

DISASTROUS BLAZE

BATTLE CREEK VISITED BY A \$20,000 CONFLAGRATION.

ST. JOSEPH STILL RETAINS POPULARITY AS A GREEN ISLAND.

A MYSTERIOUS SHOT FIRED INTO A RESIDENCE AT WAYNE.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 23.—At midnight Saturday night the plant of the Sanitas Nut Food Co. was destroyed by fire, together with the laundry of the sanitarium, involving a loss of \$20,000. This is the most disastrous fire for several years. Three months ago the Sanitas company's plant was burned and they moved into a large two and a half story brick building in the rear of the sanitarium, originally built by that institution for their bath rooms. Adjoining this building was a two and a half story building used as a laundry by the sanitarium people. Three rooms in the second story of the nut food company's building were used by the laundry for doing hand work, and in one of these rooms were the stoves for heating sad irons. The fire originated from one of these stoves. An alarm was immediately turned in, but the interior work being done hurriedly. These buildings are located on an elevation nearly equal in height to the city stand-pipe at Lake Gogme, and in consequence the water pressure was very light. The nut company's building was totally destroyed, together with the machinery. The laundry building was partially destroyed, as was the machinery. The sanitarium is now so crowded with patients that the help has been obliged to seek other quarters, and 15 young men were rooming in the third story of the bakery. They lost all their personal effects. The sanitarium owned both buildings.

Still a Mecca for Lovers.

St. Joseph, Mich., July 23.—The popularity of St. Joseph as a Green Island is spreading far and near and representatives from new states are coming in every Sunday. Sunday's applicants came from Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan. Three large excursions from Indiana and Illinois each brought in many parties and the sanitarium City of Kalamazoo from St. Joseph's rival Green Island, South Haven, brought several couples from that city who desired to be married in style.

County Clerk Needham's residence is a beauty and his large lawn is provided with comfortable waiting places where there is a rush as the couples take their turn. The large veranda at one time Sunday afternoon had several couples resting in easy chairs while the clerk and one justice were busy as they could be.

Mrs. Needham received the couples at the head of the island paved the way for happy lovers who were busy in making known their desires. The different ministers in their homes received a liberal share of the work. Sunday recorded the largest number of licenses issued any one Sunday this year, the number reaching 64 couples, the names of 32 being withheld from publication.

A Mysterious Shot.

Wayne, Mich., July 23.—Wayne is stirred up by a pistol shot fired into the residence of ex-Sheriff Geo. H. Stellwagen Saturday night at about 10:30 o'clock. Some of the members of the family were in the parlor when No. 32 bullet passed through the glass of the front hall door and spent its force against the parlor door casing. There seems to be a decision of persons who are bent on doing mischief to Mr. Stellwagen, who is gathered of the Wayne Savings Bank, which was burned a short time ago by incendiaries. Mr. Stellwagen is a very popular citizen, and there seems to be no motive.

Filed Articles of Incorporation.

Lansing, Mich., July 23.—The following corporations have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state during the past week: Acme Laundry Co., Detroit, \$10,000; Detroit Motor Works, Detroit, \$10,000; Zenith Portland Cement Co., Detroit, \$750,000; Cutting-Kaestner Co., Muskegon, \$50,000; Jackson Flour Mill Machinery Co., Jackson, \$50,000; American Screen Door Co., Adrian, \$20,000; Pontiac, Orion & Detroit R. R., Detroit, \$20,000; Luther Baseball Association, Luther, \$2,000; Evangelical Mission church, of Menominee, Mich., Menominee.

The Citizens' Telephone Company of Grand Rapids, increased its capital from \$500,000 to \$550,000.

With a Roof Garden.

Laporte, Ind., July 23.—The new Christian church at Columbus, this state, built by Rev. E. B. Widger, late of Grand Rapids, was dedicated Sunday by Indiana and Michigan clergymen. The church was built with a roof garden which the Michigan divine proposes to utilize by holding outside services. Rev. Mr. Widger went from Grand Rapids to Columbus. Trouble arose in the church and it was split in twain, Mr. Widger being chosen as the pastor of the receding portion of the congregation. The church is credited with being the finest church structure maintained by the Christian church denomination in the state. A delegation of Grand Rapids people witnessed the dedication ceremonies.

Taken to Ann Arbor.

Mackinac Island, Mich., July 23.—The body of Dick De Pont, who was drowned at the Les Cheneaux Islands Saturday afternoon, was taken early Sunday morning to Mackinaw City to be sent by rail to Ann Arbor. For hours after the accident experienced men worked over the body trying to restore life, but all efforts were futile. It was thought the young man was struck by the boom when the boat capsized. Prof. De Pont and his family, who have been spending the summer at the Les Cheneaux club house, have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

Put a State Ticket in the Field at Saginaw.

Saginaw, Mich., July 23.—The state convention of the social democratic party opened at 8 o'clock Tuesday in the city hall, thirty-two delegates being present. A series of resolutions endorsing Debs and pledging support to the United Social ticket were passed. Henry Ramsey, of Battle Creek, was elected permanent chairman, and Clarence Neesley, of Saginaw, permanent secretary. Max S. Hayes, of Cleveland, delivered a rousing speech, and the following state ticket was put in nomination:

For governor—Henry Ramsey, Battle Creek.
Lieutenant-governor—Clayton J. Lamb, Lapeer county.
Secretary of state—Joseph Dick, Detroit.
State treasurer—Albert Eymon, Saginaw.
Auditor-General—David C. Hendricks, Saginaw.
Commissioner of state land office—John D. Hunt, Hillsdale county.
Attorney-general—George A. Eastman, Detroit.
Superintendent of public instruction—Miss Rose McBroarty, Detroit.
Member of state board of education—Joseph Carr, Saginaw.
State headquarters will be at Saginaw.

Michigan Patents.

Washington, July 23.—Wm. L. Beall, Albion, pivot axle cultivator; Orrin B. Bolton, Grand Rapids, machine for patching saws; Edwin D. Casler, Detroit, paper folding machine; Ebenezer A. W. Jeffries, Detroit, gas producer, two patents; Bertrand P. Kenyon, Grand Rapids, vapor burner; Henry N. King, Adrian, mainholder for letter boxes, also fastener for attaching mail boxes to posts; Albert Luyckx, Detroit, barrel setting up form; Hugh Lyons, Lansing, band for display forms; Fred Macey, Grand Rapids, garment book; Geo. McKell, Jackson, oil cup; George H. Newell, Grand Rapids, making projectiles; Thomas A. Rapson and H. J. Furness, Filion, combined hay and stock rack; Frank Sheldon and H. M. Milliken, Cheboygan, car coupling; Chamney M. Van Every, Jr., Bronson, adjustable holder for stationers' tools.

Michigan Pensions.

Washington, July 23.—Original—John Powers, Ludington, \$8. Restoration and additional—Ned J. Kellogg (dead), Petoskey, \$10. Restoration and increase—Christopher C. Sherman (dead), Dowagiac, \$12. Increase—Leonidas Dickinson, Inlay City, \$14; Ebenezer B. Partridge, Soldiers Home, Kent, \$14; Wesley Wheeler, Cannonsburg, \$10. Widows—Elizabeth Sherman, Dowagiac, \$8; Emily Kellogg, Petoskey, \$8. Spanish war: Original—Francis G. Anspach, Ann Arbor, \$17. Spanish war widows—Marion Hall Fowler, Ionia, \$25; Margaret J. Washburn, mother, Port Huron, \$12.

Klein Proved an Alibi.

Lansing, Mich., July 23.—Peter Klein was arrested at Battle Creek Monday on suspicion of being the man who tapped the till in the store of E. S. Butts, of this city, Friday night. He was identified by Butts as the man who engaged his attention while his accomplice went through the safe. A clerk was also sure that Klein was the man. Tuesday, however, the prisoner established the fact that he was at Kalamazoo, where he was employed as a cigar maker, and he was released.

STATE SPECIALS.

Mrs. J. C. Purdy, an old resident of Lansing, died Tuesday evening in the house where she had lived for over 30 years. She was 76.

A free state teachers' institute for Calhoun county will be held in Battle Creek, commencing next Monday and continuing for ten days.

Arthur Perry, the 10-year-old son of Edgar Perry, living near Hart, had the fingers of his right hand taken off in the cogs of a fanning mill.

Willmer Austin, of Adrian, pleaded guilty on examination to the charge of adultery preferred against him by his wife and is bound over to the Circuit Court.

Rudolph Wacker was arraigned before Judge Locke Tuesday at Mt. Clemens for stealing a bicycle. He pleaded guilty and was remanded to jail to await his sentence.

Norton Knapp, a well-known farmer living north of Belleville, is dead, aged 75. Cause of death Bright's disease. Mr. Knapp died while sitting in a chair. He was a resident of Wayne county most of his life.

Elmer Session had a narrow escape from death by lightning at Springwells Tuesday. He was in the office of Mark McFadden when a bolt struck the building, tearing off several boards and burning Session's right shoulder.

Secretary Gage has granted the letter carriers permission to illuminate and decorate the Detroit postoffice building for the annual convention of the National Letter Carriers' Association, but no part of the expense must fall upon the government.

The residence of A. E. Palmer, of Adrian, was burglarized some time lately, though the exact time is not known, as the family has been absent since July 4. The bureaus and closets were completely ransacked and the floor scattered with its contents.

An electric storm struck Mulliken Tuesday morning. V. Edgell's valuable barn and contents were burned. William Gould's house was struck by lightning which went down the chimney, killing the dog in the house and stunning a child. The house did not catch fire.

Domestic infidelity in the home of Frank Murray, a proprietor of a livery stable in Pontiac, landed him Tuesday before a court. Murray and his wife quarreled to such an extent that passers by were attracted. The wife sought satisfaction by means of a complaint against the husband.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS

PORT HURON MAN ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

COLORADO BOY KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC STREET CAR.

AN OLD SETTLER OF SAGINAW COUNTY FOUND DEAD.

Port Huron, July 24.—Arthur E. Brown is under arrest charged with an assault with intent to kill and murder John G. O'Neill Monday noon. Mr. O'Neill is the head of the well known firm of O'Neill Bros. & Co., while Brown was formerly in their employ. When he left their employ about three years ago a dispute arose as to the settlement, and Brown was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, but the case was subsequently adjusted and not brought to trial. Brown claimed that some money was due him, which, however, is denied by Mr. O'Neill. Saturday he wrote Mr. O'Neill a threatening letter, saying that unless he had a check for the amount claimed by high noon Monday he would not be responsible for consequences, and adding that a word to the wise was sufficient. Monday noon Brown appeared at Mr. O'Neill's private office, and after he had been told by Mr. O'Neill that there was no business to transact with him, it is claimed that Brown reached back as though to draw a weapon. Mr. O'Neill immediately grabbed him by the wrists and with the assistance of a traveling man in the outer office disarmed him of a loaded revolver that he was carrying in a holster underneath his coat. Brown was arrested and had a partial examination, being held on \$500 bail for its conclusion.

Killed by an Electric Car.

Detroit, Mich., July 24.—An electric car accident occurred Monday night at 8:20 in which Cyrus Jackson, a 12-year-old colored boy, lost his life. The lad was running across Hastings street, between Superior and Alexander, when the car, in charge of Conductor Gittenberger and Motorman Hugh A. McMillen, struck him down. His right arm was broken in two places, his hip was crushed and his head was badly cut. He was taken to Harper Hospital, but he could not survive the shock, and died at 9:45. Coroner Hoffmann was summoned, and he will hold the inquest on Thursday at 3 p. m.

Death of an Old Settler.

Saginaw, Mich., July 24.—Sunday afternoon Mrs. Anna Margaret Huber was found dead in her bed at the home of her son, Michael Huber, in Frankentrost. She had been apparently well during the day, had attended services at the Lutheran church, and expressed herself as feeling better than she had been for some days. She died with the family and then feeling tired laid down for rest. At supper time she was found dead. Her passing was apparently painless. She was 76 years old, was born in Bavaria, married Michael Huber in 1847, and came to this state the same year, settling on a farm in Frankentrost, where she has since lived. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom survive her.

An Alleged Gambling House.

Pontiac, Mich., July 24.—Night Policeman Fitzgerald found something of a sensation at the meeting of the common council Monday evening, saying that a gambling place is in operation within the very heart of the city and is operated with great publicity. The officer further stated that it had been reported to him that the gamblers are permitted to operate the room by payment of money to a county officer, who therefore insured their protection. The council expressed great surprise and directed the officer to proceed at once to close all gambling places that are in operation here.

Undoubtedly Insane.

Bay City, Mich., July 24.—Men coming to Bay City Monday morning on the Midland road picked up a young man named Shamborski, who made threats of taking their lives. The men concluded the fellow was out of his mind, and when Bay City was reached, turned him over to the authorities. Shamborski was placed in the lock-up, where he acted wildly. His parents live in the township of Hampton, seven miles from the city and they have known for some time that his mind was unbalanced.

A Miner in Hard Luck.

Eaton Rapids, Mich., July 24.—Frank Heller, a mine blaster, was picked up from the streets Monday noon unconscious. Heller was injured while blasting in the big consolidated mine company's mine last September and is just able to be out again. He sued the company but was beaten in the suit. He was on his way home to Hazelton, Pa., overland, he got transportation across the lake and had got this far. A purse was raised and a ticket bought for Pennsylvania.

Situation in India.

London, July 24.—The viceroy of India, Baron Curzon of Kedleston, telegraphs to Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, that the monsoon continues favorable this week except in Gujerat, Kathiawar, Baroda and Rajputana west, where cultivation is at a standstill and rain is greatly needed for fodder. The number on famine relief list now reaches 6,281,000.

Michigan Pensions.

Washington, July 24.—Original—Clark W. Decker, Adrian, \$6; Basil Gill, Hart, \$6. Widows—Sophia E. Farland, Dearborn, \$8; Eliza E. Howley, Cedar Springs, \$8; Mary E. Larkin, Homer, \$12.

STATE SPECIALS.

L. L. Ayres has been appointed postmaster at Lodi, Kalamazoo Co., vice Wm. Davis, resigned.

The state board of pardons will meet at the upper peninsula prison at Marquette, next Tuesday.

Pearl Conklin, of Hillsdale, aged 10 years, is dead, as a result of burns received in a gasoline explosion.

Mrs. Adolph Schroeder, of New Baltimore, died yesterday, aged 64 years. She had been on the same farm for 38 years.

Bears and wild cats are quite plentiful near Standish and other northern towns, and are very bold in their depredations.

A civil service examination for a clerk and letter carrier for the Charlotte postoffice will be held at that city in September.

The residence of Isaac Robinson, one mile north of Flat Rock, burned last night at 12 o'clock. Cause of fire unknown; loss total.

While his parents were away William Randolph, aged 13, of Munich, accidentally shot himself in the hip. His recovery is doubtful.

William Johnson, of Inlay City, smashed the bones in his right foot Thursday by dropping a T rail on it, while at work on the C. & G. T. railroad.

The curfew is to be enforced again at Battle Creek. The bell will be rung at 9 o'clock, 16 strokes, the sound ordering every youth not 16 to seek his parental roof.

Five business places and the postoffice and station at Yale were burglarized Tuesday night. The job looks like that of amateurs. Very little booty was secured.

Standish is getting ready already to welcome the old soldiers and sailors of northern Michigan to that town in August, when the annual encampment will be held there.

The celebrated Alexander Winchell collection of minerals and fossils, which was recently sold to Alma College for \$2,500, has been shipped to Alma from Ann Arbor.

A severe electrical storm passed over New Boston Friday. Lightning struck the barn of M. R. Nowland. Considerable other damage was done throughout the vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Archer, who lived with her husband on a farm four miles northeast of Sheridan, committed suicide by taking a dose of poison. It is said she was despondent.

W. J. Gargett, a prominent citizen of Alma, died suddenly Friday. Deceased was 50 years of age, and has been a resident of Gratiot county since 1893. He was a veteran and a lifelong Republican.

William Duffy, a farmer of Brighton township in Livingston county, was taken to Pontiac Thursday night under arrest on the charge of illegitimate parentage preferred by Myrtle Younglove, of Milford.

William Stirling, an old pensioner, fell down a flight of stairs from his room over Proctor's saloon in Detroit Tuesday. He is in Emergency hospital with a broken nose and a badly bruised head and body.

Two valuable horses were killed by lightning near Standish. They had been driven under a shed to get out of the rain when the building was struck by a bolt of lightning killing both horses instantly.

Dr. Egbert Thornton, of Bad Axe, has been arrested on complaint of Edward Hawkes, who charged the doctor with being intimate with complainant's wife. The doctor gave bail for his appearance on the 26th inst.

Miss May Bacon, who was seriously injured at Tekonsha Wednesday, died at noon Thursday. She was the daughter of Orson Bacon, formerly a resident of Tekonsha, was 20 years of age, and a general favorite.

During a terrific electrical storm which swept over the section near Sheridan four barns were struck by lightning and burned. A house in the village was struck by a bolt of lightning, but was not badly damaged.

Nicholas Van Nickerson has sued the city of Lapeer for \$5,000 damages. Nickerson fell through a city bridge with a traction engine last fall and the city has been unable to make a settlement with him, hence the suit for damages.

Fabian Leonard, brakeman on No. 4 passenger train on the Pere Marquette at Manistee Thursday morning while coupling cars got his head caught and squeezed between two baggage cars, his head being badly cut and bruised.

Battle Creek will now have an army of "white wings." Metropolitan dump carts have been used in the street cleaning department for some time, but the operators have merely worn white hats. Now they will be fully uniformed.

The architects of the Indian office have approved the plans for the dormitory building at Mt. Pleasant Indian school and sent them to the secretary of the interior for his approval. The amount of money available for the building is \$20,000.

News has been received that John Tozer, a former Battle Creek boy, and brother of the well-known newspaper man, A. B. Tozer, is dangerously ill with smallpox at Cape Nome, where he went with a party of goldseekers. There are 300 cases of smallpox there.

C. W. Graham, of Jackson, has been arrested charged with attempted arson. Graham, it is charged, recently over insured some furniture and attempted to set fire to his house, which is heavily mortgaged. Graham's examination was set for July 26, and he secured \$1,000 bail.

Homer's enthusiasm over securing the Detroit factory concerning which the Municipal Improvement association had had some negotiation has increased much this week and the business men are determined to use all their efforts to secure it. Two good building sites are accessible.

A. T. Green, a well-known Battle Creek carpenter, was struck by a Chicago & Grand Trunk train Thursday afternoon, tossed around and dropped between a freight and passenger train. When the people rushed to remove his mangled body, he smiled, arose, got into a buggy and rode home, practically unhurt. Nobody knows how he escaped so miraculously.

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