

GOVERNOR HAS PLAN TO UNIFY POLICE FORCES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BILL PROPOSES NEW SYSTEM IN STATE.

Other Departments To Be Merged in State Police.

Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck, in presenting to the Legislature the Department of Public Safety bill, introduced by Senator Forrester of Dockerville, has outlined an entirely new system for preventing crime, preserving the peace and apprehending criminals in Michigan. His idea is to create a state department which shall bind together all of the police agencies of the state in one organization for the enforcement of the laws.

The Forrester bill proposes that the Michigan State Police, the State Fire Marshal's office, the State Oil Inspector's office and the prohibition law enforcement of the Food and Drug department be merged in a new department headed by a commissioner appointed by the governor, with approval of the state senate. This department is to act under orders of the governor and to assist the attorney-general in all investigations where its aid may be needed.

The bill which this bill seeks to correct is the divided law enforcement system of the present time whereby local officials work independently in their respective jurisdictions, giving opportunity for local influences to paralyze the operation of the laws in some instances.

Such a department of public safety as is proposed would co-operate with every local official and would give the peace officers in the smaller towns and counties the advantage of trained detectives, fingerprint experts and the like. At the same time, this state agency would keep every police officer "on his toes" in enforcement of the laws lest he be called to account for wilful dereliction.

Getting the Bandits.

Every telegraph and telephone company is required to give immediate service to police officials under the terms of the bill. This is intended to provide means for catching bandits and other criminals by means of rapid notification of police officials in all the territory surrounding the scene of a crime. Any police official wilfully failing to co-operate with the department of public safety in the enforcement of the laws is made liable to removal from office.

The bill would continue the State Police, although under a somewhat different plan of organization and with broader powers and duties. It is estimated that it would save the state a very considerable amount of money each year through the consolidation of departments.

Governor Groesbeck has expressed the opinion that present conditions are such that a centralized and more effective organization of police agencies is necessary to cure the epidemic of banditry and other violent crime and he has given his ideas, based on his four years' experience as attorney-general, in the Forrester bill.

It is anticipated that there will be opposition to the bill from elements which desire a continuance of the old system of local influence in enforcement of the state laws.

GETS AUTO THIEF AND ALSO MOONSHINE

Trooper W. J. Poole of the Michigan State Police was instrumental in recovering a stolen automobile the other day and at the same time happened upon a large quantity of moonshine liquor. He was called to a residence on Lake Street in Jackson, the report being sent in that a mysterious car had been standing in front of the house for a considerable length of time. Trooper Poole investigated, and was a short distance from the house when three men came out. He accosted them and one of the men started to draw a revolver, but Trooper Poole was too quick for him and had him covered in an instant. The man who had the gun was Edward Kazmarek, the gun being the same one taken from Warren Bromley some time ago. John Bilik, one of the three, is being held pending the investigation of the car, which has all of the numbers filed off of it, and Edward Bilik, his brother, drew ten days for his part in the affair. When Trooper Poole searched the house he discovered a five-gallon jug which had been broken. From the amount of the liquid on the floor, the jug must have been entirely full of moonshine.

Why Buried Glass Disintegrates.

The bureau of standards says that glass would slowly disintegrate when buried in moist soil. The action on the glass would be due primarily to water and alkali. The disintegrating action would vary with the composition or character of the glass and the conditions that obtained in the soil. This action would probably be extremely slow with any glass, and it would probably be centuries before some glass would be completely disintegrated.

Halloween.

The celebration of Halloween dates back to antiquity. It was a holiday combining classic mythology, Druidic beliefs and superstitions of that far-away time. The change to a social anniversary was gradual and finally became a recognized time for general merriment.

LEGISLATURE BUSY

Income Tax Amendment Is Passed by House.

Lansing, Mich., April 7 (By U. P.)—The income tax amendment was passed by the house yesterday with a margin of two votes. The Strom motion picture bill shorn of all its teeth was also passed by the house, many legislators voting for the measure because they did not believe that it meant anything. Governor Groesbeck today signed the automobile theft prevention bill which is regarded as the most effective bill of the kind that has been passed by any state in the country.

GET RULING

Labor Board Rules That Case Be Presented Before Wage Cut.

Chicago, April 7 (By U. P.)—The wages of common laborers on the railroads of the United States must not be arbitrarily slashed the United States labor board ruled today. It is set forth that both sides of the wage controversy must come before the United States Railroad Labor Board and present their cases and a ruling be given by the board before any such wage cut can be made effective.

LARGE AMOUNTS STILL COMING

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Mrs. H. L. Rockwell	\$ 125
John Carras	100
Emily Maud Hooper	100
Ben Johnson	100
J. M. Montigel	100
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reynolds	100
P. Rinck	100
M. D. Wilcox	100
William Davies Amos	100
Lyle De Barnhart	100
Harriet Emily Davis	100
Allen T. Follette	100
Gordon French	100
William J. B. Hicks	100
Margaret E. Moore	100
Marion Leslie Reid	100
Lee M. Sharrar	100
Harold A. Johnstone	100
N. T. DesJardins	100
Paul F. Weatherhead	100
J. Foster Mitchell	100
Margaret M. Poole	100
Agnes May Youngs	100
Edah B. Rhodes	250
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Carroll	200
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slater	150
Brown-Ward Co.	100
Chas. F. DuBois	100
Dr. F. J. Graham	100
Gratiot County Oil Co.	100
F. W. Hooper	100
Mr. and Mrs. S. Messinger	100
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Parsons	100
Sawkins Piano Co.	100
Symons Brothers	100
J. R. Watkins	100

STOCKING SHOWER

The next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at Mrs. P. W. Creaser's, 904 State St., April 12, 7:30 p. m. Each lady is requested to bring as many pairs of inexpensive stockings as she feels able to contribute. These stockings are to be turned over to the Welfare League to be distributed to the needy children of the city. It is especially requested that stockings of a heavy quality be selected and in sizes ranging from the ages of 5 to 12.

At the meeting the Program committee will also present the plans of the work for the coming year. A very interesting program is being arranged and all the ladies are urged to be present at this time.

Through the hospitality of Mrs. Creaser it has been possible to plan a very pleasant social hour, in which refreshments and music are to be a part.

EAST ALMA

The Martin family has moved into the green house at the corner of Republic avenue and Eastward street. George Hamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ely Hamp, Grove avenue, met with a severe accident last Monday, March 28. He was struck by an electric car near his home at Chelsea, sustaining a fracture of his right leg, and injuries to his side and right arm.

Mrs. Waldo Peterson, daughter of Fred Hare, Eastward street, with her husband, and their cousin of Lansing, visited her parents over the Easter season.

The Harper family have moved to the farm to work during the summer. The Jordan family, Republic avenue, has moved away to the farm to work.

Rev. Bennett, and his wife, parents of Mrs. Beers, Dean street, have gone to their farm to live.

The little three year old daughter of Ray Snyder, Rosedale avenue, had her eye severely injured by an air gun in the hands of a neighbor's boy.

The Eastminster Ladies' Aid meets tomorrow, Friday, afternoon, with Mrs. Grierson, Grove avenue, to work for the Welfare association.

Mrs. Ernest Mockridge and her three children are all suffering from whooping cough.

There was a surprise party in honor of Mrs. Bradley at her home on Grove avenue, on Saturday night.

Dr. Gekster's talk on Alma College and the proposed Memorial auditorium, and what he said regarding colleges, was greatly appreciated by his large audience last Sunday night. The song by Mrs. DeYoung and Adela Bows was very helpful.

The Parent-Teacher club meets at Republic school on Wednesday evening, April 13, at 7:30. The committee has an unusually strong program. The speaker for the evening is Dr. Rowe of the Mt. Pleasant Normal school. Do not miss this.

Al Grove and daughters spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wireman near Ferris Center.

Girl Scouts' Scoutmistress, Irene Pattison, of Republic school, was joined in marriage last week to Mr. Otis Sanderson of Lansing.

Miss Stit and Miss Trapp, of Republic school, spent a very happy Easter season with friends in Ohio.

SETHTON

Roy Miller and family were in Alma on business Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Chambers of Ithaca were calling on relatives here Sunday. John Nimmo and Glenn Wilcox and family were in Ithaca and Alma on business Saturday. Mrs. Ralph Norton and son, Max, of Cleveland, Ohio, have been spending the past week with relatives here and at Brice. Mr. and Mrs. C. Mertz and daughter, Barbara of Middleton spent Sunday at the home of A. P. Morris. Mrs. A. Van Heck and Mrs. Emery Williams attended the funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Harris, which was held at the Christian church at Middleton last Thursday. Miss Bernice Bellinger of Ionia and Mrs. Rob Kelley and two children of Hubbardston Sundayed at Leo Bellinger's. Scott Payne was in Ithaca on business Saturday. Mrs. Lloyd Downs and daughter, Doris of St. Louis spent Sunday at Will Trout's home. Mrs. Hattie Hyatt is nursing at the C. Poindexter home near Carson City. Mr. Clark Bosserman an aged and highly respected resident of this place died early Sunday morning after a lingering illness.

VESTABURG

Thomas Caris has moved into his residence which he recently purchased of George Priest. Mrs. Jennie Casaght has moved into her residence which she bought of Thomas Caris. Mrs. Vern Cook and children of Edmore are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Briggs for a while as the former's home recently burned down. Mrs. Erwin Erskins home is under quarantine with scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Putman and Mr. and Mrs. Breese were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWett Murtaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Buhl Rhoades.

Mrs. Casper Sutton of Alma spent from Saturday until Tuesday with Mrs. Wm. Caris and other friends.

James Carder has moved into the farm residence of Mr. Wm. Scranton. Elton Hornbeck has moved into the residence he purchased of James Carder.

Wm. Caris moved Tuesday into his residence north of the bank. Joe Chatman of Lansing has been here visiting.

Arthur Peck of Alma was a Monday visitor of Wm. Venton. Miss Vesta Griffith of Buffalo, N. Y. is here visiting her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Borden.

Notice Stockholders and all Alma boosters who are interested in the Acme Beet Harvester, its development and factory location, be present at the office of P. W. Creaser, Monday April 11 at 7:30 p. m. Signed, Arthur Lippert.—adv.

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\$525.00 Washburn piano Mahogany New Sale price	\$385
\$900.00 Hobert M. Cable Walnut player New Sale price	\$685
\$550.00 Hobert M. Cable piano Mahogany New Sale price	\$395
\$575.00 Hobert M. Cable piano Walnut New Sale price	\$415
\$900.00 Walnut Washburn Player New Sale price	\$685
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