

LETTERS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

DECISION ON VERDIER LAW IS AWAITED WITH INTEREST BY CITIES.

JOHN CARTER HAS NEW PLAN TO DEVELOP LAND.

Capitalizes Company at \$1,200,000 to Purchase Large Tract and Raise Live Stock on a Large Sale.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

Lansing—Practically every city in the state, particularly those operating under the provisions of the home rule bill, are waiting with considerable interest for the decision of the supreme court in the case now pending which was brought to test the constitutionality of the Verdier law passed on the statute books at the last session of the legislature. Of course, the city of Detroit, where the first attempt was made to defeat the provisions of the Verdier bill, which is in the nature of an amendment to the general home rule bill, is vitally interested in the outcome of the case, but Grand Rapids, Lansing, Jackson, and practically all cities will be more or less concerned in the court's decision.

And for George H. Barbour, Fred T. Moran and Charles H. Dechaux, three well known citizens of Detroit, Attorney General Fellows in the circuit court of Wayne county last spring tried to prevent the commissioners of this city from submitting to the electors an amendment to the city charter providing for municipal ownership of the street railway system. This is made possible under the provisions of the Verdier bill, but the circuit court of Wayne county declared the measure to be unconstitutional. The information filed by Attorney General Fellows, acting for the three Detroit citizens asked that in case the Detroit charter amendment was submitted and carried, that the mayor be enjoined from naming a commission to carry out the provisions of the amendment. The circuit court of Wayne county refused to issue a temporary injunction restraining the submission of the amendment and up on a submission it was carried by an overwhelming majority.

A few weeks ago the case was argued before the supreme court where the case is now pending a decision. Attorney Hinton E. Spaulding who opposed the measure declared that it was unconstitutional because it was not printed on the desks of the members of each house for five days before it was passed, as required by the constitution. He declared also that the Verdier bill was invalid because it was given immediate effect, although not at act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace or safety. Spaulding also attacked the validity of the amendment to the city ordinance which was submitted under the terms of the Verdier bill. Corporation Counsel Lawson, who appeared for the city of Detroit, maintained the bill was constitutional in every respect.

John Carter, president of the St. Helen Development Association came to Lansing and filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State Martindale for the Michigan Land & Live Stock company, of St. Helen, capitalized at \$1,200,000, and unfolded a scheme whereby he claims the high cost will be materially reduced if the same system is followed out in other counties of the northern part of the state.

Land Commissioner A. C. Carter, who has known Mr. Carter for a number of years and has enthusiastically endorsed his work he has been doing in Rockingham county, is of the opinion that Carter's latest scheme will be a winner and will work wonders for the northern part of the state.

Carter, who is one of the largest individual land owners in Rockingham county has interested a number of other ranchers in his proposition and together with western capitalists they have secured 40,000 acres of land which will be divided into ranches. The ranches will average from two to four thousand acres each. They will be fenced and equipped with buildings and a foreman, who will be under a general manager, will be in charge of each ranch. Then the company will go in heavily for cattle raising.

"Stock raising presents a great opportunity for the development of the northern country," said Carter today, "and I believe that the policy that we have inaugurated will be carried out in other sections of the state." According to Carter several western capitalists who are interested in the cattle business have affiliated with the new company. The stock is all subscribed and the company is ready for business.

The governor also commuted the sentence of Clarence Benjamin, sentenced to Jackson from Lapeer, No. 18, for murder in the first degree, No. 18, for murder in the first degree. Benjamin was given life, but former governor Warner commuted his sentence to 30 years. Benjamin will be released in about two years.

Application was made to the state railroad commission by the Toledo, Marshall & Norfrier Railroad company for permission to issue a mortgage for \$4,000,000 and increase the bonded indebtedness from \$200,000 to \$25,000,000. The right of the company which runs from Marshall to Alma was staked out and graded a few years ago, and now that the promoters want to complete the job they had the increased cost of materials and labor will not permit them to do the work at \$20,000,000 per mile.

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her woman's soul, and did not know it!"

All Were Once Stang.

All we had never allowed slung to legitimate itself in orthodox language where should we be today? A reference to the old slang dictionaries gives us the word "stang" itself. It was the "Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue," by the first lexicographer who recognized the word "stang" itself. We find him classing under it such words as

bay window, bedstead, bet, bluster, budget, brogue, capon, grouse, chair, coat, cobble, cur, dominier, eyeglass, flabby, frog, foot, founding, fusa, gey, mangleter, mesemate, slump, snouter, stang, stang, trip and yell. Wait until next the anti-slang purist: does not of these words and then enfold him by reference to Gross.

To Reclaim 1,000,000 Acres.

The Egyptian government has begun one of the most costly and comprehensive drainage projects for the reclama-

tion of lands ever attempted by any government in the world. Its object is to make cultivable 1,000,000 acres of fertile land in the delta of lower Egypt. It is estimated that the work will require four years and \$15,000,000 will be required for drainage, and a like amount for irrigation. Ninety per cent of the land redeveloped will be owned by the government. The principal object of the project is to reclaim a fertile but now worthless region of the delta under cotton cultivation.