

BLAZE IN THE ASH

The Michigan Barrell Company's Lumber Yard

PARTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Fire Department Did Heroic Work. Loss About \$5,000—The Stock Fully Insured.

The lumber yard of the Michigan Barrell Company, was badly damaged by fire last evening. At 7:40 a still alarm was turned in from the factory followed immediately by one from the corner of Kent and Newberry streets.

ONLY A FEW GUESTS.

The Hotels of the City Were Almost Deserted Yesterday.

All the hotels had a lively appearance yesterday, but none of them did much business. The lobbies were filled with political seers and prophets; but the guests were as "rare as a day in June."

All of them protested, however, that it was unusual for a city for election day. "There are more guests in the Morton today than I ever had before on election day," said J. Boyd Pantlind of the Morton.

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More Help Needed.

The following list of names has been added to the committees for the Thanksgiving relief fund:

- Soliciting Funds—Messrs W. R. Shelton, M. J. Smiley, H. J. Hollister, George De Haven, Willard Kingsley, L. H. Withey, H. P. Wynnan, George F. Sinclair, M. M. Houseman, George F. Buss.
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To Mark Clothing—George Argard and Frank O'Hara.
To Distribute Goods—E. D. Whitlock, O. B. Wilmarth, N. B. Sorbner, George E. Dunton, John Dunton, et al.
To Pack Goods—Charles Grinnell, Charles McQueen, Charles W. Davidson, Carroll Godfrey, Ben S. Hanchett, John C. Kendall, W. E. Hall.
On Newspaper—T. W. Fletcher.
On Bookkeeping—Stewart I. DeKrafft and H. C. Niblock.

Courtesy at the Polls.

"I never before saw so much courtesy extended at the polls as I saw this morning in Detroit," said G. C. O'Leary, a D. L. & N. conductor at the New Livingston yesterday. "There were several railroad men in the same precinct with me and we all had to leave shortly after 2 o'clock. When we arrived at the polls there were about 150 voters ahead of us. We told the inspectors that we couldn't wait because we had to take our trains out. The other voters gave up their places and let us vote first. Heretofore when we have wanted to vote first so as to catch our trains the crowd has politely told us to go to hades and wait for our turn."

Hal Pointer as a Trotter.

Hal pointer, whose pacing record is 2:04, was once a saddle horse. Major Campbell Brown wrote as follows in January, 1890: "Our fastest pacers are apt to be, also, our best saddle horses. For instance, the writer has never mounted a finer natural saddle animal than Brown Hal, 2:12. His daughter, Susie B., with a trial of 2:18 is almost equally good. Mattie Hunter, 2:13, won many premiums in the saddle ring before she became noted as a pacer. Hal Pointer, 2:13, was a remarkable saddle horse for his age."

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markable saddle horse for his age. Little Brown Jug, 2:12, was, as his former owner states, a first-class saddle horse." Hal Pointer is now 8 years old, and he ranks high as a competitor in races. When right he fights to the end. Mr. Hamlin says that he can make a trotter of him, and he probably will advance him that way and start him in slow classes as he did Wardwell. A horse which is good under the saddle, good as a pacer, good as a trotter, and good at the plow is an all around horse of decided value.

Notes From Election.

Deacon J. K. Johnson, landlord of the Eagle hotel, made a mistake yesterday when he voted that he would give \$1,000 to rectify. He entered the booth with the same deliberation that he would enter a prayer meeting, put on his glasses as he deliberately entered and put a cross at the top of the right hand row of names. That's where the deacon supposed the prohibition ticket was located. Then folding it he handed to the man at the box and watched it turned in, and mentally congratulated himself on having helped to crush the rum power. But that's where the deacon was fooled. What was his dismay a moment later to find that he had put the cross at the top of the people's party ticket. He returned to the polling place and offered \$100 to have it returned to him. But the little winger wouldn't cough up the ballot, and an unwilling convert has been added to the ranks of the populists.

When John McQueen approached the ballot box yesterday to cast his vote, Benton Lewis, who was formerly turnkey at the jail, challenged his vote on the grounds that McQueen was not a citizen. McQueen was allowed to swear in his vote.

Quartermaster Shank of the Soldiers' home challenged every old soldier who attempted to vote on the grounds that they were not permanent residents. Some of the old soldiers came down town to take legal advice, but most of the soldiers swore in their votes.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the board of election in the second precinct of the sixth ward telephoned to the city clerk for instructions, as the box was full. The box was tested to hold 700 votes, but the registration showed 778.

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The Morton house was filled to the doors with eager republicans listening to the election returns, and Sweet's lobby was the headquarters of the democrats. Neither crowd was noisy, but listened attentively to the bulletins as they were read.

Mrs. Elizabeth Eaglesfield was one of the most enthusiastic listeners at the republican headquarters last night.

The republican county headquarters was filled to its utmost capacity with persons desirous of hearing the election returns.

The two rooms in the rear were occupied by a telegraph operator, members of the county committee and candidates on the ticket. As the returns were received, Secretary Bunnell read them to those in the outer rooms.

The police were not called upon to arrest a single person yesterday, nor was there a disturbance brought to their notice anywhere.

The democratic headquarters were almost deserted last night, as no election returns were procured there.

Gossip of the Lobby.

M. R. Davis of Toledo, S. Corvall of Waukegan, Ill., Gustave B. Hill of Waterbury, N. Y., H. B. Call of Charlotte, G. W. Pelton and wife Cincinnati, and E. E. Lamoreaux of Chicago were among the arrivals at the New Livingstone.

E. L. de Loissette of Louisville, C. H. Hutchins of Chicago, G. F. Briggs of Auburn, N. Y., E. J. Jordan of Woodbury, Ct., Frank E. Hooker of Chicago, Dr. S. L. Ramsey of Lansing, E. F. Bates of Boston and C. W. Ryan of Rochester are guests at the Morton.

Will Curtis of Reed City, C. W. Squires and wife of Lily, and D. A. Bell, of Toronto are registered at the Eagle.

Kortlander and Murphy will move into the billiard room at the New Livingstone recently vacated by A. L. Brower, and remain there until their new block is completed. Work will begin immediately upon the new office for the Livingston. The plans have already been submitted.

Petitions were circulated at the Morton yesterday to have the world's fair kept open Sunday. Several hundred persons signed.

Michigan Pensioners.

Michigan pensioners granted: Original—Cyrillus E. Lane, Philip Post, Wesley Goodfellow, William S. Miller, William Philo, Daniel S. Huntley, Joseph E. Morrison (deceased), Seth N. Bason, Elor C. Vellis, Lazarus Letzger, James J. Trott, A. Milan Willet, Charles F. Holt, David Fiegel, Ezra N. Stevens, Charles Perkins, James Judkins, Richard Deare, Jr. Additional—William McGraw, John W. Shute, John P. Vennorturek, Charles A. Pinckney, George W. Hood, Thomas Adams, Peter A. Roherbacher, Samuel B. Smith, Lafayette Mathews, Jerome Stevens, Harrison Okaver, Henry Hutchinson, Almon H. Stober, Holden B. White, William Pratt, James Scott, John Shine, Oliver C. Howart, Isaac S. Titmone, Munson E. Lyons, William Walters. Supplemental—Charles Baker. Increase—Daniel B. Shipman, John Anderson, William Young. Release—James Hall, Samuel Prigdon. Original, widows, etc.—Harriet E. Green, widow of Nathaniel Black, Margaret Heiser, Maria T. Genung, Julia Crandall, Abigail Sutton (mother), Sarah A. King, Mary A. Beckett, Joseph Rinean (father), Emily Ruggles (mother), Ann Lamb.

The Silver Band headed the procession and marched through our streets with a long trail of good royal young men, who stand for his country and is true to his fellow-citizen. Such men will be honored by the people of America next Wednesday morning when the report of the Grover saying to Benjamin "you have beaten me again. I'll wait four years and try you again."—Colonia Boomer.

After six weeks of hard toil we lay aside politics, for we know our nation is saved from ruins. The republican party will be the largest next Tuesday it has ever been. The democrats will be wiped out of existence.—Colonia Boomer.

Athletes of the Present Day.

J. E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic union, president of the Pastime Athletic club and athletic editor of The Sporting Times, writes: "Four years I have been actively connected with athletic sports. I always found it to my advantage to use Alcock's Plaster while in training, as they quickly remove soreness

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