THE STATE'S STRONG BOX

Is in a Prosperous Condition According to Auditor Dix.

BALANCE WAS \$2,501,557.53

At the Close of the Last Fiscal Year-The State Institutions Show an Estimated Value of \$12,782,443.69-Other Items Boiled Down.

Auditor Dix's Annual Report.

/ The report of Auditor-General Dis for the last fiscal year shows receipts to the state treasury from all sources during the past year were \$6,321,736.06, and the disbursements for all purposes were \$5,222,234.41. The receipts exceeded the disbursements by \$1,099,-501.65, which, added to the balance on June 30, 1809, \$1,402,055.88, gives the balance at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 1900, \$2,501,557.53. The principal items of expenditures were: Support of the insanc, \$614,318.24; judiciary, \$159,688.98; appropriations of legislature, \$1,801,095.18; extra clerk hire, \$196,470.88; state tax commission, \$38,336.70. Among the miscellaneous information in the report is the statement that there was received by the counties and state the sum of \$1,983,-636.89 in liquor taxes during the fiscal year. All but \$6,437.08 was paid by retail dealers, the entire wholesale business of the state paying but \$1,-600. The inventories of the various state institutions show an estimated value of \$12,782,443.69.

Bills Passed on the 15th.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 15th: A bill authorizing school district No. 1, of Hancock, to borrow \$15,000; one authorizing the village of Ludington to borrow \$100,-000 for street improvements; one legalizing certain bonds of the village of Gaylord; one amending the dissection law, so as to give Detroit Homeopathic college a portion of state cadavers; one enlarging the village of Farmington. The following bills were passed in the senate: To legalize \$7,500 of bonds issued by Gaylord; one to legalize \$1,500 of bonds in St. Clair county.

Cracked the Safe at South Lyons. The private bank of Carpenter & Jacobus was broken into by a gang of burglars early on the morning of the 15th. The vault was blown open and the crackesmen got away with about \$250 in cash. They were scared away before completing their job and missed about \$800 in currency which was deposited in another drawer in the vault. The robbers and townspeople had an exciting revolver duel, but there was no casualties and the safe-blowers made their escape.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Mt. Clemens wants a beet sugar facfory.

Contrary to reports, there are no smallpox cases at Holton.

The Flint brewery was damaged \$5,000 by fire on the 14th.

The State Fair association has a balance of \$3,543 in its treasury.

Two free rural mail delivery routes has been ordered established at Bay

Up to Jan. 15 there had been signed 1,600 contracts for the new telephone system in Detroit.

cars of age, was the first telegrapher in the U.S. There are 56 inmates in the Calhoun

county house, of which number 18 are in the insane department. Milan is to have a new modern two-

story hotel-business men of the village having donated the site. A scheme is on foot to get all of the furniture factories in Grand Rapids to

join in the formation of a trust. Booker T. Washington, the noted

colored educator, will speak on the "Race Problem" at Ann Arbor, Jan. 31. Grant, Newaygo county, will be supplied with electric lights from Neway-

go's big water power plant, eight miles

construction at Frankfort was wrecked by a gale on the morning of the 16th.

the electric light, plant Mendon now has 10 new street lights, five are and five incandescents. The electorial vote of Michigan was cast at Lansing on the litth, and J. A. Bennett, an octogenarian of Adrian,

was chosen to carry the vote to Wash-Fremont M. Harsh, "Of Warren, is now a widower, his wife having "skip-ped" out with another man. Besides

leaving a husband she also left six The sugar and chicory factories of They have paid out to farm-

ers for beets and chickory sums aggregating \$765,984. A Caesarian operation was performed at the University, hospital at Ann Arbor on the 15th. It was a success, and

both mother and baby will live. The The baby weighed 81/2 pounds. Arguments in the contempt proceedings against H. S. Pingree were heard by Judge Wisner, at Lansing, on the 12th. At the conclusion of the same the judge denied the motion for dis-

missal, and continued the proceedings

until Feb. 4, so the supreme court could

give an opinion. There were 2,575 deaths reported to the secretary of state for December corresponding to a death rate of 13.1 per 1,000 of population. This number is 214 more than the number reported more than the number returned for December, 1899.

The Prohibitionists of Jackson county have selected there delegates to the state convention which meets at Kalamazoo, March 5.

The Washtenaw County German Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has a membership of 1,822 and carries risks aggregating \$4,145,190. The rate of insurance last year was 60 cents per Evangelists, who are conducting re-

vival meetings in Kalamazoo, visited several of the principal saloons in that city on the night of the 12th and held short religious services at each place visited. The business portion of Ellsworth, a

flourishing village on the Pere Marquette, southwest of Petoskey, burned on the 20th, causing a loss of nearly

The Democratic state central committee has issued a call for a meeting of the committee in the Hotel Normandie, Detroit, Feb. 5, to consider the time and place of holding the state convention.

A. A. Devantier, editor of the Mt. Clemens Advertiser, has been arrested on complaint of Justice Spencer J. Dalby, who charges the editor with slander. Devantier gave bail for his appearance. Eastern capitalists on the 12th

formed a syndicate to build an electric road from Battle Creek to Detroit. The capital of the company has been placed at \$4,000,000 of stock and an equal amount of bonds.

The railroad which is being built to connect the cement factory at Alpena with its marl beds, several miles out of town, is nearly completed, and it is expected that the manufacture of cement will begin next month.

Will L. White, of Grand Rapids, former quartermaster-general of the Michigan National Guard, quit his native city for good on the 12th, and started for San Francisco where he expects to make his future home. During the year 1900 the water works

at Escanaba pumped 323,450,680 gallons of water. Apparently not enough of this amount was used for drinking purposes to spoil the thirst of the residents, for 85 saloons flourish in the Real estate in the vicinity of Lake-

land, Livingston county, formerly called Hamburg Junction, is going clear out of sight as regards price, on account of the fact that a cement factory is to be built there inside of six

Reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Hillsdale County Agricultural society show receipts for 1900, \$12,160.71. Nearly \$1,500 was paid on its indebtedness, which now amounts to \$1,004.28. The next fair will be held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed on the 15th by Carl H. Michell, the former well-known grocer and clothier of Detroit. His liabilities amount to \$92,882.35, while his assets are all in real estate, and even that is badly

The Michigan Central's new bridge, which was recently completed at Niles at a cost of \$150,000, and which spans the St. Joseph river, was moved eight feet south on the 12th, in the presence of a vast concourse of railroad men and spectators. It was a great mechanical feat and was preformed within a couple of hours.

A Charlevoix woman discovered that the chimney of her house was on fire the other night, but instead of losing Mrs. Julia Abrams, of Niles, who is her head and alarming the neighborncod she just ran upstairs, pulled the stovepipe out of the chimney and county, gave notice of the introducpoured in some salt, and in a minute or two there wasn't enough fire left in the chimney to light a match.

The Michigan Central Railroad Co. has leased a piece of land on the east side of the lake at Grass Lake, and will erect three mammoth ice houses there at once. The spur track which has been put in to accommodate the cement company, will be extended to reach the ice houses. It is expected that Ypsilanti will receive her ice supply from Grass Lake the coming sum-

While Lars Tuneson, general store dealer at Ironwood, sat quietly reading the paper in the office of his estab-The new \$100,000 hotel in course of lishment after supper on the 15th he was interrupted by what he denominates as two desperadoes heavily armed. The visitors commanded him As a result of municipal control of to "throw up your hands," and followed up the demand by shoving a gun about a foot long under his nose. While thus trapped one of his callers rifled the safe, securing \$100 in cash. No clue.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

New York physicians have commenced a war against faithhealers. London papers say ex-President Kruger is to visit the U.S. some time next month.

A special from The Hauge on the 15th says ex-President Kruger will leave for Bay City have practically closed their Utretch in a few days to consult an oculist.

The congressional committee, appointed to investigate the real cause of the death of Cadets Booz and Breth, at West Point, have finished their work, and will report to congress that their death was not caused by hazing, as previously announced.

John Wisner and John Marsh, of Niagara Falls, attempted to cross Niagara river above the falls on the 20th. They lost control of their boat and were carried into the rapids. Wisner, who was unable to swim, was swept over the falls and drowned. Marsh, after a desperate struggle in the icy water, was rescued by persons along

the shore. An oil well which produces 15,000 barrels of that fluid per day was struck in southeastern Texas one day recently, for the preceeding month, and 216 It is the most important discovery that has been made in the past, 10 years. It is the property of J. M. Guffey.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

Gov. Bliss on the night of the 14th sent another batch of appointments to the senate, as follows: Erastus N. Bates, Moline, Allegan county,

member board of trustees Michigan Asylum for the Insane; Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, member board of managers Michigan Soldiers' home; D. B. K. Van Raalte, Holland, Ottawa county, member board of managers Soldiers' home; Theo. W. Crissey, Midland, member board of control Michigan school for the blind; Freeman B. Dickerson, Detroit, member state board of fish commissioners; Chas. S. Brown, Flint, member board of trustees School for Deaf; Geo. J. Vinton, Detroit, member board of trustees of the Eastern Michigan asylum; Delbert E. Prall, Saginaw, member board of trustees of the East ern Michigan asylum; Wm. McPherson, How-ell, member board of trustees of the Industrial School for Boys; A. J. Mills, Kalamazoo, mem ber board of trustees of the of the Michigan Asylum for the Insane; Harris B. Osborn, Kalimazoo, member board of trustees of the Mich igan Asylum for the Insane; Geo. A. Hart, Manistee, member board of trustees of the Northern Michigan asylum; Allison L. Wright, Bad Axe, member board of trustees School for Deaf; Peter White, Marquette, member state board of library commissioners; Thos. T. Bates, Traverse City, member board of trustees of the Northern Michigan asylum; Timothy C. Quinn, Caro, member of board of control Michigan State prison, to fill vacancy and for full term; Russell R. Pealer, Three Rivers, member of the advisory board in the matter of pardons; Wm. R. Kendrick, Saginaw, member of the advisory board in the matter of pardons; Jas. K. Flood, Hart, member railroad and street crossing board. Members of the board of control of railroad. Mornic Othorn. Oversce J. R. J. W. railroads—Morris Osborn, Owosso, E. P. Waldron, St. Johns; Geo. W. Crawford, Big Rapids; Wm. L. Smith, Flint; Chas. Ilgenfritz, Monroe, and J. W. Hance, Mt. Pleasant. W. W. Mitch-ell, Cadillac, member board of trustees of the Northern Michigan for the Insane; N. R. Gilbert, Bay City, member board of control of the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded and Eptleptie; Henry N. Loud, Au Sable, member state board library commissioners; Cyrus G. Luce, member state board of library commissioners The following bills were passed in

viding voting precinct in the township of Baldwin; repealing jury commission law in St. Clair county; authorizing the village of Algonae to borrow \$4,000 for an electric light plant; authorizing the village of Algonac to borrow \$4,000 for water works: authorizing the township of Hillman to borrow \$3,000 to pay outstanding debts; increasing salary of judge of probate of Wayne county to \$6,000 a year. The senate passed the following: A bill changing the name of Hubert Clark, of Tekonsha, to Hubert Teller. Immediate effect; to legalize \$4,000 bonds of the village of Algonac. Immediate effect; to legalize the floating debt of Algonac to the amount of \$4,000. Immediate effect; to authorize Hillman township, Montmorency county, to issue bonds; to give Detroit Homeopathic College of Medicine its share of Wayne county cadavers. Im-

the house on the 17th: A bill pro-

Dodge. Immediate effect. Members of the legislature are objecting to section 9 of the Atwood railroad tax bill, which reads: "Said board (of state assessors) shall not include in its assessments against said companies any property already assessed upon its value for taxation under any other laws of this state." Members of both house and senate profess to see in this little section a loophole for the railroads to escape taxation under the Atwood bill, if it should be enacted into law. They say the railroads would, when the "state board of assessors" attempted to tax them under the proposed new law, say that this could not be done as they were already being assessed under other state

mediate effect; to change the name of

Carlton M. Ooothout to Carlton M.

laws. The success of the state tax commission in its work of raising assessed valsulted in a move to abolish all the aker, Dem., of Dexter, Washtenaw tion of a bill for that purpose on the 14th. He says that the state tax commission has the power to alter the work of the various boards of review throughout the state, and in face of that he sees no necessity for the boards.

In the senate chamber at the opening of each session there is placed near the desk of each senator an elegant and costly cuspidor. When the last legislature adjourned nearly every senator took the cuspidor near his desk away with him. Senator Helme suggests as a remedy for this petty thieving that the cuspidors be riveted to the floor or else have indelibly inscribed on each these words: "This was stolen from the state."

The members of the house went on record in committee of the whole on the 17th as being decidedly in favor of accepting railroad passes and almost unanimously refused to pass a provision prohibiting members from accepting the bits of pasteboard, which extends to them the privileges of the different roads.

The following bill was passed in the house on the 18th: Making president of village of Pinconning ex-officio member of the board of supervisors of Bay county. The senate also passed one bill, as follows: Increasing salary of probate judge of Wayne county to \$6,-

000 a year. Rep. McCall, of Charlotte, on the 15th noticed a bill providing for Sunday closing of all theaters in Michigan; also a bill to specifically tax sleeping car companies operating in this state.

Both houses of the legislature disposed of business in less than half an hour on the 18th, there being very little to do, and adjourned until the night of the 21st.

Senator Goodell says that the members of the powerful farmers' association, the state grange, will demand islators who help kill it and then see to it that they are not renominated and re-elected two years hence.

The right of the state legislature to ephone companies doing business in this state is to be tried by a bill which will introduce.

LEGISLATIVE GUSSIP.

Tax Commissioner Oakman submitted his report to the legislature on the 16th. His is the last of the individual reports. The full report of the commission has been completed, but is so voluminous that a week or 10 days will timepieces, and a watch placed on be required to typewrite the matter view at the Paris exposition is reand prepare it for the state printer. garded by them as their highest Mr. Oakman commends the earning achievement. In it they have overpower of railroads as a tax basis, and figures that the total cash values of the sidered insolvable, and have succeeded roads in the state is \$185,037,502.34, in retaining the size of the watch which at an average tax rate of \$15.47

would be \$2,871,453. Rep. Kerr introduced three bills in the house on the 17th, all of which ever been constructed. One of these have an important bearing on the general tax laws of the state, and the pas- shop of the firm, to be added to the sage of which would practically put magnificent watch collection of A. the tax commission out of business. Ponti, the celebrated amateur of Mi-The bill, which strikes directly at the latter, provides that the power of the state tax commission shall be confined exclusively to looking after assessments for state purposes alone and prohibits them from interfering with the assessment of property for city and county purposes.

There is a great deal of opposition to the Atwood bill, because it provides that the decision of the proposed new state board of assessors on railroad assessments shall be absolute and final. Many legislators want a provision made for reviewing the board's work by a higher body, and would make the governor and railroad commissioner, and perhaps the attorney - general, members of such board of review. Speaker Henderson on the 15th called

the house to order with a gavel presented by Col. McCaskey, 20th infantry, U. S. A., who is stationed at Fort Santiago, Manila. The gavel is part of the official flagstaff of the Philippine islands, from which the Spanish colors were lowered and upon which those of the U.S. were hoisted on the day of the surrender Aug. 13, 1898.

Rep. Colby and several of the farmer members of the legislature are advocating a plan to practically raise the salary of Attorney-General Oren from \$800 to \$2,800. They would do this by making the attorney-general an exofficio member of either the tax commission or the proposed new state railroad tax board at a salary of \$2,000.

Rep. Randall on the 15th gave notice of the introduction of a bill to amend the divorce law by providing that where a married man or woman has been confined in an insane asylum for five years and pronounced incurable, this will be sufficient grounds for granting a divorce to the party suing for one.

Senator Murfin, of Detroit, will soon introduce in the senate his bill to make the office of Wayne county sheriff a salaried one, cutting off all fees. He would have the salary fixed somewhere between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

It is reported at Lansing that Gov. Bliss has decided to find successors for the three tax commissioners now hang-

The senate on the 15th confirmed all the appointments sent to that body by Gov. Bliss the day before.

W. J. Bryan's Paper.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's paper, The Comnoner, will be issued from the office of the Lincoln, Neb., branch of the Western Newspaper Union, on Wednesday, January 23, 1901. After carefully considering the various printing establishuations throughout the state has re- ments of the city, Mr. Bryan decided to give the contract to the Western boards of review in the state of Mich- Newspaper Union, being influenced to igan. Representative Byron C. Whit- a certain extent by the fact that this establishment is not only perfectly well equipped to handle the work, but also because of its reputation for honest and square dealing, and the further fact that it treats its employes with consideration and pays union wages.'

The U.S. supreme court on the 14th announced its decision in the case of C. E. W. Neely, charged with embezzlement of the public funds of Cuba while acting as financial agent of the department of posts of that island, holding that Neely is subject to extradition, hence he will be obliged to return to Cuba for trial.

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Everything came Michigan's way in the house, in committee of the whole, that the legislature pass an anti-oleo on the 15th, during the consideration margarine bill and that if none is of the river and harbor appropriation passed, they will keep tab on the leg- bill. Although one-eighth of the \$60,-000,000 appropriation is credited to Michigan's account, every item was

Seven people were crushed to death control the rentals and tolls of the tel- and as many more seriously injured in a panic which followed a man's cry of "fire" at Turner hall, Chicago, on the Ald. Marx, of Detroit, is having pre- afternoon of the 12th. About 800 peopared and which Rep. Jacob Baumann ple were in the place at the time the alarm was sounded.

INTRICATE WATCH.

Horology.

It Shows Everything That Is Possible in

A manufacturing firm of Geneva, Switzerland, has for many years been making a specialty of complicated come problems which were before conwithin a convenient limit of a pocket per \$1,000, the revenue to the state timepiece—namely, twenty linges, corresponding to the American eighteen size. But two of these watches have was purchased direct from the worklan, Italy. This watch, which has a perpetual calendar indicating the days of the month, the days of the week, and the phases of the moon, also possesses two separate small dials, upon which are shown automatically for a given latitude the time of the rising of the sun and the time of its setting. The difficulty overcome here was great, but what comprises the merit of the piece is that, in connection with the minute hand, which shows the mean time (the time we use), it carries another hand which indicates the sun's time (the true time). This hand, moving from the center, as do the hands showing the mean time, constantly travels with them, and places itself each day at midnight in the position it should occupy in order to indicate for that day the difference between the mean and true time. The variation is very great, being as much as fifteen minutes in one direction

EXCURSION RATES.

Michigan to Florida-Through Without

Change of Cars. The C., H. & D. Ry. has arranged! special through service between Detroit and St. Augustine, Florida. Leaving Detroit M. C. depot every day except Saturday and Sunday at 12:35 noon; leaving Toledo at 2:30 p. m.; arriving at Jacksonville and St. Augustine next evening for supper. composed of Pullman Drawing Room and Sleeping Cars, magnificent Dining Cars and Observation and Library Cars.
Tourist tickets at greatly reduced rates good returning to May 31st, now on sale. Write to J. A. Williamson, D. P. A., Toledo, Ohio, for rates, etc. Ask for book "Pleasant Trips to Sunny Lands."

A thrifty baker always sells what he creads himself. The mother of pearl must have a very large family.

Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist to-day and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once, delays are dangerous.

There are a lot of skins in the leather The best way to get out of debt is to

pay out. The only successful way of curing a bad com-

plexion is by purifying the blood and cleansing the system: Take Garfield Tea—an improve-ment can be seen after a few days.

Life is mostly made up of desire and

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES do not stain the hands or spot the kettle.

Whiskey is the key to an unsteady

GRY FOR HELP.

Result of a Prompt Reply.—Two Letters from Mrs. Watson, Published by Special Permission.— For Women's Eyes Only.

March 15, 1899.

To MRS. PINKHAM, LYNN, MASS.:

"DEAR MADAM: - I am suffering from inflammation of the ovaries and womb, and have been for eighteen months. I have a continual pain and soreness in my back and side. I am only free from pain when lying down, or sitting in an easy chair. I stand I suffer with severe pain in my side and back. lieve my troubles were caused by over work and lifting some years

"Life is a drag to me, and I sometimes feel like giving up ever being a well woman; have become careless and unconcerned about everything. I am in bed now. I have had several doctors, but they did me but little good.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been recommended to me by a friend, and I have made up my mind to give it a

"I write this letter with the hope of hearing from you in regard to my case."—Mrs. S. J. Watson, Hampton, Va.



November 27, 1899.

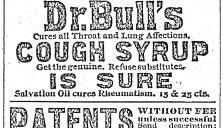
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I feel it my duty to acknowledge to you the benefit that your advice and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound have done for me.

"I had been suffering with female troubles for some time, could walk but a short distance, had terrible bearing down pains in lower part of my bowels, backache, and pain in ovary. I used your medicine for four months and was so much better that I could walk three times the distance that I could before.

"I am to-day in better health than I have been for more than two years, and I know it is all due to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I recommend your advice and medicine to all women who suffer." -Mrs. S. J. Watson, Hampton, Va.

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