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INSPECTED CHELSEA

The Plan of Operation of This Organization—Co-operation With State Fire Marshal.

On Wednesday of this week the Michigan State Fire Prevention Association made a complete inspection of the business district and the mercantile buildings of Chelsea, as has been done at Jackson, Battle Creek, Flint and a number of other Michigan cities.

The Michigan State Fire Prevention Association was organized at the request of the state fire marshal, and this inspection is done under the supervision of the state fire marshal's department. The fire prevention movement is based on the principle of locking the barn before the horse is stolen, and on the old and trite saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The plan of inspection is to appportion the business section of each city into a number of districts, and assign two inspectors to each division. Careful inspection is made of each building, both inside and out, and notation is made of any defect in way of rubbish, poor electric wiring, faulty heating apparatus or chimneys, poor repair or any other defects which would in any way endanger the property or render it a menace to life or other buildings. The inspectors report faulty conditions to the secretary and an official request is mailed by him to the property owner or tenant, citing the defects and soliciting correction of same, with request that notification of compliance be mailed to the office of the secretary at Lansing. After a period of ten days, if the owner does not respond to the secretary, a second notice is mailed, and in case no reply thereto is received after another ten days, the case is referred to the state fire marshal, who will have one of his deputies make an inspection and the conditions are found to be still faulty a notification and order will issue from the state fire marshal to comply with the law, the act creating the department giving the marshal power to order elimination of dangerous conditions with a penalty of \$10 to \$50 per day for failure to comply with the order.

All citizens should have a public-spirited interest in co-operating in work of this character. The fire prevention movement is worthy and commendable and every business man should welcome the inspection and aid the inspectors in the work and comply with all reasonable requests.

Beakes Crowded Out.

Detroit Free Press: Congressman-elect Beakes, from the second Michigan district was surprised Saturday morning when he was informed that it will be impossible to give him an office in the house office building.

With the increase in number of members of the house, next term, the rooms in the office building are exhausted. It has always been the custom to allow members elect to "file on" the room of an outgoing member. So great is the rush for offices this year that the "filing" privilege has been withdrawn. All available offices have long since been promised.

In time a fifth story will be put on the white marble structure, but there is not even an appropriation yet and the only chance of Mr. Beakes and many others getting accommodations is either through forcing committee chairman to give up their extra rooms or in the rental of the Maltby building—once used by senators—half a mile away on the far side of capitol hill from the house of representatives.

Mr. Beakes had hoped to get a room alongside Detroit's member, so that the two Michigan's only democrats next term, might be handy for frequent conferences. However, the two Wolverines plan to sit together in the house, where the need for extra room will result in removal of all desks and in substitution of benches, as in the English house of commons.

Annual Election of Officers.

The German Workingmen's Society held their annual meeting on Monday evening. During the past year the society has lost three members by death and at present they have an active membership of 117. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Charles Kaercher.
Vice President—Michael Staffan.
Secretary—Charles Neulinger.
Treasurer—Oscar Schneider.
Secretary Sick Committee—Hubert Schwickerath.
Trustee for three years—W. Rheinfrank.
Physician—Dr. A. Gulde.
Color Bearer—Adam Alber.

To be Paid at the Office.

A change in the manner of making payments by the Michigan State Telephone Co. has been made in the financial department. There will be no more local collecting.

Statements will be mailed out each month from the Detroit office for all tolls of the preceding month, and each quarter the regular rental statements will be mailed. Patrons will then pay for the service at the local office. The change has gone into effect in all cities of this district. The district comprises all the territory under direct charge of Detroit and takes in nearly a quarter of the state.

Insect Bite Costs Leg.

A Boston man lost his leg from the bite of an insect two years before. To avert such calamities from stings and bites of insects use Bucklen's Arnica Salve promptly to kill the poison and prevent inflammation, swelling and pain. Heals burns, boils, ulcers, piles, eczema, cuts, bruises. Only 25 cents at L. P. Vogel's, E. H. Penn Co. and L. T. Freeman.

Rev. Thomas Holmes, D. D.

Rev. Thomas Holmes, D. D., was born in Royalton, New York, November 24, 1817, and died at the Aged Ministers' Home at Lakemont, New York on Sunday afternoon, January 20, 1913, aged 95 years, 1 month and 27 days.

He was taken with a shock last August, but gradually recovered therefrom till he was fairly comfortable, through his strength returned but in part. He suffered but little until Monday, January 13, when heart trouble set in. Everything that skill could do was done, but the heart action did not lessen, and he passed away without any decrease of the trouble. He was conscious till the last, and always clear headed and courageous.

Rev. Holmes had only moderate opportunities for an education in his youth and attend schools only winters after he was 12 years of age. In the winter of 1836 he taught his first term of school at Malta, New York. In November, 1836 he came to Michigan and resided at the home of his uncle near Northville until the following March, when he went to the home of his father in Pittsfield. For 14 years during the winter months he taught ungraded country schools, five of which were in Washtenaw county.

In 1841, he entered Oberlin college where he devoted his time for nine years in taking a classical and theological course and received his A. B. degree in 1847, and that of A. M. in 1853. He was chosen professor in Greek in Antioch college, Ohio. From April, 1855, to August, 1857, he spent in traveling and studying in Europe. The next few years he devoted to the ministry in the eastern states. In 1865, he was elected president of Union Christian college at Merom, Indiana, which position he filled until 1875.

He was united in marriage with Lettice Smith, of Ann Arbor, October 14, 1847. Mrs. Holmes died about two years ago.

Dr. Holmes became a resident of Chelsea in 1871 and for about seven years was pastor of the Chelsea Congregational church. At the close of his pastorate he purchased the Chelsea Herald, which he conducted for about two years. After retiring from the newspaper business, Dr. Holmes devoted his time to the ministry, as a supply for churches with a vacancy, delivering lectures and in literary work. He published a number of books on religious subjects. During his residence here he united in marriage many couples, some of whom are residents of this place, and officiated at the funerals of a host of the pioneer residents of this county.

Dr. Holmes left here two years ago the coming April and has since resided at the home for aged ministers at Lakemont. A. H. Holmes, of Ann Arbor, is a brother, and the interment took place in that city.

St. Agnes Sodality Officers.

The annual meeting of St. Agnes Sodality was held last Thursday evening, and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Prefect—Florence Heschwerdt.
First Assistant—Mary Spiraugle.
Second Assistant—Anna Eisele.
Secretary—Frances Steele.
Asst. Secretary—Helen Miller.
Treasurer—Lena Miller.
Reader—Celia Kolb.
Standard Bearer—Mabel Rafferty.
Marshals—Sabina Barthel, Katherine Keelan, Loretta McQuillan and Mary Kolb.
Consulters—Winifred Eder, Gertrude Eisenman, Hazel Hummel, Marie Lusty, Barbara Schwickerath, Margaret Burg, Roseline Kelly, Mary Weber, Mary Corey, Irene Clark, Hilda Reidel, Celia Heim.

Distinguished Men Coming.

The Wedemeyer memorial services at University hall next Sunday afternoon will be attended by many men of national prominence.

M. J. Cavanaugh of Ann Arbor received notice from Senator Charles E. Townsend that Senator Smith of Michigan, Jones of Washington, Pomere of Ohio, Ashurst of New Mexico and Klayton of Iowa will be present at the services. In addition to these gentlemen there will be a delegation of 15 members of the lower house.

The services will begin at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Teachers' and Patrons' Institute.

A Teachers' and Patrons' Institute will be held in Ann Arbor, on Thursday and Friday, January 30-31. In connection with the institute there will be a rural school exhibit.

The speakers for the occasion will be United States Commissioner of Education, P. P. Claxton, Charles McKenny, president of the Michigan Normal college and F. L. Keeler, deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. The public is invited to be present.

North Lake Grange Meeting.

The next meeting of North Lake Grange will be held on Wednesday, January 29. The following subjects will be discussed:

How to make Parcel Post a strong bond between producer and consumer? What is meant by Initiative? Recall? Referendum? To be answered by the ladies.
How many can give quotations from Will Carlton?
Music.

Elected Officers.

The annual business meeting of the Young People's Society of St. Paul's church was held at the home of Wm. Pilemeier of Lima last Friday evening. The following officers were elected:
President—Julius Niehaus.
Vice President—Miss Louise Hieber.
Secretary—Miss Mary Koch.
Treasurer—Otto Hinderer.

HELD CONFERENCE.

Beakes Tells Wilson State Machine Still Balks.

Representative-elect S. W. Beakes, of Ann Arbor, while in Trenton, N. J., told Gov. Wilson Tuesday that the Michigan state democrat organization had not exerted itself to the fullest measure to obtain the election of a United States senator and that it is not worthy of recognition by patronage. Beakes said he had been compelled to fight the organization from the start, when he was one of the leaders for Wilson's nomination at Baltimore.

The representative-elect held quite a protracted conference with the governor.

Among other visitors during the day was Sir Horace Plunkett. Gov. Wilson after the conference said that Sir Horace had interested him greatly in his discussion of farmer's co-operative organizations.

Efficiency in public service and the merit systems rather than partisan politics will be the basis upon which President-elect Wilson will make his appointments to office, he indicated Tuesday.

"The Balkan Princess."

All the top notes in opera are not confined within the four walls of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, nor the Auditorium in Chicago. Miss Julia Gifford made it emphatically clear that tunes in light opera may sail as high as anything belonging to its more dignified and classical sister in the world of music. And it is said Miss Gifford will liberate a few exceedingly lofty trills at the Whitney Theatre, Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, January 28. She will appear in the title role of "The Balkan Princess," the gaily capricious musical comedy in which, as the Princess Stephanie of Salaria, she right royally reigned the realm of song for a season extending over six months in New York at the Herald Square and Casino theatres, setting a new high-water mark for attractions of this class in the Metropolis.

But it has not been any one particular element that has enabled "The Balkan Princess" to repeat in New York the sweeping success it recorded at the Gaiety in London, where it ran for one entire year. It has a plot, clean, clear and logical. A romantic story of sufficient dramatic strength to stand on its own feet as a novel, which has been widely published in serial form. It is a skillful play, believable and charming. Nor is the score confined to soaring arias for the prima donna. There are many novel and diversified numbers. One song which does not call for a principal is sung by eight chorus girls and a like number of chorus men. It is called "Arms and the Man" and is one of the prettiest things ever seen in opera. And the piece is endowed with a spirit of comedy that moves with zest. Several reviewers have referred to it as possessing sufficient comedy to supply three or four musical successes. There are many graceful dances, some that move with untamed vim. One of the best reviews ever written of "The Balkan Princess" referred to it as a "Musical Prisoner of Zenda." The locale and subject immediately suggest the most picturesque costumes and scenic environment and the management has invested it unsparingly. The second act, in the Bohemian restaurant, opens with a smash and a whirl with the chorus, with stage full of action and spontaneous gaiety, a riot of color, which is at the same time harmonious and unusually artistic. Here is introduced much of the merry jest, the lilting song and the graceful dance that has made this opera famous on two continents.

The company is unusually large and travels in a special train, consisting of three 80 feet baggage cars, two coaches and a dining car. The advance sale of seats opens Saturday, January 24. Phone 480.

Killed in Scuffle "In Fun."

Isaac Talbert, 35, who worked in the D., J. & C. power house at Ypsilanti was shot and killed Friday evening in Frank Powell's club house in the alley behind the south side Congress street stores. The bullet entered Talbert's chest just below the right breast and came out the left breast.

Powell claims that he and Talbert with two others, one a fellow employee of Talbert's named Jim Grinnage, were scuffling in fun. Powell was sitting on the table and Talbert grabbed his leg and tried to pull him off. Powell in fun had drawn his gun, and in falling, the gun went off. Talbert bent over and exclaimed "Why, Frank, you hit me," and walked into the other room, the others not thinking he was badly hurt. Talbert talked a little but soon became unconscious and died. Talbert was unmarried and lived with his mother. Coroner Clark of Ann Arbor held an inquest Monday. Powell insisted that he never meant to shoot and that he will never carry another gun.

Princess Theatre.

For the second of its Monday night state rights features the Princess offers an unusual western feature "The Boys of the Golden West" a stirring three reel drama of the early days in the west. It is a feature different than any of the regulation westerns shown at the Princess, having a dash and a go to it, that makes westerns so popular. Remember the date Monday, January 27.

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NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

THE SUPERVISION OF SERVICE BY TELEPHONE COMPANIES IS SOME STUNT.

VISIONS OF GREAT IRON WORKS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

The Regulation of Telephone Service and the Taxation of Mines Present Very Interesting Features to the People of Michigan.

[By Gurd M. Hayes.]

There is a possibility that the present legislature will eliminate all state supervision over the telephone properties of the state. What to do about the regulation and supervision of the telephone business is a matter over which there is a great deal of difference of opinion and not a great deal of information upon which to base a decision. There are three or four bills before the legislature providing for the repeal of the Giles law which places supervision of these public service corporations in charge of the railroad commission. At the same time there is discontent over the present regulations there is confusion throughout the state over what should be done.

For instance, the state railroad commission has been requested by a dozen different cities to aid in getting rid of the double telephone service, while from about a dozen others have come applications for authority to organize a competing system and install double telephone systems in these communities. Ultimately it is expected that the state railroad commission will be unable to prescribe for the telephone companies the rentals they shall charge, based on authentic showing as to their earnings and deciding how much they should be allowed to charge off for depreciation and the other items allowable for conducting the business and the amount of profit they shall be allowed to make before reducing their charges. The proposition is one, however, of such size as to require some time to work out and in the meantime the telephone companies, and the railroad commission, are receiving many complaints.

Conserve Mineral Resources.

In the near future a bill will be introduced in the legislature to conserve the mineral resources of the state for the benefit of Michigan. It is pointed out that the vast store of mineral resources of the upper peninsula, is under the present system, sent out of the state to enrich others, resulting ultimately in the state being left with numerous deep holes in the ground and a decrepit section robbed of its riches with no corresponding return to the commonwealth or its people.

The bill as proposed provides for a tonnage tax on ores, based on a scale which will meet the differences in mining conditions and the richness of the ores. That part of the measure is ancient having been a fruitful source of political argument for many years, but the new feature which looks attractive to those interested in the well being of the state, adds a provision for rebating of this tax if the ore is manufactured into iron within the confines of the state. Those proposing this innovation in state regulation of its resources have visions of huge mills in sections of the state accessible to the iron and copper mines, and a growth to the industrial importance of the state, far beyond the dreams of the boosters for Michigan.

It is pointed out that if the owners of the iron resources of the state were obliged to manufacture the ore into iron within the state, huge mills would be established at ports along the lakes and industrial centers would be established that would give to Michigan the place now held by those cities in the east famed for their wealth made from the ores mined in Michigan.

Drinking Cups for Sale.

Railroads and those in charge of public buildings will find themselves guilty of misdemeanors if they fail to establish drinking cup vending machines at their drinking fountains, if the bill introduced by Rep. Schmidt, of Oshtemo, ever becomes a law. The bill provides that the vending machine must be maintained near the fountains and that the cups may be sold not to exceed one cent each. Glass, wax or paraffin cups may be furnished from the machine.

State Police Force.

A bill has been introduced by Rep. J. N. McBride, of Shiawassee, providing for the establishment of a state police force of 100 men to do the work of the game, forest and fire warden's department as well as to act as a state constabulary in case of disturbance or need anywhere. In the need of an organized force. In explaining the bill Rep. McBride said that the intention was to relieve the Michigan National Guard of all duty of this nature within the state.

Trunk Line State Roads

William H. Alloway, national progressive senator from the twenty-fourth district, will be the good roads advocate of the present session. His ideas on the need of good highways are a little advanced of even the average enthusiast on good roads and his scheme for a basic system of trunk line state roads is attracting attention and general commendation. He has been busy for some time preparing measures to pave the way for a system of Michigan trunk line highways in the lower peninsula. One of these is the Western Michigan lake shore line project to extend from Niles to Mackinac, another is a central north and south line on the meridian and another across the state line from Detroit to St. Joseph. Another project calls for an upper peninsula road. The idea is to construct this 1,000 miles of state road, using convict labor and drawing upon half the automobile tax to cover the expense. He claims it will cost about \$2,000,000 and can be completed in two or three years.

Governor Favors Suffragists.

Governor Ferris gladdened the hearts of the suffragists of this state when he declared at the annual meeting of the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association that he was absolutely in favor of their cause and that he would do everything in his power to assist them when the constitutional amendment is submitted to a vote in this state again. The democratic chief executive declared to the women that victory would come to them either at the next election or in some election to follow. Although he expressed the belief that it would not be possible for him to take the stump in their behalf, owing to pressing duties in the executive office, Governor Ferris informed the delegates that they could call on him for assistance in any other way.

State Wide Prohibition.

Despite the fact that many members were anxious to avoid it, there is every indication that the liquor question will play a prominent part in the deliberations of present legislature. Rep. Dunn of Sanilac county, started the ball rolling when he introduced a concurrent resolution to be submitted to the electors of Michigan at the fall election in 1914 providing for state wide prohibition. One of the great features of the Dunn resolution is the prohibition movement by the Michigan Anti-Saloon league. Here to fore the league and the prohibitionists of the state have not worked in harmony, the league leaders claiming that prohibition was sought after, but was not practical.

This year the leaders are evidently inclined to the belief that the time is ripe for success and the league is willing to devote itself to prohibition for the whole state instead of confining its efforts to local option.

The method of submitting the matter as an amendment to the constitution is deemed to involve more work but if successful is certain to be more secure. In a long interview J. F. Burke, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league commends the resolution and the state wide prohibition.

However, it is not expected that the Dunn resolution will have an easy time going through the two houses and it would not be surprising if the measure is killed outright. It is known that there will be strong opposition to it and it is doubtful whether the supporters of the state wide prohibition movement will be able to muster two thirds of the upper house in its favor.

Various Bills.

Rep. Follette introduced a bill compelling railways carrying live stock to give precedence over all other freight. Rep. Catlin of Ingham has introduced a bill placing all county officials on a salary basis and eliminating the fee system. It is not thought that this bill will pass, as the office of sheriff, county clerk and register of deeds are fixed by the constitution which provides that they may receive fees and it would require a constitutional amendment to change the present system.

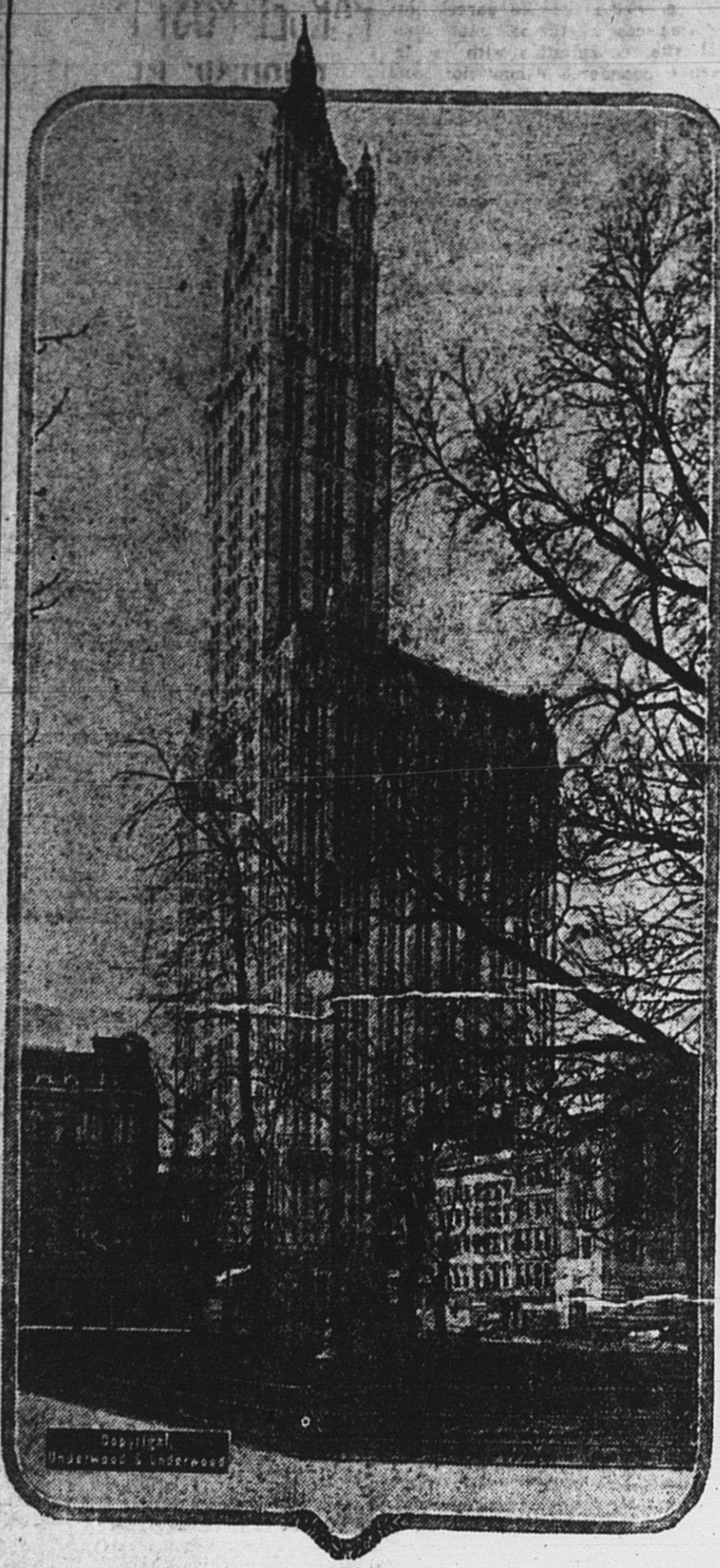
Rep. Whelan of Hillsdale has introduced a bill providing for the pensioning of school teachers. Rep. McBride of Shiawassee has presented a bill requiring itinerant creamery projects to file evidence of responsibility with the state dairy and food department before they are permitted to establish a line of credit in the purchase of milk.

It was not so very many years ago that Senator Smith, then "Billy" Smith, was a page in the legislature, running the errands of the members of the house. For the second time he has been elected by the legislature to serve the people of Michigan as the United States senator.

State Tax Commission.

If the senate affirms the appointment of Governor Ferris the democrats will control the state tax commission as the chief executive has named Thomas Kearney, of Ann Arbor and Orlando F. Barnes, of Kalamazoo to succeed Thomas D. Wolfe and W. B. Mershon. Barnes has twice been the democratic candidate for land commissioner and a number of years ago was democratic mayor of the city of Lansing. Kearney has long been a prominent democrat in Washtenaw county.

TALLEST OF ALL SKYSCRAPERS



Standing in City Hall Park, New York, one sees the towering Woolworth building, just completed, through the branches of ancient elms which stood there long before Manhattan's loftiest structures were even as high as the old postoffice, a corner of which is visible at the left side of the picture.

Inequality Found in Parcel Post.

Patrons of the parcel post in the northern part of the United States have discovered they are unable in all cases to send packages the full fifty miles prescribed as the extent of the first zone.

This is due to the fact that a degree of longitude is considerably shorter in the northern than in the southern part of the country.

The phenomenon has led to the complaint that parcel post patrons are being overcharged on first zone distances and to the suspicion that a mistake was made in the working out of the zone maps. The department states, however, that the variation is unavoidable and that no injustice is involved.

Michigan Office Holders May Keep Jobs.

The latest development in the senate hold-up of presidential appointments is that Michigan's postmasters, customs internal revenue, judicial and other republican appointive officers may continue in office indefinitely after the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

Michigan will be one of the few states in the Sixty-third congress represented by two republican senators. The rule laid down a few days ago by the democrats of the senate may then be read back at them.

25,000 Albanians Slain by Serbs.

Twenty-five thousand Albanians have been "more or less wantonly" killed in the Turkish province of Kosovo by the Serbian regulars and irregulars since the invasion by them of European Turkey, according to the Reichpost of Vienna.

The newspaper demands the dispatch of a European commission to investigate the reports of horrible atrocities.

Rep. James Henry, of county, opposes the state tax commission and is planning to introduce a bill at the present session of the legislature to have the commission discharge and its work in Michigan declared null.

Fire, which is believed to have originated in a clothes chute where someone carelessly threw a match, destroyed the Holly Inn at Holly.

After pleading with her husband for forgiveness, Mrs. Victor Smith, of Bay City, missing for about a week, went to her room and ended her life by draining a two-ounce bottle of poison.

Almost exhausted from cold and exposure, a boy believed to be a pupil of the Michigan School for the Deaf, was found wandering in the open road five miles south of Ponton.

U. S. Interested in P. M.'s Train.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is going to take a hand in the proposal by the Pere Marquette railway to discontinue train No. 1, running between Detroit and Saginaw.

If the Pere Marquette persists it may forfeit every mail-carrying contract it now has with the United States.

The head of the postoffice department is known to take the stand that it is not proper for railroads, for the sake of escaping a temporary loss, to discontinue the operation of federal mail trains.

It is further known that Postmaster General Hitchcock is of the opinion that railroads should not be allowed thus to disarrange the mail service on one route without being made to suffer on other routes. Many mail contracts are renewable about this time and if the train in question, which carries heavy mails, is withdrawn, it is likely to affect negotiations as to other routes in the state.

No Inaugural Ball for Wilson.

"There will be no inaugural ball," declared William C. Rustie, chairman of the inaugural committee, after an informal conference with several members over President-elect Wilson's letter requesting that the committee consider the feasibility of omitting the function.

"The wishes of President-elect Wilson will be complied with," said Mr. Rustie. "The committee will take of official action later."

Gov. Wilson pointed out that use of the pension office building, where the inaugural balls have been held for generations, would mean a costly stoppage of government work.

The suggestion was made that, instead of a ball, President and Mrs. Wilson receive at a formal reception, to be held in the rotunda of the capitol.

Calhoun county will no longer divide smallpox and other contagious disease cases between competing physicians. Hereafter the health officers will do all the work and, if necessary, employ doctors to help them.

The Northern Gas & Oil Co., owning and operating the newly struck oil field at Allegan, has increased its capital from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

The members of the Michigan state tax commission began a series of hearings to listen to objections to the tentative assessment of railroads made public last week.

The members of the Jackson County Bar association presented to the Michigan supreme court a large oil painting of Justice Charles H. Blair, who died Aug. 3, 1912.

MISSISSIPPI ON RAMPAGE

Hundreds of Families Are Seeking Safety in Memphis, Tenn.

The Mississippi river is now over its banks at all points between Cairo and Helena, Ark., flooding farm lands and not protected by levees. Hundreds of families have left their homes, seeking safety in Memphis or towns on the bluffs.

Certain parts of the manufacturing sections of North and South Memphis are under water and mills have closed down. Unless the river gets to the 40-foot stage there is no danger to property back of the levees. Maj. E. M. Markham, United States engineer, has rushed laborers and supplies to Beulah, Miss., where there is a place in the levee still unrepaired since the last flood. If caught in its present state thousands of acres will be overflowed. A crevasse occurred at Beulah in April, 1912.

Practically all the business section of Hickman, Ky., is from one to four feet under water. All railroad traffic into the town has been suspended.

Tiptonville, Tenn., is surrounded by water, but the town is situated on a small bluff and no immediate danger is anticipated.

A terrific current is sweeping through Hen and Chicken channel above Memphis which engineers of the government think will create a new channel, throwing the Mississippi back into a course abandoned 20 years ago.

Night Riders in Georgia.

A panic has been created among the people in the southern portion of Whitfield county, Georgia, by night riders who are whipping men and women for alleged immorality and for other offenses.

The night riders have been at work for some time and they have whipped many persons and have warned others that they will be whipped unless they mend their ways.

THE MARKETS.

DETROIT—Cattle—Best steers \$7.80; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. \$6.50; 1,200 to 1,400 lbs. \$6.00; 1,400 to 1,600 lbs. \$5.50; 1,600 to 1,800 lbs. \$5.00; 1,800 to 2,000 lbs. \$4.50; 2,000 to 2,200 lbs. \$4.00; 2,200 to 2,400 lbs. \$3.50; 2,400 to 2,600 lbs. \$3.00; 2,600 to 2,800 lbs. \$2.50; 2,800 to 3,000 lbs. \$2.00; 3,000 to 3,200 lbs. \$1.50; 3,200 to 3,400 lbs. \$1.00; 3,400 to 3,600 lbs. \$0.50; 3,600 to 3,800 lbs. \$0.00; 3,800 to 4,000 lbs. \$0.00; 4,000 to 4,200 lbs. \$0.00; 4,200 to 4,400 lbs. \$0.00; 4,400 to 4,600 lbs. \$0.00; 4,600 to 4,800 lbs. \$0.00; 4,800 to 5,000 lbs. \$0.00; 5,000 to 5,200 lbs. \$0.00; 5,200 to 5,400 lbs. \$0.00; 5,400 to 5,600 lbs. \$0.00; 5,600 to 5,800 lbs. \$0.00; 5,800 to 6,000 lbs. \$0.00; 6,000 to 6,200 lbs. \$0.00; 6,200 to 6,400 lbs. \$0.00; 6,400 to 6,600 lbs. \$0.00; 6,600 to 6,800 lbs. \$0.00; 6,800 to 7,000 lbs. \$0.00; 7,000 to 7,200 lbs. \$0.00; 7,200 to 7,400 lbs. \$0.00; 7,400 to 7,600 lbs. \$0.00; 7,600 to 7,800 lbs. \$0.00; 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LET GOOD CHANCE GO BY

Bluffers Had Perfect Right to Be Mad Considering the Extremely Unfortunate Circumstances.

Bluffers bounced into the club jammed his hat down on a table with a fierce, resounding bang, and flung himself into an easy chair.

"What's wrong today, bluffers?"

"You look bad."

"I'll never forgive myself. I kicked a man out of my house last night!"

"Humph! I've kicked out many a one. Young fellow, I suppose?"

"No, past middle age."

"Well, these old codgers have no business to be coming round courting young girls. I would have kicked him out myself."

"Yes, but I have found out since that this man wasn't courting my daughter. He was after my mother-in-law."

ECZEMA CAME ON SCALP

Lebanon, O.—"My eczema started on my thigh with a small pimple. It also came on my scalp. It began to itch and I began to scratch. For eighteen or twenty years I could not tell what I passed through with that awful itching. I would scratch until the blood would soak through my underwear, and I couldn't talk to my friends on the street but I would be digging and punching that spot, until I was very much ashamed. The itching was so intense I could not sleep after once in bed and warm. I certainly suffered torment with that eczema for many years."

"I chased after everything I ever heard of, but all to no avail. I saw the advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a sample. Imagine my delight when I applied the first dose to that awful itching fire on my leg and scalp, in less than a minute the itching on both places ceased. I got some more Cuticura Soap and Ointment. After the second day I never had another itching spell, and Cuticura Soap and Ointment completely cured me. I was troubled with awful dandruff all over my scalp. The Cuticura Soap has cured that trouble." (Signed) L. R. Fink, Jan. 22, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."

PROPER WORD.



"Is aviation expensive?"

"Yes, the upkeep is quite considerable."

A CLERGYMAN'S TESTIMONY.

The Rev. Edmund Heapel of Winston, Pa., suffered from Dropsy for years. His limbs and feet were swollen and puffed. He had heart fluttering, was dizzy and exhausted at the least exertion. Hands and feet were cold and he had such a dragging sensation across the loins that it was difficult to move.

After using 8 boxes of Dodds Kidney Pills the swelling disappeared and he felt himself again. He says he has been benefited and blessed by the use of Dodds Kidney Pills. Several months later he wrote: "I have not changed my faith in your remedy since the above statement was authorized. Correspond with Rev. E. Heapel about this wonderful remedy."

Dodds Kidney Pills, 50c. per box at your dealer or Dodds Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Write for Household Hints, also music of National Anthem (English and German words) and recipes for dainty dishes. All 3 sent free. Adv.

Taste.

"Which has the best taste, you or your wife?"

"I am sure my wife has."

"That is very generous of you."

"I could not well deny it, in view of the person each of us married."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

In Use For Over 30 Years.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Shocks.

"Why do you refer to that orator as the human high explosive?"

"Because he is always getting the uplift confused with the outburst."

Red Cross Ball Blue, all blue, best blue value in the whole world, makes the laundry dress smile. Adv.

Too Much.

"I tell you money talks."

"Yes, and Wall Street is trying to shut it up."

BIG FIGHT COMING

FEDERAL AND STATE RIGHTS CONSERVATIONISTS LINED UP FOR BATTLE.

BRYAN CLASSED WITH FORMER

Strength of the Opposing Forces May Be Revealed First in the Matter of the Coosa River Dam in Alabama.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—Since Gifford Pinchot made his speech to the Washington convention of men interested in forestry the other day it has become sharply apparent that a hard fight is to begin between the federal conservationists and the state right conservationists as soon as the Wilson administration begins. The representatives of the federal idea are making preparations to combat the representatives of the state rights idea and already the representatives of both have descended on the capital to prepare for the coming conflict.

In these dispatches a month ago it was said: "When Woodrow Wilson takes office he will find conservation added to the tariff and the trusts to complete a trio of administration worries." Mr. Wilson is said to incline to the state rights view of the conservation matter, but his friends say he does not believe in letting go of anything over which the government has control until it is known definitely that the individual state intends to make proper use of it.

The instant that the name of a certain governor of a northwestern state was mentioned to the president-elect as a proper man for the position of secretary of the interior Mr. Wilson paid high compliment to the general character of the man proposed. This man is known as a state rights conservationist and the federal conservationists say this means that he "is a bitter opponent of any federal plan for saving to the people their natural inheritance." One of the most prominent conservationists in the country said of this possible choice of the northwesterner for the cabinet position: "His appointment would be ideally evil." These things show how wide is the difference between the leaders of the two forces.

Bryan Federalist in This. The conservationists hope that William Jennings Bryan will be made a member of the next cabinet. As to the methods of saving the country's natural resources, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wilson do not agree. In this matter Mr. Bryan may be called a federalist and it is the one chief matter of government policy in which, so far as is known at present, his views differ greatly from those of the incoming president. The conservationists believe that Mr. Bryan would use his influence to keep the water power, the mines and the forests out of the hands of private corporations to be exploited largely for their own benefit.

Protests are coming into Washington daily from individuals and from societies all over the United States against the granting of the right to a private Alabama corporation to build a water power dam on the Coosa river in Alabama to be used, it is claimed, without proper federal regulation. The Coosa dam matter promises to be as prominent in the conservation fight as was the proposed James river, Mo., dam of some years ago. In the Missouri matter President Roosevelt intervened with a veto.

The Democratic leaders who own Alabama as a home, it is said, are in favor of giving the private corporation what it asks in the state. This means that the fight of the conservationists must be directed against a concern which has with it the influence of men high in the Democratic party's councils, who will be chiefly instrumental in framing Democratic legislation in the house of representatives, and who hold they are absolutely right in the matter in hand.

May Buy Out Express Companies.

Preparations are being made by friends of the parcel post system to attempt through congressional action to secure legislation for the purchase of the express companies and to give Uncle Sam a virtual monopoly of the package carrying business. This plan has thousands of opponents, and it may never come to the fruition, but those opposed to the scheme may as well know definitely now that the friends of the proposal are going to work persistently to secure the end which they have in view.

It is even possible that the present administration of the postoffice department may urge what can be called government ownership of the express business. The attempt which is to be made to extend the parcel post business is only to a degree a party measure. It is possible that more Democrats than Republicans favor it, but some of the strongest advocates of the proposal are Republicans who on other matters have been called conservatives.

One wonders if the public generally realizes that without any additional legislation it is within the power of Uncle Sam to enlarge the parcel post operations to an almost unlimited extent under the authority which the law gives to the postmaster general acting with the interstate commerce commission.

Hitchcock Has the Power.

The law provides that if the present system does not work well and economically, it is modification of

extension of the zone system and of other provisions of the parcel post law are necessary, the postmaster general, after consultation with the interstate commerce commission, and on its approval, can make such changes by executive order as he sees fit.

It is known that Mr. Hitchcock is extremely advanced in his ideas of what the post office department should have with its jurisdiction. It is said he holds that the express companies for years have been infringing upon the natural rights of the postal service, and that therefore the taking over of the business of the companies ought to follow in order that, from the Hitchcock point of view, the government should have a monopoly in postoffice business of all kinds which he thinks belong to it.

A bill already has been prepared and introduced into congress by Representative Lewis of Maryland and Representative Goetze of Ohio looking to the ultimate taking over of the express companies by the United States government. Now it would be perfectly possible for the government, under the clause in the law which already has been quoted, gradually to extend the parcel post until the field of the express companies had been so intruded upon that they might be forced out of business without any recompense. It seems, therefore, to be the intention of the proponents of government ownership, to take another course, and to propose that the express companies' business be taken over, and that they be paid a fair sum for what they give up, and that the stockholders shall be reimbursed for their investments.

It seems likely that, if congress should listen attentively to the proposal for the taking over of the express companies' business, dollar for dollar will be paid for all the valuable rights and properties that are received after a properly constituted board has decided the matter. It may be, and perhaps will be, that years will elapse before the sentiment of congress will allow the government to enter into the express business wholesale. Perhaps the day of such a proceeding never will come, but the plans are laid to make the attempt and the proposal has perhaps as many friends as opponents in the two houses of congress as they are at present constituted.

Useless Tariff Hearings.

Representative Oscar W. Underwood and his Democratic colleagues forming a majority of the ways and means committee already have heard the pleas and the protests on chemicals, on earthenware, glassware, metals and a host of other things and they will go on hearing "the fors" and "the agains" on other imports until the last day of this month and then they will prepare tariff revision measures in virtually the same form as those made ready at the last session.

It is probably true that the representatives of high protection who are now in Washington to be heard by the ways and means committee fully realize that their pleas will be of no service, for they made the same pleas at the last session and then the committee went ahead and wrote such bills as seemed right from the Democratic standpoint, and this is exactly what is going to be done at the extra session. The hearings have been granted for the purpose of giving everybody a chance to say what he chooses and to allow no opportunity for anyone to complain, when the bills are presented, that only one side of the case was heard.

No "Cut to the Bone."

As has been said before, "the Democrats are not going to cut the tariff to the bone." This much is assured and no one here seems to be particularly scared over the result to business when the new laws shall come into force. The high protectionists through their representatives predict disaster, but few of the members of congress at seemingly believe the predictions. At any rate the Washington legislators of the protection ranks are preserving a remarkable equanimity if they think that the precipice is just ahead and that business soon is to break its bones at the bottom of the abyss.

The tariff hearings in the house committee on ways and means will end on Friday, January 31. If Mr. Wilson shall call congress together in extra session on March 15 Mr. Underwood and his comrades will have six weeks' time in which to prepare their tariff bills. If it were not for the clerical work involved in the thing could be done in a week, for a secure copying guide is to be found in many cases in the bills which went through the house last year.

Protection to Make Its Fight.

It will not surprise anybody if the representatives get through with their tariff debate by the end of the first week in April. The time of debate in the house will be limited, but Sereno E. Payne, Joseph W. Fordney and some others of the protection chiefs, will make the most of the time allotted them to speak in opposition. The protection members in the house will not let tariff legislation be enacted quickly without using every possible minute of time to get into the record in opposition. The house protectionists are utterly at outs at present with the senate protectionists in the matter of the wisdom of strenuous opposition to cutting the rates.

In the senate Mr. Penrose, Mr. Smoot and others who hold the high wall as sacred as a temple are of a mind to "let the Democrats do their worst" and Mr. Smoot is perhaps the only two men in the United States congress who really think that business is going to smash within a week after the Underwood bills become law.

PARCEL POST IS RUSHING IN STATE

OFFICIAL REPORTS SHOW BIG RUSH OF BUSINESS AT START OF SERVICE.

DETROIT HANDLED FOUR TIMES AS MANY PACKAGES AS GRAND RAPIDS.

Following is a List of the Number of Packages Handled by the Various Cities Having Free Delivery Service.

According to the first official report made by the postoffice department, the parcel post venture is starting off with a rush in most of the Michigan cities. The report of Postmaster Homer Warren shows that during the first week in which the new system was in operation 44,651 packages were handled in the Detroit postoffice. That virtually was five days' business, for none of the postoffices did much business either New Year's day or Sunday, Jan. 5. The Detroit postoffice during the first week handled four times the number of packages handled by Grand Rapids, the next highest city.

Detroit merchants did not use the parcel post extensively for delivery within the city during the first days of its operation. That is shown by the fact that only 588 packages were received in the seven days for local delivery. The postage on that number amounted to \$35.50. The entire postal receipts on the parcel post business originating in the Detroit office during that period amounted to \$2,330.75. There were 295 insured packages sent from the Detroit office during the first seven days and sent from the office 30,223.

The number of packages handled in other Michigan postoffices having city delivery service were as follows:

Adrian, 1,704; Albion, 548; Allegan, 430; Alma, 347; Alpena, 382; Ann Arbor, 1865; Battle Creek, 3,435; Bay City, 1,738; Beidling, 344; Benton Harbor, 923; Big Rapids, 534; Boyne, 284; Cadillac, 571; Calumet, 232; Caro, 209; Charlotte, 454; Cheboygan, 269; Coldwater, 706; Detroit, 44,651; Dowagiac, 69; Escanaba, 505; Flint, 1,814; Grand Haven, 351; Grand Rapids, 11,339; Greenville, 452; Hancock, 270; Hastings, 500; Hillsdale, 569; Holland, 920; Ionia, 696; Iron Mountain, 369; Ironwood, 326; Ishpeming, 332; Jackson, 5,627; Kalamazoo, 5,875; Lansing, 3,796; Lapeer, 226; Laurium, 242; Ludington, 819; Manistee, 538; Marquette, 532; Marshall, 5,317; Menominee, 495; Mt. Clemens, 284; Mt. Pleasant, 616; Monroe, 495; Muskegon, 1,145; Negaunee, 216; Niles, 372; Owosso, 758; Petoakey, 457; Pontiac, 913; Port Huron, 2,801; Saginaw, 2,358; Saginaw, West Side, 775; St. Clair, 606; St. John, 430; St. Joseph, 323; Sault Ste. Marie, 564; South Haven, 420; Sturgis, 466; Three Rivers, 336; Traverse City, 787; Wyandotte, 421, and Ypsilanti, 752.

Would Give Vets \$20,000 Outing.

Will the state of Michigan spend "not to exceed \$20,000" to give civil war veterans a trip down to the battlefield of Gettysburg next July?

A bill to provide this was introduced by Senator David A. Fitzgerald, of Port Huron.

The measure would provide that all veterans who have resided in the state for the past five years, whether they be confederates or unionists, be given the opportunity of attending the Gettysburg celebration and traveling on the Wolverine special.

The fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg will be celebrated July 1-3 and the blue and the gray will meet there not to glory in victory or mourn in defeat, but to celebrate the half century of peace dating from that decisive battle.

Ask \$125,000 for Penitentiary Farms.

A bill, fathered by the board of control of the Michigan state prison, asking for an appropriation of \$225,000 to build a new cell block and provide and equip three new prison farms, will be introduced in the state legislature at Lansing this week.

The sum asked is to be divided up as follows: \$100,000 for the new cell block to replace the old cell block in the east wing of the prison; \$100,000 for farm lands, and \$25,000 for farm machinery, buildings, tools and equipment.

The Alpena Shippers' association has complained to the state railroad commission against the Western Trunk Line association of railroads, alleging rates recently instituted by the association on sulphuric acid are prohibitive.

Residents of Iron and Dickinson counties are after the scalp of Secretary Burless, of the state tax commission, because the two counties were invaded by the commission last year and their assessed valuations greatly increased.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN.

Banking Commissioners Report.

The annual report of Banking Commissioner E. H. Doyle for 1912 shows that 41 state banks and five trust companies transacted business in Michigan, with total deposits of \$319,311,715; total loans of \$305,306,425.75. For the year loans increased \$33,639,463.75, while the gain in deposits is shown at \$23,541,271.36. Since the organization of the department in 1889, deposits in state banks have increased \$288,027,590.83, with a gain in loans during the same period of \$274,490,728.62.

During 1912 there were organized 29 state banks, with capitalization of \$772,500. Nineteen state banks increased capital stock to the amount of \$1,480,000. Banks in process of liquidation, consolidation and conversion took from capitalization \$250,000, leaving a net increase of \$2,002,500.

The total increase in number of depositors in state and national banks was \$4,845, being an increase of 71,573 in state banks and 13,273 in national banks. The average deposit by each of the 1,232,208 depositors in state and national banks was \$350.74.

Collections on total assets of 17 failed banks since 1889 amounted to \$5,260,993.25, or 53.03 per cent, total amount collected from assessments on stockholders amounted to \$281,324.45, or 27.56 per cent on a total capital stock of \$1,021,000. Bank supervision in Michigan for the year 1912 cost the people of the state \$12,215.38, an increase of \$948.39.

In addition to the recommendations recently published with reference to needed changes in the banking law, Mr. Doyle recommends the adoption of what is known as the "blue sky" law.

What Feeble-minded Cost State.

Asylum and homes for feeble-minded in Michigan cost annually \$2,148,474.18. More than the cost of state normal schools, colleges and universities, which is \$1,440,056.36. Yet there are at large, feeble-minded—potential criminals—to the number of 8,200. And the state is asked for additions to state institutions for their care to provide at least \$400,000.

That the state of Michigan last year paid out nearly twice as much for the care of feeble-minded, insane and degenerate men, women and children as it did for all state educational purposes, is one of the startling facts submitted by Rep. Arthur Odell, of Allegan, in support of his bill to sterilize those unfit to perpetuate human life.

The total cost of the asylums and homes for the year was \$2,148,474.18. For normal schools, colleges and universities the total cost was \$1,440,056.36. That the expense of caring for defectives can be wiped out gradually—wiped out to a large degree, at least—under the operation of the sterilization law, is the contention of Rep. Odell.

Suffragists Alter Their Basic Law.

Provision for county associations and the later establishment of congressional district units was made in a change of by-laws effected by the Michigan Equal Suffrage association, in session at Lansing.

Mrs. Susan M. Sellers, Wayne county chairman, stated that this plan would afford a much closer organization of the state association and would greatly facilitate the vigorous campaign that is to be launched in the spring.

Mrs. Sellers declared that the plan would tend toward more equal representation at the state and congressional district meetings. One delegate will be allowed for each 25 members of the county associations. The local clubs and societies will be fused into the larger organizations only in business matters and during the more important meetings. They will retain their individuality in minor affairs.

Formal notice of their determination to re-submit the question of equal suffrage to another vote in April was given.

Insurance Companies Bucking State.

According to Commissioner C. A. Palmer insurance companies furnishing indemnity under the employees' liability act have combined to beat the mutual company operated by the state department. He says the private companies have refused to furnish other kinds of insurance to employers who have enrolled with the state company, hoping to force them into line.

After the members of the legislature who are now investigating the election of several of their own members return, there is evidence that an avalanche of bills will be dumped into the mill bearing on every conceivable subject.

Rev. Moses Smith, a full-blooded Chippewa Indian, and his well-educated white wife are conducting a series of special meetings in Arenac county. A daughter, a graduate at Mt. Pleasant, accompanies them.

With a fortune of \$25,000 in gold hidden in Old Mexico, David Larkins is working as a day laborer at the Bryan paper mill in Kalamazoo. Larkins was driven from Mexico at the early stage of the present revolutionary activities, and had barely time to secure the money before making his escape.

GOOD ROADS



HISTORIC ROADS IN VIRGINIA

Day of Old-Fashioned Overseer and Irregular Force of Hands Past—Machines Now Help.

When the good roads movement began a few years since, a movement that now embraces nearly every county in the state of Virginia, Charles City county fell into line and since then has kept step with the march of progress, along the plan of better public highways.

I have just made a little trip over some of those greatly improved roads, and as I was preparing to take a photograph showing a section that had been worked, an automobile spun by at such a rate of speed as to make me wonder at the transformation in that same piece of road where in days gone by (not so long ago, either), it took a good team of mules or oxen to drag a load over it, writes J. M. Ball in the Southern Good Roads.

The same may be said of the majority of the public roads of this historic county—famous as the birth place of two presidents of the United States, William Henry Harrison and John Tyler, also congressmen, judges, etc., who are remembered for their good work in their separate lines. In connection with the good roads question here, it may be said that history recounts the fact that when Thomas Jefferson married the fair widow Shelton, of "The Forrest," in Charles City county, he began his wedding journey to Monticello in a coach, but before he reached his beautiful estate in Albemarle county, the coach was deserted on account of the roads (it was the month of January.) So the distinguished statesman and his bride made the rest of the trip on horseback. It was consoling to know that the wedding coach was able to traverse the Charles City roads even at that date, and that the bridal couple got past the county lines before they took to horseback.

Since that early period and along up to the past five years I maintain a certain reticence in writing up the history of the public roads of this particular section of the old commonwealth. Enough has been said of them by others, those who perform had to travel them regularly and in all seasons. The day of the old-fashioned road overseer seems to be past; the irregular force of hands, each bound to give a day or so in labor each year to the maintenance of the roads, has past.

This county, divided into three districts, whose duty it is to employ good teams, machinery and men to work the roads of his particular district. By this method the money furnished for road work can be expended in such a manner as to give the best results, and the work done is of not only a better but a more lasting nature.

On or near many sections of the roads there are gravel beds, and when possible quantities of this material are used, especially on pieces of clay road, which become miry in wet weather. A thick layer of this gravel and sand does wonders in solidifying these stretches. The road machines are helping much—in fact, are valuable in rounding up the roads and raising them in the center. Clearing up the timber on each side of the roads, admitting light and sun, has dried out places wet so long that up to recent date the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. Many old bridges have been replaced by new and more substantial ones, while in places terra-cotta piping has been installed for cross drains.

It is gratifying to note that in the neighborhood of two hundred miles of public highways in this county are in such fine condition at the present writing that they can be traversed by automobiles with safety and pleasure, while the ordinary citizen who so far has not been able to become an auto owner, can speed his nag along at the best pace of which the nag is capable without any fear of his plunging into broken hedges, bottomless mud holes or the like, provided he stays in the road.

It looks today as if Charles City county, so famous as the birthplace of great statesmen, fine plantations and old-time hospitality, will soon be equally famous for its good roads and, in passing, let me say that Superintendents Adams of Harrison district, Walker of the Tyler district and Davis of the Chickahominy district are building very lasting landmarks in the way of fine roads in their respective districts.

Encouraging Development. Texas, through its good roads association and State Automobile association, is encouraging the development of highways especially for the benefit of farmers who own and drive their own motor cars and the percentage it is reported, of cars sold to farmers in this state has more than doubled in the last six months.

Well Grained Road. Any kind of a well-grained road is good.

FARMER'S V. ALMOST A WRECK

Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Her Own Story.

Westwood, Md.—"I am a farmer's wife and do most of my own work when I am able. I had nervous spells, female weakness and terrible bearing down pains every month. I also suffered much with my right side. The pain started in my back and extended around my right side, and the doctor told me it was organic inflammation. I was sick every three weeks and had to stay in bed from two to four days."

"It is with great pleasure I tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I have followed your directions as near as possible, and feel much better than I have felt for years. When I wrote you before I was almost a wreck. You can publish this letter if you like. It may help to strengthen the faith of some poor suffering woman."—Mrs. JOHN F. RICHARDS, Westwood, Maryland.

Women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

There's nothing better than marriage for bringing out all the temper there is in red hair.

Queer Sex.

"Yes," said the man at the end of the bar, as he ordered his second drink, "women sure are queer creatures. I came home tonight and thought my wife looked a little down in the mouth. So I said: 'After supper let's go to the theater.' And she burst into tears and said: 'Me busy all day doing up preserves and you come home and ask me to go to the theater.' She was still crying when I came out. 'It beats all, doesn't it?' Bartender, I think I'll take just one more."

Slow Chap.

"Yes," laughed the girl with the pink parasol, "he is the slowest young man I ever saw."

"In what way, dear?" asked his chum.

"Why, he asked for a kiss and I told him I wore one of those knotted veils that took so long to loosen."

"And what did he do?"

"Why, the goose took time to untie the knot."—Mack's Monthly.

HIS ONE FAULT.

"Is your husband a good man?"

"Yes; he's a good man. I can't complain. But he always sneaks out whenever the clergyman calls."

A GOOD BREAKFAST.

Some Persons Never Know What It Means.

A good breakfast, a good appetite and good digestion mean everything to the man, woman or child who has anything to do, and wants to get a good start toward doing it.

A Mo. man tells of his wife's "good breakfast" and also supper, made out of Grape-Nuts and cream. He says: "I should like to tell you how much good Grape-Nuts has done for my wife. After being in poor health for the last 18 years, during part of the time scarcely anything would stay on her stomach long enough to nourish her, finally at the suggestion of a friend she tried Grape-Nuts."

"Now, after about four weeks on this delicious and nutritious food, she has picked up most wonderfully and seems as well as anyone can be."

"Every morning she makes a good breakfast on Grape-Nuts eaten just as it comes from the package with cream or milk added; and then again the same at supper and the change in her is wonderful."

"We can't speak too highly of Grape-Nuts as a food after our remarkable experience." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in place

ANNUAL REDUCTION SALE

1-3 OFF ON ALL SUITS AND OVERCOATS



We have made some tempting reductions in our Clothing Department, tempting because the quality of the goods we are offering is the best and still more tempting because the heart of the season is at hand and there are months of cold weather still ahead of us.

Why not drop in tomorrow and see what elegant Suits and Overcoats we are offering at greatly reduced prices.

SHOES AND RUBBERS FOR MEN AND BOYS

DANCER BROTHERS.

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STORE OF "CERTAIN SATISFACTION"
ON THE HILL

HEADQUARTERS FOR U. S. CREAM SEPARATORS.
WHY NOT TRY ONE?

We have some Burch, Imperial and Syracuse Plows on which we can give you some very low prices.

We have one Storm Buggy in stock to sell at a Bargain.

Special Prices on Crockery. Come to us for Bargains in Soap, Tea and Coffee.

If you wish to buy Rockers, Buffets, Davenport, Kitchen Cabinets or Cotton Felt Mattresses, we have some at a very Special Price to close out.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS FOR SNAPS

J. Bacon Mercantile Co.

They'll Be Interesting

We are anxious to have you read our advertisements each week. We feel that we have dignity enough to conduct our business properly—but not enough of it to hurt. We expect to put enough "ginger" into these Ads to keep you from going to sleep while reading them, enough of human interest to induce you to read and enjoy our little chat each week. At the same time we shall try to avoid flippancy, foolishness and "fine writing." With this little confession we invite you to watch our announcements and see if we make good.

The Kempf Commercial & Savings Bank

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Thos. Wortley, of Flint, is reported as being very ill.

Born, on Monday, January 20, 1913, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galardi, a son.

The L. T. Freeman Co. have had their basement department equipped with gas lights.

The North Lake Band will give its annual fish dinner at the Grange hall on Friday evening, January 24.

The net proceeds of the free seat offering at the Methodist church Wednesday evening were \$235.

The Research Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. B. Clark, on Park street, on Monday evening.

Miss Ethel Burkhardt entertained a number of friends Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Alice Chandler.

The best you can do, the most you can do and what will please you and your neighbor best is to boost Chelsea.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenthal, of south Main street, are seriously ill with an attack of diphtheria.

One of the Chelsea physicians had thirteen calls for his services in less than a half hour on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of North Lake, will hold a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Daniels on Friday evening, January 31.

Mrs. Charles Steinbach and daughter, Miss Helene, attended the production of "Peter Pan," at the New Whitney theatre in Ann Arbor, on Monday evening.

Miss Barbara Schwikerath has resigned her position as bookkeeper at the office of the Michigan State Telephone Co. here. Her place will be filled by Miss Mabel Guthrie.

Chas. A. Smith, of Detroit, is reported as being confined to his home by illness. Mr. Smith is a former well known resident of this place, and is a son of Mrs. Sarah Smith, of north Main street.

The Chelsea high school basketball team, accompanied by Supt. Hendry, were in Saline last Friday evening where they played a game of ball. The Chelsea team was defeated by a score of 29 to 14.

E. VanDeMark, who established the Clinton Courier and has been the publisher for the last seven years, has sold the paper to Howard F. Cary of Stockbridge who has taken charge of the business.

J. G. Schofield, who has been employed in the ball department of the Flanders Mfg. Co. for the past year and a half, left Sunday morning for his former home in England where he will spend the next two months.

The son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stanbridge, of Lyndon, were taken ill with scarlet fever last Friday. The school in the district known as "Pumpkin College," has been closed. The children were not pupils of the school.

The box social given by the Sylvan Arbor of Gleaners last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heim, of Sylvan, was both a social and financial success. One of the boxes was sold for \$4.00. The net proceeds were \$56.66.

The Western Washtenaw Farmers' Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Burkhardt Friday. About fifty members were present and an interesting meeting was the result. The next meeting will be held with Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Dole.

The L. O. T. M. M. will hold their October and November birthday party at the home of Mrs. A. E. Johnson on Friday afternoon, January 24. Scrub lunch. Bring plate, cup, fork and spoon. Don't forget your birthday pennies. Every Lady Maccabee is invited to be present.

Carl Stone, of Flint, is filling the position at the Chelsea sub-station of the AuSable Power Co. formerly filled by W. E. Stocking, who resigned last week. Mr. Stone about a year ago retired from the U. S. navy. During period of service he was third electrician on the battle ship North Carolina.

Rev. Father Considine entertained St. Cecilia's choir at St. Mary's Rectory Sunday, January 19. The young people had a very jolly time. A fine supper was served to which all did ample justice. Vocal and instrumental music was given after which progressive pedro was played. Misses Phyllis Rafferty, Celia Kolb, Josephine Miller and Roseline Kelly taking the honors.

Miss Lila Hagadon is seriously ill with pneumonia.

W. L. Burr is confined to his home on Congdon street with the measles.

The Five Hundred Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell on Monday evening.

The High Five were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson Tuesday evening.

The tenth grade of the Chelsea high school enjoyed a ride to North Lake last Friday evening.

Mrs. A. C. Pierce on Tuesday evening entertained a number of friends at her home on east Summit street.

The school board had the first and second grades of the Chelsea public schools disinfected on Wednesday of this week.

Some of the young people of this place attended a dancing party given at the armory in Ann Arbor on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierce are making arrangements to move their household goods to Detroit where they will make their home.

There will be a special meeting of Olive Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 156, Tuesday evening, January 28. Work in the third degree.

J. A. Danton, until recently superintendent of the village electric light and water works plant, has accepted a position in Detroit.

Miss Bessie Allen entertained a number of friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sweetland Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Jessie Reed, of Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Leeman, of Sharon, are making arrangements to move in to their new residence the first of the coming week.

There will be a one day farmers' institute held at Gregory on Thursday, January 30. A. R. Potts, of the Michigan Agricultural College, will be the state speaker.

Eppler & VanRiper found that their old electric motor was not large enough to run the machinery at their shop, and last week replaced it with a twenty horse power motor.

The Altar Society of the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will hold an important meeting after high mass Sunday, January 26. All the members are requested to attend.

A two ton auto truck from Detroit came here Wednesday morning and moved the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Young to that city. Mr. Young was formerly superintendent for the Flanders Mfg. Co.

There will be a special meeting of Chelsea Lodge, K. of P., at Castle Hall Tuesday evening, January 28th. The newly installed officers will give a "lunch" after the meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

Following out their usual policy of affording their patrons every protection, the management of the Princess have thoroughly disinfected the theatre, under the direction of the health officer. The theatre was closed all day Wednesday.

Formal notice has been issued by the Washtenaw Home Telephone company to its subscribers that it will go out of business on January 31, and that thereafter service will be furnished by the Michigan State Telephone company.

A wrecked freight train on the Pere Marquette railroad at Wayne, Monday evening delayed the train service on the Michigan Central for several hours. The wreck occurred at the point where the two roads cross each other and the engine and five freight cars were derailed.

The Sir Knights of Chelsea Tent gave the Lady Maccabees a surprise party on Tuesday evening. The members of the Hive were engaged in installing their new officers, and about 8 o'clock their hall was invaded by the Sir Knights, who came prepared with a lunch that they served at the close of the meeting.

A large and inspiring congregation listened to the sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday morning and the superintendent of the Sunday school looked gratified when he announced 147 present and the condition of the school nearly perfect. Miss Ben-O'Leil delivered an able address to a large congregation in the evening.

Word was received Wednesday evening of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Olds at South Haven. Mrs. Olds was a former resident of Chelsea, and was a sister of Chas. Tichenor and Mrs. J. G. Hoover of this place. She was 81 years of age. Her remains will be brought to Chelsea Friday morning and interment will be at Maple Grove cemetery at Sylvan.

Getting Ready for Inventor

TOO MANY GOODS EVERYWHERE

And we are going to clean them out by giving a two weeks' Clearance sale, from Jan. 24th to Feb. 8. When we must stop to count cash or measure the goods. Every economical buyer of merchandise should take advantage of this unparalleled record-breaking, bargain-giving event.

Out They Go--Every Overcoat in the House

Not a garment reserved from this merciless price slashing. Every one is fashions latest creation designed and tailored by high class workman, and lined throughout with either mohair, serge or satin lining. In fact this is a sale of Overcoats where you get a chance at the cream of this season's production at a price so low you will hardly notice the outlay.

Here is an Overcoat opportunity that no man not supplied with a new Overcoat can afford to miss.

Overcoats worth up to \$12.00 priced at from \$5.00 to \$7.50 Overcoats that would be good value at \$16.00 to \$20.00 will be handed out for \$10.00

Overcoats worth up to \$25.00 and \$30.00 we have marked so low that viewed from every standpoint—style, quality, fit etc. They look like gold dollars for fifty cents. Fancy overcoats for the young men and staple black and dark mixture overcoats for the older men. Ask to see them.

Sale Prices That Not Only Talk But Scream

Fifteen dozen Men's Blue Denim Overalls apron or plain waist band. Every seam doubled stitched. Buttons riveted and guaranteed to stay. You can't duplicate them anywhere at less than 65 cents, we are going to let them out during this sale at 50 cents.

Men's \$1.00 Dress Shirts reduced to 50 cents and 75 cents.

Furs! Furs! Furs!

Fashionable, new, beautiful Furs. Getting scarcer and going higher every season. You can make no better investment than buying furs here at clearance sale prices. Nothing reserved here. Every article in the fur line reduced from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

HORSE BLANKETS—Only 15 pair left and we are not going to carry a single pair of them over. In order to move them quick we are still further reducing the prices. You can buy extra large Wool Blankets at \$7.50 to \$9.00 the pair. Ask to see them. Stable Blankets at 50c, 60c, 80c and \$1.19.

WOMEN'S MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS—A final slashing of prices that will clean them up. Every garment is a new one, not a left over, no out of date. If not supplied with a new coat you simply can not resist buying one from the choice selection offered here. Children's Coats at \$2.50 and \$5.00 worth from \$5.00 to \$12.00. Women's Coats \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00 not a coat in the lot worth less than \$10 and up to \$25.00.

Best quality standard Prints 54c.
Best quality fancy Dress Gingham worth from 12 1/2c to 15c, sale price 10c.
Best quality Apron Check Gingham 64c.
Outings at reduced prices.
Good quality Bed Sheets 72x90 48c.
Good quality Pillow Cases 45x36 15c.

Lonsdale Bleached Muslin 94c.
Frills of the loom Bleached Muslin 10c.
Good quality Bleached Muslin at 7c and 8c.
Brown Sheetings reduced to 5c, 6c, 7c and 8c.
Good quality Straw Ticking 10c.
Best quality colored 12c Shirting 10c.
20 Pounds Granulated Sugar for \$1.00

W. P. Schenk & Company

George Klink has sold forty acres of his farm in Lyndon to Rev. Dr. Chas. O. Reilly.

E. Smith commenced filling the ice house at the Cavanaugh Lake camping grounds this week.

Mrs. Louis Burg entertained the L. C. B. A. at her home on Thursday evening of last week.

Twenty-one years ago January 26th, electric lights were turned on in Chelsea for the first time.

A. J. Tuttle, of Blissfield, has purchased the farm of Mrs. Henry Wiley in Dexter township.

Miss Leona Belser entertained the Bridge Club at her home on South street Tuesday evening.

There will be a regular meeting of the W. R. C. in G. A. R. hall on Friday afternoon, January 24.

Rice Howell, who has been in Chicago for some time, is ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Glazier.

The members of the postoffice force gave Miss Alice Chandler a surprise at her home on Park street Friday evening.

The feature at the Princess tonight is a 101 Bison entitled "The Rights of a Savage." It's a thrilling story of the love of an Indian girl for a white man.

Cavanaugh Lake Grange Meeting.

A regular meeting of Cavanaugh Lake Grange will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kilmer, of Sharon, on Tuesday, January 28. A dinner will be served and the following program carried out:

Music.
Roll Call, quotation from Will Carlton.

Biographical sketch of the life of Carlton, Mrs. H. J. Kruse.

Reading, Mrs. John Miller.

What are we asking of the legislature this winter? B. C. Whitaker.

General discussion.

Music.
Recitation, John Kilmer.

How to make Parcel Post a strong bond between producer and consumer? Discussion.

Music.

Warne's White Wine of Tur

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Men's Suits and Overcoats 1-3 Off Regular Price

Here's a real chance to choose from the finest Suits and Overcoats at a clear saving of ONE-THIRD. Come and see for yourself. Here is the way they sell now:

\$12.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$8.34	\$20.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$13.34
\$15.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$10.00	\$22.50 Suits and Overcoats, \$15.00
\$18.00 Suits and Overcoats, \$12.00	(Blue Suits Alone Excepted)

ALL BOYS' OVERCOATS AT 1-3 OFF REGULAR PRICE.

Boys' Knickerbocker Suits in either Norfolk or Double Breasted styles, every suit absolutely guaranteed to give satisfactory wear, all go now at One-Fourth off regular price.

\$5.00 Suits, \$3.75	\$6.00 Suits, \$4.50	\$8.00 Suits, \$6.00
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A chance to effect a real saving on Trousers.

All \$2.00 Trousers, \$1.50	All \$4.00 Trousers, \$3.00
All \$3.00 Trousers, \$2.25	All \$5.00 Trousers, \$3.75

MEN'S WINTER FURNISHINGS

All two-piece Underwear from \$1.00 up.
All Wool Lined and Fur Gloves.....
All Silk and Knit Mufflers.....
All Sweater Coats.....
All Fur Caps.....
All Winter Cloth Caps.....

1-4 Off

MEN'S SHIRTS

One lot of Men's Cluett and Monarch Shirts in broken lots but all sizes of some patterns, all new goods Regular \$1.50 and \$1.00 values now 75c.

MEN'S HATS

One lot of Men's Hats, to clean up all odd styles, your choice of many \$1.50 to \$3.00 Hats \$1.00.

ALL HORSE BLANKETS ONE-FOURTH OFF REGULAR PRICE

H. S. Holmes Mercantile Co.

Is SERIAL STORY

The Women's Candidate

By SYRON WILLIAMS

SYNOPSIS.

In a spirit of fun Mayor Bedight, a summer visitor, is chased through the woods by ten laughing girls, one of whom he catches and kisses. The girls form themselves into a court and sentence him to do the bidding of one of their number each day for ten days. A legislative measure opposing woman suffrage, which dropped from the mayor's pocket, is used to compel him to obey the mandates of the girls. His first day of service is with May Andrews, who takes him fishing. They are threatened by the sheriff with arrest. Miss Vining sees what she considers a clandestine meeting between one of the girls and the mayor. The next day he goes driving with Mabel Arney. They meet with an accident, are arrested and locked up, but escape. The mayor returns to the hotel, finds the sheriff waiting for him, and takes refuge in the room of Miss Winters. He plans to get possession of the incriminating bill. With Harriet Brooks the mayor goes to investigate an Indian mound. They are caught in a thunder storm.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

"I'm afraid," almost sobbing. The mayor put his arm about her gently, soothing her as only a tactful man may soothe a nervous woman. Unconsciously she drew toward him. "Lightning seems terrible," he said evenly, "but as a matter of fact there is always more danger on the cars. Statistics prove."

"What's that?" cried the woman, apprehensively. "I heard a voice." The mayor peered out.

"The sheriff!" he muttered under his breath.

Three men were running toward them on the beach, their heads down, ducking the rain.

Scrambling from under the boat, Mayor Bedight set off at top speed up the beach, pausing at the start long enough to whisper:

"I'll be back. Wait."

The sheriff and his two deputies, weathering the gale with lowered eyes, had not seen the mayor's flight. In fact, so blinded were their eyes that they ran almost into the girl and the boat before they could stop.

"Hello!" bawled the sheriff. "You're from Squirrel fan, ain't ye? Where's yer bear?" bluntly. "We're lookin' fer him."

Miss Brooks drew her feet back under her skirt and replied coldly:

"One of the best ways to find a man," witheringly, "is to go where he is."

The sheriff's chest shot out immediately.

"Now, look-a-here, young lady, none of your smartness or we'll take you along for accessory before the act. Understand?" blustering.

"You are wasting your time trying to bully me," replied the girl, without a tremor in her voice. "I am perfectly harmless and I have told you all I know. The man has gone up the beach."

"Aw, come on, Sid," broke in a slender young fellow, turning his back to the rain. "What the use of arguin' with th' gal? She ain't th' one we had yesterday."

Without a word the sheriff veered around the boat and, following the fast fading trail, set out in haste after Bedight. Fifteen minutes later the mayor came up from the opposite direction.

"I am sorry, Miss Brooks," he said, sorrowfully, "but I'm afraid you'll get wet after all. We've got to get away from here! I crept around and found the boat these fellows left. I set it adrift with a gale blowing it across the lake, but they are not far behind. We must get under way as soon as possible."

"I don't mind a soaking," replied the young woman, bravely. "It's the lightning that frightens me—and that's about quit."

The man righted the dory hurriedly, piled in their belongings and set the boat from the shore with a sturdy shove. A half mile below, on the beach, he caught sight of three men running toward them—and far away on the wave-whipped lake, a tiny dot of brown could be seen rising and falling as the sheriff's row boat.

"Sleeping out of doors," said the mayor, smiling at the woman opposite, "is very beneficial to the lungs—especially on an island."

CHAPTER VIII.

When the waves are running freely it is a stiff pull from Miss Brooks' select little hotel in the Wisconsin woods to Glen Island, but on a perfect moonlight night, with just breeze sufficient to ripple the fair hair of a pretty girl opposite, the man at the oars seldom finds the task arduous.

"No, no," Mayor Bedight complained. "The running ripple slapped the prow of the boat rhythmically and from the shadows along the approaching shore of the island the weird foot of an owl

proclaimed the witchery of the night. With a scarcely perceptible tilt, the boat grounded on the shelving sandy shore. Bedight sprang out and pulled the craft further upon its cushioned anchorage. The girl sat in the boat, intently watching the mayor. That gentleman took from the locker a basket well laden. Quickly gathering some dry wood, he stacked it over a bunch of tinder-like weeds, touched a match to the pile, set the basket at a safe distance and pulling a revolver from his pocket, fired in the general direction of the moon.

Having maneuvered thus peculiarly, he hastened back to the boat, shoved off and rowed from the shore a hundred yards. Resting on his oars, he let the boat toss idly upon the lake. Five, ten minutes passed. The dry wood burned brightly, making a beacon of light, into the circle of which there came, at last, three shadows, followed by unintelligible conversation.

"They've found it," said the mayor, picking up his oars and turning the boat toward the hotel.

It was midnight when the sides of the craft rubbed its sister boats at Mine Host's dock. The mayor and the girl crept softly up the winding pathway toward the hotel. Suddenly, in the moonlight ahead, the form of a woman appeared advancing to meet them. The mayor and the girl saw her simultaneously. He stopped instantly with a restraining hand upon the girl's arm.

"Quick!" he commanded, springing in front of his companion and turning her about face. "Walk rapidly down the path to the boathouse."

She complied instantly. Over his shoulder the mayor saw the woman hesitate, then follow determinedly through the shimmering moonlight.

"Go into the boathouse," directed Bedight hurriedly. "Wait until I engage her in conversation. Then open the rear door and run for the hotel. And be quiet!"

"I understand," whispered the girl, excitedly.

Slipping through the door, she closed it softly. Pulling a cigar from his pocket, the mayor scratched a match on the sole of his shoe and blew a puff of smoke at the same target which earlier in the evening he had failed to hit with his leaden missile.

The woman rounded the corner and came directly toward him.

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Bedight," said "Judge" Vining in a cold, formal voice, "for following you, but as chaperone of the young ladies at the hotel I feel that it was my duty to do so."

The mayor bowed. "Duty to the one performing it," he interrupted gallantly, "is oftentimes irksome, but begrudgingly done frequently conveys pleasure to another. I do not desire to appear selfish in your eyes, but I find your duty pleases me greatly," bowing again. "Now, the moonlight—"

The "judge" made a deprecating gesture.

"Do not attempt to evade," she warned. "I am deeply in earnest. Where is the—?" She seemed at a loss to proceed. Finally she threw diplomacy to the winds. "Who was the girl with you—alone—at this hour of the night? I have a right to know and I—had thought you a gentleman, though I should have known that no gentleman would have—have—" she finished lamely.

"Kissed you?" questioned the mayor, the frivolity scarcely gone from his voice.

"Certainly!" she flashed.

Bedight puffed thoughtfully at his cigar, the fragrant pungency of the

question, Mr. Bedight," she continued. "Who was the girl that came down the path with you?"

The man drew closer to her. The diffidence was gone from his voice. His face was earnest.

"Miss Vining, you have inferred that I am guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman. A few mornings ago you ran after me in a spirit of mischief, and in the same spirit I caught you in my arms and kissed you. If I have hurt you I am sincerely sorry, but I, too, am reaping the fruit of folly. You have chosen to arm yourself with a distant demeanor toward me, you rebuff my attempts at entering the circle of your real self, you are 'judge' both on and off the bench, distant, suspicious, haughty. You pursued me; I took toll. With your permission I promise to forget that you ran, but I cannot forget that I kissed you. I am not a boy. I have seen some of the world. I do not know much about love. I have been too busy trying to do something, to fall in love, or else I never

have happened to meet the woman. Since coming here I don't know exactly what sort of an enchantment I have entered—but I do know that I cannot forget the ecstasy of the moment when our lips met. You may scorn me and it lies within your power to discipline me—or defeat me—but I shall not try to obliterate the thrill of that brief moment!"

Jackie Vining did not meet his eyes. In her heart she felt a strange, new feeling of elation, a softening of resentment, but women were theorems long before mathematicians struggled with right-angle triangles and hypotheses, and all their non-understanding descendants, beautiful and sweet and charming as they are, still persist in being man's hardest problem.

"Your frankness is some things," she said without emotion, "is as commendable as your lack of it in others. Must I repeat my question still another time? Who is the girl?"

The mayor spoke firmly and with decision.

"As a man who is at least that much of a gentleman, I refuse to answer. The girl has done no wrong. She—"

"Mr. Bedight, on Tuesday night I saw one of my crowd of young ladies leave the arbor after a clandestine night meeting with you. Tonight I chance to blunder upon you at midnight, again in the company of a young woman. There are no others here, aside from our party. I feel a responsibility and I must insist on your answering."

The mayor shrugged his shoulders. "Who was she?" asked the "judge" for the fourth time.

"Why don't you ask her yourself?" said the mayor.

"Where is she?"

"The last I saw of her she went through that door," he replied, doggedly.

Miss Vining stepped toward the door and opened it. In the farther end of the boathouse a second door stood open and through it the moonlight streamed.

"I see I have been outwitted," angrily.

"May I walk to the hotel with you?" asked the mayor humbly.

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"Miss Vining!"

It was the mayor calling from the dock.

She stopped.

"What is it, Mr. Bedight?" impatiently.

"You remember saying the girl with me must be one of your party because there were no other young ladies about?"

"Yes," crisply.

The mayor's voice had something of the old ring in it as he asked: "Did you think of the colored cook?"

But the "judge," going up the path briskly, did not deign to reply.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Figgs and Raisins.

Consul Horton at Smyrna notes that the Reform, a Smyrna newspaper, estimates the raisin crop for this year at about 700,000 quintals (\$7,140,000 pounds) and that of figs about 75,000 camel loads (35,052,500 pounds). But from what has been able to learn, it seems that exporters and dealers mostly are trying to keep the crop reports at a low figure in order to be able to begin with high prices, and that if the weather continues favorable the raisin crop will amount approximately to 95,616,000 pounds, against 55,034,000 pounds last year, and the fig crop to 100,000 camel loads against 120,000 camel loads last

BULGARIANS AT HOME IN WAR TIME



OFFERING CANDLES FOR THOSE AT FRONT

"INTERMINGLING with the roar of the Maritza rises the wailing of widows." For thirty years Bulgaria has sung these words of her national hymn, embodying the temperamental Slavic melancholy which permeates her literature and music. But now the wail of centuries deepens into a paean of victory; the children and the soldiers are now singing this new version of the old melody:

The blood-red Maritza is foaming, Mortally wounded Turkey lies groaning; On, on, Zarigrad (Constantinople) is ours.

One, two, three, march the infantry. "During all my twenty-five years here," writes a Russian exile, a civil engineer in southern Bulgaria, in a personal letter to a friend in New York, "I have never seen the Bulgarian people so deeply roused. The women are organizing committees to raise funds for the Red Cross work and for the relief of the families suffering because all their male members have gone to the front. For several days after hostilities broke out it was impossible to buy bread. The bakers were working night and day, but they would not sell to the civilians; all was for the soldiers."

Young Boys Volunteer.

"Our arsenal is three kilometers from the barracks, and the authorities were puzzled how to transport the Mannlicher rifles for the new recruits over to the barracks. The soldiers were all on duty or drilling, and every wagon in town was in use for carrying supplies. Help came to them from an unexpected quarter. A committee of three boys appeared and asked that they be allowed to solve the problem. All the small boys of the town—they ran in age from eight to fourteen—marched out to the arsenal, organized into large companies, and each company under the direction of an old man, the little fellows solemnly shouldered the guns and trudged those three kilometers over plowed fields to the barracks, retracing their steps many times until every Mannlicher had been carried over to the barracks."

This is a war that the people have wanted and have been expecting for many years, so they gladly have come to the financial assistance of the government. In every town citizens formed committees to raise the necessary funds. In Lom, one of the smaller provincial towns, such a committee collected 4,100 francs the first day the subscription was opened, 4,800 francs on the second day, and at the end of the fourth day it had 15,000 francs in hand. In this particular case the money was used to equip volunteer companies which were escorted to the trains by all the city officials and the citizens who had not yet been called to the colors.

Each small town is the market center of its surrounding district, and it is in them that the commissary department of the army has established depots for gathering in supplies for troops. Every day the peasants come driving in their cattle and sheep and pigs, and compete with each other in giving. Many old peasants, who fought in the Russo-Turkish war, or in the war with Serbia, are trying to have themselves enlisted again. One old man from Boyana drove into town in a wagon drawn by two buffaloes and sought out the recruiting officer.

Giving of Slender Store.

"I know I am too old to fight," he said, "but you need men to drive the supply wagons. Can't you make use of me and my wagon and my buffaloes?"

In the towns the very poorest people are giving all the clothes they can spare for the use of the soldiers. These families which have been left without means of livelihood, because the men have gone to the front, are being amply provided for by committees of women and the wealthier citi-

zens. In Varna, the business men raised a fund of 30,000 francs for this purpose alone, and the relief work will be carried on until the country is once more under normal conditions. Nor is only money given. In Pleven one citizen gave 1,000 francs worth of tobacco and cognac. The Jews in Dupnitsa, a very small town, gave twenty completely equipped beds to the Red Cross society, in addition to four dozen suits of underwear and stockings. All this is aside from what the municipalities are doing for the same end. In Rustchuk the municipal council appropriated 100,000 francs for distribution among the families of soldiers, while Jambol, a much smaller town, could give only 30,000 francs. Special committees have been appointed to administer these funds.

In the outlying villages, beyond the reach of the activities of the municipal committees, the peasants are showing themselves equally capable of handling the situation. The peasants are often rich in grain, firewood, and the other necessities of life, which they store away for their own consumption during the winter. It would be useless to send out subscription lists, for there is little ready cash above that which has been laid aside to pay the heavy taxes. The village authorities follow no rule, and in many places the relief work is carried on entirely with donations in kind. But this is not the most important work of the village committees.

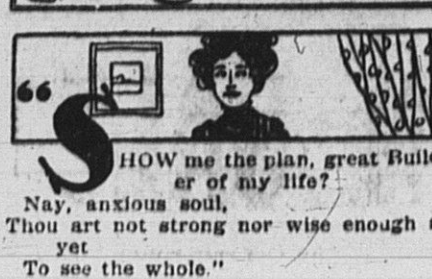
The lives of the peasants depend on their crops. If these fail poverty, and even famine, will follow. The men were going to war just as the winter crops of wheat should have been sown, but village committees are undertaking to sow the fields of their fellows who have enlisted. In one village, Novo Selo, the committee worked so energetically that it has almost finished its task. The rich peasants contributed the seed; one man alone gave 1,100 kilos, over one ton, of wheat. Behind much of this activity are the co-operative banks; they are advancing much money and quantities of seeds to the families of those of their members who have gone to the war, and they are superintending much of the committee work in planting the winter wheat crop.

All the schools and gymnasia in Bulgaria have been closed; only the girls assemble to sew clothing and prepare bandages for the hospitals. This is true also of schools in Serbia. Many of the teachers and professors are drilling in the barracks. The women teachers have entered the special training courses for nurses which have been opened in every town. In Tirnovo the monks in one of the large monasteries sent a petition to the mayor asking that they be allowed to join the army or enlist in the Red Cross corps. Now a dozen of them are taking up the Red Cross training courses.

Naturally there is a scarcity of able-bodied men which, in some of the towns might result in disorder if the local authorities did not show ingenuity in solving local problems. In Pleven all the policemen were called to the barracks and the streets were left unprotected. The prefect called on all the boys of the upper gymnasium classes to organize themselves into a provisional police force. Being only boys, two were made to fill the place of one policeman, so now the streets of the city are patrolled by pairs of boys in the green-visored caps of the gymnasium.

That the women are responding quite as eagerly to such emergency calls is shown in word coming from Sofia which, after stating that almost all the street cleaners had entered the army, adds: "Now the women have organized themselves into a street-cleaning brigade."

The KITCHEN CABINET



A FEW UNUSUAL RECIPES.

Most of us know and have prepared pigs in blankets—that is bacon wrapped in a small piece of steak, browned in fat and then simmered in a little water—but this German dish, although similar, is one quite unusual.

Cut pieces of well-pounded round steak, cut thin, in pieces about five inches wide; salt and pepper well, lay a slice of pickle, a slice of onion and a strip of bacon on each piece and roll it up. Brown in a little fat, add a bay leaf and enough water to simmer for an hour or two. Be sure that the meat is either skewered or tied with a string. If the meat is rolled or dusted with flour the gravy is slightly thickened.

Chocolate Cookies.—Take a cupful of brown sugar, one-half cup of butter, one cup of sour milk, one egg and one-half teaspoonful of soda. Melt two squares of chocolate, add one and a half cups of flour, a half cup of raisins, a half cup of nutmeats well broken. Mix and drop by teaspoonfuls on buttered pans.

Bran Muffins.—These are good for people troubled with constipation, and are often recommended by physicians. Beat an egg and add a pinch of salt, then a half cup of molasses, a cup of milk, two cups of flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix well and bake twenty minutes to half an hour. This makes a dozen muffins.

Peanut Butter Fudge.—Put two cups of brown sugar and two-thirds of a cup of milk in a granite sauce pan, set over the fire and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Boil until a little dropped in cold water will form a soft ball, then add four tablespoonfuls of peanut butter; stir until the butter is melted, then beat until creamy. Add a teaspoon of vanilla and a third of a cup of sultana raisins.

MANY estates are spent in the getting, and men for punch forsook spinning and knitting.

And men for punch forsook hewing and splitting.

—Poor Richard.

SUGGESTIVE DISHES.

Here is a new one of the old favorites:

Chili Con Carni.—Grind through a meat chopper one and a half pounds of beef, one and a half pounds of veal, a pound of pork, and a quarter of a pound of suet. Put into a large kettle, add a quart of tomatoes chopped fine, six large onions minced, and a quart of chili beans or lima beans. Season with salt and cayenne, adding a bay leaf. Tie up in a piece of cheese cloth two teaspoonfuls each of whole peppers and allspice and a few cloves. Fill an eight quart kettle with water and the mixture and cook six hours. The longer and slower it is cooked the better.

Hot Tamales.—This is another popular recipe often called for. Cover a chicken with water and stew until tender, salting the fowl when nearly done. Drain off the liquor, and when cool remove the fat. Cut up the meat and chop fine; season with paprika and garlic to taste. Make a thick mush of cornmeal and boiling water. Form the seasoned meat into rolls and incase each in the mush, making it into a long roll. Cover these rolls with the inner husks of the corn after they have been well washed. When the tamales are all wrapped in the husks, tie them up and return them to the liquor in which the chicken was cooked; add a few red peppers and cook fifteen minutes, drain and send to the table. The real Mexican tamales are highly seasoned with red pepper.

Pear Salad.—Pears cut in halves and garnished with balls of cream cheese and maraschino cherries, served with French dressing, makes a most delicious and attractive looking salad.

Nellie Maxwell

Studies American Methods. Dr. Vincent Llorente, physician to the Spanish royal household, has returned home after completing a two months' study of methods employed in American institutions for the deaf and dumb. He was sent here by the queen of Spain to collect data regarding the education of Miss Helen Keller.

A Plum Tree.

She—Maud Richleigh's family tree is not much to boast of.

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The Process.

"I am a bankrupt in love."

"Then it is time for supplementary proceedings."

Extremes.

"Why is Alexander so cut up?"

"Because his salary has just been cut down."

Better Way.

"Does your wife raise a rumpus when you stay away from home at night?"

"No; but she does when I get home."

Solved.

"Twelve persons for dinner! Aren't you crazy?"

"We might invite a thirteenth; that would perhaps take away their appetite."

Swat Indirect.

Maudy—What foh yo ben goin' to do postoffice so reglar? Are yo' correspondin' wit some other female?"

Rastus—"Nope; but since ah been a-readin' in de papers 'bout dese 'conscience funds ah kind of thought ah might possibly get a lettah from dat minishat what married us."—Life.

Excellent Device.

An excellent device against slipping on your front-door steps these icy mornings is to cover them from top to bottom with your last summer's sofa cushions. These suitably placed will prevent your falling and chipping the brownstone or granite steps with the back of your celluloid collar.—Judge.

Breath Was "Out of Place."

Papa took Harry to the country to visit his grandparents. They lived a short distance from the village where the train stopped. Harry insisted on running as they approached the home of his grandparents. They had not gone far, however, until Harry's breath was coming in short jerks and he could hardly talk.

"Wait—wait—a minute—papa," he gasped.

"What's the matter, son?" asked the father.

"My—breath—is all out of place," gasped the little fellow.

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"Ah! I see by your hand that you are engaged to be married," said the palmist. "And," continued the reader of the future and the past, in a mellow cutting tone, "I see that you are engaged to Mr. Mooney."

"Oh! It's perfectly extraordinary," burst out the blushing girl. "How can you know that?"

"By my long study of the science," was the reply.

"But surely the lines on my hand—cannot tell you the name—"

"Who said anything about lines?" replied the prophetic one, with withering scorn. "You are wearing the engagement ring I returned to him three weeks ago."

Nice Distinction.

"Pa, what is a patriot?"

"That depends, my son. In the time of George Washington, he was a man who walked barefoot on snow and ice to serve his country. Now he is one who does it by getting a job."

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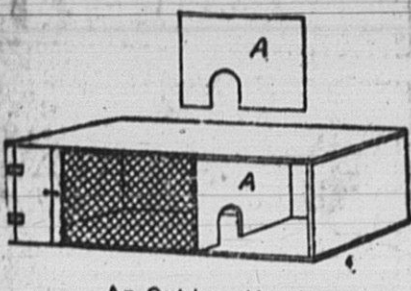
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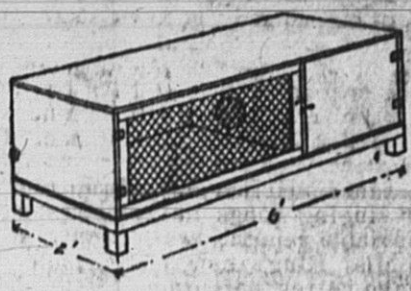
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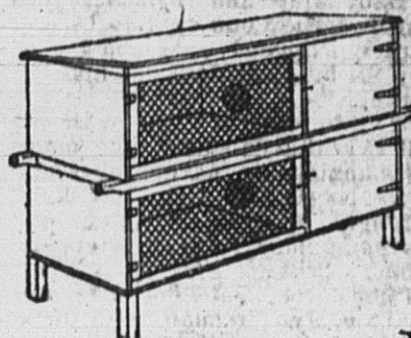
An Outdoor Hutch.



Convenient Rabbit Hutch.



Belgian Hare.



Movable Hutch.

(By DAVID E. LANTZ)

The fact that rabbits are easily grown and are a cheap and excellent substitute for the ordinary meats is likely to turn the attention of many persons to rearing the animals. That they can be propagated without costly investment in land and buildings is a peculiar advantage. Further, the presence on the farm of another animal which, like poultry, may be killed and prepared for the table entire and at short notice, is exceedingly desirable. All these circumstances make it extremely probable that the business of rearing rabbits will grow in importance.

The Belgian hare is one of the best rabbits for table use. It weighs more than most breeds, develops very rapidly, and the quality of the meat is superior to all the others. The Flemish giant is a Belgian hare bred exclusively for large size, but with the result that the meat is coarser and less delicate in flavor. These characteristics are regarded by some persons as desirable, but this is largely a matter of individual taste. Most people would prefer the white, sleek, grained flesh of the original Belgian hare. It should be remarked, however, that much of the excellence of the rabbit as food depends upon its cooking. As often prepared, it is dry and insipid; while in the hands of an experienced cook it becomes all that the most fastidious taste can wish. An especial requirement in cooking the Belgian hare is that none of the natural juices of the meat be lost in the process.

The Belgian hare does not do well when kept wild in open warrens. The common English rabbit is better for this purpose. A good many Belgians have been turned out in various parts of the United States, and in the vicinity of the city of New York and on the western coast there have been some complaints of damage to crops by wild Belgian hares. As a rule, however, and fortunately for the farmer, these animals, when obliged to shift for themselves, fall an easy prey to their enemies and disappear within a few months.

Belgian hares may be successfully managed in two ways: (1) Entirely in hutches, or (2) in outdoor fenced runs, or courts, with hutches for does when having young, and sleeping hutches for other stock. The hutch system with various modifications is the more common, and is the only method adopted by rabbit fanciers who raise for show. The use of small runs or rabbit courts to give the animals healthful exercise in fine weather is of advantage.

Hutches for the Belgian hare should be somewhat larger than those intended for smaller breeds. They should be built of good lumber, should have tight floors, and should have at least 12 square feet of floor space and a height of 2 feet. If there is plenty of room in the rabbitry it is best to have the hutches separate; but they are usually set in tiers or stacks, two or three in height. Each hutch in the rank is complete in itself, so that its position may be shifted at any time.

A rabbit court may be paved or floored, or it may be a grass court surrounded by a rabbit-proof fence. Sleeping hutches inside the court may be small boxes of any sort if they are stout and waterproof. They should have sliding doors to confine the rabbits if desired, and should also have small holes near the top for ventilation. If a court is used, hutches will still be needed for breeding does.

A rabbit-proof fence to inclose a grass court should be made of heavy poultry netting 5 or 6 feet wide and of 1 1/2-inch mesh. The posts, projecting 3 or 4 feet above the ground, should be well set outside the edge of the netting. The netting is stapled to the posts, leaving a projection of 6 inches or more at the top and about 15

inches at the ground, to be turned into the court. The lower edge should be covered with 10 or 12 inches of soil to prevent the animals from digging out. The upper edge is also turned inward to keep them from climbing over. Brackets at the tops of the posts make the best support for the overhanging netting, although horizontal pieces of wood nailed to the posts will answer.

While not affording large profits, the business of raising rabbits in a small way may be made an interesting adjunct to other pursuits. It is adapted to small village places, as well as to farms, and under careful management the returns from it are likely to increase as one gains experience. Under favorable circumstances it is capable of expansion into a serious vocation. The presence of rabbits in inclosures on the farm or on village premises furnishes opportunity for an agreeable change in the family diet, a fact that is of considerable importance when ordinary meats are high-priced, or in regions where they are difficult to obtain.

FRESH VEGETABLES MAY BE OBTAINED

Eastern Writer Makes Suggestion That Is Worthy of Some Consideration.

(By R. B. BUCKAM.)

The time was when it was customary to see the small farmer and truck raiser going about the streets from house to house with his produce. The trip to town was an important part of each day's round, which was made as regularly as the sun, usually at just such an hour every day. The farmer had his friends and patrons in town, who knew the worth and quality of his produce, and who were wise enough and fortunate enough to make arrangements with him to bring it to them, fresh from the fields, daily.

But nowadays, for one reason or another, this particular activity on the part of the farmer has fallen away wonderfully. In its stead has come, to a large extent, the cry and the push-cart of the "hawker," a species of rascal who must look to this occupation alone for his profits, and who is usually not so much concerned to supply a friend with the best he has as he is to do a good business, and that is but natural.

One cannot but infer that this change must be more or less to the disadvantage of the customer. He is the loser in the main by this new order of things, though the farmer is probably somewhat in the same position too. Why does he not come to town as he used to? Doubtless more than one cause contributes to this result. He is farming on a larger and more extensive scale than he used to, and has found a ready market for all that he can produce in the modern middleman, who is ready to take off his hands all that he has for sale. He is no longer under the necessity of going in search of purchasers of his wares. The self constituted agent of the public comes to him voluntarily and bargains with him for what he has, and usually pays him a fair price, too.

But a writer in an eastern daily publication makes a suggestion which is well worth considering by any who would welcome an approach to the old order of marketing. It is this: These are the days of the automobile and pleasure riding. Almost every one, in these times, high or low, man or woman, gets possession of one, by one means or another. But instead of going aimlessly hither and yon, for the pleasure of riding merely, why not have an objective point in view, some farm in the country, and the purchase of a generous supply of fresh vegetables and produce on purpose and object of the outing? Quite a quantity could easily be carried home thus, and the pleasures of the trip extended for several days by the better quality of food and relishes up on the table.

If the farmer will not, or cannot, find time any more to come to the city, then get out the auto and go after him. Strike his trail as the hunters do when they go out with their hounds after the fox, and run him to earth! And when the run is over and the return is made, I for one, would ten times rather have a bag of fresh vegetables than have a bag of a poor, butchered fox.

ALINE'S SOILED GOWN

By J. N. NOWLAND.

"Oh, I've ruined it! What shall I do? Virginia, do come here! Oh, Virginia!"

Virginia came running from the dining room of the little flat where she and Aline Carr had been keeping house for two years. Her face was flushed, and her eyes were wide with fright.

"What in the world is the matter, child? Are you hurt? What is it?" she exclaimed as she rushed into Aline's tiny bedroom and found that small person in a sobbing heap on the bed.

"Aline, what have you done? Come, dear, you mustn't cry. Aline, speak to me."

Aline lifted her tear-stained face and brushed back a mass of thick golden curls. "Just look at it! See what I've done to my dress—it's ruined! Oh, Virginia, I can't go to the ball. What will Win think? What will his mother think?"

"Ink all over the front of my gown—my pretty new gown! Isn't it just terrible? There's no time to get anything else. It isn't a fancy dress party, I could manage, but I can't go in just an evening gown, and there is no possible way for me to get even a domino to put over my pink frock."

Again the pretty head was buried in the pillow, and the slight form of the girl shook with sobs.

Virginia looked with alarm and interest at the lovely pink frock flung over a chair back. All over the front and side was a dark blue stain, a big blotchy stain that completely spoiled the pretty laces and chiffon.

Virginia knew that she looked on a tragedy. Aline had been engaged to Winston Scott just two weeks. She was to meet his mother for the first time that evening—the mother who would be the critical, who was giving a costume ball for Winston's sister, and would expect great things from her daughter-in-law-to-be.

Virginia knew that Mrs. Scott was not the sort of a woman to look with favor upon her son's marriage with a girl who earned her own living; but she knew Aline could win even the sternest woman's heart with her gentle manner and sweet, loving disposition if she only had a chance.

"Don't cry, little one. I think we can fix it all right. Come along with me. I may have something that will do as well as this shepherdess dress."

Wonderingly, Aline followed Virginia into her room, where the older girl knelt beside a large trunk taking things out of it until she drew forth a package wrapped in tissue paper. Opening it, she held up a lovely crepe kimono, a real Japanese garment, of the palest shell pink, with cherry blossoms embroidered over its surface so that they looked as if some merry summer breeze had scattered them there. It was lined with dreamy satin.

Aline gasped with joy. She could wear the lovely robe over her pink slip and represent a daughter of Japan.

Virginia helped her to arrange her hair with tiny tins and pretty pins. Her brows and eyes were penciled; a little rouge applied deftly to her cheeks and lips gave her the piquant appearance of a dainty geisha girl.

"Where did you get this lovely kimono, Virginia? How sweet of you to lend it to me!"

"I wore it once—to a party—five years ago," replied Virginia, and then quickly changed the subject.

It was nearly midnight when Aline sank down in a secluded corner of the conservatory just to "get her breath and think for a minute." She had been a success. Mrs. Scott had received her most graciously. Winston had told her over and over how lovely she was, and his sister had admired her costume and said she was the prettiest girl in the ballroom. It was almost time to unmask.

She leaned her head back on the cushions of the divan and closed her eyes behind their satin mask. Suddenly she was conscious of some one sitting down beside her; then—

"Virginia! At last I have found you. I came late, and only caught sight of you in the crush. Why have you hidden yourself from me, Virginia?"

"I beg your pardon. I am not Virginia. I suppose you mean Virginia Taylor." And Aline quickly pulled off her mask, revealing her face to the man in monk's costume seated by her side.

"Pardon me. I'm sorry I made the mistake—but surely, that is—it was your kimono that led me to think you were Miss Taylor. She has, or had one just like it."

"This is Miss Taylor's kimono. She let me wear it tonight because I spoiled my own dress."

"You know Virginia? Tell me, is she here?"

"No."

"But I can find her! I am Jack Howard, an old friend; in fact, we were engaged to be married, but after a foolish quarrel I left for the west without seeing her, and I have not been able to find her since my return to New York. She was wearing that kimono the last time I saw her. Tell me where I can address her, please."

"Don't you think it would be best to go to see her? Virginia and I have an apartment which we share."

"That blessed kimono!" said Virginia a week later as she laid it back in the trunk. "To think I should be packing it now for my honeymoon, and you, Aline, are to be my maid of honor instead of I yours!"

ALL MEXICO AFLAME; U. S. SHIPS READY

VERA CRUZ SITUATION SO BAD AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

THE MADERO GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING NO PROTECTION.

Disorder and Widespread Rebel Activities Continue in the Southern Part of Mexico.

Reports of a grave situation at Vera Cruz, Mex., caused state department officials to seriously consider detaching one of the warships from the first division of the Atlantic fleet at Gauntanamo for immediate duty at the Mexican port.

Continued disorders and widespread rebel activities in southern Mexico, in which official dispatches say small towns and ranches have been attacked and pillaged, women have been carried off and bandits have demoralized the populace, have aroused apprehension for the safety of Americans in the disturbed zone.

That the Madero government is providing little or no protection for foreign interests has again been made evident by the recent action of American planters in announcing that they proposed to pay tribute to the rebel Zapata to protect their growing crops against other rebel bands and raiders.

State department officials admitted that their reports were of a condition so grave as to indicate that the presence of a United States warship might be necessary to protect Americans.

Mexican Volcano in Eruption. Colima volcano in Mexico is in violent eruption and inhabitants of several towns and villages near the mountain are fleeing to escape death by strangulation.

The big crater is vomiting enormous quantities of lava, sand, ashes and poisonous gases. Thousands of cattle and other animals have met death.

The eruption began at noon. Rumbles far down in the earth followed by terrific detonations. Then a shower of lava and sand covered the surrounding country. The railroad tracks were buried to a depth of several feet, making the passage of trains impossible. Smoke blotted out the sky and added darkness to the other terrors that drove the residents of the small towns from their homes, guided only by the light from the bewitching volcano.

A report from Guadalajara, 100 miles from the volcano, said that ashes and gases there caused great discomfort. If the eruption continues, it is feared several towns will be destroyed.

Poincare Elected President of France. Raymond Poincare, republican, was elected president of the Republic of France. He is the present prime minister and was the most popular of the seven original candidates.

Poincare is thus made ninth president of the third republic, succeeding President Armand Fallieres.

Poincare was chosen on the second ballot amid scenes of the wildest confusion, after he had challenged to a duel Georges Clemenceau, a former premier, and after a second duel challenge had been sent by Deputy Moizet, a Poincare supporter, to former Minister Boncour, an adherent of Jules Pams, secretary of agriculture.

The incident between Poincare and Clemenceau arose out of a letter sent by the former premier, to Mr. Poincare, the contents of which were considered offensive by Mr. Poincare.

Teachers to Meet in Ann Arbor.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Teachers' association in Lansing, Ann Arbor was decided on as the place for holding the next state convention, the time chosen being the last week in October. Ann Arbor was successful because of superior auditorium facilities. Besides Detroit, Ann Arbor and Kalamazoo, other cities which wanted the convention were Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Saginaw.

Rolled 30 feet along the track. Oscar Ehrman, aged 5, barely escaped death under a street car in Kalamazoo.

Action was taken by the supervisors of Saginaw county with a view of terminating the fee system in vogue in the sheriff's office and placing that official on a salary. A resolution was adopted requesting the legislature to pass a local act carrying with it a change in the system.

The threatened bread famine in Kalamazoo, is a thing of the past. When a strike was called in one of the biggest bakeries only three bakers showed out.

Home F. Waterman, secretary of the Michigan Federation of Labor, is in Lansing to confer with the legislative labor committee and other labor representatives.

Opposition to the municipal code developed in the council in Battle Creek, and it was by only one vote that Ald. Yaw was given permission to purchase several carriages.



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ANN ARBOR—The convention committee of the State Teacher's association has announced that the next convention will be held at Ann Arbor the last week in October.

ANN ARBOR—Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme, on Friday announced a partial list of appointments to inspectors which includes the name of James Helber of Ann Arbor as dairy and food inspector.

MANCHESTER—Frank Green has taken Walter Dietle's place as baggageman at the depot while Walter has taken Mr. Gay's place in the freight office. Mr. Brady, who was at Petersburg, has returned here.—Enterprise.

BRIDGEWATER—Willis Linden's arm that was injured Dec. 23 by a fall while he was backing a wagon out of the barn is now getting better. About two weeks after it was injured, it was found to have been put out of joint, but not so seriously as to be readily noticed.

JACKSON—The last of the salvage of the prison binder twine warehouse fire was sold Thursday. A check for \$7,000 was the result of the warden's dicker over the last of the burned and damaged sisal and twine. This makes the total amount received for the salvage \$30,800. The first bidders offered \$1,000 for the entire lot.

TECUMSEH—Last Monday the big dredge that is owned by Edward Bodette of Toledo sank to the bottom of the Macon Drain on the South branch. It is thought that one of the props gave way and caused the disaster. It will take a week at least to raise the dredge. The men are working day and night in two shifts and it was a wonder that no one was hurt.—Herald.

JACKSON—W. H. Ballard, a line-man in the employ of the Commonwealth Power Co., was electrocuted Tuesday morning while putting a cross-arm on a pole in this city. Ballard lay across a live wire several minutes before his co-workers could get him down. He had been employed at this kind of work but a few weeks. He was about 35 years old and had a wife and family.

JACKSON—Local optionists are becoming particularly active in their preparations for an extensive campaign. A meeting has been called for Saturday, January 25, at the Y. M. C. A., at which time an executive committee and a campaign manager will be chosen. A committee of 42 has already been appointed, representing the townships and city, to make the selection of the committee and a campaign manager.

MANCHESTER—Jerry Miller, who was injured by being thrown from his buggy a week ago Sunday, has been in an unconscious condition most of the time since. He is able to sit up part of the time and appears to think that he is away from home and wants to go home at once. A purse was raised to defray expense for taking him to a hospital at Ann Arbor but it has not been decided when to take him.—Enterprise.

PLYMOUTH—No little excitement was caused last Sunday when a deer came bounding down the Sutton road. Near the outskirts of the village it ran over the field across Ann Arbor street into Mrs. Mary Brown's woods. It was last seen Monday out Golden street. As yet no one has been able to learn who is the owner.—Mail.

ANN ARBOR—The body of Mike Heist, an employee of the street department, was found in a barn belonging to Dr. Conrad George, sr., Saturday morning. Heist for some time had been an inmate of the county house, but for the past week had worked for the city. Death was due to natural causes.

JACKSON—The fifth annual corn show under the auspices of the Jackson County Corn Improvement association, will be held Saturday, February 1, at the store of Reid & Carlton, and in connection will be held the first annual meeting of the Jackson County Crop Improvement association, and the third annual corn show of the Jackson County Boys' and Girls' Corn club.

HOWELL—Howell is to have a canning factory. All that is wanted now is for the farmers to sign up contracts to grow sweet corn, tomatoes, string beans, etc. Canning factories in other sections of the state have been of great profit to the farmer. It is now up to the farmers in Livingston county to share in the profit by signing up contracts with the Howell factory.—Democrat.

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Easter Sunday Comes Early.
It is interesting to note that Easter Sunday, this year, comes earlier than it has in 95 years and that it will not come so early again for another 87 years. Next Easter Sunday falls on March 23. Not since 1818 did it arrive sooner in the year. In that year it came on March 22. Not until after the year 2000 will it come so early again.

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"The Wall Street Girl."

Blanche Ring, with her smiling good-humor and breezy buoyancy, comes to the Whitney Theatre, Ann Arbor, Thursday, January 30, in her musical comedy success, "The Wall Street Girl" which has met with such favor in New York, Chicago and all the large cities. Miss Ring has gained the right to be called America's foremost singing comedienne. Her personal magnetism, her charm of manner, and her inimitable method of singing songs has gained her an enviable reputation the country over. Miss Ring's new piece could not have better parentage, for the book is by Margaret Mayo, author of "Baby Mine" and Edgar Selwyn, who wrote "The Country Boy," the lyrics are by Hapgood Burt and the music by the late Karl Hoschna and various other.

The heroine of "The Wall Street Girl" is the daughter of a man who was anxious to have a son when she was born. Consequently she was brought up like a boy and enters her father's office in Wall street to become a broker. She makes a success of her career until she meets Dexter Barton, a young man from the west, with whom she falls in love. She takes a half interest in gold mining proposition, which her father has turned down, and later this mine saves the brokerage firm from failure.

The music of "The Wall Street Girl" is said to be most tuneful and Miss Ring has a half dozen catchy songs, which will be sung as only she can sing them. Will Rogers, expert with the lariat, who made such a distinct bit on Broadway with both his rope-throwing and quaint humor last spring, and has duplicated it in Chicago and elsewhere, is featured. Miss Ring, it is said, has the prettiest aggregation of girls on the road this season. Advance seat sale opens Tuesday, January 28. Phone 480.

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F. A. Hammond, Madison St., Chelsea, Mich., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills with the best of results. My back was very lame and every cold I caught made the trouble worse. When Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my attention, I used them and they quickly gave relief from the pains and regulated the passages of the kidney secretions. Doan's Kidney Pills certainly deserve my endorsement in return for their good work."	Mrs. Lewis Burg, Garfield St., Chelsea, Mich., says: "I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills for I know them to be a remedy of great merit. I suffered intensely from backache and in the morning upon arising I felt lame and weak. A distressing kidney weakness clung to me persistently and these troubles made me very anxious to get relief. Finally I procured Doan's Kidney Pills and soon after I began using them I was free from my aches and pains. I have been feeling much better every way since."	B. F. Hawley, retired farmer, Park St., Chelsea, Mich., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are by no means a new remedy to me. I have used them on several occasions and they have always had a beneficial effect. I was subject to attacks of backache and also had acute pains through my kidneys. The kidney secretions were highly colored and there was sediment in them. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me prompt relief from these troubles and I have had no serious attack since. I willingly give Doan's Kidney Pills my endorsement."
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Mrs. Charles Grant, S. Main St., Chelsea, Mich., says: "From personal experience I know that Doan's Kidney Pills are a good remedy for kidney trouble. I suffered intensely from dull, nagging backaches and the kidney secretions caused me much annoyance. I had pains through my kidneys and felt poorly in every way, when I read about Doan's Kidney Pills. Procuring a supply of this remedy, I commenced its use and it proved very prompt in relieving my aches and pains and removing the kidney trouble. I have felt better in every way since taking Doan's Kidney Pills."	John Kelley, west Middle St., Chelsea, Mich., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they helped me wonderfully. My back was sore and lame and it was hard for me to stoop on account of acute pains across my kidneys. I also had trouble from irregular passages of the kidney secretions. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I procured a box and used them. I have had no trouble from my back or kidneys since taking this remedy and have felt better in every way."	Mrs. S. J. Trouton, McKinley St., Chelsea, Mich., says: "I suffered a great deal from backache and acute pains through my kidneys. Headache and dizzy spells annoyed me and the kidney secretions caused me annoyance by their too frequent passages. I tried a number of remedies but found no relief until I commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills. The contents of one box removed the backache and also strengthened my kidneys. I am pleased to give Doan's Kidney Pills my endorsement."

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