AN ARSONIST CONFESSES.

The Deed was Committed About a Year Ago.

COULDN'T KEEP THE SECRET.

A Groceryman at Moscow, Hillsdale Co., Hires Two Men to Burn His Store an Contents That He Might Get the Insurance—Other Items.

Sensational Developments in Arson Trial.

The trial of Chas. W. Hewitt on a charge of [illegible] store building and the contents of the same [illegible] proc[illegible] at Hillsdale for the [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

be invoked, the prosecution having urged that before the governor can exercise the pardoning power there must be a sentence of the court as well as conviction. It is the opinion of the court that Gen. Marsh was convicted when he asked for clemency, therefore the pardon is valid and the accused must pay the sum stipulated by the governor when he granted the pardon.

Beets a Poor Crop Last Season.

The Wolverine Sugar Co. of Benton Harbor finished grinding this year's crop of beets on the 19th and closed down as soon as the sugar was turned out. The output of the factory this season is less than that of last year, owing to the poor crop of beets which were blighted by dry weather in August. The beets, while a poor crop in bulk, were also short in saccharine substance. The factory's offer of $5 per ton for beets next season, it is thought, will give them all the beets they can handle next year.

Pingree Cited for Contempt.

Gov. Pingree will have to show cause, Saturday, Dec. 29, why he should not be punished for contempt. Judge Wiest having made such order on the 24th, on petition of three members of Ingham county bar, who say their action is taken at the request of numerous members of the bar association. Action is based on an interview published in the Detroit Tribune, Dec. 7, in which the governor bitterly attacked the court, using vile epithets, etc. Judge Wiest will call in an outside judge to hear the case.

Coldwater's new city directory gives that place a population of 6,275.

The organization of the Lansing Sugar Co., with a capital of $400,000, was perfected at Lansing on the 19th.

Wood is such a scarce article in Memphis that apple trees in orchards in that vicinity have been cut down for fuel.

On the 19th smallpox was prevalent at 34 places in Michigan, typhoid fever at 130, scarlet fever at 91, and diphtheria at 36.

S. H. Ives, one of the founders of the old Ives bank in Detroit in 1847, died at his home in that city on the 19th, aged nearly 78.

About 150 guests sat down to the 20th century banquet given by the Christian Endeavor society at Northville on the 19th.

The village schools at West Branch have been closed as a precaution against diphtheria, one of the pupils having died recently of the disease.

Officials of the Port Huron Electric Railway Co. will project a handsome park, casino and summer garden on the lake front next summer.

The potato market at Hart is greatly impaired by the scarcity of cars. In one day recently 13 carloads of tubers were shipped from that place.

Rabbits grow to a large size in Marcellus, according to the News, which says a hunter in that vicinity mistook a colt for one and badly wounded it.

SPECIAL SESSION DOINGS.

The 4th special session called by Gov. Pingree practically came to a close on the 20th, without anything being accomplished. At the morning session the house weakened and adopted the concurrent resolution sent over by the senate fixing final adjournment for the 22d. For an hour the Pingreeites tried to fight off the inevitable, hoping to stay the windup until the governor could get a reply from Senator McMillan which he could spring. They succeeded in tangling up matters for a time and beat the concurrent resolution once, but later the vote was reconsidered and the resolution was finally adopted by a vote of [illegible]

[illegible]

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

[illegible]

will be sold under the hammer on March 2 next to satisfy a mortgage.

The National Guard in Michigan and every other state stand a chance under the army reorganization bill to be armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles, the standard arm of the regular regiments.

Hudson Everette, the young colored boy who stole a diamond ring from Mme. Herrmann while she was filling an engagement at the Wonderland theater, Detroit, a few months ago, was sentenced to 18 months in the state house of correction at Ionia on the 21st.

There is talk of establishing another independent telephone system in Detroit. If the project materializes, St. Clair citizens (who are also dissatisfied with the present system) propose building an independent line between that city and Detroit, connecting with all towns en route.

Reports to the state board of health by representative physicians in active general practice in different parts of the state, indicate that neuralgia, rheumatism, bronchitis, tonsillitis, and influenza, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the past week. Cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported at 4 places; whooping cough at 10, measles at 16, smallpox at 34, diphtheria at 36, scarlet fever at 91, typhoid fever at 130, and consumption at 149.

The Michigan State Belgian Hare & Flint Poultry association will hold their annual show at Flint Jan. 15-18.

Wm. Butler, of Detroit, recently advertised to sell two yards of silk for 10 cents, and filled his orders by sending silk thread. He is now sojourning at police headquarters to await his hearing.

The Prindle Co., Ltd., of Grand Rapids, capitalized at $18,000, was forced into bankruptcy by the U. S. supreme court on the 19th. Creditors' claims amounting to $22,000 was presented.

Gov. Pingree on the 19th pardoned a "lifer" at Jackson. Johannes Salmonson, who was convicted of murdering Richard Carlson, of Manistee county, in 18[illegible], was the prisoner thus honored by the governor.

[illegible]

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY

Ratified by the Senate After Adopting Several Amendments.

70 MINUTES' TIME CONSUMED.

The Committee Amendments Were All Approved and the Treaty was Finally Adopted by a Vote of 55 to 18 in Short Order.

After spending the greater part of the past fortnight in considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty [illegible]

[illegible]

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

The rivers and harbor committee on the 21st completed the appropriation bill for waterway improvements for the next fiscal year. The committee's report will be submitted to the house when congress reconvenes Jan. [illegible] The allowance for improvement [illegible] Michigan waters that the committee recommends is larger by several millions than any previous congress has voted. The total amount recommended for immediate appropriation for [illegible] Michigan harbors is [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

[illegible]

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated the 20th says The situation here is more serious. Fully 2,000 Boers have invaded the northern section. Grave fears are entertained that Dutch sympathizers will join the rebellion. Although there is no fear as to the ultimate result, the lack of a sufficient number of mounted troops is felt by the British. The enormous waste of horses in South Africa was not fully appreciated until now. Martial law has been proclaimed in the following additional districts: Britstown, Victoria West, Richmond, Hanover, Murraysburg, Graaf Reinet, Aberdeen, Middleburg, [illegible]

[illegible]

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

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GRAIN, ETC.

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