

# OUR GREAT STATE.

## THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

### Steamer Douglas Houghton Foundered in a Channel in St. Mary's River and Blocks Lake Superior Commerce.

### Jackson Man Arrested for Arson.

### Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The weekly weather crop bulletin says: Showers have been general in all parts of the state and severe drought is broken, but the rainfall in most of the lower peninsula is considerably deficient. More rain is needed for full plowing on high land and cutting soils, and is also necessary to germinate corn, wheat and rye, and to keep the soil sufficiently moist. The crop is in good shape in most of the lower peninsula, but in some places it is in a bad way. In the lower peninsula, the crop is in good shape, but in some places it is in a bad way. In the lower peninsula, the crop is in good shape, but in some places it is in a bad way.

### Capt. Hodgdon Compromised.

Capt. Hodgdon, of the Michigan Peninsular cavalry, has been compromised by a handsome compliment to Capt. Hodgdon, of the revenue cutter Friendsen, at Detroit, by detailing him to command a revenue cutter. The vessel will take part in the ceremonies attending the welcoming of the United States fleet at New York City, and will be under the command of Capt. Hodgdon in recognition of his services during the battle of Manila and subsequent operations in the Philippines. The vessel will be under the command of Capt. Hodgdon in recognition of his services during the battle of Manila and subsequent operations in the Philippines.

### Paid \$20,000 Franchise Fee.

The American Car & Foundry Co., which owns the Michigan Peninsular car works at Detroit, has paid the secretary of the second largest franchise fee ever turned into the treasury, \$20,000 of its capital stock of \$60,000. The largest fee ever paid was also from the second largest company that took in the Southern tobacco works.

### Loss to Veneation Will Be Heavy.

The steamship Douglas Houghton, the largest ship on the lakes, is stuck in the narrow passage of the St. Mary's river at the nation's encouragement, and is effectively blocking the passage of all Lake Superior commerce. The Houghton was bound for Chicago, and is stuck in the narrow passage of the St. Mary's river at the nation's encouragement, and is effectively blocking the passage of all Lake Superior commerce.

### Arson and Murder.

Geo. L. Maier, of Jackson, a brother-in-law of Arthur Selwick, who recently lost his life by the burning of Maier's dwelling, was arrested at Jackson, charged with murder and arson. The night previous to the arrest a trunk full of bed clothing, books, silverware and other articles was found in a trunk in the house insured by Maier. The trunk was found in a trunk in the house insured by Maier. The trunk was found in a trunk in the house insured by Maier.

### Fruit Growers' Association Will Be Held at Albion, Sept. 19-22.

An important meeting of the health officers of Michigan will be held at Grand Rapids on Oct. 26 and 27. Eagle River, Keweenaw county, will be the scene of a large meeting of capitalists are pushing the scheme. The prospects for a largely increased attendance of students at the University of Michigan this year are very bright. Bessemer claims the distinction of having the first snowfall of the season in Michigan. The snow fell on the morning of Sept. 13.

### Admiral Dewey will not accept the invitation to visit Three Oaks.

The coroner's jury in the Wilks-Graes shooting affray at Coleman completed its report on the fatal findings were: "That Henry Wilks came to his death on Aug. 31 by a ball from a rifle, shot from the hands of William Graes, and that Graes was committed and the body found on the premises of said William Graes in Warren township." The wife of Mr. Graes was placed upon the witness stand, but she refused to give any evidence. John Melehor is still alive, the attending physician gives no hope for his recovery.

### Burned His Head Dead.

A large oil lamp exploded in the postoffice at Garden the other night. Postmaster James C. Bradley was sitting at his desk at the time, and was burned. The fire was caused by the lamp striking a package of books on the postmaster's desk. The fire was caused by the lamp striking a package of books on the postmaster's desk.

### Arrested Farmer's House for Revenge.

A tramp asked to stay over night with Charles Blodgett, a farmer living two miles north of Grand Rapids. He was arrested. Early in the morning the barn was discovered in flames, and burned together with the grain, hay and buggy stored therein. The case is supposed to be the incendiary, as he left the house in an ugly mood and threatened Blodgett. Loss, \$1,200; insured in the Kalamazoo County Farmers' Co.

### Reported Cases of Typhoid Fever.

A number of cases of typhoid fever are reported at Jackson. The head of a school opened last week with an enrollment of 400 children out of 530 school children in the town. Lanson & Crowley, Marshall sewer contractors, are compelled to stop their way through 14 feet of solid sandstone. The 14th annual fair of the Central Berrien County Agricultural association will be held at Berrien Springs, Sept. 29 and 30.

### Lightning struck a barn on the old Croton farm, near Jackson on the 7th, killing four horses. Neither the barn nor contents caught fire.

Andrew W. Halliday, of Flint, has just been granted a divorce from a wife whom he married in 1861, whom he thought had been dead for 20 years. Halliday celebrated the Fourth of July in 1861 by marrying Almeta Hardick at Ponton, but three weeks later he went south to the army. He returned for the union. When he returned in 1864, with an honorable discharge, he found his wife had married another man named Sage, who left a young wife and baby. Halliday declares that he heard that his faithless wife died 20 years later, and he married another wife. Recently he heard that his first wife was still living with Sage, so he filed a bill for divorce in the circuit court and it was granted.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

### THE SURVEY FOR THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

The survey for the electric railway connecting the various cities of the copper country has been made and work will probably commence at once. The total number of men employed in the Great West is 7,172, against 4,619 three years ago, an increase of 5,353, or 53 per cent.

### THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT MARQUETTE.

The state normal school at Marquette will be located in the city, pending the completion of the new building, which is being erected at the north end of the city. A pet deer strayed from the inclosure of Mayor J. C. Davis at Lansing nearly two months ago and was given up for lost. Sections of coal in the 11th and 12th wards of Grand Rapids are estimated to contain 150,000,000 tons of coal, valued at \$15,000,000. The disease is supposed to have been brought there from Cleveland. Osa Childers, a farmer living west of Northville, took a teaspoonful of Paris green to end his life. Doctors pumped him out. He was dependent upon the green to conquer his appetite for liquor. It is said that the body of Frank Lee, the brigadier, who died in the United States until winter, the international sanitary laws preventing its removal from Mexico now.

### THE FIRST MAN TO BE HUNG AT GRAND RAPIDS.

The first man to be hung at Grand Rapids was on the 11th of July. It was not a heavy fall of rain, however, and did little good. Members of the informed society are holding a special meeting, and praying for rain. The anti-pass law in Wisconsin provides that all people who live on free property on roads must sign a ship-declaration, and that no one is to be admitted to any political meeting, unless he is a citizen of the United States. The international sanitary laws preventing its removal from Mexico now.

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