EVENTS OF THE WEEK

IN OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM.

A Berrien Springs Girl Raped by a Tramp While She was Returning Home From School—Official Returns of the April Election.

Lynching None Too Good.

While the 8-year-old daughter of Rufus Van Patton, who resides two miles south of Berrien Springs, was returning from school, she was assaulted by an unknown tramp and was so badly injured by the brute that she cannot live. The child found her way home several hours after the assault was committed and told her parents what had happened, which aroused the father, who started in pursuit of the brute, with the determination of killing him upon sight. After searching the surrounding country for several hours he was compelled to give up the hunt. Late in the afternoon of the following day Sheriff Ferguson placed under arrest, charging him with the crime, a young man who gave the name of Harry Smith. The accused says he is not guilty and in fact never visited the community in which the crime was committed. Reports from Berrien Springs show that the law abiding citizens are maddened by the nature of the crime and publicly expressed themselves in favor of lynching the brute, if identified by the little girl. In order to protect the life of the alleged tramp and probably to prevent Berrien county from getting a record of a lynching bee, Smith will be held in the county jail at St. Joseph to await hearing.

Official Vote of the April Election.

The board of state canvassers have completed the canvass of the returns from the counties giving the votes cast at the April election. The canvass has been considerably delayed on account of the recounts in Bay, Wayne and other counties. The following are the results:

Justice supreme court—Claudius B. Grant, 216,828; Thomas E. Barkworth, 165,487; Frank Baldwin Clark, 8,789; John M. Harris, 4,866; George A. Lattimer, 3,190; scattering, 1,042; total, 400,187.

Regents of the university—Eli R. Sutton, 219,336; Henry S. Dean, 220,021, Edward F. Letiendre, 170,433; Stanley E. Parkill, 15,513; Harry S. Hatch, 8,522; Frederick S. Goodrich, 8,870; Wm. A. Higdon, 4,783; Edwin D. Cox, 4,591; Richard Henke, 2,973; Herman Richter, 2,866; Edwin F. Gentre, 30,498; Edward L. Letiendre, 6,422; total 787,896.

Constitutional amendment—Relative to circuit court—Yes, 108,197; no, 104,884; majority for, 3,313. Relative to state printing office—Yes, 105,711; no, 105,317; majority against, 2,606. Relative to an intermediate court—Yes, 99,394; no, 102,269; majority against, 2,878. Relative to highways and bridges—Yes, 130,416; no, 93,422, majority for, 36,994.

Cass County's Wheat Crop.

From reliable sources it is learned that the coming wheat crop of Cass county will not be equal to the needs for seed and bread. Conservative farmers in nearly every township report a large acreage plowed up for corn and beans, and a fair estimate will place the total acreage in the whole county thus lost at fully 2,000 acres, which means a loss of at least 30,000 bushels. In no case is a yield of 10 bushels per acre promised, the general claim being but five. When looked fairly well April 1, but the warm weather for the two or three weeks following was extremely favorable for the propagation of the fly, and not a field has escaped. This will be extremely hard upon farmers in southern Michigan, and especially upon those who are in debt. Corn is at least two weeks late, and there are very few good fields of clover.

Bank Robbers Unsuccessful at Dansville.

A bold attempt at robbery was made at Dansville, Ingham county, at an early hour on the morning of April 29. Three men gained entrance to A. E. Densmore's private banking and with dynamite blew the front door off the safe. The noise attracted the attention of Deputy Sheriff Moe, who is also a clerk in the bank, residing in the rooms above. He secured the assistance of three villagers and surprised the men at their work, but owing to the night being very dark the robbers made good their escape. Several shots were exchanged, but so far as known none took effect. The safe in the bank contained $2,500. The robbers did not get through the inner door, although the safe is badly wrecked.

Put Rough on Rats in a Pie.

Emma McMahon, a 14-year-old girl, of Spring Lake, was lodged in jail on the 27th on a charge of attempting to poison her foster parents, brother and two boarders. She is alleged to have put rough on rats in their pie. They were taken deathly sick, but recovered. The girl acknowledges the deed, but is very cool. She says she did it because her foster mother was very strict with her.

The Macomb and Sanilac Soldiers and Sailors' association will meet at St. Clair, Aug. 29.

Marshall and Tekonsha will united in a Fourth of July celebration this year at Lyon lake, several miles south of Marshall.

The office of the Lapeer Brick & Tile works was broken into recently and the safe blown open and papers scattered over the floor. No clue.

An epidemic of chicken cholera is raging in Amboy township, a few miles southeast of Camden. Chickens and turkeys are dying by the carload.

Workmen are engaged in tearing down the old Calhoun mills at Homer, on the site of which an electric light plant will be built. This mill was one of the first built in southern Michigan. It was erected in the wilderness in 1830 by a stock company at a cost of $35,000.

The project to build an electric road between Marshall and Coldwater via Tekonsha meets with strong opposition from the merchants of Tekonsha. They take the ground that the road would divert trade to the larger towns and thus injure the commercial interests of the village.

Y. M. C. A. Report.

The report of the Y. M. C. A., in session at Grand Rapids, is as follows: Of the 1,420 associations in existence, 1,341 sent in reports, which showed an aggregate membership of 238,568 and an active membership of 108,568; 334 own buildings valued at $19,847,936 and 92 own other real estate valued at $1,270,550. Deducting debts the net value of buildings and real estate is $16,363,315. The total net value of all property is $19,347,272. The cash paid out for current expenses was $2,453,778. The average daily attendance at gymnasiums, athletic games, etc., was 77,378, and 332,420 volumes were drawn from the libraries. The attendance at Bible class sessions were 356,227, and the total attendance at young men's meetings, 2,538,594.

Gogebic Range Mine Settle.

The suit tried at the state capital in the Ingham circuit court recently was one of the shortest on record for so important an issue, the settlement of certain questions of fact in connection with the account between the state and the county being involved. The amount due from the county June 30, 1898, as shown by the books of the auditor general, was $56,098.29. The amount stated in the peremptory writ of mandamus is $33,719.92.

Contracts Let for New Electric Line.

The officials of the Michigan Traction Co., have let the contract for constructing the electric road from Kalamazoo via Galesburg, Gull Land and Augusta, to Battle Creek, to the American Engineering Co., of Philadelphia, and contracts for the iron, ties, cars and trolley work have also been let. The work of grading will commence at once and the road finished by October, when cars will leave Battle Creek and Kalamazoo every hour during next winter.

Severe Storm in Berrien County.

One of the most disastrous storms that ever visited Berrien county struck St. Joseph at about noon on the 29th. Seven houses in Benton Harbor were badly damaged by lightning, as was also the case in St. Joseph. No deaths are thus far reported.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Strawberry picking has begun in Berrien county.

The Hessian fly is doing much damage in the wheat fields in Kalamazoo county.

The Presbyterians of Milford are contemplating the erection of a new church building soon.

A consolidation of the D., G. R. & W. the C. & W. M. and the F. & P. M. railroads is now assured.

Work on the power house of the Interlaken electric railroad has been commenced at Lansington.

An Evart man lost a valuable horse recently by tying it too close to his tool yard. The bees stung it to death.

Burglars have been operating recently at St. Joseph and Bancroft. No great amount of booty was secured.

The canker worm is reported to be especially active in Eaton, Washtenaw, Calhoun and Isabella counties.

The total number of persons who have at any time been students in the University of Michigan is about 30,000.

The picking of strawberries in Muskegon county will begin about June 5. The indications point to a huge crop.

Roscommon is to have a box factory which will employ about 50 men. It is expected operations will be started soon.

James Carboll, a farmer living near Ovid, was struck by lightning while driving near Banister and instantly killed.

An Oxford washerwoman found $100 in the undergarment of one of her patrons where it had been placed for safe keeping.

The trial of James H. Marks, of Port Huron, charged with the murder of his child-wife, Cora, has been set for June 12.

Jas. J. Cox, of Shepardsville, and Clyde E. Smith, of Chesaning, have been appointed clerks in the railway mail service.

Chicken thieves are reaping a harvest in some portions of Hillsdale county. They even steal setting hens, carrying off eggs, nest and all.

The 26th Michigan holds its annual reunion at Ithaca this year, and Co. D. 5th cavalry will hold its reunion at Whitmore Lake in August.

A movement to raise $5,000 for a monument to the memory of dead heroes of the late war has been started by the Evening News of Calumet.

Flat Rock is getting to be a regular museum town. The latest is a maple leaf measuring 15 inches across and an egg with six smaller ones attached.

Three cities have given its business houses and residences numbered preparatory to the compilation of a city directory, the first ever issued there.

Alpena butchers have organized, and contrary to the methods of meat trusts, candidly announce that the combination is for the purpose of raising prices.

Walter L. Knox, well known to Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad circles, committed suicide with morphine. He was despondent owing to ill health.

The village of Turner is enjoying a boom owing to the good prospects of becoming a coal center. Drillings are being made and one at a depth of 170 feet struck a vein of coal, besides passing through beds of excellent gypsum.

The universalists of Ray City, have decided to sell the church property, pay its debts and disband. The church society was organized in 1864. Twice their edifice has been burned, the last time about five years ago. Inability to raise money to complete the new building is the cause of the disbandment.

Wm. Vincent, of Tekonsha, nearly lost his life in a peculiar manner. He was assisting in hauling poles with a colt when the animal started suddenly, throwing a chain around Vincent's foot, the hook severing the cords and muscles. He was thrown to the ground and dragged by the heels several rods at the animal's heels, being lacerated in a painful manner.

Peter Craig, alias John A. Smith, bought $9 worth of goods on the installment plan at Ann Arbor. An hour later he sold them at a second-hand store for $1, and inside of three hours he was serving a 60 days' sentence.

Geo. F. Gillam, of Lansing, has been appointed receiver of the Michigan Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Lansing, and will proceed to wind up its affairs.

Elkton isn't a very big place, but during the past year one buyer has purchased 75,000 bushels of wheat there and has paid $75,000 for oats besides.

The civil service commission announces an examination to be held at Manistee for postoffice clerk and carriers. Applications must be filed at the Manistee postoffice before July 1.

Hon. Peter White, of Marquette, has been appointed to make a collection of copper specimens for the Paris exposition in conjunction with Senators Wolcott, of Colorado, and Clark of Montana.

Never since Van Buren county was settled, has the outlook for a crop of wheat been as discouraging as at present. The Hessian fly having practically completed the destruction of the crop.

Frank Webb, who recently tried to smuggle saws and files in covers of books to Alison and Slater, the convicted Richmond bank robbers, was arrested at South Bend and taken to Kalamazoo.

Sheriff J. Phelps struck a large flowing well in front of his livery stable in West Branch at a depth of 152 feet. It flows 60 barrels of water an hour. A small vein of coal was also struck.

While Mrs. Silas Squires, of Albion, was smoking her pipe the other day her clothes caught fire, and before the flames could be extinguished she received burns which, owing to her advanced age of 81, will probably prove fatal.

The route of the proposed electric railroad between Lansing and Coldwater will be from the latter place through Union City, Burlington, Tekonsha, Marshall, Bellevue, Olivet and Charlotte to Lansing.

The World's Fair Columbian organ at the University of Michigan has 3,000 pipes and 116 stops. The largest pipe is 32 feet long. It is said to be one of the most complete concert organs in the world.

A trip through Muskegon and Ottawa counties demonstrates the fact that all the partridge and quail were not killed by the cold snap of last winter. Many, however, died of the cold and kindred causes.

Memorial Day was appropriately observed throughout the state. The weather was perfect and as a result there was a great outpour of people to witness the parades and listen to the programs at various places.

Frank Nichols, a farmer living one mile north of Camden, committed suicide by carbon oxide poison on the 28th. Nichols was 38 years of age and was regarded as rather eccentric. It is alleged that the rash deed is the sequel of an unfortunate love affair.

Finns are, arriving in the copper country in large numbers, having left their native land because of the recent prosecutions of the czar. Houghton county being the center of the Finnish population of the United States the new arrivals naturally go there.

Swift & Clark are drilling for salt at their mill in Cheboygan. At the depth of 1,880 feet the drill passed through a stratum of rock such as was struck at Findlay, O., when oil was found there. People are much excited and many believe oil will be struck. The drilling will continue until a depth of 2,500 feet is reached.

A former resident of Three Oaks returned to that village the other day after an absence of 15 years. He hunted up the widow of a man from whom he had borrowed some money, but she refused to take the cash because she knew nothing of the debt. She thought the death of her husband cancelled the obligation.

Lem S. Washburn, of New Buffalo, a baggage agent on the Michigan Central road, was arrested at Chicago charged with rifling letters on that road between Chicago and points in western Michigan. During the last 18 months from 200 to 500 letters per week have disappeared, containing in the aggregate a large sum of money.

A peculiar insect, whose chief industry seems to be destroying books, has made its appearance in the courthouse at Kalamazoo and the county records are being carefully watched lest they be damaged. The pest is a small white worm which can bore its way through a good-sized book in a few moments and which, if not disturbed, will completely destroy the entire book in a short time.

The village council at Wayne has passed a dog ordinance that may yet cause more howling and growling than is even laid down in the dog category. The ordinance takes effect July 1 and compels the attachment of a dollar license tag to each animal; pays 25 cents premium to the small boy for each untagged dog handed in at the village pound, and prohibits any person from harboring a "loud or habitual barking canine." If this works well the village dads will amend the latter portion of the ordinance so as to include cats.

The New York senate passed unanimously a bill appropriating $75,000 for the expenses of the celebration of the return of Admiral Dewey.

The Yale corporation at its regular meeting elected Prof. Arthur Twining Hadley, M. A., president of Yale university, to succeed Timothy Dwight, resigned.

Rose Bonheur, the great animal painter, in fact, the greatest artist of her kind in the world, is dead. She ceased was born in Bordeaux, France, in 1822, where she lived and died.

Three white men, Jas. Humphries and his two sons, were lynched near Aley, Henderson county, Tex., because they harbored the murderer of Constable Melton. All three were hanged.

United States imports for April: Food and live animals, $31,342,567; raw material for domestic industry, $22,418,357; manufactured articles, $8,524,089; 45.25 per cent of articles, were admitted free of duty. Exports: Agricultural products, $47,436,316, a decrease of $19,079,178; products of manufacture, $33,015,970; mining products, $2,350,799. Total imports increased $9,148,077; aggregate exports decreased $11,232,848.

A semi-official dispatch says Germany intends taking possession of Bear island, situated in the North Polar sea, off the northeast coast of Siberia.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

A SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FOR THE WEEK BY WIRE.

That Canadian Lumber Difficulty is Liable to Cause the U. S. to Retaliate Upon Canada—The President has Issued Orders for Our New Possessions.

Talk of Retaliation Upon Canada.

The question as to whether this government is in position to retaliate upon Canada for the enactment by Ontario of the prohibiting the exportation of logs has taken another lamentable turn. The treasury department was recently on the eve of instructing collectors to refuse entry to all kinds of Canadian lumber when Secretary Gage diplomatically interposed with the suggestion that action be postponed until the meeting of the joint high commission in August. Within the past week the subject has taken another phase. There is little doubt that the government is inclined to retaliate upon Canada by the disagreeable results of the negotiations in London looking to the clearing of the field for the assembling of the joint Canadian commission. It is gathered that the British foreign office, which had been desirous to meet Mr. Choate's advances in the spirit of compromise that promised well, has been again influenced by Canada's refusal to agree to anything less than a concession of all of their demands, which has stopped all progress. The department of state has referred to the treasury department the arrangement of a plan to protect the interests of the U. S. and a decision from Secretary Gage is expected very soon. The treasury department now has two courses open, both of which retaliatory. The first is the preparation of an amendment to the tariff act largely increasing the duties on lumber and forest products imported into the U. S. from Canada.

Military Rule for the Islands.

President McKinley has issued the following executive order for the government of the islands which came under control of the United States as a result of the late war with Spain:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, I hereby order and direct that, during the maintenance of the military government by the United States in the island of Cuba and all islands in the West Indies west of the degree of longitude recently occupied by Spain, there are hereby created and shall be maintained the offices of auditor of the islands, one assistant auditor for auditing the accounts of the department of state and one assistant auditor for auditing the accounts of the department of posts; who shall be appointed by the secretary of war, and the duties shall be to audit all accounts of the islands.

The treasury of the islands shall be maintained the office of treasurer of the islands, which shall be filled by the appointment thereto of an officer of the regular army of the United States. The treasurer of the islands shall receive and keep all moneys arising from the revenues of the islands, shall disburse or transfer the same only upon warrants issued by the auditor of the islands and countersigned by the secretary of war.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Similar orders were issued for Porto Rico and the Philippines, so that all the groups are to be identical in government.

President Will Visit the West.

President McKinley has positively decided to go as far west this summer as St. Paul, but whether he will go on to the Yellowstone Park and the coast, such that is now impossible to make a decision. Nor is the date of his visit to St. Paul yet decided. He intends to be there at the time the 13th Minnesota, the South Dakota and other regiments arrive on their return from the Philippines, when a great reception will be accorded them.

America Will Have Her Way.

A special from The Hague says that serious differences of opinion have been manifested between the U. S. representatives and those of certain powers on the subject of discussing the seizure of private property at sea. The Americans insist upon the discussion, agreeing to abide by the voice of a majority in the decision, but they will not have the matter ruled out of court. They refuse to prevent a misunderstanding the Americans will be allowed their way.

Coney Island Visited by a Fire.

Coney Island was visited by a fire on the 26th which destroyed $350,000 worth of property. Fire broke out simultaneously on both ends of "the Bowery," about five blocks apart and close to the beach, and the places where the fires originated were both almost inaccessible for fire engines. The fact that the fires broke out simultaneously is taken as indication that they were of incendiary origin. No clue.

Dreyfus Wins His Fight for a New Trial.

The president of the civil section of the court of cassation, M. Ballot de Beaupre, has reported to the president of the court of cassation, M. Mazeau, in favor of a revision of the Dreyfus trial, and sending the prisoner again before a court-martial. It is believed the report is practically certain to be accepted by the court of cassation, and means that Dreyfus will be taken back to France and retried.

Bad R. R. Wreck in Iowa.

The through train from Chicago to Minneapolis over the Rock Island and Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railways was wrecked on the 28th at the Rock river crossing, about four miles southeast of Waterloo, Ia. The train consisted of six coaches, including mail and baggage car, smoking car, two passenger coaches and a sleeper. Nine persons were killed and 16 injured. Among the killed was a gentleman who was on his way to Minneapolis, where he was to be married the next day.

The flogging of four colored operatives of the Kincaid mills at Griffin, Ga., by whitecaps has led to sensational developments. The superintendent and others at the mills were notified to leave at once or they would be "dealt with." It now transpires that a club has been formed there known as the Laborers' Union band, with the purpose of driving the Negroes out of the country. The band has about 500 members, a large number of whom are boys under age. The Griffin Rifles are in their armory awaiting order to proceed to the factory.

STATE LEGISLATURE

Bills Signed by the Governor.

The following bills have been signed by the governor:

To transfer to the city of Detroit the title to all the property of every name and nature owned, operated and controlled by the board of water commissioners of the city of Detroit; a bill to amend an act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit; a bill to authorize and enable the township of Grosse Pointe in Wayne county to lay out and maintain a broad road or highway along the banks of the Detroit river and the shore of Lake St. Clair; a bill providing for the dissolution of the primary school district of the township of Bearinger; a bill to change the name of the fractional school district No. 1 of Plymouth and Novi townships in the counties of Wayne and Oakland; a bill to amend an act to incorporate all public schools of Osseinke and Alpena county; a bill to amend an act to incorporate the public school of Long Rapids township; a bill to provide for the incorporation of persons annexed to an adjoining township when so return protestant Dutch churches; a bill relative to the construction of buildings in the city of Detroit; a bill to provide for the placing of low water distance on steam boilers, directing the board of state auditors to audit a claim made by Gen. W. Cramer for the relief of Lewis Schmidt, a private in Co. H, 32d regiment, Michigan state troops, and authorizing the commissioner of state and his officers to deed to Arthur Searle, of Williamston, a parcel of land; a bill to amend an act to fix ex-soldiers for public employment; a bill to appropriate $5,000 annually for the state's prevention of cruelty to children, animals, etc.; a bill to amend an act relative to the general state law of fire, police, etc.; a bill to amend an act to regulate the interest of money secured by mortgage on real estate, and providing for a limit to profit for the public or private use; a bill to provide for the disposition of property pledged as collateral security for the payment of money or the performance of any obligation; a bill to authorize the common council of the city of Alpena to maintain a system of electric light works; a bill to provide for the organizing of a union school district in Gladwin county; a bill to prevent the adulteration of linseed in this state; a bill to amend an act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases; a bill to establish a county agricultural school in Berrien county; a bill to amend an act to establish an asylum for dangerous and criminal insane and inmates therein.

To amend an act to revise the charter of the city of Marquette; a bill to amend an act to incorporate the common council to issue bonds to the amount of $150,000 for the purpose of improving Lake Superior harbor; to amend an act relative to the government of the University of Michigan to receive any money or property for the use and benefit of the University and invest the same in the best manner possible; to amend an act to create a board of supervisors of St. Joseph county to appoint from their number a building committee to superintend the construction of a county building, to provide for the furnishing of boiler holders, copies of the application for insurance of the co-operative, mutual benefit and fraternal beneficiary companies or associations, to provide for the retirement of certain outstanding partpaid bonds authorized by the township of Palmyra, Lenawee county, to issue bonds to the amount of not more than $5,000 for the payment for the construction of a bridge over the Rabbit river, to amend an act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of Lake St. Clair and the connecting waters of the Detroit river; a bill providing for the payment of $50 per month to the widow of Patrick Hennessy, late member of the house of representatives; a bill providing for the payment of $100 per month to the widow of Peter Dalrymple, late member of the house of representatives; a bill providing for the payment of $100 per month to the widow of Jacob Hoffman