

GOV. PINGREE CALLS FOR MARCH 22.

His message brief and to the point. Says Tax Burden is Unequally Divided and is Becoming Unbearable—Wants Corporations to Pay Their Full Share.

The long-expected call for an extra session of the state legislature has at last been issued by Gov. Pingree. The date for the meeting of the extra session is Tuesday, March 22. The governor's proclamation is as follows:

By Sec. 6 of Art. 5 of the constitution of the state of Michigan, it is provided that the law be faithfully executed.

In violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of these provisions of the constitution, laws have been passed from time to time, by which railroad companies, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies now owning, according to their own sworn testimony, at least one-third of the property of this state, are required to pay only one-tenths of the taxes levied for state and municipal purposes.

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The death of Henry Buck, a farmer near Lake Huron, was committed suicide at the residence of Joseph Huber on Lapeer street, Saginaw, by taking morphine. Last summer his wife was thrown from a wagon and instantly killed. Subsequently Mr. Huber met with an accident from which he suffered the loss of one of his legs, and shortly thereafter he had urged him to suicide. He has no relatives.

Van Buren county farmers want the office of state tax statistician restored. It was abolished by the last legislature. The Hon. Joseph county grand jury, having returned 20 indictments during the past four weeks, has finished its work.

John Hall, an Oakland county pioneer, died at Birmingham. His death was the result of a fall by which his hip was broken.

Wallace Lee, a teamster, was rolling a log a short distance near Morris, when he slipped and it rolled on his leg, crushing it terribly.

The young sons of Jack Simmons and Peter Johnson were drowned in Bowen's ice pond on the outskirts of Adrian.

Wm. Hilday, founder of the Grand Rapids furniture and mill industry, died that day, aged 91. He started a chair and furniture works in 1836.

The postoffice at Dundee will be removed from Dundee to a postoffice April 1. The salary of the postmaster will be \$1,000.

Thomas Gray has appointed postmaster at South Lyon, Oakland county, Michigan. His successor has recommended William J. Nelson for postmaster at Palms, Mich.

Mrs. Robinson, colored, was found dead in an old wood shed at Lapeer. She had been thrown from a two-wheeled cart and is thought to be dead from starvation.

An expert accountant reports shortage on the books of the board of education of Monticello, Mich., for the years 1892 to 1897 inclusive. The committee will investigate.

Rep. Sam W. Smith opposes the free homestead amendment to the Indian Appropriation bill, which would rob the Michigan Agricultural college of \$40,000.

Frederick, an old soldier, living near Fraser, committed suicide at his home by shooting himself through the chest with a revolver.

While on his way home from a meeting of the officers of the G. A. R. at Cass, he was struck with apoplexy at the corner of a Michigan street and he died in a few minutes.

Dr. J. H. Laneshaire, of the Alma Sanitarium company, says coal underlies the entire village. At the depth of 100 feet the veins of coal were struck, and at 1,050 a vein 30 feet in thickness was found.

Secretary Baker, of the state board of health, sent three samples of St. Clair drinking water to the U. S. for analysis. He has been advised that it was very bad water.

Zalmon L. Holmes died at Lansing, aged 87. He was born in New York and watched the construction of Robert Fulton's steamship at New York.

Sheriff Cloman, of Pontiac, went to Jackson prison after Campbell, a five-year term for burglary has expired. Campbell was rearrested on the charge of grand larceny.

Col. George H. Ellers and Milton Weston, of New York City, have applied for a patent for a device for an electric road which will extend to Sister Lakes, Dowagiac, Decatur, Paw Paw and possibly to Kalamazoo, and also to the Michigan coast.

There are 10 cases of fever in St. Clair. Some physicians say it is malaria and others claim it to be typhoid. Two deaths have occurred.

John Kropfenhorst, an old farmer, was charged with the murder of his wife. He had apparently been dead several days, and the cause was probably old age. He stood alone, a tall and gaunt old man, with a long white beard.

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The size of America-Spain war cloud is constantly increasing, and the war feeling among all classes is becoming more intense daily.

The President's decision to recall the United States minister to Madrid is a most important communication from U. S. Minister Woodford.

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Several unusual and important phases of the incident which do not appear on the surface. In the first place the demand for the recall of Lee is made through U. S. Minister Woodford.

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WAR CLOUD IN THE EAST. Russia is preparing for trouble. The Chinese are making demands for the settlement of the issue of the Russo-Japanese war.

Much uneasiness is felt in Chinese circles in consequence of the Russian demands for the settlement of the issue of the Russo-Japanese war.

The London papers comment on the menacing condition of affairs in the far east. The Daily Chronicle in a strong editorial says: "As a result of the Russo-Japanese war, the world is being torn apart."

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