

IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

The Death Rate for February in the State the Largest yet Reported by the Registrar System—Hillside Undertaker Sold Out and Shipped Out.

Michigan Crop Report. The condition of wheat compared with an average on March 1 was 75 per cent. A low average condition now may not mean a crop largely depends on the climatic conditions for the next six weeks whether wheat is damaged badly or not.

The amount of wheat raised by farmers' hands, for the state, is 20 per cent of the crop of 1898. The per cent of the hands of the farmers of the southern counties is 35 per cent; of the central counties, 25 per cent; and of the northern counties, 15 per cent.

The total amount of wheat reported marketed by farmers in February at the flouring mills is 457,950 bushels, and at the elevators 1,929 bushels, or a total of 1,029,534 bushels in the seven months, August-February, the amount marketed is 11,887,534 bushels, or 28,114 bushels more than reported marketed in the same months last year.

At 105 mills and elevators from which reports have been received there is no wheat marketed in February. The total amount of wheat reported by railroads from the various states, as reported by the Registrar, is 735,337 bushels. No diseases reported among live stock. Condition for the state, of horses and sheep is 96 per cent, of cattle 91 per cent and of swine 95 per cent.

3,278 Deaths in Michigan in February. According to reports filed with the secretary of state there were 3,278 deaths in Michigan during the month of February. The number of deaths recorded since the operation of the registration law, and it corresponds to that of the same population. There were 727 deaths of infants under 1 year of age; 212 of children under 1 year to 4, and 1,303 deaths of persons aged 4 to 70 years.

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A RICKY SWINGER.

A few days ago a stranger struck Niles an enormous blow on the forehead with a mallet, and he fell. Several men who pulled off an fight there a few weeks ago. He claimed they had failed to pay him the money demanded on cock fights and when he threatened them with arrest, several of the parties coughed up \$75.00 apiece. It now transpires that he was not a revenue officer, and the parties were cleverly done up.

35th Can't be Transferred as a Regiment. Secretary Alger has informed Maj. Banholts, Chief of the 35th Michigan, that there is no way by which the regiment can be transferred to the regular army in any way, but that it may be transferred from the regiment may do so individually. Maj. Banholts thinks 50 per cent of the regiment will volunteer if allowed to serve together, and 75 per cent if given a 10 days furlough.

Railroad Company Censured. The coroner's jury, which investigated the death of Charles Scheitman, of Port Huron, returned a verdict censuring the railroad company for negligence, holding the company partly responsible for his death. He was killed on the 19th of February while crossing the bridge. The testimony conflicted in regard to whether the bell was rung or not.

Big New Cement Plant. Peter Ceder, a Man of Ann Arbor, who owns the cement plant north of Zuley Lake, Mich., in the near future erect a cement factory there. It is said that the plant will be one of the best in the country. The stratum is 73 feet deep and a chemical analysis shows that 90 per cent of it is available for cement.

Killed and Then Dumped in the River. Details of the insurrection in the central provinces of China, received by the Chinese government, show that the imperial troops met in a pitched battle in January, and the rebels were defeated. Hundreds were killed, and the rebels after being mutilated, were thrown into the river until the stream was filled with their bodies.

STATE GOSSIP. Tokonika has a public library of 12 volumes.

Every effort is being made at Sand Beach to land a best sugar factory.

Marshall will vote on a \$20,000 bond issue in connection with the construction of sewers.

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NEWSPAPER GENERALITIES.

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

300 Chinese Rebels and Many Soldiers Killed in a Bloody Battle in China.

Our Military Garrisons in Hawaii—Spanish Governor Murdered.

Bloody Battle in China. The steamer Victoria brings news from Nankin that 10,000 Chinese rebels have captured the city of Nankin, and have joined the rebels, their combined forces numbering 50,000.

This combined, they marched against the city of Anhui province, badly defeated Gen. Kuo and the imperial forces. They secured large quantities of arms and food, and a body of raiders into Hunan to secure ammunition.

The telegraph lines in North China are being cut by about 200 troops are gradually being hemmed in. The latter have occupied but not captured Kancheu. Five hundred rebels and many soldiers were killed in the battle in Nankin.

A Sault Ste. Marie man recently shot and killed a bear which he had killed in Chippewa county. It weighed 500 pounds, and five bullets were necessary to bring it down.

The stage of freight cars throughout the state is growing worse. It is very difficult to get cars for shipments of lumber and other goods.

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The state military authorities do not fancy the bill of Rep. Howell, of Lawrence, which provides for the creation of a new military department.

The jury found George Lewis, of Kalamazoo, guilty of assault with intent to commit criminal assault, and Judge Kinnip imposed a sentence of 10 years at Jackson, the full penalty.

The construction of the electric railroad between Lansing and Grand Ledge is contemplated, and the old Grand Ledge and Lansing street cars have been purchased for the purpose of furnishing power for the new road.

Mr. B. B. B. an old woman living in the city of Detroit, was reported to have been dead for over a year. Her body was found in a box 1,000 miles in the door to keep them away.

Arthur Brazzleton, colored, 18 years old, is suffering from insanity. He is uncontrollable, and is under the care of his parents.

The subject of the war department has decided to take advantage of the proposition of the act by which Hawaii was annexed, and to take possession of the Hawaiian Islands.

Two hundred fishermen in their shanties on Tinian were recently taken by the United States navy, and obliged to remain for several hours.

It had not been that the wild calmed down and finally shifted all would have been quiet.

A Sand Lake woman met with a peculiar accident recently. She had made some tea in a close covered tin kettles, and the tin kettles exploded.

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