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ONE ACT ONLY IS THE RECORD But the Pigeon Holes Are Full of Bills, SIX WEEKS IN RETROSPECT

CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY

By A. W. MACY. HOW ONE FAT LORD COUNTED AS TEN.

The enactment of the law of habeas corpus marks an important epoch in the progress of civil liberty in England, and is regarded as one of the great achievements of Charles the Second's reign.

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Ever notice how often a discarded newspaper is turned to the "Classified Advertising" page? Want ads are among the most thoroughly used columns of the daily press.

Political Sparks Fly When the Salt Inspector's Department Was Abolished—Attorney General's Department Causes a Flurry Over Reapportionment of Congressional District—Road Improvement on a Big Scale Proposed.



JAMES W. HELME.

was inspired by reference in his message by Governor Ferris to the operations of the department. The governor had explained in a letter to Mr. Baird that his information prompting criticism came from State Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme.

Blow to Reapportionment. What may prove temporarily a body blow to reapportionment of congressional districts in the state was delivered by Deputy Attorney General Dougherty when he gave an opinion to Representative Catlin, chairman of the house committee on apportionment.

forth the value of the proposed line in which he declares that the proposed highways will do more to settle the waste lands of the state than any other agency. The matter is now receiving the greatest amount of attention from both senators and representatives and will soon be the subject of official consideration.

Registration of Music Teachers. Superintendent of Public Instruction L. L. Wright is the promoter of a measure designed to provide for registration and examination of music teachers and to prevent the employment of incompetent instructors.

Liquor Bills Reported Out. Representative Middleton, of Genesee, is the father of two liquor bills which have been reported out. One prohibits treating and the other the use of screens or any other obstruction which will prevent a clear view through saloons.

Sumner Happenings. Charles Hicks, of Ferris, visited on Thursday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. Hicks, left Friday morning for Elwell, as he is taking treatment there.

Sterilization Bill. By a vote of 72 to 16 the sterilization bill introduced by Representative Odell in the house has been passed by that body.

Death of House Member. The death Thursday of Representative Joseph Grousel, of Detroit, cast its pall of sorrow upon the legislature.

Counter Attractions. Little in the way of legislation was accomplished last week. The Zach Chandler Republican banquet and Republican convention; the Lewis Cass banquet and Democratic convention; and Lincoln's birthday detracted from the business of the session.

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RIVERDALE HAPPENINGS

L. A. Carmen returned home from jury duty Friday night. Mrs. Edd Winn was an Alma visitor Friday. Floy Struble of Shepherd returned home last week. She was the guest of Hazel Moblo for a few days.

Franklin Belknap and family are living with his parents since their house burned on the 8th instant. Orlando Capin is very low with heart disease and not expected to live.

Rev. Brown was called to Elwell Friday afternoon to officiate at the funeral of John H. Grant, from Texas, deceased while visiting his daughter Mrs. Pearl Matherson.

The funeral of Mary Erick Vandemark was held in Riverdale church February 8th, 1913. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1834 and was in her 79th year at the time of her death.

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Miss Nettie Bellel, of Riverdale, visited with Mrs. C. A. Bolton the last of the week. Miss Nettie Hoxie was spending a few days with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Blair of Elma Hall.

Merl Bogart is visiting friends in Ithaca. Earl Butler of Ithaca is visiting his son Theron Butler, and calling on friends in town.

Spencer Planks of Lansing, has rented his mother's farm and moved his family here. Philip Hicks had a narrow escape while backing a load out of his barn.

Miss Nettie Hanck, of Newberry, is visiting her sister Mrs. Ines Johnson. A. J. Mulford and family visited Mrs. John Klees and wife of Ferris, Sunday.

ELWELL HAPPENINGS

Judge E. N. Chadwick of Alma was an Elwell visitor Friday. J. R. Hudson of Middleton was in Elwell on Monday on business.

Miss Hazel Crandall is spending the week in Detroit visiting friends. Mrs. P. C. Collister is suffering with the mumps. The "Club" of Elwell held one of its social functions at the home of Art Murphey's last Thursday evening.

The many friends of Mrs. Ralph Olmstead will be pleased to know she is getting along nicely and will soon be home. The elevator people left here on Thursday. We understand they have gone to Ithaca to work on the elevator at that place.

Mrs. Laura Keyes attended the teacher's institute, Monday and Tuesday. The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fisher's last Thursday evening by their friends and neighbors was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Ed Owens spent Friday and Saturday with his family in Coleman. Farmers of this vicinity are greatly interested just now in regard to the cheese factory.

All members of Rebekah lodge are urged to be present at the next meeting, this Saturday night. Washington's birthday will be observed, and a general good time is expected.

The captain of the Rebekah degree team Mr. F. E. French, is deserving of a great deal of credit as he is putting every effort to make the team one of the best in the county. Floyd Davis, who has been confined to his home for some time is able to be out.

George Crandall spent last week in Detroit. Miss Silva Crandall who has been working at the home of Mr. W. C. Pugsley's was taken sick with the grippe and returned to her home on Monday.

The home of "Abe" Scott of Seville township, five miles southwest of Elwell, burned to the ground with all of its contents last week. The Elwell Elevator company have secured Mr. W. M. Johnson of Weidman, Isabella county, whom they believe is just the man they have been looking for as an experienced manager.

Mr. Johnson has had ten years or more practical experience in elevator business and has done the buying for the past five years in Weidman. He will take the position so ably filled for the past few weeks by Henry Schiff and assume control about March first.

Our genial blacksmith, O. A. Owen, will move his family from Coleman as soon as a suitable house is obtainable. Mrs. J. H. Grant and son Leo, who are spending a few days with the family of Edd Mathewson since Mr. Grant's funeral, own a quarter section of land in the dry farming district of Texas and Leo, who is now twenty-one, will start soon for that state, believing that what other young men have done he can do in the development of the farm by scientific up-to-date methods.

Marlie Slinguff is somewhat under the weather from a day spent in packing ice. Mr. I. F. Hilsinger, who has already put up six buildings in Elwell, expects to build three new dwellings this coming spring. W. C. Pugsley's new residence is ready for the inside finish.

David Hole, our east end blacksmith, was an Elwell visitor Tuesday. C. F. Renner made a business trip Tuesday to Breckenridge. N. E. Saad attended a fox chase at Wheeler Tuesday and greatly enjoyed the sport. Mr. W. A. Marvin of Fruit City, Missouri, visited with C. E. Aldrich early this week.

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