IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

The February Crop Report Shows That Wheat Suffered Considerably During the Month and That the Amount Marketed in Seven Months was Light.

February Crop Report.

In the Michigan crop report for March, issued on the 8th, Secretary of State Stevens says that the temperature of the state for February was from two to four degrees below normal. In most parts of the state there was very little snow during most of the month. The precipitation was from two to three inches above normal.

In answer to the question, "Has wheat during February suffered injury from any cause?" ... [illegible]

Fraternal Insurance in Michigan.

The fraternal life insurance associations of Michigan and other states, according to a statement issued by Insurance Commissioner Stearns on the 13th, had 256,833 policies in force in this state at the beginning of the present year, the face value of these certificates amounting to $321,673,355. In 1899 there were 65,180 certificates written for $87,761,405. The losses paid during the year aggregating $2,776,071.50, and the fraternity assessments levied $2,181,257.41. The co-operative life and accident associations at the close of the year had 8,046 certificates in force, which represent a face value of ... [illegible]

2,673 Deaths in February.

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The factory of the Detroit Ideal Paint Co., at Detroit, was scorched to the extent of $10,000 on the night of the 7th. Other losses bring the total up to $14,000.

The Kalamazoo Beet Sugar Co., of Kalamazoo, has contracted for more than 2,000 acres of beets in Indiana so far. The beets will be shipped by rail to Kalamazoo.

The Business Men's association of Sault Ste. Marie has been revived, after a several months' trance, and will begin work again for the advancement of the city's interests.

W. H. Arthur, secretary of the Calhoun County Agricultural society, is trying to organize a fair circuit to be composed of the counties of Eaton, Hillsdale and Calhoun.

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NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Kentucky's Governors Have Men Fully Armed and Equipped at Frankfort and a Conflict Between Military Authorities is Looked for.

Where Will That Kentucky Trouble End?

The Democrats and the Republicans in Kentucky are for the first time since the present political complications assumed acute form, divided into two armed and organized factions. ... [illegible]

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

All attempts to unite the Republicans of the senate on a compromise Puerto Rican bill have thus far failed. Senator Foraker is still unwilling to go any further than to accept an amendment allowing all food products to be imported into Puerto Rico from the United States free of duty. Senator Aldrich is still hopeful that some compromise may be reached. The plan advocated by some senators is to have the pending bill amended by cutting the tariff feature entirely loose from the general government bill and attaching it to the Puerto Rican relief appropriation bill so amended as to permit all imports from the United States into Puerto Rico free of duty and to reduce the duty on Puerto Rican goods imported into the United States below the ... per cent of the Dingley rates. ... [illegible]

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A British dispatch from Poplar Grove dated March 8 says: The movements of the mounted men were somewhat too rapid for the supporting infantry, and as a result the Boer position was turned before the main body could strike effectively. The Boers fell back precipitately and, extending to the southeast, they checked the advance of the British cavalry with a heavy rifle fire at 800 yards' range. Accordingly Gen. French moved southward and outflanked them again, but the Boers repeated their tactics. President Kruger, who was far in the rear, tried to stop the retreating Boers, who refused to stay, and the Bloemfontein police tried to stop the retreat of the Free Staters, but they declared that they were not willing to fight any longer and they blamed President Steyn.

News from Lady Grey, Herschel and Aliwal North show that the rebels are laying down their arms in large numbers, and that the Boers all along ... [illegible]

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

[illegible]

GRAIN, ETC.

[illegible]

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

[illegible]

AMERICAN TRANSVAAL FUND.

To Aid Widows and Orphans of the Boers.

A pathetic appeal of the committee of Africander and Bond members of parliament was issued at Cape Town, Oct. 10, 1899, signed by Messrs. N. F. DeWaal, Joseph N. Hoffman, J. H. Hofmeyr, Thomas P. Theron and D. J. A. Van Zyl, which says among other things:

"What may, what can, we colonial Africanders do in this sorrowful time? Join in the work of warfare with the weapons? The law and our duty as British subjects forbid this, even should other circumstances not oppose such a course of action.

"But what neither the law nor the duty of the subject forbids, and what, moreover, agrees in every respect with all principles of religion and humanity, is the offering of help to the wounded, to the widows and the orphans."

In the name of the Africander bond, on behalf of the citizens of the South African republic and their noble ally, the Orange Free State, I appeal to all Americans to show their sympathy with the brave people who are now, in the words of John Hancock, literally offering all that they have, all that they are and all that they hope to be, upon the altar of their country, fighting to the death the arrogance and imposition of the great British empire, in order to remain free and independent, as were our American forefathers in 1776 and 1812. THERE WILL BE NO BOER WOUNDED ON THE BRITISH-AMERICAN HOSPITAL SHIP.

Send to me your subscriptions, small and large, and I will send the amount to Mr. ... de Villiers, Cape Town, the honorable treasurer of the committee of the Africander bond, to be expended under that appeal. I sent $2,000 ... [illegible]

GEORGE W. VAN SICLEN,
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