

## INFAMOUS DIVES IN NORTH LANSING FURNISH SUBJECTS

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*For her Consideration — Midnight Orgies In Which Men and Women Indulge Without Restraint — The Den Kept by Geo, Lee a Thorn in the Flesh of the Community, and it Continually Grows More Painful*

You will remember Mrs. Mary T. Lanthrap and Mrs. Emma Obenauer, those charitable souls who engaged so enthusiastically in the work to eradicating from the Upper Peninsula those infamous dens of vice and corruption. They did a noble work in the sight of the Lord; will ever bear the most grateful thanks of Michigan's righteous minded people, and have laid up a precious treasure above. But their work of elimination from a theoretical standpoint was not in accordance with the most advanced methods of progression in their enthusiasm to

### ASSAIL AN EVIL

more fancied than real, which has since been proven, they have overstepped a territory teeming with immorality, and one that would bring into requisition their most subtle plan for eradication. No small portion of this territory is located in Michigan's well-populated centers, and the beautiful Capital City bears a stain, the obliteration of which will confer upon the fortunate beings diadems of the purest jewels.

Several weeks ago as the Sunday morning church bells were cheerily calling the devout to worship, a STATE REPUBLICAN representative wended his way to the North Lansing jail in compliance with a summons. In one of the cells

### SEATED ON THE RUDE FRAME WORK

designed for a bed was a young woman scarcely 20 years of age, her face tearstained and her eyes inflamed as if from long weeping. A sorrowful and woebegone look overspread her countenance, but a closer scrutiny revealed a feature which lurks in the mind or those hardened by evil. She was arrested on the previous night in house of ill repute, the full particulars of which were published at the time. The place where she held out was conducted on a plan to vile for publication. Sunday morning there awoke in the same cell a woman whose name in Lansing courts is a synonym for all that is disrespectful. She arose wearily from her couch, called feebly for a glass of water to quench her burning thirst, and dropped back completely exhausted. Mrs. Emma Wooley was the unfortunate creature, and she was arrested Saturday night as she emerged boisterously drunk from



#### GEO. LEE'S INFAMOUS DIVE

in North Lansing, followed by a halfdozen blear-eyed, licentious, villainous-visaged men. Her clothes were badly torn, and she appeared as if having narrowly escaped the clutches of a destructive cyclone. A short time previous to the arrest an officer discovered in a rear room of the saloon, Mrs. Wooley and seven men conducting themselves in a manner that would make the veriest brute blush with shame. While the officer went for assistance the woman managed to escape from the men and was arrested as above stated. This place is one of the most disreputable that has ever been tolerated in Lansing. It has been in operation several years and has been given the officers no small amount of trouble. The scene Saturday night is a regular occurrence, but more frequently there are several women who engage with the men in orgies, and their actions are outrageously indecent. The

#### LOWEST CLASS OF PEOPLE

congregate there, and the rate at which they go it is caution. The incident Saturday evening capped the climax and a determined effort will be mad to break up the dive, in connection with several others almost as bad, which flourish in that part of the city.

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George Lee of North Lansing states that he will begin prosecution against the *State Republican* for an article stating that there was a shockingly indecent scene in his house last Saturday night which culminated in the arrest of Emma Wooley, one of the participants. Officer Blum asserts that nothing of the sort occurred there and that Mr. Lee's place was closed at least two hours before the occurrence of the street row that caused the arrest of the Wooley woman.