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TWEEN THE LAKES.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD FOR MICHIGANDERS.

Semi-Annual Distribution of Primary School Funds Made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction—\$50,000 Elevator Fire at Detroit.

The Governor on Railroad Taxation. Gov. Pingree has sent to the legislature a lengthy message on the subject of the taxation of railroads in which he claims that instead of the railroads of Michigan paying into the state treasury \$741,498.74 a year they should pay \$2,367,523.

Other kinds of property are paying increased assessments and there is no reason why railroads should not do the same. The governor also gets in a drive at the express companies and shows that in 1895 in Michigan they paid \$2,742.34 in taxes, when, if the assessments had been made in proportion to those in Indiana they would have paid \$37,258.93.

The governor says that the laws and system of taxation of railroads is wrong and gives them every opportunity to defraud the state, but that he does not charge them with fraud. In conclusion he said: "One thing is certain, that Michigan is not receiving from railroad companies any such returns as is received by other states no more favorably situated. We get in Michigan less than three-quarters of a million of dollars. Our adjoining sister state of Indiana gets more than two and a quarter millions, although we have 1,336 miles of railroad in Michigan in excess of the mileage of Indiana, and although our manufactures and commerce are greater than that of Indiana.

Taxation in Michigan has become a question of paramount importance. It amounts in many cases to confiscation. It demands the earnest thought and honest action of those entrusted by the people with the management of their affairs." In the Senate the message was received in silence and referred to the committee on state affairs. There was not much demonstration in the House, but 5,000 copies were ordered printed.

Primary School Funds. The twenty-fourth semi-annual distribution of primary school interest money has been made by Supt. of Public Instruction, Hammond. These distributions are made in May and November of each year, the former is smaller than the latter for the reason that the bulk of the railroad taxes, which constitute the greater portion of this fund, are not paid until later in the year. The total amount to be distributed this month is \$376,733.10 and the total number of children included in the apportionment is 697,654. The per capita rate is about 55 cents.

\$50,000 Blaze at Detroit. One of the largest fires in Detroit recently was the burning of H. W. Rickel's malt house and elevator at the corner of Adelaide and Dequindre streets. The elevator contained between 50,000 and 60,000 bushels of barley and malt and this together with the building, is a total loss, about \$50,000. The buildings were all erected in 1893 and had a capacity of 250,000 bushels of grain. Fireman Herman Huebner was struck by falling iron and seriously hurt. A number of other firemen had narrow escapes.

THE TWO PENINSULAS. Oakwood Masons will erect a hall. Grand Rapids is to have a garbage crematory.

Fred Ewald fell off a pier at St. Joseph and was drowned.

Iron Mountain has only 49 saloons this year against 62 in 1896.

Flint bicyclists have raised \$500 for a bicycle path to Long Lake.

Public-spirited citizens of Vicksburg will erect a drinking fountain.

The 3-year-old son of Edward Karr, near Cass City, died from drinking gasoline.

Battle Creek's recorder fined 11 bicyclists for riding at night without lanterns.

Nathan Bird, near Edwardsburg, hanged himself with a wire. No cause known.

Agnes Keating, aged 19, suicided with strychnine at Saginaw because of ill health.

The Cleveland hoop mill at Alpena burned with \$1,000 worth of hoops. Loss \$5,000.

Lyons, Muir and Ionia wheelman talk of a bicycle path between the three towns.

Negaunee citizens are looking for firebugs; there having been six fires within a week.

Joseph Labelle's 3-year-old daughter fell into a cistern at Saginaw and was drowned.

The barn and contents owned by Mrs. James Foley, a widow, near Utica, burned; loss \$1,000.

Grand Rapids social clubs will be presented for selling liquor unless they take out licenses.

Five dwellings, a small box factory and several barns went up in smoke at Hancock. Loss \$8,000.

A large amount of sugar beet seed will be planted in Muskegon county this spring for experiment.

At Clare Gov. Arrand's plowing mill burned; loss \$3,000. The whole town was threatened for a time.

The Grand Traverse Fruit Growers' association reports that fruit prospects thereabouts are very favorable.

A Paw Paw correspondent says the peach crop is destroyed about there, but other fruit is very promising.

Prof. Samuel D. Barr has resigned the chair of mathematics at Albion college, which he occupied for 14 years.

Chas. Walters' meat market at Saginaw was nearly destroyed by fire and a short time after Walters suicided by hanging himself.

Hannibal Doty, head sawyer in Pierce & Son's sawmill in WaterVliet, was fatally injured by being crushed between two logs.

Tramps traded their old clothes for nice new suits at Long & Vomburg's store at Charlotte—without the consent of the proprietors.

Burglars blew open the safe in Baby & Dale's warehouse at St. Clair, securing about \$50, but overlooking a larger sum in their haste.

The 13-year-old daughter of Adam Smith, near Moline, had the top of her head blown off by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of her little brother.

Warden Chamberlain, of Jackson prison, reports receipts for April \$11,063.88 and expenses \$10,500.25. Contractors paid \$8,007.11. For overwork convicts got \$1,462.37.

David R. Wilson of Detroit, went out to Grosse Pointe on a pleasure trip. On his return he was struck by a car on Jefferson avenue, near Fox creek, and was instantly killed.

Miller Hobbs' saloon and Colson's drug store were badly damaged by fire at Kalkaska, the losses being \$600 and \$2,000. Hard work was all that saved the whole business section.

Mrs. Jennie Welmink, a widow, aged 50, of Walker township, Kent county, was found dead in bed. She was addicted to the use of alcohol and had been indulging the previous evening.

May Barrett, a 5-year-old child of Sparta, and granddaughter of City Treasurer C. D. Stebbins, is in a critical condition, as a result of being seized by a large blue racer snake.

Addison has suffered from an epidemic of burglaries, the latest being the cracking of Edward Cleveland's safe and the theft of \$1,000 in cash, watches, etc.

Saginaw reports that more hardwood lumber has been sold in this state during the past month than was disposed of during the year of 1896. Improvement in trade conditions in that commodity is encouraging.

Oliver Wilcox, of Mendon, during the past 12 months killed 2,000 English sparrows, receiving \$40 in bounty. The pests seem to be as numerous as ever although considerable money is annually expended for their extermination.

Chas. Estleman and wife, farmers of Lodi township, Washtenaw county, have been convicted of setting fire to their home to get the insurance money. Estleman got five years in Ionia and his 17-year-old wife was released on suspended sentence.

Lawrence Stillman, aged 44, a farmer living near Onkema, appears to have committed suicide by jumping from the steamer Covell in the middle of Lake Michigan. He had previously divided his personal property and real estate among relatives.

The Shiawassee County Fair association offered its 30-acre grounds to Owosso, provided the city will pay its debts, amounting to \$6,380.50; otherwise the land will be placed and sold in lots, the association being convinced county fairs are things of the past.

While intoxicated Benjamin Bourgeois, aged 34, a saloonkeeper at St. Paul and Townsend avenues, Detroit, lay down in bed, and, placing a revolver in his mouth, pulled the trigger. The bullet ploughed through the roof of the mouth and the brain, producing almost instantaneous death.

Outside capitalists have promised to advance half the money needed to start a beet sugar refinery at Bay City, and citizens will raise the other half. The projectors say it isn't necessary to wait till fall to begin the result of the experiment in raising beets as they were successfully raised last year.

Rep. Washer, of Bangor township, Bay county, did not believe Frank Barker, one of his hired men, was guilty of stealing 30 dozen eggs from him, and went Barker's bond for \$100. Barker did not turn up in court, and the \$100 bond was forfeited. Washer then discovered that his \$100 watch was missing also.

Wm. Armstrong recently took charge of "Dutch Farm," a well-known road house on Black river, near Port Huron. The other night several officers went to arrest him on the charge of failing to pay liquor tax, but he had disappeared. Later in the night the house burned, together with the barn and three horses. The loss is over \$2,000.

Mrs. Cyrus Fillmore, widow of the brother of President Millard Fillmore, accidentally fell from the back porch of the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Francis, at Sturgis, causing concussion of the brain, and died after one hour of intense suffering. Mrs. Fillmore was the oldest resident of Sturgis, being 95 years and 9 months of age.

George Green, aged 4, while playing in his grandmother's room at Hotel Niles, at Niles, leaped too far out the window and fell 75 feet to the ground below. The little fellow rose and walked back to the room, the only injury he received being a breaking of the skin on one knee which he received by striking against a lower window sill.

A short time ago Robert McCarthy, Clarence Brooks and Fred Fountain committed a frightful assault in Bridge-water township, Washtenaw county, on Mrs. Conrad Berg, a widow, aged 74, and her maiden daughter, aged 44. McCarthy has been sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson; Brooks, 15 years at Ionia, and Fountain, one year at Ionia.

The badly decomposed body of Will Tompkins was found hanging to a tree in the woods at the mouth of the Kalamazoo river, near Saugatuck. He had been threatened with arrest for accidentally smashing a bicycle.

CASUALTIES

Rowley Shephardson, a Princeton student, accidentally shot himself while out hunting and died in the college hospital just after his parents arrived from their home in Richmond, Va.

The schooner Annie E. Rudolph from Camden, N. J., for Boston, with iron pipe, was sunk off Nauset, Cape Cod, by collision with the tug Paoli at 3 a. m., and Captain Gardner, Mate Snell, both of New Jersey, and a seaman were drowned.

The 7-year-old daughter of Frank Leard was fatally burned while playing near a bonfire at La Grange, Ind.

At Madison, Wis., ex-Senator R. M. Baahrow was seriously injured in a runaway accident. His right collar bone was broken in two places and his hand badly lacerated.

Hansford Doty, head-sawyer in a mill at WaterVliet, Mich., was crushed to death between two logs.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Sheridan of South Madison, Wis., was struck by a train on the Northwestern road and instantly killed.

Joseph Tulligowski and another workman wrestled on a marlbout on Notre Dame lake, Ind., when both fell in and Tulligowski was drowned.

Mrs. Joseph La Seur fell from her boat house into the river at La Crosse, Wis., and was drowned.

Hattie Breetz, aged years, of Fire white, Ind., set her clothing on fire while popping corn and received fatal injuries.

Ed Smith of Richland Center, Wis., was thrown from his cart and kicked in the head by the horse. He is not expected to live.

Mrs. Mary Farigo was burning grass along a fence row at Pennille, Mo., when her clothing was accidentally ignited and she burned to death.

August Stromberg, an employee of the Escanaba, Mich., Woodenware Company, was thrown upon four circular saws. Death was almost instantaneous.

While boat riding at Evansville, Ind., Fred Meisheimer and Fred Bump fell into the river and drowned. Another boy was drowned by falling from some logs. Another boy, Charles Kirves, fell from a house top, and was so badly injured that he cannot recover.

FOREIGN.

The vote by which the Vajkarrad repealed the alien immigration law on a report from the committee of the whole in secret session was 22 to 3.

The report that Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is dead is false. He is in London in excellent health.

It is semi-officially denied that the German imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenzollern, has resigned.

The London Daily News says it is rumored among the supporters of the government that the Duke of Leeds is to succeed the Earl of Aberdeen as Governor-General of Canada.

Queen Victoria reached Portsmouth Friday from Cherbourg, on her return from the south of France.

At the official residence of the Bishop of London the lord chancellor formally presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury the original of the Mayflower, which it was decided some weeks ago to transmit to the keeping of the state of Massachusetts.

At the meeting of the Presbyterian synod, held at Sunderland, England, the business committee decided to reject the petition, containing charges of heresy, which had been presented against the Rev. John Watson, D. D. (Jan. MacLaren).

Prince Louis-William August of Baden, brother of the Grand Duke of Baden, is dead. He was born in 1829, and was a general of Prussian infantry and was a member of the first chamber of the Grand Duchy of Baden. He was married in 1863 to the Duchess of Louchtemberg.

The Turkish authorities have condemned to death the murderers of the British agent who was distributing the British and American relief funds at Diarbekir, Asiatic Turkey.

The Italian Geographical Society has received news confirming the report of the massacre of the Botteghe expedition.

At Huntington, Ind., William Kronmiller, whose wife secured a divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment, placed the muzzle of a rifle in his mouth and touched the trigger with his feet. The bullet tore through his brain.

"Jim" Parker, the train robber, and two other desperadoes, escaped from jail at Prescott, Ariz., after wounding the jailer and district attorney.

George Ayres was acquitted at Madison, Wis., of the charge of being implicated in the murder of Gus Peterson by a Circuit Court jury, the jury being out but a short time. Peterson's body was found in a ditch on East Johnson street October 6.

The trial of John Pinkerton of St. Joseph county has been brought to La Porte county, Ind., on a change of venue. Pinkerton killed his nephew in a quarrel. The plea of self-defense will be advanced.

At Indianapolis, Ind., Christopher Nickels cut a gash in his wife's neck for three hours, and when he saw he was about to be overtaken he swallowed arsenic and died.

At Saginaw, Mich., Charles Walters committed suicide by hanging a few hours after a building owned by him had burned.

Alonzo D. Northern, of Columbia City, Ind., committed suicide at Wolf Lake, by taking morphine.

At Somerville, N. J., Jacob S. Johnson, colored, an ex-preacher, was hanged for the murder of Annie Beekman.

At Lima, O., Maggie Clair and her lover quarreled. After he left she took morphine and died.

Sylvester Miller of Bryant, Ind., was arrested on an indictment charging him with arson.

GREEKS Routed.

Retreat from Pharsala to DOKOMOS.

Defeat the Turks With Terrible Loss at Velesino, but Superior Numbers Compel a Retreat to Dokomos. Powers Will Now Intervene.

The Greek armies at Pharsala and Velesino under Crown Prince Constantine and Gen. Smolenski, respectively, were attacked by the Turkish forces under Ethem Pasha and a terrible battle resulted. At the close of the first day's fight, Crown Prince Constantine telegraphed: "With God's help our side has conquered. The Turks attacked our advance posts at 2 o'clock. Their movements indicated an intention to cut off our left wing, and later they attacked our front. Our advance posts retreated, as they were fighting against very superior numbers, and took up a position in front of our right wing. An artillery duel ensued along the extensive line. The enemy's infantry advanced in perfect order at three points and in large numbers, but they were speedily checked by our infantry. We maintain all our positions intact. The Turks being completely repulsed, and the engagement will certainly be continued to-morrow."

Other dispatches say: The fighting was the most desperate, and the losses on both sides were heavy, there being 1,000 Greeks and 6,000 Turks slain. But the close of the day showed the superior numbers of the Turks had enabled them to partially outflank the Greeks, and Crown Prince Constantine therefore decided to make a virtue of necessity and gave orders for the evacuation of Pharsala and a retreat to Dokomos.

It was not a stampede, but an orderly and well executed military movement, which began as soon as darkness settled down, and was continued until the last man, all the arms, artillery and ammunition had left the place. Before the first gray streaks of dawn showed in the east the Greeks had begun the preparations to defend the heights of Dokomos. Incessant skirmishing had been kept up by the outlying forces to mask the retreat, but as soon as the Turks discovered the situation they took possession of Pharsala without opposition.

The railroad between Velesino and Pharsala was cut by the Turks, thus shutting off communication between the Greek armies, cutting off the base of supplies for Velesino, which forced Gen. Smolenski to commence a retreat from that point to Argyres.

The powers have decided to intervene, and the ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Austria and Italy will hand a collective note to both the Greek and Turkish governments calling upon them to cease hostilities on the distinct assurance that the powers will undertake the final solution of pending difficulties.

Greece Asks Powers to Intervene. Greece has made a written application to the powers through the representative at Athens with a view of obtaining mediation. All the representatives have promised in their replies to use their best offices, except the German minister. The porte is inclined to support the powers, with a view to the facilitation of negotiations, but it declines to consent to an armistice, on the ground that this would enable Greece to reorganize her forces.

The Greeks have completely occupied Velesino and the report that the Turks have occupied Volo is confirmed. This is regarded as the most important and decisive movement since the retreat began. It is pointed out that the result of it leaves the Greek army cut in two, with Gen. Smolenski's army out-flanked and unable to communicate with the main body of the Greek army under Prince Constantine. The Turkish forces now occupy a line extending from Milona pass southward to Volo. Gen. Smolenski's army is east of this line, with a Turkish army between him and Athens.

Greece has also agreed to withdraw her troops from Crete. So great is the change in public sentiment that no opposition whatever is provoked by this decision. King George, who was believed to be unapproachable on this subject, has finally yielded with good grace.

To Compromise the Cuban Question. The New York Journal Havana correspondent states that he is able upon high authority to confirm recent Washington reports as to negotiations pending there between Secretary of State Sherman, the Spanish minister, Dupuy de Lome and Estrada Palma of the Cuban junta in New York, looking to a peaceful solution by purchase or otherwise of the Cuban question. The story falls the topic of conversation in all the clubs of Havana. El Diario de la Marina, the reformist organ there, in a leader sounds an ominous note of warning by intimating that the so-called reforms that Premier Canovas has offered to the island will be little more than a farce, should Cuba be left to pay the cost of the war.

Ocean Steamer on Fire—18 Lives Lost. The Mailer line steamer Leona, which left her pier at New York, bound for Galveston, took fire at sea, and put back and arrived in port the next day with 18 corpses on board. Those who burned to death were pent up below decks, and although frantic efforts were made to save them, the fire had gained such terrific headway before the danger was discovered that all escape was cut off.

Gladwin's anti-saloon league has prevented liquor men from getting bondsmen and the town is dry.

MICHIGAN'S LEGISLATORS.

Gov. Pingree sent to both houses an exhaustive message on the subject of taxation of railroads, a brief resume of which will be found in another column. Dr. Edgar's hard work in the House for his substitute for the medical league bill came to naught, as it was defeated, failing by 11 votes to receive the necessary two-thirds vote. There was a fishy odor in the House during a four hours' fight between the state fish commission and the commercial fishermen of the state and each side won a point. The commercial fishermen killed the bill providing a license system for fishermen, and the fish commission passed the bill establishing a closed season for whitefish and lake trout during November and December, and enlarging the meshes of the nets to be used. Other bills passed by the House: Providing for police matrons in cities of 10,000 population; amending the dog tax law so that money derived from dog taxes shall remain in the school district where it is collected; making it compulsory upon the city of Detroit to issue \$150,000 in bonds for the erection of a manual training and normal school. The Senate unanimously passed the Merriam bill to increase the specific taxes on railroad earnings. The Senate also adopted a resolution to adjourn May 31.

The retroactive bill, providing for appeals from probate judges, in cases of persons adjudged insane, was also passed by the Senate.

Gov. Pingree is becoming accustomed to handling his veto power and is using it quite frequently. The most recent instance is the veto of the anti-cigarette bill. The governor's special veto message says the present law prohibiting the selling or giving of cigarettes, cigars or tobacco to any minor under 17 years of age, and providing a penalty therefor, fully covers the first two sections of the new bill. He is entirely opposed to the remainder of the bill in that it makes it a misdemeanor for such minor to buy or accept cigarettes or tobacco and provides a penalty for the possibility of imprisonment. The governor says he favors punishing the seller or giver of cigarettes, etc., but he objects to the arrest of boys and making criminals of them. Both houses are now agreed upon May 28 as the date to cease acting on bills and May 31 for final adjournment. Senator Holmes' lien bill met strong opposition in the House, but it passed by a good majority. It protects the property owner from irresponsible contractors and extends their rights equally to building material men and labor.

An attempt was made to pass the Barker local option law in the House, but it was tabled. Several important bills were passed by the House: Providing for the preference of discharged union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late rebellion in public work and preventing their removal, transfer or suspension from municipal office without a full hearing before the mayor or common council of the municipality; appropriating \$3,750 for improvements at the upper peninsula prison at Marquette; \$62,000 for the state public schools at Coldwater; \$8,000 for improvements at the Jackson state prison; \$2,500 for the insane at Kalama- zook; \$2,500 for a physicians' residence at the Fair Oaks colony farm at the Michigan asylum for the insane at Kalamazoo; \$3,000 for the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society; permitting insurance companies to insure against theft; restricting the publication of state documents and providing for the distribution of the Michigan state manual. During a short session the Senate passed several bills, the most important being: To appropriate \$146,300 for the school for the deaf; allowing people to vote at school elections who own property which is assessed and authorized organized townships to issue bonds for the payment of claims; for the plugging of abandoned salt wells in the counties of Saginaw and Bay.

Gov. Pingree's threats, to keep the legislature in session all summer by calling special sessions until some action had been taken for heavier taxation of railroads, seems to have made some impressions. The House spent the time from 10:30 a. m. until 6 p. m. in committee of the whole on railroad measures and agreed to several bills which are generally considered as radical. The Michigan bills, Rep. Atkinson was at the front all day as an advocate of the governor's ideas and gave the anti-battle. The bills agreed to were these: Local taxation of railroads, providing that the state board of auditors shall make the assessed valuations on railroad property throughout the state, and that the revenues shall be turned into the state treasury to be distributed through the primary school fund, the same as at present; the two-cent-per-mile passenger fare on all Michigan railroads; the Atkinson bill permitting railroad boards of directors to hold their meetings anywhere in the state. The attempt to secure an appropriation of \$7,500 for a Michigan exhibit at the Tennessee centennial exposition was resumed in the Senate after having been knocked out twice already, but was tabled owing to its failure to secure enough votes to pass it. The Senate killed Campbell's bill extending the term of the state statisticians' office until January, 1898. The Senate committee on finance and appropriations reported favorably a \$25,000 appropriation bill for a state lighting plant in Lansing. The Senate committee on labor reported out favorably Rep. Eikhoff's bill to prohibit the paying of labor in store orders, etc., and Moister's bill for branding imitation leather. The Senate passed the bill for the election of a board of county canvassers.

The physicians of the state support Rep. Edgar's bill for the emancipation of third-term convicts and idiots.

THE 55TH CONGRESS AT WORK

SENATE.—30th day.—The Senate agreed to an amendment to the sundry civil bill, revoking the order of President Cleveland, made on Feb. 23 last, establishing forest reservations aggregating 17,000,000 acres. The debate brought out much criticism of Mr. Cleveland's order. Another amendment agreed to provides for a continuation of the investigation of the condition of the fur seals in Bering sea. The sundry civil bill was later passed, carrying an aggregate of \$53,000,000. Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, introduced a joint resolution deprecating war and announcing the policy of the government in favor of arbitration between the United States and other countries and between all other nations. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations. House.—The session was occupied by a partisan discussion of the House dilatory action in holding only semi-weekly sessions. There are some points at which the talk became rather warm, but nothing of particular interest was developed. Just before adjournment Mr. King of Utah, offered a resolution for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States as soon as Hawaii cedes her territory to Uncle Sam.

SENATE.—31st day.—Senator Morgan's Cuban resolution was discussed at considerable length. For the first time since the debate began the opposition sentiment expressed itself. The speeches were not of a kind to stimulate the galleries to applause, being in the main calm and dispassionate reviews of the situation in Cuba. A resolution was agreed to requesting the secretary of war for information as to the steps taken to locate deep-water harbor at Port Los Angeles or San Pedro, Cal., in accordance with the report of a commission. House.—The House resumed the transaction of public business, which had been suspended since the Indian appropriation bill was sent to conference three weeks ago. The consideration of the Senate amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up. Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, pursued his tactics of attempting to harass the majority with points of no quorum, but without success. Mr. Lacey criticised the Senate provision restoring to the public domain the reservation created by the order of President Cleveland last February. He thought the order should simply

