NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

The Trial of Col. Sutton was Commenced at Lansing on April 25—The Prosecution is Scheming to Save as Much Time as Possible.

Although the prosecution expects to make more rapid progress in the Sutton case than was made in the trial of Gen. Marsh, the chances are that the trial commenced on the 25th will not be finished before May 10. Should the defense have many witnesses, it will be nearer May 15 when the end is reached. It is expected that time will be made at the commencement of the trial, Judge Wiest having already considered and passed upon most of the motions and objections. These motions include all those made in behalf of Marsh. The prosecution hopes to gain further time by offering in bulk many of the exhibits, consisting of vouchers, etc., which had to be read into the Marsh record, this consuming much time. There are other portions of the testimony that can be treated similarly if the defense would consent.

The entire first day was spent in a strenuous effort on the part of the defense to secure a continuance, claiming that Tom L. Johnson, the street car magnate who is taking a trip to Europe, was a material witness, and the challenging of jurors by the defense. Judge Wiest denied the motion for a continuance, and this made Capt. Atkinson warm under the collar and he challenged the entire array of jurors.

Second Day.

The Sutton case came to an abrupt close on the 26th, Judge Wiest sustaining the challenge of the defense to both the special and extra jury panels owing to irregularities in drawing them. This throws the case over until an extra panel of 30 jurors can be summoned. The whole trouble seems to have been with the county officials, who for years have been drawning panels without closely following the provisions of the statute and their methods were only discovered when Capt. Atkinson made his numerous objections. After the decision of the court there was considerable speculation as to whether it would affect the verdict in the Marsh case, but Capt. Atkinson did not think so for the reason that the jury which tried Marsh was accepted by the defense, even though it was irregularly drawn.

Sutton's Attorneys will Attack Indictment.

Every one of the 30 jurors drawn at Mason on the 28th responded to roll call in the circuit court at Lansing on the 30th. Col. Sutton closely scanned the faces of the jurors as they answered to their names and took their places in the box, smiled grimly when the name of William H. McKale was called, evidently reflecting that McKale had a hand in his indictment. When court convened Capt. Atkinson started in with a motion that time be allowed the defense in which to look into the standing and character of the jurors, and also to examine the clerk's records relative to the drawing of the jury, and the assessment rolls of the several townships and wards for the purpose of seeing if the jurors were all taxpayers.

Eight reasons are assigned for quashing the indictment. They are that no order was ever made by the court calling or authorizing the drawing of a grand jury; that the persons claiming to act as grand jurors acted wholly without authority of law; that the persons mentioned in the indictment as grand jurors were not selected to act as grand jurors for Ingham county in accordance with any provisions of law; that none of the names of persons acting as grand jurors were ever placed in packages provided by law to contain the names of grand jurors, when reported by the township officials to the county clerk; that the slips were not folded so as to conceal the names of persons returned; that no records were kept by officials participating in the drawing; that the clerk did not hand the slips to the sheriff, whose duty it was to keep minutes of the drawing, but did hand them to Carl Loomis, a deputy sheriff.

Disease in Michigan.

Reports to the state board of health show that influenza, rheumatism, bronchitis, neuralgia and tonsillitis, in the order named, cause the most sickness in the state during the past week. Cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported at 4 places, smallpox at 6, diphtheria at 16, whooping-cough at 17, typhoid fever at 28, scarlet fever at 64, measles at 107 and consumption 164.

The Cheboygan Rifles will build a new $15,000 armory this summer.

Civil service examination, to fill positions of office clerk and carrier, will be held at Benton Harbor, June 2.

A new Free Methodist church is being built near the line between Ogemaw and Gladwin counties, near Standish.

Gov. Pingree has appointed Wm. R. Bacon, of Sault Ste. Marie, agent of the state board of charities for Chippewa county.

The measles are epidemic at Monroe to such an extent that the attendance at some of the schools is reduced about 50 per cent.

A grand jury may be called to investigate the manner in which the recent Republican caucuses were conducted at Ann Arbor.

A corporation has been formed at New Buffalo to open a new summer resort near the village, to be called the Vetterly Park association.

A Distracted Mother and a Dead Baby.

The sad results of a woman's shame were disclosed at Port Huron on April 30 by the detention at the Grand Trunk tunnel station of the unfortunate mother with a dead 4-weeks-old baby in her arms. She had been carrying the baby about with her for some hours at least, and in her distraction did not know what to do with it. The unfortunate is an unmarried woman of 24 years, whose home is in Aloniston, Ont. She had been confined at the Woman's Hospital and Foundlings' Home in Detroit, and left that institution about a week previous, going to her home. Upon the advice of relatives she had started for Detroit to leave the child for adoption, and the baby died while en route. The coroner's inquest revealed the fact that the infant died a natural death and the mother was released. After making arrangements for the burial of her baby at Port Huron she departed for home.

Another Wreck on the Rapid Railway.

Some miscreant deliberately opened a switch on the Rapid Railway line, opposite the Michigan salt works, three miles south of Marine City on the night of the 26th, and as the result the motorman was probably fatally injured and the car damaged to a considerable extent. A small track which branches from one of the big railrord lines leads directly into the yard at the salt works. The Rapid Railway car ran into the switch at a rapid gait and crashed into a box car which was standing on the side track. The motorman was injured internally and may not survive the shock. The vestibule on the car was smashed into kindling wood while the upper portion of the car was torn completely off its trucks. None of the passengers were injured.

Cattle Raising in Michigan.

Hon. A. M. Todd, of Kalamazoo, has purchased 8,000 acres of stump land in Home township, Newaygo county, and is negotiating for more. He intends to have the largest and best equipped cattle range in the state. The land is rolling and well watered by springs and running brooks. He has given orders for two carloads of wire to fence it; will erect good and substantial buildings thereon and stock it with blooded cattle. George A. Day, a resident of Newaygo, is so enthused with the idea that he has purchased 2,000 acres and will emulate the ex-congressman. This stump land is being rapidly taken up by outside investors for grazing and hay land. Much of the soil is heavy clay, while the sandy soil is specially adapted to fruit growing.

Suicide at Spring Lake.

The little village of Spring Lake is greatly stirred by a tragedy that occurred there of the 27th. Agnes Trotter, a widow, daughter of Postmaster Heath, shot herself through the heart and died instantly. While Mrs. Trotter was at her work in the postoffice on the above date, she was accused by a prominent woman of Grand Haven of being unduly intimate with her husband. The woman was so shocked by the charges that she went to her home, got a revolver and shot herself. She was a leader in Spring Lake society, was a Sunday school worker and a general favorite.

Will Have a Silver Jaw.

An unusual operation was performed upon Frank Herrington, of Port Huron, at the hospital in Ann Arbor on the 24th. He had a cancer on the left jaw bone. The flesh was cut at a point starting at the center of the upper lip and taking away from the bone. The left upper jaw was then removed and the flesh replaced. A silver plate, or rather a silver jaw, will be placed in position as soon as Mr. Herrington is strong enough for another operation, and the silver jaw will be a substitute for what nature provided him.

Father and Son Killed by a Train.

Joachim Kruse, a prominent farmer living near Blissfield, and his young son, were struck and killed by a fast mail train while driving across the L. S. & M. S. tracks at Riga on the 26th. The team of horses were also killed. Kruse had driven to an elevator with a load of grain and was turning his wagon around when the train struck them. The boy died instantly and the father succumed while on his way to a hospital at Toledo.

Will Dedicate the New Pavement.

Benton Harbor business men are preparaing to hold a mask carnival to celebrate the completion of the city's new asphalt pavement, but if the work on the pavement progresses as rapidly in the future as it has in the past, there will be no hurry about making preparations for the event. The paving was begun last year, and is still a long way from completion.

The business men of Howell have decided to hold a street fair this fall, which will be the only fair in the county. Brighton business men having decided to abandon theirs after running it for over 20 years.

Wayland's village council is in a deadlock over the granting of saloon licenses, and there hasn't been a meeting at which any business has been done since March 27, and the prospects are there won't be one for some time to come.

One of the tax assessment blanks sent out by the Houghton county supervisors came back bearing across its face the following legend: "In copper I trusted, and now I am busted." All the people in Michigan of whom that is true do not live in Houghton county, either.

The continued dry weather is causing serious forest fires to rage through many parts of Ogemaw county, especially in the timber and swamps in the northern townships. The Siper school house burned. The losses promise to be serious and extensive if rain does not come soon.

STATE GOSSIP.

The season for the beautiful trailing arbutus is at hand.

Wildcats continue to be killed in Gladwin and Arenac counties.

Thieves are stealing sheep and cattle around Lapeer for their pelts.

New Buffalo is to have telephone exchange, which is now in course of construction.

With a population of 10,000, Pontiac has 21 boozeries. Not much chance to get dry there.

The Michigan Telephone Co. will place all its wires underground in the business section of Flint.

What is said to be the last drive of logs which will ever go down the Cass river has been completed.

The season's matrimonial run opened at St. Joseph on April 29, with eight candidates, all from Chicago.

The National Salt association will build a $7,000 storehouse at St. Joseph, which will be the distributing station for Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Almont's schools have been re-opened after a short closed season on account of scarlet fever in the village.

Civil service examination, to fill the positions of postoffice clerk and carrier, will be held at Ypsilanti, Ionia and Jackson, Mich., June 6.

Mayville has a chance to embark in municipal ownership, the proprietor of the local electric lighting plant having offered to sell out to the village for $2,500.

Several business places at Brighton were visited by burglars on the night of the 25th, but the latter were evidently amateurs, as they did not secure any booty.

Oscar L. Curtis, the 19-year-old son of Orin Curtiss, of Coloma, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Paw Paw river at Watervliet on the 23d. He was out of work and discouraged.

Hereafter saloons in Manistique must be located at least 500 feet away from any school building, the city council having recently passed an ordinance to that effect.

The Michigan Central contemplates about $80,000 worth of improvements at Jackson in the way of a new boiler shop and an electric light and steam heating plant.

The First State Savings bank, of Breckenridge, was visited by burglars on the night of the 24th, who blew up the vault, but could not blow open the burglar-proof safe.

Marcellus is becoming a center for the marketing and shipping of water cress to the big cities, and the result is quite an increase in the per capita circulation of the coin of the realm in the little village.

Romeo is without police protection, the office of village marshal being vacant, owing to the fact that a suitable person cannot be found for the place, the meager salary of $100 a year being no inducement for a good man.

Railroad Commissioner Osborne won an important case in the supreme court on the 24th against the Wabash railway, which compels that company to reduce its passenger fares from three cents to two and one-half cents per mile in the this state.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyons, of Hudson, was attacked by a vicious bulldog, belonging to her father, on the 24th and was frightfully lacerated about the arm before the brute was killed. It is feared the arm will have to be amputated.

The judgment of $7,000 given to Miss Mary L. Shaw, of Milletts, against the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad Co. by an Eaton county jury has been affirmed by the supreme court. Miss Shaw was struck by pieces of glass broken by a mail sack being thrown the station window and her eyesight destroyed.

6Lowell thieves are not troubled by any great amount of modesty. One of them walked into the kitchen of a local hotel the other day and carried away 14 dozen of eggs and a pair of trousers, right in broad daylight, and then went to a grocery store and sold the eggs. And the local officers haven't been able to get any trace of them since.

A Reading boy chased a rabbit into a hole while out hunting and after digging a while he tried to reach it with his hand. He got hold of what he supposed was a root and pulled it out. The root proved to be a blue racer, and the haste with which the boy dropped it was a caution. After killing the snake he measured it and found it was five feet and seven inches long.

There is so much patriotism at Kalkaska that the residents are not able to vent it sufficiently on the Fourth of July, so they are going to make their celebration of the nation's birthday this year cover two days, the same as they did last year. Another thing, too, is that by having a two days' celebration the saloons are able to assist on one day without violating the law.

Charles R. Mains, of Marshall, who gained notoriety throughout the state a year ago by reason of his connection with the famous Mains-Hulbert case, has filed his bonds for security for costs in the $200,000 damage suit recently commenced by him against Stephen S. Hulbert et al. The bond is in the sum of $400, and Benjamin F. Morgan, who signed his bonds in the other case, is on it.

A good roads convention held at Traverse City on the 25th was largely attended. The Grand Traverse Roadmakers' association was formed. Officers: President, A. P. Gray; secretary, Robt. Barney. Five delegates were chosen from the county to the good roads congress at Port Huron in July, and five from Leelanau county. Other counties in this section will be asked to join and send delegates.

Galesburg has sprung up as a rival to Three Oaks, of Dewey cannon fame. The former place is to have a captured Spanish cannon and Gen. W. R. Shafter is to be present at the dedication.

FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE

By Telegraph Giving a Brief Resume of the Week's Events.

RELIABLE AND INTERESTING.

Accident at the Paris Exposition — Six Persons Killed Outright and 40 Injured as the Result— Bridge Which had Been Condemned Collapsed.

Accident at the Paris Exposition.

An accident within the exposition grounds caused the death of six persons and injury to many on the 29th. A temporary bridge, unable to withstand the Sunday crowd, broke. It is now known that six persons were killed and about 40 others injured. The accident threw a pall over the happiness of an immense throng who had profited by the magnificent weather to visit the exposition. Strangely enough, the bridge had been condemned by the exhibition authorities on the same day of the accident. The public was therefore not allowed upon the structure, and in this way a disaster even more terrible than which occurred was averted. The gay crowd was passing along the avenue and some hundred or more persons were walking beneath the bridge, when suddenly an ominous crash was heard. Before those underneath could turn aside the structure fell with a fearful crash, burying nearly 50.

$20,000,000 Fire in Ontario.

Five square miles of territory burned over; more than 2,500 dwellings, factories, mills, stores and other buildings destroyed, entailing a loss estimated to reach $20,000,000 and between 12,000 and 15,000 men, women and children homeless, is a summing up of the havoc wrought by fire at Hull and in Ottawa, Ont., on the 26th. Most of the lumber mills in Ottawa and Hull have disappeared and are now mere heaps of charred wood and ashes. Half a dozen churches and schools, a number of mills, the Hull waterworks, the Hull courthouse and jail, the convent—almost every business place and about 1,000 dwellings and shops at that place have been destroyed. Indeed, practically nothing of the village is left but a church and a few houses beyond it.

Sultan has Agreed to Settle.

It can be stated on authority that the negotiations representing the American missionary claims are progressing in the most satisfactory manner, in the view of the government. The department has received from Mr. Griscom, the United States charge, a cablegram announcing that the porte has undertaken to meet all of the engagements made with the U. S. minister respecting the payment of the claims set up on account of the destruction of the American missionary property in Turkey. It is not stated when the payments will be made, and it is surmised that, owing to the many obligations of greater magnitude pressing upon the porte, some time may yet elapse before the money is actually in hand.

Capt. Carter Now in Prison.

Oberlin M. Carter, late captain U. S. A., reached the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., on the 27th. By special orders issued from the department of justice, newspaper men were not permitted to interview the prisoner, who was immediately dressed in the prison garb and assigned to a cell. His prison number is 2094, and he is the occupant of cell No. 425. Carter will be a prison bookkeeper, in the harness, broom, shoe repairing and carpet weaving shops.

One Killed and Seven Injured.

In a labor riot which occurred at Chicago on the night of the 25th one man was instantly killed, another severely wounded, and six others sustained slight injuries. The trouble was the outcome of a three months' strike at the Baker-Vawter Printing Co. The firm employs non-union labor and three months ago several pressmen and feeders were discharged because they joined the union.

Welland Canal Dynamited by Fishers.

A special from Niagara Falls, Ont., says: It is now positively stated here that the men charged with dynamiting the canal locks at Welland were on one of the islands in the river, and were using dynamite for fishing purposes, and while under the influence of liquor decided to try the same method for fish in the canal. The men held on the charge are Karl Dallman, John Walsh and John Nolin.

Portage, Wis., was flooded by the breaking of the government levee near the city on the 23d.

The wife of Geo. Farmer, of Marietta, O., on the 24th presented him with two boys and a girl. Less than two years ago she gave birth to twins, making five children born to them in the three years of married life.

A tornado passed through the eastern part of Blum, Tex., on the 27th, destroying several residences and a two-story school building. Fortunately but two people were hurt, one of whom will die.

A cloudburst accompanied by a high wind, descended upon the city of Waco, Tex., at noon on the 27th, and the result is that eight persons are known to have perished within the city limits, and property valued at several thousand dollars has been destroyed The downpour of rain commenced about noon, and was incessant until dark. It was in the shape of a water spout and the rise in the creeks and branches was so rapid that it did not give the inhabitants time to flee.

Half the business portion of Groverton, Trinity county, Tex., was burned on the 24th. Loss, $50,000.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A Bloemfontein correspondent in commenting upon the war situation, says: "The Boers have taken every advantage of the mountainous nature of the country which marks the line of their retreat to Ladybrand. The task of driving them is difficult and it is doubtful whether they can be reduced to submission in a district so favorable to their tactics. A cavalry reconnaissance 25 miles northeast encountered 400 Boers. The British drove them out of a kopje north of Karee. Our outposts are still harassed by moving commandos. In an outpost affair on the 26th several Boers were killed. The enemy will certainly make a stand at Kroonstad, where they have constructed miles of trenches."

The latest news from the Orange Free State indicates that though the Boers have evacuated Thabanchu, they have only done so to occupy stronger positions. On Sunday, April 29, Gen. Dewet made an effort to turn French's eastern flank, which was only foiled by the cavalry after vigorous maneuvering. The Boers hold the ridges to the eastward, whence they will probably fall back when the pressure of superior numbers increases. The British casualties sustained during the Thabanchu fighting were slight. Gen. French's object, now that all chance of catching the main bodies of the burghers has disappeared, is to harass the Boers and prevent any well-organized retreat.

Many stories of marvelous escapes from the Boer shell that were poured into Kimberley during the siege have been told, but this is equal to any of them. A lady named Miss Mallett was lying on the bed in her room when a servant came to the door and asked for some money. Half-raising herself to take the purse from her pocket, her feet were removed from the bed, when one of the 100-pound monsters crashed through the roof of the house, struck the part of the bed on which but a moment before the lower portion of her body had been lying, and so on through the floor without exploding. The bed was covered with debris from the roof, but the lady escaped unhurt.

The Boers are preparing to spend the winter in Natal. They are removing their stock from the high veldt into Natal for winter gazing and they are demanding that the Kaffirs pay the hut tax to them instead of to the Natal government. They also declare that unless the Kaffirs work for them they (the Kaffirs) must remove south of Sundays river.

British forces are now in control of Thabanchau, and it is said they will continue to hold it, owing to its strategic importance. Many burghers in the vicinity are reported swearing allegiance to Britain and giving up their arms.

Boer peace envoys will leave Rotterdam for the United States the fore part of this month. It is said they place hopes in Bryan, thinking his influence with the people may force the administration to do something for them.

A prisoner captured by the British on the 26th asserts that President Steyn was present during the fight at Slangfontein east of Leeuw kop on the 23d. He had shaved his beard, so that he was not easily recognizable.

The strength of the Boers in the Biggarsberg district is believed to be between 5,000 and 8,000. They are commanded by Gen. Lucas Meyer and are well supplied with artillery.

Lord Roberts cabled from Bloemfontein under date of April 25, as follows: De Wet's dorp was occupied by Gen. Chermside without opposition this morning.

Bloemfontein dispatches say the British war office must keep a steady stream of horses pouring into that district for the use of Lord Roberts' army.

Gen. Oliver, Boer leader, is reported to have been wounded at Wepener last week.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

When the house resumed consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill on the 25th, the item appropriation $725,000 for pneumatic tube service, an increase of $500,000 over the appropriation for the current year, was the subject of two hours' debate under the arrangement previously made, and was finally knocked out by a vote of 87 to 50. The immediate cause of the sudden death of the bill was due to a scandal connected with it, which Mr. Moody (Mass.) exposed. It was to the effect that a large block of stock in the Pneumatic Tube company had been tendered to a prominent member of the house as a New Year's gift, undoubtedly for services to be rendered in getting the bill through congress.

The house on the 24th adopted the Foraker emergency resolution to continue the present officers in Puerto Rico office until the appointments are made under civil government act as amended by the committee on insular affairs. The amendments require that all franchises shall be approved by the President before they become operative, and place certain restrictions upon chartered corporations, such as the issuing of stock or bonds except for cash and inhibiting real estate by corporations except such as is necessary to carry out the purpose for which they are created.

A storm of wind and hail did much damage in a limited area in the western part of Lancaster county, Neb., on the 27th.

The wheat crop in the vicinity of Galien is a complete failure. Farmers are plowing up land sowed to wheat and putting in other crops.

Fifty automobile 'buses, to be known as "Imperials," will be in service in Chicago streets within 90 days if there is no hitch in the plans of a company organized largely by Chicago men and capitalized at $1,000,000 under the laws of New Jersey.

Little Party Souvenirs.

Japanese trifles make pretty and inexpensive souvenirs for a child's party. Tiny fans of different kinds, kites and baskets, all of paper, and little silk bags filled with ribbons, please children. Bonbon boxes in various shapes of fruit and animals are pretty but more expensive.

His Words Rang True.

He—"To prove the sincerity of my intentions, I have bought this solitaire adornment for your engagement finger." She—"I must say, my friend, that your speech has the true ring."—Boston Courier.

I am the only one of my friends that I can rely upon.

A heart that has been often tendered becomes tough.

A woman playing a clarionet should be very funny.