FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

Happenings of a Week Stewed Down for Ready Reading.

A WHOLE REGIMENT OF ITEMS.

The G. A. R. has a State Membership of 15,286—There was a Loss of 275 Members by Death and Notwithstanding This Report a Gain of 154.

Weekly Crop Report.

The weekly weather crop bulletin issued on the 7th says that the mean daily temperature for the week ending Aug. 4, 58.0 degrees, was identical with normal. The average total precipitation of 0.24 of an inch was 0.25 of an inch below normal. The sunshine averaged 77 per cent of the possible amount. In the lower peninsula the wheat and rye harvest has been quite generally completed and the oats harvest well advanced. There are a few complaints of rust and smut in oats but generally the crop is very fine and heavy. It is being well secured and in the southern counties threshing is well advanced. Late potatoes are doing finely and their present condition is very promising. Beans vary somewhat but for the most part are doing well. Sugar beats continue to make good growth and remain promising. Pasturage is better than usual during August. In southern counties plowing for fall wheat and rye is quite general [illegible]

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Cooked Fifty Cents.

[illegible] just in time to let the [illegible] fall into the feed of the machine. Forty dollars in bills and a gold watch went with the vest. When it came out at the other end it all looked like 40 cents. The watch could be passed for a plugged gold dollar, and the bills would made a handsome rag doll.

Lake County to the Front.

Lake county is generally considered a worthless heritage fit only to produce fish, huckleberries and thieves, but this year the crops are excellent, and farmers throw down the gauntlet to the best farmers of the state. One farm of 25 acres of land produced at the first cutting [illegible] tons of mixed clover and timothy hay, and a very superior second crop is now growing upon the same land.

Disease in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, diarrhea, neuralgia, tonsilitis and [illegible] in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the past week. [illegible]

Yale [illegible] on the 2d.

[illegible] now in operation.

Forest fires have already destroyed barns and crops in the vicinity of East Tawas.

The new cheese factory to replace the one burned in July is in operation at Birch Run.

A destructive wind, hail and rain storm visited Benton Harbor and vicinity on the 2d.

Out of 365 prosecutions in Washtenaw county in six months [illegible] convictions are recorded.

A stock company has been organized at Shepardsville for the purpose of erecting and operating a cheese factory.

Owosso is becoming quite a manufacturing center. Four outside firms are at present [illegible] for admittance.

Yale's fair dates for this year are September 18, 19 and 20. Novel features are walking races—animals to draw loads.

City laborers at Battle Creek have asked for eight hours as a day's work with 10 hours' pay, and the politicians are in a quandary.

About 50 bankers throughout the state forgot to pay their government tax. They will now be obliged to pay interest and penalty.

County Fairs This Fall.

Following is a list of county fairs to be held in Michigan this year:

Michigan State fair, at Grand Rapids, September 24-28, I. H. Butterfield, secretary; Albion Fair Association, at Albion, September 25-28, A. L. McCutcheon, secretary; Armada fair, at Armada, October 3-5, A. J. Freeman, secretary; Caledonia union, at Caledonia, October 3-5, C. H. Kinsey, secretary; Calhoun county fair, at Marshall, October 2-5, W. H. Arthur, secretary; Eaton county fair, at Charlotte, October 2-5, Geo. A. Perry, Secretary; Fowlerville fair at Fowlerville, October 2-5, D. C. Carr, secretary; Hillsdale county fair, at Hillsdale October 1-5, C. W. Terwilliger, secretary; Huron county fair, at Bad Axe, September 25-28, Geo. W. Clark, secretary; Barry County Agricultural Society fair, at Hastings, Oct. 9-12, C. L. Beamer, secretary; Imlay City fair, at Imlay City, Oct. 2-4, F. Rathsburg, secretary; Ionia district fair, at Ionia, Oct. 2-5, E. A. Murphy, secretary; Marquette county fair, at Marquette, Sept. 26-28, M. E. Asire, secretary; Midland county fair, at Midland, October 3-5, J. G. Culver, secretary; Muskegon county fair at Muskegon, Sept. 18-21, Chas. S. Marr, secretary; Oakland county fair at Pontiac, Sept. 18-21, F. W. Burch, secretary; South Ottawa and West Allegan fair at Holland, Oct. 9-12, L. J. Kanters, secretary; Tuscola, Huron and Sanilac fair at Cass City, Oct. 3-5, A. N. Ale, secretary; Washtenaw county fair at Ann Arbor, Jennie Buell, secretary; Stockbridge fair at Stockbridge, Oct. [illegible] A. J. Cain, secretary; Clinton [illegible]

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

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The aggregate Michigan earnings of railroad companies for June were $16,372,067.52, an increase of $[illegible] over June, 1899. The total Michigan earnings for the first six months of this year were $[illegible], the increase over the same period of 1899 being $2,278,507.50, or 13.75 per cent.

The citizens of Tekonsha are noted for their generosity. No case of want, sorrow or destitution is overlooked. The churches are not always the first to bestow charity. The toughest people in town are as liberal as those who make higher professions. If a citizen suffers from a fire, loses a horse or a cow the citizens straightway make up a purse for him if he is in poor circumstances.

Rochester citizens will have an opportunity on August 14 to say whether they think enough of good roads to bond the village for $6,000 to be used in improving the local highways.

The thermometer registered 98 in the shade at Belleville on the 5th—the hottest day of the season to date.

The Michigan National Guard pitched tents at Island Lake on the 7th for a seven days' encampment. About 2,200 officers and men were in camp on the first day.

Glass is not made in Michigan at present, the nearest factory being located in Toledo. However, a project is on foot to establish a factory at Saginaw.

There is considerable talk in Shiawassee county of organizing another fair society and resuming the practice, dropped some years ago, of holding annual fairs.

The Genesee avenue bridge at Saginaw has been condemned and will remain closed until a new bridge is constructed, which is estimated will take 18 months.

The Albion Mirror says that 8 to 10 bushels per acre is a good yield for wheat in that vicinity this season. And this is the best wheat raising county in the state.

The thermometer registered 96 in the shade at Howell on the 6th. Farmers are fearful unless rain comes soon the bean crop of the county will be seriously damaged.

The Michigan Stove company, of Detroit, makers of Garland stoves and ranges, has been awarded first prize at the Paris exposition, in competition with the entire world.

The schooner Fontana and San Diego met in collision in the St. Clair river, [illegible]

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PUERTO RICAN PRICES RAISED

All the Necessaries of Living Increased by the Change.

GENERAL WAIL OF COMPLAINT.

The Change Took Effect August 1 and Caught Many Unprepared—The Banks Were Crowded After Closing Hours—Other Events of the Week.

Prices Raised in Puerto Rico.

August 1 marked the beginning of a genuine raise in prices throughout the island of Puerto Rico, caused by a misunderstanding of the exchange of currency. Until a week ago it was widely known that after Aug. 1 no more Puerto Rican silver would be exchanged but the notice of the indefinite extension of time was published far and wide. Still, the idea prevails that hereafter the peso will be of no value. On July 31 the banks were crowded after hours. Through a combination of the traders throughout the island, food stuffs and other necessities rose in price. With a very large number it was moving day, a day for flitting from excessively increased rents to cheaper lodgings. It was also a day on which money that usually bought breakfast and dinner, bought breakfast alone. Eggs that heretofore were bought for two or three centavos, cost 10 centavos, the carbon for boiling these eggs, instead of costing 10 centavos [illegible]

Philippine Commission to Assume Power.

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Four Killed and One Wounded.

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Moonshiners Make Trouble.

[illegible]

Husband and Wife Found Dead.

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Gen. Grodekov telegraphs from Khabarovsk Aug. [illegible] that [illegible] Hotchkiss and [illegible] other guns were captured at [illegible] by the Russians, who, storming the fortress [illegible] drove [illegible] Chinese before them.

The St. Louis street car strikers on the 7th blew up a car. All the windows of the car were shattered, the forward trucks were broken and a large hole was blown through the floor. Fortunately there were no passengers on the car and the motorman and conductor were uninjured.

It is reported from Kerrville in southwestern Texas that a large section of country has been flooded. Scores of families are said to be homeless and destitute. No railroads run into the flooded district. An appeal has been sent to Gov. Sayers for public aid.

News has been received at Oaxaca, Mex., of a clash between the Maya Indians and the government troops in Yucatan, in which the rebels were forced to abandon several of their strongest positions adjacent to the city of Chan Santa Cruz, where they have their headquarters and tribal government.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

Mrs. E. B. Drew, wife of the British commissioner of customs at Tien Tsin, who recently arrived at San Francisco from the orient on the transport Logan, in speaking of the brutality in China, says: During the bombardment we lived most of the time in the cellar of our house. Our house was partially wrecked by big shells. Sleep was out of the question most of the time and we were so unstrung that but little food satisfied us. There was ever present the haunting fear of the Chinese triumphing and slaughtering every foreigner and convert. Some, probably all, of the women were prepared to act in case the Chinese effected an entrance. But, aside from the unpleasant recollection, it appears the allied officers were prepared to act. I did not know it at the time, but I learned later that 10 or 20 men had been detailed to kill all the foreign women in case the chinese were the victors.

Among the refugees from China who arrived at San Francisco on the Logan were the wife of Prof. C. D. Tenney, of the Imperial university in Tien Tsin, and her children. They were among those who took refuge in Gordon hall during the bombardment and escaped uninjured. She and her husband had been together in China for 18 years. Prof. Tenney is now accompanying the allied forces on the march to Pekin as an interpreter.

A dispatch received at the war office in St. Petersburg from Gen. Grodekoff, dated Khabarovsk, Aug. [illegible] [illegible]

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THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

The following from Lord Roberts, dated Pretoria, Aug. 6, was received on the 7th: Harrismith surrendered on Aug. 4. The neighboring country seems to be quiet. Kitchener is with the force south of the Vaal river. He was joined yesterday by a strong detachment of Brabrant's horse and the Canadian regiment. The Boers attacked the garrison at Eland's river on the morning of Aug. 4. Information was sent to Carrington, who was on the way to the river. Ian Hamilton, who reached Rustenburg yesterday, reported hearing heavy firing in the direction of the river. Today the firing seems more distant, which looks as if the Eland's river garrison had been relieved and was retiring toward Zeerust.

The Boer animosity to President Kruger grows on account of the fact that he and his officials are persuading the people that South African Republic paper money is as good as bank of England notes because it is based on inalienable state securities, even though the state should be conquered. As the British have not recognized this contention, many burghers have been ruined and much misery prevails. The wives and children of the poorer Boers are almost starving.

A belated dispatch from Minister Conger was received at the state department on the 5th. It came through Consul Goodnow at Shanghai, who transmitted messages received by Mr. Ragsdale, U. S. consul at Tien Tsin, from Mr. Conger and Mr. Squiers, secretary [illegible]

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BASE BALL.

[illegible]

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

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GRAIN, ETC.

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[illegible] the annual report of the commissioner of pensions at Washington shows that 43,334 names were dropped from the rolls during the year and that there still remain 993,529 names on the rolls, showing an increase of 2,010 pensioners for the year. The number dropped by reason of death is 14,300.

AN EXTENSIVE ADDITION

Being Made to the Indiana Mineral Springs (Indiana) Hotel

AT AN OUTLAY OF $30,000.

Growth of Enterprise Representing Expenditure of $130,000—Successful Management of H. L. Kramer.

Ten years ago the ground where the magnificent hotel property of the Indiana Mineral Springs Company is located at Indiana Mineral Springs, Indiana, was wholly unimproved and almost a wilderness. Now, owing to the discovery of the valuable medicinal qualities of the springs and the healing virtue of the soil itself, together with the enterprise of Major H. L. Kramer, there is located there one of the finest sanitariums in the United States. The natural picturesque surroundings have been made more attractive and the hotel is a model of comfort and elegance.

For the greater accommodation of guests who come in constantly increasing numbers from every section of the United States, arrangements have now been made for the enlargement of the hotel buildings. The contract was let yesterday by Major Kramer for additions that will cause an outlay of over $30,000. The improvements will consist of a new bath house and an addition to the hotel. The addition will be two stories in height and will occupy a ground space 80x160 feet. It provides forty additional guest chambers. The entire addition will be handsomely and elegantly furnished. The bath house, when completed, will be the finest in the United States.

Besides the bath house and the guest chambers there will be on the first floor a dining hall, a music room, a billiard hall, physicians' offices and a barber shop. In connection with the bath house there will be ladies' and gentlemen's dressing rooms and cooling rooms. The dressing and cooling rooms will be elaborately decorated and the floors will be laid in white tile. In both cooling rooms will be built large ornamental fire places which will [illegible]

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Peru's New Mineral Product.

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The Dueber Watch Works, of Canton, O.

[illegible] Hundred." Any lady who is the proud possessor of one of these gems has a thing of utility and beauty not exceeded by anything that money can purchase. [illegible] Today the Dueber-Hampden watch is supreme and the Dueber-Hampden Watch [illegible] plant in the world. All first-class jewelers keep [illegible] the Dueber-Hampden watch [illegible] no substitute.—Irish World, July [illegible]

To Make Absinthe Here.

Paris correspondence New York Journal: The firm which makes practically all the absinthe in France is arranging to establish large absinthe distilleries in New York, St. Louis and San Francisco, in an attempt to popularize in America the drink which undermines so many Frenchmen. The plans are incomplete. There is considerable indignation among the American temperance women in Paris, who declare they will call upon the women of the United States to repel the threatened invasion.

THE BOXERS OF CHINA

are attempting to solve a gigantic problem, but they are going about it in the wrong way and will never succeed. Some people, in this country, seem to think that they have as great a puzzle on their hands in selecting a location for a home. They will certainly go about it in the wrong way unless they inspect the beautiful farming country on the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in Marinette county, Wisconsin, where the crops are of the best, work plenty, fine markets, excellent climate, pure, soft water; land sold cheap and on long time. Why rent a farm when you can buy one for less than you pay for rent? Address C. E. Rollins, Land Agent, 161 La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.