

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

IN OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM

The Condition of Wheat for April was

To Per Cent—Our State Wheat

is Proving to be a Good Thing—Finds Flour in Good

State Crop Report.

The average condition of wheat in the southern four tiers of counties is 60 per cent, while on April 1 it was 70. This is a fair indication of the condition of the crop in the state, for during the past 20 years the average of the crop of the state has been produced in those counties.

The average condition for the central counties is 65, for the northern 77 and for the state 63. The per cent of wheat sown in the southern counties that will be plowed up because winter killed was 14, in the central counties 14, in the northern 7, and in the state 13.

The condition of meadows and pastures in the southern counties is 71, in the central 81, in the northern 92, and for the state 76. The acreage of oats, as compared with 1908, is 92 per cent in the southern counties, 92 in the central, 99 in the northern and 92 in the state.

The following will show the condition of trees, and the estimated killed, and also the prospects for a crop this season:

Table with 3 columns: Fruit, Percent, Prospect. Rows include Apples, Peaches, Sweet cherries, etc.

It Proved a Poor Investment.

For several years a certain Lowell man has been investing in stocks, and without success. Last week he saw some one peddling a stock which he thought that the time had come for him to get his money. His respect for the \$5 was refused, however, and he was notified that the time had come for him to get his money. His respect for the \$5 was refused, however, and he was notified that the time had come for him to get his money.

Michigan's Vital Statistics Bureau.

The high standing of the Michigan vital statistics bureau is shown by the fact that the system of classifying deaths adopted in this state in January, 1918, has now been adopted in nearly every state in the union.

The ratio of students to instructors in the U. of M. is 15 to 1. At John Hopkins university it is 15 to 2.1.

Northville's Bicycle Ordinance.

The village fathers of Northville, in an ordinance requiring that bells be attached to all bicycles used in the village, but neglected to insert in the ordinance any provision as to when or under what conditions the bells should be rung.

Game Warden's Report.

The first monthly report of Game and Fish Warden Morse, which has been filed with Secretary of State Stearns, shows that of 34 prosecutions during the month of April, 41 convictions resulted.

Fruit Cane Raisin Profitable.

A Pointe a la Poudre cane, which is said to be the only one of the kind in Oakland county, and one of only half a dozen in the state. It has been experimenting with the raising of cane for several years, and is satisfied that they are a more profitable animal to raise than sheep.

Yield of Fine Coal Stock.

A four-foot vein of coal has been struck in Pere Marquette mine No. 2, on the Benjamin farm near Saginaw. The vein was struck at a depth of 100 feet, and its quality is said to equal that of the best in the mine.

Over 300 chickens were snipped by thieves at Royal Oak during the past week.

The 43d annual convales of the grand commandery Knight Templars will be held at Grand Rapids, commencing April 16.

Jerry Cross, aged 40 years, committed suicide at Three Rivers the other night. He was despondent because of a health.

The reunion of the Soldiers' and Sailors' association of northwestern Michigan is taking place at Big Rapids, September 16-17.

The 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hinkley, of Mason, was drowned by falling head-first into a well of water.

The annual convention of the Branch county Christian Endeavor society will be held at Coldwater, on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20.

Burglars secured \$100 in cash and other valuables by blowing open the safe in the Standard Oil company's office at Kalamazoo. No trace.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Coal prospectors are operating at Hubbardston.

A new starch factory is to be erected in Tawas, Mich.

A grist mill will be erected at Whittemore this summer.

Winter wheat is coming along all right in the vicinity of Saranac, where the wheat is being picked out of the eyes of lambs.

The fruit and berry prospects at South Haven are most encouraging.

For the fourth time Eaton county will vote on the prohibition question.

The apple crop in Oceana county promises to be a very large crop this year.

The state board of health wants larger appropriations to carry on its work.

The Sanilac Center high school building has been completed at a cost of \$85,000.

The Lowell & Hastings railroad has been sold to the Grand Rapids, Belding & Saginaw Co.

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The plans for St. Joseph county's new court house have been accepted by the supervisors.

Four hundred pounds of pike were speared in the Huron river by a fishing party in two nights.

Lightning struck the Ridgeway depot building and demolished a large part of the structure.

Four of the women enrolled in the college of dental surgery of the U. of M. are from Germany.

At Leslie there is a harnessmaker who has been in the harness business in the same shop for 34 years.

The kindergarten department of the St. Joseph school has been closed as a result of the influenza epidemic.

The people of Ovid will dedicate a soldiers' monument in Maple Grove cemetery Decoration Day.

The citizens of Albion are considering the feasibility of establishing a public hospital in that city.

Oxford is making preparations to give another street fair that will surpass the one of last year.

Work on the installation of the electric railroad has begun. It is expected to be in running order in 60 days.

The only department of the U. of M. in which there are no women students is the department of agriculture.

Of the 3,198 students enrolled in the U. of M., 1,869 are from Michigan, 328 from Illinois and 199 from Ohio.

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The Sunday school at Antrim county of various denominations will hold a convention at the Methodist church in Antrim, Mich., on May 10.

Seventy-one graduates of the U. of M. have been members of congress, 10 as senators and 61 as representatives.

Tests for coal are to be made soon in the vicinity of the village of Leslie, in the county beginning near Tuscola village.

The pharmaceutical department of the U. of M. contributed 12 men to the army and navy during the Spanish war.

Henry Bowers, of Marine City, is under arrest on a charge of kidnapping a criminal assault upon his 12-year-old step-daughter.

It is expected to grow in population within the next 10 years to be some building due. Various houses are unknown types in that city.

Two farmers named Stone and McLeod were held up near Dollarville last week by a party of three men.

The Van Buren fruit belt is now a vast flower bed with its fragrant and many colored blossoms. The buds are mostly in a fine healthy condition.

John Royer, a farmer living near Three Rivers, was shot in the leg by a stray bullet while out in his field.

Schoolgirls 15 to have electric lights at last, after many months of waiting. The school has granted a franchise to a company which will install the lights.

Three men have commenced drilling along the E. & P. M. railroad track south of Willow near Waltz. It is alleged that they are drilling for lead ore.

A prominent farmer of Niles says that only about half a wheat crop raised in this section that vicinity this season. The February freeze is the cause.

An Arbor common council has appropriated \$100 to purchase medals for presentation to the soldier boys who were in the service during the late war with Spain.

The veteran farmers failed to secure their entire hay crop because hay was so cheap they didn't consider it worth while. For the past few years a horse or a cow will eat a ton of hay for 10 cents.

Chester Jessop, aged 18, of Kalamazoo, is dead. He had ill of two months, and the cause of his illness is said to be a brain tumor.

The Gamma society of the high school, Young Gessup, was severely used up in the influenza epidemic, and the society, and his illness died.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

A SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FOR THE WEEK BY WIRE.

Gen. Miles' Charges Were Not Confirmed by the Military Court and He was Acquitted—China Wants 1,000,000 Tails From France.

The Embarked Rebel Question.

By direction of the President, who approves the findings, Acting Secretary of War McKeighan has made public the charges and findings against the rebel forces that were captured at the battle of Manila. The charges were made by Maj.-Gen. Miles, commanding the army; that the rebel forces were not only armed with modern rifles, but also with machine guns, and that they were supplied with food and other necessities by the rebels.

They are an old lady living at Lexington who has not been outside her home for 10 years. She is a cripple or an invalid, for she is not, but simply because she prefers to stay at home.

C. T. Hinx, a wealthy lumberman of Muskegon, has offered to build a beautiful Masonic temple at that place if the two lodges of that city will unite with him in the project.

Miss Mabel Barker, of St. Joseph, shot and mortally wounded her lover, Attorney David H. Wile, a married man of Chicago, in a rooming house while the two were in a rooming house in the "windy city."

Zealand claims to have the largest area of land under cultivation in the world. The Zealand claim to have the largest area of land under cultivation in the world. The Zealand claim to have the largest area of land under cultivation in the world.

Marcus Steek, a Red Jacket saloon-keeper, is minus \$15,000 which he carried in his inside vest pocket. It is suspected that the money was taken from his clothing while he was taking a bath in the public bath house.

An epidemic of measles and scarlet fever is feared at Bridgeman, a small village in the Huron county. There are now 20 cases in the place, but a strict quarantine is in force in the hope of checking the spread of the diseases.

Henry Slater and John Allison, who have been in the harness business in the same shop for 34 years, were charged with robbing the Union bank at Bridgman last August, have been sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of eight to 10 years.

A freight wreck occurred on the Michigan Central railroad between Shelby and Grand Rapids, Mich., on the morning of April 10, when a train loaded with building stone. Twelve cars were derailed and spread all over the track.

The Michigan Sugar Co. of Bay City, will make extensive additions to its beet sugar plant, increasing its capacity to 100,000 tons a year.

The 20th annual report of the secretary of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station shows that 49,995 acres planted to wheat and 960,691 bushels were raised. There was 35,515 acres of corn, yielding 4,700 bushels, and 2,914 tons of oats; 29,908 acres to hay, and 11,693 acres of clover and alfalfa.

The people of Milton township, Cass county, are beginning to see the advantages of having good roads, and at the town meeting this spring voted to have a system of graded streets.

A mysterious shot came near killing Mrs. Andrew J. Pennell, of Niles, the other evening. She was sitting near a window with her young child, and she was killed by about two inches. Mr. Pennell was recently married and the police are inclined to think that an attempt was made on his life.

Fruit trees around Shelby are surprising everyone. Many which were thought six weeks ago to be dead are showing signs of life. They have a light setting of blossoms, and peach orchards located on high land are expected to yield about half the usual crop.

The homestead near Galesburg, where Gen. Wm. R. Shafter, who commanded the troops in the Santiago campaign, was born and reared, is to be torn down and the property sold. During the fighting at Santiago the general was shot and killed.

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WAR NOTES.

ST. TOMAS IS BEING REBUILT.

During a recent engagement at St. Tomas, the rebels were dangerously wounded in the shoulder by a bullet. Just before the battle began, Gen. Luna, when he saw that the rebels were being defeated, was inevitable, sent back to Gen. Mascardo for reinforcements.

Gen. Mascardo's orders were to go to the aid of Gen. Luna, but he was unable to do so because of the distance. The rebels were defeated and the city of St. Tomas was captured.

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