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STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

John A. Corbin has been appointed a clerk in the railway service of the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena railway. John owes his appointment to Congressman Fisher.

Shawassaw county pioneers celebrated Washington's birthday by meeting and pronouncing eulogies upon those of their members who have died during the year...

A company has been organized in Reed City for the manufacture of cutts, cork, roll and dowel pins.

A piece of timber was fished out of the bottom of the Saginaw river the other day, worth \$75. It had been sunk nearly 20 years at Stone Island, near Bay City.

Eugene E. Smith of South Haven, came to his death by strangulated hernia brought on by over lifting.

William Ferrin, a member of the freshman medical class of the university, died on the 24th ult. The remains were sent to his home in Kinesrud, Ont.

The Saginaw Courier says the total lumber and shingle product of Michigan for 1885 was 3,984,117,175 feet, of shingles 2,350,124,323.

Dr. C. E. DeMuth of Plymouth, died at San Diego, Cal., Feb. 24, of consumption.

Spectacle Reef lighthouse, at the head of Lake Huron entrance to the straits, is in need of repairs to the amount of \$30,000.

A large number of Scandinavians at Lakeside have decided to start a co-operative store about the 1st of April. They propose a stock company of \$3,000 capital, divided into 300 shares.

Henry W. Coffeen, a prominent young business man of Vassar, is dead.

The grand lodge royal templars of temperance, at the annual meeting in Lansing elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Conductor, Geo. M. Dewey of Owosso; past conductor, Mrs. P. B. Whitfield of Grand Rapids; vice conductor, L. R. Russell of Bay City; chaplain, Mrs. A. R. Flagg of Battle Creek; secretary, Gilbert M. Hasty of Lansing; treasurer, A. S. Partridge of Flushing; herald, Mrs. A. M. Cooper of Battle Creek; deputy herald, O. M. Brundage of Kalamazoo; guard, Theo. E. Sharp of Whitehall; sentinel, Henry W. Parker of Owosso; directors H. W. Randolph of Vernon; H. L. Bowen of Greenville; N. B. Blain of Lowell.

The next annual meeting will be held in Lansing, Feb. 23, 1888.

Life Lake suffered a loss of \$14,000 the other night by fire. Among other losers is E. B. Dennis of the Life Lake Canal, whose office is an entire loss with no insurance. The cause of the fire is not known.

Orrin Hill, one of the oldest residents of Pentwater, was taken with a severe pain in the back of the head while at work. The pain never left him, and he died the next day. The case puzzles the doctors.

The Bangor furnace is just now shipping 12 car-loads of pig iron daily.

A company has been organized at Benton Harbor to manufacture church, hall, opera house and bank furniture, also office and store fittings.

John Scanlon of Flint, aged 23, was instantly killed while coupling cars.

"Show two feet deep on a level" is the report from Roscommon.

A shingle and paving block factory is to be in operation in Roscommon early in the spring.

Under the specifications of Gen. Cutchin's muster and roll bill, the 1,000 or 1,500 Michigan soldiers who are to be benefited should take notice that all claims must be in before June 3 next.

The board of education of Cadillac publishes a weekly list of tardy pupils.

The safe of the Michigan Central freight office at Suspension Bridge, Ont., was robbed the other afternoon in a mysterious manner. The cashier locked the money drawer and stepped into an adjoining room for a few moments only. Upon his return the money drawer was found partly open and \$365 were missing.

Gen. Byron L. Pierce, one of the managers of the soldiers' home, favors the policy of supplying the inmates of the soldiers' home, with beer rather than have them go out and get drunk and fall a prey to robbers.

A sad accident happened at Foster's Station, three miles west of Ann Arbor the other morning. Christina Frey started with her 3-year old child to visit a neighbor. She walked up the track, and while carrying the child across the bridge just west of the station the Grand Rapids express, coming east, struck her, instantly killing both mother and child.

Webb Miller of Charlotte, was instantly killed at Nashville the other day by a freight train running over his head, crushing it beyond recognition.

J. A. Parker, a resident of Lenawee county since 1833, died at his home near Adrian a few days ago. His wife, with whom he had lived 63 years, survives him.

Mrs. George Oaks of Wheatland, Hillsdale county, has pared 1,430 bushels of apples this winter besides attending to her other work.

Bellair wants a broom handle factory. Corinna boasts that it is one of the best points in the state for the brick and tile business.

G. F. Buckley, formerly of Coldwater, suicided at Nebraska City, Neb., the other day.

Mrs. John Reed of Michigan, whose son was killed in the war, was granted a pension after her husband deserted her. Mrs. Reed died, and the husband then applied to have the pension transferred to him.

A saloon row in Iron Mountain, Louis Panakarey was knifed to death by a drunken brute.

John Westman, a miner in the Columbia mine near Marquette, fell to the bottom of the shaft the other day, a distance of 110 feet. He died in a few hours after suffering terrible agony.

Prof. M. V. Rork's school of practical education in Lansing, has been suspended.

Dr. H. B. Hemingway has been appointed on the Kalamazoo pension examining board.

THE REPORT SUBMITTED.

The Soldiers' Home Investigating Committee Make a Report.

Miscellaneous News from Lansing.

LANSING, March 18, 1887. The report of the committee appointed to investigate the irregularities of the soldiers' home has been finally submitted to the house. It is voluminous and calculated to attract the attention of the legislature. No mention is made of Col. Wells or Maj. Long, and the only one censured in it is the chief nurse. The report says: "We recommend that in the case of Edwin...

Another bill is before the house which has direct bearing on the liquor traffic. It provides that where a business which has been legalized is subsequently made unlawful, compensation shall be made to those engaged in such business for damages that may be caused by its destruction.

One of the most animated debates of the session occurred in the senate the other afternoon over a joint resolution "that our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their influence and vote for such legislation as will give to the state of Michigan, in trust for the university of Michigan, all the government lands subject to entry within the boundaries of the state which are hereafter to be subject to entry or shall revert to the general government by reason of forfeiture."

In order to facilitate matters the railroad committees of the two houses have arranged for a joint meeting for the purpose of considering all the railroad bills at the close of March. The committee hope by consideration or substitution to largely reduce the number of bills and still cover all the objects aimed at.

The senate committee on the state house of correction and branch of the state prison in the upper peninsula, reports that under the act of 1885, a site had been purchased two and one-half miles east of the business center of Marquette in a healthy location, convenient for drainage and easily supplied with pure water. The plans for the building were made by Wm. Scott of Detroit, and are modeled largely after the London house of correction. Work was commenced in July last. The engine house is nearly completed. The dining room and hospital building is nearly ready for slating and the foundation walls of the administration building and west cell wing are nearly finished. The buildings will be completed within one year from date. The appropriation asked for the building and furnishing is \$83,382.

The bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within a mile of the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids, brought out a pretty sharp discussion, participated in by Messrs. Edinger, Palmer, J. W. Cook, Edwards and Hubbell, though Senators Devo, Mayo, W. T. Babcock and Sharp each had a few remarks to make. The general purpose of the bill there was little dispute, though there was some disagreement as to details. It was amended so as to insert "knowingly and wilfully" in the clauses prohibiting sale or gift, and in the words, "in violation of the law," and was subsequently passed on the order of third reading by vote of 28 to 9.

The senate has confirmed the nomination of H. H. Heath to be commissioner of labor statistics.

The house has killed the bill providing that no one can be appointed or elected judge of probate unless he be a practicing attorney.

Among the petitions sent to the house is a very carefully drawn memorial from F. A. Baker of Detroit. At the time Mr. Baker's legislative paper on the subject of the Baker conspiracy law, he pointed out some future time to consider some of the relations between employer and employe. The memorial presented to-day consisted of the names of sixteen persons, and decisions upon the subject of damages to employes through accidents or negligence. Mr. Baker holds that juries ought to be allowed to award damages in excess of actual damages in cases of injury through the negligence of corporations. He discusses the doctrine that a servant cannot recover for damages caused by the neglect of a fellow servant. He refers to the amendment recently adopted in England in 1884, and states that he has a bill amending that act to this state. The bill was sent to a member from Oakland, with the memorial, and has been introduced.

One of the bills to be considered by the house is one amending the laws in reference to compensation for causing death by wrongful act, neglect or default. The amendment incorporated in the bill, and introduced, includes such general damages for injuries to the feelings and affections and for loss of society as the jury under all facts and circumstances of the case may deem just and reasonable, and in cases of wilful act and gross negligence exemplary damages may be awarded as in both cases.

A bill introduced by Representative Herrington is intended to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their employ.

Representative Dawson is of the opinion that whatever law for the regulation or prohibition of the liquor traffic may be passed, it should be enforced, and he has introduced a bill providing for the appointment by the governor of a state marshal whose duty it shall be to enforce the law. The marshal is given power to appoint a deputy, and the board is authorized to make a complaint in case of a violation of the law, the marshal or his deputies shall proceed against such person and shall have the same powers in executing the laws as the sheriffs may have.

A number of important state boards are to be thoroughly investigated. Senator Babcock introduced a bill a few days since to abolish the state board of health. He has procured figures and statistics showing that the institution costs something like \$15,000 per year, and he has information that the expense reaches \$40,000 annually. A secretary receives \$2,500 per year, and ten clerks are employed at salaries ranging from \$600 to \$1,000 annually. The purpose of the bill is to investigate whether the state is getting full value for this large outlay. Senator Babcock is not radical for abolishing the board if it can show that it serves a valuable purpose, which is in some doubt. He says it was originally intended that the board should not cost over \$5,000 per year.

The state board of auditors among others will come in for a share of attention, a bill having been introduced for the reorganization of that body. The author of the bill says that at present they have sweeping powers, and his design is to add the governor as a member of the board.

Charles Cole, 66 years old, has been a faithful cooper at the Jackson prison for 40 years. A petition is now being signed asking that his position and pay be granted him for life.

Eighteen Reed City gentlemen have purchased large tracts of land in Manistee and Mason counties, and will put down oil wells.

Great excitement has been caused in Jackson by the discovery that one of the leading butchers in the city has been fattening his hogs on dead horses. The facts were brought to light through an examination of Loyal Essender for violating the health ordinance. He testified that the dead horses that were drawn from the city were hauled to the butcher to feed pigs. The board of health have not yet determined what they will do, but it is stated that some action will be taken in the case.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

James V. Campbell and Charles D. Long for Justices Supreme Court.

Synopsis of Proceedings.

The republican state convention met in Detroit February 23, and was called to order by James McMillan, chairman of the state central committee.

After the call for the convention had been read and several speeches had been made, George A. Farr of Ottawa was nominated and elected temporary secretary, and Daniel C. Spalding of Jackson assistant secretary. The committees on credentials, permanent organization and resolutions were appointed, and the convention adjourned until afternoon to allow the committees to work.

When the convention reassembled the chairman of the committee on resolutions submitted the following, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the safety of life, liberty and property depends upon an honest and capable judiciary; that the representation of the supreme court while the state was under republican control is a source of just pride and honor to the people, and it shall be our object and aim in the future to maintain its high standard of that court.

Resolved, That the University of Michigan of which we are a justly proud has grown and prospered under republican management and we are in favor of extending to it all proper encouragement and material aid.

Resolved, That the republican party of Michigan adheres to its past record in caring for the soldiers of the late war and their dependents, and that it condemns all executive votes tending to deprive them of this support whenever and wherever justly due.

Resolved, That in the coming election we can elect a better government than the election of judges is of the greatest importance, and any lack of zeal on the part of republicans may result in giving one branch of the state government into the entire control of the opposing party. With the unanimity now existing among all republicans we feel confident that victory and not disaster will be the result of our efforts.

The committee on credentials submitted its report, and on motion of Judge Graves of Battle Creek, it was decided to proceed to the nomination of a Justice of the Supreme Court for the short term—eight years.

Judge Graves presented the name of James V. Campbell as candidate for the position of J. W. Babcock of Sanilac, made a delinquent report to the court, and nominate Col. John Atkinson of Wayne, F. H. Maynard of Grand Rapids in behalf of the Kent county delegation, seconded the nomination of Judge Campbell, and Hubbell of Ontonagon, Col. H. M. Infield, Robert E. Frazer of Wayne, A. A. Maynard of Macomb, and C. V. Ireland of Jackson, Capt. Allen of Benoni, and notably the name of W. W. Mitchell of Ionia. S. S. King of Jackson supported the nomination of Col. Atkinson. Congressman elect E. P. Allen of Washington had been instructed to present the name of Andrew Sawyer, which he did in a very happy manner. State Senator Westgate of Oceana county seconded the nomination of Col. Atkinson. J. A. Cannon of Benoni presented the convention to return to his old seat the veteran of thirty years, the name of Michigan law. Gen. Spalding of St. Johns, on behalf of Clinton county, seconded the nomination of Col. Atkinson. S. Babcock of Wayne, in behalf of fifty of the delegates, seconded the nomination of Col. Atkinson. Barton Parker of Monroe seconded the nomination of A. J. Sawyer and then the young soldier Albert J. Wilkinson of Dundee, who tried to make a speech in favor of Mr. Sawyer, but was unable to do so on account of the impatience of the audience, who impatiently demanded a vote, it then being nearly 5 o'clock. Tim Nestor of Marquette succeeded in getting the floor to make an address in favor of Col. Atkinson, but was unable to command attention at the convention and gave up the attempt. Washington Babcock of St. Clair announced that he seconded the nomination of Col. Atkinson, and thereupon a motion, made by John Atkinson, that the convention at once proceed to a ballot, was carried with only two or three dissenting votes.

As the call of counties proceeded it bore a decided look in favor of Judge Campbell. Wayne county had not been called, but the speeches in favor of Judge Campbell and those of the delegates of Pufferfield and Fremont in the Wayne delegation, which would certainly help Judge Campbell. Hence but little surprise was shown when at the close of the balloting the secretary announced the following result: Whole number of votes cast.....740 Necessary to a choice.....371 James V. Campbell.....412 John Atkinson.....222 A. J. Sawyer.....26 W. W. Mitchell.....46 A. Howell.....1

The nomination of Judge Campbell was made unanimous.

So much time had been occupied in making the nominating speeches that when it came to nominate the second candidate for justice of the supreme court the proceedings had to be hurried. W. R. Bates placed in nomination the name of Chas. D. Long of Flint, and Mr. Young of Houghton named B. J. Brown of Menominee.

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For the first regent M. Hebard was nominated by acclamation. For the second nomination a roll call was commenced, but as it showed Mr. Butterfield decidedly ahead of any other candidate the count was not completed. A motion to nominate Mr. Butterfield by acclamation was carried and the convention adjourned.

The ticket as completed is as follows: Justice supreme court (short term)—James V. Campbell of Wayne. Justice supreme court (long term)—Charles D. Long of Genesee. Regents of the state university—Charles W. Ingham of Baraga, Roger W. Butterfield of Kent.

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PROHIBITION CANDIDATES.

Prohibitionists Nominate a Ticket of Their Own, and Resolve to Continue the Party Organization.

The Platform.

The state prohibition convention met in Buck's opera house in Lansing February 24. Albert Dodge of Ingham was made temporary chairman, and Charles E. Fisk of Wayne secretary. The customary committees were appointed and a permanent organization effected by the election of D. P. Sagedorph as permanent chairman, and J. W. Cook as secretary. The address the Rev. E. B. Sutton, chairman of the finance committee, appealed for funds to carry on the campaign. At least \$10,000 was needed immediately. His appeals for subscriptions were not very heartily met, about an hour's persistent work bringing only about \$300 in pledges and cash.

The committee on resolutions adopted the following: Resolved, First and foremost and above all things else, it is the duty of our party, at this hour, to give a united and aggressive support to the amendment.

Resolved, That the prohibition party of Michigan finds ample cause for thankfulness and hope in the rapidly rising tide of prohibition sentiment throughout the state, and in the large vote cast for the party at the late elections in the several states, particularly in our own; and in the concessions of our political opponents in the submission of prohibition amendments to state constitutions and in various other ways.

Resolved, That because of the joy which it gives us to be permitted to strike a deadly blow in our own beloved state, at the head of that "gigantic crime of crimes," the liquor traffic, through the sacred principle of prohibition, we stop not to inquire into the political motives of those who have presented us with the opportunity, but here and solely to defend ourselves and those whom we represent, that if the pending prohibition amendment be not adopted on the 4th of April next, it shall not be from any want of ability or diligence on our part.

Resolved, That we express our gratification at the prompt and efficient work of the W. C. T. U. and all other temperance organizations in behalf of the amendment.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to our friends in other states, who have already so generously offered material aid in securing victory in April next.

In considering the second plank of the platform, Judge Cheever of Ann Arbor alluded to Judge Marston's papers on the subject and said that if the writer had taken the right ground, and he undoubtedly had in many respects, the work of the prohibition party would not be pushed in a hurried way. After the amendment was adopted and prohibitory legislation enacted we should still need the prohibition party to establish a state constitution, and to see that the laws were enforced.

Individual effort could not enforce such laws against the bad elements that sustain and surround the traffic.

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Over 200 fishermen met in Gloucester, Mass. the other day and organized a national fishing union. Resolutions were adopted approving the retaliatory measure, but deprecating an attempt to create a warlike feeling, trusting to the good sense of the people of both countries for an equitable solution to the difficulties, and asking a high protective tariff on fish.