

The Kelly bill, exempting mortgages and land contracts from taxation—a reform which has been the subject of discussion for years—was before the house, having passed the senate...

An important proposition, which is likely to be considered by the business committee on ways and means, is that the bill for the purpose of every appropriation...

There is a scheme being hatched by the legislature to prohibit the permittees to sell liquor...

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State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

Michigan Man's Dwarf Daughter is Dead. The cruel abandonment of a dwarf daughter to the charity of the state is the charge that is being made against a man named Evans...

Shutout Hurts Trade. The long shutdown of the rolling mills and the closing of the tinplate mills are seriously affecting business interests of Muskegon...

Spanish Veterans Unite. An effort is being made to effect a consolidation of the Menominee and Marinette men who saw service in the Spanish war into one organization...

Cat in the Organ. The large organ in the St. James church, Birmingham, had been out of order for several days...

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Michigan Items

BENZONIA HAS CHAMPION HEN. She Lays a Freak Egg of Great Size. Benzonias has a hen that claims the state championship. She laid an egg that measured seven and three-quarters by eight inches...

Knows Naught of Gold. Matthew Ago of Houghton, missing since March 14, who left there for a cruise with \$400 in gold and other valuables, had been located at the Soo peninsula, dazed and with marks of violence about his neck...

Job Let of Rifles. Quartermaster General Ridd, acting under authority of the state military board, will dispose of the old Springfield rifles formerly used by the National Guard...

Caught in the Storm. The perils of driving in the country on a dark night were recently exemplified at Saranac, Mich., when Mr. G. J. Fisher was returning from White Bridge...

Health Food Factory Pays. An idea of the magnitude of the health food business at Battle Creek may be had from the fact that a local doctor decided to remove to another town...

Luck in Accident. For four years the residents on a certain street in Detroit have been the condition of the roadway, but all to no effect...

Has Carnegies Offer. Mayor Lapham of Belding has received a proposition from Andrew Carnegie, offering the city \$10,000 for a free public library...

Sows Are Useful. Nearly every dooryard in Zilwaukee is adorned with the spring flowers. They prove very useful during the spring floods...

Crematory at Plainwell. The city of Plainwell is planning a crematory. The building committee has secured the Monroe property on Sherman avenue, and work will be commenced at once...

Times Are Good. It is almost impossible to rent a house in Plainwell. This is a mark of the boom and is the first time in years that Plainwell has been in this condition...

May Lose Factory. Flushing may lose its agricultural implements factory. The firm is offering inducements for its removal...

Rob Farmers' Vehicles. Sneak thieves made a haul at Burr Oak, "going through" the farmers' buggies and wagons which were hitched to the main street...

Teachers in Demand. The Fenwick school seems to be a regular matrimonial bureau. There are no teachers required in the school, and since last fall nine have filled the positions...

Cruelty to Animals Punished. Cruelty to animals comes high at Grand Haven. A man who mistreated his horses while in that city was arrested, kept in jail over Sunday and Monday morning...

Canada has inaugurated a good road movement patterned after the American plan, but it is not expected that it will lead to annexation.