

# IT IS NOW GOV. BLISS.

Notwithstanding the Cold Weather Ceremony was Held Outdoors.

## PINGREE AND BLISS TALKED.

Former Gov. Pingree Used His Pardon- ing Power Up to the Last Hour— U. S. Senator McMillan Reappointed to Succeed Himself.

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Col. A. T. Bliss did not become governor of the great state of Michigan until 12:30 o'clock p. m. on Jan. 1, as the special train which bore him from Saginaw did not arrive at the capital in time to prevent the usual delays in getting ready for the ceremonies, which took place on the front steps of the capitol. Chief Justice Montgomery administered the oath of office and the crowd was treated to short speeches by former Gov. Pingree and Gov. Bliss. In spite of the cold weather a big gathering turned out for the event.

### McMillan Reappointed.

U. S. Senator James McMillan, of Detroit, was unanimously renominated to succeed himself in the upper house of congress at the joint Republican caucus held in Lansing on the afternoon of the 1st. The senator will be re-elected for a third term of six years at a joint session of the legislature to be held Jan. 15. The 10 Democratic legislators seem to be undecided as to what course they will take.

### Pingree May go to Cuba.

It is understood that one of the first enterprises that ex-Gov. Pingree will tackle is the development of an asphalt bed in Cuba. His excellency has agreed to go to the island within a week or two and examine a rich bed of the paving material which has been discovered in Cuba, with the possible idea of investing. The contempt proceedings in the Ingham circuit may interfere with his plans, as it had been expected that he would leave on the 6th, but as he is summoned to appear in the Lansing court room Jan. 9, this may be impossible, unless he should decide to snub the court by going away.

The Cuban asphalt matter is not the first venture of the kind that Mr. Pingree has been interested in. It will be remembered that he took a trip to Venezuela about four years ago to investigate asphalt in that country, and a company of Detroiters was formed to go into the business, but the deal fell through.

### Has not Increased Taxes on Farms.

State Tax Commissioner Oakman advances figures to show that the work of the commission has not resulted in an increase of taxation for farm property, as has been claimed. He says that the increase in real estate throughout the state is more than \$180,000,000, and of this increase about \$44,000,000 comes from the cities and \$78,000,000 from the mines. As for personal property, the increase in assessments is about \$170,000,000, of which over \$90,000,000 comes from the cities and \$11,000,000 from the mines. There are over 35 villages in the state, and they, too, come in for a large share of the increased burden as assessment, as distinguished from farm properties.

### Found Dead in Bed.

Bishop Ninde, the beloved head of the M. E. church in Detroit, was discovered dead in bed on the morning of the 3d. The bishop retired about eight o'clock on the previous evening and in the morning at the customary time his son George went to call him, and found him as though still sleeping. He left him, but when later in the morning the bishop did not appear, Mrs. Ninde went to call him. Finding him as she thought still sleeping, she tried to rouse him, and failing, called to her son, who discovered that his father was cold. Dr. Olin, a few minutes later, said that he had been dead several hours.

### Game Warden's Monthly Report.

Game Warden Morse reports a very heavy business for December, and the arrest of a large number of poachers. A total of 205 complaints were made, and there were 133 arrests, 100 being for the violations of the game laws and 32 for violations of the fish laws. These resulted in 94 convictions and one acquittal, the balance of the cases still pending. A total of \$1,157.34 in fines and costs were collected, this being the largest sum for any one month in the history of the department. There were 51 seizures of illegally used property, valued at \$1,555.

### In Favor of a New Deer Law.

A state convention of sportsmen is to be held at Benton Harbor the latter part of this month at which a petition will be framed praying the state legislature to amend the present game laws so far as the killing of deer is concerned. Local hunters think a tax of \$3 should be levied on every hunter who takes out a deer license, and that the money accruing from the licenses be spent in organizing an efficient police service in the woods the year round.

Rob Hill, of Escanaba, was drowned on the afternoon of the 5th while skating. Age, 12 years.

Wm. Murphy, proprietor of a saloon, lunch counter and lodging house in Detroit, was "touched" up for \$160 in cash on the morning of the 2d.

The interior of the state house at Lansing is being elaborately decorated for Gov. Bliss' inauguration ceremonies, which will take place on Jan. 8.

It is reported that Gen. W. L. White, of Grand Rapids, of military scandal notoriety, will soon go to California, where he will make his future home.

## MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

A new bank with a capital of \$15,000 was opened at Ortonville on the 2d.

The total receipts of the secretary of state's office for December were \$9,804.68, of which \$8,399.50 was for franchise fees.

A vein of coal three and one-half feet thick has been struck on the farm of Dougald Currie, near Smith's Crossing, three miles southeast of Midland, at a depth of 175 feet.

Chester Webster, aged 28, unmarried, was killed while skidding logs near Williamsburg on the 2d; a log rolled upon him and crushed his head. Death was almost instantaneous.

One of Wayne county's most prominent citizens, Conrad Clippert, died suddenly at his home in Springwell on the morning of the 5th. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

The Port Huron salt works plant, located in the suburbs of that city, has begun operations. One hundred persons will be given employment. A village is being built up around the works.

Herbert A. Leshar, of Detroit, shot himself through the brain, while standing before a mirror in his father's tailor shop, early on the morning of the 2d. Loss of sleep had driven him insane.

Clarence Cobb, a Michigan Central conductor, had his left leg run over just above the ankle at Rives Junction on the 2d. He was brought to his home in Jackson, and the leg amputated below the knee.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the school for the blind on the 2d at Lansing, T. W. Crissy, of Midland, was elected president; G. W. Bement, of Lansing, treasurer; Francis H. Rankin of Flint, secretary.

The state board of education held its annual meeting on the 2d at Lansing, and organized by electing Elias F. Johnson, of Ann Arbor, president; Fred A. Platt, of Flint, treasurer; Delos Fall, of Albion, secretary.

Eau Claire was visited by a destructive fire on the morning of the 25th. Fully one-third of that bustling village was destroyed. The aggregate losses are estimated at \$20,000. The stores destroyed will be rebuilt.

The cash balance in the state treasury at the close of business on Dec. 31 was \$1,245,459.68. Four years ago at the expiration of Gov. Rich's term of office the balance was exhausted and there was a deficiency of \$23,000.

The appraisal commission, headed by Prof. Cooley, has finished one important section of its work, that of the telephone plants, the joint valuation of which is set down at \$6,339,840, an increase over last year's report of \$4,068,497.

A total of 453 pardons, paroles and commutations of sentence were made during the four years of Gov. Pingree's administration, thus averaging a pardon or parole for every three days of his service as governor, counting Sundays and all.

Bishop Ignatius Mraz, second bishop of the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette, and titular bishop of Antioch, a co-worker of the famous Bishop Baraga with Michigan Indians, died at St. Mary's hospital, Detroit, on the 2d, at the grand old age of 90 years. Death has been expected for several days.

The eight criminal cases growing out of the grand jury investigation one year ago, have been continued over the term by Judge Wiest. Whether any of them will be tried at the January term depends largely on the attitude of the legislature in the matter of reimbursing the county for the expense that has already been incurred.

The Tivoli brewery in Detroit was the scene of a daring robbery on the morning of the 3d. Six masked men entered the place, seized the night watchman, Fred Rutz, bound and gagged him securely and piled malt bags over him. They then broke into the office and blew open the safe and looted it of over \$1,000.

While a force of men were repairing an old warehouse at Jackson on the 5th, the building collapsed and five workmen were buried in the ruins. Four of the men were not seriously injured, but Geo. M. Gardner was unconscious when extricated from the debris, and as he is well along in years it is feared his injuries may result seriously.

Much damage was done by the breaking away of the mill dam at Battle Creek on Dec. 30. Great volumes of water poured down upon the south sides of the city on the low lands, flooding many dwellings. Ten manufacturing institutions were without power the following day and had to close down. The electric light plant was also out of service. It has been 20 years since there was such a flood at Battle Creek.

Wm. Kreibel, a farmer, and wife were instantly killed on the 3d by the moon train on the Pere Marquette Co.'s tracks at Grand Ledge. They were driving out of the city, after having completed their shopping, and were on route for home. They tried to cross the railroad tracks, apparently believing they had plenty of time. The train struck the rig and threw them into the air, both dying before the services of a physician could be called.

The municipal celebration at Detroit, welcoming the incoming of the new century, was a beautiful spectacle and attracted many thousands of people from their homes. It is doubtful if Hellam led loose could have produced more noise than burst forth on the night of Dec. 31 when the first stroke of 12 of the city hall bell sounded forth on the frosty air. Revolvers, giant firecrackers, whistles, gongs, bombs, skyrockets—anything, everything that would produce sound was let loose.

Many places in the state celebrated the closing of the old year and century.

## DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The 41st Michigan legislature went into session at 12 o'clock on the 2d. Organization of both houses was quickly effected, the Republican nominees going through without a hitch in the proceeding. After religious exercises Lieut.-Gov. Robinson administered the oath of office to the senators in squads of four after which he made his address. Chief Justice Montgomery of the supreme court, swore in the members of the house in bunches of 10. Rep. John J. Carton, of Flint, was unanimously elected speaker, and in acknowledging the honor declared himself in favor of a short, busy, economical session. The following are the officers elected: Senate—Senator Loomis, president pro tem; E. V. Childson, secretary; Moses Parshelsky, of Detroit, sergeant-at-arms; John Hill, of Genesee, first assistant sergeant-at-arms; Edwin R. Wilcox, of Allegan, second assistant. House—Rep. John J. Carton, of Flint, speaker; Rep. S. T. Handy, of Crystal Falls, speaker pro tem; L. M. Miller, clerk; John Torrey, Detroit, sergeant-at-arms. C. N. Willis, of Allegan, had no opposition for postmaster of the legislature.

Military appointments have been announced as follows: Archie Aehard, of Saginaw, detailed to the quartermaster-general's office; Capt. A. M. Clark, of Detroit, clerk in the adjutant-general's office; Chas. A. Carroll, of Ionia, storekeeper in the quartermaster-general's office; Clark, Tobin, Bennett and Cargill are G. A. R. men. Other appointments made are: Geo. H. Turner, of Coldwater, assistant adjutant-general; Henry M. Zimmerman, of Pontiac, executive clerk and secretary of the pardon board; Louis Kanitz, of Muskegon, and D. B. K. Van Raalte, of Holland, members of the board of managers of Soldiers' home at Grand Rapids.

Ex-Gov. Pingree performed his last official act on the 3d when he sent to the senate a big batch of recess appointments, which have to be confirmed. As the committee on executive business has not yet been appointed the communication had to be tabled, and will probably be taken up next week. Several of the senators smiled when the big list was read, and it is generally expected that very few if any of them will be confirmed.

In order to stir things up a member of the Wayne delegation intends to introduce a bill in the legislature next week providing for the removal of the seat of the state's capital to Detroit. He expects that it will meet an early death, but the bill will serve to agitate the matter. Politicians generally would welcome the change, though they recognize that it will never be effected until Detroit agrees to spend sufficient money to erect a suitable building.

Several bills are being prepared to increase the salaries of various officials. The salary of the mayor of Detroit may be fixed at \$6,000, and judge of probate changed from \$5,000 to \$6,000. Something will also probably be done towards increasing the salary of the chief executive of the state, who now gets but \$4,000 a year, and some members of the legislature think the office should command \$10,000.

Gov. Bliss has appointed Burrill Gould, of Saginaw, to succeed John Townsend as clerk in the executive office, and Archie Oakes, of Coopersville, messenger in the executive office during the sessions of the legislature, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the house.

At the afternoon session on the 3d, the senate passed the Charlevoix bridge bonding bill, which passed the house in the forenoon, and which failed to pass the last legislature. It is unusual to pass a bill so early in the session.

Gov. Bliss has announced the appointment of Tom A. Hanna, publisher of the Iron Mountain Press, as commissioner of mineral statistics to succeed James Russell, of Marquette. The salary is \$2,500 a year.

Levi C. Smith has been appointed county agent of the state board of corrections and charities for Allegan county. J. W. Tobin, of Brighton, has been appointed state armorer.

Members of the Kent and Wayne house delegations are sore on ex-Speaker Adams. They say he tried to throw the Kent boys on the fight for sergeant-at-arms.

Senator Atwood's Opinion. There is considerable speculation as to whether the new legislature will seriously attempt to pass an equal tax bill, some of the politicians claiming that Senator McMillan's plan to have a commission appointed to investigate the entire taxation question may be adopted, instead. However, Senator Atwood on the 1st, said: "My opinion is that some sort of a tax measure will be passed at this winter's session."

Colorado was visited by a blizzard on the 29th and 30th.

News has been received by the Riojun Maru that the famine in Siam is increasing and is causing much cannibalism. Human flesh is offered for sale and officials are unable to prevent it.

With the end-of-the century Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, took steps toward putting an end to gambling, and as a result, practically every gaming resort in that city was closed on the 1st.

A dispatch from London, Eng., dated Dec. 31, says that severe snow storms, deluging storms and furious gales have created havoc in the United Kingdom. Miles of country is inundated, caused by the overflowing streams, and hundreds of inhabitants were imprisoned in their homes.

Gottlieb Stackler and his family, moving from Stillwater, Okla., to Rogers, Kan., were caught while asleep in prairie fire on the 28th. A 17-month-old baby was roasted to death and a boy will die. A young lady will lose both her limbs and no hopes are entertained of saving the mother's life.

# EX-GOVERNOR'S WRATH

Descends Upon the Heads of His Critics and the Courts.

## MAKES SOME SEVERE CHARGES

Roasts Everything in Sight, Including the Press—Says Pardon Board is a Farce—Scores Pros. Tuttle—Claims to Have Spent \$10,000 a Year.

Ex-Gov. Pingree's exaugural message was delivered to both houses of the legislature at noon on the 3d. Following are a few extracts taken from the same with comments: "I do not claim to be perfect," said Mr. Pingree to them, "but I do claim to have the back-bone to speak out as to what I think is my duty and yours. There are questions before us which require conscientious study. I have studied them for the last four years regardless of what conspiracies there might be against me, political, judicial or any other, including the press. To be governor is a high honor but a very expensive luxury. I can truthfully say I have had to spend \$10,000 of my own hard-earned money. I never received a bribe from our best citizens and I have had to spend \$10,000 a year to keep pace with the times and do the work. It is up to you to see that an appropriation is made for the governor to pay his honest bills.

"The governor can't go out of town with his staff without paying their bills. Railroad travel is expensive at three cents a mile. I could have carried my family and my staff all over the United States if I consented to allow the railroads and other corporations to rob this state."

Pingree showed how other states pay their governors enough to meet expenses and commented bitterly on the criticisms of his buying a few postage stamps.

Taking up the question of pardons and paroles, he said there are twice as many men who should be released rotting in Michigan jails as he had released. The pardon board is the biggest farce of any state commission, he said. He then waded into his big message, and a number of senators got out their newspapers. The ex-governor stood it for a time but before long he stopped the reading and said deliberately: "The distinguished senators might have the courtesy to postpone the reading of their newspapers. There is a few things in this message they ought to listen to."

The governor said that if the young man on the bench in Ingham county thinks he, Pingree, is in contempt of his court alone he is mistaken for he holds in contempt dozens of courts in this state. He says they violate the laws themselves and call it justice. "I leave it to you," said he, whether these gentlemen should be allowed to sit on the bench or not. It is up to you."

He suggests that changes be made in the law governing the term to be given a man convicted of murder in the second degree. In another extra he takes up the Ingham county trials and gives the people concerned a few raps. He apologizes to the people for not removing Prosecuting Attorney Tuttle, as he knows "he is a thief, and deceiver and a briber." These are his exact words:

"I realize that it was my duty and that I had the authority to remove this man, but I did not do so because the state of my health was such that I could not explain to the people as I should the reason for my action, and I knew the prejudiced press would not do so." He then said that the Ingham county grand jury was a disgrace to the state; that grand juries are a relic of the dark ages and very few states allow them. Two members of the jury, he states, offered to report everything that was said before the morning session of court for \$1,000. He got it through a detective for \$400. Honest men would be shocked and disgusted if they knew all the details of the "conspiracy," he adds.

As to the contempt case, Pingree quotes an alleged statement by Wiest's predecessor to the effect that "the governor was an old bald-headed ———." The contempt proceedings were started, he argues, because they were afraid he was not yet politically dead.

Pingree then accounted for his not staying all the time in Lansing by telling an amusing story of the accommodations in the two leading hotels.

Amur Threatened With Famine. A dispatch received at St. Petersburg on the 1st, from Vladivostok, reports that famine threatens the Amur and maritime provinces. The crops there are bad and the railways, being almost wholly engaged for war purposes, cannot be used for the transportation of food to the inhabitants. In addition the prohibition of foreign coastwise trade has prevented importations into the threatened provinces. The situation is deplorable and becoming worse.

A dispatch from Polkin, dated Dec. 31, says that Su-Hai, the murderer of the German ambassador, Baron von Ketteler, was decapitated on the scene of his crime at 12 o'clock that afternoon in the presence of many spectators.

Scandalous scenes occurred at a Dowie Zionist meeting in Bermondsey town, Eng., on the night of the 30th, and the disturbances culminated in a free fight.

Four men have been killed and 10 wounded in Clay county, Ky., fights within the past two weeks, while two other Clay county men were killed and two wounded in a fight just over the Clay county line during the same period, making a total of six killed and 12 wounded within two weeks. The factions are again becoming hostile, and drastic measures may be necessary to quell the feudists.

## TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Lord Roberts on the 3d received a right Royal welcome on his return to London, Eng., after a year's absence in South Africa. The crowds were not so dense nor so demonstrative as during the recent war celebrations, but people paid from 3 to 10 guineas for seats on Picadilly and St. James street balconies. Stately mansions were crowded with notable personages, but there prevailed on all sides a feeling that the progress of the campaign did not warrant triumphal ovations, though this in no respect detracted from the affection with which the little field marshal was greeted. It was as a man, rather than as a general, that London welcomed "Bobs."

The military authorities at Cape Town are preparing for all contingencies. It has been decided to transfer Boer prisoners from the camps to transports. Farmers coming in from Carnarvon describe the Boers as traveling in parallel columns, with numerous flanking parties sweeping the country of horses, plundering loyalists and carrying off everything eatable. It appears that they are accompanied by strings of pack horses lightly loaded.

Advice from Masereu, Basutoiland, dated the 4th, says that three separate columns are still pursuing Gen. Dewet, but with no success beyond taking 23 prisoners. Cannon firing is continually heard. All the English have deserted Ficksburg, taking their stocks of grain across the border, and the Boers have looted the town.

The colonial office at London is in receipt of news of a native rising in the Gambia river region of West Africa. The dispatch conveying this information adds that a punitive expedition is being organized.

A dispatch from The Hague, dated the 2d, says that Mr. Kruger is suffering from a slight attack of bronchitis. While there is no anxiety as to his condition, he is obliged to keep to his bed.

A special meeting of the cabinet was held at Cape Town on the 1st, at which it is understood a decision was reached to make a further extension of martial law.

A dispatch from Cape Town, dated the 1st, says the Boers are looting every farm along the route for supplies.

## CHINA WAR NEWS.

The foreign office is advised from Shanghai, under date of January 3, that advices from Sian-Fu confirm the reports of the execution of Yu-Hsien (the former governor of Shan-Si, guilty of massacring about 50 missionaries whom he had invited to accept his protection), December 19 by order of the dowager empress. Prince Tuan is still at Ninghai. There are 30,000 Chinese regulars at Sian Fu. The court has made no preparations to return.

A special from Washington dated the 24th says that \$200,000,000 is the maximum sum the administration wants the powers to demand of China as indemnity, yet the figures are likely to be many times that amount. The U. S. army has a deficiency of \$11,000,000 for transportation and army supplies, most of that is charged against China.

There have been no negotiations regarding the arbitration of the Chinese indemnities between the U. S. and Russia, which first proposed arbitration, and the raising of this question, the correspondent of the Associated Press understands, will not be regarded as timely until the negotiations in Peking have proceeded further. It is believed, however, that Russia is still inclined to support the arbitration proposal.

A special from Washington says that China is anxious that foreign occupation of her territory shall come to an end as promptly as possible, as it is constantly causing disorder, and is an obstacle to a peaceful adjustment of affairs. In view of the prospect that each nation will hereafter maintain a legation guard in Peking, China is anxious that it shall be reduced to as small a number as the powers can be induced to designate.

Li Hung Chang has suffered a relapse and because of the serious effects of this and his great age it is feared that he will be unable to act as plenipotentiary in arranging a settlement of the troubles in China and that the difficulty and delay in securing a successor may cause the postponement for a time of negotiations.

There are persistent reports in circulation at Shanghai that the imperial court is preparing to return to Peking. Chinese advices from the capital say that 90 carts, with mules and horses, have been dispatched to Tai Yuen Fu to meet and bring back the imperial personages and their entourage.

A dispatch received from Tien Tsin says field Marshal Count Von Waldersee has notified his staff to cease hostilities, but that some of the commanders have not been informed of these instructions. It is explained that they are in the field after Boxers.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the foreign envoys to that effect.

Train No. 44 on the Henderson road, was wrecked two miles east of Henderson, Ky., on Dec. 30, and five persons seriously injured.

Mrs. Mary Lease, of Kansas, will shortly return to Wichita, quit politics and settle down to domestic life. She will drop the divorce case she started against her husband and return and live with him.

Phillip Danforth Armour, philanthropist, financier and multi-millionaire, head of the vast commercial establishment that bears his name, died at his home, in Chicago, Ill., at 5:43 o'clock on the afternoon of the 6th. A muscular affection of the heart, known to the medical profession as myocarditis, was the immediate cause of death.

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