FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

Happenings of a Week Stewed Down for Ready Reading.

A WHOLE REGIMENT OF ITEMS.

The Weekly Crop Bulletin Says Rains Interfered Considerably With Haying—The Social Democrats Have Nominated Their Ticket.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The weekly crop bulletin issued on the 24th says: Frequent and heavy showers have interfered with all field work and damaged considerable hay; there is also some complaint that wheat is sprouting in the shock. Not only has the work been delayed during the rains, but much ground has been left too soft for the binder and reaper. In the upper peninsula and northern counties of lower Michigan haying has been greatly delayed and much of the cut damaged. While cultivation and other field work has been greatly retarded, vegetation of all kinds has been greatly benefitted by the wet weather. There is some complaint that the heavy rains have damaged corn and potatoes on low lands, but generally corn, potatoes, beans, sugar beets and garden truck have made fine progress and are in good condition. Corn is rather late, but looks strong and healthy; it is generally tasseling and in the southern part of the state it is setting for ears. Oat harvest is just beginning and the present condition of the oat crop indicates a large yield. [illegible]

Social Democratic State Convention.

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[illegible] in a Healthy State.

[illegible] Michigan in July in the 10 preceding years is [illegible], and for the week ending July 21 of this year [illegible] per cent, or about 6 per cent below the average. The diseases which usually cause most sickness in Michigan, rheumatism, neuralgia and bronchitis, were less than usually prevalent, and diarrhea, with less than the average amount of sickness [illegible] year, was forced to take first place [illegible] the list.

Bad Mix-Up in the Detroit River.

There was a lively mix-up in the Detroit river near Ecorse on the night of the 27th, and for a time big freighters and consorts were batting against one another in the darkness. There were 16 boats off Grassy Isle at one time as a result of the collisions and the blockade of the channel. The captains would not talk and it was impossible to get a close estimate of the money loss, but it will run into the thousands. The boats involved were the fine steel propeller James Watt, of the Bessemer line; the propeller Tacoma, of the Lehigh Valley Transportation Co.; the steel propeller Maruba, of the Minnesota Steamship Co., and the consort Manda.

State Gets $305,241.84 of Her Claim.

A warrant for $305,241.84 was drawn by the treasury department at Washington on the 30th in favor of the state of Michigan. This money is to reimburse the state for fitting out the National Guard during the Spanish-American war. The entire claim amounted to $447,000. The remaining $141,750 is held up for further investigation. Michigan's claims came to the auditor of the war department in several installments. They included expenses for typewriter operators, payment for second-hand clothing which belonged to the National Guard, pay for officers and men, and subsistence for the first 10 days in camp.

About 2 o'clock on the morning of the 1st the schooner J. S. Richards was sunk off Walkerville in a collision with the steamer John W. Moore, and two sailors on the schooner were drowned. The Richards and the Lake Forest were in tow of the tug Cressel, bound for Lake Erie ports, the former being loaded with pig iron. When off Walkerville the vessel and the Moore crashed together and the schooner soon sank. Two of the sailors were sleeping in the forecastle of the Richards, and they were either killed when the boats met, or the vessel sank before they could escape from their quarters.

About $1,300 worth of cement walks have been laid in Mayville this summer.

A meeting of promoters of the Belgian hare boom is to be held at Mendon this week, and a state organization is talked of.

North Branch expects to have a fruit and vegetable evaporating plant established there in time to take care of this year's apple crop.

Huckleberries are getting scarce on the plains of northern Michigan now. Thousands of crates have been shipped daily for the past three weeks.

Rural Free Delivery Orders.

Postmaster-General Emory Smith, of Washington, has issued an order carrying into effect recommendations made by the rural free delivery superintendents who have been in session there several days. The order, which applies to all rural free delivery service in the country, follows:

"It is ordered that, beginning Aug. 1, the drop letter, or one-cent rate of postage will not apply within rural free delivery limits. The two cents per ounce rate will be exacted within such delivery on all first-class matter except postal cards.

"2. That the introduction of rural free delivery will not increase or otherwise modify the present rate of postage on second-class matter.

"3. That rural free delivery carriers will not bring to the postoffice mail matter collected by them which may be delivered on their routes before completing their trips.

"4. That stamps on mail matter collected by rural free delivery carriers, including those on matter delivered en route as named in section 3, will be cancelled by them reported to the postmaster who will derive the benefit of the cancellation if the office is fourth class.

"5. That until suitable rubber canceling stamps can be supplied by the department rural free delivery letter carriers will cancel stamps with the indelible pencils furnished them for use in registered letters."

Buffalo Bill's Train Wrecked.

One death, and 10 men injured, some seriously, were the results of a railroad wreck at the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad yards at Milwaukee Junction, Detroit, on the morning of the 30th. The first section of the [illegible]

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for the purpose of booming their town and taking an active part in the coming campaign.

Manistee's Business Men's association has decided to shut up everything on Aug. 14 and have a holiday outing at Orchard Beach.

Burglars got away with $500 worth of valuable silk goods from the dry goods store of Beaudry & Co., Grand Haven, on the 27th.

Wheat has been thrashed in the vicinity of Brighton at 3½ bushels to the acre, rye 21 bushels. Outlook for spring crops is splendid.

The special election held at Holland on the 30th to bond the city for $10,000 to construct a general sewerage system was carried by 130 majority.

The new Presbyterian church at Mason is to be built of boulders. A "stone bee" held recently for the building fund netted [illegible] loads of boulders.

Forty thousand packages of fruit were shipped from Benton Harbor one night recently, one of the largest shipments sent from that port this season.

Smallpox has been reported to the state board of health from Walker township, [illegible] county, the disease having been brought from Grand Rapids.

It cost E. Camp, of Hillsdale, $7.64 to disregard the order of the live stock commission concerning the quarantining of a horse that had been exposed to glanders.

The average yield of wheat in Calhoun county thus far is 2½ bushels per acre. The quality is very inferior. The yield is not sufficient for seed and home consumption.

Threshing in the vicinity of Hamilton has begun and the yield of wheat is light. The prospects for a good peach crop are excellent and prices will be moderate in the fruit belt west of there.

The dreaded worm pest that is affecting the maple trees in various parts of the country has made its appearance in Calhoun county. The worm penetrates the smaller branches of trees, eats its way to the heart and absorbs the sap, at the same time cutting the branch off.

The Benton Harbor Palladium says a farmer in that vicinity raised a crop of early turnips and forwarded 23 bushels of the crop, duly labeled, to a Chicago commission house. He waited long for the letter that finally came, and which [illegible] for $1.49, with the [illegible]

Work on the new sugar factory at Marine City is progressing rapidly. The machinery is arriving and it is hoped the building will be completed by the time the beets are ready.

Grasshoppers are making great havoc in Branch county. Fields of clover, the second crop, now in blossom, are devastated in a few hours. Oat fields are also attacked and the grain ruined.

Hugh Kennedy, a farmer near Coldwater, has a field of corn which promises a phenomenal crop. Though so early in the season, he exhibits stalks 12 feet high, with ears six feet from the ground.

By the explosion of a steam tube connecting with the boiler in the steam yacht Trilby, three children lost their lives, one more was frightfully scalded and three other persons were more or less burned on the 24th.

James H. Brum, of Diamondale, who killed Mollie Flagler, and who has been confined in the asylum for criminal insane for a year, has been declared sane by Dr. Long, and his trial will take place at Charlotte shortly.

L. E. Slussar, editor of the Mancelona Herald, created a sensation there recently by making a balloon ascent, the occasion being the harvest jubilee. He went up about 300 feet and then made the parachute drop successfully.

Galesburg is already reaping the results accruing from increased facilities for ingress and egress. Within a week a Battle Creek lumber firm has made arrangements and will establish a thoroughly equipped branch in the village.

The military department has been [illegible]

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fair to be a big one a week ago has been ruined by the heavy rains.

The Odd Fellows hall at Ludington is completed. The first floor has been converted into an ideal ball room and dining hall with a kitchen at the rear and a ticket office and a dressing room in front. The second story will be used for lodge rooms exclusively in the future. With the additions just made, the Odd Fellows has one of the finest halls in the state.

Citizens of Caro are promised a new electric lighting company, organized on the mutual system and with the stock subscribed for at home. It was expected that only about two-thirds of the stock would be taken before the beginning of the work, but $3,000 more than the amount expected was subscribed for within five hours after the books were opened.

The citizens of Tekonsha are noted for their generosity. No case of want, sorrow or destitution is overlooked. [illegible] a purse for him if he is in poor circumstances.

A small black bug in large numbers has made his appearance in Vernon and is called the carpet bug and by others a Buffalo bug. He is demanding as much attention if not more than ever did the kissing bug, as he seems to delight in eating up carpets irrespective of house or home. His deviltry caused one woman to remark after looking at her carpet, "well, it is enough to make a preacher swear."

The old veterans at Wharton have at last succeeded in organizing a Grand Army post there. The work has been slow on account of the small number of old soldiers in the vicinity.

Port Huron is to have a second daily newspaper. E. J. [illegible] and Louis A. Weil, of Detroit, having purchased the Sunday Herald, X-Rays and the German Herold, and will merge the two former papers into one, and on Aug. 1 will commence the issue of an evening paper. The German paper will be continued for the present. The proprietors of the new enterprise are both clever newspaper men, and were formerly connected with the Detroit Free Press.

The [illegible] creamery buildings at [illegible] completed, and operations [illegible] Aug. 1.

MAYBURY FOR GOVERNOR.

Detroit's Mayor Heads the Democratic State Ticket.

WAS CHOSEN BY ACCLAMATION

All the Other Candidates Being Withdrawn in His Favor—Platform Roasts Republicans and Pledges Democrats to Reform.

The Ticket.

For Governor—Wm. C. Maybury, of Detroit.

For Lieutenant Governor—Jonathan G. Ramsdell, of Traverse City.

For Secretary of State—John W. Ewing, of Grand Ledge.

For State Treasurer—Chas. F. Sundstrom, of Marquette.

For Commissioner of State Land Office—George Winans, of Hamburg.

For Auditor General—Hiram B. Hudson, of Mancelona.

For Attorney General—Jas. O'Hara, of St. Joseph.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Stephen H. Langdon, of Monroe.

For Member of the State Board of Education—James McL[illegible], M. D., of Mt. Pleasant.

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State Central Committee.

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The Platform.

The Democrats of Michigan, in convention assembled, in common with every well wisher of our beloved commonwealth, regret the present condition of the political and administrative agencies which, under Republican control have debauched our governmental system, to disgrace the state and debase the functions of a free government.

We denounce the maladministration which has produced the fruitage of an investigation by grand jury, and the number of criminal trials which are pending in the courts. [illegible]

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NUGGETS OF INFORMATION.

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ANARCHISTS EXULT AND VOW

To Slay More Kings if Satisfaction is not Forthcoming.

BRESSI HELD TO BE A MARTYR.

The Anarchists of Paterson, N. J., Believe They are not Considered Human Beings by Americans—Brief Speech by a Young Lady Orator.

King Humbert Assassinated.

King Humbert, of Italy, has been assassinated. He was shot at Monsa, Italy, on the evening of the 29th by a man named Angelo Bressi de Prato, and died in a few minutes. The king had been attending a distribution of prizes in connection with a gymnastic competition. He had just entered his carriage with his aid-de-camp, amid the cheers of the crowd, when he was struck by three revolver shots fired in quick succession. One pierced the heart of his majesty, who fell back and expired in a few minutes. The assassin was immediately arrested, and was with some difficulty saved from the fury of the populace.

Vittorio Emanuele III, aged 31, has succeeded Umberto I, assassinated July 29.

King Humbert enjoyed the distinction of being the most highly insured king in the world. He carried policies aggregating $[illegible] and has $20,000,000 invested through the London Rothschilds. He is said to have saved most of this out of his civil list of [illegible]. King Humbert possessed a remnant of the private domain of the crown, most of which was relinquished in 1878. It is probable that his private income amounted to [illegible] a year.

Bressi Sympathizers Hold a Meeting.

There was a meeting of anarchists in Paterson, N. J., on the 30th, at which the killing of King Humbert was indorsed. [illegible]

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No Third Ticket This Year.

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Our Foreign Commerce.

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CHINA WAR NEWS.

The telegraphic conditions in China just now are unsatisfactory and the governments interested are endeavoring to better affairs. The real cable station from which China news is sent is Shanghai. The only way this can be reached by wire from Che Foo is overland. This land line is under the control of the Chinese authorities and Sheng, of whom so much has been published, can control everything which goes over. The only communication the United States has between Taku and Che Foo is by naval vessels. It is presumed, but is not known, that the international forces have telegraphic communication between Tien Tsin and Taku. At Taku the conditions are not satisfactory. The international fleet, including the American warships, lie far off shore and messages must be sent out to them by tugs. The nations are trying to arrange for a cable from Shanghai to Che Foo. Already arrangements have been made to lay a cable across from Taku to Chee Foo and the United States will pay its share, amounting to $115,000. Some difficulty is encountered in arranging the details for the international cable from Che Foo to Shanghai, as all the governments have to be consulted and communication with the cable offices and telegraphic companies must be provided for. It is the intention of the U. S. government to secure, at the earliest practicable moment, uninterrupted telegraphic communication with the forces at Tien Tsin.

The secretary of state at Washington on the 29th received a dispatch from Mr. Fowler, American consul at Chefu, dated noon July 29. Mr. Fowler says: "A letter from the German legation, dated the 21st, received at Tien Tsin. German loss is 10 dead and [illegible] wounded. Chinese ceased their attack on the 17th. Baron von Ketteler's body said to be safe. The Austrian, Italian, Dutch and Spanish legations destroyed and the French partially. A letter from the Japanese legation, dated the [illegible], received at Tien Tsin on the [illegible]. Ten battalions of Chinese shelled the legations consecutively from the 20th of June and stopped on the [illegible] of July, but may renew. The enemy are decreasing. The German, Russian, American, British and half the Japanese and French legations still defended. Japanese say they have [illegible]

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information as to whether the widow of Baron von Ketteler, the murdered German minister, is still alive.

An Italian priest who recently arrived at Hong Kong from Hen Sien Fu, in southern Hu An, says the Italian bishop and three priests were massacred after revolting torture. This took place on July 4. Six hundred converts were massacred after the women had been subjected to hideous brutalities. Six other priests fled to the hills, where they were probably killed. The priest who escaped had a perilous journey to Hong Kong. He hid in a coffin on board a river boat for 17 days.

Unless some authentic assurance as to the condition of the Americans in Pekin reaches the state department within a day or two, the administration is likely to abandon whatever [illegible] thus far in the [illegible] of Chinese information.

The gunboat Petrel has sailed from Amoy for Shanghai. This move may have been made owing to the disturbed condition of affairs near Shanghai.

"Spare nobody" are the Kaiser's words to troops bound for China.

It is estimated that it would be unwise for the powers to move toward Pekin without at least 60,000 men.

It is reported that Prince Twan, the boxer leader, was killed outside of Pekin on the 23d.

France is anxious to cooperate with the U. S. in a forward movement on Pekin.

The heavy rain storm at Paris on the 29th effectually broke the hot spell, the longest and most severe that Paris has ever known.

July 27 was another day of murders at New Orleans. The casualties caused by the rioters are as follows: Killed, [illegible]; fatally wounded, 6; others wounded, 10. Previous deaths, 7; wounded, 1 officer fatally, and scores of Negroes. This is the record of four days of bloodshed and riot, precipitated by Robert Charles, the Negro desperado, when he resisted arrest on the 23d, and who paid the penalty for five murders on the 26th when he was located, hiding in the heart of the residence district of the city, was smoked out and literally [illegible] to pieces by infuriated police officers and citizens, in the presence of [illegible] persons.