

IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

An Innocent Man Is Serving Time on the Zouls Prison by Assuming the Name of a Rogue — A Brighton Farmer Destroyed His Hens While Awake.

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Robbed and Murdered.—A brutal murder took place at Flint about half past midnight on July 1st. John Casler, a well-known and respected resident of the city, was assaulted and robbed while returning to his home. He lived until about 6 o'clock the following morning, but did not recover consciousness. Casler was down in the city during the evening. He was alone when last seen. People heard shots, but did not know who was thinking the reports were made by firecrackers. Shortly after a passerby found Casler lying on his face near the walk between the city and the alarm was at once given. Casler had a bullet hole in the top and back of his head, the ball having passed through toward the nose. Nearby was Casler's revolver, with one of the cartridges exploded. There were evidences of a rough struggle on the ground. One being a jagged wound on the scalp. Evidences of a struggle were plain. Casler's head, which was lying on the ground, was found. He was his coat. His pockets had been rifled and considerable money taken.

Break of an Insane Man.—Martin Schultz, a farmer living about four miles north-west of Brighton, became violently insane and set fire to his large hay and grain barns which together with his horse barn and a hotel, occupied a large tract of ground. Mr. Schultz has had spells during which his mind seemed to be deranged, but had never displayed any violence. He made no effort to burn his house before he set fire to the barns. After the barns had been destroyed he went and laid on the railroad tracks. An officer and a large number of citizens from Brighton had a desperate struggle with Schultz. He was finally captured and taken to the county jail.

Rounded Up After Six Years.—An aged man, and his son, about 60 years of age, residing on a small farm about four miles from Paw Paw, were robbed of about \$800 in money, and their property, including a trunk, kept in their residence. Suspicion was directed to one Mary Neal, a domestic in the household, who had been employed by the family for several years. Neal was not found until recently, when the crime was almost barred by the statute of limitation. Neal was arrested and is now in the county jail.

Chaper Lights for Cadillac.—The Pine River Light and Power Co., with a capital of \$60,000, owned principally in Reed City, was recently organized and will erect a plant on the Pine River, about 10 miles east of Tustin, for the purpose of transmitting cheap electricity to Cadillac, about 16 miles away, for light, heat, power and other purposes.

Murdered Because He Loved His.—John W. Jones, aged 76, and Miss Jessie Crescor, aged 18, both of Kalamazoo, were quietly married at Constantine on the 26th. The bride was well-to-do and the bride is pretty and plump. While the groom's estate is estimated to be worth \$500,000, he was married to the young girl. Jones married, she asserts that it was not her lover's money that induced her to marry him, but simply because she loved him. The young lady was never known to fail a falsehood.

Lansing Masons Will Build a New Temple.—A fence factory will be established at Fort Huron if citizens of that city will subscribe for a portion of the cost. Just south of Cheaning there is a town which was built 42 years ago. Every timber in the structure is black walnut.

The Board of Health at Flint Announces that signs will be posted on business streets forbidding spitting on sidewalks. After 15 years of idleness the Taylor farm mine, five miles east of L'Anse au Loup, will soon be reopened and will produce its full capacity.

An Old Suicide occurred in Grant township, Huron county, recently. Mrs. David Quant, because of ill health, took a dose of laudanum, but the timely arrival of a physician saved her. She told her husband that she had no use, she would repeat the operation until she had shaken off this mortal coil. He begged her to postpone the operation until he could be present to see her plan carried out, but she insisted that she could not put the event off later than the following day. Quant, then the funeral could be held Sunday, thus saving one day. Quant agreed to this, but for some reason the poison did not work rapidly, so the funeral had to be held Monday.

Special Treasury Agent Charles E. Lewis, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., made a rich haul in Detroit on the 28th. He captured a party of gamblers, who were charged with being a master in the art of diamond smuggling. When arrested by Lewis at the Brush street station, the party had diamonds amounting in value to over \$20,000. The captured party had been engaged in years of work on the part of the special treasury agents of the Niagara Falls district, who have been treating the city as a gambling den since the business between Canada and the United States.

600 Men Walked Out.—Pinegrove & Smith's big shoe factory on Jefferson avenue, Detroit, was shut down on the 29th and 30th of last month. The men who were thrown out of employment. The firm, which was owned by George H. Hazen, S. J. Hazen, and J. R. Hazen, was a well-known shoe maker in the city. The firm was founded in 1893, and had a reputation for making high quality shoes. The firm was owned by George H. Hazen, S. J. Hazen, and J. R. Hazen. The firm was founded in 1893, and had a reputation for making high quality shoes.

Murder and Suicide in Muskegon.—Major James Balbrinre, of Muskegon, was shot to death by a disappointed officer named J. W. Taylor at noon on the 29th of last month. Taylor fired the fatal shot after bringing the revolver upon himself, and also took a dose of carbolic acid, dying in less than an hour. Balbrinre was in the position of city director of the poor for a number of years, and displayed a great deal of energy and ability. Balbrinre refused to appoint him as mayor, and he had determined to kill the mayor and then commit suicide.

STATE GOSSIP.—Belding's streets are now lighted by electricity. A new gristmill is being erected at Edenville, Gladwin county. Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. has succeeded in raising its debt of \$32,000. The 16th annual Vikingsburg camp meeting will occur at Vikingsburg August 5-25.

The St. Clair County Pioneer society lost 250 members by death during the past year. A large hay crop has been harvested in Van Buren county. Oats and corn need rain.

Saginaw county's hay crop will not average more than two-thirds of last year's crop. Bay, Saginaw and Midland counties threshing machine owners have formed a combination. Houghton will spend \$60,000 this summer in improving her streets and water system.

A rural free mail delivery will be made in the territory about Ypsilanti shortly. During a charivari at Oak Hill recently a small cannon burst, injuring the limbs of the person on the gun. Athens people expect the streets of their village will be lighted by electricity in a short time.

The hay crop in Arenac county is a large one and it has been secured in good condition. The big furniture factory to locate at Standish September 1 will employ 125 to 150 men and boys.

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At the special election in Ann Arbor recently it was decided by a vote of 630 to 16 to appropriate \$17,000 for a homeopathic hospital. The homeopathic hospital in Bay City is on strike for an increase of wages to \$1.75 per day. Work on all the new factories is at a standstill.

Albion's new water ordinance has gone into effect. It compels bicyclists to equip their wheels with lamps and bells. It is unpopular.

Bears are so numerous in the immediate vicinity of Marquette that men and children are afraid to go into the outskirts of the city alone. George Campbell, proprietor of a sawmill at Rose City, Ogemaw county, slipped and fell on a pile of saw logs. His body was cut completely in two.

James Meyers, a Thorntown township, Genesee county, pleaded guilty to the murder of his 15-year-old daughter. He broke down in court.

At the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1903, the state treasury is at \$1,815,943.72 more than the balance one year ago.

Hay is in the vicinity of Brighton and the crop is a small one. Wheat harvest has begun, and the prospects for that are even poorer than the hay crop.

Despite the reports last winter that the extreme cold was killing off all the quail, there are more of those birds in Berrien county this season than in 1902.

Diphtheria has become epidemic at Cassidi's Corners, a little hamlet near Cass. A half dozen cases now exist and one death from the disease has taken place.

Salts people think that all that is necessary now for their happiness and prosperity is the village is a local band of soldiers, their organization will be formed.

The survivors of the 19th Mich. infantry who took part in the annual reunion at Vicksburg in September will be in Detroit by the 1st of October.

The receipt of the state land office for the last year closed at \$236,563.41, an increase of \$83,440.26 over 1902. Much of the increase was due to the sale of grazing lands.

The Michigan legislature was appropriately observed throughout the state, and at some places the celebration surpassed any previous attempt.

A city who have been given the right to ride on the sidewalks of every street in the city that is not paved with asphalt.

A biograph machine, owned by the New York Biograph Co., will be used for the first time in the city.

John K. Ellevien, residing near the city, was shot to death by a disappointed officer named J. W. Taylor at noon on the 29th of last month.

The building of the new power house at New Baltimore for the electric rail road is well on its way.

Fourteen couples from Chicago were married in the city of Detroit.

Downing is experiencing a hot time over Sunday closing.

Senator Burrows is negotiating for the purchase of a residence in the southwest part of Washington in which he will live.

It is said he has offered \$20,000 for a house which suits him.

A horse attached to a buggy containing a lady and a driver jumped the highway bridge at Benton Harbor.

The official returns from the counties showed that there were 1,808 divorces granted in Michigan in 1898.

Rockland is experiencing a genuine bonanza in its fish and shell business in tents.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Great Britain, Germany and Russia have agreed upon a plan to divide China and will doubtless carry it into effect.

France agrees to divide China. This is little doubt that secret treaty has been made by Great Britain, Germany and Russia, concerning their several spheres of influence in China.

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