

NEW LAWS ENACTED

Important Measures Which Were Passed by the State Legislature.

INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS

List of the Important Bills So Far Approved by the Governor—Six Bills Vetoed.

Although the session of the Forty-second legislature will not come to a final end until the 18th inst., the work of making laws was brought to a close at high noon on Wednesday of last week. The eight days after the cessation of work on the part of the lawmakers has been devoted to the enrollment of bills for presentation to the governor for his approval or disapproval. This year's session was twelve days longer than its predecessor, final adjournment having been reached two years ago on June 6.

One of the most important measures passed during the session just about to close is a joint resolution providing for the submission to the people of a proposition to call a convention to make a general revision of the constitution. The present constitution was adopted in 1850 and many of its provisions are not in keeping with the changed conditions of the present day.

Increase in Appropriations.

About seventy-five more laws were enacted this year than in 1902. The appropriations of the present legislature will approximate \$7,000,000, which is about \$450,000 more than was appropriated two years ago. Practically all of this increase is represented in the increased cost of conducting our asylums and prisons due, not to any increased cost per capita, but to the larger number of inmates.

Among the more important bills passed were those providing for the infliction of indeterminate sentences upon convicts and the placing of convicts on probation in certain cases before commitment to prison. The bill increasing the authorized limit of capital for Michigan corporations to \$25,000,000 is considered of great importance, and there are others of much interest, as will be seen from an examination of the subjoined list.

Vetoed by the Governor.

Governor Bliss has vetoed six bills. These measures amended the Bay City charter by providing for an assistant street commissioner; provided for the payment by municipalities of premiums on surety bonds required of employees and officials; provided extra compensation for supervisors of Ionia county in certain cases; abolished the office of chief deputy game warden; required the giving to all creditors five days' notice of intention to sell stocks of goods in bulk, and took from the chief executive and placed in the hands of the state board of corrections and charities the power to appoint county agents of such board. Whether any more bills will meet with the disapproval of the governor is problematical. The bills of importance thus far approved by the governor and deposited with the secretary of state are as follows:

Affecting Labor.

Amending law relative to lien for labor and materials; extending provisions of law providing for inspection of workshops; fixing responsibility for making permanent improvements to manufacturing establishments when ordered by factory inspectors; prescribing duties and liabilities of employers and employees arising from offer and acceptance of labor or service for hire at some point away from the home locality; amending act of 1899 for the protection of health, etc., of coal miners; amending law providing for fans and blowers in workshops.

Incorporation of Societies.

Providing for incorporation of Michigan commanderies of the military order of the Loyal Legion of United States; amending act of 1897 for incorporating societies for general culture, etc.; amending law so as to increase amount of property which may be held by literary or scientific associations; providing for the incorporation of societies not for pecuniary profit.

Pertaining to Liquor Laws.

Amending law so as to provide an annual tax of \$50 for each warehouse maintained by foreign brewing companies; amending local option law permitting manufacture and sale in local option counties of wine or cider from home grown fruit in quantities of not less than five gallons; providing that liquor dealers in Charlevoix county shall furnish bonds of surety companies.

State Lands.

Providing for disposition by state swamp land board of lands unearned in carrying out purposes of 1897 for improvement of Shiawassee river; to define and perfect title to certain state tax homestead lands and to limit the time for bringing actions in regard thereto; relative to the unauthorized removal of timber or other property from state tax lands; creating a forestry reserve; empowering the commissioner of the state land office to sell timber from state lands.

Public Health.

Amending law relative to quarantining of persons or of paying expense thereof; amending law relative to township board of health; providing that licensed embalmers may act as sub-registrars of deaths when duly authorized by the secretary of state; providing for

the prevention of rabies in indigent persons; providing for the inspection of animals intended for meat supplies, and for regulation of slaughter houses and meat markets, and to license the sale of meats in cities, villages and townships, etc.; empowering state board of health to determine qualifications, examine and license persons to practice the art of embalming; regulating the practice of osteopathy in this state; amending the law for the examination, regulation, licensing and registration of physicians and surgeons; giving supervisors of Gogebic, Marquette, Iron, Baraga and Bay counties general supervision over contagious diseases, etc.; providing for quarantining, etc., in Cheboygan county; preservation of public health in Mason county; providing county poor physician for Saginaw county; authorizing Ontonagon county to maintain one or more hospitals; preventing emptying of sewage into Spring lake; authorizing Baraga and Iron counties to maintain hospitals.

Prison and Reformatories.

Providing for the indeterminate sentencing and for the disposition, management and release of criminals under such sentence; authorizing judges of criminal courts to release convicts on probation.

Railroads.

Providing for the exercise by the commissioner of railroads of the police power of the state over the affairs and business of corporations and persons engaged in urban, suburban and inter-urban railway transportation.

Roads, Bridges and Drains.

Providing for the better drainage of highways in certain cases; amending act regulating use of steam engines, etc., on highways; amending general highway law (several); relating to applications for locating and establishing drains in Saginaw county; providing a method for the better construction and care of highways in Berrien county; designating and establishing a state road through townships of Lincoln, Deep River and Clayton, Arenac county; authorizing supervisors of Kalkaska county to levy a 4 mill tax for a county road system; providing for the election of a county drain commissioner for Berrien county; relative to applications for establishing drains in Berrien county; regulating the levy of taxes for opening streets in Detroit; establishing a county road system in Farmington township, Oakland county; providing for construction of a bridge across Grand River, between Walker and Grand Rapids townships, Kent county; relative to fences along highways in Charlevoix county; creating a state highway department for instruction in construction of highways.

Insurance.

Authorizing the city of Mt. Pleasant to insure buildings and personal property of Central State Normal school; amending fraternal beneficiary law so as to legalize operations of National Protective Legion; exempting reserve funds of fraternal beneficiary societies from taxation; amending law relative to securities that may be deposited with state treasurer by life insurance companies, and authorizing insurance commission to vary standards and interest on railway policies; authorizing the insurance commissioner to require life insurance companies of foreign countries to deposit in this country the reserves on all policies issued to citizens of this country; permitting reinsuring company to deduct reinsurance premiums in reporting premiums for taxation in case the tax on the full premium has been paid by the reinsured company.

Taxation.

Amending general tax law relative to bonds of township treasurers; amending law for assessment of railroad property relative to fixing average rate of taxation, etc.; exempting funds of fraternal beneficiary societies from taxation; amending general tax law (several); amending the law for the taxation of inheritances; exempting certain bonds of city of Adrian from taxation; providing a method for assessment of taxes for construction of drains in Berrien county; relative to special assessment for paying in the village of Charlevoix; limiting aggregate amount which may be raised by general taxes in city of Mt. Clemens; providing for assessment and collection of highway taxes in Port Huron township, St. Clair county; amending law for taxation of inheritances.

Elections.

Providing for the submission to the people of the question of calling a convention for the purpose of making a general revision of the constitution; amending act regulating manner of conducting township election so as to provide for opening polls at 7 o'clock a. m.; providing primary election law for Muskegon county; dividing Milan township, Monroe county, into two election districts; relative to voting precincts on islands of North and South Manitowick; dividing townships of Ida, Monroe county into two election districts; prescribing manner of holding elections in city of Au Sable; amending act dividing townships of Hudson, Lenawee county, into two election districts; providing three election precincts in Baldwin township, Delta county; providing for election of claim commissioners in Eaton and Van Buren counties; dividing Woodstock township, Lenawee county, into two election districts; dividing Crystal Falls township, Iron county, into two election districts; providing for two voting precincts in Germantown township, Schoolcraft county; providing primary election system for Kent county; authorizing division of Sherman township, Keeweenaw county, into two election districts; division of Moran township, Mackinac county into two election districts; dividing Hudson township,

Lenawee county, into two election districts; providing primary election system for Wayne county; providing for two election precincts for Stanton township, Houghton county.

Judiciary and Courts.

Amending the law defining the limits, jurisdiction and powers of circuit courts in certain cases as to duties of clerk and sheriff in the absence of the peace to make reports to prosecuting attorneys in criminal proceedings; authorizing courts having jurisdiction in criminal cases to hold in place convicts on probation under care of probation officers; amending act of 1897 relative to jurisdiction, power and procedure of probate courts; amending law regulating practice in justice courts; defining the jurisdiction of circuit courts in chancery in election cases; amending act providing for transfer of cases from one circuit court to another in election cases; providing for the removal of actions before justices of the peace in Springwells, Wayne county; amending justice court act of the city of Grand Rapids, making persons other than attorneys at law, ineligible to election or appointment to office of probate judge in Iron county; amending district justice court act; creating a municipal court in the city of Menominee.

Educational.

Amending law so as to authorize qualified voters of school districts to make appropriation for transporting children to and from school; amending school law relative to vacancies in district school offices; amending school law as to duties of district officers; to facilitate the inspection of records and files of offices of school districts; amending act of 1891 providing for election of county school commissioner and appointment of county examiners; for securing information regarding all public or school libraries in this state; revising laws for the government and control of the state public school; amending various sections of general law for incorporation of school districts; amending law for incorporation of associations for establishing scholarships in Michigan university for the benefit of graduates of high schools of the state; amending general school law; providing for the payment of tuition in and transportation to another district of children who have completed the eighth grade in any school district; authorizing the regents of the university to grant teacher's certificates, etc.; re-incorporating the board of education of the city of Hastings; amending act incorporating public schools of Bunyon township, Bay county; amending act incorporating the board of education of the city of Saginaw; providing for board of library commissioners to manage public district library and library property and art gallery of the city of Grand Rapids; incorporating public schools of Charlton township, Otsego county; providing for compulsory education of children in Osceola township, Houghton county; providing a uniform system of examination of teachers for Presque Isle county; amending act incorporating public schools of Ossineke township, Alpena county; giving additional powers to school board of fractional District No. 1 of Cottleville township, St. Clair county; requiring the state board of education to prescribe courses of study, issue certificates, etc., in connection with the several state normal schools.

Relative to Official Salaries.

Fixing the compensation of members of the legislature; increasing the salaries of police justices of Detroit to \$4,000; fixing term of office and compensation of stenographers of the Thirty-eighth judicial circuit; appropriating \$10,000 for salaries of attorney general's assistants; fixing salary of stenographer of Thirty-sixth judicial circuit; creating office of chief clerk in department of public instruction and fixing salary at \$1,200; providing for appointment of stenographer of Wayne county probate court and fixing compensation; amending act for appointment of stenographer for Twelfth judicial circuit so as to fix salary at \$2,400 per annum; amending acts relative to salaries of probate judges so as to grade such salaries according to population of the respective counties; fixing compensation of clerks in state library; authorizing Ionia county supervisors to fix the compensation of members of committees of said board in certain cases; providing for payment of annual salary to the president of the village of Essexville, Bay county; providing for an assistant prosecuting attorney for Macomb county and fixing salary; providing a salary for circuit court commissioner of Iron county; fixing compensation of township drain assessors in Allegan county; fixing compensation of sheriff of Wayne county; regulating salary of probate register of Kent county; fixing salary of stenographer of Genesee county probate court; providing for paying stenographer for taking testimony in criminal courts and at coroner's inquests in Genesee county; fixing compensation of clerk of Wayne county school commissioner; providing for appointment and compensation of county road commissioner for Dickinson county; fixing compensation of coroners of Kent county; fixing salary of state highway commissioner.

Game, Fish and Fisheries.

Repealing Act 27 of 1891 preventing the spearing of fish in inland lakes of Livingston county; to protect fishing rights and privileges in a portion of Saginaw bay; prohibit use of seines, gillnets, etc., in certain waters of Lake Superior; protecting fish and regulating fishing in Lyon, Long, Pine, and Fish lakes, Calhoun county; regulate taking of fish in Whitney bay and tributary waters, Chippewa county; regulating taking and catching of fish in Crystal lake, Benzie county; providing for lawful taking of esoc

fish in Lanbie lakes, Lake county; providing for the erection and maintenance of fish ladders for the passage of fish through dams across Cap river, Emmet county; changing open season for certain kinds of fish; amending act of 1893 prohibiting taking of fish in rivers and inland waters of Macomb, St. Clair, Lapeer and Oakland counties, except by hook and line; protecting fish in Rush lake, Huron county; amending act of 1885 for protection of fish in Saginaw bay and its tributaries; amending act of 1890 protecting fish in Kalamazoo river and tributaries in Saugatuck and Manlius townships, Allegan county; prohibiting catching fish in Crystal lake, Montcalm county, except by hook and line; amending act of 1883 prohibiting taking of fish in River Raisin; prohibiting the use of submarine trap nets; permitting the use of seines and pound nets and gill nets of certain prescribed meshes in taking certain fish from St. Clair river; providing for screening outlets and inlets of Walled lake, Oakland county, and to prohibit fishing in said lake, except with hook and line; providing for the protection of rabbits in Washtenaw, Oakland, Charlevoix, St. Clair and Lake counties; to prevent obstructions being so placed in the Bay of False Presque Isle as to prevent free passage of fish up and down said stream to spawning grounds; to punish the negligent or careless shooting of human beings by persons in the pursuit of game; amending act of 1897 relative to fishing in Wild Fowl bay; providing for taking fish with seine from Ottawa lake Monroe county; amending act to prevent destruction of fish in Reid and Fish lakes, Kent county; protecting trout in Au Sable river and its tributaries; amending law establishing state fish commission relating to employees; permitting taking of German carp from Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Detroit river; permitting taking of fish by means of fixed lines in Van Buren county; permit catching of herring and other rough fish in Lake Huron under certain conditions; amending the deer license law; prohibiting killing of deer for five years in counties of Lake, Wexford, Osceola, Clare, Mason, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Benzie, Leelanau, Grand Traverse, Oceana and Gladwin.

Authorizing Bonding.

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