

G. A. R. STATE ENCAMPMENT

Will be Held at Flint in June—The Shortage of the Niles First National Bank is Placed at \$160,000—Deponents Will Receive at Least 90 Per Cent of Deposits

Hammond Must Stand Trial. A jury was secured on the 8th for the trial of D. Judson Hammond, of Pontiac, who is charged with having solicited a bribe while a member of the state legislature of 1899.

Prosecuting Attorney Tuttle announced that he would ask the court to nolle prosequere the case against Hammond, which had been brought under the statute and would try the respondent on the common law counts.

A queer instance of improper influence said to have been exerted upon a jurymen comes from New Haven. The jury in a certain civil case went to Fairhaven to visit the house of the defendants.

There was a substantial increase in the traffic through the Suez canal in 1899. Three thousand five hundred and three vessels passed through the canal in 1898; in 1899 the number was increased to 3,607.

Kansas City, Mo., is claiming to be a great fruit distributing point, and in proof of the same "points with pride" to these two consignments: In one day 1,000,000 bananas were received from the tropics and on March 4 2,000,000 oranges came in.

Off Cerigo, the island at the southern end of Greece, divers are bringing up art treasures that were sunk 200 years before Christ.

Three children, a boy and two girls, rather and sisters, have had a terrible valanche experience at Ornon. The children, neither of whom was more than 10, were overwhelmed, and the boy was carried over a precipice and buried under tons of rocks.

The insurance companies have come new decision with regard to the fixing of policies to the crowned continent of Europe since the death of Humbert.

Reports from Sault Ste. Marie on the 9th say that the Soo is free of ice. Gov. Bliss on the 8th issued the customary Arbor Day proclamation.

The United States Chemical-Wood Co.'s plant, at Detroit, was scorched to the extent of \$31,000 on the night of the 13th.

It is estimated that the factory of the Marine City Sugar Co. ran behind \$59,000 last year, yet the stockholders are not discouraged.

Many hundred fruit trees were ruined by rabbits in the vicinity of Brighton last winter on account of the big snow fall, which cut off food supply.

The socialists of Battle Creek cast 500 votes at the last election, and feel so encouraged that they will form an educational club to meet weekly.

Bert Tibbets, convicted of murder of Hump Jackson, in Georgetown, on Dec. 31, 1900, was on the 9th sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson prison.

Will Results in a Tragedy. Five hunters were shot and killed by R. G. Evans at Legs, Montgomery county, Tenn. The man was shot four times in the head and back and died almost immediately.

Wreck on the F. & P. M. President Herald, Manager Crapo, Passenger Agent Moeller, Supr. Agnew and other officials of the Port Huron and Grand Rapids, were going to Grand Rapids by special train from Ottawa Beach on the 9th when their train struck a caboose which projected from a siding.

Disease in Michigan. Reports to the state board of health by representative physicians in active general practice in different parts of the state indicate that rheumatism, neuralgia, influenza, bronchitis and tonsillitis in the order named, caused most sickness in Michigan during the past week.

Three Deaths from Smallpox. The total number of deaths reported to the secretary of state for the month of March was 3,488, corresponding to a death rate of 17.2 per 1,000 population.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS. Hillsdale has 27 women's clubs. Centerville will be dry after May 1. A summer school will be held at Durand.

Indications of coal have been found near Northville, and prospecting will soon be commenced. Additional rural free delivery service has been ordered established at Ann Arbor, to take effect May 15.

The township board has granted a franchise through the village and township of Diamondale to the promoters of the Battle Creek and Lansing electric railroad.

Owing to the increases in valuations at Grand Rapids, announced by the assessors, the board is now confronted by more than 700 able-bodied kickers from enraged taxpayers.

Farmers in Branch county are worried over the continued drought and cold nights. The wheat crop in the county has been almost a total failure during the past two seasons.

On the night of the 8th fire destroyed the handle factory of Mitchell Bros. at Cadillac. The loss is estimated at \$60,000, with \$40,000 insurance. It is probable that the factory will be rebuilt.

The victory won by the Gretna Green people, St. Joseph, against the ministers of the state, is highly satisfactory to the people of that city. It insures the re-election of Rep. John Lane, who led the fight.

Lansing people are greatly concerned in the smallpox outbreak in Deita township which adjoins Ingham county on the west. There are a number of cases in the township and the entire population is in danger.

Byron has a curious anomaly in the shape of John Fritz, aged 19, who is the son of the Byron saloon keeper. He is president of the Epworth League, and at the same time serves as bartender in his father's place of business.

A baby boy about 3 days' old was found on the 12th in the creek in the city limits of Bessemer, tied in a coffee sack with its throat cut, and a stone tied to the bag to sink it. School boys found it. The body had not been there more than one day.

St. Joseph is sadly in need of dwelling houses, and the board of trade and wealthy citizens at a mass meeting on the 12th hit upon the plan of organizing a house association, with a capital stock of \$70,000, for the purpose of constructing new houses and selling them to laboring men on the installment plan, and for renting.

Someone tried to wreck the midnight Grand Trunk train on the night of the 12th by placing a cedar post across the track near New Haven. A farmer discovered the obstruction in time. The train does not stop at New Haven, but runs through at full speed.

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Considerable doubt is expressed as to whether the Chandler railroad taxation bill is constitutional in its present shape, as it provides a board composed of the lieutenant-governor, state treasurer and attorney-general, to make the assessment on the railroads and other corporations named in the bill and then adds the members of the state tax commission to make up a board of review.

The house on the afternoon of the 10th passed Rep. Nevin's garnishment bill by a vote of 79 yeas to 15 nays. The bill allows an exemption of 80 per cent of the amount of money due an employe, with a proviso that in no case shall the amount exempted be less than \$8 nor more than \$30.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 11th: To increase the pay of election inspectors, clerks and gate keepers in Springwells township, Wayne county; to loan MacKinnon Island \$10,000; to amend the charter of Port Huron; to validate certain actions of St. Stephens church of Adrian; to bond for \$20,000 to amend the charter of Grand Rapids so as to debar from holding office any defaulter; appropriating \$4,500 for the state fair.

The house passed the following bills on the 12th: Providing that at each state asylum at least one non-resident woman physician shall be employed; authorizing the prosecuting attorney of St. Clair county to appoint an assistant; to legalize the Port Huron canal bonds issue of \$100,000 in the city of Port Huron.

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The house passed the following bills on the 11th: Appropriating \$179,000 for the industrial school for boys; providing that foreign fire and life insurance agents must obtain certificates of authority from the state insurance commissioner; appropriating \$24,000 for two years for the state library; to do away with double taxation of mortgages; authorizing Saginaw traction company to manufacture salt from the surplus steam and furnish power lighting and manufacturing to private corporation; to abolish the political convention system throughout the state so that all candidates for office may be voted by the direct vote of the people, with referendum clause attached; to tax the property of railroads, telegraph, telephone, express, sleeping cars and fast freight line companies on the ad valorem basis; entering the open season of catching trout and whitefish in the waters of Lake Huron, Saginaw bay, Green bay and Lake Erie; amending the charter of the city of Grand Rapids; for the state to loan \$10,000 to the MacKinnon Island board of commissioners for the purpose of improving the MacKinnon Island state parks, roads and walks, the state to receive 3 per cent interest each year for 10 years on the money; appropriating \$500 for a monument to E. May Tower, the Michigan army nurse who died in Porto Rico, monument shall be erected at Byron; appropriating \$65,400 for the school for the blind.

Rep. Chandler's ad valorem railroad tax bill, amended so that the state tax commission alone shall constitute the assessing board, was reported out for printing on the 9th by the committee on railroads. The bill is amended so that it will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 1902, when the repeal of the special railroad charters—the Michigan Central, the Lake Shore, etc.—will have become effective.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 10th: Increasing the number of wards in the city of Peckosky to four; amending the charter of the city of Saginaw by making a change in broadening powers of common council in regard to assessments, and by giving fire department board power to make repairs to fire stations, subject to the approval of the common council; relative to the general revision of the charter of the city of Jackson; incorporating the village of Manistique, Schoolcraft county, so that it may become a fourth class city and also fixing the term of justices of the peace; amending the election law relative to registration, compelling re-registration of voters in Saginaw county.

Two bills now in the hands of the house village corporation committee will be of much interest to the various villages of the state. One provides for the election of a village president for a term of two years instead of one as at present, and the other provides for the election by the people of a marshal and street commissioner. At present those officers are appointed by the president, and in many cases it is claimed the appointments are made with a view of building up political fences or with some personal ends rather than with an aim for the villages' best interests. The bill is likely to receive favorable consideration this week.

In committee of the whole on the 8th, the senate, by a vote of 12 to 13, agreed to Senator Loomis' bill providing that there shall be women members of the state asylum boards. The joint resolution requesting congress to submit to a vote of the people a federal constitutional amendment permitting candidates for U. S. offices to be voted for directly by the people instead of having them elected by the state legislatures, was agreed to. Senator Murfin's bill cutting down the time in which suits may be brought for personal injuries from three to two years was also agreed to.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 9th: Constituting the five supervisors of the city of Adrian a board of review for the assessment of property; limiting the amount to be raised for municipal purposes in the city of Grand Rapids to 1 per cent. The present limit is 1 1/2 per cent; changing name of the state house of correction and reformatory at Ionia to Michigan reformatory.

The house on the afternoon of the 11th made a great record in the way of passing important measures. The list includes the Chandler ad valorem tax bill, the Colby general bill to abolish political conventions, the Lowrey Ward mortgage tax bill and the McMiller compromise open season extension fish bill. That body went on record as being overwhelmingly in favor of the ad valorem system of taxing the property of railroad, telegraph, telephone, express, sleeping car and fast freight line companies. Rep. McCallum's specific tax bill was defeated by a vote of 16 yeas to 78 nays.

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