



# History Explorer

Historical Society of Greater Lansing

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June 2014

## Made In Lansing Exhibit Grand Opening

*Friday, May 30, 2014 - 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Lansing City Hall*

Join us for the opening of our newest pop-up exhibit, Made in Lansing. The exhibit chronicles nearly 125 years of invention and innovation in Lansing, while showcasing a wide variety of products made in and around our city, ranging from wheelbarrows to pocket protectors, patent medicines, furniture, bob sleighs, lawnmowers, watches, mittens, braille books, caskets, quilts, and more. The exhibit will also be open from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday, May 31 for Be A Tourist in Your Own Town, and during regular City Hall business hours.

A second part of the Made in Lansing exhibit is being generously hosted by the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum. The exhibit includes the many other products that were produced in Lansing by the auto companies, besides automobiles! We'll also look at the history of the Lansing labor force, and the auto unions. This portion of the exhibit opens on Saturday, May 31, and will be available during regular museum business hours. If you are an HSGL member, please state this when paying your entry fee and receive a discount!

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## Herrmann House Event

Thank you to everyone who supported HSGL's Herrmann House museum fundraiser, including LCC President & Mrs. Brent Knight who opened their home to us, and to Mrs. Susan Herrmann Brewster and Mr. Christian Herrmann for their gracious sharing of Herrmann family artifacts and stories. We raised over \$3,800 dollars for our museum fund.

## HSGL June Downtown Tours

***Behind the Facades Architectural Tour:  
The North Capitol Area***  
*\*New Tour for 2014\**

*Saturday, June 14, 2014 - 10:00am  
Tour meets at Lansing City Hall Plaza*

Buildings featured include structures once or currently used by the Lansing Woman's Club, the Christmann Company (Michigan Millers), AT&T, Central United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Cathedral, the Carnegie Library, and the Herrmann and Rogers Carrier homes among others.

## ***Downtown Lansing Disasters***

*\*New Tour for 2014\**

*Thursday, June 26, 2014 - 7:00pm  
Tour meets at Wentworth Park on the corner of Michigan  
and Grand Avenues*

Disasters to be discussed include the bridge destruction in 1875, fires in the Kern's Hotel, Plymouth Congregational Church, and the Cass Building.

***Behind the Facades Architectural Tour:  
The South Capitol and Washington Area***

*Saturday, June 28, 2014 - 10:00am  
Tour meets at Lansing City Hall Plaza*

Buildings featured include the Boji Tower, Hollister building, Michigan Theatre, Ranney building, the Knapp's building, and the Arbaugh building among others.

# Pages from the Past Excerpts from Bygone Local News Stories



## Lansing Manufacturers Exhibition at the State Capitol in 1902

### Every Article Is Made In Lansing

### Attractive Exhibit of Lansing Manufacturers Opened to the Public Today

### The Whole Is A Great Revelation

List of the Exhibits Which Display to an Admiring Public the Remarkable Extent and Diversity of Lansing's Industries. An exhibit different from and surpassing anything ever before attempted in this city, is that of the Lansing manufacturers, which was formally opened to the public this afternoon.

Housed in canvass walls and occupying two blocks in front of the state capitol, the exhibition is a marvel, not only to the visitors in the city but to residents as well.

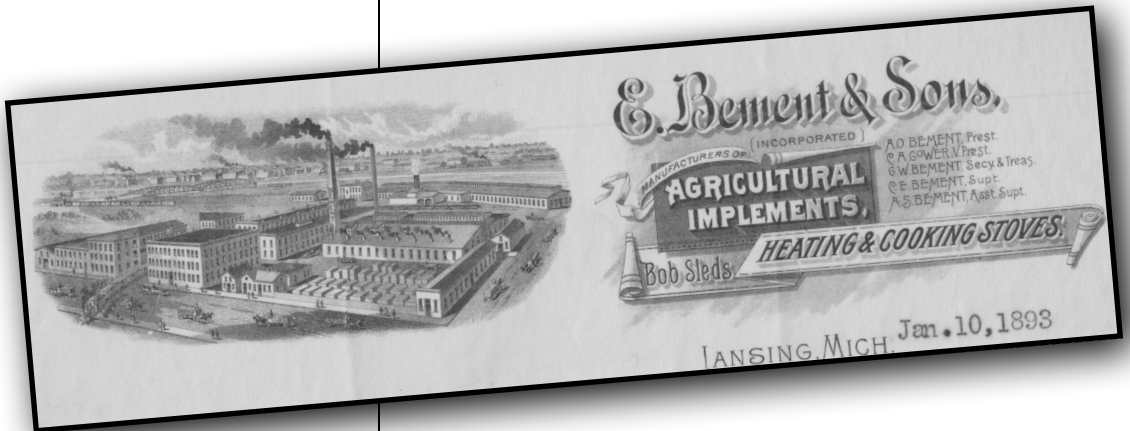
On account of the limited space available, the displays are necessarily small, yet they give a comprehensive idea of the extent of Lansing industries.

Were the space to be had, each of the firms of E. Bement's Sons, the Oldsmobile Company and the Lansing Wheelbarrow Works, could easily fill with the display of their products an entire tent the size of either of those on Capitol avenue.

At the head of Michigan Avenue, and extending from tent to tent, is a long banner informing all who pass that the articles exhibited are all manufactured in Lansing.

This noon sharings were spread in the passages and final preparations made for the afternoon.

The first display on the left hand side of the southern tent, as the sightseer enters from Michigan avenue, is that of E. Bement's Sons. A large array of stoves and farm implements are here presented.



Displays of the Beilfuss Motor Company and the Greeleaf Cycle Company are next, the former exhibiting gas engines and the later two automobiles. Next in order are the excellent displays of the Central Implement Company and the Lansing Wheelbarrow Works. The latter show a complete line of wheelbarrows and tricks of various designs.

The Maud S. Windmill and Pump Company occupies the extreme southern end of the line with a large exhibit.

Opposite is the display of the Severance Tank Works, in which a model silo is one of the features. The Capitol Electric Company, W. A. Depue, manufacturer of cigar boxes, and the Michigan Vending Machine Company, are the next three exhibitors.

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Northrop, Robertson, Carrier & Co. show a full line of boxed, canned and bottled goods.

The Queen Bee Cigar Company and the Lansing Pure Food Company, with a display of Malt-Ola, are next in order. A display made by the Genesee Fruit Company, manufacturers of cider and vinegar, is next, and is followed by the exhibit of A. Simons, manufacturer of brass and white metal castings.

The attractive display of the Hugh Lyons Company, consisting of mirrors, show cases and wax figures, is one of the best in the tent. Displays by the Harrison Rock Candy Cough Cure, and Dr. E. L. Robertson, manufacturing pharmacist, are the next to be viewed by the visitors.

The Lansing Confectionery Company has an excellent display of candies, next to which is the flour and feed exhibit of F. Thoman & Bro.

The Montgomery Manufacturing Company exhibits a full line of overalls and trousers, while the last display is that of the Lansing Tent & Awning Company, the firm which erected the tent beneath which the exhibition takes place.

In the tent on the northern side of Michigan avenue is first the display of the Kneeland Omega Cream Separator Company, attractive in its designing. Next are exhibits made by the Sullivan Bottling Company, Clipper-Spaulding Company and the Hya-Hya Elixer Remedy Company.

A pretty display is that of the Rikerd Lumber Company, showing to advantage the productions of that concern.

An automobile and carriage display by W. K. Prudden follow, after which is the exhibit of the Auto-Body Company, one of Lansing's young but prosperous manufacturing companies. The Lansing Brewing Company's array is followed by an exhibit of the Hildreth Motor & Pump Company and the Lansing Spoke Works, all North Lansing concerns. The Western Tool Company has a neat exhibit, as does also the Michigan Condensed Milk Company. Placards show that during the fiscal year ending July 1, this concern bought 42 3336,303 pounds of milk, paying for that amount \$424,815.91.

The Lansing Boiler & Engine Co. has the last display in the tent. Opposite it is the exhibition of James Rock & Bro., dealers in windmills and pumps. A large display of the mechanical department of the M.A.C. is



next, after which are exhibitions made by the Oviatt Wagon Co., and the Clark Carriage Company. The Lansing Wagon Works has a large display of heavy vehicles that is very complete. The exhibition of gasoline engines and automobiles made by the Olds companies is one of the best in the tent. The decorations are artistic, which the other attractions are unique.

*Taken from the Lansing Journal, November 13, 1902*

*Thank you very much to Mr. Timothy Bowman for transcribing this article, which helped inspire our new Made in Lansing exhibit.*



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## HSGL Annual Meeting

### *Wesley Bintz and the Moores Park Pool*

Thursday, June 12, 2014 - 5:45 pm - Moores Park

Mark your calendars for HSGL's annual meeting. Hot dogs, drinks, and paper products will be furnished. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. We will vote on an amendment to the bylaws (found below) and the 2014-2015 HSGL Board at that time.

After we enjoy dinner, we'll hear a presentation by architectural historian Tegan Baiocchi on the career of Wesley Bintz, designer of the Moores Park Pool, as well as many other pools across the country. She'll also lead a tour beneath the pool, allowing us to examine the dressing rooms and other areas included in Bintz's design.

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### **Proposed Amendment to the By Laws of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing**

The proposed amendment adds a new section V.d.(1)-(5) to the current by laws.

The purpose of this amendment is twofold:

First, to define in more detail how the Executive Board may carryout its actions including in those situations where a vote on an action ends in a tie vote.

Second, Subsection 5 allows the Executive Board to take action in those circumstances when action is needed quickly or in the periods between regularly scheduled meetings.

Pursuant to Section VIII of the by laws, any amendments to them must be made by a 2/3 vote of HSGL members present at any general meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment must be given to the society's members two weeks prior to the general meeting at which the amendment is voted on. Individual written notice is NOT required but may be given to the general membership in the newsletter.

#### *The Proposed Amendment*

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a. ...unchanged...

b. ...unchanged...

c. ...unchanged...

d. *Manner of Executive Board Action.*

*(1) Quorum. A majority of the Executive Board in office immediately before a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting of the Executive Board. No business shall be considered by the Executive Board at any meeting at which a quorum is not present.*

*(2) Majority Vote. Except as otherwise required by law or by the articles of incorporation, the act of the majority of the Executive Board members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Board.*

*(3) Hung Executive Board Decisions. On the occasion that Executive Board members are unable to make a decision based on a tied number of votes, the president or treasurer in the order of presence shall have the power to swing the vote based on his/her discretion.*

*(4) Participation. Except as required otherwise by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, Executive Board members may participate in a regular or special meeting through the use of any means of communication by which all Executive Board members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting, including in person, internet video meeting or by telephonic conference call.*

*(5) Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Executive Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be agreed by the consensus of a quorum. For purposes of this section an e-mail transmission from an e-mail address on record constitutes a valid writing. The intent of this provision is to allow Executive Board members to use email to approve actions, as long as a quorum of the Executive Board members gives consent. Evidence of an e-mail transaction under this procedure shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Board and reported on by the Secretary along with the regular minutes of Executive Board meetings. Executive Board members without an e-mail address must be notified of the action approved under this procedure no later than the next meeting they attend.*

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### **Proposed HSGL Board 2014 – 2015**

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