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UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION

FOUR INSANE CONVICTS WHO ESCAPED ALARM IONIA COUNTY.

THE MEN ARE DANGEROUS

Roaming the County and Liable to Violently Attack People Whom They May Meet.

Led by Frank Lessner, of Wyandotte, murderer of his godmother, four insane convicts are roaming the country in the vicinity of Ionia, and the whole country is in terror. Farmers are armed in expectancy of a possible clash with the men, who escaped Saturday from the state asylum for criminal insane.

The convicts obtained a skeleton key somewhere and unlocked the door from the corridor of the asylum into the basement. Then they battered down the basement door and when a guard tried to stop them, their leader, Lessner, a former soldier and giant in stature and strength, brandished a knife and threatened to kill the guard if he persisted in his attempt to stop them.

The other escaped convicts are: Hiram McCaffrey, aged 25, sentenced from Saginaw for larceny; James Swane, 23, sent from Calhoun county for attempted robbery; Fred. Clark, alias Shanahan, sent from Flint for burglary. These fourteen men have been sent broadcast, and county officers are making every effort to recapture them, but it is feared blood will be shed before the men are caught.

Frank Lessner, deranged by association with insane patients in the asylum where he was employed, in 1905 with criminal intent, attempted to death his godmother, Mrs. Michael Hammerick, because she had "bewitched him and his sweetheart." He had 26 months for this crime, but had enough sense of right and wrong to give himself up to the police lest an innocent man suffer for the crime. He was a man of normal mentality, a soldier with a good record, and did not show any signs of mental degeneracy while employed in the asylum.

Shot Trespassers.

Three Italians, names unknown, employes of the cement factory in Coldwater, where an Italian was mysteriously murdered a few days ago, were hunting on the farm of Frank Houghtaling when ordered off. In an ugly mood they refused to go and Guy Houghtaling, son of the farmer, rode down a lane and encircled them single-handed. The Italians opened fire first, but Houghtaling brought two of them down with a double-barreled shotgun. The Italians were so badly wounded that they were lying on the ground when officers arrested them. The third ran, but is being hunted. Houghtaling preferred a charge, but was not struck in a vital spot.

Bigamy Charged.

Mrs. Harryet E. Parker, nee Ida Schmidtke, of Detroit, who but little married in Detroit three weeks ago to Parker, who deserted her at the Wayne hotel, is trying to get a warrant for him for bigamy. Parker left after their marriage, while stopping at the Wayne, she noticed that frequently he was blue and would even weep, saying to her: "My poor little girl." The night he left her he told her he was going to get an automobile to take her out riding, but instead, she alleges, he went to the telegraph office and wired her partner that she was ill. Then he left for his home in Conneaut, Ohio.

Life Sacrificed to Duty.

Smoke from a fire so slight that the actual money damage is practically nothing cost two lives in the Windsor end of the new Michigan Central tunnel Monday night. Al. Haas, 40 years was a sacrifice to duty. Walter R. Kimball, the assistant superintendent who was killed, was at the work when the fire broke out. "My duty is it, being on day duty. He went into the tunnel in an endeavor either to locate the fire so as to save the property of his employers, or to see that all the men who had become panic-stricken, were safely out.

The De Clarke Murder.

Two suspects in connection with the murder of Emil De Clarke, the Gratiot township farmer, have been arrested. Officers who are working on the case are inclined to believe that De Clarke was accidentally killed by a hunter, who ran and left the dying man in the roadway. "There is no doubt that the man who shot De Clarke was one of two men seen with a shotgun in the neighborhood of the tragedy Wednesday morning, one official declared.

Tar and Feathers.

A party of about 20 young men went to Mrs. Jessie Cole's home in Perry, where it is alleged they found James Summers, a married man, 40 years old. They dragged both Summers and Mrs. Cole, both scantily attired, into the street. Summers at first refused to "confess," but when the crowd began to apply tar and feathers he is alleged to have made admissions. It is said that Mrs. Cole "also confessed," and left town.

The official count of the vote at the Republican primaries shows that Carl E. Storm, Ann Arbor, was nominated for prosecuting attorney by one vote. Mistakes were made in Scio and Lynden townships reducing Storms' majority, which was originally announced as eight.

"Just for fun," a man giving his name as James Brown, Detroit, posed as a milk inspector and forced Kalamazoo county farmers to scrub their cows, whitewash sheds, trim the hair on certain parts of the cows and throw away gallons of "contaminated milk." He is under arrest.

A Prohibition club has been formed in Lapeer with the following officers: President, C. A. Bullock; secretary, Elmer Holman; treasurer, Robert King; executive board, C. A. Bullock, Elmer Holman, Robert King, W. B. Williams, Rev. R. W. Dunnigan, Rev. G. H. Whitney and F. M. West. Vice presidents were appointed for each township.

Conrad Karowski reported to the Jackson police that two Poles had stolen his bank book and withdrawn $200 which he had on deposit at a local bank. They then made their escape, and it is believed that they have returned to the old country.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

Linden voted to bond $2,500 for a new town jail.

Shepherd is to have a complete water and sewer system and electric light plant.

Several schoolhouses in south Houghton county have been destroyed by forest fires.

Work on the extension of the Detroit, Flint & Saginaw electric railway from Frankenmuth to Flint, will begin at once.

Battery A, field artillery, under Capt. R. C. Vandercook, has gone to Sparta, Wis., to engage in target practice with the Fourth artillery.

Nellie Davis, a young stranger, swallowed carbolic acid in the pavilion at Lincoln park, Grand Rapids, and died on the way to the hospital.

After having been separated six years by divorce, Mrs. Emma Thiele, aged 63, and Albert Thiele, aged 62, of Grand Rapids, will be remarried.

A man giving his name as Dr. Woods, of Battle Creek, was arrested in Jackson Wednesday charged with drugging and robbing a man 70 years old.

For operating a "beer boat near a farmers' picnic in "dry" Oceana county, Frank Nickett, of Whitehall, was fined $111.30 by Circuit Judge Sessions.

The father of Rev. William Cummins, held in the Ionia jail on a non-support charge, has returned to his home, and no one else will go the pastor's bail.

Oscar Downs, a Lansing baker, was found dead in bed Tuesday evening. A bottle of whisky containing a large quantity of poisonous cyanide was found at his bedside.

As a memorial to her father, the late Peter White, Mrs. George Shiras III., of Washington, will present a $10,000 organ to St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral of Marquette.

"They smoke away their brains and spit away their good sense. Soon they will not have any," declared Carrie Lane Chapman, of the U. of M. professors in her lecture in Ann Arbor.

Thomas Hoadley died in the Jackson prison Thursday from paralysis, aged 60. He was sentenced from Berrien county, November 14, 1899, for 25 years for attacking a girl.

John E. Purdy, a Muskegon electrical manufacturer, who disappeared two months ago, has been located in Spokane, Wash., and it is believed will respond to his wife's appeal to return.

After swallowing a sand burr, Mildred Kooyers, aged 11, of Holland had her power of speech restored and the way to Ann Arbor for an operation she coughed up the burr and has recovered.

Despite the fact that his bonds were refused, Jerome Nichols, the Battle Creek real estate man, who is charged with constant assault upon a little girl, cannot find friends to bail him out at $2,000.

A man who has been identified as Henry Austin, of Detroit, was instantly killed by the breaking of a trolley pole on a southbound Toledo interurban car a short distance north of Rockwood Monday.

Mrs. Essie Madison, aged 57, of Grand Rapids, sprinkled gasoline over the floor while cleaning house. A dropped match ignited it and she was probably fatally burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

The state military board decided to purchase rifle ranges offered in Kalkaska county by Grayling if funds are available. Modifications will be made in the Ionia armory plans to bring them within the appropriation.

S. William Contee, colored, was brutally assaulted Monday night while he was en route to his home in Saginaw Two men, approaching him from behind, knocked him to the sidewalk and then beat him. He will recover.

Ann Praebjenda, 33, of Detroit, died on Sunday after suffering from August 28 with an affection of the heart. Her relatives say the tooting of fire engines and fright caused the trouble with her heart.

Sherman W. Morris, the "lone high wayman," arrested in Lansing while trying to sell a valuable diamond and watch, has been sent to Colorado for 20 years on conviction of second degree murder there and given a life sentence.

The chambers of commerce of Muskegon and Grand Rapids are bidding against each other for Muskegon to get John Calvin college and the Christian Theological seminary and Grand Rapids to keep them.

After the body of Frank Stewart, killed at a train in Lansing, had reached the U. of M. medical department, a brother in Benton Harbor claimed it and will bury it. Relatives in Otsego refused to take the remains.

Charles Thayers, of Niles, a paralytic, cut his throat with a razor Monday afternoon while his wife was away from home. He will probably not recover. Thayer, who is 60 years old, has been in a crippled condition for six years.

The will of William H. Loveless, Lake Charles, La., lumberman, who died in Muskegon, disposes of a $11,000 estate and leaves an annuity of $150 to the divorced widow, now living in Marcellus, as long as she does not remarry.

According to correspondence found by the family of William E. Bergh, the Michigan Central fireman who committed suicide in Jackson by taking laudanum and turning on the gas, the young man was impelled to self-destruction solely because of financial entanglements, due to his relations with a woman stenographer, at present residing in New York.

Al. Whiting, of Hancock, and a party of friends who were thought to have perished on Lake Superior, returned to Hancock on their launch driven ashore by a storm on Lake Superior and they walked through burning forests for four days to reach Calumet. All were nearly exhausted.

Miss Blanche Bonner, a teacher in the Grand Rapids schools, recently completed the task of painting the interior of the Methodist church at her home at Newaygo. The church was badly in need of paint, and there was not sufficient funds to hire a man to do the work, so Miss Bonner volunteered.

The supreme court on Thursday sustained the demurrer of Pure Food Commissioner Bird filed to the bill of complaint of the Pierre Viaus Maple Syrup company, manufacturers of maple syrup and the commissioner complains that the label did not comply with the law. The company secured an injunction restraining Commissioner Bird from injuring its business by making such statements.

Dr. R. J. Tick, of Owosso, has been commissioned captain and quartermaster of the Third infantry, Michigan National Guard, to succeed Harry E. Loomis, of Lapeer, recently commissioned brigade commissary.

News Notes from Lansing

Interesting Happenings at the State Capital of Michigan.

Lansing.—According to the new primary law the county board of canvassers met in their respective counties and the official results of their labors filed with the secretary of state not later than September 16. The state board of canvassers will meet on that date. Deputy Secretary of State Mears believes the returns will be made promptly. In 35 counties no errors were found. In Kent county another error was discovered, making the vote for Dr. Bradley 6,196 instead of 6,134. There was a slight change in Gladwin county's vote, leaving the vote at noon as follows: Warner, 88,523; Bradley, 86,683. Warner's plurality, 1,840.

Plan Races for Lansing.

A big fair to be held at the driving park during the fall of 1909 may be the outcome of a movement set on foot by Secretary Penman. The last fair held here was when the state exhibition was conducted at this point. There are reasons in abundance why Lansing is entitled to that big fields of good horses will be entered. There is a chance that Lansing will be in a bigger circuit next year. Attracted by the big purses, good track and fair treatment they receive so many good horses come here now that the shortship follows are outclassed.

Son Kept from Dying Father.

Pleading pitifully that he might once more see his son before he died, Charles Barnes, a mechanic, passed away with the name of his son, a convict in the Ionia reformatory, upon his lips. For four days the sick man had been dying. Death was approaching, and at all hours of the day and night the way to Ann Arbor for an operation she coughed up the burr and has recovered.

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Demand for Farm Machinery.

Representatives of every manufacturer of farm machinery exhibiting at the state fair at Detroit join in the statement that despite the panic their business has shown an increase of from 10 to 50 per cent. in the last year. In no case has it fallen below normal. The panic has failed utterly to make connections with the American farmer, the chief customer of the implement companies, and his buying ability is unimpaired.

Michigan Companies Incorporate.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state as follows: Federal Improvement and Promotion Company, Detroit, $10,000 Grand Rapids Show Case Company, Grand Rapids, $200,000; National Lumber Company, Grand Rapids, $40,000 Laurium Park association, Laurium, $150,000; Valley Engineering Company, Detroit, $5,000; Louis Schmidt Company, Detroit, $50,000.

What Yield is Good.

According to the state crop report, the average yield of wheat in Michigan was 18 bushels per acre, and the quality 97 per cent. This is exceptionally good, both as to yield and quality. Oats are estimated to yield 29 bushels, and rye 15 bushels. The condition of corn as compared to the average is 78 per cent., beans 72, potatoes 68, clover seed 85.

New Incorporations.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed: Kalamazoo County State Savings bank, Schoolcraft, $20,000; Finn Realty company, Detroit, $100,000; Warden Brokerage company, Grand Rapids increase, $78,700 to $200,000.

New Rural Routes.

New rural routes ordered established December 1 are: Ludington, Mason county, route No. 5, population 500; families, 100; Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa county, route No. 2, population, 500; families, 100.

Requisition is Issued.

Requisition papers were issued for George Grape, wanted in Illinois for embezzlement, and under arrest in Mt. Clemens.

Erecting Immense Smokestack.

The concrete smokestack being built by the Pratt Heating & Lighting Company of Lansing will be the largest concrete structure of the kind in the United States and probably in the world, when it is completed. It will be 15 feet in diameter inside at the base and taper to 12 feet at the top. The stack is built on a concrete foundation sunk 20 feet below the surface, and will be 204 feet in height above the surface. The structure will be reinforced from bottom to top with steel rods and rings.

Large Sum for Improvements.

The city of East Lansing will pay 24 per cent., or $1,248 of the entire cost of the proposed sewer and drainage systems, which is estimated at $5,200. Over three-fourths of the entire cost will be assessed upon the property owners to be benefited. The entire cost of the proposed water works systems, $8,752, will be paid out of the city funds. The total of $10,000, it has been announced, must be secured by bonding the city for that amount.

Equipped for Campaign.

When the members of Battery A, First Michigan Field artillery, leave for the annual encampment which is to be held this year at Sparta, Wis., they will be equipped in the same manner as though they were starting into a real campaign. The battery will comprise 84 horses, 120 men and six officers. Each man will be equipped with a slicker for rainy weather, gauntlets, two suits of clothing and an overcoat. Stoves will be supplied for the cook house and everything that can possibly add to the ease and comfort of the men will be provided. The battery will leave Lansing by a special train September 13 and will be gone ten days. It is not known how long a time it will require to make the trip, and the men do not know what sort of a country they are going into. The camping ground contains 15,000 acres, through which no roads of any description have been laid out. The men will receive the same instruction that they would in real war, and it is expected that it will be one of the most practical camps that the battery has ever attended. Two batteries of the Fourth United States artillery of Fort Sheridan will be at the camp, under the command of Maj. T. Bently Mott.

Prohibitionists Name Tickets.

Prohibitionists throughout the state named their county and district tickets. Washtenaw county members named the following: Judge of probate, J. T. Wood; Shelby; sheriff, Grant Kimmel, Dexter; clerk, Charles Luthiff, Willis; register of deeds, W. S. Haynes, Ypsilanti; treasurer, George Merrill, Webster; circuit court commissioners, W. S. Lathers of Ypsilanti and C. D. Pafer of Saline; representatives, Thomas Frank of Dexter and J. B. Speere of Ann Arbor. In Monroe county the ticket is as follows: Judge of probate, L. A. Tanner, Carleton; sheriff, Edward G. Fluit, Monroe; clerk, Elroy M. Loose, Monroe; treasurer, Henry Angerer, Scofield; register of deeds, Terry E. Palmer, Maybee; state representative, George Candee, Whiteford. In Livingston G. L. Adams, editor of the Fowlerville Review, was named for state representative, but his county ticket was put up because it was feared it would affect the local option election next spring. In Port Huron only 16 members of the party, just enough to form the delegation to the state convention, appeared.

New Men in Legislature.

The chaotic condition of the gubernatorial primary has caused a number of other phases of the election to be almost entirely overlooked. This is especially true of the representatives nominated by the Republican party. The local delegation will be chosen at the county primary on September 21, 22, 23, and in several of the districts the nomination will be made by convention. Following is a partial list of those chosen at the primary: Benjamin F. Heckert, Hartford; Charles L. Giles, Muskegon; Frank C. Miller, Ionia; Earl R. Stewart, Leonard D. Verdier, Harry Vanderveen, Grand Rapids; Thomas McNaughton, Ada, Kent county; Colin C. Campbell, Grand Haven; H. Wert Newkirk, Ann Arbor; W. H. Schantz, Hastings; B. Hopkins, Hopkins, Allegan county. Candidates Newkirk and Campbell are rivals for the speakership of the house.

Look for Recount of Ballots.

It seems practically certain now that there will be a recount of the ballots cast for governor in the primary in a good many counties of the state. It is a possibility that the matter will be taken into the state supreme court for a final determination as to whether Dr. Bradley or Gov. Warner is the winner according to the Hoyle of the political game.

Licensed as Embalmers.

The state board of health has announced the names of those who passed the recent embalmers' examination in Grand Rapids. Included in the 89 are: Albert V. Hicks, William J. Hickey, Carl F. Engel, Joseph P. Miller, Orrie F. Powell, Henry J. Hastings and Casper H. Seulte.

Pioneer Merchant Dead.

George Dell, a pioneer merchant of Lansing, died of heart disease. He was born in Germany and was 70 years old.

Democratic Headquarters.

The Democratic state central committee will establish headquarters here with Secretary A. R. Canfield in charge.

M. A. C. Loses Vaughan.

Coach Brewer of the M. A. C. issued a call for the football squad to report September 15. The old men expected back are Moore, Wheeler, Shedd, Frazer, Allen, Campbell, Courright, Exelby, Lemon and White. McKenna and Vaughan will not return. A large number of promising high school athletes will enter college before the big game with Michigan, October 10. The seating capacity of athletic field will be increased to 4,000. Work on the stands will be commenced at once.

Blind People Meet.

Beginning September 8 the Michigan Blind People's Welfare association held a two-days' meeting in Lansing in connection with a reunion of the graduates of the Michigan School for the Blind. About 100 blind persons attended. An important question confronting the society was what shall be done with blind persons who have been at the Saginaw employment institution the allotted time of three years and have not become self-sustaining or learned a trade.

UNEMPLOYED.

A Situation That Causes England Grave Apprehension.

Alarmed by outbreaks of the army of unemployed in all of the large cities in the United Kingdom, particularly in Glasgow, the ministry is holding a series of informal conferences on plans to minimize suffering during the coming winter.

So grave is the situation that the government refuses to admit publicly that it notices it, fearing this would attract attention to conditions for which it is hard to find a remedy.

Throughout England, Scotland and Wales, it is estimated that 1,000,000 workmen are idle, and with their families, a total of 5,000,000 persons are at the point of starvation. Many hundreds are actually shelterless, as well as starving and nearly naked. All over the island entire families are tramping aimlessly from town to town, sleeping in strawstacks and hedges and living on "handouts" from farmhouses.

Dozens of deaths are reported daily from all over the kingdom in ditches and fields, where these disease-stricken vagabonds have sought rest when too weak to stagger farther through mire and storm.

The workhouses and hospitals everywhere are so full that admission of applicants is impossible.

Drouth Damaged Crops.

Late crops were considerably damaged by the long drouth during July, according to the crop report issued by Secretary of State Prescott, Saturday. Corn is reported 78 per cent of an average crop in the state, beans 72, potatoes 68 and clover seed 85. Grain was a fair crop, the average estimated yield of wheat in the state being 18 bushels per acre. Oats averaged 29 bushels per acre and rye 15.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Market steady at last week's prices; best steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, $4@4.50; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@4; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@4; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 600 to 700, $2.75@3.25; choice fat cows, $3.75@4.25; good fat cows, $3.25@3.50; common cows, $2.50@3; canners, $1.50@2; choice heavy bulls, $3.25@3.50; fair to good bologna bulls, $3@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@3; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.75@4; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@3.75; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3.25@3.50; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $3@3.25; stock heifers, $2.50@3; milkers, large young, medium size, $40@50; common milkers, $20@35.

Hogs—Market 5c to 10c higher than last Thursday's prices, $7.50@8; others $2.85@7; milch cows and springers steady.

Sheep and lambs—Market 25c higher than last Thursday's prices; lambs, $5.50@6; fair to good lambs, $5@5.15; light to common lambs, $4@4.75; fair to good butcher sheep, $3.25@3.85; culls and common, $2@3.

Hogs—Market 5c to 10c higher than last Thursday. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $8.40@8.60; pigs, $8@8.25; common, $7.75@8; mixed, $8.50; best fat heifers, $4@4.75; butcher heifers, $3.25@3.50; light stock heifers, $2.75@3; best feeding steers, $3.75@4; deehorned stockers, $3@3.25; common steers and bulls, $2.50@3; best fat cows, $3.75@4.25; fair to good cows, $3@3.25; common, $2.25@2.50; best canners, $1.50@2; best bologna bulls, $3@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@3; feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.75@4; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@3.75; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3.25@3.50; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $3@3.25; stock heifers, $2.50@3; milkers, large young, medium size, $40@50; common milkers, $20@35.

Veals—Market 50c to 75c lower than last Thursday's prices; best, $7.50@8; others, $4@7.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady to strong; best lambs, $5@5.15; fair to good lambs, $4@4.75; light to common lambs, $3@3.75; best yearlings, $4.50@4.75; best wethers, $4.50@4.75; best ewes, $4; culls and common, $2@3; feeding lambs, $4.50@4.75.

Calves—Market 50c lower; best, $8.50@9; others, $5@8; milch cows and springers steady.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—The prices on the good to choice cattle of which there were but few on the market were from 10c to 20c higher than last week; the majority of the sales on the common kinds were barely steady at last week's prices; best export steers, $5.60@6.25; best 1,200-lb shipping steers, $5@5.50; best 1,100-lb steers, $4@4.50; best fat cows, $3.75@4.25; fair to good, $3@3.25; common, $2.75@3; best handy weight butcher steers, $4@4.25; best fat heifers, $4@4.75; butcher heifers, $3.25@3.50; light stock heifers, $2.75@3; best feeding steers, $3.75@4; dehorned stockers, $3@3.25; common steers and bulls, $2.50@3; best fat bulls, $3.50@3.75; bologna bulls, $3@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@3. Trade on the market was about steady at last week's prices. Best cows sold at $4; medium, $3@3.85; common, $2@2.85.

Hogs—Heavy, $7@7.10; yorkers, $8.45@8.60; pigs, $8.45@8.60; mixed, $8.50; roughs, $6@6.25; stags, $4.25@4.75.

Sheep—Active; best lambs, $5.60@6.25; culls, $4.25@4.75; wethers, $4.50@4.75; ewes, $4; culls, $2@3; yearlings, $4.50@4.75.

Calves—Best veals, $8.50@9; medium to good, $6.50@8.25; heavy, $3.50@5.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red 1 car at 97c; 2 cars at 97¼c; September opened unchanged at 96¾c, touched 97¾c and declined to 97¼c; December opened at 96¾c, touched to 99¾c and declined to 99¼c; May opened at $1.01¾, reached $1.03 and closed at $1.02¾; No. 3 red, 94¾c; No. 1 white, 96¾c.

Corn—Cash No. 3 yellow, 57c; No. 4 yellow, 54¾c asked; No. 4 yellow, 2 cars at 52½c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 10 cars at 51¼c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 51c, 1 at 50¾c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 2 cars at 75c.

Beans—Cash, $2.10; December, $2.12; November, $2.02.

Clover seed—Prime October, 100 bags at $5.45; March, 200 bags at $5.65, 120 bags at $5.25, 150 at $5.70 and $4.75, 4 at $4.70, sample at $5.35, 12 at $7.50, 8 at $7.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 150 bags at $1.60.

Feed—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $28; coarse middlings, $27; fine middlings, $29; cracked corn and coarse cornmeal, $34; corn and oat chop, $31 per ton.

Flour—Michigan patent, best, $5.25; ordinary patent, $4.75; straight, $4.65; clear, $4 per bbl in wood.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending September 19.

TEMPLE THEATER—VAUDEVILLE—Afternoons, 2:15; evenings, 8:15. Evenings, 10c to 50c.

WHITNEY—Evenings, 15-25-50c. Matinees, 10-15-25c. Robert Hilliard presents Miss Annie Blanche and company in "Sold in Good Faith."

NEW LAFAYETTE—Moving pictures and vaudeville. 5c and 10c.

ELECTRIC PARK, Belle Isle Bridge, furnishes entertainment for all. Free vaudeville by high-class talent a special feature.

Steamers Leaving Detroit.

DETROIT & BUFFALO STEAMSHIP CO.—Foot of Wayne st. For Buffalo and Niagara Falls daily, 5 p. m. Week end trip, $2.50.

WHITE STAR LINE—Foot of Griswold st. For Port Huron and way ports, week days at 8:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Sundays at 9 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. For Toledo daily at 8:15 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. Sunday at 8:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

DETROIT & CLEVELAND NAVIGATION CO.—Foot of Wayne st. For Cleveland and eastern points daily at 10:30 p. m. For Mackinac and way ports: Monday and Saturday, 5 p. m.; Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a. m.

Attorney A. J. Sawyer, Sr., counsel for Frank P. Glazier, declared that Glazier had not forfeited his bond by leaving the state. Glazier has left Kavanaugh lake, his summer home, and is said to be resting in New York state with a specialist in attendance.

The Wisconsin & Michigan railroad, which some time ago extended its service to Iron Mountain, using the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Co. from Cundry, is now running trains into the Menominee iron range metropolis over its own steel, its line to that city having been completed.

Clyde Stevens, a graduate of the School for Deaf and Dumb in Flint, covered the entire distance from Flint to his home in Twining in a canoe. For part of the distance smoke from the forest fires was so dense that he and the friend who accompanied him could not see each other. The distance is 150 miles.

Stanley Rzezmierez, the 12-year-old Bay City boy who was accidentally shot by Caspar Miedzielski while playing Indian a week ago, died Sunday night in Mercy hospital. He seemed to be recovering when an artery in the liver broke, causing death from internal hemorrage.

FOREST FIRES WIDE SPREAD

SWEPT FROM COAST TO COAST AND ACTUAL LOSSES MAY BE UNKNOWN.

WILL BE STARTING SUM.

Danger in Upper Michigan Said to Be Over—A Pall of Smoke Enveloped the State.

Probably all Michigan was enveloped Saturday in a pall of smoke arising from the forest fires, general in the northern part of the state. The long drouth made the woods like tinder, ready to spring into flame at the least spark. The fires which have been raging for more than two weeks in the upper peninsula and the northern part of the lower peninsula, have been the most serious for many years. Practically immediate danger from the fires in the upper Michigan peninsula is over. The high winds have died down and the flames in Houghton, Baraga, Chippewa, Dickinson and Gogebic are at a standstill. The damage in the peninsula has been immense. So much stacked hay has been burned during the last week that the price has gone up to $20 a ton.

Reports from various places in the lower peninsula show that danger was imminent Saturday night. At Slocum's Crossing, 20 miles southeast of Muskegon, forest fires in the small oak brushes had completely surrounded the village and the villagers were fighting the fire to keep it from burning their town. One farmer's house was destroyed.

Forest fires were raging east, south and west of Baldwin. The town was enveloped in smoke. Back-firing was being done to check the fire encroaching upon the town.

Five thousand acres of good farming country in western Gratiot county were burning and many rural homes in grave danger of losing their homes. Several barns with this season's crops have been burned.

The forest fires which have just laid waste whole counties in Minnesota, Michigan and extended into Wisconsin, destroying many towns and making thousands of persons homeless, have focused the attention of both government and state forest officers on the enormous loss of forest wealth which will be checked up to the year 1908.

In the whole northern half of the United States throughout the vast territory extending from coast to coast, the reported destruction by forest fires has been terrific, and it is likely that the year will go down as one of the worst in the last quarter century. It seems that no part of the country has escaped the work of the flames. The disasters in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin are the worst of the many that have visited the lake states this year. Other sections have also suffered during the spring and summer months, and the people of the Pacific coast, the Rocky mountain and the New England states and Canada have had a thorough, and in some cases a continuous experience in fighting fire.

Officers in the United States forest service say that it is doubtful if this year's actual losses from forest fires in all parts of the country will ever be known, but it is certain that they will run up so high in the millions that the country will be startled when a complete list of statistics at the end of the season makes it possible to give even the most conservative figures.

The Maine Election.

Late returns indicate that the first estimate of the plurality of Bert M. Fernald for governor of Maine are substantially correct. His plurality will be about 15,000. The loss of the Republicans in the cities was smaller than in the country. In the country districts the Democrats made their greatest gains over the temperance question.

Old politicians declare that though the Republican plurality is the smallest given a candidate for governor in a presidential year in a quarter of a century, the conditions were so unusual that the result indicates little or nothing.

John F. Swasey, Republican candidate for congress was elected in the district formerly represented by Charles Littlefield and where union labor has been hardest fought two years ago. The labor question was still an issue there and the result was close.

The Republican candidates in the other three districts were elected, according to late returns.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Great Northern Paper Co., of Maine, has settled on the 1,200 men on strike at its mills in Millinocket and East Millinocket the ultimatum that unless they refrigned the mills will be permanently closed. Closing the paper mills would mean the industrial ruin of the towns where they are located.

Attracted by probably the most remarkable aurora borealis ever witnessed around Pittsburg, Dr. John A. Brashear Friday night made a measurement of an immense sun spot he had just photographed. The spot covers 2,250,000,000 square miles of the surface of the sun and has a temperature estimated 60,000 degrees above zero.

Alleged blunders in the recent school census of Chicago by which thousands of Polish-Americans were listed as Russians, Germans and Austrians have aroused editorial indignation of the Polish race. Already a million count of over 100,000 has been proved.

Highland Park college of Des Moines has drawn the color line. This is the first time any educational institution to exclude negroes and the action has caused resentment among the thousands of negroes in the state. President Longwell declared he had nothing personally against the blacks, but the white students refused to attend with the colored students.

After waiting 10 years for her fiance, Miss Sarah Clamp, of East Orange, N. J., was married without having had time to prepare her trousseau. The bridegroom is Capt. Wm. J. Cuff, of the Panama City fire department. The two were engaged when Cuff enlisted to fight Spaniards and at the close of hostilities joined the Manila fire department, from which he was promoted to Panama. Ten days ago he returned to East Orange, found Miss Clamp at Bellport, Long Island, pleaded his case and hasty arrangements were made for the wedding.