

Ignorance of the law is no excuse even for a lawyer.

European monarchs are getting to be as "social" as village spinsters.

The politician who sets out to save the country is frequently hauled up for robbing her.

The flying machines and automobiles are helping a good deal in the race suicide business.

Diamonds are going to be marked up 5 per cent. Lay in your summer stock before the rise.

How could C. Oliver Inelin continue to be famous if Lipton were to quit challenging for the cup?

Dr. Parkhurst's ideal newspaper may be handicapped by the shortage of ideal people to support it.

The valued Cleveland Leader asks: "Why not boil the trusts?" True, roasting doesn't seem to answer.

A good many men act on the principle that the early worm who caught the bird stayed up all night to do it.

What Mates it who is president of Venezuela, now that the customs receipts have been properly distributed?

Mascagni is telling the Europeans that the Indians who inhabit America are much worse than they have been painted.

A new comic weekly is to be started in New York. It is one of the earliest things in the world to start a comic weekly.

The news that Haiti is on the verge of a revolution is not surprising. The revolution miasma is always active in the tropics.

Buffalo Bill admits that he is a millionaire, and what is better still, that he will soon retire from the show business.

The Turko-Bulgarian debate is assuming a more threatening attitude daily. In South America it would be called a war.

The man who is to cross Niagara falls by hanging to a wire with his teeth will probably turn out to be a new-fangled dentist.

The baseball player who scores the first home run of the season is greater than he who ruleth at the city hall—in the minds of some.

The New York actress who has undertaken to write a play in twenty-four hours probably won't get it produced in twenty-four years.

Dr. Jacques of Boston says he can make electricity from coal. More fame for him if last winter he had made coal from electricity.

Young Rockefeller is a chip of the old block. He insists that, for the purpose of taxation, his vast wealth is more than offset by his colossal debts.

Dr. A. Conan Doyle is the only man in the world that can unravel the Burdick murder mystery, and he will want about a dollar a word for the work.

Russell Sage has retired from active business, but it is not true that he is going to spend three afternoons a week playing ping pong with Mrs. Hetty Green.

Missouri has gained considerable notoriety by making chicken stealing a felony. As a logical sequence it ought now to make mile stealing a capital crime.

Henry Ward Beecher's experience with the contribution plate gave him great skill in detecting coin values. The congregation never could fool him with pants buttons.

Minister Bowen told the Yale students that Venezuela is no place for young men from the United States. Good. For American young men of the right sort there's no place like home.

Granting all that Sir Thomas may say as to the terrific speed Shamrock III will make during the races, it is still fair to suppose that the Reliance will not be exactly standing still at the time.

The Maine man who has worked up a business of exporting cat-o'-ninetails to London, where he finds a market for all that he can get, certainly thought of something that had never occurred to any one before.

A poet writes piteously to the New York Times to explain that he wrote "Bad-accented April Evenings" and the printer made it "Bad-accented April Evenings." The obvious moral is that he ought to improve his handwriting.

On March 20 the Philadelphia Inquirer boldly asserted itself in these words: "Stock is freezing out in Wyoming, but here the buds are blooming." And the chances are two to one that the next day it sneezed in Philadelphia.

Michigan News Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

WATER OVERFLOWS BEET LAND

Farmers Around Hudson Are Having a Hard Time This Season.

A great deal of the low land around Hudson usually used for sugar beet culture is under water, owing to the recent heavy rains, and from present indications the farmers in that section who have contracted acreage with the Kalamazoo Beet Sugar company will have a hard time of it this year. They are having all kinds of trouble to get help on their farms and this, together with the fact that the ground is so wet that it cannot be plowed for several weeks yet, makes the sugar beet raising industry around there look as though it would be something of a failure this year. Many farmers are offering \$25 a month and board for farm help, but this offer seems to bring no results and in consequence many acres of good farm land will not be worked this season.

OPPOSES HIGH TENSION WIRES

Jackson Alderman Thinks 40,000 Volt Current is Too Strong.

At a recent session of the common council at Jackson the matter of allowing the erection of high tension wires for an electric railway was under discussion. One of the aldermen was dead against allowing wires to be put up which were designed to carry a current of 40,000 volts. Even when it was shown that the ordinary current would kill a man instantly if he happened to get in its way, he refused to abate his opposition.

Preacher's Troubles.

Rev. O. V. Wheeler, pastor of the Baptist church in Three Rivers, is having troubles of his own. His brother owns a news stand and the dominie helps to deliver the morning papers. Some of the patrons are nationalists and some of the straight-backs of his church are complaining that the preacher held the lucky key that drew the \$4 in a local shoe store in an advertising scheme. Mr. Wheeler is still sawing wood and letting the people do the talking during the week, but he does the talking on Sunday.

To Boom Summer Resort.

Cincinnati parties interested in the new hotel project at Manitou beach are arranging to put a steambot on Devil's lake that will have a capacity of 500 passengers. The boat is to be run in connection with the two large summer hotels at the north and south ends of the lake. The Cincinnati Northern railroad will establish a suburban train service from Jackson, beginning May 15.

Aged Couple in Trouble.

Up to a few months ago, Wincent V. and Mary A. Williams lived together in connubial peace and happiness in Boston, Ionia county, and had done so for fifty years. Then they had a slight quarrel and this has resulted in the filing of a suit for divorce by Mrs. Williams. The aged couple have three children.

Arent the Dog.

It looks as if it were up to the courts of Michigan to get together on the question of the standing of the dog. One court held that a dog was property, just as much as the furniture in a man's house, and now along comes the Supreme court with a decision that a dog cannot be the subject of larceny in this state.

Onions Are Valueless.

Last fall there was a good market for onions at prices which afforded a reasonable profit to growers, but a lot of farmers in Allegan county held on to their crops, expecting a higher price. Now there is absolutely no sale for them, and thousands upon thousands of bushels will be thrown away this spring.

Farmers Are Losers.

Some Osceola county farmers sold their wood to a woodchopper, who slipped it to Kalamazoo and then got out of the locality himself "between two days," without paying for the wood. It is safe to say that the home market, with spot cash paid on delivery, will be good enough for those farmers next winter.

Copper in Menominee.

There is a possibility that Menominee county may become a copper producing district. Prospectors are now exploring in the vicinity of Talbot, where they have discovered what they consider very encouraging indications.

Tramp Drops Dead.

A tramp stopped at a farm house in Hazar township to ask for food and the privilege of sleeping in the barn. As he was making the request he dropped dead.

Honors Three Rivers.

Senator J. C. Burrows will deliver the Memorial Day address at Three Rivers May 30. This is considered quite an honor to Three Rivers, as the senator had refused invitations to deliver an address in New York and other cities on that day.

Dog Scares Giant Burglar.

A big 200-pound burglar was scared away from a Grand Rapids house the other night by a nice little dinky dog which weighed a little short of four pounds.

OF INTEREST TO THE MILITIA

Gov. Bliss Asks for Army Officer to Inspect the Guard.

The state military board has recommended to Gov. Bliss that he request the commander of the department of the lakes that in case the Michigan National Guard is not ordered to take part in the maneuvers of the regular army at Fort Riley this year that companies of the regular army be detailed to attend the Michigan state encampment. The board does not know whether the secretary of war will direct the troops of this state to go to Camp Riley.

Gov. Bliss, upon the recommendation of the state military board, will ask the commander of the department of the lakes to detail Capt. Morton F. Smith of the Twentieth United States infantry, to inspect and instruct the companies of the National Guard this year.

The military officials in response to the request to send a detail of state troops to the reunion of the Army of Santiago de Cuba at Detroit, July 16 and 17 have replied that there are no funds of the state that can be used for the purpose indicated, and that they regret to decline the invitation.

Farms Supplant Forests.

The lumber companies whose headquarters are at Menominee are fast disposing of their lands from which the pine has been cut, and in many sections thriving agricultural communities are springing up where a few years ago the tracts were covered with forests. One hundred and twenty-five thousand acres have been sold by the Menominee Lumber company alone within the past year, and a considerable portion of this has gone to actual settlers. The lands are suitable for the cultivation of a great variety of crops and it is evident that the farming industry will more than make up for the loss of the pine.

Judge is Puzzled.

Judge Shuman of Antrim county is trying to solve a mystery and administer an estate in Echo township, which has some peculiar features. Twenty-eight years ago a man took his little daughter and started for Canada, leaving a young son behind. A short time afterward this son left the house one day to go out into the woods and since that day no trace of him can be found, nor were any tidings ever received from the man or his daughter who left for Canada. The judge finds it a puzzle to determine the heirs.

Fish and Men.

The run of suckers in the streams of Genesee county is said to be unusually small this spring. As soon as the numerous canvassing fakirs get around it will be shown that the crop of the ones who live on dry land is just as large as ever.

Get Coal Supply.

Copper country coal dealers aren't going to be caught napping if there is another strike and coal shortage this year. Within the first twenty-four hours after the opening of navigation four cargoes of hard coal arrived at Portage Lake ports.

Girl is Hurt.

While W. A. Brown of Leslie was holding his two little girls on his knee, the chair tipped over backwards and all three landed on the floor with sufficient force to fracture the younger child's skull. She will recover, however.

Cosmopolitan.

There is a restaurant at St. Ignace which ought to be called the International. The proprietor is a Scotish-German, the cook is French, and the three waiters are respectively Indian, Irish and negro.

Good for Loggers.

The driving conditions of the Menominee river this spring are better than for some years past. There is plenty of water in the river, so there will be no trouble in getting the logs down.

Rhy Sugar Beets.

The farmers of Alpena county are not jumping at the chance to raise sugar beets for Tawas City's new factory as enthusiastically as it was figured they would.

Wasted Onions.

On one farm in Allegan county 6,000 bushels of onions were thrown away because there is absolutely no market for them.

Chance for Girls.

Last fall three East Tawas girls went to Belling to work in the silk mills there. They are all married now.

Fool Police Chief.

Someone telephoned to the chief of police at Lansing that a frame building was being constructed at a certain point which was within the fire limits, and the chief hurried to the spot only to find that a man was building a small doghouse.

All Even.

Claude and Arthur Snyder of Scipio, Hillsdale county, are twins and married sisters. Recently both of the Mrs. Snyders gave birth to boy babies on the same day.

SUGAR PLANTS FORM COMBINE

Bay City Mills Will Have a Capacity of 1,000 Tons Daily.

The stockholders of the Michigan Sugar company voted to sell their assets to the proposed Bay City-Michigan Sugar company, which will be organized from the combined companies with \$1,000,000 capital stock, which will be all paid up when the new company issues \$400,000 of its stock to take up the Michigan Sugar company's holdings. The capital stock of the Bay City Sugar company is \$600,000, and W. L. Churchill, president of the company, will be president-manager of the new concern. The American Refining company, which owned one-half of the capital stock in each factory, retains proportionate interests in the new company. C. B. Warren of Detroit, who represents the trust and effected the amalgamation, will represent the company on the board of directors. The capacity of the united plants will be 1,000 tons daily, and, as only a roadway separates them, the probability exists, says officers of both companies, that they will be mechanically united.

Firemen's Tourney.

The committee in charge of the matter has set Aug. 19, 20 and 21 as the dates for the annual tournament of the Upper Peninsula Firemen's association, which will be held at Hancock this year. This is easily the biggest event of the year in the upper peninsula, department teams and thousands of visitors attending from all parts of that section of the state.

Want Better Library.

The men who have in charge the erection of the Carnegie library at Niles have come to the conclusion that \$10,000 will make a mighty poor looking building, and will ask the council to provide for raising \$1,500 every year instead of \$1,000. If this action is taken Mr. Carnegie will raise his gift to \$15,000.

Rains May Bring Sewers.

The heavy rains this spring have caused the flooding of cellars to so great an extent at Central Lake that the village council has awakened to the importance of having some system of drainage, and estimates are now being made on the cost of putting in a complete system of sewers.

Seeks Colonists.

The Houghton County Agricultural society proposes to do more for agriculture in that section than simply to hold an annual fair. It has formed a sort of colonization bureau and is in correspondence with farmers from other sections with a view of bringing them there to locate.

Ontonagon is Picking Up.

Things are coming Ontonagon's way again, after a long period of depression following the fire which practically destroyed the village some years ago. The latest business development there is the organization of a national bank, which is now in progress.

Wen't Hurt Chicago.

Benton Harbor has secured a big factory, at present located in Chicago, without the giving of a bonus or any other inducement. The concern employs about 100 people in the manufacture of hardware novelties.

Large Family.

There is one family in Olive township, Ottawa county, which has had thirty children, of whom twenty are living. No fear of race suicide so long as there are a fair number of families of this size to bring up the average.

Pontiac's New Bank.

The American Savings bank of Pontiac, organized with \$50,000 capital, has filed articles of incorporation with Banking Commissioner Moore. A. F. Newberry is the principal stockholder and cashier.

Company Buys Mari Beds.

The extensive mari beds in the vicinity of Wallin, Benzie county, have been sold to Manistee capitalists, who will build a cement factory there.

Surveyors at Work.

The surveyors are now at work laying out the line route for the extension of the Detroit & Mackinac railroad to Cheboygan.

Factory Will Operate.

Notwithstanding the reports going around the state, the beet sugar factory at Kalamazoo will be in operation again this year.

Yell Succeeds Yell.

Ernest Yell has been appointed postmaster at Sande, Marquette county, vice Moses Yell, resigned.

Bonds Are Illegal.

It has been discovered that Capac's bond issue for water works was illegal, because of technical irregularities in the election. Another election will have to be held to do it all over again right.

To Make Wood Alcohol.

The first plant in the upper peninsula to be devoted exclusively to the production of wood alcohol will be built at Wells, Delta county, at once. It will cost \$125,000 and will employ 100 men.

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