

Game Laws Do Not Suit.
One of the singular things observed by those who have watched the course of legislation through several administrations is the evident inability to

Local Legislation.

It is, of course, figured that if the great flood of local legislation which now fills the legislative hoppers can be done away with, the solons will not only have more time to give to the consideration of matters of general state interest, but the length of the legislative sessions will be very materially reduced, to the great benefit of the taxpayers and everyone else. Under the system which has thus far obtained in Michigan a municipality is required to come to the legislature and ask permission to do pretty much everything it deems best for its people. The local acts always constitute about two-thirds of all the legislation enacted, and so far as the legislators are concerned no one has the slightest interest in it or gives it the least attention, except the member who represents the locality affected by the bill under consideration at the time. Whatever he says goes, no one else bothering his head about the matter. It all costs time and money, however, and could be vastly better done by the committee directly interested. It will be necessary to amend the constitution before this reform can be completely accomplished. This is one of the reasons advanced by those who advocate the submission to the people of the question of providing for a general revision of the constitution.

EAST BUFFALO.—Cattle: Strong, 15@25c higher. Hogs, steady; mediums, \$4.95@5; heavy, \$4.95@5.05; pigs, \$4.70@4.75. Sheep and lambs, strong; best native lambs, \$7.75@7.90; culls, common, \$6.75@7; best sheep, \$5.25@5.50; wethers, \$5.50@5.75. Veals strong; tops, \$3.50@9.

Banks to Combine.
Cincinnati, Jan. 10.—The Merchants' National bank, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and the Equitable National bank, with a capital stock of \$250,000, both in Cincinnati, have agreed to combine.

Walker & Middleton. Yale.