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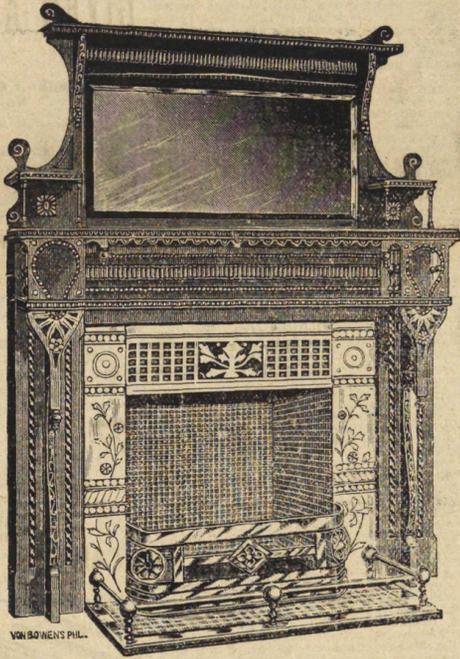
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## ONCE MORE THE INTER-URBAN RAILROAD.

Crushed Under the Car Wheels.—H. Cuddy's Cunning Caper.—Settling the Anglo-African Question.—Schneider-Illi Wedding.—The School Board Organization.

Yoost Listen to Dot!

Rumor has it that Mr. Chandler, of Philadelphia, is here on street car business, and may make a deal whereby the road here will go into his possession. It is believed that Mr. Chandler has purchased the franchise between here and Ann Arbor, worked up by Mr. Nesmith, as it is known that Nesmith is out of the deal, and that Mr. Chandler is now looking over the line of the road.—Adrian Telegram.

Illi-Schneider.

At 7:30, Thursday evening, at Bethlehem Church, Rev. John Neumann, united in marriage Emille Schneider and William Illi, Bertha Schneider and Mary Illi acting as bridesmaids, and Fred. Andrus and Fred. Hertler discharging the functions of the groom's best men. Presents were many interesting and valuable. A repast followed. There were earnest and sincere congratulations by the friends of the popular couple.

Organization of the School Board.

At a short session of the school board held Saturday, for the purpose of organization. Mr. Beal was made president, Mr. Whedon, secretary, and Mr. Gruner, treasurer, and the following committees were appointed:

Buildings and grounds—Jacobs, Whedon, Miner.  
Finance—Scott, Mack, Jacobs.  
Library—Mack, Gruner, Bower.  
Teachers and text-books—Smith, Miner, Beal.

"Wah" on de Color Line.

There was a little trouble in a Fourth-st. colored restaurant Saturday night, growing out of an alleged discrimination by the colored management against a colored man who charged that his order was delayed and preference given to a white man, and he objected to this with such enthusiasm that a "wah" between him and the cook ensued, in which the colored guest was baptized with a handy pail of water, by the colored cook. After this religious ceremony a closer devotional feeling sprang up between the two, and to escape it the guest plunged through the widow, taking some of it with him,—an entirely unwarranted proceeding, as he had no use for it, whatever. His hand was terribly lacerated by the broken glass, and he is off duty on account of it.

The M. E. Conference Appointments.

The following are the pastors appointed for this county and vicinity:

Ann Arbor, Camden M. Cobern.  
Chelsea, C. S. Adams.  
Dexter, T. G. Potter.  
Dixboro, John N. Newkirk.  
Grass Lake, John H. McIntosh.  
Manchester and Sharon, David H. Yokum.  
Milan, Eugene Yager.  
Pinckney, C. B. Case.  
Plymouth, J. B. Oliver.  
Saline, E. Yager.  
Stony Creek, Charles B. Case.  
Stockbridge, Edgar L. Moon.  
South Lyon, L. N. Moon.  
Willis, Joseph A. Hill.  
Ypsilanti, Edward W. Ryan.  
Whitmore Lake, to be supplied.

Mr. Cuddy's Cadoo.

He arrived from Detroit Friday morning, did Mr. Cuddy, who immediately spread a large amount of canvas to the September breeze. He was the typical "son-of-a-gun from Oshkosh" and he didn't care who found it out. He wanted to go down to see a friend on the Ypsilanti road. The weather was languid, the walk fatiguing, and also vulgar except in a pedestrian match. E. J. Knowlton's horse and carriage stood in front of the residence. Mr. H. Cuddy got in and drove out of the city like a high spirited gentleman, with the mud spinning from the wheels of the carriage. Arriving at the house of his friend, the gentleman from Detroit having no

liveried driver and spurning vile contact with a mud-bespattered horse, turned it loose and it arrived in the city scarcely recognizable from the battery overcoat of clay with which it was covered. Sheriff Brenner went down and brought muddied Cuddy to jail. Search revealed several curiosities, among which were two railroad tickets belonging to the Dexter station. They were unstamped, lending suspicion that they were secured by "ways that were dark." His pockets were full of keys—some of which may unlock the situation—and along with the inventory was a letter addressed to a Detroit friend requesting him to "forward my revolver as I need it very much."

Eddie Wasser's Fatal Nap.

A very sad and fatal accident took place at the yard of the T. & A. A. in this city, Saturday night, resulting in the death of Eddie Wasser, a young man aged about 18 years, and making his home with Mrs. Kern, on N. Main street. Young Wasser who has knocked around the world a great deal as a seller of medicine, by personal canvass, was well known as a stirring, energetic young man. About a year ago, he was a bell boy at the Cook hotel, but has since traveled in the south and far west as a seller of medical remedies, in which occupation he realized a good profit. Lately he has been in Ann Arbor, and Saturday night strolled down to the T. & A. A. track. Some cars were standing on the sidetrack and a freight pulling in, and it becoming necessary to sidetrack some cars, these were pushed upon the siding against the standing cars which were pushed into motion.

Cries of distress, proceeding from beneath the train attracted attention and the engineer was signaled to stop. Investigation revealed young Wasser horribly mangled, tightly wound in the brake chain, and it was found impossible to release him till a jack was procured and the car raised from the track. This operation took some time, meanwhile the poor boy, though broken all to pieces, as it were, maintained a "nerve" that was truly heroic, and stated how he came where he was found. He said that while strolling about, he was caught in the heavy shower that fell about ten o'clock, and taking refuge under the car fell asleep, and said, "I woke up to find myself where you see me, and I tell you I'm in pretty hard lines."

When released he was taken to the hospital where it was found that both legs one arm and one shoulder were broken. The wounds were properly attended but the shock was too great and death followed toward morning. Eddie's father resides on Mary street, but his mother has been dead some years.

Under the Trees of the Campus.

ARR—"Marching Through Georgia."

I. Thousands of students were thronging there; The chimes of the bells filled the Autumn air. One day when I met a freshman fair, Under the trees of the Campus.

CHORUS.  
Oh, college days, too soon they now go by.  
We would they lingered, both she and I.  
But the happy memory will never, never die  
Of the beautiful trees of the Campus.

II. On mother's cheek there had shone a tear,  
As she blessed her boy in his senior year;  
But little she knew what would happen here,  
Under the trees of the Campus. (Chorus.)

III. I knew then I'd given my heart away,  
And that I would ever loyal stay,  
To the fair one I met that day,  
Under the trees of the Campus.

IV. I've wooed her with all the ardent zeal  
That a man in his senior year can feel,  
And soon on my life I will set the seal,  
Under the trees of the Campus. (Chorus.)

MYRA WIREN.

Whittaker.

John Teddar is on the sick list.  
M. C. Doty of Carleton is spending a few days in town.

L. H. Miller is building a blacksmith shop on the lot he recently purchased from John Lawson.

Walter Herter has returned home from the west where he has been for the past four years.

P. H. Gabel and wife, of Toledo, have moved into the old hotel of this place.

School in the Bishop district commenced Monday last week with Miss M. B. Dawson, teacher.  
Miss Mertie Colf, who has been clerking for John Lawson has removed to her home in Wyandotte, where she will take up her old occupation of teaching school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kramer, Saturday, Sept 1st, a daughter.

Dr. Moyer has given up his work at this place and removed to his home at Samaria, from there he talks of going to Ohio.

Albert Teddar's cider mill will be in running order this week.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL.)

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
ANN ARBOR, Sept. 7th, 1894.

Special session.

Called to order by President Keech. Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Ald. Wagner, Allmendinger, Prettyman.—3.

COMMUNICATIONS.

FROM THE MAYOR.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
ANN ARBOR, Sept. 6th, 1894.

To the Aldermen of the City of Ann Arbor and the President of the Common Council:

By the power vested in me, I hereby call a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor, to be held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening, Sept. 7, '94, at 7:30 p. m., to consider the lateral sewer specifications, reported by the Board of Public Works, the question of repairing the bridge over the M. C. R. R., also the grade of sidewalk in front of the property of E. E. Calkins, Mr. Toop and others in this locality, that may be affected by any change of grades.

C. G. DARLING,  
MAYOR.

FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works respectfully report that they have had under careful consideration the recommendations of your honorable body in regard to alterations and amendments in the specifications for sewer construction and concur in the alterations suggested in the title and the following sections: Sections 38, 39 and 40; and the Board of Public Works further report that it does not concur in the alterations of Section No. Three nor of Section No. 114; but the Board of Public Works return Section Three unchanged and recommend the following alteration of Section 114 and incorporate the same in the specifications herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Public Works.

W. J. MILLER,  
Clerk.

The Council then proceeded to consider various alterations and recommendations in the specifications from the Board of Public Works.

The City Attorney was called on, as to the legality of Section 114 of the specifications.

City Attorney Bennett had a brief prepared quoting several cases in the premises.

Ald. Manly moved that the City Attorney file said opinion as to the legality of Section 114, with the City Clerk, and the same be printed and made part of this meeting. Adopted.

To the Hon. Common Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan:

In response to your request for my opinion regarding the legal effect of embodying the provisions of Section 114, as amended by resolution of your honorable body, in the specifications for the construction of lateral sewers in this city, I beg leave to submit the following:

In my opinion the incorporation of this section in the specifications, and of restrictions and limitations upon the right of any person bidding upon this work to employ labor at the lowest price that it can be obtained, in the contract that the city will make with the lowest bidder, would operate to establish a monopoly in this item of the expense of constructing such sewer system, and would render the assessment made to meet said expenses illegal and invalid.

The sole effect of such a provision must be to compel the employment of laborers residing in this city, at a price not less than \$1.25 a day, so long as a sufficient number of such persons present themselves.

Accordingly, all bidders would be compelled to figure upon the item of labor at a fixed price, and thus this item is withdrawn from competition.

It must be remembered that this assessment is for a local improvement, and the expense falls not upon the entire property of the city, but upon such pieces of land as lie within the particular assessment district to be benefited, as fixed and determined by your body.

The Council in this matter is acting as the agent of a limited number of the citizens, each one of whom has the right to demand that every provision of our charter and ordinance be strictly followed.

In the case of *Towers vs. City of Port Huron*, reported in 83 Mich. 528, it was held: That when a city charter requires all contracts for public improvements to be let to the lowest bidder, if the lowest bidder was permitted to withdraw his bid on the ground of an alleged mistake, the contract could not be legally let to the next lowest bidder, but must be advertised. Mr. Justice Campbell says, in this opinion: "The council had no power to deprive the city, and the parties who would be assessed, of the benefit of a letting to the lowest bidder."

The provisions of our charter and ordinance are similar. The Board of Public Works is required by ordinance to advertise for tenders for the construction of lateral sewers, and "shall contract therefor with the lowest responsible bidder," and the contractor is required to do all the work and furnish all the material.

This was an assessment for the constructing of a sewer in New York. By the terms of the advertisement for bids, the price to be paid for rock excavation was fixed and the competition therefore only extended to the price to be paid for the remainder of the work to be performed. The assessment was finally vacated, and the decision reads as follows: "The omission to submit the item of rock excavation for competition was a departure from the statute relating to the subject. The fact that the price allowed was not in excess of what would have been demanded by any contractor is not sufficient to override the plain terms of the statute."

It appears to me from an examination of these authorities that the Council must comply strictly with the provisions of our ordinance, and that a strict compliance compels the submitting of every item of expense of the proposed improvement to open competition, labor as well as material.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. W. BENNETT,  
City Attorney.

Ald. Kitson moved that the sewer specifications, as submitted by the Board of Public Works, be approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bodmer, Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Pres. Wines—10.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Kitson:

Resolved, That the City Clerk have the sewer specifications printed in such manner as is usual in such cases.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bodmer, Martin, Wood, Snyder, Ferguson, Brown, Manly, Taylor, Kitson, Pres. Wines—10.

Nays—None.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended Ald. Manly for a basket of his delicious peaches, which he presented the Council with.

On motion the Council adjourned.

W. J. MILLER,  
City Clerk.

Proceedings of the Board of Public Works.

(OFFICIAL.)

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
ANN ARBOR, Sept. 5.

Regular session.

Called to order by President Keech.

Roll called—Present Messrs. Keech and Clark.

Absent Mr. Schuh.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The Board took under consideration the various alterations recommended in the specifications by the Common Council.

By Mr. Clark:

Resolved, That this Board concur in the alterations as suggested by the Common Council, in the title and the following sections, 38, 39 and 40 and that this Board does not concur in the alterations of section number three, that section three be returned unchanged; and further that this Board does not concur in the alteration of section one hundred and fourteen on account of its illegality and incorporate for said section one hundred and fourteen, that the contractor is requested to employ as shovelers and trenchmen only such persons as have been residents of this city for six months immediately preceding the date of such employment.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Keech and Clark.

On motion the Board adjourned.

W. J. MILLER,  
City Clerk.

Proceedings of the Board of Public Works.

(OFFICIAL.)

ANN ARBOR, Sept. 8, 1894.

SPECIAL SESSION.

Called to order by President Keech.

Roll called. Full board present.

President Keech stated the object of this meeting was to direct the clerk to have the sewer specifications printed, and approve of some form of proposal, etc.

Mr. Clark submitted for approval a form of proposal, instructions to contractors, and a notice to contractors, which were read, and on motion, approved.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to have the sewer specifications, proposals, etc., printed, in such form as the Detroit sewer specifications.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to advertise for sealed tenders for the construction of Liberty and Washington streets lateral sewers.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

W. J. MILLER, Clerk.

The Kaffirs.

The Kaffirs are great philosophers.

If an ox should die, the owner never grieves, but remarks: "Now I must go to work for master (all white men who treat their well are called masters), and in six months he will give me a cow. It will have a calf. If it is a bull calf, in a year I'll have a pair of oxen, but should it be a heifer calf I'll have two calves instead of one."—New York Tribune.

Part of the Bird.

The Young Housewife—Have you any nice chickens?

The Poulterer—Yes, ma'am.

The Young Housewife—Well, send me a couple in time for dinner, and I want them with the choquettes left in, do you understand?—Chicago Record.

A large part of the works of Ben Jonson were destroyed in manuscript by a fire which burned his house.



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LOCAL BREVITIES.

E. Weatherbee is weathering 10 days. Drank too much.

Today the K. O. T. M. are off on the great \$1.25 excursion to Lansing.

H. Cuddy pleaded not guilty to the charge of horse stealing. Hearing Sept. 18.

Today the democracy of the second district is at Adrian nominating the next congressman.

Watts' jewelry store is undergoing pleasant changes, in the direction of looks and convenience.

The directors of the First National bank donate a year's rent of rooms over the bank to the Y. W. C. A.

J. E. Beal has been appointed the Michigan member of the sub-executive committee to conduct the campaign of the National Republican league.

Mrs. Agnes McKinnon, mother of Mrs. A. J. Robinson, of Hill street, died in Saline, Monday, from the effects of a fall, by which both arms were broken.

Will all members of the Ladies' Library, who have books out, please return them Saturday, as the room is to be cleaned and the books put in order. M. Mignon Root, Librarian.

The Eberbach Hardware Co. last week lost a good horse from the disease known as "pinkeye." The year and season have also arrived for the "political blackeye." Look out for it.

Joseph Wilson, asked for bread and stole shoes at Fred Wurster's, Paul Shall acted as "Old Sleuth," and run him to earth. Jailed for two days, as there were extenuating circumstances.

William Hambernestel, a tailor, slipped last Friday on Washington street, and received a sprain of the ankle that sent him to the Homoeopathic hospital. He was terribly "down" on the "fall style."

Some of the people of the Third ward are kicking about the crossing at Miller avenue and Spring street. There is much travel over this street, and if the complaints are reasonable they should be attended to.

On Friday evening, Dr. W. H. Dorrance was presented with a very handsome past-master's jewel by the members of Fraternity Lodge No. 262, F. & A. M. Charles B. Davison made the presentation speech.

The bridge over the tracks of the Central will now be repaired. The deputy railroad commissioner was in the city last Friday, and served notice on Agent Hayes requiring the repairs to be made within ten days.

The long talked about sidewalk between W. Huron and W. Washington street, has at last been completed, and during the coming winter the school children can use the sidewalk instead of mud as in the past.

Herman Hutzel the brick manufacturer, of Emery, has shut down his yard for the season. The last kiln of 450,000 brick was fired today. He reports having had a good year, the brick giving general satisfaction.

Andrew Smith, of Ann Arbor town, this morning exhibited in the Argus office, samples of peaches grown by him, measuring 9/16 by 9/16 inches in circumference. The name of the peaches has escaped us, but Mr. Smith did not escape with the peaches—not much.

Republican county convention, Sept. 20. Although there are but few republicans in the county, there is no reason why they should not amuse themselves with a convention. The populists and prohibitionists have gone through this mimicry, and why not the republicans.

Attorney C. H. Kline received word this morning that the United States circuit court commissioners had awarded \$9,935 damages for the death of George Alberts, who was burned in the accident at Hamburg Junction in October last. The case was brought against Wellington R. Burt, receiver of the T., A. A. & N. M. railroad.

There will be a grand excursion to Put-in-Bay, on Sunday, September 16, by way of the T., A. A. & N. M. Railway and the new steamer City of Toledo. The special train will leave Ann Arbor at 7:55 a. m., arriving in Toledo at 9:30. The steamer will reach Put-in-Bay at 12:30, and will leave on return trip at 3:30, arriving in Toledo in time to connect with train at 7:00 p. m. Fare for round trip, \$1.25.

This new exchange "cherry" is worth printing: When you talk about there being a better state than Michigan, every potato shys winks its eyes, every cabbage shakes its head, every beet gets red in the face, every onion gets stronger, every oatfield is shocked, rye strokes its beard, corn sticks up its ears and every foot of land kicks. The horses even denounce the statement with a neigh.

At the last meeting of Fraternity Lodge, No. 262, F. & A. M., the following resolution was unanimously passed. "Resolved, That it is the opinion of this lodge that the grand lodge should own the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, and that the same shall be maintained by an increase of Grand lodge dues, not to exceed 50 cents per capita, such increase to be used for no other purpose than for the maintenance of said Home."

Poverty or riches, which shall it be? Though there is abundance of wealth in this country, it is not as equally distributed as it should and would be if all were educated to look sharply after their business interests. How can this be done? To every young man and woman who completes a course of training at the Detrit Business University, the question is answered in a way that brings competency and wealth. If you would know about this institution, send for catalogue. 11-19 Wilcox ave., Detroit; Mich.

Nothing possible by industry, energy, money, capture or blood has been omitted by the fair management to render the Washtenaw Agricultural meeting successful in every particular. The agricultural, stock-breeding, mechanical, literary and spectacular features of the fair will be such as to make each day and hour a new revelation. The president and secretary, of the society, leave tomorrow for the purpose of capturing some of the best attractions of the state fair for the county fair, and will not return empty, if persuasion or conquest can accomplish anything. What can it not? The fair will be the best ever held.

"E. J. W.," in the daily Times pleads eloquently in almost poetic phrase against the craze for levels in city sidewalks. He thinks "the sidewalks should be left to rise and dip along the curving lines—the 'lines of beauty'—which nature has given us." Yes, this would be pleasing to the eye in summer; but when, following the winter's fog, comes the Boreal blast that would "freeze a dog," and the rain is chilled to ice, and "E. J. W.," while admiring the beautiful curving lines, loses his balance, and makes a toboggan sled of his pantaloons, and skates down the incline as though shot from a catapult, will he smile and call it "daisy sport," or get mad as a March hare and sue the city? Let him furnish a little poetic prose on this part of the subject.

PERSONAL.

Joe Parker has returned from the east.

Claud Denman is visiting in Detroit.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mack.

Arthur Kidder, of Terre Haute, is in the city.

Prof. C. E. Green, and family returned from the east.

Mrs. M. C. Boylan, of St. Ignace, is visiting her parents.

Frank and Anna Condon have returned from Old Mission.

Fred. Schneider, of Jackson, visited in the city last week.

Mrs. S. Hawks, of Kalamazoo, is a guest of Ann Arbor friends.

Dr. Wm. Elster, of Flushing, spent Sunday with his mother.

M. T. Woodruff, of the Ypsilanti Sentinel, was in the city today.

Leonard H. Zimmer, of Chicago, arrived last week on a visit to friends.

A. Long, with the St. Joe orchestra for the summer, is in Ann Arbor again.

Miss Pauline Schneider, of Jackson, is in the city on a visit to her parents.

Peter Kelly, of Cincinnati, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Galick, of N. Main st.

Mrs. M. P. Gott, of Three Rivers, is visiting Mrs. N. H. Drake, of E. Huron st.

F. C. H. Reynolds, of the street railway company, arrived from the east yesterday.

Prof. Blessing is repairing the organ of St. Thomas' church. May it prove a blessing.

Conrad Noll and daughter Anna are attending the G. A. R. encampment in Pittsburg.

Charles S. Millan, of Scharier & Millan, leaves today for New York, to purchase goods.

E. J. McClure, proprietor of the Cook house, arrived from St. Joseph yesterday morning.

Mrs. F. White and children have returned from a visit to in Battle Creek and Jackson.

James McWade, late night porter at the Cook, is now with the Hawkins' house, Ypsilanti.

Rev. Max Hein left Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hein's father at Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, of this city, last week, attended a wedding in Kalamazoo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Densmore, of E. Washington street, left Saturday for a week's visit in Cleveland.

Mrs. James Bennett and Mrs. C. B. Messmore, of Manistee, are visiting Miss Fannie Graves for a week.

Archive Van Cleve, class of '86, U. of M., was in the city last week. He brought his son to enter the high school.

Clyde, twin son of Alvin and Minnie Sinclair, of Brook st., died Saturday, of cholera infantum, aged about nine months.

Prof. A. C. Laughlan and wife, have returned from a two-years' residence in Europe, where the professor has pursued the study of history.

Hon. W. Stearns, of the Adrian Press was in the city "between trains" last Saturday. He greeted old friends and acquaintances a short time and departed for Detroit.

Rev. John Neumann, with the choir of the Bethlehem church and a number of the members of the congregation attended the mission festival, held in Dexter, Sunday afternoon.

James Murnan, the popular clerk of the Cook House, was in Jackson, Friday evening, attending a party given by the society ladies on the occasion of the dedication of the new opera house.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dean, of Litchfield, returned home Friday, accompanied by Grant Sherwood, who will shortly return to Florida. They were called to Ann Arbor by the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Metcalf.

Theodore G. Roehm, formerly of Ann Arbor, now assistant secretary in the offices of the C. B. & Q. R. R. at Chicago, was married last week to Miss Bertha A. Gillner, of Ottumwa, Iowa. It was an inter-state railroad affair.

STORMED BY VETS.

Red, White and Blue Badge All Over Pittsburg.

OLD SOLDIERS BY THE THOUSAND

Fill the Streets of the Smoky City at Their Annual Gathering—An Epidemic of Decorations Breaks Out and the Town Is in a Gait Active—Everything Ready for Tomorrow's Parade—Arrivals at W. R. C. Headquarters—Encampment Notes.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 10.—"Comrades" and friends have been flocking into Pittsburg in crowds and last night they had complete possession of the city. It is estimated that on the night before the opening of the twenty-eighth national encampment at least 100,000 visitors were here, and today's arrivals will swell the number three or four times. A copious shower fell yesterday afternoon, clearing the atmosphere and tempering the heat so that sightseers have had pleasant weather. This had the effect of crowding the streets to an extent never before witnessed in Pittsburg, which is a staid old town, and noted for its quietude on Sunday. The saloons were closed, but other business was transacted in a way which made the average citizen imagine that he was away from home visiting some other place not so stiff in the observance of the blue laws.

Decorations Are Lavish and Artistic. The universal comment of the visitors regarding the decorations and display of patriotism is that at no time in the past at an encampment has Pittsburg been outside. The display is lavish, and in the majority of cases neat and tasty. As the different visiting posts arrived they were met by escorts detailed from the local regiments of the National Guard, and with flying colors and bands playing taken to the places assigned them, cheered to the echo by the throngs on the sidewalks. The work of the citizens' committee is being transacted in a soldier-like way and the ground is covered thoroughly.

Naval Veterans Revive Old Times. The naval veterans who have arrived are established in quarters on the river on steamers fitted up especially for their use. Old times are certainly being revived to them, for they observe the strictest discipline on their "ships" and seem to be enjoying it to the full. Naval discipline is observed "aboard ship" and the vets live, as far as possible, just as they did when on active service in the early sixties off some beleaguered city on the Atlantic or gulf coasts. Among the noted arrivals are two men from Honolulu. They represent the full membership of the G. A. R. in Hawaii and were determined to be present at the last encampment which they will likely ever enjoy.

At W. R. C. Headquarters. The Women's Relief corps headquarters in parlor No. 2, Monongahela House, is a place of activity. As each member of the corps arrives she is taken to headquarters and made to feel at home. Among the arrivals of this corps are: Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, of Detroit, national treasurer; Mrs. Amanda T. Newcomb, of Vermont, junior vice president; Mrs. Jennie Meyerhoff, of Evansville, Ind., senior vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth de Arcy Kinnie, of San Francisco, past national president; Mrs. Julia S. Collin, of Evansville, chairman of the national flag committee.

ALL READY FOR THE PARADE. A General Holiday in the City Tomorrow—The Hospital Service. Preparations are complete for the big parade tomorrow. Iron posts have been set up at the curb all along the route, and wire rope will be stretched along to keep the crowds off the roadway. The mayors of the two cities have issued a proclamation to the citizens asking that Tuesday be observed as a holiday in all the manufacturing plants. This request will be generally obeyed, and it is estimated that at least half a million persons will see the parade. To afford early relief to veterans who may be overcome by sickness or fatigue during the march, or spectators who may be injured in the crowd, temporary hospitals with physicians and trained assistants have been established along the route.

About the only matter that would be called disagreeable in connection with the encampment so far is the feeling of bitterness felt by the G. A. R. people at the action of the railroads in refusing a 1-cent-a-mile rate for near-by towns, thereby keeping down the number of visitors at least 20,000. It has cropped out that the subject will be introduced in the convention and a resolution offered, backed by the delegates from Pennsylvania and Ohio, to the effect that hereafter no encampments shall be held, but that the delegates, 1,200 in number, meet and transact necessary business at the expense of their respective posts without asking favors from the railroads.

There is no lack of funds for the suitable entertainment of the old soldiers and their friends. A sum of \$125,000 has been raised for the purpose. Of this \$75,000 was subscribed by citizens, \$50,000 appropriated by the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny and the balance was raised by the sale of privileges, etc.

The police are closely scrutinizing every arrival, and fakirs and crooks are given their choice of taking the next train out of town or going to the workhouse.

Among the arrivals at this writing are: commander-in-chief Adams and staff; ex-commander-in-chief Alger, of Michigan; State Commander William M. Emslie and twenty-five posts from Pennsylvania numbering 1,000 men. Bender post, of Philadelphia; Quartermaster General Louis Wagner, of Philadelphia; Inspector General Underhill and Major B. F. Lovell, of Boston; J. Frank Supplee and Major Frank Brockert, of Baltimore; Senator Gordon, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans.

Three train loads of members of the department of the Potomac, containing 1,500 men, have arrived with Commander Bickford. Corporal Tanner is also here, as is Past Department Commander Judge Charles D. Long, of Michigan; Major George Hopkins, of Detroit; Colonel I. N. Walker and Department Commander George O. Marsi, of Indianapolis; ex-Governor Pierrepoint, of West Virginia, the only war governor who will be present at the encampment; Private Dalzell, of Caldwell, O., and a host of others.

Interest in the coming commander-in-chief grows and wires are being energetically pulled for the several candidates. The three names prominently mentioned for the succession are Judge Charles D. Long, of Michigan; Colonel Ivan N. Walker, of Indianapolis, and Thomas G. Lawler, of Rockford, Ills. Michigan and Illinois have both been honored with the office of commander-in-chief—Alger and Logan—and this fact may weigh against the chances of the candidates from those states, but a big combination is at work for Lawler.

The first fatality among the veterans to be reported is the sudden death of Conrad Louis Treasurer, of McClure, Snyder county, Pa. He was a member of Post 855. On arrival at the post quarters Treasurer was completely exhausted and died of weak heart within fifteen minutes after reaching the building. The remains were taken charge of by friends and will be sent to McClure today.

ACCIDENT IN HOOSAC TUNNEL. Rear-End Collision of Trains Sends Two Men to Eternity.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Sept. 10.—The most horrible disaster known in this vicinity took place on the Pittsburg road in the Hoosac tunnel, a short distance east of the central shaft. The accident happened at night and was caused by a rear-end collision between east-bound freight trains. A freight train had stopped to repair an engine which had broken down, and at about the same time a west-bound express train passed through the tunnel, filling it with smoke. A second east-bound freight train was allowed to enter the tunnel contrary to the rules of the road, and the engineer being unable on account of the dense smoke left by the passenger train to distinguish the lights of the train from the lights on the walls of the tunnel, went into it with a crash.

A horrible disaster was the result, both trains being badly wrecked. The tunnel was blocked, two men killed outright and three seriously injured. Killed: William Turpening, brakeman, of Syracuse, N. Y.; George Winnick, brakeman, of Fitchburg. Injured: Walter Clapp, engineer, of Rotterdam, N. Y., injured about the pelvis and chest; Charles Frazer, fireman, of Rotterdam, N. Y., skull fractured and scalp badly wounded, injuries about the hips and back and both hands severely burned; H. B. Bartlett, brakeman, of Fitchburg, right arm cut, spine injured and badly crushed.

Operator Hodkin, who was in charge of the signal lights at the east portal, is confined in the police station on the charge of criminal carelessness. W. Hodgkins, the west portal operator, has also been placed under arrest. He claims that he received the "O. K." from the east end operator and consequently changed his signal. The authorities will make a thorough investigation.

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WASHTENA WISMS.

An Elk horn is among the products of the soil owned by Geo. O. Merwin, of Manchester. It was mined from his marsh with a plow point.

The dress stay factory at Ypsilanti has resumed business. Stay a moment! Is the new tariff, then, so ruinous to our manufacturing industries?

We hope the scandal suit talked of south of town will be settled before it comes to trial.—Manchester Enterprise. What,—and starve the lawyers!

"The school meeting went off quietly," says the Sylvan correspondent of the Chelsea Standard. In some places the school meeting went off so loud as to be heard all over an assembly district.

The editor of the Dexter Leader has discovered that wet baking powder will cure a snake bite. If his experience is held as a demonstration of fact, a crash of the Keeley cures is imminent.

The Northville man should know that it is wild lettuce, or prickly lettuce, and that there is no Russian thistle in this region.—Commercial Brethren, stop this! Lettuce have peace.

It is at last discovered why Mr. George Peters' populism is so intense this fall. His crop of peaches failed, and he considers it a cunningly devised scheme of Grover Cleveland. Murder has out.

Four studies, with a recitation in each every day, is the present Dexter school method. In this enumeration is not included the study of how to kiss a pretty girl, so shy, my eye!—on the sly, when the teacher's back is turned.

There was a good thing in the Ann Arbor Register of week before last. It was a luncheon carried by a farmer to the picnic at Whitmore Lake.—Ypsilanti Sentinel. This accounts for the case of tyrotoxicosis at the lake that day.

From "Ypsilanti Plains", an Ypsilantian correspondent writes: "The district talks of building a new school house as soon as the cider business picks up." This is a one-sided statement. Still, a man should be on one cider the other.

The prohibition senatorial convention will be held at Chelsea, on the 20th. As usual, the party smells victory in the air, this fall, and whiskey in the breaths of the two old parties and that unpedigreed product of Mr. Peters' populism.

George H. Mitchell, of Chelsea is seized of the amiable infirmity of desiring to become the easy dressed beef of Jacob F. Schuh, democratic candidate for county clerk. Well, perhaps Mr. Mitchell is as well prepared for death as anybody.

E. A. Nordman, is loaded to the muzzle with populism and will begin to fire his pneumatic gun about the 15th, Dexter being selected as his first point of attack. We know not what course others may take, but as for Dexter, she may take to the woods.

A threshing machine with a hot box, like a republican county convention, set fire to the straw of Peter Cash of Wampler's Lake, last week, and for a time it seemed that the cash of Peter Cash would be spent for a new barn. With difficulty this was prevented.

G. E. Waterman, the photographer, who does the double act of being in Ypsilanti and Saline at the same time, secured a prize at the recent photographers' convention at St. Louis. Some people get money, and others their jaws slapped, for making faces.

Today the great German-Irish-American Olympic games are in progress in Manchester. The sack race between Gov. Rich and Spencer O. Fisher is alone worth going many miles to see. It is not true that Frank Keller will offer to stand up before Gov. Felch for four rounds.

When Geo. Heimerdinger at Manchester, unhitched his horse to drive home, the beast remarked that he guessed he would get in and ride with him and in attempting to do so reared up and fell over backward, pinning Mr. H. down and holding him till others came to his rescue.

A. C. Clarke last week completed the school census and found in the district 269 pupils between the ages of 5 and 20, a decrease of four from that of a year ago.—Saline Observer. Considering the hard times the children have held their own very well, and not a kid has so far shown up with a stone-bruise on his heel. This is a good record.

Forty-two people on a recent certain day, had their pictures taken at a Chelsea gallery. Their combined ages were 3,093 years. What an expanse of time! It almost outdates that old chestnut, "The furrier pays all the tariff." Thus yelps the crafty republican orator, and thus echoes his cuckoo follower who has a brain like cypress.

A beggarly gang of tatterdemalions composed of men and women, whose squalor outranked the delectable pomade of the hog and made sick the heart of the tumble-bug, camped near Manchester and opened up a begging bureau last week, which was squelched by the village authorities and driven out of town. There isn't much charity left in the world, and the milk of human kindness has about "petered out." Hard-fisted people refuse alms to able-bodied idlers.

Dr. Benj. Conklin, of Cassopolis, brother of Dr. E. B. Conklin, of Manchester, mysteriously disappeared a few evenings ago. Two men stopped him on his way home from his office, and asked for a prescription. He returned to his office and has not been seen since. The office was found somewhat disarranged and his medicine case was there, but nothing has yet given a clew to his disappearance. Foul work is suspected.

Wednesday evening, last week, the Saline high school building developed a clear, beautiful flame, which threatened a horrible death to the ancient cockroaches left over from the last school year to await the dinner baskets of this fall's term. The fire department drenched the fire and saved the building, though all the rooms were affected by the scorch. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been the fall of a blazing meteor down the chimney. It is fortunate that it did not fall near Ypsilanti and kill a horse!

Lodi republicans will caw-cuss Sept. 17. Mrs. Lucena Potter, of Ypsilanti, died Friday night of paralysis, aged 72 years.

The Chelsea fire department and citizens rushed out into the country last week and quenched a rampant haystack.

Welling, the photographer, is making faces at and not for Manchester. No one seemed disposed to build a photo gallery and he quits.

The present school board of Saline is reported to be "a Methodist board in good earnest." The scholars, while warm weather lasts, prefer baptism by immersion.

Dennis Leach is carrying himself around in a sling now, as the result of some timbers falling on him, wrenching his shoulder and injuring him otherwise.—Chelsea Standard.

The fruit tree commissioners report finding lots of black knot among the fruit trees of the village. One commissioner marked 113 trees last Friday. In nearly every garden diseased trees are found.—Dexter Leader.

The poisoner is out looking for dogs in Dexter and the dog owners are also looking for the dog poisoner. A meeting between the parties of the second and third parts will be affecting and full of interest.

J. W. Hull has taken an interest in the evaporator business with Geo. J. Nissly, of this fall's business. They have canvassed the outlook of fruit and expect to have all the apples they can handle.—Saline Observer.

Wm. Campbell and Samuel Webster have each put up \$22.50 more this week on the 25-mile race which will come off in about a month. This makes \$135 in C. A. Brown's hands on the race. Both men are training.—Times.

The enterprising street committee at Manchester will build a marine sidewalk along the pond of "domicks" enough can be found to lay the base. Several hundred loads have been dumped in, but the pond seems hungry for more.

On opening school day at Chelsea last week, the crowd of children that gathered on the steps waiting for the door to open, resembled a democratic convention sprinkled with women's rights, waiting for the court house bell to ring them in.

Prof. Whitney informs us that the prospect of a large increase in the High School is very flattering. At this date more applications for entrance have been received than ever before which argues well for the attendance.—Ypsilantian.

The Free Methodist conference held in a tent in Milan last week, closed, we are sorry to say, with the editor of the Leader still in the "gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity"—or matrimony, or something of that sort. Anyhow there are just as many quilts on him as ever.

The school money surplus in Manchester at the close of the school year was \$1,639.22. This with other estimated resources make up a credit of \$5,954.31 and the estimated out-go \$4,315.90. Thus there is a good purse behind the intellectual skull race of Manchester, for next year.

J. J. Robison, of Sharon, is weenching 100 acres of swamp land from the moist hand of nature. The swamp should be capable of yielding a few mastodon skeletons. The mastodon was an insect that floated about in the air of Sharon, before John J. Robison entered into the calculations of that community.

The body of the man killed by the cars at Ypsilanti last week was unclaimed and was buried in Highland cemetery.

"But a trace to the strain for the soul it is said to think that a heart in humanity clad, Should make like the brute such a desolate end And depart from the light without leaving a friend."

Treasurer Logan, of Manchester township, suffers greatly with felons, supposedly the result of constant handling of the town's \$10 bills. Oh, how often it is proved, over and over again, that riches as well as poverty, being misery and it is a neck-and-neck race on the kite-shaped track of distress. Away with the vain glories of this world, and give us a sure cure for a felon!

The Ypsilantian sails into the Adrian Press concerning the wood pulp industry as affected by tariff legislation, and relying pretty largely on assertion appears to challenge the Press to contest. In winking up Willard on this subject,—our esteemed neighbor may find itself in the position of the man of whom an Irishman said: "He called on me for satisfaction and doled from gittin too much ave it."

Danger lurks in the seductive sweets of the stolen watermelon. It is now alleged that the Dexter baseball club lost the game at Pinckney on account of their abdominal rotundity acquired by enticing a large melon from a farmer's wagon on the way to the ball grounds. Now the Dexter lads may be as innocent as the "cooper's cow," but this is the campaign report that is in the air.

Mrs. Isa Stewart, the founder of the A. M. E. church in this city, died at her home, 146 Adams street, yesterday morning. She was 89 years of age and has been a resident of this city for nearly 60 years, having come here in 1838. The funeral services will take place at her church on Sunday. She leaves two grandchildren, Levi McQuann, of Toronto, Canada, and Georgiana Hayes, of this city.—Washtenaw Times.

In Unadilla last week, L. B. Searls, from Tennessee, lectured in defense of the robbers who set upon the man on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho, and beat him, went through him and left him half dead. We cannot blame the lecturer much. Those old-time robbers were infants in the business compared to the tariff robbers of the modern United States. The defense is well taken.

"Hell on earth" is the sulphurous caption of a Sentinel article of last week. It is to be feared that Bro. Woodruff's religion is beginning to slide out from under him. Until now, the strongest remark he was ever known to utter was some years ago, when, in a moment of ecstasy he kicked at a dog and took a seat on the sidewalk. And then he merely remarked as he looked up in a sort of grievous manner, "Now I dislike anything like this."

Mile. Londendery, from Boston, who is touring the world on a bicycle which tour she is to complete in 15 months and bring home \$10,000 passed through Ypsilanti last week. Mile was as mad as a wet pullet because the wheelmen of the city did not give her an ovation. The fact that she got mad is evidence that Mile Londendery was an imudent little fool who received all the notice she deserved.

Chelsea will have a nice fair, no doubt. The Argus has taken pains to advertise it and everybody should help make it successful. Since it does not conflict with the county fair, however, we hardly see why some Chelseaites should be so "touchy" lest they should by some accident do something to advertise the county fair. They should consider that the county fair is also their fair. Ann Arbor does not own or pretend to own the county fair.

At a recent meeting of the Webster Farmers' club, E. A. Nordman, defending foreign immigration proved from statistics of the congress of prison inspectors, that the most crimes were committed by native population, especially negroes. But four shillings, that neither Mr. Nordman nor any member of the congress of prison inspectors dare back the statement in a four-round contest with Peter Jackson.

Sunday night, last week, Ed Bram, of Manchester, having eaten half of a summer mince pie, discovered that he was a bat and could fly. He arose and sailed through his bedroom window, taking the screen with him. What he took it for he don't know. He didn't need it at all. When he struck the ground he found that there was something wrong with the machinery of his wings and that the screen had nearly cut his head from the body politic. A doctor mended him.

Norvell A. Hawkins, the Detroit embezzler who knocked down \$8,000 of Standard Oil funds and was lassoed, was once a resident of Ypsilanti. He was married and cutting a full sized swell on a moderate salary. Thus it goes. Today we wearing two-story collars and long-tailed cutaways, spend other people's money and are highly respected for our ability and honesty, and tomorrow

"From the wink of an eye; in the draft of a breath," we may be eating the cold potatoes and meat rinds from the sheriff's table and sleeping on the iron bunk of adversity in the common jail.

A slick soap seller sold slick soap, in a slick, soapy style to foolish Fowlerville ladies, promising to return and give them their choice, between a set of dishes, piano lamp, or some similar thing; but he came not, and the slick soap seller who sold slick soap in a slick soapy style, laughed with the corners of his mouth turned up as he turned up at Chelsea, and began to sell slick soap in the self-same slick soapy style; but deputy sheriff Staffan "jumped his collar" and made it cost him \$30, and the slick soap seller who sold slick soap in a slick soapy style, laughed with the corners of his mouth turned down.

B. Benison, of Ypsilanti, went to New York to purchase goods, having accomplished which and having a little time still left on his hands before the train moved, he decided to improve it by incidentally getting married. Some other sluggard would have spent the time in profitless and enervating doze, in the depot, with his neck over an arm of the seat and his mouth open for a fly trap, to awake at the sound "all aboard for Ypsilanti, and struggle to his feet to discover a bad case of rheumatism in the back of his neck. Not so with Mr. Benison. The bride's name was Miss Sadie Goldstein.

DETECTIVE AND TRAMP.

The Office Feeds a Famishing Vagabond and Gets No Thanks.

There was in the tramp's appearance a suggestion of the lethargy that follows a gorging with free lunch and copious libations of beer that belied his piteous story of not having had anything to eat "since yesterday morning." The shades of night were falling fast, and that may have to some extent accounted for the mistake of the bum in selecting as the object of his whining appeal McClusky, one of the best known of the Central office detectives, who was "slenthing it" along the Bowery.

"You are shy dinner and supper for yesterday and breakfast, dinner and supper today. Come with me," said McClusky, and he led the way into a greasy little beanery from the door of which hung a dingy sign announcing "regular meals, 8 cents." Had the vagrant known what was in store for him he would have never crossed the threshold except under forcible persuasion. "Give this man his yesterday's dinner," said McClusky.

A slice of boiled beef, a boiled potato, two slices of bread and a cup of muddy coffee were soon set up. Slowly the tramp attacked the meal, and McClusky waited. When the dishes were clean, the detective beckoned to the waiter and said: "Bring the gentleman last night's supper."

The order was repeated. The tramp began to suspect something, but he thought it the better to act his part. Perhaps his eccentric benefactor would give him the price of a bed. Vain hope! The supper disposed of, McClusky ordered "the gentleman last night's supper."

"See here, pardy, I never eats but one meal a day," the latter murmured. "It is not enough. You told me you were starving, and of an officer of the New York police force it shall never be said that he allowed a fellow man to starve." And the detective displayed his badge.

"Supposin I won't eat?" said the tramp sullenly. "Then you take a ride. See?" The trapped bum saw, and he ate his breakfast, and then in great agony he managed to dispose of his dinner. Nature would stand no more.

"See here, pardy, I couldn't eat any more, not if I got two years for it," he pleaded in genuine distress. McClusky had had his fun, and he exused his victim the supper. As the tramp rolled torpidly out of the place he paused at the door, and with a murderous gleam in his eye said hoarsely, "I'll get even wid you for dis, you big——!"—New York Advertiser.

MORA'S CLOSE CALL.

Flames Drive the People Into the Snake River.

TELEGRAPHER ABANDONS HIS KEY,

And the Wires Go Down Immediately Thereafter—Duluth Fire Department Fighting the Forest Fires Near the City—Report from Hinckley That Seems an Error—Relief Matters—Governor Peck and a Mayor Disagree as to the Need of Outside Help.

DULUTH, Sept. 10.—At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the operator at Mora, on the Eastern Minnesota, was chatting with the operator at Duluth about the threatening fire. Ten minutes later he said: "It's getting awful hot down here. The people have nearly all taken refuge in Snake river and I'll have to follow unless there's a let-up."

Just a few moments passed and he said: "I fly. Thirty."

Tests of the wires a few minutes later proved that they had gone up, and it has been impossible to raise Mora since. The people took warning in time and all are believed to be safe.

Before the wires went down it was reported that the little station of Ground House near Mora, was in danger. The wind was blowing a gale at those points at sundown. The Duluth fire department is fighting fires in the outskirts the city. Carlton and Hinckley also seem to be again in trouble.

Renewed by a Southwest Gale.

The fires were renewed in this region by a strong southwest gale and the renewal caused great excitement. The sensation was intensified by an outbreak right in the city limits. Fire crept around in the undergrowth at Oneata and caused some apprehension, for this is in the vicinity of the Mesaba ore dock. Then an alarm came in from Duluth Heights, a suburb at the top of the hill, which is surrounded by timber. The fire department sent up a detachment, which a little later sent for a fire engine. Then the wires were burdened with dispatches from various places telling of renewed forest fires.

Had to Fight the Devastator.

At Kerrick the inhabitants put in the afternoon fighting the fire, but thought in the evening the danger was over. Barium, too, had a narrow escape all the afternoon. At Kimberly, on the Northern Pacific, only a gang of railway laborers saved the town. There was a state of terror among the refugees at Pine City when the St. Paul and Duluth limited passed through, for it was feared that another cyclone of fire was at hand. At 8 o'clock the wind shifted from southwest to northwest, thus driving back the flames and at 11 p. m. they had almost entirely died away. No danger is now feared unless the gale springs up again.

ALL TOWNS SAFE FOR THE PRESENT.

Wind Goes Down at Mora—Hinckley All Night—More Bodies Found.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 10.—A gale of wind was blowing in the neighborhood of Mora and Milaca, and the smoldering forest fires were quickly fanned into furious blazes which for a time threatened Mora and Ground House, the latter place being particularly in danger. The wind, however, has since gone down and for the present, at least, the danger is believed to be over. During the afternoon the fires were raging on all sides of Ground House, except to the south, having come within half a mile of the town.

A Telegram Direct from Hinckley.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 10.—A Hinckley, Minn., special to The Pioneer Press says: The searchers after the bodies of the victims of the great forest fires rested yesterday, and resumed their work this morning. Coroner Cowan went to Sandstone where he buried eighty bodies. Five bodies were found Saturday night in a cellar on a hill just north of the Kettle river and were buried where found. It is believed here that the death list in Pine county will exceed 500, as something like 100 are still unaccounted for according to Coroner Cowan's official statement.

Fire Was All Around Him.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 10.—A Duluth special to the Tribune says that the operator at Mahtowa reported fire all around him and choking smoke. At Sturgeon Lake and Moose Lake fires also caused uneasiness to residents there, but no positive reports of disaster have been received. At Rush City the residents became so frightened that they boarded a freight train standing on the tracks, so as to be ready for departure, but the danger passed when the wind subsided.

RELIEF FOR THE FIRE SUFFERERS.

What Is Wanted to Get the Minnesota Victims on Their Feet Again.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 10.—The state relief commission appointed by Governor Nelson to investigate and set on foot the best measures for the relief of the suffering by forest fires at and around Hinckley has issued a formal statement. This statement recites the first work of relief done at Duluth and also the work done at Pine City, Mora, St. Paul, Minneapolis and elsewhere, estimates the number relieved, gives the manner of relief and states that: "As far as the immediate relief is concerned it has been splendidly taken care of and a most effective organization established to carry on the work."

After enumerating the classes of sufferers, the statement continues that hundreds of people have been left entirely destitute, and should be re-established, and says: "The sufferers by this fire are an excellent class of people and they represent fairly the people of the state. Their requests are moderate, but the commission finds that a very large amount of money, building material and supplies will be needed. While contributions of material are acceptable the commission would remind the people of the state that money is the most portable and useful contribution possible."

DIFFER WITH GOVERNOR PECK.

As to the Needs of Relief for Fire Sufferers in Wisconsin.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Sept. 10.—Mayor Woodward and R. L. Belknap have returned from New York and a meeting of the general relief committee for fire sufferers was held. One of the chief features of the meeting was the discussion of Gov-

ernor Peck's manifesto to the effect that no outside help is required for fire sufferers so far as Wisconsin is concerned. The general relief committee of this city, which is acting without state lines, criticised the action of the governor and the opinion was expressed that he had acted without proper investigation into the requirements of the fire sufferers.

Mayor Woodward's action in calling for help outside the state was unanimously approved and the various newspapers and others whom he had seen in the east were notified to that effect by telegraph. Mayor Woodward telegraphed Governor Peck asking him if he had investigated the needs of the fire sufferers in this vicinity and if so what steps were being taken.

Wisconsin Wants no Outside Help.

MADISON, Sept. 10.—Governor Peck learned that the mayor of Superior had made an appeal to Acting Mayor McClellan, of New York, for aid for the fire sufferers. Governor Peck thereupon sent a telegram to Mayor McClellan telling him that Wisconsin needed no outside help.

An Alleged Forest Firebug.

ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 10.—Michael Roepeler was arrested and brought to Ashland from Marengo, on a charge of setting fire to the forests, causing the loss of eight lives at High Bridge. He was bound over for trial and lodged in jail. The feeling is intensely bitter against him.

RECEIVER OATES VINDICATED,

But Villard Charged with Unlawful Gains in the Northern Pacific Case.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 10.—Master in Chancery A. L. Cary has filed his report on the matters referred to him for investigation in connection with the Northern Pacific receivership contest. The report is a bulky document covering 153 closely type-written pages and contains about 45,000 words. It is a complete victory for the receivers, the master exonerating Thomas F. Oakes from every charge preferred against him, but Henry Villard is found guilty of having made unlawful gains as a director of the Northern Pacific Railway company.

It is found that Villard made unlawful gains of \$703,691.70 in the Northern Pacific and Manitoba deal, but that Oakes neither knew nor was bound to know that Villard was interested, and that Oakes was not in any respect disloyal to his company or its interests. The Rocky Fork coal contract is approved, and though Northern Pacific directors Bull, Barney, Haggin and Wright were interested in that company and the Rocky Fork and Cook City Railway company they made no unlawful gains. The master finds nothing wrong with the Chicago terminal deal.

DUMPED THEM INTO THE CELLAR.

Sidewalk Gives Way and Seriously Injures a Number of People.

NASHVILLE, Mich., Sept. 10.—While the streets were crowded with people waiting to see an exhibition of rope-walking a twenty-foot section of sidewalk in front of a dry goods store gave way, precipitating thirty-one persons into the area beneath. All the victims of the accident were women and children excepting one man. None was killed, but several were so seriously injured that their lives are despaired of. The most badly injured were: Mrs. Albert Mix, both legs broken; Mrs. Y. P. Cassell, skull fractured and internally injured; Mrs. Ball, ribs broken and badly cut; Mrs. E. H. Sprague, severely bruised; Mrs. William Sweeney, badly cut and injured internally; Mrs. Francis Showalter, injured about head and spine; Many others were badly cut and bruised.

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

A Young Lady Who Had a Narrow Escape From Conviction.

"Stories of conviction on circumstantial evidence are rife in the lawbooks and have afforded the plot of many a novel," said J. S. Habering of New York. "A very sad case, not of conviction, but almost as bad in its results, occurred in New York recently. A young lady of refinement, a stranger in the city, obtained employment as governess in a gentleman's family. One of her pupils, a girl 15 years old, lost a diamond ring. It was found in the desk of the governess. She declared she had not seen it since it was last on the girl's hand, but she was hustled off to the Tombs, and unable to give bond was kept there several days, exposed to the companionship of the most depraved of her sex. She was taken to court in the Black Maria with a negro and a white woman, both convicted felons, going to be sentenced. She was kept in the pen waiting for her case to be called, exposed to the impudent gaze of the horde of courtroom loafers.

When her case was called, the court appointed a lawyer to defend her, as she was penniless. The prosecuting witness and her father told the story of the finding of the missing ring. The presumption that the accused had placed it there was more or less strong until the lawyer began to cross question the owner of the ring. Guessing at the truth, by adroit questioning he drew from the unwilling witness the fact that she had often tried into the desk and dressing case drawers of the governess, and that she had been so engaged an hour or so before she missed her ring, and the further fact that the ring fitted loosely. The judge dismissed the case promptly, and the accused's father apologized, but the young woman, being of a highly strung and nervous temperament, was completely prostrated by her terrible experience in the Tombs, and the ill effects will, it is feared, be permanent."

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NATIONAL GAME SITUATION.

Baltimore the Probable Pennant Winner—Boston Drops to Third.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The only change of note in the base ball situation during last week was the drop of Boston to third place, New York going to second. Baltimore looks like a sure winner of the pennant. There are but eight points now between Chicago and Cincinnati for eighth place. The following table shows the positions and percentages of the clubs:

Clubs—	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Baltimore.....	113	77	36	.681
New York.....	115	75	40	.652
Boston.....	114	74	40	.649
Philadelphia.....	114	68	46	.596
Brooklyn.....	115	63	52	.548
Cleveland.....	111	58	53	.523
Pittsburg.....	113	55	58	.487
Chicago.....	115	50	65	.435
Cincinnati.....	117	50	67	.427
St. Louis.....	117	47	70	.402
Washington.....	117	40	77	.342
Louisville.....	115	33	82	.287

Following are League scores: At Cincinnati—Washington 9, Cincinnati 14; at Pittsburg—Philadelphia 7, Pittsburg 13; at Louisville—Baltimore 6, Louisville 3; at St. Louis—Brooklyn 6, St. Louis 1; at Chicago—Boston 3, Chicago 1; at Cleveland—No game, rain. (Sunday) At Louisville—Baltimore 9, Louisville 4; at Cincinnati—Washington 1, Cincinnati 4; (second game) Washington 6, Cincinnati 7; at St. Louis—Brooklyn 5; St. Louis 7; (second game) Brooklyn 11, St. Louis 7; at Chicago—Cleveland 9, Chicago 5.

The Sturges-Farwell Litigation.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The Sturges-Farwell Texas capital litigation is reopened, notwithstanding the agreement on both sides to abide by Judge Tuley's decision as arbitrator. Upon application of ex-Senator C. B. Farwell the matter was reopened by the appellate court and an order issued staying action under Judge Tuley's finding. The point is raised that there was no submission to Judge Tuley of any controversy between ex-Senator Farwell and Mrs. Sturges, and therefore Judge Tuley was without jurisdiction to render any judgment in her favor against C. B. Farwell.

Labor Politics at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 10.—Eighty-three delegates to the Independent Political Labor conference, representing about 8,000 labor votes in the city, met here and passed resolutions endorsing the principles of the old labor party before its incorporation into the Populist organization. It was decided to submit these resolutions to the Populist state central committee and if the committee should agree to adopt them the conference pledged itself to act with the Populists at the next election. President John McBride, of the United Mine Workers, was the principal speaker.

Clothing Workers' Strike Is Won.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The strike of the clothing workers is virtually at an end. The executive committee of the Brotherhood of Tailors has given out that over three score of contractors had acceded to the demands of the workmen, namely: Ten hours' work and regular weekly wages. As a guarantee of good faith the bosses are to file a bond indorsed by responsible persons, and upon failure to carry out their agreement this bond is to be forfeited.

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