IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Macomb County Couple Married Under Difficulties—The Farmers of Southern Michigan Have Formed a Co-Operative Beet Sugar Company.

Manistee Still Leads in Salt Production.

The 3d annual report of State Salt Inspector Jabez B. Caswell, and the 31st of the department, has just been completed. It covers the year ending November 30. The inspector gives the usual date concerning different districts of the state. The number of firms engaged in manufacturing salt during the year was [illegible] number of blocks 6[illegible]; solar salt covers 1,290. Salt was inspected in the different districts as follows: Manistee county, [illegible] barrels; Wayne, [illegible]; Mason, [illegible]; St. Clair, [illegible]; Saginaw, [illegible]; Bay, [illegible]; Midland, [illegible]; Iosco, 5,601; total, [illegible]. The increase and decrease in inspection was: Increase—Saginaw, [illegible] barrels; Bay, 2,848; Manistee, [illegible]; Mason, [illegible]; Wayne, [illegible]; total, [illegible]. Decrease—St. Clair, [illegible]; Iosco, [illegible]; Midland, [illegible]; total, [illegible]. There was manufactured during the year [illegible] barrels of salt and the number in the bins Dec. [illegible] was [illegible]. There were [illegible] more barrels of salt inspected [illegible] than in 1898 and [illegible] more barrels of salt manufactured. The amount of salt inspected since the inspection law went into effect is [illegible] barrels and the total amount manufactured is [illegible] barrels.

Gene White and Marsh Have Skipped.

It was a shock to the friends of Gen. White on the [illegible] to learn that he had fled from the country and will not be in Grand Rapids [illegible] [illegible]

The Cold Didn't Bother Them.

Herman Wilson and Miss Mary [illegible], of Ray township, Macomb county, [illegible] [illegible] county clerk on the ground that Mary was too young. The pair drove back to Ray, secured the paternal permission and again appeared before the county clerk and the ceremony was then performed and the happy couple departed for home, having traveled 18 miles over rough roads with the mercury hovering around zero.

Farmers Will Erect a Sugar Factory.

About 50 farmers residing in the southern part of the state have filed articles of association of the Farmers' Co-operative Beet Sugar Co., the object being to raise beets and manufacture sugar. The capital stock is $[illegible],000, and $28,500 has been paid in. It is proposed to erect a factory at Dundee, Monroe county, and operate through farms in Monroe, Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Ingham, Jackson, Hillsdale, Branch, Lenawee and Washtenaw counties. This is the first co-operative company to be organized for this purpose.

Was Frozen Stiff When Found.

Alphonse Hempke, aged 18, of Detroit, was found frozen stiff upon the street at an early hour on the morning of Dec. 31. He had been drinking heavily the night before, and while on his way home had fallen upon the ground, where a desperate struggle between life and death must have ensued, as the unfortunate man had succeeded in dragging his almost lifeless body along the street until within one block of his home, where he was completely overcome and gave up in despair.

Champion Visited by a $15,000 Fire.

The two best business buildings in Champion were destroyed by fire on the 1st. The loss is estimated at $15,000, with little insurance. The village has no fire protection, and for a time it looked as if the entire town would go, but the villagers finally checked the fire by fighting it with buckets and shoveling snow on to the flames.

Copper Range Road Completed.

A copper spike was driven on the Copper Range railroad on the 26th, completing the track laying. The road began doing business before its completion, owing to the necessities of the mines tributary. This gives direct rail communication from one end of the lake copper belt to the other.

Berrien Springs had 20 inches of snow on the 31, and it was still snowing.

Peach Plains, Ottawa county, on the 1st celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of that settlement.

For the first time since 1856, dandelions in bloom were picked in Oliver township, Huron county, on the day before Christmas.

Salem was visited by a $6,000 fire on the 26th, which destroyed two hotels and a residence. Part of the contents of the hotels was saved.

The granges of Van Buren county are going to organize a fire insurance company for the protection of the property of their members.

The cash balance in the state treasury at the beginning of the new year was $361,134.47. This amount is $[illegible],500 more than the balance one year ago.

85 Divorce Suits in Calhoun County.

County Clerk Austin, of Calhoun county, issued 484 marriage license during the past year and 85 divorce suits were started. The records show that there is no improvement in the decrease of divorces over the previous year. Nearly two-thirds of the divorces originate in Battle Creek. One hundred and seventy of the marriage licenses were issued during the past three months—an unusually large number for such a short time. During the past month alone 65 licenses were issued, making it the banner month since 1896.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Traverse City may have a wood alcohol plant.

The new Cass county court house has been completed.

The state taxes of the L. S. & M. S. Ry. amounted to $[illegible] this year.

The internal revenue collections at Saginaw for last year were $[illegible].

The discharged mortgages in Washtenaw county since 1886 number [illegible].

Plainwell is to have a pickle factory. A Detroit firm is interested in the project.

The grist mill which was recently destroyed by fire at Bear Lake will be rebuilt.

The business portion of Charlotte was scorched to the extent of $[illegible] on the 27th.

There were [illegible] mortgages discharged in Washtenaw county during the year of grace 1899.

A corset company with a capital stock of $[illegible] was organized at Kalamazoo on the 26th.

There is much talk at [illegible] of forming a stock company to operate a large cattle ranch in Osceola county.

Only [illegible] deaths occurred at Niles during the past year, the mortality rate being about [illegible] per cent [illegible]

[illegible]

Grand Rapids claims to be the banner recruiting point of the state of Michigan for the United States army. From June 30, 1898, to Dec. [illegible], the recruiting station at that point enlisted a total of [illegible] men.

Albion is the latest place in Michigan to get the cement factory fever, and farmers all around there are turning up the ground on different parts of their farms to see if any of the necessary marl exists on their land.

Chas. Backus, of Temple, while having teeth extracted by a dentist in Cadillac, suddenly expired. A physician was present and administered the chloroform, but it is supposed Mr. Backus was afflicted with heart trouble and could not stand the drug.

The old saying that "the mills of the gods grind slow" doesn't obtain New[illegible] [illegible] got drunk and [illegible] doors [illegible] within an hour [illegible] and sentenced to [illegible] in jail.

If Paw Paw doesn't have a basket factory next year it will be because she doesn't think so, in addition to the list of local industries is worth $500. That amount, the price of the site, is all that is asked by the man who proposes to build the factory.

Judge Buck, of Kalamazoo, granted a writ of mandamus compelling the county supervisors to pay the full amount of the city's claim for the care of patients in the asylum. The city claimed $[illegible], which was cut to $1,254 by the board of supervisors at their October session.

During 1899 in Saginaw county, [illegible] marriage licenses were issued and [illegible] divorce cases were commenced. There were also [illegible] [illegible] papers. During 1899 there were recorded [illegible] mortgages. In 1898 the mortgages recorded amounted to [illegible]. In 1899 there were 1,156 discharged mortgages as compared with [illegible] the preceding year.

Every employe of the American Express company throughout the country received a check for $[illegible] as a Christmas present from the company.

The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland shore fishery rights will expire [illegible] [illegible] will doubtless [illegible] agreement is not [illegible].

A horrible wholesale murder was recently committed [illegible] Poland. Nine members of the family of a wealthy landed proprietor named Kowalski were killed after frightful torture.

The celebrated [illegible] overhung Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and was a noted natural spectacle, fell on the 26th. The town was [illegible] of by an earthquake as the immense mass, weighing hundreds of tons, came tumbling down. No deaths are reported, although considerable property was destroyed.

The last subscription of the $[illegible],000 needed to insure the building of the woman's hotel in New York city was received on the 1st. The hotel when finished will cost $[illegible].

Miss Dorothy Dean, the actress, died in London on the 27th.

SPECIAL SESSION DOINGS.

The legislature convened again on the 27th. The joint resolution was discussed in the senate and it is believed will be thrown down. However, that body has a third substitute measure. The substitute was simply reported to the senate with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee of the whole.

The senate committee to whom the house resolution was submitted, on the 27th reported the following resolution as a third substitute to the tax amendment:

"Sec. 10. The state may continue to collect all specific taxes accruing to the treasury under existing laws. The legislature may provide for the collection of specific taxes from corporations. The legislature may provide for the assessment of the property of the railroads and other corporations at its true cash value, and for the levying of taxes thereon by a state board of assessors, or such other person or persons as the legislature may direct, in such manner as the legislature shall by general law direct, which laws shall be uniform.

"All taxes hereafter levied on the property of railroads and railway companies, telegraph companies, telephone companies, express companies, plank road companies, river improvement companies and insurance companies, shall be applied as provided in section one of this article.

"Sec. 11. The legislature shall provide a uniform rule of taxation, except on property paying specific taxes, and taxes shall be levied on such property as shall be prescribed by law. Provided, the legislature may classify corporations for the purpose of assessment for taxation and the property in each class shall be assessed, subject to review in such manner as the legislature shall provide by law, and the taxes thereon uniformly levied in such manner as the legislature may direct. Provided, further, that corporate property upon which taxes are assessed and levied by the provisions of section 10 of this constitution shall be assessed and [illegible]

[illegible]

Rep. Burch precipitated a long discussion in the house on the 27th by offering a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee of five to investigate charges of corruption [illegible]

[illegible]

Gov. Pingree [illegible]

[illegible]

On the reassembling of the legislature on the evening of Jan. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The senate [illegible]

[illegible]

The senate on the [illegible] by a vote of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

New South Wales on the [illegible] [illegible] the issue of [illegible] amount of $[illegible]

[illegible]

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Over $150,000,000 is to be Paid Out in Interest and Dividends by This Country—Germany has Concluded She Don't Want the Danish West Indies.

McCoy Won in Five Rounds.

"Kid" McCoy again placed himself in the championship class by defeating Peter Maher in a brisk, well-fought battle [illegible] Coney Island [illegible] Jan. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Flood of Gold to Europe.

More than [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Chicago's Big Drainage Canal Opened.

[illegible]

Woman's Body Hacked and Burned.

[illegible]

Indian Territory Settlers Must Vacate.

[illegible]

Germany Won't Buy Danish West Indies.

[illegible]

Aid for the Boers.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Roberts May be Excluded.

[illegible]

Landslide Causes $75,000 Damage.

[illegible]

One Killed and 11 Injured.

[illegible]

Kentucky Legislature in Session.

[illegible]

Eight Met a Watery Grave.

The schooner Puritan was driven ashore on Cabot island, N. F., in a gale on the 1st, and eight of her crew of [illegible] were lost. [illegible]

[illegible]

Gas Well Afire.

[illegible]

NEWSY BREVITIES.

[illegible]

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A Russian general is authority for the following statement: "I have been offered the command of a Boer army corps. In my own mind I am absolutely confident of the success of the Boers. You may take my word for it that thousands of Russians are now fighting under Gen. Joubert."

The British troops at Mafeking attacked the Boer fort at Molopo on the 26th, and were so persistent in capturing the fort that there was fighting right on the very walls of it, but the Boers managed to retain their position. The British loss is reported at 55 dead.

A report from Col. Pilcher of the British forces says that on Jan. 1 he completely defeated the Boers in command at Sunnyside laagar, taking the laager and capturing 40 prisoners, with a loss of only two privates killed and one lieutenant wounded.

News has been received of a complete victory for the British at Colesburg. Gen. French was in command of the British forces and when he once got the Boers on the move he kept them going and captured the town with little difficulty.

The guns which were captured from Gen. Buller at Colenso have been mounted on the hills commanding the drift over the Tugela river at Springfield. The Boers also captured 620 rounds of shrapnel when they took the guns.

The lord mayor of London, Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of 1,000 volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses.

Ugly rumors are in circulation of a Dutch rising with the object of seizing Cape Town and the docks and capturing the governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner.

The Boers possess immense stores of food which was imported by speculative capitalists under a belief that [illegible]

[illegible]

THE MARKETS.

[illegible]

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To successfully act on the advice, it was necessary to make a trip of over 2,000 miles, but he understood it, and now thanks his friend for the advice, as he finds himself fully relieved of his old trouble and has returned to his home feeling able to cope with his business demands, a new man.

The advice given was to go to "Hot Springs," South Dakota and there take the baths and enjoy the finest climate of any health resort in America.

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To the pure all things are more or less adulterated.

La Porte, Texas.

The progress of the construction work at La Porte, Texas, the future great deep-water shipping point at the head of navigation on Galveston Bay on the Gulf of Mexico, is progressing favorably. The wharves and switching tracks are nearing completion and the work on the streets and on the sewerage and water systems is now under way. Mr. I. R. Holmes, the general manager of the La Porte Improvement Company and the La Porte Wharf and Channel Company, is personally superintending the improvements. Mr. Holmes makes his headquarters at the Sylvan Hotel and visitors to La Porte during the next six weeks and before the time of the first general La Porte sale which will be held in February, 1900, should introduce themselves to Mr. Holmes and allow him to extend to them facilities for getting a thorough understanding of the conditions surrounding the La Porte enterprises.

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