IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

The Supreme Court Holds That Tax Titles Shall be Given Preference to Deeds in Certain Cases—The "Wets" Won at the Polls in Many Places.

To Taxpayers and Non Taxpayers.

A supreme court decision of interest as well to those who do as well as to who do not pay their taxes was filed on the afternoon of the 13th. Chauncey F. [illegible] is the loser in a very important case, a large amount of pine lands in the upper peninsula being [illegible]

[illegible]

Detroit's Bicentenary Memorial.

[illegible]

... evidence of having come for business and not fun, but, before the evening was over, the eloquence of the orators and the generosity of the initial subscribers to the fund, together with the [illegible] of the memorial [illegible] [illegible] had developed a wealth of enthusiasm and municipal patriotism that augured well for the success of the esthetic plan. The amount raised at the meeting was $[illegible] and of this amount $[illegible] was given in $[illegible] lots by six different men.

Effects of the Tax Commission.

Ann Arbor will feel the effects of the state tax commissioner's work. It has been announced by the city assessor that the valuation on the realty must be raised about $1,500,000 and City Assessor Seyler says that the personal property must be raised about $500,000, in order that the proportionate share of the taxes on real estate and personal property shall be maintained.

Disease in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, bronchitis, influenza, neuralgia and tonsillitis, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the past week. Cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported at 6 places, smallpox at 9, whooping cough at 14, diphtheria at 20, typhoid fever at 31, scarlet fever at 70, measles at 97, and consumption at 144.

Book Agents Work a School Board.

District schools in the northeastern part of Oakland county have been victimized recently by a couple of smooth book agents who persuaded them to sign contracts for books purchased but not delivered. The contracts have turned up at the banks as promissory notes, but no trace can be found of the agents; nor have the books shown up as yet.

"Capt. Joe" Nicholson Dead.

Capt. Joseph Nicholson, superintendent of the house of correction at Detroit, died on the morning of the 18th, at the age of 73 years, 5 months and 21 days. He was born at Kilkeel, parish of Mourne, County Down, Ireland, Sept. 25, 1826. He came to America at the age of 19, landing at Quebec, Ont. After pursuing the life of an inland navigator on the great lakes for a number of years, he accepted the superintendency of the Detroit house of correction in 1878, which position he held until his death.

Paw Paw's new fruit package manufactory is nearly ready to begin operations.

The Schoolcraft tax assessment for [illegible] has been collected and [illegible] to the county treasurer.

Two fine new churches are to be built in the copper country this summer. The Methodists of Hancock will erect one, plans for which are now being drawn, and the Catholics of Calumet will build the other. The latter will be of [illegible] and will cost about $40,000.

Marsh Trial has Commenced.

The trial of Gen. Arthur F. Marsh, of Allegan, charged with being an accessory with Gen. White in the embezzlement of funds from the state, was commenced at Lansing on the 20th and received a good start. A jury was accepted by both sides at 3:30 o'clock, after 22 out of a panel of 29 had been examined. Previous to this the attorneys for the defendant made several motions asking for a continuance of the case, but Judge Wiest in each case turned them down. Exceptions were taken. After a legal tilt the cases of Marsh and White were separated [illegible]

[illegible]

Gen. White Heard From.

[illegible]

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

The List of Boats for the Navy Comprises Eight New War Vessels—A Columbus Pastor Will Preach to His Sick Members by Telephone.

Eight New War Vessels.

The house committee on naval affairs reached a definite and final decision on the [illegible] as to the number of new war ships to be authorized in the forthcoming naval construction bill as follows: [illegible]

[illegible]

Will Preach Over the Telephone.

[illegible]

Soliciting Funds for Gov. Taylor.

[illegible]

Americans Appeal for Aid.

[illegible]

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Lord Salisbury has at last adopted the slogan of Mr. Chamberlain, "the Boer republics must go." His ascendancy in the British government is complete. Even Mr. Chamberlain regards him as the final authority in British foreign policy, and would not attempt to push even a pet doctrine to extremes against the premier's objections. Lord Salisbury enjoys the unchallenged confidence of the crown, the government, parliament and the nation. The answer he gave to the Boer [illegible] asking a definition of the conditions upon which peace could be [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

NEWSY BREVITIES

[illegible]

Nine persons were injured, five seriously, in an accident on an elevated railroad in New York on the 18th. In an unexplained manner probably due to the vibration of the approaching train, the coal chute dropped down almost at the moment the train reached the station, tore off the roof of the cab of the engine and wrecked two passenger cars with the above result.

After a conference of the state and local officers of the Anti-Saloon league it was decided not to submit the question of [illegible] to the voters of [illegible] until next spring.

[illegible]

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler has about abandoned his plan to resume his seat in the house of representatives. He called on Speaker Henderson on the 19th, and during the course of a long chat said that the President had expressed his desire to retire him as brigadier-general of the regular establishment. Gen. Wheeler asked the President to accept his resignation some time ago, but the President, after explaining his plans, urged him to wait for Secretary Root to return from Cuba. This was satisfactory to Gen. Wheeler. He said that he had not drawn either pay for services or for traveling since last June. He likes the idea of being retired on the salary of a brigadier general and will consent to the arrangement if the President can put it through the senate. Of course this plan will involve Gen. Wheeler's [illegible] from the [illegible]

[illegible]

WAR NOTES.

[illegible]

The adjutant general received a telegram from Gen. Otis on the 17th asking [illegible] to enlist [illegible] members of the regimental bands in the Philippines. The request will be granted as a matter of policy.

Lansing has a new bank, the People's State, capitalized at $25,000.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

New York	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
Best grades	$4 80@5 40	$5 00	$7 85	$5 30
Lower grades	3 00@4 60	4 25	6 75	5 00
Chicago—				
Best grades	4 75@5 80	6 00	7 25	5 15
Lower grades	4 00@4 60	5 00	5 50	5 00
Detroit—				
Best grades	3 75@4 75	6 00	7 00	5 10
Lower grades	2 50@3 75	5 00	6 00	4 70
Buffalo—				
Best grades	[illegible]	6 25	7 25	5 25
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	6 50	4 85
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 15
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4 95
Pittsburg—				
Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 20
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5 00

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat No. 2 red	Corn No. 2 mix	Oats No. 2 white
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toledo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cincinnati	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Buffalo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $12.00 per ton. Potatoes, 48c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, [illegible] per lb; fowls, 9c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, [illegible]. Eggs, strictly fresh, 16c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 22c per lb; creamery, 25c.

THE MORMONS DID IT.

WHAT WE OWE TO BRIGHAM YOUNG'S FOLLOWERS.

They Were the First to Put Into Operation the Idea of Irrigating Arid Regions—Has Grown Into Vast Proportions.

(Boise, Idaho, Letter.)

Criticise the Mormons as you will, they must be credited with the wonderful system of irrigation by which the wastes of the western states have been redeemed. On July 24, 1847, Brigham Young and his little band of pioneers began the construction of the first irrigation canal ever built in the United States.

Irrigation made of Utah's desert wilderness the garden spot of America. It is doing as much for Idaho, where the mountains are so located that ample valleys and plains of millions of acres may be easily and economically watered. [illegible]

[illegible]

Idaho's wonderfully productive soil [illegible] lava strata deposited by volcanic [illegible] to a great extent. The rejuvenation of the land results not alone from [illegible] fertilizers an[illegible] by the irrigation waters. It is almost an aphorism that [illegible] where sage brush grows [illegible]

[illegible]

Idaho does not depend entirely upon its agriculture. Its mountains are filled with mining camps which furnish a home market for far more agricultural products than the state is now able to produce.

Snake River Valley contains about 2,000,000 acres, and some of the finest portions there presented are in the midst of gold placer mining operations. Many farmers there realize handsomely for work during spare hours, washing shining powdered gold from the river bed.

In a state having so many productive portions to select from it is hard to suggest particular locations, but settlers will find room for any number of new homes.

Different state and private agencies are sending out printed information about Idaho. Perhaps the most conservatively prepared matter is that now emanating from the general passenger agent of the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake City, Utah. This railroad permeates almost every agricultural region in the state and stands ready to furnish to homeseekers every courtesy in the power of its officers.

At the present rate Idaho will soon be as thickly populated as Utah. It is in the same latitude as France, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain and Italy, and its climate is incomparable.

Vast timber areas furnish lumber of excellent quality. Cyclones and destructive storms never occur. The winters are short and people work out doors all the year. The annual death rate is the lowest of any state in the Union.

Verily Idaho is a wonderful state and destined to become the home place of many times its present population.

Music and Health.

Music, if we are to believe ancient historians, has produced some very extraordinary effects. The fierceness of Achilles was allayed by playing on the harp. Damon, with the same instrument, quieted wild and drunken youths, and Asclepiades in a similar manner brought back seditious multitudes to temper and reason. The Corybantes and effeminate priests of Cybele were incited by music to cut their own flesh. Pinar addressed his harp thus: "Thou quenchest the raging thunder." Music is also reported to have been efficacious in removing dangerous diseases. Mirandola observes, in explanation of its being appropriated to such an end, that music moves the spirits to act upon the soul as medicine does the soul by the body. Theophrastus, in his essay on "Enthusiasm," reports many cures upon this principle. The Thebans used the pipe for the cure of many disorders, and Zenocrates is said to have cured several madmen. The bite of the tarantula is said to have been cured by music, and the Phrygian pipe was recommended by many of the ancient fathers as an antidote to sciatica. We could enumerate many other instances of the estimation, amounting as it would seem to palpable superstition, in which music was held among the ancients, but the above may be considered sufficient.

One objection to the use of slate for roofing has been the impossibility of removing it without breaking after once it was laid. This trouble is done away with by a new idea. The opening in the slate is cut in the form of a keyhole, the larger part below. The nail is driven in and the slate is hooked on by passing the nailhead through the largest part of the opening, the slate then slides down so that the narrow portion rests on the nail. It is said to be impossible to displace the slate by any ordinary storm of wind, and the work of removal is naturally easy and without danger of breakage.