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There's a heap of optimism in a big dose of rhubarb.

The black hand doesn't get enough of the black cap.

What a simple fool any wrongdoer seems—after he is caught.

The spring hats must have caused a big boom in the hair market.

Shackelton evidently prefers the rathskeller-and-Peary, the roof garden.

But the spring poet always drives us back to the winter of our discontent.

Count Zeppelin has proven that in the air-ship business everything is not "all Wright."

Evidently the ultimate consumer is a partner in advertising with the innocent bystander.?

Take off the storm door and hang at once the screen door, for spring has come and so have the flies.

Baseball players and battleships dread the day when they must take places in the minor leagues.

Guatemala naturally denies that it is making war, because, you know, war comes already made in Guatemala.

Anyhow, fruit and vegetable hat trimmings are a heap better than the butcher shop trophies of bird millinery.

In the matter of dirigible balloons those marked "made in Germany" are carrying off all the blue ribbons at the fair.

The old joke about making life longer by insuring it bids fair to become reality according to an insurance expert, who thinks by a judicious system of re-examination a preventive can be kept on disease which will extend life. Thus the jokers of one age become the scientists of the next.

Sometimes the finger of fate seems to point out a heretofore obscure man and his fellows suddenly elevate him to a position of high authority and honors. It is disheartening to afterwards discover that this was merely the flat of a few vested interests which knew their man and picked him.

Cougars, coyotes and bears are terrorizing the inhabitants of the Fourteenth ward in Seattle, but this will not cause any surprise to Europeans who believe bison continue to roam the streets of Buffalo and that Chicago is a frontier settlement where the men wear leather breeches and carry bowie knives.

A prisoner charged with manslaughter in a Canadian town was arrested on Monday, committed for trial on Tuesday, indicted on Wednesday, convicted on Thursday and sentenced on Friday. This unseemly haste of Canadian justice will excite the concern of all high-priced counsel for the defense hereabouts.

A magnetic personality is often more powerful than ability, and is often, very often, placed in the balance against it. It is, therefore, advisable to exert oneself to the utmost to cultivate that wonderful charm to the high est degree, and she who has it not is not so much to be pitied as blamed, for it is more or less within the reach of all.

Scarcely a day passes now without the record of some centenarian's death. It is not uncommon for 100 and several years above par to be reached, but when a poor woman attains 103 and refuses to fill up an old age pension form, one must say it is the ruling vanity strong in death But England is full of such cases of longevity, pride and sufferings since she was saddled with that popular relief for her paupers.

The last of the American troops have been withdrawn from Cuba, and again the island is left to its own devices in the way of self-government. The ceremony of evacuation was very simple and businesslike, the United States soldiers marching out of Camp Columbia, near Havana, and the Cuban military marching in and taking possession. That there will be no occasion for a third American occupation is the sincere hope of every well-wisher of Cuba.

Various cities are advertising the intention of indulging in old-fashioned Fourth of July celebrations this year. So far as the fireworks of the old fashioned celebration are concerned, they have come to be out of date for reasons sufficient to keep them out for a time, but the parade and picnic features, with the formal reading of the Declaration of Independence are worthy of perpetuation. They comport with a safe and sane Fourth of July.

When Great Britain annexes the antarctic regions it will need no navy to protect it.

Germany keeps on protesting that she isn't building anywhere near as many Dreadnoughts as England thinks she is, but strangers are being strictly barred out of German shipyards, which Mr. Bull regards as suspicious. Nobody has ever been able to discover why it should be natural for Englishmen to take it for granted that England alone should wish to have secrets concerning her navy.

New Jersey has torn down her gallows, and hereafter the electric current will do the work.

Human nature is much the same the country over and a pretty woman accused of crime can put up a powerful defense if she happens to be a good weeper. A jury at Lyons, N. Y., acquitted Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson of the murder of her husband. The evidence, though circumstantial, was direct, but the jury gave the young woman the benefit of the doubt and turned her loose.

THE SESSION'S RAPID ENDING

THE GRAND RUSH TO GET HOME AND THE RUSH OF WORK AT THE END.

MAY BE SPECIAL SESSION.

The Legislators in a Series of Rapid Fire Sessions Do Some Hustling to Finish.

(Special Correspondence.)
Lansing, Mich., May 6, 1909.

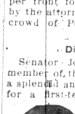
That the legislative session of 1909 has reached the end is in no way more clearly evidenced than by the scene in the house of representatives yesterday noon. The work of packing up the effects of the members was started by a force of men under Sergeant-at-Arms Williams and by night the halls were filled with big boxes of books, files, stationery, paper baskets and other personal articles furnished by the state and used by the members. These boxes go prepaid by express to the members' homes.

The house bills were all disposed of by Thursday and the 50 or 60 senate bills before that time for whom favorable action will be adjusted. The commissioner of labor gets a $500 increase in salary and his deputy $300.

One of the features of the week was the passage of the St. Clair Flats bill permitting the people who have settled and improved the Flats to buy, a title from the state for one dollar per front foot. The bill was fought by the attorney-general and the Avery crowd of Port Huron.

Did Good Work.

Senator John N. Anhut, youngest member of the upper house, has made a splendid and even remarkable record for a first-termer, linking his name



with some of the most important legislation of the session, including the advalorem taxbill, the water power bill, the state park bill and the famous car license bill.

Mr. Anhut's success has been as unusual. He began his career as a lawyer under the tutelage of Mr. John P. Oren, one of the most distinguished lawyers of his time. Soon after leaving Mr. Conely's office and setting up in practice for himself he was in the enjoyment of a lucrative law practice, and now is one of the firm of Miner & Anhut.

Mr. Anhut's popularity amongst his wide acquaintances and friends was shown at the fall of 1906, when, yielding to their solicitation, he entered the field of politics to contest the nomination for the senatorship of the fourth senatorial district against Hon. Joseph Greusel. Although a worthy competitor was a gentleman of age and distinction in official life, Mr. Anhut entered upon the canvass full of the primary election with his usual energy. The contest while in progress excited unusual attention. The result of the primaries showed Mr. Anhut had received 2674 votes, while Mr. Greusel received 2,815. This victory was followed by one equally pronounced in the succeeding election, when Mr. Anhut's plurality was 4,529 over his highest competitor.

The Military Bill.

Gov. Warner has signed the Stewart military bill revising the laws relative to the Michigan State Guard, and it takes immediate effect. Among the members of the state troops the new act is considered one of the best ever passed by the state, as it not only brings the organization closer to that of the regular army, but provides changes in the old law which will, it is believed, greatly increase the efficiency of the state troops. The author is Maj. Earle Stewart, of the Second regiment, Grand Rapids, and he has had more success in handling the case of legislation than any previous legislator who has attempted to get through such bills. It passed both houses by a unanimous vote. Among other things the bill provides for the promotion of officers by seniority above the grade of second lieutenant; it increases the appropriation for drilling armories from $10,000 to $15,000 per company and allows for increased pay for men on their second enlistment.

The rank of the members of the governor's staff is reduced from colonel to major and many changes are made in the system of handling the state troops. One section which it is believed will greatly relieve companies from financial troubles is that which exempts armories from taxation, under which it is expected they will secure reduced rentals.

Will Keep Good Name.

The bill to allow Bad Axe to change its name to Huron, providing the people desired, passed the house and a special election will be held in the village of Bad Axe at the session ends to decide the question. Representative Woodworth, whose home is near Bad Axe and who introduced the bill at the request of certain citizens of the town, says he has received letters from there stating the proposal to change the name of the town will be defeated by a vote of about 5 to 1.

Ireland Claims Explorer.

Lieut. Shackleton, whose recent attempt to reach the south pole so nearly resulted in success, is an Irishman. Mr. Abraham Shackleton, of Rathmines, Dublin, a relative of the polar explorer, told a newspaper man recently that Lieut. Shackleton is 25 years of age. "I wish," said Mr. Shackleton, "that the greatest publicity should be given to the fact that Lieut. Shackleton is an Irishman. His father is a first cousin of mine, who graduated at Trinity college, and is now practicing as a doctor in Sydenham, near the Crystal Palace, London. His mother is an Irishwoman also, and though Ernest Shackleton was born in England, you know the old saying: 'It isn't because a man's born in a stable that he's a horse.' I foresee that the English newspapers will claim him as an Englishman, and will ignore his Irish descent. So I hope it will be widely known that he belongs to the Ballytore Shackletons, who have been in Ireland for 200 years past."

Some Killings.

The Stewart bill, which would have abolished the doctrine of carelessness of a fellow-servant as a complete defense of all employers of labor when an injured employe sued for personal injury damages, was killed in the house by a vote of 38 for and 40 against. The argument made was that the time was too short to fully consider a bill of so much importance.

The house also killed Game Warden Pierce's bill to allow him to increase his force from 10 deputy state wardens to 25, the 25 also to serve as fire wardens. Also the bill was killed to give threshers a lien for their pay on grain that they had threshed.

The Wade bill, to [illegible] was killed in the house after [illegible] consideration. The bill prohibits the breweries selling in the dry counties. It may go through on final consideration. A number of legislators from dry counties were free to admit that forcing breweries out of business will cause a loss of jobs to many who have their all invested in such properties.

The senate utterly refused to pass a bill providing for regulating the issuance of stock by public utility corporations. First, the Sanders bill, which has passed the house, was defeated by a vote of 12 to 12, and then the Mapes bill, similar in character, was offered and it met defeat by the same vote. Senators declare the Mapes bills are too stringent in character. Another attempt will be made today to put through the Mapes bill, the vote by which if failed to pass having been reconsidered and the bill tabled.

A Valuable Member.

Gilbert A. Currie, Representative from Midland County, returns to his constituents at the close of the present session with a record for having accomplished that should insure him re-election as long as he desires to represent the County.

His work on the important committees of railroads and judiciary has given him prestige and standing, not only with the house but with all whose interests have brought them before these prominent committees.

Perhaps Mr. Currie is best known as the "father" of the County Depository bill, which requires county treasurers to place the funds of the counties in banks designated by boards of Supervisors or County Auditors, subject to the tax payers thousands of dollars in interest money which treasurers have been putting in their pockets. The bill was subsequently fought, especially by banker members but Mr. Currie had fortified himself with facts and his arguments were so conclusive that he carried the day in the house and fought it through the Senate, and it is now law.

Another exceedingly important piece of work was his handling in the house of the Dickinson, "Search and Seizure" bill, so vital to the interests of "dry" counties. It was expected that attempts would be made to injure the bill by amendments but so skillfully was it piloted that it came through practically intact.

It may also be stated that the Currie Juvenile Court bill was the only one of the many submitted that was favorably regarded by the legislature.

Curb the Shooters.

Important changes are proposed in the game laws of the state in the Harris bill, which has passed the house. Hunters will be limited to one deer each season if the bill is passed and quail, black, gray and fox squirrels will be protected against hunters until 1919. Rabbits may only be killed from October 1 to March 1, the idea being to afford hunters no possible reason for roaming the woods during the closed season.

Put In Some Frills.

The senate put a few frills into the Warner-Cramton liquor bill, which is said to be satisfactory to both the liquor interests and the Anti-Saloon League. They eliminated the section which prohibited the sale of liquor by druggists except on physicians' prescriptions and amended the bill to only allow cities above 10,000 population to extend the closing hours of saloons to midnight.

Raised Salary.

In the senate a bill was passed fixing the salary of the chief of the division of corporations in the department of state at $2,500 a year, which is an increase proposed for this official. The duties of the incumbent performs. It is further proposed in another bill passed to fix the salary of the members of the board of pardons and paroles at $1,400 a year, instead of $5 a day.

The Session Work and Pay.

When the legislature adjourns sine die Wednesday it will have met 86 days since convening Jan. 6 last, in a period of 133 days. They will have drawn $665 each in salary, leaving a balance of $135 that each will draw. This represents the difference between the time the members drew pay and the $500 they are allowed for the term for which they were elected.

Bills Passed.

Bills were passed by the senate as follows:

Senator Fox's, providing for the prevention and suppression of foul breed among bees, for the inspection there of, appropriation not to exceed $5,000 annually.

Senator Collins', to prohibit the pollution of lakes, rivers and streams in Michigan.

Senator Wetmore's, authorizing the payment of the claim of ex-Senator Burnham, appearing memorial for ex-Senator Alger, deceased.

The bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the supreme court at $5,000 was passed the senate, and Rep. Yaple, who has a similar bill before the house, requested that action on his measure be deferred in order that the senate bill may be taken up when it comes over, and thus facilitate the passage of the legislation.

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HE WAS LOST.

Kermit Roosevelt Had a Lone Night in the Jungle.

It became known Friday that Kermit Roosevelt lost his way from his father's camp near Machakos, on Friday, the 7th, and spent an entire night alone on horseback riding through a region unknown to him. On Saturday morning he turned up at Kiu, a station on the railway, inquiring there the way to camp. He was given the desired directions.

Roosevelt and his son arrived at the Ju Ja ranch of George McMillan on the 14th. They came from their camp at Machakos, where they will remain at Ja from 4 to 10 days, according to the game they get. [illegible] Mr. McMillan. Mrs. Roosevelt and her son will come to Nairobi.

The region in which Kermit Roosevelt is reported to have been lost lies between the Athi river and the Uganda railway, Kiu, where he finally found himself, is about 50 miles below Na robi, and 30 or 40 miles south east of Machakos.

There is an old cart road from Machakos to Kiu, but otherwise the country is trackless. It is open savannah, sparsely inhabited by natives of the Wakamba tribe, a peaceful people engaged chiefly in agriculture.

Hains Sentenced.

Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., who was found guilty last week of manslaughter in the first degree, for the killing of William E. Annis, at Flushing, L. I., was sentenced by Justice Gaynor in the supreme court at Flushing Tuesday to serve an indeterminate term in Sing Sing of not more than sixteen years and not less than eight years at hard labor.

Judgment was passed by the court after Abram J. McIntyse, of counsel for the condemned man, had offered and exhausted all legal remedies against the imposition of punishment.

The fact of the conviction of Capt. Hains would not relieve itself militate against a final disposition of the suit for divorce which he had begun against his wife, said the lawyer.

But because the defense interposed in the recent criminal action had been insanity, if the divorce action is to be further prosecuted it will have to be conducted by a committee of Capt. Hains's person, acting in his place as plaintiff.

Militia Promotions.

It is said by those close to Gov Warner that he will appoint Maj. Gen William T. McGurrin warden of the son prison, he will appoint Quartermaster-General James H. Kidd, of Ionia, Adjutant-general, and Col. Walter G. Rogers, of Detroit, now assistant quartermaster-general, to succeed Gen. Kidd. Friends of Gen. Harrah, of Detroit, have been working hard to land him as adjutant-general, but it is said that Gov. Warner has made up his mind to appoint Gen. Kidd.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Extra dry-fed steers and heifers $6@6.25; steers and heifers that will weigh 800 to 1,000 lbs. $5.50@6; steers and heifers 800 to 1,000 lbs. $5.25@5.50; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 1,000 lbs. $5@5.25; grass steers that will weigh 800 lbs. up, $4.50@5; choice fat cows, $4.50@5; good cows, $4@4.25; common cows, $3.50@4; canners, $2@2.50; choice heavy bulls, $5 up; fair to good bologna bulls, $4.50@5; stock bulls, $3.75@4; light stocking steers, 500 to 1,000 lbs. $4.25@4.50; choice stockers, 500 to 750 lbs. $4@4.25; choice stockers, 750 to 1,000 lbs. $4@4.25; choice feeders, 1,000 lbs. up, $4.50@5; choice shipping steers, 1,300 lbs. up, $5.50@6; best fat cows, $5.25@5.50; fair to good, $4.75@5.25; common cows, $4@4.50; best heifers, $5.50@6; fair to good heifers, $5@5.50; best handy weight butcher steers, $5.50@5.75; best fat bulls, $5@5.25; bologna bulls, $4.25@4.50; feeding steers, 800 to 900 lbs. $4@4.25; best stockers, $4@4.25; common stockers, $3.50@3.75; milkers and springers sold about the same as last week, $30@60; veal calves, $6@6.50; milch cows and springers, $30@55.

Sheep—Market slow; best lambs, $8@8.50; fair to good, $7.50@8; culls, $6@7.50; best yearlings, $6.50@7; fair to good, $6@6.50; best sheep, $5.50@6; culls and common, $4@5; wethers, $6@6.50; bucks, $4@5.

Hogs—Market steady; last Thursday's prices. Range of prices: Light to good yorkers, $8.40@8.75; light yorkers, $7.@8.25; stags, 1/2 off.

Grain, Etc.

East Buffalo—Cattle: The general market was from 10c to 15c higher on all grades, which sold from 15c to 25c lower last week. Prime export steers, $6.85@6.90; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb. shipping steers, $6.60@6.75; best 1,100-lb. shipping steers, $6.40@6.50; best fat cows, $5.25@5.50; fair to good, $4@4.50; trimmers, $3@3.50; best heifers, $5.75@6; best handy bulls, $5@5.25; bologna bulls, $4.25@4.50; best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs. $4.75@5; common stockers, $3.50@3.75; veal calves and spinners sold about the same as last week, $6@6.50; milch cows and springers, $30@55; common, $30@35.

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Detroit—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, $1.45; July, opened at $1.12 1/2@1.13, $1.12 1/2@1.13, declined to $1.12 1/2@1.13, advanced to $1.14 1/2@1.15, declined to $1.13 1/2@1.14, September opened at $1.02@1.03, declined to $1.01@1.02, advanced to $1.02@1.03, declined to $1.01@1.02, advanced to $1.02@1.03, declined to $1.01@1.02, advanced to