

AFRICA'S STATE FAIR

THE PRESIDENT'S APPEARANCE AT STATE FAIR GROUNDS BROUGHT MANY THOUSANDS TO DETROIT.

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRIVES ON TIME AND HE HAS BUSY DAY.

After Breakfast the Presidential Party Made a Side Trip to Pontiac, Arriving at the Fair Grounds at Noon.

President William Howard Taft arrived in Detroit at 5:15 p. m. Monday. For nine and one-half hours he was as busy a man as during any of the days on his great 15,000-mile "swing around the circle." In that time Detroiters and the visitors had several excellent opportunities of seeing him—when he left the train and went to breakfast, when he rode out Woodward avenue on his way to Pontiac; when he returned, and spoke at the state fair grounds; when he went from the fair grounds to the Wayne Gardens, when he visited the revenue men at Hotel Cadillac, and when he returned to his train.

After the special train of six cars had pulled into the station, the presidential party took until 11:30 a. m. to prepare for its entrance to the city. Meanwhile the Board of Commerce committee on arrangements, composed of Frederick Holt, chairman; Milton A. McRae, president of the board; Fred M. Algot, Walter Russel, Mayor William B. Thompson, and Secretary Lucius E. Wilson, welcomed the party. Seven automobiles carried the guests and the committee to the Detroit club, passing up Fort street to Fort street and east on Fort street to Cass avenue.

President Milton A. McRae had been selected by the Board of Commerce committee as the man who would ride with President Taft and act as official host and guide during the day, in the automobile with two other men, W. B. Butt and Charles D. Hillis, the president's secretary; James C. Smith, the secret service man who will never be separated from Mr. Taft on the long journey, was on the front seat. In the second machine were Dr. Thomas L. Rhodes, the president's physician; R. L. Jarvis and Joseph M. Mitchell, the secret service, and Wendell W. Miehler, the president's stenographer.

All the members of the presidential party and 50 newspaper men from Detroit and other points in the state, were the guests of Milton A. McRae at breakfast at the Detroit club.

During and after breakfast, President Taft met the newspaper men informally and was interviewed by them or turned interviews over to McRae at breakfast at the Detroit club.

At 6:45 o'clock the police cleared the street and the party boarded two D. R. cars for the trip to Pontiac. Automobiles were in waiting and the party were given a short ride to the city before the president gave his address. At 11 o'clock the cars left Pontiac at the state fair grounds, which was reached 40 minutes later. A battalion of the First Regiment, M. N. G., in double line from the Woodward avenue entrance of the fair grounds to the grove, and the president rode to the grove, and then formally opened the fair. Two thousand people were present to obtain seats in the grove. The others had to stand.

At the conclusion of the address the members of the reception committee of 100 of the Board of Commerce were introduced to the executive by Mayor A. W. Butt.

And then came the real parade of the day, the opportunity for an unlimited thousands at least to get a good look at Mr. Taft, for the entire party rode in automobiles and in the fair grounds, down Woodward avenue to Jefferson and west to the Wayne Gardens. About 10,000 people were in line. The president's car and those following were filled on the morning ride to the Detroit club. Then came the committee of the newspaper men and others.

As the president's car left the fair grounds, it was surrounded by a trot police department automobiles and motorcycle policemen, the latter in their blue uniforms. On the town streets a largely increased traffic squad was required to keep the streets clear, orders having been issued that nobody was to be allowed to get off the curb on the pavement. At Grand Circus north of the fair grounds was met by a battalion of mounted police, who led the way to the

The government will immediately begin condemnation proceedings to acquire the site for the proposed new site for the proposed Chicago postoffice. The site was acquired in Chicago on Block No. 29, and is bounded by West Van Buren, Jefferson, Du Sable and West Chicago streets (extended) streets.

At a meeting of the Calhoun County Bar association it was decided to attempt to pass legislation at the next meeting of the legislature to have the judge of the court made after the proofs in a case were made and before the arguments of the lawyers were made.

Lansing officials are bothered with a woman who insists on turning in false fire and burglary alarms. It is also believed she is the woman who has been calling up different women about the city and asking for their assistance.

Fire in Grand Rapids destroyed the Fuller & Rice Lumber Co.'s big planing mill and spruce mill, doing damage. The fire, which started at a time threatened a part of the city, was controlled after several hours of effort on the part of the fire department.

LEPER

STATE HEALTH BOARD RUNS DOWN RUMORS OF CASES IN THE U. P.

M. JENSEN IS THE VICTIM

Physicians Believe Former Reindeer Driver Contracted Disease Before He Departed From Norway—Mother Succumbed to It.

Lansing—What is to become of Mrs. Jensen, Michigan's only known leper?

That is the question puzzling the state board of health. Jensen, it will be remembered, is the man located near Calumet and being cared for by the Calumet & Hecla Mining company.

The case of Jensen, who is only thirty-two years of age, is a most interesting one, and while some parts of the story have been printed before, there are numerous constantly arising and more developments seem to come up at every visit of the state board of health.

Dr. Robert L. Dixon, secretary of the board, in company with Dr. A. S. Warthin of Ann Arbor, has just returned from a visit to the upper peninsula. The trip was made for two reasons, one to ascertain the condition of Jensen, and the other to learn if possible if there are any more leprosy or indications of leprosy in that section. There have been frequent reports that there were other cases, but the two physicians upon a careful examination, especially in the mining districts where foreigners are located, and report there are no apparent indications of the disease in any section they visited.

The man Jensen has officially been declared a leper for the past two years. Eleven years ago he left Norway and came to this country. Five years ago the first blotches appeared on him and a short time after his return from Alaska, where he spent a number of years in herding reindeer. When he was officially declared a leper two years ago it was given out that he undoubtedly contracted the disease in Alaska. However, the indications are that he had the disease before he came to this country.

According to the story told by Jensen himself a few days ago to Dr. Dixon of the state board of health, Jensen's mother died of the disease a few years ago. Jensen says that when he left Norway she had no apparent indications of the disease, but later she died.

Jensen has a wife and four girls. He is well educated himself. His children are bright and there is absolutely no trace of the disease among any of the family. The father occupies a small house by himself situated on a small city block and furnished by the mining company, and the family occupies a house a short distance from the father's habitation. The various necessities are among the various useful necessities furnished by the mining company for the comfort of the leper who was for a time considered a valued employee in their mines.

Chinese to Attend U. of M.

Seventy-one Chinese students are to be sent to the United States this fall to be educated. Their education will be paid for out of the indemnity fund. Of the eighty-one eighty are to be sent to the University of Michigan, the largest number who go to any one school.

There are also three Chinese girls now in other educational institutions. Two have asked to be transferred to Michigan, and arrangements are now being completed by which this will be brought about. One of these Chinese girls is now being educated at Denison college, Ohio, in Northwestern and one is now out of school and staying at Franklin, Ind.

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To Revise Bank Laws.

One of the matters that will be taken up at the special session which there is every indication will be called, will be an attempt to revise the state banking laws relative to state banks pledging their assets for securities in order to allow them to be on an equality with national banks in securing the funds from postal savings banks.

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Stopper Men Warning.

Only a month and a half remain for the wholesale and retail druggists in the state to prepare themselves so that they will be supplied with the devices to be attached to all stoppers of bottles containing poisons or poisonous substances, in compliance with the law passed by the last session of the legislature. The druggists about the state are, of course, putting in a "kick," and several of them have averred they will take no steps to comply with what they term a fool law.

One druggist who was in Lansing a few days ago stated that it would cost him \$25 to put enough of the required device in his store to fit all-sized corks handled by him. The dealers whose devices have been approved by the state board of health, he says, refuse to sell in less than thousand lots, and at the price asked and taking ten different sized corks to be fitted, which is the average stock carried by a retail druggist, it would mean an expenditure of at least \$25. The same druggist also puts up the claim that there is absolutely no protection for the poor druggist.

"Take this for an illustration," says the druggist. "A person comes into your store, purchases a bottle of poison and I attach one of the serrated devices. The person leaves the store and removes the device. What protection has the druggist if the point is raised that no device was placed on the stopper when the poison was sold?"

Three devices have already been approved by the state board of health, and already there is talk among some of the manufacturers of starting suits against the other fellows claiming they have infringed on their patents.

Haggerty Asks Injunction.

John S. Haggerty, through his attorney, Alexander Groesbeck, of Detroit, presented a bill of complaint before Judge Parkinson in circuit court asking for a temporary injunction restraining Clyde I. Webster from sitting on the board of control or interfering with Haggerty's work on the board until Webster can try his title to the office in the proper procedure.

While the injunction was not granted by Judge Parkinson, the court stated that he would consider the matter. The court believed it was within its jurisdiction in the matter, as neither party resided in Jackson county. He stated that he believed that the suit should be started in Wayne county.

Groesbeck argued that as the board meets in Jackson the court would have jurisdiction. The fact that the court did not grant the injunction does not mean that he will not grant it, as he will give the question consideration before acting.

It was not necessary to have an injunction, as Webster did not show up for trial in the last board proceedings. Mr. Haggerty, through his attorney, also Messrs. Adams and Werlicke. This meeting of the board was held before the appointment of Mr. Webster.

Mr. Groesbeck stated that the injunction matter will be gotten before the supreme court in some way within the next month or be disposed of before the next board meeting. It is probable that the attorney general will be asked to take some action in the matter.

Sanctions Big Bond Issue.

The state railroad commission gave the Consolidated Light & Power company, with offices in Detroit, permission to issue bonds to the extent of one-half million dollars. The company, which is composed of J. L. Hudson of Detroit, president, 5,000 shares; C. P. Post of Detroit, 1,500 shares; Robert Tannhill, 1,000 and Charles Albert, 1,000, expect to incorporate for \$2,000,000.

According to the statements of Robert Abbott, who was before the commission, the plan of the company is to harness the Chippewa river between Mt. Pleasant and Midland with five dams.

The contract for building the dams has been let to Decker & Co., Detroit engineers.

The commission stated that they would sanction the issue of bonds to the extent of \$2,000,000 as soon as work is started.

D. B. C. & W. to Be Extended.

The railroad commission has approved the map for the extension of the D. B. C. & W. railroad from Caro to Wilmet, where the road proceeds entirely from gaining ground roads that saloons be closed Sundays and on certain holidays, and that when holidays fall on the same day as unlike banks, saloons are not required to close on that day.

\$1,000

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-year new subscriptions, 5,000 votes.....	5 00
Ten-year 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 & 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. N. Gents Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Gent's Furnishings We give a 25-vote Coupon with each \$1 cash purchase. ASK FOR COUPON
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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	Birmingham Eccentric Piano Contest Five \$100.00 Piano Due Bills Value \$500.00 Donated by Birmingham Eccentric
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