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MICHIGAN PIONEER COLLECTION

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MICHIGAN'S GREATEST THIEF *Some Romantic Incidents in the Life of Silas Doty*

(A newspaper article, furnished by A D P Van Buren)

In a quiet country cemetery near the village of Reading, in Hillsdale County, is a grave, to visit which many curious ones have traveled for miles. There is nothing particularly attractive about either the tomb itself or its surroundings. In plain gothic letters upon the unpretentious headstone you read simply: "Silas Doty, born May 30, 1800; died March 12, 1876." But here it is that imprisoned in their last narrow cell repose the remains of one whom Will Carleton has designated as the "most consummate and unmitigated thief that America has ever produced," and those two dates before you are the opening and closing pages of a volume of thefts, burglaries and murders so extraordinary and romantic as to seem at times almost like chivalry.

Twenty, thirty and forty years ago the name of "Old Sile Doty" was heard with a shudder of mingled fear and hatred and upon his head fell the curses of honest men throughout New England, the Middle and Western states. Doty was born a thief. It was as natural for him to steal as for Wesley to write hymns. It is related that before he could stand upon his feet he would take anything in reach and creep away to hide it. Later he would steal the toys from his playmates and take delight in watching their unsuccessful search for them.

In 1809 the family was removed to Bangor, New York, where Sile was started in school. Here his natural inclinations began to have full sway. To one of Sile's persuasions the surroundings were favorable. Furs were in great demand during the war of 1812, and Franklin County, being new and thinly settled, abounded in hunters and trappers. Doty and a young chum, William Wicks, who proved to be his lifelong companion, formed a partnership for relieving the traps of their contents. It proved a profitable business, and they carried it on extensively for nearly three years without being so much as suspected. They then joined a band of thieves of whom Sile soon became "bell sheep" in his section of the country. The organization spread throughout the New England and Middle states, and numbered in its ranks blacksmiths who forged the tools, innkeepers and farmers who sheltered the guilty while being pursued, and judges, justices and sheriffs who freed them if captured.

Doty was a mechanical genius and could make anything to which he chose to turn his hand. While in his sixteenth year he gained access to a blacksmith shop and turned out a number of false keys and burglar's tools which were the marvel of his companions, and by the use of which almost any door could be opened. Soon after this Doty planned and executed his first burglary, he being the leader in successfully carrying away \$200 worth of goods from a country store. For the next four years whenever an opportunity presented itself he was found ready to make the most of it. For a year or two all went smoothly at home on the farm. Sile was on hand each day for work on the farm, though the night before may have seen him on a thieving expedition twenty miles away, but his excuses for late hours constantly grew less plausible to his father and several rows resulted, whereupon Sile determined to go to sea. Spurning the entreaties of his parents he left home in 1820 for Buffalo, intending there to learn a few tricks before embarking in the marine service. He stole a span of horses, emptied a cash drawer of \$1,000, took another horse and quit the city, shortly afterward returning and knocking down an interfering officer, escaping with the fourth horse to Rochester. Here he sold his horse, passed \$1,300 in counterfeit money, and rode out of the city with a fine team. On the last occasion being closely pursued, he turned officer himself, stopped and took dinner at a farm house representing himself as a certain sheriff in quest of horse thieves, stole the farmer's watch, and afterward returned to relieve him of his team. Disposing of these he boarded a boat bound for Kingston from Rochester, resolved to try the life of a sailor, which he had so long fancied he would enjoy. He was, however, not satisfied with the pilfering he could do along the ports, but soon conceived the idea of stealing a vessel, loading it with stolen goods, and after selling them at a landing down the river to sink the boat, all of which was successfully carried out. Going next to Albany he escaped with a span of horses after

disabling the sheriff with a slung-shot. Thence he went to Boston and passed a few months "very profitably." Later he donned once more his sailor suit and embarked with his friend Wicks for Liverpool. In England they remained about a year until so hotly pressed that they had to return, but not until they had earned the reputation of being two very successful thieves.

Back once more in his own country Doty went straight to his own home where he worked with his father and for a while seemed to have tired of thieving. The power of love had lulled temporarily the sinful propensities of his nature. For six months he courted and in the spring of 1825 was married to Miss Sophia Adams, an estimable young lady of the neighborhood. He determined to quit his evil practices and informed Wicks of his resolution, but the latter ridiculed the idea. Then too, his inherent nature began to assert itself, and he was soon into crime deeper than ever. The next nine years is a continued story of burglaries and horse thefts, for Doty was pre-eminently a horse thief, and he is admitted to have stolen more horses in number and value than any other one man. Three years were spent partly in Canada and partly in New York State. In the spring of 1834 he emigrated to Adrian, this State, where he rented a small house. Here he soon became acquainted with all the leading men of his stripe between Toledo and Chicago. He found that a very inefficient ring had been formed between them and at once proceeded to strengthen and perfect the organization, of which he was made the leader and over which he ruled with an iron will. The organization consisted of an immense body of men of every grade of rascals—thieves, counterfeiters, burglars and highwaymen, who were guilty of every act that could be called crime. About the first "business" he undertook in his new field of labor was the smuggling of goods from Canada. In the summer of 1835 he went to Detroit and there in company with Wicks, who had settled in Lapeer County, began operations. At the old United States Hotel they found six hundred dollars in the rooms of three drunken legislators. The smuggling business was a profitable one and to carry it on to better advantage, Doty determined to remove to Detroit, which he did, remaining there nearly two years.

In the spring of 1837, Doty with his brother rented the "Patch farm" near Tecumseh, and went to work in good faith, intending to become an honest farmer. But about the next thing heard of him he was visiting and encouraging a couple of counterfeiters' dens—one near Blissfield in a cave in the bank of the Raisin, the other on Bogus Island in Baw Beese Lake, near Hillsdale. He then went to Frankfort, Kentucky, stealing and selling several horses on the way and returning with the best pair of horses in the State with a negro, whom he had liberated, riding at his side. Doty's brother was continually looking upon him with suspicion and in the spring of 1838 he bought a farm near Willow Prairie, Steuben County, Indiana, and set up for himself. Soon after he hired a farm hand, Lorenzo G Noyes. The two men were too nearly of the same disposition to get along together, and frequent quarrels took place. Noyes finally left in a rage, declaring that he would "squeal" on Doty and his business, of which he had learned considerable. Doty overtook him in the road after his departure and killed him, burying his body under a log in a marsh. This was the first murder he committed. In a few months the body of the dead man was accidentally discovered and Doty was arrested, tried, and after a lingering trial convicted of murder in the second degree. He was doomed to the penitentiary for life, but in just a week from that night he broke jail, went straight as a beeline for the sheriff's horse and started for Mexico. He reached Gen. Taylor's army and engaged as a cook, but did not enlist. Daylight found him faithfully at his work, but the nights were spent in the robbery and murder of the "Greasers," he and his accomplices always killing every Mexican they robbed who would make a good soldier. These robberies were daring beyond description. During his absence in Mexico Doty continually wrote to relatives in the north of his experiences in the army, and when he returned he found himself scot-free because of his supposed enlistment in the service. Back at the north again, he removed his family to the southwestern part of Branch County, where he accommodated himself to the necessities of the people, as indeed he had always done to a great extent. If a neighbor wanted anything in the line of groceries, clothing, household utensils, or farming implements, he was ever ready to supply them from his never-failing stock. He went to Coldwater and stole a box of boots in order to fit Representative Colvin, and afterwards enjoyed the thought that one of Michigan's law makers had his feet dressed in stolen boots.

In the spring of 1851 Doty was arrested in Indiana and brought to the Hillsdale jail, and after breaking out and being returned, was found guilty of several cases of petty larceny. On the strength of these and his reputation combined he was sentenced by Judge Wilson to a term of seventeen years' hard labor at Jackson. At the prison he was set at shoemaking, and became a good, steady man. He was several

times converted by religious friends and was always ready to be converted again. On September 1, 1866, Doty was set at liberty, having gained about two years by good behavior. His wife had died of a broken heart and he returned to his children in Steuben county Indiana. He now held a grudge against three men which he intended to pay and then settle down to a quiet enjoyment of old age. One of these was Lawyer Parsons of Coldwater, whose horse he at once proceeded to steal. Four days afterwards he was arrested at Bryan, Ohio, and upon conviction was sent to Jackson for four years. Again gaining a little time for good behavior he returned to his relatives in Hillsdale County in 1870. But he was homesick: his old companions had gone. Going into northern Michigan he stole a worthless valise in order to get back to prison. After a two years' service he returned to his son at Reading where he spent the remaining four years of his life with the exception of running a shoe shop for a few months in Cambria village. He continued active in his "profession," as he was proud to style it, to the very last. Only a year before his death he formed a partnership with a young thief, Davis of Hillsdale county, and they made several excursions together, shipping their stolen property to Grand Rapids.

A friend of the writer who was a resident of Reading and a near neighbor of Doty from 1872 to 1876, writes the following: "My first introduction to the man was a rather startling one. I was standing on a street corner in the village, when suddenly he came rushing up, and, stopping in front of me, flourished a roll of greenbacks in one hand and a revolver in the other and exclaimed: 'Now, d-n 'em, I guess they won't get me.' He was a medium-sized man, strongly built and with an iron constitution. He was cross-eyed, but had a very pleasant countenance and would have been the last man in the town to have been taken for a thief and murderer. He had a great genius for making curiosities. One I remember that attracted considerable attention was a complete tree within a small necked can, which he had adjusted in place piece by piece and on each branch of which was hung some object, such as a baby in a cradle, a boy on horseback, and the like. I was told that he was ten months in making it. In his dealings Doty was very exact and he had a rigid regard for the truth. He never yielded to licentiousness and dissipation, and as a neighbor and friend was well liked. I was present at the time of his death and saw him breathe his last. His funeral was the most largely attended of any ever held in Reading. He has many relatives living in Reading, Cambria and Ransom townships, all of whom are highly respected."

SAGINAW'S HONOR ROLL
of
MEN REGISTERED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

In compliance with the request of the Provost Marshal, General Crowder, The Courier-Herald is publishing the names of the young men registered in city and county on June 5. Military Registration Day. Other wards and townships will be published daily, as space permits, until the complete list has been published. If the name of any young man between 21 and 31 years old is missing from the list of his home precinct, the fact should be reported immediately to Mayor Paddock or City Clerk Herbert S Gay. if in the city, or to Sheriff Sutherland or County Clerk Charles Stacey if in the townships.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

ALWARD, Clyde
APPLEMAN E H

ANAMAN, John

BARTIG Ernest W F
BAUER J L Walter
BEAVER Elzie S
BEHM Edwin W
BEYERSDORF Wm M
BEYERSDORF A A C

BEYTHAM Oscar E
BICKEL Ernst C
BOHN Charles R
BUCHANAN W F
BUCHANAN N D
BUNTERBART M C H

CAVICH Zivice
CLAREY Michael J
CUSICK Charles P

COATS Henry E
CONDON Arthur

DALEY Terrance P
DARBY Bernard Jr
DIENER Fred W
DIENER Carl F W
DURROW Edward A

DOYLE David C
DOYLE William H
DUCHAM Joseph F
DEUGEY George W

EARLE Arthur W
EARLE Reeve E
ERSKINE Robert

EARLE Carl R
emcott Arthur P

FEHN Adolph C
FEHN William G
FITING Frederick E
FITING Henry H
FITING August W
FURTAW George
FITING August C

FITING Herman A
FITING George
FOY Charles
FOY Frank
FREDERICK August J
FRITZ Rudolph T

GARVEY Francis T
GREGUS Gabriel

GLENN George C

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HILLMAN Geo C R
HOEPPNER Richard
HOEPPNER H C
HOEPPNER Emil H
HOEPPNER Edw A
HUTFILZ John C E F

IRISH Marion E

KADE BERNHART F
KENNY Kenneth
KLEPPART Conrad
KREGER Wm F
KREGER Chas F W
KUSH Thomas

LAUTERMAN J M

McCAW Joseph
McLEAN John R
MILLER Macey

NEUENFELDT Herm F
NEUENFELDT Henry
NOLAN James C

PAHL Charles H
PAHL Alexander W
PIERCE Cecil F
POMRENING Paul F
PRETZER Ferd W
PRETZER Richard J

RAUCHHOLZ H F
RAYMO Charles A
RICHARD Jerry W
RICHMOND Geo M
ROWE David J

CHARF Henry E
SCHELL Weldon D
SCHMIDT Charles
SCHMIDT Otto A H
SCHMIDT Wm F
SCHULTZ Alfred
SCHULZ Emil M
STRYKER Wm L

TESSIN Edward E
TESSIN Henry F
TESSIN Edward
TURNER Roy

HOPKINS Frank J
HOPKINS Thos C
HUBBELL Holly E
HUBBELL Isaac
HUBBELL John Leo

KREGER Fred W
KRUTH Herman C F
KRUTH Emil J
KUBE Albert E
KUBE William R

LITTLE Fremond C

MORNINGSTAR D H
MORNINGTSAR S

NOTHELFER Frank J
NORTHLFER Leo H

PRETZER John F
PREISS Henry H
PREUSE Edwin A
PRIBLCEVICH S
PETNAM Ross F
PUTNAM M C

RILEY Joseph H
ROHDE Albert A
ROHDE Gustave
ROHDE Wm G C

SCHULTZ Wm H O
SCHULTZ Herbert
SHELTRAW Grover J
SMITH Ira M
SMITH Dexter W
SMITH Roy S
STENZEL Herman A

TESSIN Arnold G
THOMAS Jedd D
TOWNSEND Ed H

30 June 1917 continued

VOORHELS Lee A

WALSH Mark T
WALSH Arthur
WARD Charles W
WARDIN Erich H
WARDIN Ernst O C
WARDIN Carl F W
WARDIN Edwin F C
WARDIN Albert

WATSON Richard T
WELSH Michael D
WELSH Joseph
WHITNEY Earl O
WOLFGRAM Albert
WOLFGRAM John T
wolgast Henry C
WRIGHT Edward W

SPAULDING TOWNSHIP

BANKERT George T
BECHTEL Norman B

BENNETT Clarence J
BOREY Fernando J

CAIRNS Herbert W

Devoe Clare

DOERR Walter

EASTMAN Geo E W

FERCHAN Victor A

FERCHAN Geo C

GONES Geill
GUNLOCK Harold J

GORDON Emmett

HARRIS Neil L
HOPKINS Joseph

HILL John T

LENINER Louis

LOCKWOOD C N

MARSHALL John
MARTINDALE E A
McCULLEN Otto
MRAZ Vincent

MILLER Maurice
MONTROY John
MONTROY DULIS

PAGEL Charles F
PAGEL Albert A

POTTS Clyde A
PUKLINCAK Steve

RICKARD Guy C

ROBY William G

SAS Steve
SCHEFFLER Adolph R

SCHAITBERGER W F

TRUCKNER Henry

WALKER Frank R
WEBER Jacob

WESTPHAL Wm P
WHITE John

YOUNG Beryl J

ZILWAUKEE TOWNSHIP

ALBRECHT Frank

BAIRD Wm J
BAUER Alfert
BAUER Harry
BAUER Fred J
BAUER Ernest

CLEMENT Ronald

DAMMANN Earl W
DAMMANN John

GOODEMAN Ernest
GYIFFORE Edward M

HAX James E
HENNING Fred
HENNING Wm

JENNINGS Edwin I

KAECKMEISTER A
KETTELBAHN H

LUPLOW William

MARR William
METIRA Floyd

NAGEL Antoine

OTT Emil

ROUTLER Stanley

SERRINE Edward
SCHMELZER
SCHROEDER Carl W
SCHROEDER F E

THOMAS Edward
TINAM Herman

VOLBRECHT Herman
VOLBRECHT Wm F

WATTENBERG N
WENDT Alfred
WENDT Edward
WESTENDORPH R D

BAUER William
BLOHN William J
BLOHN Fred J
BRIGGS Herbert
BROWN Delbert B

DAMMANN Ed E
DAREY Roy

GRIFFORE Floyd
GRIFFORE Norman R

HENNING Herman
HENNING John
HOLTZ William

JOSEHART Julius

KOCH Wm J B
KRUEGER John H

METIRA Linus R
MICHACLS Harry

NESTELL Bert

PUDEIN J Leo

SIEGREEN Ferd
STROEBEL John
SUMMERFIELD F D
SUMMERFIELD W A

TINAN John

VOLBRECHT Edward

WESTENDORF F E
WIESE George MC
WINIECKE L V S
WOLLIN Carl Jr

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PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Some County Probate Court records are of value to genealogists. Estate files may contain the name of spouses, siblings, and children as well as information about the estate. The following records are in the State Archives unless otherwise indicated.

ESTATE CASE FILES

This series of records may include; Petition for the appointment of administrator of estate; order for hearing of petition to settle estate; bond of executor or administrator; order granting power of letter of administration; letters of administration; published notice of estate together with sworn statement of publisher; order for appointment of guardian; guardian's bond; petitions for appointment of guardian; report of sale of real estate; "letters testamentary" requesting inventory of goods, chattals, rights, credits and real estate of deceased; statements of monies due; contracts; petitions for determination of heirs; certificate of probate of will; will; petition for license to sell real estate; administrator's license to sell real estate; appraiser's warrant; confirmation of sale; bond on sale of real estate; receipts for probate fees; claims for payment of bills; receipts; commissioner's warrant and report of claims presented, examined and obligation of guardianship for minors and heirs of estate with petitions for appointment, letters granting authority, and bond of the appointed guardian. Some cases may be missing. Arranged numerically, unless noted otherwise.

COUNTY	INCLUSIVE DATE/ ARRANGEMENT	RECORD GROUP	DEPOSITORY
ALPENA	1872-1904 (Microfilm())	RG80-126	
BARRY	CA.1860-1873; 1879-1913	RG67-38; 68-15 RG71-143	WMU WMU
CHEBOYGAN	1858-1901 (Microfilm) (Indexed Alpha By Surname)	RG80-97	
EATON	1838-1900 (Arranged Num.)	RG80-73	
GENESEE	1852-1883 (Selected cases)	RG71-37; 75-86	
IONIA	1837-1869 (Partially indexed Alpha by Surname)	RG78-67	
LIVINGSTON	CA.1895-1905 (Missing all Adoptions, 1897-1899; Arranged chronologically)	RG67-90; 71-164 75-12	
MACOMB	CA.1825-1869 (Arranged Alpha By Surname)	RG77-112	
MECOSTA	CA.1870-1938 (Selected)	RG72-45	
MONROE	1804-1873 (Arranged Alpha)	RG81-138; 72-44	

ST. CLAIR	1828-1872		
VAN BUREN	1848-1912 (Microfilm) Indexed	RG78-65	
	Alpha by Surname)	RG68-28	WMU
WANE	1796-1901 (Arranged Alpha)	RG95-35	

WMU denotes Western Michigan University

Other Probate Court Records may also be of value. More information about the contents of each series can be obtained by visiting the State Archives or the cited depository where the records are on deposit.

BERRIEN COUNTY (Western Michigan University) Includes proceedings of the Probate Court, 1832-1838 RG67-109; Index to Insane Citizens 1858-1916; 1919 (Restricted) RG67-109

HURON COUNTY - Includes records relating to Probate of Estate of Deceased Persons, 1865-1886 RG67-93; Journal of Probate Court, 1880-1898 RG67-93

HILLSDALE COUNTY Contains a Records of Wills, 1865-1952 RG69-81

IONIA COUNTY Includes Probate Journals, 1837-1895 RG78-67; Petitions to probate Deceased Estates, 1858-1865 RG76-67; Orders of Determining Heirs, 1917-1954 RG78-67; Records of Wills, 1866-1917 1923-1969 RG78-67; Petitions for Assignment of Dower Rights and Reports of Commission in Partition, 1867-1905 RG78-67; Orders to Sell Real Estate at Public Sale and Orders Confirming Sale, 1858-1917 RG76-67; Abstracts of Taxable Inheritances, 1899-1966 RG78-67; Orders for Disposition of Widows Pensions, 1887-1903, 1915-1925 RG78-67; Orders for Admission of Dependent and Neglected Children to State Public School, 1885-1904 RG78-67

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - Includes Probate Court Record Books (Estate Cases), 1855-1898 RG75-12

MACOMB COUNTY - Consists of Probate Court Calendar, 1849-1905 RG80-95

MECOSTA COUNTY - Records include Journals of the Probate Court, 1860-1893, 1901-1917 RG72-45; Records of Probate of Wills, 1887-1910 RG72-45; Index to Estate in Probate, n.d. RG72-45

ST. CLAIR COUNTY - Records of Proceedings, 1828-1838 RG79-48

VAN BUREN COUNTY - Western Michigan University - Includes Record of Guardianship, 1845-1867 RG68-28; Proceedings in Dower 1847-1878 RG68-28; Journal of Probate Court 1846-1867 RG68-28

Due to the content and arrangement of Probate Court Records, researchers are encouraged to visit the State Archives in Order to examine the files.

MORTUARY

Record of Deaths and Funerals of the Past Few Days

Jacob F BATCHELOR died at 1:30 pm yesterday at his residence, 1121 Genesee avenue, thus closing the career of another of the aged residents of Saginaw. Mr BATCHELOR was born in Lowville, NY 5 July 1811, being accordingly over 80 years of age. In 1836 he came to Michigan, settling at Port Huron. He then worked at his trade as a wagonmaker and millwright. In 1850 when the gold excitement was rife, Mr BATCHELOR went to California, going overland across the plains. He remained until June of 1852, when he returned by way of the isthmus of Panama. On arriving home he engaged in the flour, feed, and grocery business at Port Huron. In 1854, in partnership with John HOWARD Sr and Henry HOWARD he built a mill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. In 1860 he bought out the Howards' interest and continued the business until 1876 when he removed to Saginaw and with his son J F BATCHELOR and D WHITNEY Jr of Detroit, engaged in the mill business in which he retained his interest until his death. While in California Mr BATCHELOR erected one of the first if not indeed the first circular saw mill in that state. He was one of the pioneer lumbermen of Michigan. He always enjoyed good health and in his old age was robust and vigorous. He was taken ill a little over a week ago with catarrhal fever, which resulted in death yesterday. Funeral services will be held at the residence at 3:30 pm tomorrow and the remains will be taken to Port Huron for burial on the 7:40 train Wednesday morning.

Mrs Lottie ROBERTS, wife of William B ROBERTS, died Saturday morning at the residence, 919 South Fourth street. Mrs ROBERTS has been a great sufferer for the past 10 years. She has resided in this city for 40 years. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters. The funeral was held at 2 pm today from the residence.

The funeral of Alden D REDMOND took place at 8am today from the residence 722 Carroll street and at 8:30 from St Joseph's church. Mrs REDMOND was 50 years of age and had resided in Saginaw for the past 23 years. For eight years he was an employe of the American Express company. A family of six children, two sons and four daughters, mourn his loss. He was a member of the CMBA and of the Knights of St John.

The funeral of Henry D BRUCE will take place tomorrow at 2 pm from the residence, 325 South Weadock avenue.

The funeral of Margaret, wife of Patrick HAGERTY, was held today at 8am from the residence on Howard street and at 8:30 from St Mary's church

The funeral of Mrs Sarah BUTLER was held yesterday at 2pm from the residence on South Jefferson avenue. The interment was at Brady Hill cemetery.

Pornia, the 5 year old son of Mr and Mrs Andrew YASO, died Saturday at the residence, 125 South Seventh street, of diphtheria. The funeral which was private, was held yesterday.

SAGINAW EVENING NEWS 4 January 1892 Continued

Robert BEACH died in Colorado Springs on Sunday of consumption at the age of 29 years. He was a former resident of this city, having gone west about nine months ago. His family reside here. The remains will be brought back for interment.

The funeral of Eddie, son of Mr and Mrs Fred H KREMER, took place at 2 pm yesterday from the residence on Eleventh street. There were many beautiful floral offerings, the tributes of sympathizing friends.

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SOUTH SIDE NEWS

Mrs Godfrey FRITZ is the guest of Bay City friends today
Frank CODY is home from visiting his father in Breckenridge
Mrs Rose and Mrs George HUMPHREY were in Bay City today
Wm SEVER, who was ill at his home on Provencher street, is better today
Miss Minerva EGAN is home from visiting friends in Marlette and Clifford
Mrs H GIDDINGS is entertaining Mrs A McKAIN, son Harry and daughter Pearl, of Milford

Miss Florence BLACKMER, who has been with friends in Sault Ste Marie the past five weeks, returned home today

Miss Grace HOLAHAN entertained with a porch party Tuesday evening. About 20 guests were present and music was a pleasing feature

Rev H N ALDRICH returned Monday from Flint and was called to Port Huron Tuesday to officiate at the funeral of a former parishoner. He came home yesterday

Mrs Olivia HESS and Mrs Martha BRADLEY are guests of Mrs C T MILLER today at the home of Mrs D H TROMBLEY, Bay City. Miss Edith SPOUSE, of St Charles accompanied them

A delightful day's outing on the yacht Masonic is being enjoyed today by a large company which includes ladies and gentlemen and their families. A dinner was a feature at the house boat "Klondike" and the fishing provided sport for the afternoon

A number of little friends pleasantly surprised Master Frank SEVER yesterday afternoon and helped him celebrate his 8th birthday. Games were indulged in until 7 o'clock and then refreshments were served. A number of pretty presents were left to help him remember the occasion

It is expected that street car traffic over the South Washington avenue line will be resumed tomorrow, as the new pavement between the pere Marquette tracks and the Randolph street is completed, the last of the cement being put on the brick yesterday afternoon. The putting of the new switch at the south side will inconvenience the traveling public but little, as it is not a lengthy job

Mrs W J LAMSON entertained the ladies of committee No 1 of the Epworth Ladies Aid society yesterday afternoon at her home, South Washington avenue. About twenty enjoyed the gathering and some little time was devoted to arranging the monthly business of the society. Instead of having the regular tea this month the ladies discussed other forms of entertainment, but no definite action was taken. When the routine work had been disposed of the hostess served dainty refreshments and the affair was greatly enjoyed.

City and Vicinity

Beautiful premiums given for Queen Anne soap wrappers at M E Danforth's 1621 Genesee ave. New designs received

F A BERGER and family are enjoying life at the beaches

Born:-- To Mr and Mrs Fred CRAWFORD, Farwell street, August 5, a twelve pound boy

S W TYLER & Son are manufacturing 6,000,000 16-inch shingles this year for Eastern parties

Henry OSTRANDER will commence the sale of the HIMMELEIN dry goods stock on Wednesday next

S W TYLER & Son shipped 2,000,000 shingles on the barge Hattie which cleared for Buffalo yesterday

The demand for shingles is increasing and prices are stiffening. The quotations are \$3 for clear butts and \$3.35 for XXXX

Harry W DOWNS has been appointed ticket agent for the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw Railroad company at Wenona Beach

Mrs John M BROOKS left for Boston this morning in response to a telegram announcing the death of her father, Rev J W DADMUN

George POOLE, the boy that had his leg broken by being run over by a train on Lapeer street about two weeks ago, is rapidly convalescing

Wm E GALLIGAN has resigned his position in the city ticket office of the Michigan Central Railroad company to accept clerkship in the office of C E EASTMAN

There was a large attendance last evening at the musicale given at the residence of Mr and Mrs A T WARD, 109 Welles street, the affair being an unqualified success and netting a neat amount for the Working Woman's Home and Hospital for whose benefit it was given

Louis COLEMAN and Miss Rosa PAPPA, both of this city, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the residence of Rev Fr DALTON. After the reception was held the newly married couple departed on their wedding trip to Mackinaw. They were the recipients of many handsome presents

A SPLENDID WORK

R L Polk & Co's new directory for the city of Saginaw has just been completed by the Saginaw Printing & Binding Co. In many respects the book is far superior to the issue of any former year, especially as regards the printing and binding of the book. Manager CHOPE, of the Printing and Binding Co has done himself proud on this job and well merits the many compliments the new book has received. The Saginaw Printing & Binding Co are rapidly attaining a high reputation for first-class work in their line and it may interest readers of THE NEWS to know that this firm begin the new year with several large contracts for book and magazine work on their order book.

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