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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, FEB. 6.

After all, royal scandals are rare enough to set everybody talking.

The durbar shindy at Delhi is over. It is a great relief to the assembled elephants.

At last accounts Mr. Rockefeller was worrying along with the same poor old stomach.

"Bob" Burdette says humorists haven't degenerated. No, indeed; it is their output that has.

If Mrs. Astor's figures are trustworthy New York's 400 has increased to 800. Natural increase?

There appear to be still a few institutions in the country willing to take Mr. Rockefeller's dollars at par.

Some parents who violently object to football permit their boys to skate on thin ice and never worry a bit.

The newspapers, the public and the stage folk are all waiting patiently to get a lick at Alfred Austin's new play.

President Castro may not be a good fighter, but he has demonstrated to the powers that he is no slouch at waiting.

A New Jersey woman with a garden hose put her neighbors to rout. She is not the first woman to own flighty hose.

A Kansas veteran wants his name taken off the pension rolls because he thinks they are overfull already. Good Lord!

More men were killed by the explosion on the Massachusetts than the navy lost in action in the whole Spanish war.

Crescens will never be raced again for profit, says his owner. But then George Ketcham never claimed to be a prophet.

Paris society has pronounced the cake walk shocking and immoral. The French always were finicky about these things.

Apostle Smoot refuses to say whether he believes in polygamy or not. If he didn't he probably wouldn't be afraid to say so.

The Sultan of Jolo is dead, but the Sultan of Bacolod is still looking through the knothole and daring Uncle Sam to "come on."

Rudyard Kipling has gone to South Africa again, to see how the white man's burden is progressing under English domination.

Mr. Jeffries' howl about being robbed in his boat with Prof. Jack Munroe is loud and prolonged. He must have had several bets on himself.

The man whose wife takes him shopping can sympathize with the sensitivity of a Chicago department store who was driven crazy by customer's questions.

Word comes from France that Henri Fournier has broken the automobile record. Until the peasants are heard from it will not be known what else he broke.

Our enterprising contemporary, the Manila Cablenews, may wake up some fine morning to find that the wireless system has knocked its name and from under it.

The college professor who has explained to a Boston audience why men with "jags" see double got his knowledge, of course, by observation, not by personal experience.

As long as Speck von Sternberg has charge of Germany's interests at Washington peaceful relations with the United States may be expected, as his American wife will keep him in order.

Having already seen her literary primacy pass to Indiana, Boston will be further chagrined to learn that it was a Chicago woman who patented the new army ration of condensed baked beans.

The mayor of Worcester, Mass., has vetoed an ordinance increasing his salary from $2,500 to $4,000 a year. Politicians all over the country are wondering how a crazy man like that ever got into office.

The army of the sultan of Morocco is armed with flintlocks and muzzle loaders, and his people believe that the devil invented the cannon. How can civilization be expected to flourish in such a pitiful country as that?

The debate as to the meanest man is still on. Out in Kansas there are two real mean ones, one of whom said about the other: "I'll tell you how it is. Where he's well known, I am popular, and where I'm well known, he's popular."

The Illinois State Journal notes the interesting discovery that "an Egyptian mummy 2,000 years old died of appendicitis." This disease, which spares neither youth nor extreme age, must have found that mummy, however, a pretty tough customer.

No man bearing the name of Smith should ever desert a family. The Toledo Smith who ran away and got his name in the papers is now claimed in almost every state in the Union.

Relic hunters have stolen the tombstone from the grave of Betsy Ross. She has one monument that cannot be purloined—the American flag.

Japan is making rapid strides in civilization. A baby farm has been discovered at Osaka at which infanticide was practiced on a large scale.

Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

"BLACK BART" IS THE EDITOR

Famous Highwayman Directs the Policy of Prison Paper.

It has developed that the editor of attracting a lot of attention in northern Michigan and Wisconsin by his hold-up operations. At that time he was known as "Black Bart, the lone Progress, the paper published by the convicts in the branch state prison at Marquette, is Raymond Holzhay, who ten or twelve years ago was highwayman," and his career was a strenuous one up to the time he was captured and sent up for life for a murder committed in one of his holdups. Some time after his imprisonment he made a desperate attempt to escape, and was finally shot in the hand by the warden. Ever since that time he has been a changed man, and is now considered one of the best and most tractable prisoners in the institution, spending all of his spare time in hard study of various branches of learning.

Nature Club.

Battle Creek has one of the most unique and the only club of its kind in the state. It is the Nature club, organized for the study of all branches of natural history during the winter and for outings and field work in the summer. The club meets every Thursday night and has fifty members, a number of prominent and business men belonging. The members are desirous that nature lovers in other parts of the state organize similar clubs and correspond with the president of the Battle Creek club, Chas. E. Barnes.

Municipal Courts.

The success of the scheme of a municipal court to try offenders against local ordinances at Sault Ste. Marie has started every other city in the upper peninsula to thinking over the matter, and the legislature will probably be asked to amend several city charters to allow of the establishment of such courts. The justices of the peace will fight the scheme tooth and nail, of course, as it will mean the loss of fat fees for them.

To Start Grist Mill.

Two years ago a grist mill was erected at Montrose, or rather a building for such a purpose was, but no machinery has been placed in it and the building has been unoccupied ever since. Daniel Sweers, of Montrose, and Homer Holford, of Raymond, have purchased the place now, and will put in the necessary machinery and have the mill in operation in about three months.

Girl Farmer.

In the vicinity of Deerfield lives a very prepossessing girl of 21 years old, who not only owns but manages her farm. She buys her stock when necessary, sometimes making very shrewd bargains. She drives her own horses and breaks her own colts. In summer time she hires male help, but in winter she does rubber boots and cares for her stock in as able a manner as any man.

Franchise Expires.

When the franchise was granted to John Winter and his associates for an electric road through Brighton the villagers had high hopes of having electric connections with Detroit before many months, but since the collapse of Frank Andrews hope has gradually died out. The franchise expired Jan. 21 and never a tap of work has been done under it.

Building Creameries.

Farmers in St. Joseph county are beginning to realize the benefit of creameries. Within the past two years new creameries have been started at Mendon, Three Rivers, White Pigeon and Colon. The one at Three Rivers will put in skimming stations in the spring at Jones and other points.

Loses His Sight.

J. H. Chapman of Fegwick was suddenly struck totally blind. He had just risen from the dinner table and sat down in front of the stove, when, without a second's warning, everything became dark for him.

Decatur Has a Boom.

Decatur has struck an era of prosperity. There are two new factories being erected, which will employ about sixty men. All residences are occupied and there is much need of new houses.

Blacksmiths Raise Prices.

Oxford blacksmiths have joined with those in Lapeer, Dryden, Metamora and other places to form a combine adopting a scale of prices. The raise is 20 per cent, it is reported by it.

Neglected to Register.

Dr. D. C. Gee of Centreville has received notice from the state medical board prohibiting him from the practice of medicine because of neglect to register as a practicing physician. He had practiced medicine for forty years and had a large practice.

Start Fire With Gasoline.

Miss Verna Kennedy of Lansing, by mistake kindled the morning fire with gasoline. She was badly burned about the face and arms. Her injuries, while serious, will probably not prove fatal.

Sanitary Improvement.

Tecumseh has been agitating the question of sewerage for some time, and a public meeting will be held to consider the matter.

Rural Delivery.

Postmaster Brown has been notified that two more rural delivery routes will start out of Brighton March 1.

Arenac Farmers.

The Arenac County Farmers' institute closed the most successful session in its history at Standish.

ELEVATOR GOES ON A RAMPAGE

Strikes the Roof, But Occupants of Car Are Uninjured.

There were strenuous times in the east elevator of the Home bank building at Detroit for about five minutes. Conductor Paul Ashley let two men off at the sixth floor and started for the eighth, but when he got there the brake refused to work. Consequently the elevator tried conclusions with the roof. The lone woman inside screamed. Then the elevator went down as far as the sixth, but would not stop and made a second dive for the roof, which it struck with something of the force of a battering ram. It went back for another shot, but after the third encounter one of the cables loosened and the safety catches anchored it for good. The women emerged several shades paler, but she had reached the eighth floor at last.

Grading a Road.

A gang of surveyors and engineers reached the Michigan-Ohio line, near Camden, surveying the old Coldwater & Marshall roadbed. Eastern capital is back of the project, and already controls fifty miles of the road, which is being operated in Ohio. The grading has commenced outside of Deflance and is being pushed north into Michigan through to Coldwater and Battle Creek.

Fire Still Burns.

The adjusters have finished figuring on the fire which destroyed the Review and Herald printing plant at Battle Creek. Their figures show that the loss was $36,327, making, after deducting the insurance of $20,000, a net loss of $16,327. Although the fire occurred on Dec. 20, it is still burning, owing to the immense quantity of paper which wasstored in the building.

Peat Factory.

Chas. J. Wimple of Owosso, for twenty years a mining expert in New Mexico and Arizona, is planning to build a peat factory near that city and locate. Business men will be associated with him. Mr. Wimple says there is a sufficient quantity of peat within nine miles of Owosso to furnish fuel for Shiawassee county for half a century.

Organize Baptist Church.

A Baptist church with a membership of thirty-five has been organized at Sterlingsas a result of a two months' stand of the Baptist chapel car "Herald of Hope," with the Rev. A. P. McDonald of St. Helena, Mich., as manager. A building costing $650 has been bought, and carpenters are at work remodeling it for a church.

Liberal Coal Dealers.

At the beginning of the winter Bronson coal dealers, who had a good supply of hard coal on hand, sold it to all comers, and many people from surrounding villages drove over for it and hauled supplies back with them. As a result the stock is entirely out now, and the dealers can't supply their home customers.

Learns a Lesson.

Miss Verna Kennedy of Lansing threw a cupful of what she supposed was kerosene to start up the fire. It was gasoline. Her injuries are quite severe, but she says after this she will not hesitate to split a few kindlings and light the fire in the good old-fashioned way.

Mulliken to Incorporate.

At the session of the board of supervisors the petition asking that Mulliken be incorporated was granted, there being very little opposition. A committee of five citizens was appointed to make arrangement for the first village election, which will take place March 9.

Changing Their Minds.

The taxpayers in Bancroft who were opposing the bonding proposition of $75,000 for the new court house at Corunna, are beginning to favor the plan, and will fall in line and support Supervisor Jarrod, who offered the resolution before the board of supervisors.

To Inspire Teachers.

A St. Joseph county teachers' inspirational institute will be held at Colon Feb. 20 and 21. Supt. W. J. McKone of Albion and Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction French will lend their presence and help on the program.

Sugar Company Buys Farm.

The Owosso Sugar company intends to have enough beets to slice next fall. To insure a large crop, they have purchased the 200-acre prairie farm northwest of Cheasaning.

Raise Phone Rates.

The Michigan Telephone company is no longer taking orders at Bay City for residence telephones at $12 per year, although those installed for that price will be maintained to the end of the contracts. The new house phones have been advanced to $18 a year.

Building is Lively.

Over fifty new residences were erected at Frankfort last summer, but preparations are being made to beat that record in 1903. Several fine business blocks will also be built.

Didn't Strike Oil.

The holes each about 1,000 feet deep are all that the promoters of the scheme for producing oil in Bay de Noc township, Delta county, have for their money and trouble. The explorations have been abandoned and the machinery removed.

Vaccination Car.

The latest is the vaccination car. The Grand Rapids & Indiana is running such a one over its line, stopping at each station to plant blossoms on the arms of the employes.

BAY CITY CHARTER REVISION

Committee Unable to Accomplish Its Object, Owing to Legal Obstacles.

The charter revision committee which had expected to recommend changes in the boundary lines of Bay City so as to bring back into the city territory which was set out into the townships by the ripper charter two years ago is met by a legal obstacle. A section of this land is now in Hampton township, and since the passage of the charter the board of supervisors has redistricted this county into representative districts, Hampton being placed in the second instead of the first district, as formerly. Under the constitution of the state no alteration can be made in the representative districts until after the next census.

COMBINES COAL WITH COAL OIL

Astonishing Results of Experiment With Heat Generator.

Postmaster Smith of Howell is the originator of a combination fuel that as a generator of heat is a winner, but he is not going to patent it or prevent anyone else using this idea, unless it be some one who is a particular friend of his. He wet down a scuttleful of soft coal with kerosene oil before putting it in the stove, and the result surpassed his highest expectations. It also created a job for the junk dealer and paved the way for the sale of a new stove to the postmaster.

To Drain Swamp Lands.

A movement is on foot to save Gun river straightened and widened, the object being the reclamation of thousands of acres of swamp lands along its present banks. The proposition is to widen it to thirty feet at the bottom for a distance of ten miles, the work to be done by dredging. If sufficient fall can be obtained it will make that part of Alleran and Barry counties one of the most productive sections in the state. The area to be drained is about 10,000 acres.

Careless With Gun.

Alta Noble, a 13-year-old girl of Three Oaks, while housecleaning picked up a loaded shotgun standing in a corner where she wished to sweep. When she set it down again the jar caused both shells to explode. The girls hand was partially blown off and some of the charge took effect in her face, destroying the sight of her left eye and injuring the right one so badly that total blindness may result.

Harvest for Doctors.

When a case of smallpox was discovered at Caledonia everyone hustled to be vaccinated. The scare has recovered, his attack of the disease being so slight that he didn't even have to take to his bed, and if the doctors hadn't told him he wouldn't have known he was sick at all. On the other hand, most of those who were vaccinated have been exceedingly sick and uncomfortable.

Hurts Lumbering.

With south winds and heavy rains the snow has rapidly disappeared until the roads around Waters are bare in places. This will make business bad for the lumbermen unless the weather changes and more snow comes soon, as there are millions of feet of logs cut in the woods which are not yet skidded.

Manton Wants Sugar Factory.

For two years farmers around Manton have raised sugar beets and made money a. it, even though they had to pay the freight on them all the way to Kalamazoo. The proposed factory at Traverse City would make a much shorter haul for them, but even that does not satisfy them, and they want a factory right in Manton.

"Novel" Birthday Gift.

An Ionia woman who has always complained that her husband's birthdays slips by her have larked the element of novelty will have no complaint coming on this score on her next anniversary. He has bought a lot in the local cemetery and proposes to present it to her.

Good Roads.

Chippewa county will have good roads not only in summer, but in the winter, too. A patent snow roller will be purchased to pack down the snow on the roads, instead of trying to throw it from one side by means of plows.

Bank Does Well.

Kingsley's new bank reports a fine business with good prospects. What is needed now is some good enterprise which would give employment to men the year around.

Quincy is Booming.

Quincy is looking for a building boom the coming spring and summer. A lot of new residences are needed to properly accommodate even the present population, to say nothing of those who wish to move to town, but can't get houses.

Bricks and Cheese.

The people of Twining have secured two new industries. One is a brick plant which will turn out paving and ornamental building brick, and the other is a cheese factory.

Something to Be Proud Of.

Livingston county pays out less for arrests and prosecutions on criminal charges than any other county of equal population in the state.

As Good as Gold.

There is one Green Oak farmer who has luck with him this year. He has 1,100 bushels of white beans in his granary.

Lawyers to Organize.

Branch county lawyers will organize a bar association.

THE GOEBEL MURDER.

Youtsey Confesses Implicating Many Others in the Plot.

The inside history of the famous plot which resulted in the killing of Wm. Goebel, Democratic claimant to the governorship of Kentucky, is related in the confession of Henry E. Youtsey. James B. Howard, of Clay county, is said to have fired the fatal shot, and ex-Gov. Taylor is implicated with Caleb Powers and others in the conspiracy. Youtsey is the only man who has been convicted. He says he has made a clean breast of the details of the plot and has told everything he knows "fully and frankly." He said that the shot was fired from the front window in the private office of Secretary of State Caleb Powers and that he and Jim Howard were the only persons inside of the room.

He named William S. Taylor, Charles Finley, Caleb Powers, John L. Powers, William H. Coulton, Wharton Golden and William J. Davidson as conspirators with him and said that while other men were aware that he had a guilty knowledge the crime was to be committed, these men advised Goebel's death by shooting and aided and abetted in the execution of the deed.

Youtsey's confession as to the working out of the plot immediately prior to the shooting reveals the calculating and cold-blooded way in which he said Goebel's death was to be planned.

Tributes to McMillan.

The chaplain of the senate, in his prayer Friday, referred to the late Senator McMillan, the day having been set apart to pay tribute to the memory of the dead Michigan statesman.

At the conclusion of the routine business, Mr. Burrows called up the resolutions relative to his late colleague and paid an earnest tribute to his memory.

The sterling qualities which made Senator McMillan the leader of industrial and business life in Detroit, as well as the adviser of the Republican party in the state, were pointed out by Senator Burrows.

Eulogies on the late Senator James McMillan were delivered in the house Sunday by Representatives Corliss, Henry C. Smith, Gardner, Hamilton, Samuel W. Smith, Wm. Alden Smith, Darragh, Aldis and Slocum, of Michigan; also by Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, and Burton, of Cleveland, O.

Sampson's Affliction.

A sensational charge is printed by the Washington Post that there are secret records in the navy department and pension bureau files which prove that Admiral Sampson was afflicted with asphasia, a mental disease that impairs the victim's judgment, when in the spring of 1898 he was appointed to supreme command of the Atlantic fleet that was to operate against the Spanish forces in Cuban waters.

By means of a contract for special trains from Cincinnati over the Southern to Louisville, and thence over the Big Four to Indianapolis, the Grand Opera Company has evolved in different points of Indiana and Ohio far back cities, is being booked.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT
Week Ending Feb. 8.
DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—"The Two Schools" Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.
LYCEUM THEATRE—Geo Sidney in "Busy Izzy."
Sat Mat—Fri Evenings 15c, 25c, 50c and 75c.
WHITNEY THEATRE—"Sweet Nellie Gwynne."
Matinee Sat—Evenings 15c, 25c, 50c.
BOHEMIAN—Burlesque Daily.
Matinee Daily—Evenings 15c, 25c, 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Market on handy butchers' cattle trifle more active this week, not so many westerns offered; choice steers and heifers, $3@3.25; cows and stringers, steady, $2@2.50. Choice steers, 1,200 pounds average, $3.25@4.50; choice butcher steers and heifers, $2.75@3; common kilts and fat cows, $2@2.50; canners, cows, $1@2; common to prime shipping bulls, $2.50@3; choice light butchers and heavy sausage bulls, $2.50@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4. Veal calves—Market on veals ruled steady, cows, $4.25; full $1 lower than last week; prices, $5.50@7.25.

Sheep—Choice lambs, $5.50@5.65; light to fair lambs, $4@5; common to prime sheep, $2.50@3.75; mixed sheep and lambs, $4.25@4.50; common killers, $2@2.75; culls, $2@2.50.

Hogs—Prime mediums and fat yorkers, $5.50@5.55; light fat yorkers, $5.20@5.40; common killers, $2@2.75; culls, $2@2.50.

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East Buffalo.—Cattle — Receipts light; dull; veals steady; tops, $5.90@; common to good, $5.50@5.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,600; mixed, $5.75@6.90; choice to prime, $7; stags, $4@5.50.

Hogs—Top lambs, $5.90@6; culls to good, $4.25@5.75; yearlings, $5.60@6; wethers, $4.50@5; sheep, top mixed, $4.25@4.50; culls to good, $2@4.15.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $4.50@5.75; poor to medium, $3@4.50; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.40; cows, $1.40@4.50; heifers, $2@4.90; canners, $1.40@2.40; bulls, $2@4.30; calves, $3.50@6.75; Texas fed steers, $4.50@4.60.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5.50@5.75; good to choice heavy, $5.65@5.75; rough heavy, $5.50@5.60; light, $5.25@5.55; bulk of sales, $5.50@5.75.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4.25@4.90; fair to choice mixed, $3.50@4.25; western lambs, $4.60@6.25; western lambs, $4.75@6.25.

Grain.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 2 white, 75c; No. 2 red, 1 car at 80c; May, 17,000 bu at 82½c; 5,000 bu at 82¾c; 10,000 bu at 82½c; 15,000 bu at 82½c; 1,000 bu at 82½c; 10,000 bu at 82¾c; 200 bu at 82½c; 1,000 bu at 78½c; 2,000 bu at 78¾c; 5,000 bu at 78½c; No. 3 red, 75½c per bu.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 45½c; No. 2 yellow, 5 cars at 46c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 45½c per bu.

Oats—No. 2 white, 3 cars at 38c; 4 cars at 37½c, closing 38c bid; No. 4 white, 36c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 53½c; No. 3 rye, 51c per bu.

Chicago.—Wheat—No. 2 spring, 77c; No. 3, 72@73½c; No. 2 red, 77½@78½c.

Corn—No. 2, 45c; No. 2 yellow, 45c.

Oats—No. 2, 36½c; No. 2 white, 37c; No. 3 white, 33½@34½c.

Rye—No. 2, 49½c.

Willard Walter has been appointed postmaster at Findlay, St. Joseph county, Mich., vice Alfred Sargent, resigned.

Receiver May, of the Ingham County Savings Bank, will declare a final dividend and close up the bank's affairs within a month. The balance of the assets, which consist of notes, will be sold at auction within a few days.

Dr. S. J. Sorensen, surgeon-in-chief of the Northern Michigan hospital at Calumet, Mich., has issued an appeal at Chicago in behalf of 400,000 of his starving countrymen in Finland.

The witness in the Hooper Young murder case who has received anonymous letters threatening that if she gives evidence against the grandson of Brigham Young she will pay for it with her own life is Miss Elizabeth Dickinson. Miss Dickinson was baptized and became a regular member of the Mormon church in 1901, but last August renounced the faith when urged to go to Salt Lake City and enter into what was described to her as a purely spiritual marriage.

President Mitchell, of the mine workers, will be offered a place on the Illinois state board of arbitration by Gov. Yates.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

The St. Joseph officials, who are after the money brought into the western Michigan town by the marriage excursions run out of Chicago, came to Lansing in a body Thursday morning headed by County Clerk Church. They were accorded a hearing before Rep. Masters' committee, to which had in charge the bill prohibiting the marriage of nonresidents of the state on Sunday. The session was a long one and Clerk Church registered an objection to the removal of the income which he had enjoyed through the issuing of licenses. The bill will be further considered, but the committee will probably eventually report it out favorably.

Since Thomas J. Navin was mentioned for appointment as a member of the board of control of the state prison at Jackson his office has been visited by many citizens, who have offered to indorse him for the governor, but in no case has he accepted their offers. Don M. Dickinson said, "I have not been asked to indorse Mr. Navin, but would, if asked. Generally, I believe when a man shows by disposition to do the right thing and enters upon a career as a good citizen, everybody should aid him God-speed and help him, as against him for a position of trust."

Both house and senate assembled at 9 o'clock Friday for a short session. Senator Moran's bill permitting the supervisors of four upper peninsula counties to take measures to fight smallpox, which was tabled by the house because of the objection of the representatives of the counties affected, was taken up. Rep. Burns, who fathered it in the house, moved to strike out Alger, Delta, Dickinson and Marquette counties from the bill, leaving it to affect only Baraga. The bill passed as amended.

Senator Weekes' bill for a state forestry commission provides that the owner of any tract of land may select one-fourth of it as a permanent forest reservation, and that this land shall be taxed already $1 per acre. If the land selected has upon it an original forest containing not less than 170 trees in an acre, the provisions of the act are to apply to it. Senator Weekes says he will insist that the bill be amended so that lumber barons cannot take advantage of it to dodge their taxes.

Mr. Colby has again introduced the joint resolution under which the constitutional provision as to the pay of members of the legislature would be changed from the $3 a day plan to $1,000 for each regular session, no matter how long or how short, and $2 a day for special sessions. Colby's amendment would cut down the mileage allowed from the present rate of ten cents a mile to the actual cost of traveling.

Mr. Denby has introduced a bill with more liberal provisions for manufacturing concerns to incorporate under. The shares may be $100 par value instead of $10 as the present law requires, and or any amount instead of a limit of $5,000,000 maximum and $5,000 minimum. Under the Denby bill a corporation could do anything within the law of Colby. Rep. Neal and Chapman exchanged house compliments. Rep. Neal got a position on committee on geological survey, which entitles him to participate in the upper peninsula junket, in place of a membership on the rules committee. The speaker was anxious to have Neal go on the visiting trip because he is a member of the important ways and means committee.

The election of Rep. Randall, a noted opponent of the general primary election measure, to the presidency of the Farmers' club of the legislature, which was formed Wednesday night, is regarded as significant of organized opposition to Rep. Colby's primary election reform measure on the part of the rural members.

Mr. Anderson also has a bill to make people more careful about alleged criminal charges set up in divorce cases. It provides that where the grounds for divorce constitute offenses against the criminal laws, and where such charges are proven, criminal actions are at once to be begun against the guilty persons.

Mr. Anderson, of Grand Rapids, has advanced an important amendment to the constitution, which is that an amendment to the charter of a city or village shall become operative until it has been submitted to the people of the community affected.

Hopes for the passage of a general primary election bill are growing and it is suggested that the bill introduced to apply to the city of Detroit, with slight amendment will cover the ground and be acceptable.

The joint resolution relieving County Treasurer Buhner of responsibility for the $15,000 of state money deposited in the wrecked City Savings Bank of Detroit, was adopted by the Senate.

The police judges of Detroit have a bill in to increase their salaries from $3,000 to $5,000.

Passed by the House.

To attach all the territory of the township of Stanton in the county of Houghton to school district No. 1 of said township of Stanton.

To legalize the action of the boards of school inspectors of the township of Hancock and the township of Stanton, in the county of Houghton, with reference to the apportionment of the indebtedness of school district No. 1, of the township of Stanton, to be taken by said school district No. 1 and school district No. 1 of the township of Stanton.

Passed by the Senate.

To amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Ionia."

To provide for a survey and replatting of the city of Muskegon.

To repeal act No. 24 of the public acts of 1901, entitled "An act for the protection of fish in the lake known as Clam Lake, in Antrim county, and in Grass river, flowing in, and Clam river, flowing out thereof."

"To authorize the county of Menominee to issue bonds and to provide for the retirement of the bonds of said county heretofore issued and now outstanding.

To amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to authorize the consolidation of street railway, electric light and gas companies, or any two thereof," being act 125 of the public acts of 1889, and amended in 1901.

By a vote of 47 to 0, without one word of debate, the Minnesota state senate adopted a joint resolution declaring that as lumber was a natural product, and a duty on it was not in accord with the principle of protection, the senators and congressmen from Minnesota be requested to favor the entire removal of such tariff on lumber.

The legislative junket party which is visiting the state fish hatcheries seems to be doing business. The party reached Grand Rapids Sunday morning and after breakfast went to the Creek bass hatchery, a few miles out of town. Supt. Lydell explained he wanted to purchase three more acres at $100 an acre, for additional ponds; $250 for a bridge and about the same amount to terrace and otherwise improve the side of the hill between the superintendent's residence and the hatchery. The committee men seemed to think the proposed improvements needed.

During the day the party was entertained by a local citizens' committee at the Elks' temple and Military club with a course banquet. The Lakeside club did the honors Sunday night. The party includes Senators Fulkerson, Curtis, Baird, Kelly, Goodell, Moffatt and Van Akin, Representatives Bolton, Scott, Anderson, Rodgers, Lane, Wells, Washer, Thomas and Paddock, Fish Commissioner Brown and George B. Russey, of Detroit. It is expected seven more, including Secretary Chilson, of the state senate, will join the party.

The junketers left for Paris Monday morning, and proceed thence to Cadillac, Mackinaw, Sault Ste. Marie, Ishpeming, and Marquette. They will meet the big junket at Ishpeming, returning via Chicago.

The fish commission asks for a total of $40,000, about the same amount allowed two years ago.

The party that is out to visit institutions in the northern peninsula left Detroit Sunday night in three sleepers and dining car attached to Michigan Central regular train No. 207 making nine cars in the string. Ninety-one people were in the party, comprising the following committees. Normal schools, mining, prisons, asylums and geological surveys.

The personnel of the party is as follows: Senators Weekes, Kent; Sovereign, Berrien; Glasgow, Barry; Simons, Detroit; Jones and wife, St. Clair; Woodman, Van Buren; Waterbury, Oakland; Doherty, Clare; Barnes, Livingston; Brown, Lapeer; Latham, Bay, Montcalm; Farr, Manistee; Cook and wife, Shiawassee; Bangham and daughter, Kalamazoo; Representatives Bloom and wife, Port Huron; Byrne and wife, Marquette; Todd and wife, Marquette; Hunt and wife, Detroit; Ashley and wife, Detroit; Dunn and wife, St. Clair; Ward and wife, Shiawassee; Fisk, Ann Arbor; Jackson; Combs and wife, Lenawee; Adams and wife, Macomb; Ward and wife, Mecosta; Munsell and wife, Livingston; Dennis and wife, Missaukee; Shook and wife, Montcalm; Kirk and wife, Tuscola; Lindsday, Oscoda; Seeley, Oakland; Sanders, Saginaw; Hemans, Ingham; Harle, Mason; Pettit, Houghton; Kirk, Washtenaw; Neal, Wayne (Northside); Neal, Manistee; Adams, Sault Ste. Marie; Colby, Detroit; Wright, Dublin; McEachten, Schoolcraft; Monroe, Gogebic.

In addition to the above Reading Clerk Alex. Lewis, of Detroit; Sergeant-at-arms of the senate Moses Parshelsky, Sergeant-at-arms of the house Whittock, of Allegan; Representative Dr. Dohany, of Detroit, and representatives of the Tribune, Free Press, Journal and Grand Rapids Herald accompany the party. Dr. Dohany goes as physician to the representatives and carried his medicine grip aboard the train. The senators, not to allow the representatives to have anything on them, appointed Senator Sovereign their M. D. for the trip. Banquets await the party at Newberry and through the mining country. J. S. Monroe will guide the solons through the upper peninsula.

Senator Goodell has a bill which he says all farmers and dairymen want turned into law. It provides that every package containing commercial feed stuff shall be labeled with its ingredients. If it is found that the makers have falsified the statement they are to be punished with a fine of not more than $100.

The proposition to submit to the people the amendment to the constitution to prohibit the sale or use of liquor in this state has again been introduced in both houses.

Senator Waterbury's bill for appropriation for the Eastern asylum at Pontiac for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, carries an appropriation of $47,150.

The senate has confirmed the appointment of John D. Shull, of Tecumseh, as a member of the board of control of the state public school at Coldwater.

The contest between Representatives Werline, Democrat, of Menominee, and Waltle, Republican, is settled and Werline holds the seat.

Both houses adjourned before 10 o'clock to stand adjourned until 2 o'clock, February 10.

A bill to place the management of state asylums under a uniform system of management was introduced by Rep. Master.

A series of one-day farmers' institutes will be opened in Allegan county, starting at Pullman.

San Jose scale has spread very rapidly among fruit trees, nearly every tree in Monroe being infected by it.

The Chicago society will hold its second dinner in memory of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln at Delmonico's Feb. 12.

Gen. Frederick Funston has recovered from all his wounds and says an order to return to the Philippines shortly would not surprise him.

In the heavy gale Friday the 100-foot stack of the Owosso Carriage Co. factory went down, throwing 200 men out of work for a few days.

Telegrapher Clough, who is said to be responsible for the collision at Valis Station, Ariz., in which 21 lives were lost, has disappeared and is thought to have escaped to Mexico.

Judge O. W. Coolidge, of the Berrien circuit, confirms the stories sent out from St. Joseph that the agitation there is for a grand jury not only to examine the matter of the release of two men alleged to have been guilty of assault, but to probe as well the alleged rottenness in county and municipal politics.

At Negaunee mine Thursday the bottom of the big open pit, created by the cave-in of a year ago, dropped out of sight. It was expected. Aside from letting thousands of tons of sand and rock down among the ore, no damage was done.