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AT COUNTY SEAT

Highway Overseer, Lawrence Schnell Charged With Embezzlement of \$200 of Township Money.

As a result of an investigation into the conduct of the Highway Overseer's office in District No. 4 of Royal Oak township, a warrant has been issued charging the overseer, Lawrence E. Schnell, with embezzlement of \$200 of the township's money. It is alleged by the officers that Schnell worked his team on the road for which he drew \$7 a day from the township, and that in addition he placed the name of his hired man driving the team also upon the township payroll at \$3.50 per day. The prosecutor has ordered a Grand Jury investigation before Justice Rose at 10 o'clock. A number of witnesses were examined Monday and the case continued until August 28, when additional witnesses have been summoned to appear.

Maurice Teeples, charged with brutally beating his son Emmett, aged 17 years, has been bound over to the Circuit Court for trial at the September term. Teeples lives at the village of Highland.

After a three weeks period of a further investigation, the examination of Allan Livingstone, charged with the murder of 13-year old Hope Alexander at Royal Oak township July 4, will be taken up before Justice Rose at Royal Oak. The officers have secured further testimony and expect to ask to have Livingstone held for trial at the September term of court.

Prosecuting Attorney Gillespie has prepared a list of cases to be placed on the criminal calendar for trial at the September term of court. The cases are as follows: P. J. Gribbins, grand larceny; Nehi Nazif, violation of the local option law; Charles Pohlen, assault and battery; Hertram Tmsult, grand larceny; Russell Knowles, larceny of automobile; Charles Sims, larceny of automobile; Mite Maricoff, false pretenses; Wilber Laback, removing contract property; Gilbert Groejan, in decent liberties with young girl; John English, breaking and entering; Walter Clifton, driving away automobile; John Phillips, in decent liberties with young girl; Maurice Teeples, cruelty to child; William McCormack and Clara Smart, adultery; George Stevens, in decent liberties with young child, and Allan Livingstone, murder.

ADVANCEMENT OF STATE REFLECTED IN FAIR EXHIBITS

Improvement Noted in Displays at Annual State Exposition

MANY NEW CLASSES ADDED

Rare Exhibits of Animals Never Before Shown at State Fair—Enlarged display of Farm Produce.

For sixty-eight years the Michigan State Fair, now the oldest state fair in the United States, has fostered the agricultural development of the state. Its influence has been felt in every movement having as its object the greater advancement of Michigan as a food raising section. Today the great prominence of the state, among the present agricultural and stock raising commonwealths of the nation, is reflected in the elaborate exhibits of farm produce and live stock which mark each annual exposition.

A decided improvement is noticeable in the quality of live stock bred in the state, and much of this can be traced directly to the efforts of the fair in encouraging the introduction of blooded stock in Michigan. The movement to this end was at first slow and met with many reverses but the persistence of General Manager Dickinson was finally rewarded by the general interest inspired in the breeding of blooded animals.

New Classes Established.

As an indication of the attention given to live stock raising a number of new classes have been created in this department of the State Fair. Included in these is a special class for heavy draft horses in teams, harnessed and attached to a suitable wagon. In the cattle department a novelty is introduced with the establishment of a class for Devonshire cattle, a breed rarely shown at fairs. General Manager Dickinson is assured of several exhibits of these uncommon animals. The State Fair has also established a separate class for dairy bred cattle—distinguishing them from the beef breeds—and has put up special prizes for exhibits in this new division.

Rare Animals On Display.

Two exhibits of Persian Fur sheep, commonly known as sacred sheep, will be added to the animal classes at the fair this year. "These interesting beasts have long, the shaggy wool of exceptionally high value. This exhibit should be of interest to breeders and the general public as well. Another announcement of interest to exhibitors is the establishment of a special class for Spotted Poland China hogs, which should bring out a number of additional pens.

The agricultural exhibits this year, more than ever before, will demonstrate the advancement the state has made along these lines. Probably never in the history of Michigan has there been such a keen interest in this subject nor more accomplished, in a material way, in enlarging the state's food output.

Daily Wild West Performance.

California Frank, Pioneer Wild West Showman, will appear in daily free performances at the Michigan State Fair at Detroit from Aug. 31 to Sept. 3. In his company of 25 people are included Indians, in native garb, cow boys, plainmen and cow girls all of whom participate in the spectacular performances before the grand stand which include, roping, shooting, Indian fighting and other characteristic features of frontier life.

STATE FOOD CROPS SHOW REMARKABLE INCREASE IN YEAR

County Reports Insure Record Yields of Beans and Potatoes

STATE FAIR INFLUENCE FELT

Arousing Farmers Through Annual Exposition Has Worked Great Benefit to Entire State, Says General Manager G. W. Dickinson.

Michigan is well on the way towards accomplishing its part in the increased production of food for America and her allies. According to early crop reports the state has now 1,517,652 more acres of food crops under cultivation than ever before in its history. Most of this acreage is devoted to beans and potatoes—two vital food crops the production of which Michigan leads other states. The buckwheat and sugar beet crops this year will surpass all previous records by substantial margins. In every respect the condition of all the crops suggests that of last year, giving every assurance that the fall will witness a most bountiful harvest.

Fair Plays Big Part.

In arousing the farmer to the agricultural advantages of crop improvement and the employment of modern machinery in advanced farming methods, much credit is due the Michigan State Agricultural Society and the annual Michigan State Fair. Through its hundreds of exhibits, daily tractor and farm machinery demonstrations, especially arranged lectures by noted crop experts, the Michigan State Fair has accomplished remarkable results in furthering the idea of agricultural development on a large scale.

Recognizing the importance of the Michigan State Fair in fostering the agricultural interests of the state, Governor Sleeper has authorized the appropriation of \$100,000 for the Michigan State Fair. The O'Dell bill, through which the appropriation is made, provides for the donation of \$50,000 a year for two years, to be shared by all fairs making application to the Michigan Agricultural Fair Commission.

The underlying motive for the State Fair has been the encouragement and promotion of all branches of farming and stock raising. Says George W. Dickinson, general manager of the Michigan State Fair, "I stand ready to cooperate in every way with any movement looking toward the advancement of agriculture in Michigan. I feel that the constant improvement noted in the quality of the exhibits at our fair, from year to year, will show what an influence this annual exposition has on the farmers and their interests in the state."

To Interest Everyone.

Because of the conditions obtaining throughout the country this year we are particularly anxious to get everyone lined up for bigger and better crops. One of the greatest incentives we know of for arousing enthusiasm is competition. By means of the state appropriation it will be possible for us to give increased cash prizes in all our departments, thus encouraging keener competition which will in turn result in a betterment of products and live stock throughout the state.

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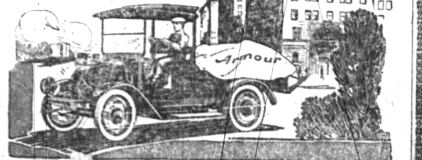
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