IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Run Down by an Engine and Killed — The Officers of the 35th Michigan Wants the Regiment Transferred — Farmers to Operate a Telephone Line.

Killed by an Engine.

The big snowstorm was responsible for the death of one man and the serious maiming of another at Port Huron. A gang of men were engaged in shoveling snow from the tracks in the tunnel yard when a yard engine bore down upon three of them—Charles Sheman, Gus Polatzkey and Charles Gurr. Sheman was killed instantly, Polatzkey's leg was broken and he received internal injuries which are likely to prove fatal. The other man sustained injuries to his spine and legs. Sheman was terribly mangled, two wheels of the tender passing over his body.

Her Heavy Hair Caused Her Death.

Mabelle E. Wallace, aged 28, a well-known young lady, residing in Bedford township, Calhoun county, died from a singular cause. She had a most luxuriant and heavy growth of hair, which was 4½ feet long. The weight of hair was so great that it had an effect upon her head and brain, which finally threw her into brain fever, resulting in her death. The hair was so fine and so much admired by all beholders that she refused to have it cut.

An Electric Road 80 Miles Long.

A. A. Talmage & Co., of New York, grantees of a franchise for an electric road at Flint are hustling for franchises. They announce that they will build a road from Flushing 18 miles thence south to Grand Blanc. There branches will go east to Attis and Pontiac, and a west road to Long Lake and Fenton. The total distance is 80 miles, and the estimated cost $1,000,000. This company beat out the Avery Davis concern.

35th Mich. Wants to be Transferred.

Majs. Banholz and Knox, of the 35th Michigan volunteers, announce that it is their intention to arrange, if possible, for the transfer of the regiment to the new volunteer service, authorized by the recently enacted army bill. However, such a move on the part of the President is not likely, as it is known he has already adopted a line of policy that would not admit of such a transfer.

R. R. Taxes Will Reach $1,000,000.

Commissioner Wesselius reports that the Michigan earnings of railroad companies for December were $3,750,979, an increase of $383,737 over December, 1897. The total Michigan earnings of the year were $31,646,879, an increase of $3,365,402, or 11.9 per cent over 1897. It is estimated that the increase in taxes will be 15 per cent, making the total revenue this year about $1,100,000.

A Mandamus Denied.

The supreme court has denied a mandamus to compel Circuit Judge Hosmer to quash the capias on which O. A. Wright, of anti-saloon league fame, was arrested in the false imprisonment suit brought by Kittie Shinglemeyer, of Detroit. The court holds that the affidavit on which the writ was issued is sufficient, and that the capias is not contrary to the terms of the statute.

Gets a $1,225 Verdict.

Perry O. Snyder, a prominent farmer of Brookfield township, Eaton county, was awarded damages against Marshal Stump, of Eaton Rapids, to the amount of $25. Stump arrested Snyder on a charge of drunkenness, claiming that he was not intoxicated enough to warrant an arrest and brought suit against Stump for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

Thawing by Electricity.

Village Electrician Walcit and Lighthall, of Chelsea, did a clever job in thawing water pipes by electricity that have been frozen for four weeks or more. They used a direct current of 180 amperes at 220 voltage. On the first job of 80 feet of pipe they consumed 14 minutes, and on the next one they were but 10 minutes thawing out 150 feet of pipe.

Lost His Wallet.

While Congressman H. G. Snover, of Port Austin, was returning from Washington he had his wallet stolen or lost it while changing cars at Toledo. Following is a list of the contents: Ninety dollars in cash, G. T. R. R. pass-book, S. T. & H. R. R. pass-book, 1,000-mile F. & P. M. ticket, two $500 U. S. registered bonds.

Teachers' Certificates.

The state board of education has granted life teachers' certificates to the following persons: Isaac W. Lucia, Grand Rapids; Anna E. Bice, Monroe; Harriet C. Bedford, Marlette; E. P. Clark, St. Joseph; H. H. Clement, Boyne City; H. H. Fuller, Big Rapids; E. L. Reese, Big Rapids; J. W. Slaughter, Dimondale; Bertha Clark, Negaunee.

A Farmers' Telephone Co.

The farmers of Concord township, Jackson county, have organized the Concord Telephone Co., with a capital stock of of $5,000, with $1,700 paid in. The company has a 25-year franchise granted by the Concord village council. The line will extend about the village and adjourning towns.

The Michigan Standard Coal Co. of Sebewaing shipped their first two carloads of coal.

E. H. Dyer, of Cleveland, will build the new sugar beet factory at Holland. His bid of $300,000 was the lowest.

There being but 33 cases on the docket the March term of court in Calhoun promises to be short. Eight of the 33 are non-jury cases.

Kalamazoo will have a new hotel opposite the Michigan Central station. It will cost $60,000 and be a hummer. The money has been raised.

The attempt made by Supt. Lane, of Flint, to thaw out water pipes with electricity was successful. Fifty feet of ice was loosened in three minutes.

Frank Gushan, who had been a guest at the Arlington hotel at Port Huron for six months, jumped into the river and was drowned. He was demented.

Grant Renominated.

Claudius B. Grant was renominated for another 10 years on the Michigan supreme court bench by the Republican state convention held at Jackson. It took four ballots, on each of which he gained steadily, and when the roll call had been finished on the fourth his nomination was a cinch, and the counties began to change their votes to him. Col. Eli R. Sutton, of Detroit, and Col. H. S. Dean, of Ann Arbor, were nominated as regents of the university by acclamation.

Shinglemeyer-Wright Case.

In the $20,000 breach of promise suit brought by Kittie Shinglemeyer against Dr. Geo. A. Wright, of Detroit, the motion to compel the plaintiff to give security for costs was overruled. The motion for a new trial in the paternity suit has not yet been heard. The case will be tried in Columbus, O.

A Dark Mystery.

Milton Smith, a young farmer, who resides south of the agricultural college, Lansing, started to attend an auction at Okemos, with $80 in his pocket, and has not been seen since. Why Smith left home and what has become of him is a dark mystery. He did not show up at the auction.

For Good Roads.

A Good Roads association has been organized at Holly for the purpose of improving the country roads around that town. An entertainment was given recently which netted over $50, and with what the association already had on hand will be used to fix up the sandy roads in the vicinity.

Died From Over Exertion.

Clayton E. Farmer, a well-known young man of Battle Creek, aged 19, while in company with a number of young men who were lifting weights, and attempting to outdo each other in the feat, strained his spine and died in four days of spinal meningitis.

Burglar Made Good Haul.

Some one entered the residence of Leonard Atchison, who lives about a mile from the village of Plymouth, and stole $27 in cash, a gold watch and a suit of clothes, belonging to Bert Marr, a boarder. The family was away from home.

New Line to Detroit.

It is said that Ann Arbor parties are quietly at work securing franchises for a competing electric railway line to Detroit. The route is known as the "middle road" to Ypsilanti and thence to Detroit, by way of Belleville and Romulus.

STATE GOSSIP.

The business portion of South Lyon has been visited by a $5,000 fire.

Sand Beach boasts of having three men who tip the scale at 900 pounds.

A postoffice has been established at Clearwater, Kalkaska county, Herman L. Brown, postmaster.

Latter day saints baptized two candidates between floating cakes of ice in the river at St. Clair the other day.

It is said that many thousands of dollars will be spent in building up the business portion of Olivet this spring.

A new bank has been opened up in Minden City under the name of Ira Arnot. At present it is only an experiment.

A civil service examination will be held at Big Rapids, April 8, to fill positions of postoffice clerk and carrier in that city.

Wm. Schuler, a cattle dealer of White Pigeon, was found dead in bed at a Chicago hotel. The gas was turned on.

The home residence of J. W. Woodworth at Kalamazoo was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $10,000. It was well insured.

Willis W. Stewart, of Port Huron, has been appointed as assistant inspector of hulls at that port at a salary of $2,000 per annum.

South Haven will give $500 in cash and the necessary franchises to secure the proposed electric railroad to run from there to Allegan.

Manton people would like to have their village lighted by electricity and are talking of organizing a stock company in order to establish a plant.

Farmers in Oscoda county are losing a number of sheep lately through the depredations of wildcats, which are very numerous in that section this winter.

A west-bound freight train on the Grand Trunk railway was wrecked at Holly by the breaking of an axle on one of the cars, and three cars were ditched.

E. C. Katz, of Branch county, boasts of having the finest flock of ewes in southern Michigan. He has but 24, but they recently presented him with 34 lambs.

The mine workers at Ishpeming are contemplating a strike if their demand for an increase in wages of not less than 15 per cent is not granted at an early date.

The people of Bad Axe have been thawing out their hydrants by attaching a traction engine to them with a rubber hose and forcing the steam into the hydrant.

A drug stock as Hillsdale owned by H. D Tisdale was damaged to the extent of $6,000 by fire; insured for $4,500. The building was damaged $1,500, but was also insured.

John Hazen, of Novi, aged 60, a farmer, suicided by hanging himself. He had been ill and despondency caused the act. He leaves a widow and two children.

J. Erring, a bachelor, aged 40, living alone at Scottdale, a railway station nine miles southeast of St. Joseph, committed suicide with a razor. No cause for the deed is known.

The Emmet county and Northern telephone companies at Petoskey have been consolidated, and work will be commenced very soon upon the rebuilding of the entire system.

The Cedar River Coal Co., with $10,000 capital, has been organized to operate the mines at Williamston. The stockholders are Saginaw parties. Work has already commenced.

Miss Theodora Van Houghton, aged 25, employed at the Kalamazoo seminary as elevator girl, was crushed to death between the top beam of the elevator and the joist of the roof.

The Ann Arbor assaulter turned out to be Geo. Lewis, a colored hackdriver, aged 18. A derby hat retained by one of his recent victims furnished the clue that caused his arrest and conviction.

Wm. A. Baker, of Coloma, had the drum of his ear punctured by coming in contact with a twig while exploring the woods. By closing his nostrils it is said he can now whistle through his ear.

Thirty-five acres of land between the Kalamazoo river and Lake Michigan has been purchased, upon which to erect buildings for a summer outing and school for the poor children of Chicago.

The stock barn of Daniel Harvey, near Jones, was destroyed by fire, with 70 horses, 30 head of cattle, 100 sheep, a number of hogs, farming implements and a large quantity of feed. No insurance.

In the suit of Edward Fabian, of Ionia, against the D. G. H. & M. R. R. Co. the plaintiff got a judgment for $7,000 damages for injuries received while in their employ. The case will be appealed.

Don Olds, aged 15, oldest son of Fred Olds, of Onondaga, while trying to catch a ride on a Michigan Central way freight to return home, fell under the cars, the wheels passing over him, killing him instantly.

The largest mortgage ever placed on record in the register of deeds office at Owosso was filed by the Michigan Telephone Co. to the Old Colony Trust Co., securing $5,000,000 worth of 5 per cent gold bonds given Jan. 22, 1900.

Daniel Sötten, the great tobacco manufacturer and multimillionaire of Detroit, succumbed to heart failure after two months illness. Deceased was over 80 years of age and leaves a wife and married daughter.

A family jar caused Mrs. Dan McLaughlin, of Port Huron, to try and commit suicide by the laudanum route. After several hours' effective work with a stomach pump at a doctor's office her husband escorted her home.

A complete counterfeiter's outfit was captured in the house of Edward Stinson, five miles northeast of Pinconning. The molds found were for a coin of the half dollar and 10 cent piece sizes. Stinson is in jail.

A big bank barn on Dan Harvey's place in Porter township, Cass county, was burned, and with it 70 sheep and 30 head of choice blooded horses and cattle. The loss will reach several thousand dollars, with only $800 insurance.

While in a crazed intoxicated condition, John Rasor, of Menominee, struck Peter Stoffell repeated blows on the head with an ax. The injured man boarded at Rasor's, and they quarreled over family affairs. The injured man will die.

Menominee offers for the upper peninsula normal school the choice of three sites, one a public park valued at about $40,000, and makes a strong showing regarding railroad and boat facilities and the advantage of location over Marquette.

After quite a number of people of Watervliet were vaccinated it turned out that the reported case of smallpox was something else, and the excitement is now dying down. People are inclined to criticise the doctors for increasing the excitement unnecessarily.

Mrs. Alice G. Lonsdale, a "woman doctor" of Detroit, is in jail to answer to a serious charge. The recent death of Miss Cora E. Hetherington, who was the victim of maltreatment, is alleged to have been administered by the doctoress, was the cause of her arrest.

Gov. Pingree has paroled the following convicts: Joseph Stock, sent from Wayne to Detroit; Thomas Madock, of Marquette; Charles P. Hickock, of Kent; Frank Dubia, Alden township, sent from Allegan to Jackson; P. T. Jackson, sent from Wexford to Marquette.

Muskegon has turned a trick on Grand Rapids by securing the canning factory which had been counted on as almost certain to locate in the second city. The factory will employ between 400 and 500 people and should the fruit crop be large the number may be doubled.

A tidal wave of morality has struck Mason. All gambling houses and other resorts run in violation of the law have been closed, the slot machines removed from the saloons and the liquor laws are being so strictly enforced that to get a drink after the legal closing hour or on Sunday is a lost art.

John Bell, who was on trial for killing Jas. Goodwin at Detroit, against whom there was very little direct evidence and who all connected with the case thought would be acquitted, came out blunt and acknowledged having done the deed. His attorney still believes him innocent and will continue the case, believing Bell's confession to be a strong indication that he is not sound mentally.

Reports to the state board of health show that influenza, bronchitis, tonsilitis, rheumatism and neuralgia, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan, during the past week. Consumption was reported at 103 places, scarlet fever at 47, measles at 26, diphtheria at 22, typhoid fever at 20, whooping cough at 12 and alleged smallpox at 1.

Germany is reported to have renewed negotiations for the purchase of the Caroline islands.

There were 972 deaths reported from the bubonic plague in Bombay, but it is said that the figures underrate the mortality.

The entire street railroad system of Buffalo has been bought by New York and Philadelphia capital. The sale involves some $25,000,000 of capital.

A south-bound Hocking Valley passenger train crashed into a rock weighing a ton at Minerton, and the engine was wrecked and passengers jarred.

Senor Cuestas has been elected president of Uruguay. Cuestas was president of the Uruguay senate at the time of the assassination of President Borda in August, 1897, and assumed the presidency ad interim. He was afterwards appointed provisional governor of Uruguay.

There is no longer a club hanging over the head of Senator Perren, of Detroit. Chairman Moore of the elections committee has made a final report on the Perren-Richert contest, to the effect that the committee found the claim of Wm. Richert unfounded and Perren entitled to the seat.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Maj. Evans, Chief of Police of Havana, Wants to Retain Two Ex-Spanish Detectives on His Force — Treasury Receipts and Expenditures.

February Receipts and Expenditures.

The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for February the receipts aggregated $37,979,332, a gain as compared with February, 1898, of about $9,500,000. The expenditures for the month were $43,918,939, leaving a deficit for the month of about $6,000,000. The receipts for the eight months of the present fiscal year were $325,413,187, against $274,557,960, for the same period last year. The February receipts from customs were $16,971,572, a gain over the same month in 1898, of nearly $2,000,000; internal revenue receipts, $19,224,499, show a gain of nearly $7,240,000.

Was not a Howling Success.

The general conference of the National Union Reform party, held at Cincinnati, was not a howling success. Its organization preparatory to nominating an independent Presidential ticket next year, will be completed in executive committee at Buffalo, June 29. The effort to amalgamate the Populists, Silver Republicans, Socialist Labor, National Liberty parties and other anti-ring elements was knocked out for the present.

3,000 Men Idle in Santiago.

There are nearly 3,000 men idle in the province, and 2,000 in Santiago, as a result of the recent order of Governor Brooke disallowing the February estimates. Although Gov.-Gen. Brooke has wired $30,000 required for the February pay rolls, there is still a deficit of nearly $20,000 and the orders from Havana still hold good limiting the expenditure during the month of March for the entire province to $10,000.

Powder Magazine Blew Up.

A special dispatch from Paris says it is rumored that one of the soldiers who perished in the explosion of the powder magazine near Toulon had a long time past been a victim of systematic persecution upon the part of a corporal, and had determined to be avenged. This man is suspected of having blown up the magazine. About 20 corpses have been recovered from the scene of the explosion.

Dewey an Admiral.

President McKinley has signed the bill creating the rank of admiral in the navy. The commission of George Dewey to that office was made out at the navy department and had been sent to the White house previous to the signing of the bill by the President which would create the office, that it might be in readiness for his indorsement.

Gen. Gomez's Request.

Gen. Maximo Gomez has requested Gov.-Gen. Brooke to reduce the American army of occupation in Cuba to 10,000 men, retaining 1,000 Cuban soldiers in the service of the military government. Gov. Brooke has the proposition under consideration.

Cyclone at Tennessee.

A terrific cyclone passed over a portion of Madisonville and Monroe county, with disastrous results. At Madisonville 3 persons were killed and 10 or 12 others were injured. Many buildings were destroyed.

Kipling's Daughter Dead.

Josephine, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, is dead. The father has not been informed of his daughter's death and may not be until he becomes stronger.

A Speedy Recovery.

Rudyard Kipling, the poet, who has been lying at the point of death in New York, is now out of danger, and all danger by his physicians, and his speedy recovery is looked for.

WAR NOTES.

The following dispatch was sent by Gen. Otis in response to an inquiry regarding the number of American prisoners held by the Filipinos: "Insurgents have not taken nor do they hold a single prisoner of war. They have three soldiers in Malolos, picked up in January, who, without permission, went among them near Cavite and Caloocan. I am looking after them and providing money. Have captured over 1,500 insurgent soldiers since Feb. 4 and hold the majority as prisoners of war. Troops here in splendid condition. Detrimental reports which reach the U. S. are manufactured mostly in Hong Kong."

Gen. Otis gives it as his opinion that the war will be brought to an end within three months. He says as soon as Gen. Lawton's division arrives, the American line, now stretched out for 22 miles around Manila, will be shortened and strengthened. This he claims will permit a reserve column to dash out and smash the insurgents massed beyond Caloocan and then advance on Malolos, the Filipino capital.

The Filipinos made an unsuccessful attempt to capture the water works six miles from Manila. The attack was repulsed with a loss to the rebels of 17 killed and many wounded. In a second scrap near the reservoir the Americans flanked the enemy killing 30 and wounding a small number. The Americans had two wounded in this engagement.

Gen. Miller has been ordered to quarter his troops in Iloilo in the custom house or other public buildings and authorized them to make the necessary changes at a cost not to exceed $46,000, the same to be met from the public revenues collected at that port.

A high german authority says the motives which induced Germany to intrust the protection of Germans in the Philippine islands to the U. S. are simple. The German warships in the far east are needed in Chinese waters, owing to the recent anti-German outrages. Regarding Samoa the same authority said Germany was awaiting the initiative of the other powers.

The total number of American casualties up to March 1 was 83 killed and 347 wounded.

In a New York family the father, mother, daughter and grandfather all died at the exact age of 25.

CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED.

Final Session Lasted Over Twenty-Five Hours.

The President has signed bills passed by congress as follows: Authorizing Admiral Selfridge and other officers of the United States navy to accept medals presented to them by the Russian government; creating the Mount Rainier national park in the state of Washington; the navy personnel bill; also bills authorizing the construction of public buildings at Norwich, Conn.; St. Cloud, Minn.; Salem, Ore.; Anniston, Ala.; Annapolis, Md.; Janesville, Wis.; Eau Claire, Wis.; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Creston, Ia.; Streator, Ill.; Columbus, Ga.; Rome, N. Y.; Leadville, Colo.; Newport, Vt.; New Iberia, La.; Carrollton, Ky.; Freeport, Ill.; Winston, N. C., and enlarging public building at Macon, Ga. For taking the twelfth census; the Buffalo exposition bill; to reimburse governors of states and territories for expenses incurred in the Spanish war; providing a new building for the department of justice in Washington; making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense at the bridge across the Missouri river at Yankton, S. D.; for the relief of the international cotton press company, New Orleans; to enable the city of Albuquerque, N. M., to create indebtedness; providing for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting officers of the treasury; for public buildings, additions, etc., as follows: Cleveland, O.; Baltimore, Md.; custom house; New Brighton, Pa.; Lockport, Pa.; Stockton, Cal.; Los Angeles, Cal., and also those authorizing First Lieut. Jno. R. Williams, 3d artillery; Col. Victor Vifquain, 3d Nebraska volunteers, and Lieut. E. A. Bates, U. S. volunteers, to accept certain decorations and honors from foreign potentates.

The President has approved the following bills: For the investigation of leprosy in the United States; for the purchase of sites for public building at Hastings and Norfork, Neb.; Battle City, Mont., Joplin, Mo.; Seattle, Wash.; Oakland, Cal.; Beaumont, Tex.; Quincy, Ill.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Fergus Falls, Minn.; Elgin, Ill.; Jackson, Miss.; Menominee, Mich.; increase cost at Omaha, Neb.; addition to building at Canton, O.; Dubuque, Ia.; Hot Springs, Ark.; Kansas City, Kas.; Monmouth, Ill.; Joliet, Ill.; providing for additional property for use of pesthouse at Clinton, Ia.; also an appropriation of $20,000 to carry out provision of peace treaty with Spain.

In the senate three or more of minor bills were passed, the calendar being cleared entirely of private pension bills and of measures covering military and naval records. Two measures of national importance were passed, the fortifications appropriation bill and the bill providing a code of criminal laws for the district of Alaska. A provision for the high license of liquor traffic in the latter measure was defeated by a decisive vote. The conference reports on the census and naval bills were agreed to. The bill appropriating $20,000 for the Buffalo exposition, which passed the other house, was also passed, and all these measures now go to the President.

In the house the senate bill, carrying $1,000,000 for a new building for the department of justice, was passed and two public building bills attached by the senate to bills for public buildings in other cities were agreed to, one appropriating $250,000 for a building at Los Angeles, Cal., and the other $75,000 for a building at New Brighton, Pa. The senate bill appropriating $15,000 to purchase 150,000 acres of land in accordance with the provisions of the treaty with the Lower Brule Indians, was passed.

The amendment which Senator Hansbrough offered to the army reorganization bill and which became a part of that measure, prohibiting officers or soldiers from selling intoxicating drinks in any post exchange, was no more far reaching than first appeared. It goes further and prohibits any other person from selling such liquors in any encampment or any place used for military purposes. This will exclude liquors from all military reservations.

The closing day of the 55th congress was characterized by excitement, confusion and disagreements in both the house and senate. However, the army appropriation bill was agreed to and passed, and this and the rivers and harbors bill have gone to the President, but the army appropriation measure hung up the naval appropriation measure.

The naval nominations were confirmed by the senate without opposition. These are the promotions resulting from the naval personnel bill. At setting up Senator Sampson's nomination was very by making each a rear admiral with Schley two numbers in advance of Sampson.

The President sent to the senate the nomination of Assistant Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson, to be advanced seven numbers, from No. 1 of the list of assistant naval constructors, to be No. 8 on list of naval constructors for extraordinary heroism.

The house passed the bills giving Buffalo and Toledo appropriations to help along their proposed expositions. The bills carry $500,000 each.

The nomination of Samuel J. Barrows to be librarian of congress has been reported unfavorable by the senate committee on library.

The best estimates available place the aggregate of the appropriations of the 55th congress at $1,485,485,489.

The army reorganization bill has been signed by the President.

Martha May McFillen, of Sandusky, O., who was found guilty of the murder of her lover, George Koeehle, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. She received her sentence coolly, but her mother, who was in court, fainted.

Without neglecting agriculture at home, the German government is making commercial interests more and more the basis of its foreign policy. The state department has been so informed by Consul Winter, at Annaberg, who adds that Germany's export trade forms the center of gravity of almost every political transaction and that every encouragement is being given to it by the imperial government.

According to the Dominion government general immigration agent, fully 1,000 Mormons will emigrate from Utah to the Canadian northwest this summer and take up farms.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The house in committee of the whole agreed to Rep. Hart's joint resolution authorizing the state board of auditors to examine into and settle the claim of Wm. T. Densmore, of Hudson, who was badly injured by the premature discharge of a cannon while serving as a member of the Hudson light artillery. Since then he has supported himself and his wife by running a hand organ about the state, but he is now so old that he is unable to do it.

The bill amending the constitution so as to permit of adding an additional circuit judge in St. Clair county was passed by the house, given immediate effect, and has gone to the governor; also one legalizing certain bonds of Brooks township, Newaygo county, to the amount of $6,000, and one authorizing Gladstone to rebond for $35,000 for water works were passed by the senate and given immediate effect, and gone to the governor.

The Atkinson bill did not have such easy sailing in the senate as was expected. The bill was sent to the general taxation committee. A resolution calling on the committee to report out this and all other similar bills in a few days was defeated. The plan of the antis is to hold a caucus and if the immortal 19 can get the bill so it can be amended, the bill is to be amended and sent back to the house.

The Atkinson bill passed the senate by a vote of 31 to 0, after being considerably amended by the antis. While the amendments in any way materially injure the bill, the validity or the effectiveness of the bill is still a question, as no one has had time to thoroughly digest them. Now the bill will have to go back to the house to permit that body to consider the amendments.

Rep. Gillam's amendment to the general tax law providing that personal property may be seized by the state for the non-payment of taxes on real estate, no matter in what county the personal property is located, was agreed to. The law as it now stands allows the seizure of personal property only in the county where the real estate is located, or in an adjoining county.

Rep. Heinman's bill for the protection of bicycle paths was agreed to in the house yesterday, being amended so as to provide that the highway commissioner as the case may be, shall have the say as to where such paths shall be located.

Senator Maitland's bill requiring railroad companies to submit to the railroad commissioner plans of crossings they propose to make with other roads was agreed to by committee of the whole in the senate.

Rep. Heineman's bill for the protection of sidewalks and sidepaths was passed in the house after being slightly amended. The bill is one of the measures asked for by the L. A. W.

Senator Blakeslee's bill to reorganize the judicial circuits in Van Buren, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties passed in the house by a vote of 67 to 28.

Legislative Gossip.

Rep. Sheridan Shoby, of Detroit, holds the championship by long odds for having introduced more bills or joint resolutions than any other member of the house this session. According to the record just made up by the clerk, Colby has introduced 66, and the next most enterprising member in this is Rep. Gustin, of Alpena, who introduced 49. Rep. Heineman, of Detroit, comes a close third with 37. No member neglected to introduce at least one bill, but seven members introduced only one each. They are Messrs. Bellmeister, Nash, Randall, Weter and Wing. Most of the Wayne members did very well, as follows: Bryant, 17; Burch, 23; Crocker, 23; Dickinson, 14; Eshhoff, 34; Goodell, 13; McLeod, 18; Stevens, 8; Vanderkloot, 9; Aldrich, 9.

The house employes have handed in their resignation. They are quitting because their terms of office was divided into a half-session by Speaker Adams. The compensation is not large enough to go around so divided the session in two in order to give all his supporters a chance.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.				
New York —	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
Best grades	$5 45@5 85	$5 50	$6 30	$4 20
Lower grades	3 00@5 35	3 50	5 50	4 00
Chicago —				
Best grades	5 65@5 85	4 70	4 90	3 90
Lower grades	3 40@5 50	4 30	3 60	3 55
Detroit —				
Best grades	3 85@4 40	4 50	4 85	3 80
Lower grades	2 00@3 75	3 50	4 50	3 50
Buffalo —				
Best grades	4 00@4 40	4 35	5 05	4 00
Lower grades	3 25@4 00	4 00	4 10	3 60
Cleveland —				
Best grades	4 10@5 00	4 00	4 90	3 80
Lower grades	3 00@3 85	3 00	3 80	3 35
Cincinnati —				
Best grades	4 00@5 25	4 50	5 25	3 90
Lower grades	2 50@4 00	2 25	4 00	3 25
Pittsburg —				
Best grades	5 10@5 65	4 65	5 30	4 00
Lower grades	2 00@4 90	3 75	5 00	3 75

GRAIN, ETC.			
	Wheat. No. 2 red	Corn. No. 2 mix	Oats. No. 2 white
New York	76@76½	40½@40¾	37@37
Chicago	73@73½	36@36¼	32@32½
Detroit	74@74¾	34@35½	32 32½
Toledo	74@74½	34@34½	29@29
Cincinnati	75@76	39@39½	29@29½
Cleveland	74@74½	38@38	34@34½
Pittsburg	76@76½	37@37¼	34@34¼
L. Falo	75@75¾	38@38¾	33@33¾

Detroit—Beans, hand picked, $1.00 per bu. Potatoes, 40c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 8@9c per lb; fowls, 7@7c; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 8@8c; geese, 7@7c. Dressed, 12c per doz. Butter, best dairy, 16c per lb; creamery, 22c.

Either by accident or design the concurrent resolution adopted by the senate that it is the sense of the legislature that no change should be made in the sugar bounty law has been overlooked by the house. It is said that the senate was very glad to adopt this method of going back on a decision which had been widely criticised.

Rep. Gillam's amendment to the general tax laws, providing that personal property may be seized anywhere in the state for the unpaid taxes on real estate, has been referred back to the taxation committee.

A syndicate has purchased 14 cigar and cigarette factories in and about Havana, and another syndicate known as the Havana Commercial Co., capitalized at $20,000,000, purposes to acquire control of the larger tobacco plantations, cigar and cigarette factories and tobacco trade marks on the island of Cuba.

Poverty drove Mrs. Laura Montaville, of Portland, Ore., insane, and after forcing three of her children to drink laudanum, she herself took a dose and later blew out her brains with a revolver. Two of the children will recover.

"Only the First Step is Difficult."

The first step in Spring should be to cleanse Nature's house from Winter's accumulations. Hood's Sarsaparilla does this work easily. It is America's Greatest Spring Medicine. It purifies the blood, as millions of people say.

It makes the weak strong, as nervous men and women gladly testify. It cures all blood diseases, as thousands of cured voluntarily write. It is just the medicine for you, as you will gladly say after you have given it a fair trial.

Hood Boosts—"Although past 70 years of age I am thoroughly well. After three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla that made me so after spending over $60 in medical attendance. My shoulder was a raw sore on my back." Mrs. LOUISA MASON, Court Street, Lowell, Mass.

Running Sores—"For nearly three months I gave my children Hood's Sarsaparilla and it cured them of running sores. Hood's Pills cured me of dyspepsia and constipation." Mrs. ANNIE E. THOMAS, 31 Governor St., Annapolis, Md.

Consumptive Cough—"Five years ago I had a consumptive cough which reduced me to a skeleton. Was advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and did so. Restored health and strength. I have been well ever since." MATILDA FAIRBANKS, Mt. Pleasant and Chestnut Sts., Jeffersonville, Ind.

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Why Sheep Are Woolly.

If you want to ask a sheep where he got his wool on, you take a dog into a mountain pasture land, and if the sheep are afraid of the dog they will invariably run uphill rather than down. You have your answer. The ancestors of the domestic sheep, like wild sheep of the present day, lived among high mountains and needed their woolly covering to protect them against the constant cold of high atmospheres. They chose the high and inhospitable region to live in because they found the fierce flesh-eating animals of the plains less to fear for them. A proof of these facts is that the wool grows on a sheep the year round.

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The Most Patient People Must Show Annoyance at Times.

Nothing spoils a good disposition quicker.

Nothing taxes a man's patience
Like any itchiness of the skin.
Itching piles almost drive you crazy.
All day it makes you miserable.
All night it keeps you awake.
Itch. Itch. Itch. With no relief.
Just the same with eczema.
Can hardly keep from scratching it.
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Such miseries are daily decreasing.
People are learning they can be cured.
Learning the merits of Doan's Ointment.

Plenty of proof that Doan's Ointment will cure piles, eczema, or any itchiness of the skin.

Read the testimony of a Battle Creek citizen.

Mr. A. G. Ayers, bookbinder of 197 West Main street, Battle Creek, says:

My hands became so sore from eczema that it was with difficulty I could hold my fingers. The skin cracked open, large scabs formed and in addition to the spots being tender they itched intolerably. I tried everything I could hear about or get hold of to stop the trouble but I was unable to do so until I procured Doan's Ointment. I had heard it spoken highly of for several people but as I thought it would act like all the other preparations which I tried I waited some time until I was compelled from the condition I was in not have to do something. Doan's Ointment cured me. Up to date, and this is some months after I stopped the treatment, I have had no return of the trouble.

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