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MERE MENTION OF MICHIGAN MATTERS.

The State Board of Canvassers Complete Their Work on the Official Election Returns—Two Lives Lost by the Burning of a Lake Steamer.

Michigan's Official Vote.
The state board of canvassers has completed its work on the official returns of the votes cast at the recent election. The total vote cast for President and state officers in order of Republican, fusion, Prohibition, gold Democrat and National, is as follows: President—McKinley, 293,327; Bryan, 232,251; Levering, 4,968; Palmer, 6,932; Bentley, 1,809. McKinley's plurality, 56,076.

Governor—Pingree, 304,431; Sligh, 221,022; Safford, 5,492; Gilkerson, 9,733; Sigrave, 1,344. Pingree's plurality, 83,409.

Secretary of state—Gardner, 294,528; Bruce, 235,351; Ecolof, 3,197; Boyce, 7,530; Dean, 2,046. Gardner's plurality, 59,274.

State treasurer—Steel, 292,786; Karste, 236,340; King, 3,362; Stevens, 7,582; Shepherd, 1,969. Steel's plurality, 56,445.

Auditor-general—Dix, 293,591; Cole, 235,203; Heath, 5,367; Conkey, 7,223; Jackson, 1,814. Dix's plurality, 58,388.

Land commissioner—French, 293,488; Loennecker, 232,048; Parmenter, 5,345; Tinker, 7,462; Atkins, 1,885. French's plurality, 61,470.

Attorney-general—Maynard, 293,934; Murphy, 236,509; Cheever, 5,375; Lothrop, 7,618; Perrine, 1,834. Maynard's plurality, 57,425.

Superintendent of public instruction—Hammond, 293,578; Haskins, 232,196.

Avann, 5,337; Heap, 7,416; Willett, 1,955. Hammond's plurality, 61,382.

Member of state board of education—Simmons, 293,535; Dewey, 231,141; Hauser, 5,372; Edwards, 7,458; Steere, 1,984. Simmons' plurality, 62,394.

Michigan's State Troops.

Adjt.-Gen. Green has submitted to Gov. Rich his biennial report.

The strength of the Michigan National Guard in detail is as follows: Governor's staff, 12; brigadier-general and staff, 8; First regiment, 586; Second, 522; Third, 548; Fourth, 596; Fifth, 502; total, 2,876.

The following is the strength of the naval brigade: Battalion officers, petty officers, etc., 14; first division, 61; second, 61; third, 57; total, 183.

Gen. Green commands both forces very highly. Seven companies have been disbanded, viz., at Ypsilanti, Mequon, Jackson, Grand Rapids, Port Huron, Marquette and Three Rivers.

With the exception of those at Menominee, Marquette and Three Rivers, all the disbanded companies were replaced by companies at the same places, the three new companies being located at Iron Mountain, Sault Ste. Marie and Battle Creek.

The present equipment of the troops is said to be far from what it should be.

During the biennial period there have been 2,581 honorable, and 305 dishonorable discharges issued. The latter being principally for non-attendance.

Steamer Burned—Two Sailors Dead.

The passenger steamer City of Kalamazoo burned to the water's edge at South Haven about 4 a. m.

The flames spread so rapidly that the sailors were soon enveloped, and two were overcome by the smoke and burned to death.

They are: Robert Van Ostrand, of South Haven, and Joseph Lang, of Covert.

Three other men escaped without their clothing. Van Ostrand was single, but Lang leaves a widow and family.

The boat was owned by the H. W. Williams Transportation Co. The loss is \$40,000, said to be well insured.

The boat had been tied up a week for winter repairs.

Fatal Family Quarrel at St. Johns.

Ex-Adrian was probably fatally stabbed at St. Johns, during a violent family quarrel by his son, Jud, aged 20 years. Jud and his sister, Viola, had a dispute. The mother and father took sides against son and daughter.

It is claimed the daughter struck the mother and Jud interceded, when his father stepped in between. It is alleged that Jud shoved his father against an organ and knocked him down. Then he drew a knife and stabbed him several times about the head and neck. Viola attacked her mother, who was trying to separate the combatants. Jud was arrested.

Two Girls Killed by a Train.

Alice Taft, aged 18, and May Leeca, aged 12, were instantly killed and Anna Taft, twin sister of Alice, was probably fatally injured, just west of Lyons. The three were daughters of farmers at Orange, but attended school at Lyons, driving to and from school each day. They were returning home from school when the westbound passenger train struck them on the crossing. The remains of the dead girls were taken to Lyons. The victims were among the most popular of the young people in the vicinity of Orange.

Buried Alive in a Well Cave-in.

Lowell Cheesbor, a prominent farmer of Alden, met with a terrible fate at his home. He went down in a well 75 feet deep to repair the caving, when it caved in on him, burying him alive.

Gov. Rich has appointed Henry B. Gillard, of Redmond, agent of the state board of corrections and charities for Huron county.

The Bedding-Hall refrigerator works, at Bedding, which have been idle for six months, have started up again with a force of 100 men.

Michigan Horticulturists Meet.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Michigan State Horticultural society was held at Grand Rapids. The annual report of Secretary E. C. Reid showed \$14,36 brought forward from last year; total receipts, \$35,99; disbursements, \$26,28; balance on hand, \$30,71. The expenses of the society the past two years have been paid by the state, the appropriation being \$1,500 a year. About \$500 will be covered back into the state treasury.

During the year meetings were held at Hart and St. Joseph. One new local society was organized at Grand Haven. The fruit crop the past year was immense in all classes, and this has had an effect upon the sale of fruit trees which have been sent to Australia, Van Dieman's Land and to Europe, and the fame of the Michigan society seems to be spreading. The demand for the annual reports of the society and its literature is large, and comes from all parts of the country.

Mr. Hale, of Connecticut; Thayer, of Wisconsin; Reihl, of Illinois, and Harrison, of Ohio, were introduced as distinguished visitors and each made a brief speech. Numerous other interesting talks were given and several important papers read.

Warden Van Every on Prison Labor.

Warden Van Every of the Marquette prison in his biennial report to Gov. Rich says the principal problem which he confronted was how to keep the convicts employed. The depressed condition of business caused several firms using prison labor to cancel contracts. He thus had a lot of idle convicts on his hands and resorted to various measures—financially unproductive—to keep them busy. Warden Van Every says that the employment of convicts in manufacturing goods can be defended only on the ground that it produces a revenue which relieves the burden of taxation. It is inexcusable to put convict manufacturers in competition with free labor when there is no demand for them. Since October, 1895, 11 men have been paroled. One forfeited his parole. He says it is a great aid to prison discipline. It is estimated that \$36,945 will be necessary for the current expenses for each of the years 1897 and 1898, there having actually been expended for this purpose in 1896, \$34,710.45. Special appropriations of \$46,500 will be needed. The average number of inmates is 209.

Michigan Federation of Labor.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Federation of Labor was held at Lansing. President L. E. Tossy in his annual address spoke rather bitterly of the poor success which labor had in securing favorable legislation or its enforcement, while "grasping monopolies not only forced evil conditions upon laborers but also secure such legislation as will best serve the promotion of their nefarious schemes." He urges renewed efforts to bring about the initiative and the referendum; a state law keeping all children under 16 out of factories; the election of the labor commissioner by the people; the formulation of some plan of utilizing prison labor so that the contract system may be done away with; renewed agitation for an eight-hour law which should apply to all the people of the state; and the appointment of a paid lobbyist at the next legislative session at a cost of \$15 a week.

THE TWO PENINSULAS.

Burglars at East Claire blew open the safe in Copper Bros' meat market and stole \$200.

The village of Talbot has a serious epidemic of diphtheria and poor health board supervision.

Seventh Day Adventists at their missionary offering meeting at Battle Creek, raised \$8,750.

It is estimated that 3,000 deer were killed in the upper peninsula during the recent hunting season.

Fire destroyed the barn and crops of George Griffin, near South Haven. The estimated loss is \$1,200.

Mary J. Service, of Jackson county, hanged herself at the Kalamazoo asylum with a stocking over a bed post.

A. W. Stone, of Burton township, Genesee county, lost several buildings, crops, machinery and five horses by fire.

Mrs. Dora Austin was sent to the county jail at Howell for ten days for assaulting Mrs. John Britton on the street with her fists.

Alexander Bronx, master mechanic of the Polar Bay smelting works, fell from a ladder 30 feet and received probably fatal injuries.

Mrs. John Wooten, aged 72, while driving near her home at Bainbridge, was thrown out of the carriage and killed. She was a pleaser.

Gebhardt & Estabrook's saw mill was burned at Saginaw. The loss will aggregate \$10,000. Insurance, \$15,000. It was of incendiary origin.

It is thought several Menominee saw mills will not resume operations next spring. The total product will be 30,000,000 feet less than in 1895.

Cove frightened George Dunning's horse at St. Johns, and he was thrown violently on his head. His scalp was torn loose, and he is perhaps, fatally injured.

The Nichols & Shepherd Thresher Co. started its plant at Battle Creek, after remaining idle for three months. The Advance Thresher works also started up.

Wilkinson Vincent, a farmer near Creswell, committed suicide by shooting himself. His wife had sued for a divorce, and domestic trouble preyed on him.

The village of Moline, on the G. R. & I. railroad was burglarized. Nearly all the stores of the village, and the railroad office were entered and considerable booty secured.

Port Huron will have a 7 o'clock curfew bell for children.

The University of Michigan football eleven met their first defeat of the season at the hands—or feet—of the boys of the University of Chicago, at Chicago, by a score of 7 to 6.

Kolb Bros' brewery truck ran into an open swing on the South Center street bridge at Bay City. The horses, valued at \$300, were lost and 25 kegs of beer floated out into the bay.

George and Peter Brisbo, of Owego, N. Y., on their way to Lansing, to visit their sister, Mrs. Egbert Perry, were run down and killed by a Lake Shore passenger train at Sandusky, O.

Miss Mary Haynes, of Flint, who has been ill for some time with gangrene of the lungs, declared she was healed by the faith cure. She arose, dressed herself and walked about.

Seven synchronized clocks in the Western Union Telegraph office and the Hibbard house and several jewelry stores at Jackson were set on fire and destroyed by a live wire. Loss \$600.

In an alteration over an old account at Coleman Henry Boyce cut off the nose of Geo. Serzaw, close to the face with an ax. Serzaw is in a dangerous condition. Boyce claims self-defense.

While Agent Howard, of the Lake Shore, at Jackson, was at dinner, burglars broke into the ticket office window, smashed the money drawer, and secured \$40 in silver and several checks.

The Newsboys' association at Grand Rapids has been provided with an assembly hall 54x70 feet in size and intended for their exclusive use. The Evening Press was responsible for the move.

Gus Schrader invited an acquaintance to his room at Muskegon, and robbed him of \$20. He has been sentenced by Judge Russell to two and one-half years in the upper penitentiary.

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On state occasions they will be used for firing salutes.

George F. Hoxie was convicted in the recorder's court at Detroit of criminally assaulting his 15-year-old

daughter, Mabel Louise, and was sentenced by Judge Chapin to state prison at Jackson for life.

Fred R. Lewis, of Flint, hurled a stone at a bird, but his aim was bad and it went through a window at the Lewis paper mill, striking Patrick Stanton on the left temple, and he died from the blow.

The third annual convention of the Saginaw Valley district union of Christ Endeavorers, with 150 delegates in attendance, was held at Lapeer. There are 158 societies in the district, which is more than last year.

Leslie D. Ott, committed suicide at Grand Rapids, by putting the muzzle of a shot gun into his mouth and then pulling the trigger. His head was blown off. He was 23 years old, unmarried, out of work and melancholy.

A party of prominent Hancock citizens went to interview Dr. H. Gasser who had recently moved into a new home, but the doctor nearly scared them to death by firing two heavy shots from a big horse pistol. The whole crowd had fled when the doctor went out to invite them in.

Atty.-Gen. Maynard has given an opinion in which he states that first and second term convicts can make good time, but not all. He holds that under the consolidated prison act it makes no difference whether the terms are all in one prison or not, so far as good time allowance is concerned.

Mr. Wm. A. Blakely, who is deceased, slipped out of his home at Petoskey at night and was not found until search had been made for three hours. The night was bitterly cold and six inches of snow lay on the ground, but the poor woman wore only her night gown. She was nearly frozen when found.

M. P. Nicholson, of Muskegon, has received a letter from his brother James who was formerly a big master in Muskegon but is now a colonel in the Cuban army under Maceo.

The letter says that Americans never heard of half the victories over the Spanish in a great fight five weeks ago. Maceo is claimed as their strongest general.

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President Trossy, of the junta, says

Weyler is a man who says that all the strongholds in Pinar del Rio are in Spanish hands, and that there was not a single Spaniard at Pinar del Rio.

He says: "The scattering of forces by Maceo is due to a preconcerted plan. The forces are scattered and concentrated at will by Maceo, and he thereby makes sure of losing as few men as possible and of striking blows when he is least expected by Gen. Weyler to do so. Maceo cannot afford to lose as many men as Weyler does. Spain sends men like devils of death to the slaughter."

The tactics of which Gen. Weyler

complains are evidences of Maceo's

superiority as a military tactician over

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The prospects for work at the mills along the Saginaw river are not very bright.

There are about 100,000,000 feet of logs in the river.

The call for men in the woods at \$10 to \$12 a month is limited.

The M. C. & R. and F. & P. will probably bring down

100,000,000 feet, and operations in Canada will be on a limited scale.

Louis Sherman, a tanner at Mecosta county, for five years, for perfidy has received a pardon from Gov. Rich.

He was an honest old tanner who was used to prove an alibi for the Kegall gang. He fixed dates by a receipt, it now appears that he was just a week off in his calculations, and that he had no intention of doing wrong.

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After trying their best to float her without success for thirty days, the British engineers who had the job, adopted the plan of Michael the Archangel of waiting for something to turn up. They were justified by the czarina's slipping into the water of her own accord one afternoon when no one was watching her.

Russell Sage has the reputation of being a hard bargainer and cold-blooded. He has been offered a sum of \$100,000 for his bit of sympathy after all. Last week he asked the Erie railroad company for allowing his employees to ride through a trackless waste.

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The breaking of an animal's leg is death. A broken leg of a man is not considered a serious ailment, but after proper treatment with an iron effect as before. Hobbes' legs are "the same" and their legs may be set and straightened. Hobbes' legs are different and their legs may be set and straightened. Hobbes' legs are the same as men's. Mr. Sage said he had a good mind to patch that thousands of good people will feel with him.

Miss Minnie Kibb of New York has sued Fred Stark for \$10,000 for breach of promise. Minnie says Fred courted her for years and during all that time she had her house and never paid a cent of her rent. In this case we would certainly vote to give the young lady every dollar she asks. Wouldn't you?

In Indianapolis the authorities announced that young people must go without kissing or have diphtheria. No case of diphtheria continue to be reported at about the same rate.

A 17-year-old youth in Maine thinks he has a right to a good education. A middle-aged resident of Bath, a town of the same state, thought some time ago that he had made a similar discovery in the jaw of an esteemed Georgia.

Horseless wagons are to be used in the collection of mail in New York. The experiments with horseless wagons in California have been so successful that the president of the United States may fit of it worth the messenger boy will have his first formidable trial.

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Peace that is prepared for war lasts the longest.

Men who expect favors should first throw around a few for seed.

People are too apt to imagine that expense adds zest to amusement.

The fact that a thing is old usually makes it attractive, no matter if it is useless.

We never really appreciate what an easy time we have been having until we are promoted.

Uncle Sam is long-suffering, but when his "lancer is up" even England comes to his rescue.

Man is successful when he can combine in himself the enthusiasm of an amateur with the skill of a professional.

Gum Paul now wants £100,000 damages for his trouble, and the old man has a quiet way of usually getting what he wants.

Nobody seems to know whether Lord Salisbury meant what he said about Venezuela, and nobody seems to know just what he did say.

The Strait of the Dardanelles is less than fifty miles long, but diplomatically speaking, it reaches to all the capitals of Europe, and even to the state department at Washington.

A Mr. Kwak of Korea has been locked up in jail for telling his countrymen they had a right to criticize the government. His countrymen probably think he's a sad now.

Fred L. Wood broke the law and got into prison for life. Then he broke his father's rule and got \$20,000. If things continue in this course his next step will be to break prison and get out.

