

# RAILWAY COMPLAINT

### It Is That the Taxes Hit the Roads Too Hard and Also Very Unjustly.

## NONSUIT FOR MICHIGAN CENTRAL

#### Asked by the State, or a Bill of Particulars—Lake Collision—State News Notes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 17.—Twenty-seven new bills of complaint were filed in the United States circuit court here in the suits brought by the various railroads of Michigan to restrain Auditor General Perry F. Powers from collecting the differences in taxes between the old specific tax and the new ad valorem tax. They are substitutes for bills heretofore withdrawn. The claims now set forth declare that while the railroads under the ad valorem act are vastly over-taxed other properties are not assessed in accordance with their value. Judge Wemy issued a temporary restraining order directed against the auditor general, returnable on Aug. 11.

**Suit of the Michigan Central.**  
Detroit, June 17.—State's Attorney General Blair has entered a motion in the Wayne circuit court that the Michigan Central railroad be non-suited in its case against the state for \$6,000,000 damages because of the repeal of the road's special charter, or that an order be made fixing an early date on which the railroad shall file a bill of particulars in support of its claims. Judge Brooke set the hearing on the motion for June 21. The attorney general set forth in his motion that the state made its formal petition for a bill of particulars on Feb. 28 last and that the desired information had not been furnished.

**Reserve Fund Not Taxable.**  
Lansing, Mich., June 17.—An opinion handed down by Justice Moore, of the supreme court, affirms the judgment of the Wayne county court in the case of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company against the city of Detroit. This means that the reserve fund of an insurance company is not taxable in the state of Michigan.

## TUG COMES NEAR BEING SUNK

### Two Boats Get Together in Torch Lake and a Panic Ensnues Among Those on Board.

Houghton, Mich., June 17.—The tug Nellie Cotton, of Houghton, had a narrow escape from being sunk by the propeller of Rochester in Torch Lake. The propeller's bow caught the tug in the stern and keeled her over, smashing the bulwark and steel plates. Nineteen persons aboard the tug were thrown into a panic.

Engineer Charles Gulver was hurled overboard, and Miss Roberts, sister of Captain Roberts of the tug, saved herself by catching a rope. The tug was driven ashore so hard it took the tug Sheldon several hours to pull her off. The Rochester was not damaged. Several passengers were slightly injured.

## More of the Himburg Girl.

Owosso, Mich., June 17.—Miss Minnie Himburg, the girl who is scarred on the face, neck and arms from carbolic acid at one time since her adventure said she had inflicted the injuries herself. Now she asserts that Mrs. E.H. Wilkinson was her assailant. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mrs. Wilkinson on the charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. Miss Himburg says her love for young Wilkinson, and the desire to spare him shame, was the cause of her first story.

## His Mind Ruined by Drink.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 17.—E. W. Monroe has been appointed guardian of Frank Kinney, a prominent farmer, whose mind has been ruined by drink. Kinney said in the probate court that he sold his wife for 10 cents along with 900 sheep, twenty-five pigs and four cows, which brought a total of \$4,000. Later, he admitted that he had not sold her, but said he would, and still kept the price at a dime.

## Will Hunt Lost Treasure.

Oscoda, Mich., June 17.—One of the most thoroughly organized hunts for lost treasure ever attempted on the great lakes is to be made on Lake Huron, where the Milwaukee Wrecking company is preparing to search for the hulks of long lost vessels dotting the lake bottom six or seven miles off this shore. One of the most valuable cargoes is a large one of copper, lost in the early days of lake navigation.

## Rain Interrupts the Exercises.

Detroit, June 17.—While the senior literary and engineering class day exercises of the University of Michigan were in progress under the Tappan Oak a heavy rain interrupted the proceedings and compelled an adjournment to University Hall for the remainder of the programme. The exercises were largely attended by friends of the graduates from all over the country.

## Given a Post at the 'Varsity.

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 17.—Harry M. Bates, a Chicago attorney, has been appointed Tappan professor of law by the regents of the University of Michigan, vice Professor Floyd R. Mechem, who resigned.

# GAY AND SAD BY TURN

### Mrs. McKnight Changes Her Mood According to Circumstances, It Would Appear.

## BROTHER AND SISTER VISIT HER

#### Seem To Be Convinced That She Is Guilty—No. 1 Case of Michigan Elopement.

Kalkaska, Mich., June 16.—Since she unburdened her mind to Prosecuting Attorney Smith, Mrs. Mary McKnight has been growing light-hearted and self-confident. She smiles now, and has even laughed. Observing acquaintances say they are reminded of her deportment after the deaths of her husband and other. Yet, let one of her relatives come into the prison and she becomes apparently the normal woman, craving sympathy and affection and seeking to cover up her dreadful offenses.

### Brother and Sister Visit Her.

Charles Murphy and Mrs. Jerome Woodward, her brother and sister, came from Fife Lake for the first time since she confessed. She received each with a close embrace and a kiss, and wept over them. To each she is reported to have repeated her assertion of innocence of guilty intent. When Charles Murphy, a manly young fellow, came out of his sister's cell, it was with evidence of deepest grief upon his face. Tears streamed down his cheeks.

### Thinks She Must Have Been Crazy.

"If I could see that paper (the one containing her confession) and see her name, and know it, I would have to believe it," he said. He was shown the confession by Prosecutor Smith. "That's her signature," said the lad, after examining it closely. He spoke in broken tones. "I can't understand it all. She must have been crazy." His sister, Mrs. Woodward, had little more to say, but when she was talking to Smith she let slip a remark which would indicate that the Murphy family is resigning itself to the belief that Mary is guilty.

### No Deeper Than Her Victims.

"She is no deeper to us than the others were, and she ought to pay the penalty," Prosecutor Smith was very careful about the manner in which he secured the confession. So far from holding out any inducements, he did not even ask her a single question.

## SOME MICHIGAN ELOPEMENTS

### Man Elopes from His Wife First, Then the Woman Elopes with Her Stepson—Run to Earth.

St. Johns, Mich., June 16.—Benjamin and Olive Chapman, now in jail, pending transfer to the house of correction, have broken all records for elopements in central Michigan. Benjamin is a stepson of Olive Chapman, although about the same age—23. Olive came from Coldwater to New Haven, Grant county, eight years ago. She married a young man named Herbert Smith, lived with him two weeks, then he left, taking their baby.

Soon after Richard Chapman, a widower of 50 married her. He had eight children by his first wife, from 1 to 30 years old. Benjamin, his oldest son, ran away with his stepmother two months ago and coming to Olive township, Clinton county, went to work for James Hamer. Olive had five children by Richard, and the elopers took the two youngest along. Richard started out last week on his 55th birthday to hunt for them. He found them and they pleaded guilty.

### Michigan Turners Celebrate.

Detroit, June 16.—Several hundred representative turners from Ohio and Michigan cities came to Detroit to assist in the golden jubilee celebration of the Detroit Social Turnverein. Owing to the Belle Isle park commissioner objecting to the athletic exhibition which was scheduled for Sunday the event was postponed. In place of the athletics a reception was held and the visitors enjoyed a literary and dramatic entertainment.

### Firemen Saved the House.

Bay City, Mich., June 16.—Little Edward Daily, of 800 South Park avenue, took matches to his bed. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Daily heard him screaming, and found him sitting in the middle of the burning bed. The mother quickly wrapped a blanket about him and saved him. The fire department saved the house.

### Tried to Burn a House.

Traverse City, Mich., June 16.—An attempt to burn the residence of Ruben Crain was discovered just in time to save the building. Crain was away. Mrs. Crain was sleeping and a noise awakened her. Looking out, she discovered a blazing pile of rubbish which had been thrown against the side of the house.

### Forest Fires Playing Havoc.

Marquette, Mich., June 16.—Forest fires have been raging for three days near Eckerman and other points in the eastern part of the upper peninsula. Much standing timber, as well as logs, cordwood and tanbark, has been burned, and several lumber camps have been saved only after a hard fight.

### Suicided in a Saloon.

Saginaw, Mich., June 16.—A man who said he was James Butler, of Detroit, shot and killed himself in William Kennedy's saloon. He had been in the place only a few minutes.

## NEW LAWS ENACTED.

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\$25,000 for paving; Sewing township, Huron county, to bond for \$50,000 for stone roads; city of Hudson to bond for \$15,000 for streets and sewers; Sheridan township, Newaygo county to bond for \$20,000 for court house and jail; Deerfield township, Lenawee county, to bond for \$7,000 for bridge purposes; Mason county to levy a three mill tax for county roads; Sugar Island township, Chippewa county to borrow money to maintain a ferry; school district No. 2 of AuPLAIN township, Clinton county to bond for school buildings; township of Peninsula, Grand Traverse City to bond for \$20,000 for public improvements; village of Newaygo to bond for \$20,000 for court house and jail; school district No. 4 of Ecorse township, Wayne county to bond for \$50,000 for school buildings; city of Saginaw to borrow money for a bridge, etc.; township of Springlake, Ottawa county, to raise \$3,500 for bridge purposes; township of Warren, Macomb county, to bond for highway improvements; village of Standish to bond for \$25,000 for water works, electric lights, etc.; Jasper township, Midland county to borrow \$1,000 for a town hall; village of Houghton to bond for \$25,000 for sewers; school district No. 6 of Royal Oak, Oakland county to bond for \$3,000 for school buildings; village of Otsego to bond for public improvements; township of Mikado, Alcona county to bond for \$2,000 for a bridge; township of Gun Plains, Allegan county to bond for \$25,000 for a bridge; school district No. 1, Grosse Pointe township, Wayne county, to bond for \$5,000 for a school building; Bay county to bond for \$135,000 for road and bridge purposes.

**Appropriations.**  
Appropriating \$3,100 for grading grounds, etc., at industrial home for girls; appropriating \$4,000 to meet deficiency in current expense fund of industrial school for boys; appropriating \$19,350 for current expenses and repairs at Michigan school for the deaf for ensuing two years; appropriating \$1,849.75 to meet deficiency in current expense appropriation of Michigan school for the deaf; appropriating \$10,000 for salaries of attorney general's assistants; appropriating \$6,000 for a monument in memory of 700 Michigan soldiers who died in Andersonville prison; appropriating \$239,750 for current expenses of soldiers' home; appropriating \$16,800 for various purposes of state public school; appropriating \$5,000 per year for state agricultural society; appropriating \$1,500 per year for state horticultural society; appropriating \$9,100 for special purposes for Michigan reformatory; appropriating \$7,000 per year for the state library and a like sum per year for the traveling library; appropriating \$5,000 for purchase of records and briefs of United States supreme court for state library; appropriating \$22,000 per year for current expenses of state fish commission; appropriating \$80,400 for current expenses and improvements for Michigan school for the blind; appropriating \$156.65 to meet deficiency in current expense of northern normal school for 1901; appropriating \$151,100 for current expenses and improvements for industrial home for girls; appropriating \$3,375 per year for Michigan Pioneer and Historical society; appropriating \$1,250 per year for making records of Michigan soldiers in Spanish-American war; appropriating necessary expenses of dedicating soldiers monument at Andersonville; appropriating \$171,000 for current expenses and betterments for Michigan college of mines; appropriating \$22,350 for publishing and distributing the records of Michigan soldiers and sailors; appropriating \$78,775 for building and special purposes for upper peninsula hospital for the insane; appropriating \$67,857 for building and special purposes for Michigan asylum for insane; appropriating \$13,992 for building and special purposes for state asylum; appropriating \$62,610 for building and special purposes for northern Michigan asylum for insane; appropriating \$37,000 for an additional state normal school; appropriating \$5,000 for use in and about Mackinac island state park; appropriating \$1,300,115.50 to reimburse state for support of insane for years 1901 and 1902; appropriating \$206,000 to reimburse state for amount expended on account of current expenses of prisons for 1901 and 1902; appropriating \$100,000 for the establishment of employment institution for the blind; appropriating \$153,600 for current expenses and special purposes for industrial school for boys; appropriating \$7,500 per annum for maintenance of state forestry reserve; appropriating \$3,500 for printing, etc., for state geological survey; appropriating \$173,435 for general repairs, including new cell block at state prison at Jackson; appropriating \$7,430 for building and special purposes for upper peninsula prison; appropriating \$353,900 for current expenses, buildings, etc., for home for the feeble-minded and epileptic; appropriating \$50,000 for a Michigan exhibit at Louisiana Purchase exposition; appropriating \$325,545 for special state normal schools; appropriating \$34,435 for improvements at eastern Michigan asylum.

### Bills Not Acted Upon.

There still remain in the hands of the governor to be approved or permitted to die some seventy bills, the most important of which follows: Amending the assessment law so as to require a deposit of \$5,000 with the state treasury; exempting the reserve funds of life and fire insurance companies from taxation; requiring farmers mutual life insurance companies to assess for full amount of indebtedness.

Amending the law governing the circuit court of Wayne county relative to the appointment of clerks; increasing number of justices of supreme court from five to eight; providing for making stenographic reports of examinations before justices of the peace, etc., in Ingham county; amending law prohibiting judge from sitting in a case in which he is interested; empowering judges to act in their own judicial circuits concerning matters arising in other circuits in certain cases; amending act providing for the transfer of cases from one circuit court to another.

Providing for preservation of forests of state and for prevention and suppression of forest and prairie fires; providing for appointment of state trespass agents.

Providing for establishment of county normal training classes; amend act incorporating public schools of city of Ironwood; amending act relative to taking school census; authorizing regents of the University of Michigan to grant teachers' certificates in certain cases.

To regulate the manufacture and sale of renovated butter; amending act relative to appointments by dairy and food commissioner.

Appropriating \$5,000 per year for

business; amending mining corporation laws so as to provide for making reports in duplicate to secretary of state; amending law prescribing terms on which foreign corporations may be admitted to Michigan; amending act to prevent issue and call of fraudulent stock by unincorporated companies; amending claim law (several acts); making desertion and abandonment of wife or children a felony; amending law for consolidation of street railways, electric light and gas light companies or any two thereof; amending general law for the incorporation of villages; authorizing any gas light company or combination of street railway and electric light company to unite with similar corporations of an adjoining state; authorizing a tenant in common to take possession of entire premises against persons in possession who have no interest therein; providing for better drainage of highways in certain cases; regulating the granting of reliefs to and admission of certain poor persons to asylums and almshouses and providing for the expense of temporary care and transportation of such persons; regulating foreign tonnage, bond, certificate and investment companies, etc., other than life insurance companies and building and loan associations; amending general law relative to burying grounds; amending law governing state court of mediation and arbitration; amending act regulating use of steam engines, etc., on highways; amending the law relative to garnishment; amending law providing for formation of corporations for owning property for commercial purposes; providing for the care and preservation of cemetery lots; regulating the making up of reports of claims examined and adjusted by the board of state auditors; amending laws relative to fence viewers and impounding of cattle; authorizing board of state auditors to audit and allow certain claims against the state on account of improvement of Maple River; prohibiting the exhibition of formed or deceased human beings or bodies for other than medical purposes; amending banking law as to examinations; amending act for the formation of certain light companies; amending law relative to payment of debts and legacies of deceased persons; authorizing the formation of corporations for dealing in all kinds of real estate; amending law governing incorporation of manufacturing and mercantile companies; regulating the ordering of stationery, paper, printing and binding under state contracts; amending law relating to solemnization of marriages; making it unnecessary for the state to file bonds in suits or proceedings in which it is or may become a party or interested; providing for letting of contracts for heating the state house; authorizing municipalities to acquire rights of toll or plank road companies in streets; regulating corporations other than life insurance companies and building and loan associations which issue bonds, debentures, tolls, contracts, etc.; providing for incorporation of companies for contracting, furnishing and operating electric and other fire, burglar and emergency alarms; providing for the renewing of bonds of guardians, executors and administrators; amending in numerous particulars the general law for incorporation of villages; amending law relative to partition and distribution of estate; amending act relative to fees of sheriffs in certain cases; amending act for incorporation of charitable societies; amending law relative to destruction of wolves, etc.; authorizing boards of supervisors and township boards to refund and extend the time for payment of bonded indebtedness of counties and townships; amending the divorce law.

### Some Difficult Tables.

Some of the excavations at Nippur show that the Babylonians had multiplication tables five times as long as those commonly used in schools. Most little men and women, for instance, do not have to go further than twelve times twelve, but the little Babylonian children, says Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht, who superintended the late excavations, had to go as far as sixty times sixty.

Numbered fragments of tablets bearing these "multiplication tables" have been found, some few of which go as far as 1,300 times 1,300. But these were evidently only for astronomical purposes. Those old astronomers seem to have felt hard pressed for time, and when they were calculating the distances of the new stars they found, and their size, they did not want to take the time to multiply, and so just referred to these tables in stone.

### Fish Without Bait.

The fishermen of Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco river, in South America, catch their fish in the queerest way in the world. They use no bait, but try to hook the fish by the body. A cylindrical weight is tied to a long line. Above this weight, for a length of six inches, strong fish hooks are attached. The line is thrown out in places where the current is swift and shoals of fish pass. It is hauled in rapidly by a series of jerks and usually there is a fish on half the hooks.

### This Method of Fishing is Called Robador—Literally, "to rob."

Dyspepsia—bane of human existence. Burdock Blood Bitters cures it promptly, permanently. Regulates and tones the stomach.

agricultural experiment station in upper peninsula; appropriating \$1,300,000 for the general expenses of the state government; appropriating \$3,000 for new boiler house at industrial school for boys.

Requiring foreign for wholesale liquor dealers to pay same tax as Michigan wholesalers and designating a retailer as one who sells in lots of less than five gallons; permitting the common council or trustees of cities and villages of more than 3,000 inhabitants to accept surety companies on bonds of liquor dealers.

Miscellaneous—Amending the law relative to partnerships; amending the law relative to the incorporation of mining companies; reorganizing the state pardon board; regulating the use of automobiles on highways; amending act relative to pay of jurors; extending work of geological survey; creating a commission to locate position of Michigan troops at Vicksburg; to increase efficiency of military establishment of the state; prohibiting public presentation for profit of unpublished or undedicated dramatic plays; making election days bank holidays; affecting compensation of supervisors of Wayne county; providing for amending articles of incorporation of charitable, etc., societies; amending marriage laws so as to prohibit the marriage of cousins; to regulate the accounting of state institutions, bonds and commissions; amending act relative to actions of trespass; amending act relative to judgments and executions; amending act for incorporation of charitable societies (two); amending divorce laws so as to provide that every bill of complaint shall set forth the names and ages of all the children of the marriage; revising and consolidating the laws governing asylums for the insane.

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## LEGAL NOTICES.

### BANK STATEMENT.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

## PAW PAW SAVINGS BANK

At Paw Paw, Michigan, at the close of business, June 9th, 1903, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

Loans and discounts	\$ 107,037 09
Bonds, mortgages and securities	58,190 15
Overdrafts	592 36
Furniture and fixtures	3,005 37
Other real estate	1,928 48
Due from other banks and bankers	60 50
Dust from banks in reserve	
cities	\$ 20,270 36
U. S. and National Bank	
Currency	7,028 00
Gold coin	5,000 00
Silver coin	992 80
Nickels and cents	29 05
Checks, cash items, interest revenue	33,323 91
account	572 20
Total	\$ 204,619 85

### Capital stock paid in.

Capital stock paid in	\$40,000 00
Surplus fund	1,700 00
Undivided profits, net	2,282 64
Commercial deposits	136,976 71
Certificates of deposit	136,976 71
Savings certificates	100,637 21
Total	\$ 204,619 85

State of Michigan, County of Van Buren, ss.

I, John W. Free, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN W. FREE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of June, 1903.

J. B. SHOWERMAN, Notary Public.

### Probate Order.

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Present, Hon. James H. Johnson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph P. Morse, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Melissa M. Pierce, daughter of said estate, praying for reasons therein stated, that the court may adjudicate and determine who are and were at the time of his death the legal heirs of said deceased, and are entitled to inherit the real estate in said petition described.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 29th day of June, 1903, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the probate office in the village of Paw Paw, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the True North Star, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, for three successive weeks at least previous to said day of hearing.

JAMES H. JOHNSON, Judge of Probate.

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## EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE SOUTH HAVEN, Sunday, June 21.

Train will leave Paw Paw at 8:25 a. m. Rate 50 cts. See posters, or ask agents for particulars.

## SOUTH HAVEN, Sunday, June 28.

Train will leave Paw Paw at 9:55 a. m. Rate, 50 cents. See posters, or ask agents for particulars.

## BANNER SALVE

the most healing salve in the world.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Cures Grip in Two Days.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. *E. H. Green* on every box, 25c.

Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, *E. H.*