and in all private quarrels the duller nature is triumphant by reason of its dullness.—George Eliot.

To pass through life innocently and happily, to be wisely and contentedly poor, to bear the trials we all must bear quietly and well, to do what little good we can, without the awful responsibility of misapplied wealth, is a far happier fate than being grand, elevated and overladen with golden riches.—J. Hain Friswell.

WOMEN IN NEW FIELDS.

Mlle. Jeanne Chauvan of Paris has at last obtained her right to practice law in France. Two years since she passed a brilliant examination, but the courts decided against women as lawyers, and this verdict has just been reversed. Mlle. Chauvan is a journalist of repute.

FIRE CAUSED A PANIC

At the Paris Exposition and Many People Were Injured.

100 PERSONS MADE VICTIMS

Of an Oil Tank Explosion in a Massachusetts Town—Explosion was the Result of a Fire in the Railroad Yards—Other Items.

Chicago Visited by a Wind Storm.

[illegible] heat and hurricane struck various portions of Chicago on July [illegible]th, and gave the city one of the most fantastic days from a meteorological point of view that the local weather bureau has ever encountered. There were many heat prostrations during the day, but at midnight only one death had been reported, Paul Suckau. Of those prostrated, five are in a serious condition. In the evening the hot wind which had been blowing from the west all day increased in violence. It tore down signs, destroyed shrubbery and shade trees, made sport with porch furnishings and played havoc with buildings under course of erection. In Lincoln park many of the small boats were driven ashore before the blast and their occupants compelled to wade to the land. None of the boats capsized, although there were many narrow escapes.

15 People Drowned.

Fifteen lives are known to have been lost in a cloudburst at Coleman [illegible] on the [illegible]th. Ten bodies have been recovered but only two were identified. It is feared that many more lives were lost in the valley below Coleman. The cloudburst, which followed three days [illegible]

Panic at the Paris Exposition.

[illegible]

Nine Killed, 100 Persons Injured.

[illegible]

Train Robbers Get $10,000.

[illegible] Illinois Central express from New Orleans to Chicago was held up [illegible] two miles south of [illegible] The train was flagged. The fireman was badly beaten while the express messenger was driven from his car at the point of a rifle. The robbers, six in number, cut off the engine and express car and ran a mile and a half to [illegible] Jefferson. There they blew open the express safe, secured all the valuables it contained, and crossed into Mississippi.

Two Big Fights.

[illegible]

The army transports plying between San Francisco and the east have been again placed on a war basis.

Vice Consul General McLean, from Yokohama, reporting on the importation of American flour into Japan, says the use of our flour is now common throughout that country.

The American hospital ship Maine, which has been placed at the disposal of the British government by the ladies' executive committee, sailed on the 23d from Southampton for China.

The Blanket Indians at Red Lake, Minn., are reported in a troublesome mood. The government is erecting a [illegible] school at that point and the Indians object to any attempt at civilizing them.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Russian press has been restricted to the publication of official details and the [illegible] of many dispatches from the front, it now asserts that there is no doubt but what China has declared war against Russia.

The supreme court of Minnesota has decided that the baking powder law, requiring manufacturers and dealers to affix a label bearing the names and amounts of the ingredients on each can is constitutional. The court holds that the law is a proper exercise of the police power of the state, its object being to protect the public health.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

The decision of the administration at the end of a most eventful day on the 16th was that the U. S. government is still not at war with the government of China. The happenings at Tien Tsin, coming on top of the stories of the last struggles at Pekin, have not affected the attitude of the administration on this point; the U. S. and China are technically at peace. But this statement should not be accepted as indicating a purpose on the part of the U. S. government to hold its hand in the administration of swift and adequate punishment upon the Chinese, without regard to station, who may be responsible for the outrages of the past few weeks. It means simply that the government of the U. S. feels that it can best achieve that purpose by regarding the status officially as one of peace. To hold otherwise would seriously cripple the government in its efforts to obtain satisfaction for the outrages the Americans in China have suffered. We should find the ports of China, now open to us closed, and all sorts of impediments would be encountered which now are missing. Therefore, according to the administration view, a declaration of war would afford not even a technical gain while it would actually be a heavy drawback. Chairman Cannon, of the house appropriations committee, is authority for the statement that money in plenty is at the disposal of the President to meet the present emergency and that there is no necessity for a called session of congress on that score.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg, via Paris, July 14, confirms the horrible details of the assassination of M. De Giers, the Russian minister at Pekin, which in the form of rumors had already reached Russia. The dispatch declares that the Russian envoy was dragged through the streets by the Boxers, insulted, beaten and tortured, and even thrown into a great kettle and boiled to death. Then the remains were thrown to the dogs. While M. De Giers was being disposed of, the mob danced around the cauldron. Mme. De Giers suffered a fate worse than death, and was beaten and tortured with sharp sticks until life was extinct. The legation officials are said to have been tortured fiendishly until death ended their sufferings. M. De Giers and his legation officials resisted desperately, and his brave bodyguard killed many of the attacking mob.

[illegible]

There is a feeling of gratitude at London for the strenuous efforts the United States is making to compel China to give Minister Conger a chance to cable a message from Pekin and while faint hopes are entertained that they will be successful it is generally felt that some such effort might well have been attempted by the British foreign office.

The German consul at Tien Tsin states that the foreign settlements were continually bombarded by the Chinese from July 5 to July [illegible]. On July [illegible] Boxers attacked the French settlement, but were repulsed by the Russians, the latter, however, having 200 men killed in the engagement. The British and Japanese forces, July [illegible], bombarded the Chinese batteries.

Under date of July 16, Gen. MacArthur cabled from Manila as follows: Transport Indiana sailed yesterday for China with 21 officers, including two medical, 847 men, 14th regiment U. S. infantry; 1 officer, [illegible] men, 9th regiment U. S. infantry; Wm. Crozier, ordnance officer, 1 ordnance sergeant, 1 chaplain, 16 hospital corps men; Flintshire, with 7 officers; 271 men, Reilly's battery; 2 medical officers, 5 hospital corps men, fully equipped. Another cablegram from the same official announced the sailing for the U. S. from Manila of the big transport Sherman, with a capacity for 2,000 troops.

An official telegram was received from the governor of Shan Tung, on the 15th, stating that a breach was made in the wall of the British legation at Pekin, after a gallant defense and when all the ammunition had given out. All foreigners were killed.

President McKinley left Canton, O., for Washington on the 16th. Only Secretary Cortelyou accompanied him. The President will attend to matters in connection with the Chinese situation and in the course of a few days expects to return to Canton.

Counterfeiters are getting rich at Manila circulating spurious coin.