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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

Washington

The full certified records of the legislative investigation of the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin were received by the vice-president, laid before the United States senate and referred to the committee investigating the Lorimer case.

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President Taft departed from the national capital for his new cottage at Beverly, Mass. Mrs. Taft, Charlie Taft, Miss Delia Torrey, the president's aunt, of Millbury, Mass., and Maj. A. W. Butt accompanied him.

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The long expected report from the bureau of corporations on the United States Steel corporation, recently submitted to President Taft, was made public at Washington. The report makes no recommendations and is almost wholly narrative in form. Commissioner Smith declares that restriction of competition was a prime object of the organizers of the steel corporation, or so-called "trust."

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Immediate discharge of United States Consul William H. Michael, at Calcutta, and Thomas Morrison, disbursing clerk of the state department, is the result of recent investigation of the Day portrait fraud, is recommended in a report which a subcommittee of the house committee on expenditures in the state department will present to the full committee.

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Domestic

Two earthquake shocks, the heaviest since the big shake in 1906 and separated by only a few seconds, jarred the central part of California and western Nevada. Only slight damage was reported from any section, but in San Francisco, Oakland and other cities in the affected area, panic seized upon crowds and there was a pell mell exodus from the large buildings.

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The Norwegian steamship Eclipse foundered north of Iceland and 56 persons perished.

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Provisional warrants have been issued in London far David H. Kaplan and M. A. Schmidt, wanted in connection with the Los Angeles Times dynamiting. The men have not been found.

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A sweeping investigation of all the express companies doing business in the United States was formally ordered by the interstate commerce commission. This action follows close on a remarkable move made by the express companies in filing with the commission new schedules of tariffs in all parts of the country.

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Tomaso Birardi seventeen years old, who came to this country on the steamship Duca Deglia Abruzzi on June 20, died at Auburn, N. Y., from what authorities diagnosed as Asiatic cholera.

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The Supreme Council of the United Commercial Travelers of America concluded its twenty-fourth annual session at Columbus, O., with the election of Counsellor B. Griffith of Denver, Colo.

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The forced resignation of Dr. John W. Abercrombie as president of the University of Alabama, which was accepted unanimously by the board of trustees, is attributed to the displeasure of the alumni on the stand taken by Doctor Abercrombie against professionalism in college athletics.

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Hoke Smith was inaugurated governor of Georgia for the second time in his life. He was the immediate predecessor of Gov. Joseph M. Brown, who in turn was relieved by Smith.

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The Bethlehem Steel company, which was fined $40,000 for accepting unlawful concessions on demurrage charges on freight cars, paid the fine in the United States court at Philadelphia.

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Judge Denison in the United States circuit court adjudged the American Fuse company of Muskegon, Mich., a bankrupt. This is the concern of which Frank G. Jones, in jail on a charge of forgery, was president. Liabilities are placed at $700,000.

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Robert Swasey, a Canadian, was burned at the stake by Mexican bandits near Fort Sumner, N. M., June 15, because he refused to reveal the hiding place of a large amount of money that had been left in his care by a Mexican railroad.

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Polygamy no longer is practiced by Mormons and the man who is caught taking a plural wife is promptly excommunicated, said Joseph Smith, venerable president of the Mormon church, in an interview in Washington.

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Seven workmen were crushed to death and seven others seriously injured in the collapse of the roof and other portions of the Buffalo (N. Y.) water department's new pumping station at the foot of Porter avenue, on the lake front.

H. G. Neville of Trenton, N. J.; his wife and a son, aged sixteen, were instantly killed when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Boston & Albany passenger train at a crossing about twenty miles east of Albany, N. Y. A daughter, Marion, is in a critical condition from injuries received.

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Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company of New York city, and of other railways, now in Paris, has caused papers to be served on her husband in a separation suit, according to G. Archibald, an attorney.

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The experimental postal savings banks having proved successful, the post office department opened others in the largest cities of the country, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Cleveland, New Orleans, Kansas City and San Francisco.

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President Taft would have been presented with an $1,500 roll of "yellowbacks" by Andrew Tomaso of McKees Rocks, Pa., if the capitol police had not arrested him and sent him to the Washington Asylum hospital.

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A fast mail passenger train on the Philadelphia & Erie railroad was held up five miles from Erie, Pa., by a band of a dozen masked men. The mail and express cars were rifled and three of the crew, C. H. Block of Erie, mail clerk; C. F. Bemis, brakeman, and H. D. Rooney, Erie, conductor, were injured.

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Members of the interstate commerce commission at Washington were surprised when packages were delivered to them containing new tariffs from all the express companies in the United States, except the Long Island. The tariffs call for a large reduction in express rates beginning August 1.

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Two hundred and fifty feet above ground, suspended by a rope that was burning and his clothes blazing from naphtha and carbon oil, Chris Sinkas, a stack painter, thirty-six years old, made his way down, hand under hand, to earth, while a crowd of men stood horrified at the Westinghouse Electric company's plant in East Pittsburg.

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Residents of Kearney, N. J., are experimenting with dynamite for the extermination of mosquitoes.

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Lorado Taft's heroic statue of Black Hawk was unveiled on Eagle's Nest Bluff near Oregon, Ill.

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Dr. Arthur R. Tiel went into the cellar of his home at Matteawan, N. Y., and found in an old vault some $40,000 in money and securities. The treasure is believed to have been placed there by William H. Badeau, who died several months ago.

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According to a report at Newcastle, Pa., 2,500 engineers on the entire Baltimore & Ohio railroad system will receive an advance in pay July 1.

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Sporting

Harvard won the annual boat race from Yale at New London, Conn., by a liberal margin. At one point the Crimson boat was nine lengths ahead of the Blue craft. Yale pulled out a victory in the freshmen eights while the Harvard substitute varsity fours defeated Yale by two lengths.

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Personal

There was a notable alliance of church and stage at New York city when Rt. Rev. Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago performed the marriage ceremony uniting his youngest son, Charles Samuel Fallows, a lawyer, and Eda Leska Bruna, until recently an actress in "The Fortune Hunter."

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The board of regents of the University of Michigan appointed Robert Campbell, Port Huron, Mich., treasurer of the university in place of George Baker, resigned.

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Mrs. John Laughmar, widow of a Civil war veteran and former populist candidate for congress, was killed by a street car at Rister park, a suburb of South Bend, Ind.

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George Clinton Paine of Elmira, N. Y., who will be one hundred years old July 9, is in Montclair, N. J., canvassing for subscriptions for books. He boasts he is the oldest book agent in the world.

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United States Senator Francis Warren of Wyoming was married to Miss Clara Le Baron Morgan in the little ball room of the Hotel Gotham in New York city. Senator Warren is sixty-seven years old and his bride thirty-five.

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John W. Gates, who had arranged to sail for America with Mrs. Gates and Lord Cowdray, has been obliged to postpone his departure owing to his serious illness. He has submitted to seven slight surgical operations in as many days for an abscess in his throat.

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Paul de Longpre, the noted painter of flowers, died in his home at Hollywood, Cal.

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Eugene F. Ware, poet, jurist and United States pension commissioner under Roosevelt, died at Cascade, Colo., of angina pectoris.

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Foreign

Germany finally has taken direct action in Morocco and ordered the gunboat Panther to Agadir, the most southern point of Morocco.

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Governor General Gondatti of Vladivostok has instructed the governors of the maritime province to submit to him full particulars regarding the Jews living in their jurisdictions. Those subject to expulsion will be given four weeks to close up their affairs.

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King George has issued a message of thanks to his subjects throughout the British empire for the loyalty expressed during the coronation.

INDUSTRIAL SHOW AT STATE FAIR

MANUFACTURES COMMITTEE AT DETROIT STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE IDEA.

RESOLUTION IS PASSED

Letters Will be Written to Forty or Fifty Detroit Manufacturers Giving Them Opportunity to Secure Space.

Lansing.—At a meeting of the manufactures committee of the board of commerce at Detroit, the principal subject was a discussion on the advisability of holding an industrial exhibition in connection with the state fair, which is to be held this year September 18-22. The committee strongly favored the idea and during the meeting passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the manufactures committee of the Detroit Board of Commerce hereby heartily indorses the proposed industrial exhibit to be given this year in connection with the Michigan state fair, and urges upon Detroit manufacturers the desirability of supporting such exhibit to the end that a permanent manufactures building be erected on the state fair grounds, whereby Detroit manufactured product may be shown annually to the people of Michigan and surrounding cities."

Not only did the committee indorse the project, but they also agreed to aid the State Fair association in securing exhibitors for the show this fall. Letters will be written by the committee of forty or fifty Detroit manufacturers, giving them first opportunity to secure space at the exhibition, which is rapidly filling up.

The board of commerce committee fully appreciates the advertising value of such an exhibit and is very anxious to make a deep impression on the state fair management so as to make it possible to have a building erected for industrial exhibits annually. This will undoubtedly be done if the exhibit this fall is a success along industrial lines.

Injury is Done by Twig Blight.

L. R. Taft of M. A. C., state inspector of orchards and nurseries, is sending a circular to those owning orchards telling of the method to employ in checking the outbreak of the twig blight which is greatly annoying people in this section of the state. He says:

"Serious outbreaks of twig blight upon apple, pear and quince trees are reported from all parts of central Michigan, and the disease has also been noticed to a less extent in other parts of the state. It is generally first noticed at the ends of the branches, where the new leaves suddenly become brown and dry, and the branches themselves die.

Great injury is often done to pear, quince and young apple trees, and whenever it is noticed that the leaves are discoloring the twigs the branches should be cut off several inches below where the discoloration shows. There should be no delay, as the disease spreads in the sap and the delay of a few hours may allow the germs to work down into the larger branches and even into the trunk of the trees when an attempt to save them may be useless, or at any rate will seriously injure the trees.

Twig blight seldom does much harm to old apple trees, being generally confined to the new growth, but this year it is unusually severe and the large orchard trees have the appearance of being burned with fire, the ends of most of the branches having been attacked.

R. A. M. Concludes Its Convocation.

The Michigan grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, concluded its sixty-third annual convocation, the first ever held north of Saginaw. Reports show the order now numbers 21,000, an increase of 800 in the year. Grand Rapids was selected as the place for the next meeting and the following officers elected:

Grand high priest, Elwin F. Brown, Iron Mountain; deputy grand high priest, James H. Thompson, Lansing; grand king, John H. Kingsley, Manchester; grand scribe, William W. Watts, St. Louis, Mo.; grand treasurer, Emerson M. Newell, Fenton; grand secretary, Charles A. Conover, Coldwater; grand lecturer, Horace S. Maynard, Charlotte; grand chaplain, Rev. John Claflin, Eaton Rapids; grand captain of host, Albert J. Young, Escanaba; grand principal sojourner, Robert S. Hunt, Detroit; grand royal arch captain, Elmer S. Atherton, Durand; grand master of third veil, Walter H. Booth, Grand Rapids; grand master of second veil, George W. Leedle, Marshal; grand master of first veil, Frank H. Williams, Allegan; grand sentinel, James F. McGregor, Detroit.

New State Appointments.

Governor Osborn announced the following appointments: William Oates of Laurium as state game, fish and forestry warden, to succeed Charles Pierce; Perry Powers of Cadillac as state labor commissioner, to succeed Richard H. Fletcher of Bay City; DeHull Travers of Flint, to succeed William R. Oates as the governor's private secretary. Alfred O. Joplin of Marquette was appointed a member of the board of control of Mackinaw Island.

Go to Petoskey in 1912.

The Michigan Association of Local Fire Insurance Agents elected the following officers: President, J. L. Galster, Petoskey; vice-presidents, C. C. Peck, Port Huron; G. Sherman Collins, Munising; Thomas S. Ribble, Bay City; Mark Geer, Saginaw; O. A. Leonard, Albion; H. P. Barnes, Manistee. The association went on record as emphatically opposed to underwriters' agencies and annexes. Petoskey was chosen as the next place of meeting.

University Sends Out Large Class.

An immense army of young men and women were graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Diplomas were presented to about 900 graduates at University hall.

The graduating classes formed in line at their respective buildings at 8:30 under the direction of the class presidents. There was a procession to University hall under the direction of Chief Marshal Dean Cooley.

President Harry Pratt Judson, LL. D., president of the University of Chicago, delivered the commencement address.

"The average university graduate," said Dr. Judson, "represents an investment of about $5,000, and whether in every case the money spent on his education has been on the whole well applied is perhaps an open question.

"The American college has too far become divorced from vocational training under the pretext of being cultural in intent, but this defect calls for reform and not the destruction of the college.

"We are not so much in need of new laws as of higher social standards. When the ambition of thousands of homes scattered through the land is set on a college education for the sons and daughters rather than a large balance in the bank, when music, art and literature rank higher in popular estimation than bridge whist or motor cars, then we shall have less trouble with our politics and our business.

State to Wage War on Auto Violators.

Due to the fact that the police officers about the state are not generally observing the state law in arresting offenders of the state automobile law, which requires that each machine be equipped with a license tag, Secretary of State Frederick Martindale will send a man from the department over the state, who will instruct the police relative to the law. The representative of the department will visit almost every town of any size in the state and will consult with the police departments relative to the state law governing the use of automobiles. He will also take the number and name of the drivers of all machines not equipped with the state license and make such report to the nearest police officer.

By this means it is thought that the police will be more careful in the future to arrest offenders of the law, and as a result the department will receive a number of thousand dollars in license money that should be paid into the department.

Pardon Board Declines to Interfere.

The state board of pardons declined to interfere in the case of Robert Milburn of this city, before the expiration of the minimum term of a reformatory sentence for petit larceny. Milburn was sentenced in October of last year and will be eligible to appear before the parole board of the reformatory at the October meeting. His prison record is clear. Milburn's mother, an aged woman, petitioned for the release of her son, saying that she needed him to help support her.

Other cases considered by the board were the following: George W. Folk, Delaware county, sentenced in 1908 for burglary; Elijah Williams, sentenced from this county in 1909 for burglary; Matthew Rankin, sentenced from Laporte county in 1903 for murder; Lewis Wilhite, sentenced in 1909 from Warren county for assault and battery with intent to kill; Thomas Davidson, sentenced from Whitley county in 1890 for murder, and Richard Hutton, sentenced from Delaware county in 1908 for burglary.

Osborn Plans to Oust Many.

Governor Osborn is about to go on the warpath again, with a view of eliminating from the state service certain appointees who are holding their places by virtue of the fact that they were interim appointees; in other words, that they were appointed during the time the legislature was not in session. The governor will act, it is understood, under an opinion by the attorney general to the effect that such appointments are only good until after the legislature adjourns, and then the places are held subject to the will of the chief executive of the state.

It is understood that there are about 18 members of state boards and men holding other positions subject to this ruling. The story goes that the governor does not intend to remove all of them, but in some instances will make a clean sweep of control of certain boards in order to open the way for new regimes.

Would Increase Cement Prices.

Cement which sells in the eastern part of the United States for $1.25 per barrel is sold in Michigan at 55 cents a barrel. This is the condition from which the Michigan cement manufacturers are asking the interstate commerce commission to be relieved. The selling price of cement in this state barely covers the cost of raw materials and labor, declared Attorney Smith, representing the Michigan firms.

Big Attendance at Ypsi Normal.

The records now show an attendance of over 1,300 students at the Michigan State Normal college summer school at Ypsilanti. This number is far in advance of the number in attendance at a corresponding time last year. A large number of the surrounding counties send their teachers here instead of maintaining a summer normal. A large number of teachers from the southern states attend the summer term here on account of the weather being cooler and more pleasant.

New State Corporations.

The following companies have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state: W. A. Paterson company, Flint, $200,000; Kalamazoo Floral company, Kalamazoo, $20,000; Hudsonville State bank, Hudsonville, $20,000; Abbey-Barnum-Cartwright company, Detroit, $2,000; principal stockholders, William A. Cartwright, Otto Kloenhammer; Brennan Furniture company, Port Huron, $25,000; U. S. Motor Castings company, Detroit, $5,000; principal stockholder, Simon D. Rosenzweig.

$1,000 In Prizes!

To be distributed by the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC in its great prize voting contest, the Capital Prize to be an elegant

$400.00 OAKLAND PIANO

The Progressive Merchants of Birmingham Have Contributed the Following Valuable Prizes Printed Below, and Will Give the Eccentric Prize Vote Coupons

Rules and Regulations Governing Contest Are as Follows:

1. ANNOUNCEMENT—The Piano and Popular Ladies' Voting Contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles, with justice and fairness to all concerned. With the above principles the contest will be an assured success.

2. PRIZES—The capital prize will be an Oakland Piano. Also other valuable prizes will be given to the amount of several hundred dollars, which are announced herewith.

3. CANDIDATES—Young ladies in this and adjoining towns are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful $400.00 Oakland Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with contestants' standing at the final count.

4. TIE IN VOTES—Should any of the contestants tie in votes, The Publisher's Music Company will award a prize similar in accordance with standing at the final count.

5. VOTES CLASSED—Votes will be issued in the following denominations:

New subscriptions, 600 votes	$ 1 00
Renewals, 500 votes for	1 00
Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes for	1 00
Back subscriptions, 400 votes for	1 00
Five-years new subscriptions, 5,000 votes	5 00
Ten-years new subscriptions, 12,500 votes	10 00

6. INSTRUCTIONS—Results as to standing of votes will be issued after 30 days. No votes will be accepted at less than regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for contestant.

Votes after being taken cannot be transferred to another. Be sure you know whom you are going to vote for before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or any one will positively not give you any information on the subject. The keys to the government ballot box shall be in possession of the awarding committee during the contest.

For the first 30 days this paper will run a 25-vote coupon which can be voted free for any lady contestant.

Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

The contest shall close on a day which will be announced later. Ten days prior to closing contest the judges will carefully lock or seal ballot box and take the same to the Bank, where the same will be kept in a place where the voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the young ladies winning in their turn.

The last 10 days all voting must be done in sealed box at Bank. Put your coupons in a sealed envelope, which will be furnished you and put same in ballot box. This will give every one a fair and square deal.

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Towel Bars, Soap Dishes, Bath Seats, etc. Value $10.00
Donated by
Wilkinson and Bassett
Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal Work
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
One Pair Ladies' Shoes Value $5.00
Donated by
V. Nixon
Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Electric Flat Iron Value $5.00
Donated by
HUSTON HARDWARE COMPANY
General Hardware
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
Chafing Dish Value $5.00
Donated by
W. H. HOGE & CO.
General Hardware
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase.
ASK FOR COUPON

Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest
One Barrel Birmingham Flour Value $5.00
Donated by
COBB-STANLEY-HARRIS COMPANY
Groceries and Drugs
We give a 25-vote Coupon with each $1 cash purchase,
ASK FOR COUPON

Five $106.00 Piano due bills Value $500.00
Five $100.00 Piano Due Bills
Donated by the
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Place your order with the Eccentric for your 1912 Calendars