

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

IN OUR GREAT STATE RELATED

IN A BRIEF FORM.

The Zouls Prison has for the First Time Since its Opening got a Life Prize

— A Houghton Woman Killed by an Electric Light Wire.

Set a Lake on Fire.

About midnight on the 5th a north-bound extra on the F. & M. was struck through a severe electrical storm when one mile south of Rose Centre, and lightning struck a tank car full of oil which it was passing over a 20-foot bridge. The explosion was terrific and could be heard a long distance.

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Has Only Half a Stomach.

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Benton Harbor, Battle Creek, Traverse City, Eaton Rapids, Muskegon, Niles, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marshall, and other places in the state were visited by a severe storm on the 5th. At Lansing fully \$50,000 worth of state property was destroyed by fire, the result of the workshop of the state school being struck by lightning.

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MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Harbor Beach is to have a telephone exchange.

Yale is to have a new bank before many moons.

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WAR NOTES.

STALE LEGISLATURE.

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