

**MICHIGAN NEWS**

**Bill Offered to Tax Autos; One to Bar Jap Farmers**

Rep. Smith, Grandt, Would Levy on Power of Cars.

Night Session of House at Lansing Featured by Blow at Oriental Landowners.

Lansing, Mich.—Representative Newell Smith of Grandt, introduced into the house a reputation of the automobile registration and license bill which was passed in the 1913 session and declared invalid by the Supreme Court.

Before entering his bill, Mr. Smith consulted with the state highway department and the attorney-general to make sure objectionable features found by the Supreme Court had been eliminated. From changes from the original are found in the bill introduced. Where, in the former "horse-power tax" bill, the word "license" appeared, the words "special tax" has been substituted. In the old bill a tax of 50 cents for each horsepower was imposed; Mr. Smith's measure cuts this rate to 25c a horsepower. An additional assessment is made, however, to be determined by the weight of the car to be taxed. The Smith bill imposes a tax for each 200 pounds machine weight. The \$300,000 debt in the state highway department's funds was occasioned by the invalidation of the 1913 bill.

**Assessment Rate Lower.**  
Computed on the average weight and horsepower of pleasure cars, the bill introduced calls for an assessment

appreciably lower than was proposed in the old measure. The weight provision was incorporated to reach motor trucks particularly because they usually are equipped with high-speed or light geared motors. The tax imposed on them under the old law was light. It is argued that the utility vehicle on the highways than the higher-powered but lighter weight car and on this idea was the weight tax evolved. The Smith bill provides that not to exceed 5 per cent of the revenues collected from this source shall be used for administrative purposes, salaries and the like.

**Anti-Allen Land Bill.**  
Representative Marshall A. Oakley of Bay City, introduced his anti-alien land law, similar in tone to the one which provoked such spirited discussion in California and for a time threatened to cause an open rupture between the United States and Japan. Mr. Oakley's bill provides that aliens not eligible to citizenship in the United States may not own, lease, inherit, acquire or transfer land in Michigan, unless there is a direct treaty between this country and the country in question respectively granting to these aliens the right to acquire property. There are no treaties between America and China or Japan and the Chinese and Japanese are the only aliens who cannot become citizens of the United States.

Rep. Alex. Sly, of Grandt City, introduced a bill asking a special appropriation of \$185,000 for the Newberry state hospital, at Newberry, for the construction of certain cottages and other buildings.

**Would Increase M. A. C. Tax.**  
Other bills introduced were:

By Representative Charles D. Symonds, of Menominee—"To provide normal school training before being given employment." This bill is approved by the state department of public instruction.

By Representative Foote, of Kent—"To add to the present law regarding schools the right of certain teachers to teach in the eighth grade in addition to the ninth and tenth." As the law reads now, teachers of the ninth grade can only teach that and the tenth grade.

Representative Harvey A. Kelsey, of Saginaw, presented a petition asking that the mill tax for the Michigan Agricultural college be increased. The second petition of this nature to appear within a week. Resolutions adopted by the common council of Holland, endorsing the proposed anti-cigarette law, were presented by Representative Gerrit W. Kooyers, of Holland.

**JEROME P. SCHENK DIED AT HUDSON**

Was 80 Years of Age and Had Been in Failing Health Recently.

Hudson, Mich.—Jerome P. Schenk died at the residence of John Carhoun on Jay street, where Mr. Schenk had made his home this winter. The deceased was 80 years old, and had been failing rapidly for the last few months. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Schenk of Hillsdale and Mrs. W. T. Bray of Potosi.

**Lasso Bridal Auto at Cowboy Wedding**

"Snorky Dan's" Stock Yard Comrades Provide a Parade and Church Charivari.

Chicago, Ill.—"Snorky Dan" Sammons tied his pony to the rack at the stock yards, doffed his chaps, wiggled into "conventional black" and, with the able assistance of 300 wildly enthusiastic "boys from the yards," was roped, tied and branded at the altar.

It was the biggest "cowboy wedding" the yards ever saw. When "Snorky" knocked off buying hogs for the Big mark Packing Company early in the day and got ready to hit the trail for the Holy Cross church, East Sixty-fifth street and Maryland avenue, he had no hint of the scheme on foot.

First a two-wheeled phaeton dragged along by a gaunt steer, made its appearance. It bore a big hailer giving the bridegroom this welcome admonition: "Don't weaken, Snorky." Then came a "hungry five" German band playing Irish melodies, riding in a "cripple wagon" driven by a red-coated negro. A tractor engine, pulling a chain of twelve "cleas-up" chariots, came next, and in its wake a couple of hundred yelling, plughatted cowboys led by "Rags" Murphy and Tom Dorney. As marshals of the "round

up" there were "Tex" Hobart, Jim McQuirk, "Spuds" Grady and "Skinner" Keany. Even young Edward Morris, who recently went to work in the packing business, was on the job.

The cavalcade drew up in front of the church and awaited "Snorky." It was about 10 o'clock when he arrived in a big touring car with bride-to-be, Miss Mary Cowman, 6377 South Chicago avenue, daughter of the late John Cowman, wealthy coal dealer. As the party entered the church every noise-making device, from the cowboy yell to automobile horns, was brought into play.

While Rev. D. D. Hishen was "tying the knot" inside, the automobile was lassoed. The bridal party, upon releasing the vehicle attempted to make their getaway, but in vain. Surrounding the church every noise-making device, from the cowboy yell to automobile horns, was brought into play. A little speech he was permitted to go.

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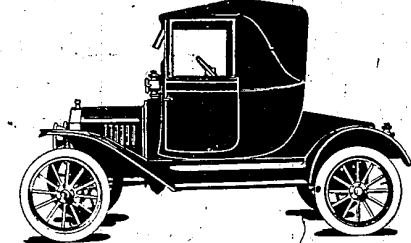
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