

# Houghton Department

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## TAX COMMISSION WILL RE-VALUE ALL OF STATE

"We intend to ask the legislature for more help to re-value the entire state next year, before the state board of equalization gets to work," said William H. Hoyt, head of the board of state tax commissioners, in an interview in Detroit.

"The valuation in every county in the state should be gone over by a body of men who know something of the work. Under the present law we are allowed only ten field men. It is impossible for that small number to cover more than a restricted district and do the work with any degree of thoroughness."

"The recent agitation concerning valuations in the northern peninsula, and the findings of the commission in the lower half of the state, have brought prominently before the people the need of a complete revaluation. It will not do to make a partial survey and turn the results over to the state board of equalization. The investigation must be done by the tax commission, for the board of equalization goes largely on our findings."

"Another argument in favor of the thorough re-valuation of the state is the fact that unless property goes on the rolls at 100 per cent, the railroads and telephone and telegraph companies are liable to go to the courts and show that their valuation, computed by experts, and placed at 100 per cent, causes them to pay an unfair proportion of state taxes. Unless this situation is remedied, the state may find itself in an embarrassing position."

## HOMESTEAD LANDS.

### Reason for Shortage is Attributed to Passing of Speculators.

"Six years from now there will be no state lands outside the forest reserves for sale in the state of Michigan," said Deputy Land Commissioner A. C. Carton recently.

"Wild lands that are now selling for from \$5 and \$8 per acre a few years ago went as low as 50 cents."

"The state does not have any more tax homestead lands placed on sale that the taxes have not been paid on of late years, but the majority is land that reverted back to the state years ago, and has stood on the books for a long term of years."

"These lands are being bought up for the most part by local residents of the counties where the sales are held and not by speculative purchasers as in years gone by."

Representatives of the state land department have returned from Gladwin county, where a sale of state tax homestead lands was held and about \$2,000 worth of property was disposed of, mostly to residents of that county. There is, according to the records, very little tax homestead land left to be placed on sale in this county."

The next tax sale will be held in the county of Midland. Never in the history of the department have state lands sold as well as during the past year.

## ANOTHER BODY FROM LAKE.

### Corpse of Joseph Lateral Found Floating Near Dollar Bay.

Portage lake has given up another dead body. This last one was found floating in the water yesterday near the Dollar Bay sawmill and was later identified as that of Joseph Lateral of Hubbell, who has been missing since last Thursday. It is thought that the unfortunate man, who is survived by a family, was attempting to cross the log boom at the mill when he fell into the water and was drowned.

The man's body was taken to his home in Hubbell and the authorities notified. Coroner Dunston held an inquest which returned a verdict of accidental death due to drowning.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Archie Hoakings of Houghton and Julia Mulica of Demmon and to Michael Szczepanski and Valerie Swirchowski, both of Calumet.

## IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

### Don't Mistake the Cause of Your Troubles.

Many people never suspect their kidneys. If suffering from a lame, weak or aching back they think that it is only a muscular weakness; when urinary troubles sets in they think it will soon correct itself. And so it is with all the other symptoms of kidney disorders. That is just where the danger lies. You must cure these troubles or they may lead to diabetes or Bright's disease. The best remedy to use is Doan's Kidney Pills. It cures all ailments which are caused by weak or diseased kidneys. Residents of this vicinity are constantly testifying to permanent cures.

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## BETTER WEATHER REPORTS.

### Houghton Office of Weather Bureau To be Better Served in Future.

Beginning next month the Houghton station of the weather bureau is to receive more complete telegraphic information regarding the weather in other portions of the country than it has heretofore received. In return for the dropping from the reports sent to the local office the reports from fifteen other stations throughout the country, the Houghton observatory is to be served with similar reports from an additional thirty-three stations covering a wider area than those of the past, making a net gain of eighteen stations over the old arrangement.

Observer Cowdick in charge of the Houghton station yesterday explained that he can make a more perfect prognostication of the weather probabilities when he begins to get these additional reports, as he has much more data from which to draw his conclusions as to what will develop. Among the stations most remote from Houghton from which the new reports will come after July 1, are Montreal, Eastport, Me., Boston, New York City, Washington, Tampa, New Orleans, Corpus Christi, Tex., San Diego, San Francisco, Phoenix, Portland, Ore., Spokane and Edmonton, Canada.

It will be seen from the wide range of territory of these few stations that the weather of the entire country will be pretty thoroughly reported to the local observatory for the use of Observer Cowdick in making his forecast of conditions. Another good thing about these reports is that the residents of this district can at any time be advised as to the quality of the weather in any other part of the country. The man in charge of this office can tell you by telephone whether the baseball game in New York or Washington was postponed because of the wet condition of the grounds after a heavy rain and whether your friends in New Orleans, Tampa or San Francisco are using their umbrellas to shed the rain or their parasols to shed the sun.

## PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

### Miss Ida A. Mitchell Becomes Bride of Harvey Ames in Houghton.

In the presence of about fifty relatives and friends gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell, 114 First street West Houghton, yesterday afternoon, Miss Ida A. Mitchell became the bride of Harvey Fisher Ames, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Ames of Battle Creek. The bride was attired in a beautiful white gown and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas. The wedding march was played by Miss Anna Nye and the bride and groom were unattended.

The house was tastefully trimmed throughout in a yellow and green color scheme, buttercups, the class flower of the bride at the time of her graduation from the Michigan State Normal school at Ypsilanti, being used extensively in the decoration. A reception and wedding dinner followed the ceremony and in the evening the young people left on a short wedding trip east, after which they will return and take up their residence in West Houghton.

The bride is well known and popular in Houghton and also in Marquette, in which place her family lived before coming to Houghton, she having been graduated from the high school of that city. Afterwards she took the teacher's course and has taught in the Houghton schools for the past four years. The groom came to Houghton about five years ago and has been employed in the shoe store of C. H. Mayworm since that time. The popularity of the young people was attested by the many beautiful presents which they received. Among those from out of town to attend the wedding were Mrs. Alfred Thurby of Marquette and the father of the groom, Alfred F. Ames of Battle Creek.

## TWAS ALSO THE HOTTEST.

### In Addition to Being Longest Day Yesterday Was Hottest.

Yesterday was the longest day in the year and it also was the hottest thus far this year in the copper country. The official temperature at the Houghton station of the United States weather bureau was 92 and Observer Cowdick said that it would continue to be hot today, although he was unwilling to predict that it would surpass yesterday in the height to which the mercury would climb.

Thus far no reports of deaths or heat prostrations have been received. An old resident says this is not remarkable for this section, as he has not heard of a death from heat prostration in this vicinity in the thirty years he has lived here. Miss Ehler, the visiting nurse of the Houghton County Anti-Tuberculosis society, says that this extremely hot weather has a serious effect upon the advanced cases in charge of the society, consumptives suffering greatly from the extreme heat. In compensation for this, however, it is found that such weather generally has a splendid curative effect on the cases of tuberculosis which have not reached the advanced stage, as the victims stay more in the fresh air and sunlight, which are regarded as the greatest remedies for the disease.

The Houghton Knights of Columbus are going to Calumet in a body tonight to attend the lecture to be given at the Sacred Heart auditorium by Prof. Monaghan of the Catholic university at Washington, D. C.

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## RAILROADS OF STATE KILLED 133 DURING THE PAST YEAR

### Reports Filed With Commission Show Michigan Has Great Railroad System.

## HAS MANY MILES OF TRACK

Railroads form a pretty big feature in the business and financial life of the state, according to figures which have been compiled for the annual report of the state railway commission. The statistics show that the state has 66 steam roads with 13,361 miles of track in operation and 19 electric roads whose total mileage is 1,248.90. The cost of the steam roads, less two or three big ones who did not furnish this data, was \$139,672,542.57, and the cost of the electric roads up to June 30, 1909, was \$90,591,664.86.

The statistics were compiled from sworn statements furnished by the railroads, under the direction of James Ilce, mechanical expert, for the commission, and as each road's report was in book form, the compilation was more of a task for an automatic mathematician, than a human being, and page after page of a huge size, were covered in gathering the totals in, to show more completely than ever before the financial history, expenditures and organization of these corporations. It is the first time that such a thorough investigation has been attempted and Mr. Ilce and his assistants have been at work on the matter for many months.

### Not Many New Tracks.

There is a somewhat significant feature of the report and that is the small amount of new track constructed during the year covered by the report. Steam roads are credited with 27.14 miles and electric roads with 8.19 miles. The electric roads however, will make a much better showing in this regard in the next report.

The steam roads have outstanding stock of the par value of \$676,626,745.83 and shares in their treasuries to the par value of \$5,573,387.71. Their funded debt amounts to \$895,923,352.77, and they paid dividends amounting to \$27,356,014. Their receipts from passenger business are shown to be \$13,307,132.74 and their freight receipts were \$37,300,139.22. During the year there were 11 passengers killed, 210 injured, 79 employees killed and 1,244 injured.

Fifty-one roads who made reports relative to their employes show 196 general officers, whose average daily wage is \$13.51; other officers number 259 and their daily wage scale averages \$8.64; office clerks number 2,662 at an average daily wage of \$1.42; station agents number 2,500 at an average daily wage of \$1.89; other station men number 8,289 at an average daily wage of \$1.72; the engine-men number 3,424, their scale being \$4.09; there are 3,360 firemen, whose average daily wages are \$2.54, and 2,462 conductors, whose daily wages average \$2.70; other trainmen number 5,373, their wage being \$2.38, while the average daily wages of 1,724 dispatchers and telegraph operators are \$2.30. The total gives an army corps of 30,209 railroad men employed on the steam lines of Michigan.

### The Electric Roads.

The report will show that the electric roads of the state have stock outstanding to the par value of \$38,693,100. Their dividends last year amounted to \$90,901.79. In the income statements made, 12 roads show a surplus at the close of the year of \$3,622,308.31 while seven others show a deficit of \$211,551.45. These roads had a passenger revenue of \$9,713,275.37, and a total revenue from transportation of \$10,590,523.44. The expenses of operation are placed at \$5,590,755.43.

There are 7,153 employes on the electric lines of the state, including 98 general officers, 223 clerks; with 29 superintendents and 2,998 employes in the maintenance department and 47 superintendents and 2,718 employes in the transportation department. There are 1,726 passenger cars and 544 other cars in use on these roads.

During the year electric roads killed 43 persons and injured 275. Five passengers were killed and 222 injured; four employes were killed and 51 injured.

## WILL HAVE JUVENILE CHOIR.

### Grace M. E. Church to Have Youngsters Singing in Church.

The Grace M. E. church in Houghton is going to try the experiment of having a choir of about twenty voices made up entirely of children. This was announced yesterday afternoon, together with the announcement that Miss Alice Camper, who has recently come to Houghton to teach music, will hereafter have charge of the music in the church.

The first session of the new choir will be held at the church next Saturday morning when all the young people who would like to sing in the choir are asked to be at the church for the purpose of practice. The initial appearance of the new singing organization in the church will be a week from next Sunday, on which day they will lead in the congregational singing of the hymns and also, Miss Camper hopes, be ready to render an anthem. The regular choir of the church will take a vacation for the summer after next Sunday.

### CLERKS TAKE NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of Clerks Thursday evening, June 23rd, 8:30 p. m., at A. O. H. hall, Hancock, to complete arrangements to affiliate with the Central body of the A. F. of L. The promoters of the organization are desirous of having all clerks interested in early closing, to be present.

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## NEW YORK SOCIETY LEADERS HURRYING TO NEWPORT FOR THE ROUND OF SUMMER SOCIAL PLEASURES.



Mrs. Lorillard Spencer and her Newport home.

New York, June 22.—The annual exodus of society matrons and matrons to Newport has commenced and within a few weeks this popular resort will be in the midst of its social supremacy. One of the well-known New York and Newport social queens is Mrs. Lorillard Spencer. Her beautiful home, the "Castellux," at Hallidon hill, is well known to Newport's four hundred.

Before her marriage in 1905 she was Miss Mary Sands. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic P. Sands and her husband is the only son of Lorillard Spencer. She is fond of outdoor sports and is an accomplished linguist. She is very stately and as a



A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Getchell of Allouez. Supt. M. Ridley of the Allouez mine is back from his trip to England, and was making his weekly calls yesterday.

## Ahmeek and Allouez

### FENCE BUILT BY RAILROAD IS BONE OF CONTENTION

Charles Nelson, section boss for the Keweenaw Central Railroad company, swore out a complaint in Justice Weycker's court at Ahmeek yesterday against John Jeskilaenen of Mohawk on the charge of malicious destruction of property. The complaint was made by order of Superintendent Shields of the Keweenaw Central.

It appears that some Mohawk residents are objecting to a fence enclosing the railroad, making it necessary for people keeping cows in Mohawk Mining company's pasture to use a gateway built by the railroad company. The opening has cattle guards on each side of the track. It is said some residents have recently broken down the fence in various places to make openings for the convenience of each individual. The company objects.

Jeskilaenen lives in and conducts the candy store at the street car station. The regular opening for the cows is about 800 feet up from the station. Jeskilaenen claims this is out of the way and inconvenient. So it is said, Jeskilaenen made an opening in the fence directly in front of the station, causing the issuance of the complaint.

The case probably will come up for trial some time this week but the date has not yet been set.

### LEFT IN THE LURCH.

### Party of Surveyors in Predicament Because of Losing Their Horse.

A party of surveyors were left in the lurch while surveying in the vicinity of Seneca lake yesterday by the wandering away of their horse. The surveyors had tied the horse and had given him a goodly share of oats to pacify any wandering instincts that might be lurking back of his apparent quiet disposition. Evidently the oats were not to the creature's taste and after having partaken of about half of his meal he broke away and cantered up the road toward Calumet. One of the party walked to the town hall at Ahmeek and called the livery stable for another horse, and it is said also gave vent to several indignant comments regarding the beautiful weather.

It is taken for granted that the boundary makers arrived home behind a beast of quieter disposition.

### AN ENJOYABLE (?) PICNIC

The picnic held last Sunday in the Mohawk park was a very enjoyable affair. The merry making was finally stopped by Justice Weycker, who sent the dancers and all those in the act of quenching their thirst, to the peace and quiet of their homes.

There was also a girl in the case, it is declared. At least one young man can show some facial disfigurements in evidence of the fact. It is said that jealousy caused the scrap in which the young man in question was dragged by about seven or eight men from the park to the road and given a drubbing when Judge Weycker intervened. He took charge of the young man and in the quiet retreat of the court room bound up his wounds. A representative of The News viewed the remains of the young man's shirt, which undoubtedly had been dyed in red ink so other cause is given for its beautiful reddish tint.

### ARMORY BALL GAME TODAY.

A game of armory ball will be played this afternoon at Ahmeek between the Ahmeek and the C. & H. mine of force. The C. & H. team, which has met defeat only once this season, defeated Ahmeek recently, the score being 10 to 8.

### AHMEEK AND ALLOUEZ BRIEFS.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Getchell of Allouez. Supt. M. Ridley of the Allouez mine is back from his trip to England, and was making his weekly calls yesterday.

A boy has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benson of Old Allouez.

J. A. Hamilton of Ahmeek left Sunday night to take up his work of census enumerating at Isle Royale.

Paul Pissotino of Ahmeek has sold his property, consisting of a lot, to John Sandretto of the same place. Wainio & Hamilton, the firm having the contract for the building of the proposed drainage system, have begun preliminary work and will put on a large force of men today.

A special Ahmeek council meeting will be held tonight to talk over matters pertaining to the proposed drainage system.

Mrs. Matt Maedl is recovering from a recent severe illness.

Messrs. Langdon and Holman returned this week from a search for speckled beauties in Terres lake and Trap Rock river. They carried home 63 fine trout and a large number of mosquito bites.

The force of men that has been at work in Ahmeek clearing away the underbrush and stumps for the village park were laid off this week and the rest of the work of clearing will be done by volunteers from the village. Many large brush heaps are ready for bonfires. The park is being gradually put into shape.

A dancing party will be given by the Ahmeek String band Saturday evening, June 25, in Lesh's hall.

### WORK IS SATISFACTORY.

Morris Kennel of Ahmeek received a communication yesterday from Supervisor Bennetts of the 12th district, informing him that his work as census enumerator had met with the approval of the census bureau. He will receive remuneration for his services direct from Washington in a short time.

## Additional Local

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS.

At a meeting of the Sunday school teachers of the First Presbyterian church held last evening, it was decided that the annual picnic would be held at Crestview park of the Keweenaw Central about the latter part of July, probably on Thursday, July 28. The outing will undoubtedly prove a pleasant one.

The annual picnic of the Laurium M. E. Sunday schools will be held on Saturday, June 25, at the Electric park. Special cars will leave the bank corner in Laurium at 1:15 and 1:45 o'clock, and a fare of 15 cents for the round trip has been secured. Ice cream and refreshments will be served by the school.

### ROOTS, HERBS AND BARKS.

You can no doubt recall the collection of roots, herbs and barks your grandmother made every fall for the family medicine chest. It is interesting to note that the most successful remedy for female ills had its origin more than 30 years ago in one of these home medicine chests, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is made today in immense quantities from those same roots and herbs with extreme accuracy, care and cleanliness.

### FINE REPORT PRESENTED.

At a meeting of the directors of the Calumet Associated Charities held last evening, Miss Winnifred Salisbury, secretary of the Calumet association,



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presented her report of the proceedings at the National Charities and Corrections convention conducted at St. Louis last month. The report indicated that considerable progress has been made along all lines and plans were laid for extending the work in every direction. It is expected that a state meeting will be held during the fall months at which time the Michigan workers will prepare plans for future progress. Miss Salisbury's report was a very comprehensive one and very interesting to the directors of the association and others interested locally.

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