

IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

The State Tax Commission is Now After Timely Owners and Progress to be Made by the State in the Future of the State and County Taxes.

Man's Great Cause a Confession.

A confession was created at Onaway, Mich. by the report of the Detroit of Mrs. Anna Bowen that she, and not Frank Morgan, did the shooting which killed Donald Gillis at the night of April 29 last. Morgan who was living at the Bowen farm at the time of the tragedy, confessed to the shooting and shooting was convicted at the Sept. term of the circuit court in Cheboygan of murder in the second degree and will be confined in the state prison for the term of the supreme court upon a motion for a new trial. It is believed that Morgan confessed in order to save the woman he loved. It is reported that she had been without rest since the crime was committed and was haunted by the dead man, who has refused to let her rest. The woman's claims has caused her for her injustice to the innocent, hence her confession.

Tax Commission After Timber Owners.

The state tax commissioners believe that the timber owners are not paying the state millions of dollars in the past in the shape of taxes because the property has not been properly revalued and placed on assessment rolls. The commission will endeavor to ascertain what is left and has sent out a letter to the top of all assessors giving questions: 1. The names and residences (if known) of all persons owning or occupying lands in your township, except those who are standing timber, the kinds thereof, number of acres, estimated value of same, and such other information as you may be able to and will furnish. 2. What, if any, manufacturing of lumber, lat, timber, pickets, shingles, posts or other articles, may be in your township or assessing timber.

A Warning About Smallpox.

The fact that smallpox is in a mild form, but unmistakable, exists in 10 places in Michigan, has induced the state board of health to issue a warning to the people of the state. The board states that when the cold weather arrives it is to be expected that the disease will be more dangerous, and, unless greater care is taken, more spread. In order to prevent an epidemic of smallpox in the state, it is urged that all citizens and physicians cooperate with the health authorities at Lansing in acting promptly when they have reason to believe that a case under their observation is or may be smallpox. The protection of the public health is best served when physicians and citizens give to the public health benefits of any doubt which may be certain as to whether given case is or is not smallpox.

Main Disbarred From Practice.

For the first time in at least 25 years, and possibly for the first time in the history of the state, the supreme court has disbarred an attorney from practicing in any courts in Michigan. This action is one of the results of the famous case of Halbert litigation, the unusual features of which, including propositions for perjury, conspiracy to murder, etc., have been fully detailed from time to time during the past three years, and which have tended to high-nigh demoralize legal business in Calhoun county. The case figure in these proceedings are Charles R. Mains, of Battle Creek, who the supreme court has formally disbarred from practicing as an attorney in this state.

They're Got No Kick Coming.

Investigation shows that the Houghton county soldiers who are being paid because their relief money has not been paid, have no one but themselves and the county relief commission to blame for the delay. The claims received by the auditor-general were in the worst possible shape; none of them were accompanied by receipts of original claimants, as required by law, and in the majority of cases there were no items or dates whatever. The fear that the Michigan soldiers would be hauled the relief fund before others got a hand at it is groundless, fully half of the total already paid having gone to other pensioners.

Michigan Sugar Beets Test High.

More than 5,500 tons of sugar beets from all parts of southwest Michigan have reached the Kalamazoo beet sugar factory. Tests made by W. C. Glanville, the company's chemist, show that the beets test from 12 to 17 per cent sugar of 80 to 87 per cent purity. Twelve per cent beets is considered a high yield for Michigan. The Kalamazoo beet farmers are 60 per cent. The chemist says that Michigan beets contain one to two per cent more sugar than the Nebraska beets. Everything is in readiness for opening of the factory in the near future.

The Fish Law to be Tested.

Deputy Game Warden Brewster says that the supreme court will shortly be asked to pass upon the legality of spearing fish in private waters. Game-see parties own land all around an island lake, and claim to own the fish. They were prosecuted in a case which will be tested. It was held that as more than one man owned land around the lake the property could not be held as private property. Holly and Marshall reports the first fall of snout on this season of 1906. A mammoth wildcat was trapped near Traverse City the other day. It measured six and a half feet from tip to tip.

The Schools at West Branch.

Are closed on account of scarlet fever in children. The public gatherings have been forbidden. South Haven is picking nice, lucious strawberries. Plants bearing blossoms, green and ripe strawberries, were found there on Nov. 1. The school census of Lansing, just completed, shows a total of 4,526 children of school age. This is an increase of 307 over last year.

Governor's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

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Capital Invested in Street Railways.

The Board of Commissioners for the city has been making an investigation of the street railway systems of Michigan. He finds there are 19 systems in the state, the three largest being in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor. The total aggregate capital invested is \$141,000,000, an average of \$7,300,000 for each road. The city of Detroit has the largest capital, of \$70,000,000, and the Adrian system the smallest, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The aggregate property owned and operated, and the aggregate number of cars operated 156. The total number of employees is 1,002 and the aggregate cost \$7,750,000, an average of \$16,625. The labor commission is now making a canvass of the employees of the street railway companies.

New Law on Delinquent Taxes Legal.

A decision of the supreme court has annulled the payment of taxes and release the work of the auditor general. The department was filed in the supreme court on the 13th of last month. The decision was made by a majority of 5-4. The Auditor General, who filed the decision, was the Auditor General. The effect of the decision will be to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes in order to avoid the high rate of interest charged. A Lowell miller made an engagement with a woman from Ada, some 10 miles distant, and drove over on the appointed evening. When he got there he found that he had forgotten his wife's trunk, and the driver had to be postponed. The bridegroom tried to make his 600-light electric lighting plant furnish light for the night, but the plant broke down under the strain. The residents of the village are using lamps now, until a new dynamo can be secured.

Detroit Mayor Re-Elected.

Wm. C. Maybury, Democratic nominee for Mayor of Detroit, was re-elected by nearly 3,000 majority. He is supported by a majority of four-fifths of the vote of the clerk and justice of the peace. The total vote polled for mayor was 10,213 of which Wm. C. Maybury received 6,213 and the opposition 4,000. (Art. 18, 43; Maybury's majority, 2,207.)

Michigan News Items.

Wyandotte is to have a new salt plant, which will give employment to 20 people. There is a family of six brothers at Coldwater each weigh from 200 to 250 pounds. About \$2,000 worth of damage was done to private property in Jackson on Halloween.

Deer hunters are flocking north by the thousands. About 1,500 licenses have been issued at Menominee.

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A Heavy snow storm at Coldwater on the 6th practically caused the suspension of business in the county, with the exception of a few teams venturing on the streets.

The Kings County Fire Insurance company of New York, has been admitted to do business in Michigan by Commissioner Stevens.

The National Milling Co. of East Tawas, has received an order for 50 tons of prepared vegetable soup for the English soldiers in the hospital.

A new \$116,000 pipe organ has been placed in the Catholic church at Parisville, Huron county. It is the only pipe organ in the county.

The Howard City Electric Light Co. has decided to rebuild their plant, which was burned some time ago, and to have it running in about 30 days.

The farmers in the vicinity of Mason are very much interested in the building of a new bridge over the Neelon river, and have pledged 200 loads of stone.

Portland people seem to be free from the influenza which has been reported to be formed in the village, the membership of which is to be 13—no more and no less.

The man who worked off a lot of confederate bills on the people of Oceana county has been rounded up at Hart. Their plan was to buy cattle from Indians and ignore the bills.

The date of laying the cornerstone of the new building at the school for the deaf at Hart is postponed until Nov. 16. The event will be under the guidance of the Masonic order.

Vegetarianism will be the fad among the prisoners in the Kalamazoo county jail hereafter. The supervisors set the sheriff's allowance for feeding prisoners to 30 cents per day, and the sheriff has decided that meat cannot be furnished the prisoners at that price.

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