

TENTH YEAR.

NEAL IN THE LEAD

He Will Make a Strong Fight in Today's Convention.

HE WILL BE NOMINATED

Ohio Democrats Gathering at Cincinnati for the Battle Royal—Platform Probabilities.

OHIO DEMOCRATS GATHERING AT CINCINNATI FOR THE BATTLE ROYAL—PLATFORM PROBABILITIES.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 9.—The democracy of Ohio is almost ready to name the man who is to cross swords with Governor McKinley in the great gubernatorial fight that is sure to be waged, with perhaps even greater vigor than in the last campaign, when ex-Governor Campbell went down before the champion of protection. Who that man is to be is as yet uncertain. The arrival of Lawrence T. Neal last night infused greater strength into the friends who are championing his cause. The Neal adherents were out in force today and claimed to have gained recruits from unexpected quarters. There is great complaint that the hidden-hand business is at work, and that the national administration has added its powerful forces to those of ex-Governor Campbell to down the sturdy little man who stood up in the Chicago convention and forced the delegates to adopt the famous tariff plank substitute to be offered. Today those who are supposed to be Cleveland adherents authorized a denial of this story, but it is plain that they have a free silver man as the candidate would represent the administration. Mr. Cleveland's message has stiffened the backs of the sound money men, and it is all but conceded that a free silver plank will have no place in the platform, although the convention will not go so far as to declare for the single standard.

Neal's Chances Bright.

Today it is still Neal against the field, with the chances in his favor by no means diminishing. Efforts are being made to bring over to Neal's side that factor allied to Campbell. Thus far there has been no great bitterness displayed. The Neal men are so confident that they say they will begin painting the town after the first ballot is counted. The original declaration of the leaders that this would be the largest democratic convention ever held in the state bids fair to hold good. Although Music hall has a seating capacity of nearly 6,000, pretty well every section has already been marked off for outside contingents, and the local democratic organizations are being reduced to hard pan in their efforts to take care of themselves and their friends. It will be a big convention, and judging from the present outlook, a decidedly lively one. Insurgent beams have been started for J. J. Lentz of Columbus, ex-Congressman W. E. Hayes of Fremont, Charles W. Haber of this city, and several others, but they are so far off as to hotel lobbies and curbstones, and have failed to reach the dignity of open headquarters.

Campbell Emphatic in Declining.

The tariff plank will be modified after that of the national platform. There is no talk of revivifying the name of ex-Governor Campbell in the event of a deadlock appearing inevitable or of Neal showing indications of getting under the wire. Report has it that the ex-governor, who is at the Metropole in New York, has sent a despatch to one of his friends for presentation to the convention, emphatically reaffirming his previous declaration that under no circumstances can he be induced to make the race. It is generally conceded by all but a few of the delegates that Campbell cannot and must not be regarded as an available candidate in any contingency. Several bitter contests between the administration and anti-administration men are likely to occur in the district meetings this evening. In the Thirtieth district, which includes Tiffin, Saksinsky and other towns, a determined and probably successful effort will be made to displace from the state central committee Dr. A. J. Norton, ex-chairman of that committee, who has been the leader of the anti-Cleveland element in the district. This is the only office that is charged against him.

ARE ALL AT SEA.

Ohio Democrats in a Muddle Over a State Ticket.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 9.—With the assembling of the state democracy but twelve hours off, and with one and all of the 800 delegates on the ground, the situation is as mixed and as undefinite as it was twenty-four hours ago. As John J. Lentz, the Columbus politician, and his friends are leading while at the gubernatorial nomination, but it tonight, "the situation is unparalleled and unprecedented." The most, and in fact the only important development of the day, was the proposition in the form of an open caucus for the first ballot, which was brought about by a course of Neal's opponents, held at the St. Nicholas this afternoon. Headquarters were at once opened at the Gibson hotel, admitting those occupied by candidates Neal, and the word went around that the prospectors were willing to welcome his supporters.

NEALS OF THE CANDIDATE.

Neal's of the candidate will make an estimate of their probable strength on the first ballot. The delegation from Montgomery, Cayuga, Franklin and Lucas counties are largely, if not mainly, opposed to Neal, while at the same time, only a man here and there is pronounced in his advocacy of Baker. Even Neal's opponents admit that he is largely leading in the race but they rely on the delegations that are still on the fence to defeat his ambition and to cast the nomination in a direction that will be acceptable to the powers that be at Washington.

CLEVELAND CONDEMNED.

Ohio Democrats Will Demand Free Coinage of the White Metal.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 9.—The committee on resolutions organized in session this afternoon after midnight. The roll of the twenty-five districts was called and each member responded as to his views on the free coinage question. With few exceptions the members of President Cleveland were condemned and the platform should declare for free coinage at the

radio of 16 to 1. Finally it was decided to refer the platform to a committee with instructions to report at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The committee selected is as follows: J. J. McMahon, Dayton; H. Bohl, Marietta; W. W. Armstrong, Cleveland; Judge W. Erwin, Cincinnati; R. D. Marshall, Dayton; O. H. Clark, Youngstown. The entire committee is free coinage in sentiment.

WANT NO COMPROMISE.

Puffer and Martin Hear From the Kansas Populists.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 9.—The state executive council held a special meeting this morning to discuss President Cleveland's message to congress. The members were unanimously in favor of free coinage and sent the following telegram to Senators Puffer and Martin: "The President in his message asks no compromise. Give none. Free coinage is to be by decree of the executive council of the state of Kansas."

EXALTED ALGERIEN.

Federation of Labor Passed Judgment on Many Topics.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 9.—At today's meeting of the state federation of labor organizations were adopted changing the date of the annual meeting one month later; against bakers doing night work, and calling upon that fraternity to organize unions; deprecating the non-support of the cigar labor; calling for the strict enforcement of the law prohibiting the employment of child labor; encouraging the co-operation of union labor throughout the state; recommending that the apprenticeship system be changed in the various trades so as to prevent the employment of unnecessary numbers, demanding the abolition of all national banks, and that money necessary for transaction of business be issued by the national government direct, and that all telephone, telegraph and railway lines be under the control of the government. Resolutions asking for equal taxation, exalting Governor Alger for paroling the prisoners, and asking that the union labor be employed in the erection of public buildings recommended.

Light Business Houses Burned.

LIGHT BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED. BARNARD, Mo., Aug. 9.—Fire broke out in the business part of this town last night, in the back room of Hubbell & Co., among business men, and swept away eight business houses and several small shops. Several people were slightly injured, L. F. Hubbard and A. Miller being the most serious. The loss aggregates between \$20,000 and \$30,000, about half covered by insurance.

Magazine Manager Missing.

CAROLINA, Aug. 9.—An afternoon paper says H. C. Flood, Chicago manager of the Chattanooga Magazine, is missing from the city. It is stated that Flood scattered alleged worthless checks, amounting to the aggregate of \$10,000, among business men. Flood is the son of Dr. Flood, a leading western Pennsylvania divine and editor of The Chattanooga.

Man Escapes His Cell In Prison.

DENVER, Aug. 9.—Alfred Packer, the man eater, who ate five of his comrades in a mining camp some ten years ago and who is now in prison under a cumulative sentence of forty years, is reported to have gone insane and an investigation has been ordered. Packer's attorneys recently tried to break the cumulative sentence, but failed.

Utes Are Getting Ugly.

DURANGO, Colo., Aug. 9.—Utes are leaving their reservation in large numbers and are becoming troublesome, planning as they go and do, to strike in sympathy with the Kansas strikers. Another effort is being made to get the 800 miners at Beveler this county out through sympathy, but thus far has proved unsuccessful.

Bank President Arrested.

HEATHER, Neb., Aug. 9.—Jacob Bond, president of the defunct bank of Cortland, was arrested tonight as he stepped from the Lincoln train. The principal charge against him is that of receiving deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent. The affair of the bank are being handled by a committee known to be in a bad condition.

Coal Miners on a Strike.

MACOS, Mo., Aug. 9.—All the coal miners, 400 in number, employed by the Kansas Coal company at Armore, Mason county, have gone out on a strike in sympathy with the Kansas strikers. Another effort is being made to get the 800 miners at Beveler this county out through sympathy, but thus far has proved unsuccessful.

Will Pay Dollar for Dollar.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 9.—The first national bank tonight posted a notice that it was closed. The bank has lost deposits steadily for some weeks and nearly exhausted the currency. The bank is solvent and will readily pay out when given time to realize on the paper and securities held by it.

Yellow Fever Panic.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Aug. 9.—The Escambia county board of health announced that two deaths occurred in this city—that of the Rev. P. C. Waite and Ellen Wood—both pronounced yellow fever. This created almost a panic, and at least 1,000 people will leave the city by tonight's trains.

Accused for Robbery.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 9.—James Burke, alias Frank McCoy, alias Frank Sheriff, and with several other assumed names, has been arrested at Gilman, Colo., by Pinkerton men, charged with the robbery of \$15,000 from W. C. Pollock, diamond salesman, on a train near Sioux City last November.

Dry Goods Store Burned.

MAVVEY, Mo., Aug. 9.—The dry goods store of Schmitt & Bros, the Mayview Drug company's store, and the store of Mrs. M. E. May were burned to the ground early this morning and the lumber yard of T. B. Bennings was damaged. The loss is about \$20,000, two thirds insured.

Hobbed a Railway Safe.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 9.—The safe in the ticket office of the Kansas City & Independence Air Line depot, at the corner of Wyandotte and Second streets, was broken into last night and robbed of between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Yellow Fever at Pensacola.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 9.—A private dispatch was received here today from Pensacola, saying that yellow fever has been declared to exist there.

IS DARK FOR SILVER

Free Coinage Advocates Feeling Blue Over the Outlook.

DEMOCRAT SENATORS DIVIDED

New England Men Afraid Sherman Act Cannot be Reported—Democratic Senators Caucusing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The free silver-men feel pretty blue today. They have heard from the official canvass, which is progressing rapidly, and their hearts are heavy. They have not given up the fight, and there is no probability of such a thing, and to the casual acquaintance and stranger they profess unbounded confidence in the success of their cause. They declare that they will pass a free coinage bill, the efforts of the president to the contrary notwithstanding. But way down in their hearts they feel blue, and among themselves they acknowledge that the outlook is very dark. There may be a change tomorrow, but such is the situation today. Mr. Bland is downcast, and up to the time of the free silver caucus had little to say to anybody. When approached on the silver question he shook his head as if he did not even want to think about it, but finally said: "There are men here representing free silver constituencies who are panic-stricken and ready to yield to the clamor against silver. No aid or comfort is expected from them, as they haven't the courage of their convictions. The people will take their scalps when the time comes."

The democrats in the senate are of divided opinions. Senator Palmer, who has been talking a great deal with his colleagues since his arrival, said: "My conviction is that we shall win and succeed in repealing the Sherman law—that is, the purchase clause—unconditionally. I believe that half of the democrats are for unconditional repeal and three-fifths of the republicans. That means a majority in favor of it, and I believe that the majority will win. It usually does."

Not every repealer, however, enjoys the same view. A prominent New England senator said today: "I am very much afraid we cannot win. We have a majority, but the others have unlimited time. One of the western silver senators declared to me this morning that they had as best without a doubt in their own minds, and that he would not do. He added that he long several of the democratic senators would declare openly that Cleveland did not represent the party on the question, and that they should not vote for unconditional repeal."

The democratic senators met today to arrange a silver program. They had not finished when the senate convened, and so they adjourned the senate and went into caucus again.

SPEAKER CRISP'S IDEAS.

They Are in Accord With Those of Cleveland on Silver Question.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Speaker Crisp is understood to be in entire accord with the ideas of the administration in regard to the repeal of the Sherman law and the necessity for immediate action. It is said that if there is not some sort of an agreement entered into before Thursday, or before Friday at the furthest, a motion will be made and carried through the house to adopt temporarily the rules of the last house and that immediately thereafter Mr. Crisp will announce a committee on weights and measures while Mr. Crisp will be made up with a decided anti-free silver majority. This committee would soon report a bill for the repeal of the Sherman law and after a reasonable debate it is believed a resolution could be adopted providing for a vote. This course will not be adopted, however, unless it is apparent that the free coinage men are determined to filibuster unreasonably against the passage of the bill.

ONLY TWENTY MINUTES.

Senate Listened to Brief Essay on Senator Stanford and Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The senate was in session today only twenty minutes, and a considerable part of that time was occupied by the chaplain in an eloquent eulogy of the late Senator Stanford of California.

The only item of business transacted was the reference to the committee on appropriations of the house joint resolution to provide for the payment of seasonal employees of the house during the present extra session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gorman of Maryland, the parliamentary leader of the majority, and Mr. Platt in the like role for the minority demanded the yeas and nays. All the democratic senators voted for adjournment and were re-elected by all the senators from the silver producing states. The yeas were 48 and the nays 21, and the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

WHAT SILVER MEN WILL DO.

They Caucus and Outline Their Plan in Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The hall of the house was closed shortly before 12 o'clock and the friends of free silver began their caucus. The attendance was small. The caucus adjourned at 2:45 o'clock, after having adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That we will support a bill repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act and concurrently providing for the free and unlimited coinage of silver with full legal tender quality on such a ratio as will provide and maintain the parity between gold and silver."

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the chairman of this conference to draft and introduce such a bill and take prompt steps to secure the full and free discussion and consideration thereof and a vote of the house upon the bill and all proper amendments.

The committee provided for in the resolution was named as follows: Messrs. Bland, Hiram, Sawyer, Lusk, Binkhous, Hiram, and Hiram. Mr. Colburn, chairman of the committee, was afterward asked to the committee.

Why the House Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The adjournment of the house until Thursday was

for the purpose of allowing the two sides on the silver question to have ample time to consider and endeavor to come to an understanding about the method of procedure and the time for taking the vote. It is probable that if there is an agreement reached at all it will be arrived at before Thursday morning, when it is decided upon by the part of some of the leaders of the advocates of repeal against spending any more time negotiating with Mr. Bland and his followers, and they are in favor of opening the fight on Thursday morning if there is no agreement entered into before that time.

Appointed Lighthouse Keepers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The secretary of the treasury has made the following appointments for Michigan: Michael M. Cooney, assistant keeper of the lighthouse at Thunder Bay island; Ralph Heister, assistant keeper at Stannard Rock; Emanuel Luitck, keeper at Sand Island; Wm. H. Holmes, keeper at Port Sanilac; Malcolm McDonald, second assistant at Stannard Rock; John Keen first assistant keeper at Passage Island; Wm. A. Howard, resigned; Charles Finkow, second assistant keeper at Huron island; John T. Murray, keeper of the lighthouse at Gross Point; James Wheatley, keeper at Granite island, and George Geary, keeper at Grand Island.

Tammany Men Sour.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Cockran continues to work hard to bring both sides to an understanding. He is not claiming to be Cleveland's spokesman. He is simply doing his best to assist in repealing the Sherman law. If any man can do more let him try. Tracy is not the only man who is sour. Many of the Tammany men are seething with anger and are not inclined to help him. Some people think the affair means disaster, but that is an exaggerated view. There may be soreness now, but when the bugle sounds every one will be found ready to fight his best for repeal, let the leader be whom he may.

Notes About the Capitol.

Comptroller Eckels yesterday appointed receivers of national banks as follows: W. G. Sykes, receiver of the First National bank of Starkeville, Mississippi; and E. W. Knight, Jr., receiver of the Stockholders' National bank of Miles City, Montana.

The president did not come to the white house yesterday, but remained at Woodley, his country place. There are urgent matters requiring his consideration, to which he can give only quiet and uninterrupted attention in his country retreat.

It is understood that Speaker Crisp has determined to place Representative Aldrich on the committee on District of Columbia.

The gold in the treasury was yesterday \$3,157,857 above the \$100,000,000 gold reserve.

VIRGINIA DAY.

Senator Daniel the Orator—Speeches by Lee and Col. Buford.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Virginia was honored today in the senate. It was a typical southern gathering, and the orators were the national committee adjourned without transacting any business to attend the exercises in music hall. Director General Davis came on the platform with President St. Clair and shook hands with the visiting senators. Daniel, Col. Buford, Fitzhugh Lee and other prominent Virginians who were on the platform. Commissioner of Virginia, Mrs. John S. Wise, and Mrs. John Paul, the lady managers and most of the state officials connected with the fair, also faced the audience of 2,500 people. It was a typical southern gathering as any one could tell when the stirring strains of "Dixie" fell from the instruments of the Iowa state band.

Col. A. S. Buford, a typical Virginia gentleman, 76 years old, stirred up the patriotism of the audience by his address. He introduced a historical speech and introduced General Lee, who was received with much enthusiasm.

The Rev. B. B. Tucker delivered an ode to Virginia of his own writing. Senator Daniel was introduced as the orator of the day, being received with great cheering.

The exercises concluded with a fantasia on "My Old Kentucky Home," and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia."

HISTORY OF PYTHIANISM.

Philip T. Colgrove of Hastings Addressed the Knights in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—The first regiment of the Illinois uniformed rank, K. of P. and divisions from Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana and New Mexico paraded through the Midway this afternoon. At the close the Knights assembled in festival hall. Gen. James R. Carnahan presided, and after welcoming the audience he introduced Philip T. Colgrove, supreme representative of Hastings, Michigan, who delivered the only speech of the afternoon. Mr. Colgrove gave a history of Pythianism and extolled the virtues of the order at great length.

Notes From World's Fair.

Prominent members of the Association of Military Surgeons of the National Guard held an executive meeting at the United States army hospital on the fair grounds yesterday. The association was reorganized and the association. The name was changed to "The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States."

The second regiment of Ohio militia has gone into Camp McKinley, succeeding the Eighth regiment, which has gone back to Ohio.

Citizens of Louisiana are gathering for the exercises incident to the formal dedication of the state building.

The American Bankers' association meeting to be held at the fair September 6 and 7 has been postponed.

ON A TENTED FIELD

Michigan State Troops in Camp at Island Lake.

GRAND RAPIDS BOYS ARE THERE

Detachment of Nineteenth United States Infantry Also in Camp. Bowen Kicked by a Colt.

ISLAND LAKE, Mich., Aug. 9.—The annual encampment of the Michigan state troops opened today. Companies of the First regiment from Ann Arbor, Adrian, Tecumseh and Ypsilanti, arrived over the Ann Arbor line at 1 o'clock. They were joined at Howell Junction by Company G, Third regiment, of Oshtemo. At the same time companies of the Third regiment from Flint, Alpena, Bay City, Saginaw and East Saginaw, came over the F. & P. M. Contrary to expectation nearly all the companies contained a good quota of men.

The brigade headquarters are located near the railroad track, while the various regiments are encamped in the following order from the west: Third infantry, Fourth infantry, Fifth infantry, Second infantry and First infantry. Lieutenant Colonel Kline, brigadier quartermaster, has been here several days and is already becoming popular with the privates, for whose comfort he has provided.

This year the privates, for the first time, are to be allowed to wear broad felt hats.

Three militiamen are already in the hospital, but none of them are from Grand Rapids. They were overcome by the extreme heat.

This morning the detachment of 175 men of the Nineteenth United States infantry from Fort Wayne, Colonel Snyder commanding, arrived, having made the forty-two mile run in a little less than four days, showing no signs of weariness. They arrived last night about a mile and a half side of New Hudson. Today was spent getting their model camp in order. Their tents occupied the extreme west of the camp. Over 200 of the militia are already here, and every train brings in a few stragglers.

The Grand Rapids companies arrived during the day and were assigned quarters on the field.

Brig. Gen. Bowen is confined to his tent. Yesterday afternoon he ventured out in a motor car, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Kline's colt, and both of the officers' ankles were badly hurt. It will be a day or two before he can get around.

Speaking of the camp today the General said: "We have never had so well arranged a camp before in my opinion."

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Bank Teller Over Paid Him and He Kept the Cash.

RAY CITY, Mich., Aug. 9.—Orville Howard of Essexville is confined in the county jail on a charge of larceny preferred by D. G. Jackson, teller of the Commercial bank. It is charged that Howard appeared at the bank last Saturday evening and presented a check drawn by Charles Coryell, and asked for payment of the same. The check was for \$3 and the words were plainly written in the proper place, but in the space allotted to the figures supposed to designate the amount for which the paper was drawn, were the figures \$10,000. Mr. Jackson looked simply at the figures, and then paid out the money, Howard saying in the meantime that he wanted \$100 in bills of a certain denomination and the balance in any kind of currency. When the books were foundry, Howard was discovered and he did not take any time to locate it. The result was that the police were communicated with and a warrant was sworn out for Howard's arrest and he was captured last evening.

ALLEGAN FLAME SWEET.

Several Mills Destroyed by Fire With Only Partial Insurance.

ALLEGAN, Mich., Aug. 9.—Fire at 5:30 this morning started in the boiler room in the strawboard mill of Stanley & Ambler and wiped out the mill, the Eagle foundry, Schumann's planing mill, Huntley & Schumann's plant for manufacturing desks and tables, Guard & Fairfield's flour mill, Ambler's woolen mill, the office of the paper mill and part of the mill race. The strawboard mill loss is \$10,000, no insurance; the Eagle foundry, \$300, no insurance; Schumann's, \$5,000, and Huntley & Schumann, \$1,000, no insurance; Guard & Fairfield, \$9,000, insured for \$1,000; Ambler woolen mill, \$1,000, no insurance; office, and damage to paper mill, \$2,000, insured; electric light building, \$50, no insurance; \$500. The loss of the first department of the paper mill. At one time it looked as if the whole manufacturing district would go. The hard loss is severe; many poor men losing their all.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

O. J. Bettis Returned to Channing and Introduced Himself to His Son.

CHANNING, Mich., Aug. 9.—During the 67th O. J. Bettis lived on a farm six miles from this place. He had a wife and six children. One night twenty-six years ago he disappeared and his family never received a word from him. His wife died after a time, and his children grew to maturity. O. J. Bettis alone remained here, engaging in the shoe business. About seven the other day an old man came into O. J. Bettis' store. He sat around quietly for two hours, then stepped up to the merchant and informed him that he was his father. Mr. Bettis, the elder, is now residing in Channing. He doesn't say much about his travels, except that he came from Texas here.

Railway Men in Session.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 9.—One hundred and fifty railway men are represented by seventy delegates, who are now in session at the Hotel Cadillac. The Railway Claim association is the result of an amalgamation of the eastern and western associations, which was made in Chicago in 1892, and its object is to govern the settlement of all claims for loss or overcharges. The meeting did nothing whatever at today's sessions.

RECORD A HEAVY YET.

TAWAS CITY, Mich., Aug. 9.—The case of Keating vs. the D. & C. Railroad company for the recovery of damages for injuries received in a wreck on the company's road September 24, 1901,

came to a close this morning, when the jury brought in a verdict for \$25,000 in favor of the plaintiff. The case has occupied the attention of the court since August 1, and has been attended by a large number of people from all parts of the county. Colonel Atkinson, attorney for the railroad company, asked for a stay of proceedings.

Asks for a Receiver.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 9.—Charles M. Newcomb of St. Louis, Missouri, holds a judgment for \$1,977.10 against the Imperial Life Insurance company of Detroit, of which H. F. Christy is president and treasurer. Christy is now in the United States court for the eastern district of Missouri. He has filed a bill asking for a receiver of the company and also an injunction restraining the officers from collecting or transferring any money on account of the company, and from continuing a business liable to impair his chances of collecting the judgment.

Will Not Enter Port Huron.

SAGINAW, Aug. 9.—It has been currently reported that the Canadian Pacific railway is now trying to secure an entrance into Port Huron to connect with the Flint & Pere Marquette railway. Inquiries show that so far as the latter road is concerned there is nothing in it. The question arises, how could the Canadian Pacific obtain an entrance into Port Huron if there is anything in the matter? It is stated that the Canadian Pacific trains would not be permitted to run through the Grand Trunk tunnel, as the two roads are bitter rivals.

Diphtheria Spreading.

RAY CITY, Mich., Aug. 9.—Diphtheria continues to spread in the south end of the city, though not in the area that leads the health authorities to anticipate an epidemic of the disease. Carelessness is responsible in a great measure for the spread of the disease. There has been the most wanton neglect of the requirements of the law regarding the isolation of patients suffering from diphtheria.

Colonel on the Sick List.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 9.—Adjutant General Eaton has received a physician's certificate that he is unable to command the Fifth infantry, which is being prevented by illness from attending this year's encampment at Island Lake and Lieutenant Colonel John R. Bennett of Muskegon has therefore been assigned to the command of the regiment.

Caught at Last.

RAY CITY, Mich., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Jennie Gates was landed behind the bars in the West Bay City jail last evening, after having led the officers a long and exciting chase. Mrs. Gates was arrested on a charge of larceny of a diamond ring, who was arrested with a warrant charging the woman with grand larceny. She eluded the officers, however, and has since been at large.

But Few Men Discharged.

ISHERINGHAM, Mich., Aug. 9.—Instead of discharging one-third of the force and working the remainder part time, the Lake Argonne mine will discharge less than sixty men and work the balance full time, but will cut the wages. The change was decided on today. This is the most cheering mining news for days.

New Bridge at Manistee.

MANISTEE, Mich., Aug. 9.—At a special meeting of the common council last night, the contract for a bridge and viaduct was awarded to the Milwaukee Bridge and Iron company, for \$28,225, on a contract on the northern end of the county board of supervisors and the permission of the secretary of war.

Withered by Drought.

HOLLAND, Mich., Aug. 9.—A withering drought is prevailing here, with no signs of rain in hot days and cold nights, and corn and pastures are dying out, and some farmers have begun to feed wheat to their horses, it being cheaper than corn or oats. The blackberry crop is a total failure.

His Victim May Recover.

JACKSON, Mich., Aug. 9.—Janette Neil, the victim of her rejected lover, McCormick's bullet, seems to show improvement, and the only fear entertained by the doctors is that blood poisoning may set in. McCormick's remains were sent to Niles for burial.

Bank Will Resume.

STURGEON, Mich., Aug. 9.—The failure of the National bank is not complete; they claim to be ample securities and will be able to pay all depositors and resume in a short time.

House in Franklin Burned.

ADRIAN, Mich., Aug. 9.—The residence of Samuel Wilson of Franklin was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000.

South Wayne Scorched.

SOUTH WAYNE, Wis., Aug. 9.—The business portion of South Wayne was visited by a terrible fire at midnight. A furniture store, two millinery stores, a grocery store and an agricultural machinery warehouse, were destroyed. Scarcely anything was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. Buildings and contents were partially insured.

Brief Telegraph News.