

From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Knowing—The \$7,000,000 mark set by the legislature of 1906 in the matter of appropriations for the expenses for two years won't hold for the present session. That is the opinion of Representative Charles J. Ward, of Sibley, who is chairman of the ways and means committee two years ago. That committee has charge of the legislative budget. Representative Ward says the state is growing rapidly, and that growth requires the state government to keep pace in all its departments.

The decision of the same committee relative to labor contracts at the prison will cost the state \$300,000, says Ward. "This I do not say in a spirit of criticism, but as a fact. The legislature will have to take cognizance of it and provide something else to keep the convicts happy, or the school book printers or the binding twine plant proposed by the governor.

The home for the feeble-minded at Lapeer must be enlarged, it is also declared.

Representative Jerome Turner, of Lansing, has a bill providing for the creating of a book commission, which will have jurisdiction over all school districts not provided for by special districts. The bill provides that all school districts should use the same books, which is not the case at present. He says that his measure will be probably be opposed by the American Book company.

Mr. L'Esperance's amendment to the medical reform bill, which is securing uniform legislation with other states so that physicians can go from one state to another, is being introduced by Representative A. J. Waters. A member of the house two years ago and introduced a bill providing for the whipping post for wife-beaters, which was introduced by Representative A. J. Waters. The bill two years ago did not provide for the use of the lash on brutal husbands until the second year of their marriage. The bill was introduced by Representative A. J. Waters. The bill two years ago did not provide for the use of the lash on brutal husbands until the second year of their marriage. The bill was introduced by Representative A. J. Waters.

Railroad Legislation.—The railroad legislation promises to be the most interesting subject of the present session will deal with. There are several bills already introduced and a number of others are being drafted dealing with various phases of the subject. Petitions are already coming in endorsing Senator Russell's bill providing for a fair rate of rates of two cents a mile in the lower peninsula and three cents in the upper peninsula. The only dissenting voice comes from the upper peninsula, where people are protesting against allowing the railroads there to charge a higher rate than below the straits. The members generally are of the opinion that operating expenses are much higher in the upper peninsula. Another bill that was defeated last year, but which was reintroduced and passed this time, is the measure making railroads common carriers of livestock. This law is in effect in other states, and the bill will make its appearance in a demerage measure, placing a penalty upon railroads which fall to move freight within a reasonable time. At present railroads and other manufacturers are only given a certain time in which to unload cars, but they have no redress to complain to the courts in case of delay. They have been complaining bitterly for years and are demanding action.

World Close State Fair Sunday.—Notwithstanding the immense crowd which attend the state fair, the president of the Michigan State Fair, J. B. Postel, recommends that the gates be closed on the Sabbath.

The total receipts of the year were \$123,022, but it is estimated that more than the receipts of 1905. The receipts from concessions were \$23,500.

Fight Likely Over Fish Bill.—There will be some sharp fighting when the bill for the protection of fish in the Saginaw river comes up. It is claimed that the bill is a back to the competition that it is meeting from hundreds of small fishermen, whose annual catch amounts to several hundred thousand dollars.

More Money for University.—Representative H. Wirt, Newburgh, will introduce a bill in the legislature which will increase the annual half a mill tax for the support of the university. The present revenues are about \$400,000, and the proposed bill will bring them over \$500,000. But the university needs the money.

Protest Against Railroad.—The state railroad crossing board conducted a hearing on the application of the Jackson, Ann Arbor & Detroit railroad, to change its route. Instead of a worthless menace to good farming, the board of the lower peninsula report to be of a better quality than that raised by themselves. The board of the lower peninsula report to be of a better quality than that raised by themselves. The board of the lower peninsula report to be of a better quality than that raised by themselves.

Strengthen National Guard.—In accordance with the recent action of the state military board general orders were issued to company commanders in the National Guard to inspect the strength of their companies to 30 drilled men.

The state bank of Ottawa, capital \$20,000, and of the Montgomery County Savings bank, of Hillman, capital \$20,000, have filed articles of incorporation with the state banking department.

Popular Election of Senator.—Representative Turner, of Muskegon, introduced a bill to provide that the nomination of United States senators be by the vote of the people. It is claimed that this was done in November, 1905, but that the bill for the election of United States senator. The committee will take care of the bill.

Representative L'Esperance will introduce a bill increasing the salaries of the state court judges. The salaries from \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year.

BELIEFS DIE HARD

OLD SUPERSTITIONS PREVALENT IN GERMANY.

Outlandish Ideas and Practices—Some Remedies for Diseases Grewsome and Others Grotesque—Unique is Cure for Erysipelas.

Some one has been making an investigation as to the survival of medieval superstitions in Germany, and his discoveries have been reported in the columns of the *Illustrated London News*. All sorts of outlandish ideas and practices were found in active prevalence in the various parts of the empire. In the village of Bremerhagen, in the Lüneburg heath, a barren region between the Elbe and Aller.

Less growsome is the remedy for hernia still applied in a man's country. On the night of St. John (the Baptist's day, June 24, the patient must be dragged through the split of a tree trunk. Three or four times the first name of John must be spoken the operation, and it must be conducted in dead silence.

Some of the cures depend, on the contrary, upon verbal formulas. For a little wooden bridge over a stream, or a cast-iron water pipe, or a man's many drainage ditches. As he crosses he must repeat the nursery rhyme:

THE MARKETS.

Wheat—The market for wheat is quiet. The price of No. 1 soft winter wheat is 1.10 per bushel. The price of No. 2 soft winter wheat is 1.05 per bushel. The price of No. 3 soft winter wheat is 1.00 per bushel. The price of No. 1 hard winter wheat is 1.15 per bushel. The price of No. 2 hard winter wheat is 1.10 per bushel. The price of No. 3 hard winter wheat is 1.05 per bushel.

Garments Made of Paper.—Scientific attention is being directed toward the warmth generated in the paper by paper vests to demonstrate the fact that there is reason for the serious consideration of paper garment manufacture. There have been paper suits, coats, shirts, hose, etc., but it is now being made in Saxony to spin narrow strips of paper and cotton into finished fabric.

Animal Born Only to Die.—The instances of natural death in the animal world are conspicuous. In comparison with those of the human world, they are more numerous and complex. There seems no doubt that this manner of death is common to all the different groups of animals.

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The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

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