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If a thing is worth a care, do it carefully.

Any man's salary would be large if it it were not for his expenses.

A woman likes flattery as a child likes sugar on its bread—spread on thick.

And now will the numerous widows of the sultan of Sulu apply to congress for a pension?

With a surplus of $9,600,000 for 1902, Spain is in a position to start the foundation of a new navy.

Automobiles are to be used in transporting the mail. All that the public has to do is to provide good roads.

While the North is wrestling with the coal situation the South is excited over the appearance of green bugs.

It costs Uncle Sam $1,250,000 annually to predict that to-morrow will be fair. And then it is likely to rain.

It is said that Zola made $1,500,000 writing books. What a power he might have been as a captain of industry.

It is a curious and unnoticed fact that the command, "Thou shalt not lie," does not appear once in the decalogue.

The head of the Shakers in America at the age of eighty-three, quite ex-cusably thinks that he is old enough to shake his job.

The colored girl who fired six shots at her recreant lover and missed him each time should have practiced with a seven shooter.

J. Pierpont Morgan has passes covering 55,000 miles of railroad. What a lot of conductors he must be acquainted with.

No school boy ever had to write a moral copy book text so often that he wrote it on the fence on the way home. —Atchison Globe.

If Uncle Russell Sage's new valet is calculating on eking out a small stipend with tips and perquisites he is likely to get left.

Yale students are to collect the voices of all remaining Indian tribes in a phonograph. Presumably Yale is planning a new yell.

A Georgia paper asks: "Why will young men carry pistols and brass knuckles to church with them?" Why, indeed? Give the minister a show.

Boys and girls who survived the swimming season are now furnishing material for coasting accidents. At any rate Young America must have a good time.

"Shall I," exclaims Mrs. Pat Campbell, "shall I bare my soul to every little reporter?" No, don't. Choose the big ones. They are robust, and can stand it.

Imagine the expression on Uncle Russell Sage's face when he reads that college professors ought to be retired, as past their usefulness, at the age of seventy.

The German legislators have struck a blow at the Standard Oil Company. It was merely a glancing blow, however, and the company is still in the ring and smiling.

Vienna surpasses all other capitals in the number of suicides committed each year. Also in the number of princesses who abandon their impecunious husbands.

Certain disaffected elements in China are clamoring for a new emperor. Their desires are not likely to be gratified further than to hear something from the old one.

A Chicago savings bank offers to give a metal mantel bank free to anyone who asks for it. Incidentally, to prevent backsliding in the saving habit, the savings bank retains the key.

Despite the possession of vast riches Mr. Rockefeller is not a contented man. He longs for a good appetite, a cure for nervousness, a panacea for insomnia and a chance to make more money.

A nickel-in-the-slot restaurant has just been opened in New York. The chief claim to recognition which we can see in this innovation is that the same machine will dispense a high ball to make you forget the lunch.

The New York woman who has been married four times and divorced three times and is now trying to be divorced again must feel more or less disengaged by her experiments in matrimony.

Sir Henry Maxim's declaration that the bank of Monte Carlo can't be beaten is a maxim that gamblers will do well to accept without discussion.

It now appears that William K. Vanderbilt's house, Idle Hour, is built on sand. Why should a man with so many "rocks" make such a blunder?

These men of wealth do make the most original and astounding statements. Young Rockefeller has made the remarkable discovery that if you are good you will be happy.

The ex-Crown Princess of Saxony has been deprived of all her titles. Now if that French tutor continues to love her he will be a wonder.

In spite of his large salary, the estate of the late archbishop of Canterbury foots up only about $90,000. He was not disgraced by dying rich.

Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

TWO BIG MEN CATCH A RABBIT

Corner Bunny, Driving It Into a Log, Then Brag of Deed.

Harry Dials of Munith and his uncle, were hunting in the woods near that village and were getting rather close to their game, a large rabbit, when bunny, realizing his danger, took refuge in a hole in a large tree. After trying various means to dislodge him, they cut a branch which was curved at the end to poke him out with. On putting the bent stick into the hole and jerking the hook caught around the rabbit's neck securely, holding him prisoner, and the sportsmen marched triumphantly back to town with their prey.

BOY BADE WITH TWO HEADS

Injure Weighs Twenty-two Pounds and is Doing Well.

A two-headed child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eagan in a lumber camp a few miles from Niagara, Wis. The boy weighs twenty-two pounds and is doing well. One head is directly above the other and connected to it by a small cord. The upper head is of normal size and condition. The lower head is of a soft, jelly-like nature and has not a solitary bone in it of any description. Four physicians attended the mother and child, who were removed to the Norway, Mich., hospital.

Boys Attack Tailor.

A crowd of boys snowballing at Bay City attacked William Lewison, a tailor, and so many of the by missiles took effect that several very deep cuts were made in his face and neck by their sharp edges. The boys are known, and as Bay City hasn't a judge to tell them, when they are brought into court, to go and snowball, but they want and whenever they want some of them will undoubtedly figure in some assault and battery cases.

Puts On Airs.

The citizens of Sand Lake, the northernmost village of Kent county, are weary of the prosaic name that has made the town the butt of newspaper paragraphers, and have petitioned the legislature for permission to change the name to Aldrich. The town has a new canning factory ready to commence operations in the spring, a creamery is to be added to its industries, and the dignity of another name is deemed essential to its new era of prosperity.

Removes a Needle.

A needle has been extracted from the knee of a 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kiester of Bay City, which had remained in the flesh, it is believed, since she was a creeping infant. The child had a small growth just below the knee for years. Calling to see a physician, he examined the knee and said the injury was due to some foreign substance. He believed it to be a needle and proceeded to remove it.

To Muzzle Dogs.

The common council at Saginaw is worrying over the subject of putting an end to the liberty which the canine residents of that town now enjoy. At present there is no license law or any other law for the restraint of curs, but the recent scare over mad dogs in so many places in the state has aroused interest in the subject and it is now proposed to compel all dogs to be licensed and muzzled.

Wants Electric Light.

Laingsburg has started agitation looking toward the establishment of electric lights in the village, and it is suggested that a line be built to Shiawassetown and the "juice" secured there. The water power at the latter point is enough, it is said, to furnish light for Laingsburg as well as Corunna, which now gets it from there, and for several other places.

Damage by Ice.

The floating ice in the St. Joseph river has been on a rampage, destroying a bridge west of Mendon. Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad employes have been breaking the ice with dynamite to protect their bridge. The explosions have brought thousands of fish to the surface, one being a lake sturgeon weighing forty-seven pounds.

Babe Is Unfortunate.

A Menominee 4-year-old is making quite a record. Within three months he has fallen from his high chair three times and broken his right arm in three different places.

Demand for Farms.

The demand for farm property in Montcalm county is said to be greater at present than for a number of years past.

Dies in the Philippines.

Word has been received of the death of Charles R. Dickinson, a private in company L of the Twenty-sixth United States infantry. He died in the Philippines Nov. 20 of cholera. Formerly he lived in Hastings and Kalamazoo, where he was well known.

Cadillac Is Growing.

Cadillac's population was increased in 1902 by 900. 200 new dwelling houses erected and two new factories built, giving employment to over 350 men.

Got it Hot.

A tramp pounded on the door of a Coldwater house and when the lady of the house answered it he demanded "something hot to drink." He got it promptly, but he didn't stop to drink it. She poured a kettle of hot water on him.

Vaccinate Railroad Men.

The employes of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad are a sore lot of men. The vaccination car has just made a trip over the road and on one escaped.

ABANDON WATER CURE SCHEME

Manistee Salt and Mineral Bath Company Fails to Materialize.

Manistees' salt and mineral bath company, which was organized upon the discovery that the brine in the salt blocks was great stuff for the cure of rheumatism and similar diseases, has decided to quit, and the money which was collected will be returned to the subscribers. Trouble between the company and the council because the latter wouldn't agree to furnish the sanitarium, when built, with an unlimited quantity of water for practically nothing was the cause of the abandonment of the project.

Discard Poor Schemes.

The grocers and meat dealers of Mount Clemens have organized and elected Milton R. Little president, Frank Luscany secretary, Charles Hotlinson treasurer. One object of this organization is to throw out trading stamps, cash discounts and premiums, and advertise in the newspapers, where better returns are assured. Another object is to keep the members of the society informed as to the deadbeats of the city.

Is Finally Located.

Charles D. Smith, whose deserted wife was found dead on Christmas eve at the Union depot in Toledo, has since been giving Southern officers a merry chase, but has finally been located at Charleston, S. C. Sheriff Jones has telegraphed an order for his arrest. Smith is wanted at Monroe on charges of felony and bigamy, and the sheriff will leave at once for him.

With Masonic Honors.

Over one hundred Knights Templar escorted the body of George W. Russell to the grave in Mountain Home cemetery of Kalamazoo. Other Masonic bodies attended in numbers. Mr. Russell was a thirty-second degree Mason and one highly honored in Kalamazoo lodge circles. The widow was overcome at the funeral and is seriously ill.

Verdict Stirs Ire.

Houghton people are considerably stirred up because a jury in the circuit court there has returned a verdict of $4 damages against the local street railway company in favor of the widow and twelve children of a man who was killed by one of the company's cars. Even a dead cow is good for $60 when killed by the cars.

Object to Colored Help.

The contractors of the large sugar factory to be built at East Tawas started with a force of men that they brought with them, unloading three carloads of machinery. Of the men who were brought, four are colored. Considerable indignation is felt, but the contractors claim that these men are skilled laborers.

Wants Military Company.

Efforts are being made in Menominee to secure a military company, and the outlook seems to be good. A well-known citizen has written to Senator Fuller and Representative Werline, as well as to the state military board, requesting them to use their influence in securing the company for Menominee.

Narrow Escape.

Arthur Lemington, employed by John F. Ott & Co., on a log rollway at Traverse City, was carried down in a lot of logs and had a miraculous escape. After being rolled under falling logs he was pulled out and owing to the position of the logs when rolling he only suffered a crushed hand and arm.

Central Schools.

The idea of a central school for the township is being discussed at Mt. Morris. There is said to be considerable sentiment in favor of the scheme, which purposes making the village schools the center of the educational system of the township and the abandonment of the present district schools.

Capture a Badger.

Another badger has been captured by parties near Waltz, weighing thirty-seven pounds. This makes the second one caught in that section this season, which is a very rare thing, as none has been seen in this vicinity for many years before. Another chance for the game warden.

Dicker for Sugar Plant.

The councilmen of Monroe met two promoters of a beet sugar factory who are looking fr a thirty-five-acre site on which to build a 1,000-ton plant. A committee was appointed to conduct an investigation with a view to securing an option on a desirable site at once.

Depositors Increase.

There are 397,000 depositors doing business with the state banks of Michigan according to reports made to the state banking department. This number is 57,000 more than the number of depositors during the previous year.

Diphtheria.

Diphtheria has broken out in South Rockwood. As a precaution the authorities have quarantined all the houses on the street where the epidemic prevails.

Boasts of Greenhouses.

Grand Rapids claims to have more greenhouses than any other city of its size in the country. Most of them are used in raising vegetables for the winter trade. Altogether they cover about twenty-five acres and represent an investment of $500,000.

Aged Barrister Is Ill.

Gershom P. Doan of Mendon, aged 78 years, the oldest practicing lawyer in southern Michigan, is critically ill of paralysis. He is well known throughout St. Joseph county.

DUMB RABIES AFFLICT CANINES

Disease Is Spreading and Hundreds of Dogs Have Been Killed.

The epidemic of hydrophobia has struck Grand Rapids. Dogs that are stricken with the "dumb rables" are being slaughtered daily and within the past few months two horses, four milch cows and 300 dogs have been afflicted with the disease and killed. Veterinary surgeons say the disease is spreading at an alarming rate, but up to the present time no human fatality has occurred through the epidemic.

Grape Juice Industry.

The Lawton Fruit Juice Company, Limited, has just purchased a site at Lawton, 100x132 feet, on which they will erect factory buildings for the manufacture of unfermented grape juice. The main building will be 40x100, two stories, with cellars sufficient to hold 100,000 gallons of grape juice. One large grape juice factory is now in operation, a second has stone on the ground for its building, while this is the third assured factory for next season's work. A fourth company has been organized. Over 1,000 cars of grapes were produced in the immediate vicinity of Lawton last season.

Falls Into Cistern.

Mrs. Lucinda Wood, wife of Harry Wood of Benton Harbor, while drawing water from an open cistern at her home, accidentally pitched into the cistern head foremost, and besides experiencing a cold shock and thorough drenching, might have drowned had the accident been unnoticed or help not at hand. She is an unusually large woman and it required considerable effort before she was rescued from her perilous position.

Accident to Careless Miner.

Henry Sorrell, miner, employed by the Michigan mine, near Bay City, was the victim of an explosion. He had prepared a blast and went a safe distance away until the explosion took place. He was not sufficiently careful with a can of powder which he had been using. A spark from the blast ignited its contents. The flames burned his hat off, singed his hair and burned his face and hands. His eyes were not injured.

Save Lawyers' Fees.

The estates of Fred Braun and Christian Braun of Ann Arbor, the two brothers who died within two weeks of each other and whose farming interests were mutual, are being settled up amicably among the heirs. The estates amount to $16,500. Neither left a will and during their long years of partnership there was not a word of dispute between them.

Beet Seeds Show Well.

Last summer a small amount of beet sugar seed was distributed to Cheboygan county farmers by the sugar company at Sebewaing, and although last season was a poor one for this crop, the beets grown from this seed showed over 17 per cent sugar. As a result, several hundred acres in Cheboygan county will be planted to beets this spring.

Log Crushes His Life Out.

Mike Viner, of Oak Hill, brakeman on the Manistee & Grand Rapids railroad, was killed at Keenan while switching a train of logs. Viner had just uncoupled two cars when a large log became loose and rolled off onto him, crushing his body so badly that death must have been instantaneous. He leaves a widow and one child.

Trying for Another Site.

The stock company which has been negotiating for the purchase of the Dimmick hotel property at Owosso is discouraged over the prospects and is now bidding for three stores at the corner of Washington and Main streets, which is the finest site in the city. Meanwhile the plans are being prepared.

To Build Fine Church.

The congregation of St. Joseph's Austrian church at Calumet, Mich., has decided to erect an edifice to cost $50,000, and it will stand on the site of the former church. The congregation of St. Joseph's church erected the first Austrian church in the United States, and numbers about 2,000.

Wires Go Underground.

The last of the network of wires of the Michigan telephone Co. at Lansing have been taken down and only electric light and trolley wires and poles now remain to interfere with one's views of the skies. All the wires of both telephone companies are now underground.

Build Many Creameries.

Farmers in Branch county are beginning to realize the benefits of creameries. Within the past two years creameries have been established at Quincy, Coldwater, Bronson and Batavia.

Partridge Comes High.

Nineteen dollars is a high price to pay for one partridge, but John Running was assessed that amount by Justice Laughlin, in Lapeer, on Tuesday, for shooting the game out of season.

Caught in a Planer.

Floyd Brangwin, 23 years old, was caught in a planer at the Battle Creek Iron works and so badly crushed across his chest that he died. The young man was cleaning the planer and started it in motion accidentally with his knee.

Dies at 87.

Mrs. William Merritt of Belleville, one of the oldest residents of Wayne county, is dead, aged 87 years. She had lived in Wayne county most of her life and was well known.

Frank Andrews' Prison Life.

Thirty or more members of the legislature visited Jackson prison Friday to look over the situation as regards the appropriations asked for for improvements. They were shown round the institution by Frank Andrews, the former financier of Detroit. He is bookkeeper of the big box factory, and appears to have general supervisory control over the business of the institution. He was sent for from one of the offices of the prison and came forward with the same quick, nervous step that was once so familiar on Griswold street. He shook hands all around and told how well he felt, and immediately began making inquiries as to the affairs of those in the party with whom he was acquainted. Andrews asked some of the members of the official party if they would help him to get a parole, and they generally acquiesced, a number of them being heard to express sympathy. The Detroit banker had no complaint to make against his treatment in the prison. He had nothing but words of the warmest praise for Warden Vincent. He urged the members of the legislature to vote for the appropriation of $147,000 for a block of new cells in the west wing, which appears to be so sadly needed.

Heavy Judgment.

For Judge Hosmer's direction the jury in the Detroit school bond case returned a verdict Tuesday against the board of education for $444,731.64. The verdict stands against Larry R. Andrews, ex-treasurer of the school board, as principal, and Frank C. Lagrave, Fred S. Osborne, Ward L. Andrus, Cullen Brown, Frank C. Angell, Joseph Schrage and Homer Starkweather as sureties. This verdict is said by old lawyers to be the largest ever rendered in a law action in the Wayne Circuit Court and one of the largest in the records of the state. It is against individual defendants, not a corporation. If sustained by the Supreme Court its effect will probably be to entirely wipe out the fortunes of those defendants.

Loss Over a Million.

Stop "A," the principal issue store house at the Rock Island (Ill. arsenal), was destroyed by fire Wednesday night with its contents. The latter included cavalry and infantry equipments of every description and 1,000,000 rounds of Krag-Jorgensen smokeless ammunition. The contents were worth $1,500,000. The building was a massive structure, three stories high, erected 20 years ago at a cost of $400,000.

Killed by Street Car.

Dr. George Young, the Pioneer, O., man who was struck by a street car in Detroit last week, died of his injuries Sunday in St. Mary's hospital. He was 67 years of age. Two sons of Pioneer accompanied the remains to Ohio. The deceased was an influential citizen of Pioneer. He owned a one-third interest in the bank there and was a stockholder in the Standard Savings & Loan association.

Accused of matricide, and murder on account upon his sister, Wednesday, George Nolk, of Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, has been arrested in Reading, Pa.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Feb. 22.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—"Lulu Glaser in Dolly Varden." "Sour as Mel. as a Lemon Peel."

LYCEUM THEATER—"Social Lilliputians"—Saturday Matinee 25c; Eve. 10c, 25c, 50 and 75c.

WHITNEY THEATRE—"Cousin Kate."—Matinee 10c; Evening 10c, 25c, 50c.

TEMPLE THEATRE AND ADAM AND EVE—After noon, 10c; Eve. 10c, 25c; Evenings 15c, 10c, 50c and 75c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit, Cattle—Good to choice butchers' steers, 2,000 to 1,200 pounds average, $4@4 25; light to good butcher steers, 800 to 900 pounds average, $3 40@3 85; mixed butchers and fat cows, $2 75@3 25; canners, $1 75@2; common bulls, $2 25@3 25; good shippers' bulls, $3 50@3 75; common feeders, $2@2 25; good well-bred feeders, $2 50@3; light stockers, $3 25@3 75. Milch Cows—Dull and lower; $25@45. Veal Calves—Steady, $5@6 50.

Sheep—Best lambs, $6@6 25; fair to good lambs, $5 50@5 75; light and common lambs, $4@5 25; yearlings, $4@4 50; fair to good butcher sheep, $3 50@4; culls and common, $2@3 50.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $6 65@6 70; pigs and light yorkers, $6 55@6 60; roughs, $5@5; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo, Cattle—Barely steady; veals, receipts, 150 head; 25c lower; tops, $9 50@10; common to good, $3 50@8 25. Hogs—Higher; 3 20@7 25; mixed, $7 15@7 20; yorkers, $7 25; pigs, $7; roughs, $6@6 25; stags, $5@5 50. Sheep—Top lambs, $6 55@6 65; culls to good, $4 25@6 50; yearlings, $5 25@5 75; ewes, $4 50@5; mixed sheep, $4 50@4 75; culls to good, $2 25@4 25.

Chicago, Cattle—Good to prime steers, $4 80@5 50; poor to medium, $3@4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 25@4 50; cows, $1 40@4 40; heifers, $2@4 50; canners, $1 40@2 50; bulls, $2@4 25; calves, $3 50@8; Texas fed steers, $3 60@4 25. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $6 60@7; good to choice heavy, $6 90@7 12½; rough heavy, $6 60@6 85; light, $6 75@7 12½; bulk of sales, $6 85@6 95. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 25@4 75; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 25; native lambs, $4 50@6 40.

Grain.

Detroit.—Wheat: No. 2 white, 72c bu; 72½c bu; No. 2 red, 2 cars at 75½c; May 5,000 bu at 81¾c, 5,000 bu at 81½c, 10,000 bu at 82c, 10,000 bu at 81¾c, 5,000 bu at 81½c, 6,000 bu at 81½c, 2,000 bu at 81½c; July 5,000 bu at 77½c, 15,000 bu at 77½c, 5,000 bu at 77½c, 10,000 bu at 77½c; nominal: No. 3 red, 2 cars at 74½c, by sample, 1 car at 6c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 46c; No. 3 yellow, 46c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white, 2 cars at 40c; No. 4 white, 39c; by sample, 1 car at 39½c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 54c; No. 3 rye, 52c bu.

Chicago (cash sales)—Wheat: No. 2 spring, 77½c; No. 3, 70@74c; No. 2 red, 74½@75c.

Corn—No. 2, 43½c; No. 2 yellow, 43½c.

Oats—No. 2, 34½c; No. white, 36c; No. 3 white, 36 ½c.

Rye—No. 2, 49½@49c.

The fishermen of Gloucester, Mass., lost at sea during the past year, 74 in number, were remembered Sunday by 74 flowers cast into Gloucester bay by 74 children, in the presence of a crowd of 1,000 people.

Blanche Collins, a pretty 16-year-old mountain girl, whose parents reside in Wyoming county, West Virginia, is in jail charged with the murder of a 7-year-old school boy.

The president will sign at once the department of commerce bill, and immediately afterwards announce the selection of George B. Cortelyou as the first secretary.

The weather has been extremely cold at Dawson for the past fifteen days, the thermometer going as low as 66 degrees below zero.

A step preliminary to commencing legal proceedings for the purpose of obtaining possession of money valuable property on Harsen's Island, at St. Clair Flats, the ownership of which is disputed, was taken in the Probate Court, Port Huron, Saturday, in the filing of a petition to determine the present heirs of the pioneer, Jacob Harsen. The proceedings is unusual in that Harsen has been dead upwards of 100 years, and the outcome will be watched with much interest.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

With eight more session days before the expiration of the 50-day limit of retiral little attention in the legislature, the first few weeks of the session being notably free from the controversies which agitated the lawmakers the last few sessions. There is being prepared by the state tax commission, however, a report which will be an important matter for legislative consideration. It will contain the observations of the commission upon the assessment of railroad property on the ad valorem basis.

The report will be ready within the next few weeks. It doubtless will not contain any important recommendations on matters of general taxation, and it is believed that there will be no suggestions for radical amendments to the main portions of the railroad taxation law. But it is understood the report the commission is required to make direct to the legislature will provide a new plan for the assessment of property under the building and loaning class and will also point the way for the taxation of classes of property which almost entirely escape taxation. Ex-Attorney-General Oren is being consulted in the matter of amendments to the laws which will be asked for by the legislature.

The house held a brief session Friday, most of the members leaving at noon, some for a visit to the Jackson prison, others for Detroit, which seems to be a popular Sunday resort to legislators.

Among the bills passed was Deblisle's measure permitting Delray to issue $26,000 in bonds for new school houses. It was given immediate effect.

Wallace, of Newaygo, offered a bill to force the payment of doctors' bills. It is certainly a meritorious bill for collecting debts that makes the usual local process unnecessary for the doctors, and saves collection expenses. It proposes that if any patient has not paid his bill for six months before a spring town or precinct political meeting, the doctor may announce the fact at his meeting; giving at first only the initials. If the debtor does not then pay his bill, the doctor may make public the nature of the services rendered, and if that doesn't bring the delinquent to time the doctor is to be paid out of the poor funds of the township or city.

Propositions to extend the scope of the forestry commission are likely to attract considerable attention, and bills proposing to give the commission greater powers and duties are likely to have a hard time of it.

Friday was the lame duck day for the introduction of bills. There will be a big grist of local measures, special acts and all kinds of things proposed before long. It was June of 1901 before the legislature finally wound up its business and there is a much larger grist in the hopper now than there was this time two years ago. Speaker Corliss is doing all in his power to keep things moving, though he does not approve of more than one session a day until the bills have all been introduced and the committees begin to clean up their work.

The appropriations for special purposes asked by the various institutions for the care of criminals, insane and other unfortunate people, which are not a part of the maintenance cost, amount to $1,040,889.39. This large sum is for new buildings, which would be used primarily as residences for the heads of the institutions. The various amounts asked for special purposes for the fifteen institutions which come under the supervision of the state board of corrections and charities are as follows: Michigan Asylum for the Insane at Kalamazoo, $67,875.50; Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane at Pontiac, $47,150; Northern Michigan Asylum at Traverse City, $83,910; State Asylum at Ionia, $125,250; State asylum at Newberry, $187,500; State Prison at Jackson, $318,935; Reformatory at Ionia, $12,525; Marquette Prison, $14,430; Industrial School for Boys at Lansing, $13,800; Industrial Home for Girls at Adrian, $14,500; State Public School at Coldwater, $16,313; School for the Deaf at Flint, $35,500; School for the Blind at Lansing, $19,000; Home for the Feeble-Minded and Epileptic at Lapeer, $199,000; Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, $10,500.

There is a boiler inspection bill which would make a clerk service part of the state labor department system. The inspectors are to be paid not more than $1,200 a year. The other bill on the subject provides a salary of $1,800 for the chief inspector.

One effect of Speaker Carton's protests against the consideration of bills affecting localities without proper consideration of the opinion of those affected has been to kill the proposition to raise a dam in the Grand river in Eaton county.

The appropriation bill for the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society asks for $5,000 each year, an increase of $2,500 over previous years. The increase appropriations is for the purpose of extending the scope of the society's work.

The prevalence of rabies has resulted in the introduction of a bill providing that poor people afflicted with that malady may be sent to Pasteur institutes at the expense of localities where they live.

Not many people around the capitol appear to know much about Miss Bier. She is a stenographer and typewriter operator, and although not especially skilled, is said to be a hard worker.

South Carolina senate passed a bill prohibiting cotton and woolen factories and their operatives from engaging in sympathetic lockouts and strikes.

Toledo's population will be increased 25,000 by the annexation of six suburbs. If ex-County Surveyor Talbridge's plan to annex the whole city, which is now oblong, goes through.

American made idols are in demand in the heathen temples of Korea and China. H. T. Kroinskiyn, of a Seoul, Korea, wholesale firm, has arrived to contract for them in New York and Philadelphia.

The Indian appropriation bill and the Philippine currency bill have both passed the senate.

James H. Tillman, former lieutenant governor of South Carolina, charged with the murder of Editor N. G. Gonzales, of Columbia, S. C., repeats in the affidavit which he will present at the hearing of the case February 19, in an application for bail that from the rumors he had heard of Gonzales' threats against him and his attitude when he approached Tillman on the street, he believed his life was in danger, and fired in self-defense.