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Number of papers printed, 6,100
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Sample copy circulation, 6,093
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Furnished to patrons or others irregularly, 1,007

FRIDAY, AUG. 21, 1921.
THE FARMER AND HIS CROPS
The enemies of the Alliance think that the higher prices for the various crops and the farmer's great crop of wheat. They think that the Alliance move rests upon the calamitous condition of the farmers up to this auspicious moment, and now that better times are upon them the Alliance will break before better prices are made known before the dawn.

This coincides what heretofore has been denied, that the farmer was driven into the Alliance by his own misfortune. It is true that he is such a fool that he does not know the smiles of Providence from the wiles of John Sherman.
But, gentlemen, don't deceive yourself, the farmer will truly appreciate the measures of the Alliance and endeavor to better his condition while the while has his eye on the treasury of the United States, and is watching to see how the billion dollar appropriations are to be paid out of it without increasing the farmer's debt load.
He will watch to see if his good crops next year holds up in price even if Europe has a good crop; if it does even if there is something for him in the McKinley-Sherman bill.
The farmer will not be found as big a fool as those laughing politicians believe him to be. He is not fooling his bill away any more on three card monte games. He has got out of the Alliance, and he is not laying the blame upon Providence now.

GRAND RIVER BRIDGE
Gen. Poe replies in this issue of the Morning Press to the opinion, that has gained some strength, that the deepening of the channel at St. Clair falls was lowering the level of the lakes. His reply appears to be a refutation of that opinion.
There is no doubt that the rainfall has everything to do with the inflow and the outflow of the lakes, but notwithstanding the high level in seasons of unusual precipitation, it is not possible that in dry seasons the deeper channel at the falls tends to aid evaporation in lowering the level above it.
If the fall of the lake at the head of Huron river is sufficiently high it should maintain a certain average level notwithstanding a decreased rainfall. Water running into a basin will overflow when it is full, and when it flows to lower levels the outflow will correspondingly lessen, but the basin will be maintained full until the inflow entirely ceases.
If the fall from that cross section at Huron is slight, dredging at the falls would increase the outflow and lower the level, and this does not preclude the idea of a higher level in times of an unusual increase of rainfall.

UNITED STATES SENATOR GORDON OF GEORGIA AND GOV. NORTON, both of whom are leading Southern Democrats, are not more than a step from deserting the alliance, but his conduct shows that he favors the doctrine of the alliance and is therefore as much a "crack" as Jerry Simpson or Senator Peffer. Having accepted the doctrine of the alliance, it is but one step further to the People's party, if the National Democratic party fails to hear the voice of the people.

THE HOUSE HAS ORDERED, the Quay party that held a reception in Pennsylvania Wednesday, would have endorsed Blaine for President next year and started his boom with all the force of a machine that is supposed to control 30 Republican votes in the next Electoral college. The fact that the Quay party previous restrained the Blaine ardor, and Harrison is yet a possibility.

THE EFFORT OF ORATOR Phelps at the dedication of the Benington monument, was noble, grand and eloquent. It was brilliant, with beautiful thoughts, and it is entirely to the great height of the glorious occasion that called it forth. It will stand a gem of purity in the diadem of American oratory.

It is not recommended that we discourage further presidents from trying to win popular favor by cast little speeches from the tail end of a railway car. It will be cruel on the section. If these speeches across the continent are all lost.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME has been transferred once more, but from all we can learn, nothing got away or was lost in this last change.

PRISON AND FREE LABOR

THE WRETCHES IN STRIPES A BONE OF CONSTANT CONTENTION.

The Statement of Our Land Seem Incapable of Handling a Very Simple Problem—To Lessen the Burden of Idleness They Increase the Army of Slaves.

There is slavery and oppression in Tennessee more cruel than that which existed prior to Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. The fourteenth amendment abrogated the law allowing the holding of chattel slaves, but the law of competition, founded upon and upheld by the greed of capitalism, has riveted the shackles of the wage slave until they cut to the bone, and the governor and militia have taken the place of the slave driver and bloodhounds. The cries of hungry women and children are met with high sounding declarations of "the honor of the state," and the sacredness of a contract with convict sweaters is offered as a substitute for the bread which has been snatched from honest and law-abiding miners.

THE LAKE LEVELS.

Gen. Poe Gives Reasons for the Faith That is in it.

DETROIT, Aug. 19, 1921—Editor Morning Press—I am in receipt of a copy of the Morning Press dated August 17th last containing an editorial (marked) upon the subject "The Lakes' Lower Levels." The tenor of this editorial is the suggestion that the prevailing low stage in the lakes, and the decrease through the improved channel at St. Clair falls, and causing doubt upon my often expressed opinion that it is to be attributed to the abnormally small precipitation of the last three years.

It is not suggested in this reply to go into an elaborate discussion of the question, but I may properly invite attention to a few facts which have some bearing upon the matter.
First—The channel at St. Clair Falls was dredged to a depth of 16 feet in 1874. Its depth has not been increased since. Yet the stage of water in Lake Huron in 1875 was the best we have had for many years. In 1876, 1885 and 1886 it was higher than in 1871, 1872, 1873 or 1874.

Second—Our Crossman's chart of the water levels of the lakes, is plotted also the precipitation curve. A simple inspection of this chart shows the intimate relation between the volume of precipitation and the stage of water. The chart referred to can be seen at this office, and is absolutely convincing.
Third—The average discharge of St. Clair falls, due to the channel dredged 17 years ago, was sufficient to lower the level of the lakes an inch. The stage of water at Lake Erie should rise to an extent at least as great, because the area of the latter is greater than that of the former. The stage in Lake Erie is even lower than in the two upper lakes very respectfully.

It is customary for the defender of the present lease system to say that "it is absurd to hold that two or three hundred convicts can upset a whole industry in which thousands are employed," and that therefore the present high stage of the water is due to the ignorance on the operation of economic law. If one mine in a district embracing twenty miles is enabled to produce coal at a lower rate than the employment of convicts, the owners of the other nineteen mines must force the cost of their coal to that of the mine of the convict. If left to operate naturally the competitive system inevitably pulls the wages in an industry down to the lowest figure paid by any operator in that industry. Hence the comparatively few convicts in the Tennessee mines not only displace an enormous number of men, but they reduce the price paid for mining in the whole district.

I cannot find consolation for the deplorable condition of the Tennessee mines in the fact that they drove the militia out of the state. If the statement that the sentiment of the business public is with them (the miners), we have not yet reached the period of open and unadvised revolt against capitalism, and it is ever a question of time when the representatives of government would become the enemies of the people who would triumph over any protest, no matter how formidable at first, the workers may make; and it will know that I long ago said as much as this in my public statement. Public sentiment is with the under dog only while he whines; when he begins to grow as an under dog quickly get over or lose that "mild support."

Buy the union label shoes at Ed O'Donnell's, 54 Canal Street.

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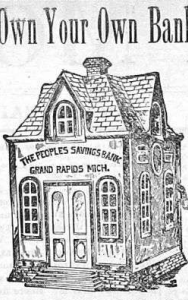
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FRED. M. BRIGGS, General Agent.

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Another Special Excursion to Mackinac Island and Traverse City, Mich., on Sunday, August 29, by the O. & W. R. R. Train will leave Upton station at 7:00 a. m. and leave destination returning at 6:30 p. m. Geo. DeHaven, General Manager.

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Corner Monroe and Tolia,
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We are just through with our Midsummer and Alteration Sale, which has kept us so busy that we have had no time to write our usual change in advertisement. We presume it is just as well, for it SEEMS To us that the entire population of the city of Grand Rapids has visited our store during the past week, and all have, we know, went away SATISFIED Beyond expectation. People begin to realize that we do not all that we advertise. We were all pretty well tired out, but with Sunday's rest we shall Monday begin to show our new fall goods as fast as our altering and repairing will allow. Watch our advertisements for sensations in the near future. Yours Resp., **HEYMAN & COMPANY.**

OUR PER CENT SALE HAS BEEN A SUCCESS. FROM NOW ON WE HAVE REDUCED OUR SUMMER GOODS TO COST!
On Our \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 Shoes
GIVE A REDUCION OF 15 PER CENT.
THE CHICAGO SHOE STORE, 28 CANAL STREET.

THE PEOPLE COLUMN.

On the Future of Religion. Editor MORNING PRESS—Certain cranks of the full-fledged and who are worse semi-fidel ships keeps harping on the idea of the future of religion...

The exhibits in the matter of money contributed for benevolent and mission work will be nauseating, because these fabled and semi-fabled talk mongers...

Now this is an argument of statistical nature, and you are doing it to give a bit of local history and can vouch for all the facts.

Infidelity had a fair chance and did its best. The mayor of the city...

"No, no," he said to himself. "They're not here, but what's this? Why, some letters Maggie gave me post yesterday..."

"The next morning Mr. Greene naturally expected to find Svendler's letters at his door. To his surprise and annoyance, however, they had not arrived...

"This is ridiculous," said Mr. Greene to himself. "Who might they be? I don't know. I'll try to find them."

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HIS WIFE'S ETHERS.

As the train steamed slowly out of Snobton, Mr. Greene looked out of the window at the corner of his compartment with a groan.

"What between this infernal lawsuit and one thing and another," he muttered to himself, "I believe I'm half dead."

"This is not unaccountably led to a little break between Mr. Greene and Joe, and a certain coolness between them."

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