The Paper that stops when the time is up. Not forced on any one.

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Merry Christmas

The old Christmas-time spirit never changes Good Cheer, Good Will and Rollicking Fun are its heritage.

Let us go into the Yuletide merriment with the one idea of making others happy and come out happier for it, refreshed and ready to face the responsibilities of the new year.

The sincere desire of the officers and directors of this bank is that your Christmas may be a happy one; that the New year may bring to you the fullest measure of Joy and Prosperity

For ourselves, we express the hope that 1920 will bring to us the opportunity and pleasure of serving you often and many ways; that it may be our privilege to aid to your success.

And be assured, our interest in your success is genuine.

City State Bank
Lowell
Member Federal Reserve Bank System.

Our 1920 calendars are ready for distribution. We have one for you.

Christmas Buying

is easy at Oliver. Presents here for everyone; genuine, substantial and beautiful articles, good for a lifetime in

Silverware, Cut Glass, Fancy China, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Brica Brac, Dinner Ware, Glass Ware, Etc.

Come early and often and stay late. You are welcome whether you buy or not, at

A. D. Oliver's Jeweler and Optometrist

"Eyes Examined and Glasses Fitted."

A Gentle Reminder

Do not forget that this is the only place in town where you can get

Jumbo Peanuts Roasted Fresh

the day you get them. I am prepared to furnish them in any quality for CHRISTMAS TREES and SOCIETIES. Also, every little tot should have a STOCKINGFUL—nothing would please them more.

For that Christmas dinner, I have ALL the makings—*Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Meats* and that delicious *Fresh Roasted Coffee*, it just touches the spot—nuff said.

White's Market & Coffee Ranch

CHRISTMAS

Cigars a dandy assortment. The kinds you like. Prices right.

Candy Box and Bulk. Special prices to schools and churches.

Subscriptions to your favorite magazine make a dandy Christmas present.

Nuts & Fruits A nice assortment. Come in and you will see our prices are not as high as others!

Lasby & Son,
Candies, Fruits, Cigars and News.

Do your Christmas Shopping now

Our Holiday Stock is very complete and you are sure to find something suitable here. Here are a few suggestions:

Gents	Ladies
Vacuum Bottles	"Parisian Ivory" Toilet Articles
Tourist Tablets	Kodak Albums
Books	Leather Novelties
Necktie Racks	Fancy Perfumes
Military Sets	Toilet Waters
Smoking Sets	Manicure Sets
Ash Trays	Nut Sets

Children
Dolls, Games, Books, Etc.

W. S. Winegar

REV. LASH GOES TO LAKE ODESSA

Receives Call to Congregational Church of That Place.

Rev. A. H. Lash has accepted a call from the Congregational church of Lake Odessa and began his engagement there Sunday. He will not be in a hurry to move but will wait for better conditions for making the change. Mr. and Mrs. Lash have many friends here who will regret their departure, but will congratulate them upon the favorable opportunity for continued usefulness in their chosen work.

During his pastorate and residence in Lowell Mr. Lash has identified himself actively with the civic interests of the town and has given freely of his time and services in the many public calls devolving upon a resident minister. He is a good mixer and a hale fellow well met, and The Ledger cordially commends him to the citizens of Lake Odessa.

OBITUARY—R. A. WYMAN.

R. A. Wyman died Dec. 13 at Marion, Mich., aged 62 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church in Lowell, by Rev. A. H. Lash Wednesday; burial at Oakwood cemetery under auspices of Lowell Lodge, F. & A. M., of which deceased was a member.

Mr. Wyman was born in Rochester, N. Y., April 29, 1856 and came to Lowell with his parents in early life and lived for several years in the vicinity of South Lowell.

About a year ago he was afflicted with a slight stroke and has been in declining health ever since.

He is survived by a sister, Dolly Wyman and a brother Seward Wyman.

BIG SPECIAL AT IDLE HOUR SATURDAY.

A big D. W. Griffith 7-reel production at the Idle Hour Saturday, Dec. 20, featuring Jane Gray and Tully Marshall in "Let Katy Do It;" also a Harold Lloyd comedy.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

The American Legion plans for their big party on New Year's evening are complete.

The American Legion, through its various committees are making great efforts to make this party one of the very best ever held in Lowell.

The celebrated "Jazzbo" colored orchestra, of Grand Rapids, consisting of seven pieces will furnish music.

The orchestra will also bring an entertainer.

Today this orchestra is considered the most popular in Grand Rapids.

Dancing from 9 to 2 a. m.

This is the first social event to be given under the auspices of the Local Post.

Let's all turn out and show the boys that we are behind them in the good things for which the American Legion stands.

A fitting place to watch the old year out and the new year in. adv.

HALE'S ORCHESTRA TO GIVE BIG CHRISTMAS DANCE.

Hale's big concert and dance orchestra will return to Lowell and give a big Christmas eve dancing party in the City hall on Wednesday evening, December, 24, (Christmas Eve,) to which all dancers are extended the most cordial invitation. Arrange to have your friends visit you on this date and get up a bunch and attend the greatest dance ever given in Lowell. Special music and no advance in prices. Everybody boost for the one big dance of the season at the Lowell City hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24. Dancing from 9 to 2. Welcome all. adv.

IDLE HOUR NEWS

Saturday, Dec. 20, "Let Katy Do It," featuring Jane Gray and a Sunshine comedy. Afternoon 6c and 11c, evening, 11c and 17c.

Sunday, Dec. 21, "Hearts Asleep," with Bessie Barriscale; also a Harold Lloyd comedy. Evening, 11c and 17c.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, "Lightning Raiders," and a good comedy, price 6c and 11c.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, "Restless Souls," by A. Rubens, price 6c and 11c.

Coming, Shorty Hamilton in his new five reel Western drama.

NEW DOG TAX LAW.

It's now up to the owner to see that the dog tax is paid.

The dog tax for 1920 is now due and must be paid to the Township Treasurer before January 10, 1920, who will issue a receipt and tag. All dogs over 4 months old without tags will be disposed of.

The Treasurer must make report after above date on all dogs on which the tax is paid.

The amount of the tax is $3.00 for male dogs, $6 for females and $2.00 for unsexed. adv.

SPECIAL HERALD, PRESS AND LEDGER-SOLO CLUB OFFERS NOW ON.

All the special magazine and premium offers of the Grand Rapids Herald and Press can be secured of The Ledger at a saving just now. All prices are due to advance without warning so far as the dailies and magazines are concerned. Better get in while the getting is good.

CORN SALE NOTICE.

I will have a car of corn to sell on Pere Marquette track back of my store next Monday and Tuesday.

George E. Lahe, phone 126.

Boxed handkerchiefs at Weekes.'

8 NEW SERIALS IN 1920 LEDGER

Cost $12.20 in Book Form. Yours Free With This Paper.

The Ledger in 1920 will run eight new serial stories that would cost $12.20 at the book stores: "The Strange Case of Cavendish," by Randall Parrish; "Crooked Trails and Straight," by William M'Leod Raine; "The House of Whispers," by William Johnston; "Yellow Men Sleep," by Jeremy Lane," "Lady Larkspur," by Meredith Nicholson; "The Double Squeeze," by Henry Beach Needham; "The Man Nobody Knew," by Halworthy Hall; and "The Valley of Giants," by Peter B. Kyne.

You get all these with all the home and county news and volumes of other matter for a year for $1.50 before January 1; after that $2.00.

Remember $12.20 worth of the choicest new fiction for $1.50 with your home paper before January 1 after that $2.00.

Watch for big announcement in our next issue.

MRS. SALTSMA'S LONG LIFE CLOSED.

Mrs. Isabell Saltsma, aged 92 years, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Colerton, in this village. Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday morning at 9:30, Rev. H. H. Harris, officiating, and the body was taken to Richland Center, Wis., former home of deceased for burial.

Isabell Dunlap was born in Ireland, Feb. 14, 1828, and came to this country in her early childhood. In 1847 she married A. J. Saltsma and they made their home in Wisconsin, until his death in 1899, when she came to Lowell. For the last ten years she has made her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Saltsma was a member of the Methodist church and a regular attendant at its services as long as her health permitted.

Obituary—Mrs. Kimball Fletcher.

Mrs. Kimball Fletcher died at her home in Lowell, Friday, Dec. 12, aged 59 years. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. H. Harris, officiating; burial at Oakwood cemetery.

Cora M. Hicks was born in Vergennes township March 13, 1860. She was married to Kimball Fletcher January 31, 1876; and to them were born four children, Wirt D. Fletcher, of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Mattie Jacobi, of Ionia, and Lynn L. Fletcher and Mrs. Bessie Dillenbeck, of Lowell.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides her husband and four children, three brothers and a host of friends.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the many friends, neighbors and employees of the Lowell Specialty Co., we extend our appreciation for their kindness and floral offerings in our recent bereavement of the loss of a loving wife and mother.

K. H. Fletcher and family.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the friends and neighbors for their kind assistance and floral offerings and those who furnished music in our bereavement and burial of our dear mother and sister.

Vesta L. Gardner and Sisters.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Dale Bowen.
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Nickell.

NEWSPAPERS MAY BE FORCED OUT

Seriousness of Situation is Put up to Congressonal Committee.

Washington, Dec. 15—Between 2,500 and 3,000 small newspapers face suspension if not extinction unless the news print situation is soon remedied. Rep. Anthony, Republican, Kansas, told the house postoffice committee today in urging favorable action on his bill to limit to 24 pages daily newspapers and periodicals using the second class mail privilege.

The present acute paper shortage, he said, is due to the large size of the big city dailies and some magazines. The larger newspapers, he added, could eliminate five or six pages of matter, in Sunday editions, without loss to the public.

Must Reduce Advertising.

The volume of advertising should be drastically reduced during the present shortage, he said.

Replying to Chairman Steenerson, Rep. Anthony said he had heard that some advertisers had greatly increased their expenditures for advertising to avoid payment of excess profits tax.

Shortage Due to Greed.

"The present shortage of news print paper," he continued, "is due largely to the rapacity of the great publishing companies which are using up every pound of news print they can lay their hands on. The country and small city publishers cannot meet this powerful competition."

Jason Rogers, publisher of the New York Globe, speaking in favor of the bill, declared that some great newspapers were profiteering at the expense of all the others by publishing large editions and carrying great volumes of advertising.

The prospective shortage of print paper for 1920 was estimated at 200,000 tons by Frank P. Glass, publisher of the Birmingham, Ala., News, and president of the American Publishers' association, he predicted, however, that relief from the shortage would come within six months.

WILLIAM MURPHY DIED MONDAY.

William Murphy, 38 years old, died at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Richard McGee, in Vergennes township Monday morning. He is survived by two brothers, John and Patrick, of Vergennes and Mrs. William Duggan, of Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 9 at St. Patrick's church, Parnell. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

KEENE TAX NOTICE.

I will be at the City State Bank, Lowell, December 6 and January 20 to receive taxes.

Charles Sparks,
Keene Township Treasurer.

VERGENNES TAX NOTICE.

Mrs. Bertha Collar, treasurer of Vergennes township, will be at the City State bank every Saturday until January 10 for collection of taxes, also collect dog taxes for 1920.

LOWELL TOWNSHIP TAXES

are now due and payable at U. B. Williams' store.

Maude McNaughton, Treasurer.

Fancy white aprons at Weekes.' Headquarters for silks, satin and wool dress goods at Weeks.' adv. Gloves and mittens at Weekes.'

Strand Theatre Program

Sat., Dec 20

Why did they fear him? Because he rode hard and shot straight—because to him womanhood was sacred and he backed honor with two big black guns. William Fox presents

William Farnum as Lassiter, the Avenger,

in a picturization of Zane Grey's famous novel

Riders of the Purple Sage

A story of love, mystery and adventure in the Great Southwest,

Also a Fox News

Admission—Matinee, 6c and 11c; evening, 11c and 17c.

Sunday, Dec. 21
A SPECIAL 6-ACT FEATURE
and
A a two reel Comedy
also a
A Fox News
Admission: 11c and 17c

No Show Tuesday

Wednesday, Dec. 24
A Big Double Show for the Price of One
Mabel Normand
in
"SIS HOPKINS"
and
ANITA STEWART in a special production
THE COMBAT
Admission: 11c and 17c

NEWS OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Christmas Exercises at Congregational and Methodist Churches Tuesday Evening.

Preaching, 10:30. Sunday school 11:45.

Last day of rummage sale, Saturday, Dec. 20. The ladies are very grateful to Mr. Sam Rice, who so kindly gave us the use of his office and assisted us in every way. adv.

Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock you are invited to the church for the following program:

Song, "Why Jesus Came," School.
Responsive reading.
Prayer.
Recitation, Welcome, Lucille Neff.
The Christmas Mystery and Song, Miss Skipper's Class.
Recitation, The Theologian's Tale, Audie Wright.
Primary song, Twinkle, Twinkle.
Recitation, "The Christmas Bell," Evelyn Borgerson.
Shower of Stars, Mrs. Washburn's class.
Recitation, Richard Court.
Music, Choir.
Recitation, My Christmas Doll, Mary Jane Rutherford, Charlotte White.
The Flag and the Children, Mrs. Horn's class.
Recitation, John Court.
Silent Night, Mrs. Shephard's class.
Recitation, Junior Runciman.
Song, Star of Glory Shining, school.
Play, The Christmas Fairy and Scrooge.
Song, Keep the Carols Ringing.
Santa Claus and the Christmas Tree.

LOWELL BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday was a regular Michigan winter day but a few came to the Baptist house of worship and were greatly blessed of God as the Pastor brought them a message on the Stewardship of Prayer.

Next Sunday is the last Sunday before Christmas and the Pastor will speak at the close of the Sunday school hour on an appropriate theme. Lowell has a church service to meet every need as far as time is concerned. If our hour meets your need you are invited to come and worship with us regardless of creed or belief. Sermons are orthodox based on the revelations contained in the New Testament. Where the Bible speaks we speak, where it is silent, we are silent.

Bible school at 2:30, p. m.

A short Christmas program will be given at this hour.

V. C. Webb, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preaching services, 10:30 a. m., and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school 11:45 a. m. Vergennes Sunday school 1:30 p. m. Preaching services, 2:30. H. H. Harris, Pastor.

The evening services will now begin at 7 p. m., one half hour earlier than usual.

The committee and the boys and girls of the Sunday school are especially busy this week preparing for the Christmas exercises, which occur Tuesday evening, 7 p. m. The Christmas offering will be sent to the Children's Home in Detroit. This home is supported by the Methodist churches of Michigan.

The Christmas exercises of the Vergennes Sunday school will occur on Sunday afternoon at the regular Sunday school hour. This will be a "White Christmas," the offering used for the Detroit Children's Home.

The Sunday school Institute held at the church Friday was a very profitable meeting. Mrs. Elson, County Secretary, told us of the larger plans for Sunday school work in Kent county.

Mrs. Fox's talk on Primary work was helpful. Dr. Willetts, speaking out of a large experience, gave some very inspiring addresses. Many interested workers from the near by Sunday schools were present and contributed their part to make the Sunday school interesting.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE.

Every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock over Lowell State Bank. Subject of sermon on Sunday, Dec. 21, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

Sunday school at 12:00 noon.

Christian Science Testimonial meetings every Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

THE SANTA CLAUS CLUB.

The Santa Claus club is at work again this year and is in need of money, no matter how small the amount, toys, and children's books, which can be handed to any one of the ladies named or left at the Journal office.

Any one knowing of needy children should report their names to the ladies at once.

We need your help in giving some little children a happy Christmas. Contributions should be in by Tuesday noon at the latest.

Mrs. F. B. McKay.
Mrs. Peter Fineis.
Mrs. R. E. Springett.
Mrs. J. M. Hutchinson.

BODIES BROUGHT TO LOWELL FOR BURIAL.

The body of Mrs. Samuel F. Edmonds, a former old resident of Lowell, was brought here Monday for burial from Vineland, N. J., where she died in May, 1918. Accompanying the body were Mrs. Katie Schneider, of Baltimore, daughter, Brace Edmonds, of Mt. Clemons, son, and Howard Swartwout, grandson, of Detroit, all of whom stayed with Mrs. O. O. Adams while here. Brace and Howard have returned to their homes; but Mrs. Schneider remains for a longer visit.

The body of R. A. Wyman, of Marion, was brought here Tuesday for burial. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church at 1:30 Wednesday.

The body of Miss Anna Daniels was brought here for burial Tuesday. Miss Daniels died at her home in Frankfort, where she was in business with her sister for several years. She had a nervous breakdown and was ill for five weeks. The Daniels family lived in Lowell many years ago and will be remembered by the older residents. Two sisters, Mrs. Fanny Nevius, of Frankfort, and Mrs. Cooley and two sons, of Lansing, attended the burial.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the Maccabee ladies and Editor and all others for beautiful flowers, dainties and favors during Mr. Reed's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reed.

CHRISTMAS—LOOK'S

We are well prepared to care for your every need in Christmas merchandise—sensible and useful goods bought at right prices.

WHITE IVORY PYRALIN GOODS.
Bought direct from the manufacturers. A full line to choose from and very reasonable prices.

BOOKS.
This is truly the book store. Big assortment of books for boys and girls or the older ones. All the new popular stories.

BOX STATIONERY.
Nothing pleases a lady more than a box of nice stationery. Our line is particularly strong this year. Big values at 25c to $3.00

CANDY.
No shortage of candy here. 500 lbs. of box and bulk candy. Riggetts of course. Just received by express from Boston. Fine chocolates, 50c to $1.50 per lb.

PERFUMES AND TOILET WATERS.
All the leading lines of perfumes and toilet waters in attractive packages for Christmas gifts.

Buy him cigars if he smokes. Good cigars in boxes from 60c to $5.00 per box.

CIGARS AND PIPES.
Gibson art cards, post cards, fountain pens, icy hot bottles, kodak albums and many more useful and pleasing gifts.

A vote for every penny purchase. Ask for your cash register coupon and vote for your favorite girl on the doll contest.

D. G. LOOK
One of the 8000 Rexall Stores.

P. T. Barnum

once said, The American people love to be bumbugged. We sometimes think this applies to some people we know right here in Lowell when they prefer to buy from transients and pay more than if they bought from their home merchant. We have sold and advertised the world famous

White Sewing Machine

for over thirty years, and for very much less than others have asked for them, and now that I have given permission for other agents for the White to canvass the town, does not mean that I do not want to sell, therefore it will be to the buyers interest to come to my store before closing deals with others.

R. D. Stocking
Sole agent for the White Sewing Machine in Lowell and vicinity

In Friendly Touch

To look upon affiliation with this institution as a mere depositing-and-borrowing connection is to have but the faintest conception of its scope.

So numerous and varied and individualized are the ways in which we can help you in your business that to really know and appreciate them it is necessary to be identified as one of our patrons coming actively in touch—in friendly touch—with our officers.

Commercial accounts are invited.

LOWELL STATE BANK,
LOWELL, MICH.

Lowell Granite Works

Granite and Marble Memorials

U. S. Standard { America Victorious Panels, Service Stars, Crucifixs } Liberty Bronze

J. H. HAMILTON ESTATE
Citz. Phone No. 20 — Lowell, Mich.

Phon 37 **For Guaranteed Groceries** Phone 37

YOU

Put $1.00 in the bank and it earns you 4 per cent in one year. You can put $1.12 in a 7 lb. box of National Crackers and your money earns you 25 per cent at once. You save 4 cts. a pound on crackers. They keep fresh and crisp in a sanitary container.

E. A. Anderson, Grocer

Relieves Cold, Mean Restless Nights

When the tiny tickling in the throat starts you coughing, and you can't get to sleep, and you're afraid you're going to have a cold, get GRAY'S SYRUP of RED SPRUCE GUM

Manufactured by D. WATSON & CO., New York

GRAY'S SYRUP of RED SPRUCE GUM

The Devil's Own

Copyrighted by A. C. McClurg & Co.

A Romance of the Black Hawk War

By RANDALL PARRISH

"Centennial," "Sons of the Irish Brigade," "Heart of the Blue Ridge," Etc.

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CHAPTER XII—Continued.

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"H—, that ain't really no manner treat at all. Yer don't even have ter break the law, for as I know. It's just good sense, ter be done on the dead quiet, an' no question asked. I'll tell yer all yer need ter know. Think such a thing over. This yere Joe Kirby, he's a friend o' mine; I've known him a long time, an' he's in a h—— of a fix. Here's how it all happened: There was a lot of plunder livin' down in Missoury in a place called Beaucaire's Landin'. His name was Bennington, an' he had a son named Burt, a good-for-nothing scalawag, too, this Burt rammed away a long while ago an never came back; but he left a baby behind him—a little girl—which a quadroon slave gave birth to. The grandma's name was Delia Dwin, an' the kid was called Nettie. Well, this Burt came to yer head. Ol' Beaucaire he knew the girl was the old sea's baby, so he brought her up like his own daughter, who was named Eloise. They was both boss' favorites, an' nobody seemed ter know the truth, 'cept Delia, an' she was purty well fixed, 'cause the old man allowed she should have a good start. Yer see he had Burt Bennington's mother over ter Europe a while, till Burt got plumb through with his wild ways, an' then he sent her back ter live in New Orleans. I reckon he tell him about his son's story, but he never went up in Saint Louee. Anyhow, it looked like a good thing for Kirby, who was sweet on Eloise, an' I reckon she was rich, an' considerable on a boss. People who had seed the girls said she'd grow up ter be purty nigh as handsome as Eloise, an' I reckon Kirby thought a heap about her. Well, the old man died, an' when they fixed up his affairs, there was mighty little left. Two or three months after, Burt Bennington come up with a big crowd o' immigrants, an' he was a boss now, an' he was a good deal of a devil, an' he had claimed ter be married ter Eloise, an' he had her mother an' Delia with him. Kirby was there, an' he had seed the girls, an' he had fell head over heels in love with Eloise. Kirby's a good feller, an' he was a good friend o' mine; I've known him a long time, an' he's in a h—— of a fix. Here's how it all happened: There was a dandy, with a devil-may-care, reckless sort o' way about him, an' he was purty handsome, an' he had a good deal o' money, an' he was a boss, an' he could persuade, yer I saw no certain way ter get Eloise, except by accepting him. Kirby was a slow, quiet sort, an' she was crowded, or how I could tell yer I don't know. The genial Burt was gittin' on at blank bottle and was drunk together.

"Well, he sold, picking up the conversation where it left off, an' he was satisfied with his diplomacy, and wipe ing his lips on the sleeve, 'What ye say, Moffett? That's a hundred dollars in this jolly?'

"'Yes, sir,' the clerk quit'

"'Ah, I reckon she ain't far away; I see her in and out purty often. I'll go back 'long an' tell her the good news.'

"I'm game 'bunch Jack,' assenting precipitate. 'I thought he would go before long. I'll be waiting right here, inter this yere thing without hindrance, an' I'll bet it. What's in it yer got lined up for me?'

"He helped himself to yet another drink, and I was glad to note that the fiery liquor was beginning ter have its effect, increasing his recklessness.

"'All right, Dave; have another one on me—no? Wal' h—l; I s'pose I was a fool ter ask yer ter first as last. That ain't nuthin' fer you ter do, an' I'll get skeered about. We got it all fixed up, an' I'll tell yer the affair talked about none, do see! I reckon yer see we planned it out this way: That's a farm o' mine, an' I've a team o' hosses down on Bear creek; bout twenty miles away. He sells red-eye ter Injun, an' he's a purty fair trader, an' he up nights. Wal', he's all right—a heap o' good feller. What we want all ter do is ter run the gurl down ter the place, an' bamboozle ter anybody. I reckon yer see how it is?

"'Yes; so that's my jolly?'

"'That's the whole o' it. Yer just got ter stay there with the girl Kirby, an' kin stay there without nobody thinkin' anything bout it. It's d——n easy money, an' ye notiung.'

I thought swiftly. There were several questions I wanted to ask but dare not. It would be better to trust to luck, for I must fall, not arouse suspicion. Time for the affair had played wonderfully into my hands, if I could maintain my part to the end there would be no reason why the girl should not be saved unharmed.

"'Well, I see she cudn't do nuthin' else, an' once he was married to her. I thought o' that right away. Yer see this was how it happened, Kirby and he'd like fer ter marry her, an' I see, 'Why not now?' There's a ol' boss or a preacher yere at Yellow Banks, a sorter hanger-on ter one o' them militia companies, an'll do any thing—a thing I tell him to. I got the goods on him, an' he knows it.'

"'But she wouldn't marry you,' he says; 'yer don't know that gurl.'

"'They'll! I asked surreptitious. 'Or ain't no gurl ever I see yet that cudn't marry a man if the right means are used. How kin she help herself? Yer leave it ter me.'

"'Yer are an artful cuss,' I said, with admiration, 'an' I'll take a hand in it. Kirby's a friend o' mine, an' I'll do anything ter help him. Come on over ter the bar an' have a drink. Moffett; three other fellers are goin' ter eat now.'

"The diversion gave me opportunity for a moment's thought. The plan was a diabolical one, undoubtedly, and desperate, yet I saw no certain way of preventing its success, except by accepting it. Kirby was my friend, and even knowing she was concealed, or how I could try him, I could not even know where to look. The genial Burt was a gay fellow—which a quadroon slave girl bore him. The gentleman's name was Delia, an' the kid was called Nettie. But three years is yer head. Ol' Beaucaire he knew the girl was the old sea's baby, so he brought her up like his own daughter, who was named Eloise. They was both boss' favorites, an' nobody seemed ter know the truth, 'cept Delia, an' she was purty well fixed, 'cause the old man allowed she should have a good start. He had Burt Bennington's mother over ter Europe a while, till Burt got through with his wild ways, an' then he sent her back ter live in New Orleans. I reckon he tell him about his son's story, but he never went up in Saint Louee. Anyhow, it looked like a good thing for Kirby, who was sweet on Eloise, an' I reckon she was rich, an' considerable on a boss. People who had seed the girls said she'd grow up ter be nigh as handsome as Eloise, an' I reckon Kirby thought a heap about her. Well, the old man died, an' when they fixed up his affairs, there was mighty little left. Two or three months after, Burt Bennington come up with a big crowd o' immigrants, an' he was a boss now, an' he was a good deal of a devil, an' he had claimed ter be married ter Eloise, an' he had her mother an' Delia with him. Kirby was there, an' he had seed the girls, an' he had fell head over heels in love with Eloise. Kirby's a good feller, an' he was a good friend o' mine; I've known him a long time, an' he's in a h—— of a fix. Here's how it all happened: There was a dandy, with a devil-may-care, reckless sort o' way about him, an' he was purty handsome, an' he had a good deal o' money, an' he was a boss, an' he could persuade, yer I saw no certain way ter get Eloise, except by accepting him. Kirby was a slow, quiet sort, an' she was crowded, or how I could try him, I could not even know where ter look. The genial Burt was gittin' on at blank bottle and was drunk together.

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"'Yes, sir,' the clerk quit'

"'Ah, I reckon she ain't far away; I see her in and out purty often. I'll go back 'long an' tell her the good news.'

"I'm game 'bunch Jack,' assenting precipitate. 'I thought he would go before long. I'll be waiting right here, inter this yere thing without hindrance, an' I'll bet it. What's in it yer got lined up for me?'

"He helped himself to yet another drink, and I was glad to note that the fiery liquor was beginning ter have its effect, increasing his recklessness.

"'All right, Dave; have another one on me—no? Wal' h—l; I s'pose I was a fool ter ask yer ter first as last. That ain't nuthin' fer you ter do, an' I'll get skeered about. We got it all fixed up, an' I'll tell yer the affair talked about none, do see! I reckon yer see how we planned it out this way: That's a farm o' mine, an' I've a team o' hosses down on Bear creek; bout twenty miles away. He sells red-eye ter Injun, an' he's a purty fair trader, an' he up nights. Wal', he's all right—a heap o' good feller. What we want all ter do is ter run the gurl down ter the place, an' bamboozle ter anybody. I reckon yer see how it is?

"'Yes; so that's my jolly?'

"'That's the whole o' it. Yer just got ter stay there with the girl Kirby, an' kin stay there without nobody thinkin' anything bout it. It's d——n easy money, an' ye notiung.'

I thought swiftly. There were several questions I wanted to ask but dare not. It would be better to trust to luck, for I must fall, not arouse suspicion. Time for the affair had played wonderfully into my hands, if I could maintain my part to the end there would be no reason why the girl should not be saved unharmed.

"'Well, I see she cudn't do nuthin' else, an' once he was married to her. I thought o' that right away. Yer see this was how it happened, Kirby and he'd like fer ter marry her, an' I see, 'Why not now?' There's a ol' boss or a preacher yere at Yellow Banks, a sorter hanger-on ter one o' them militia companies, an'll do any thing—a thing I tell him to. I got the goods on him, an' he knows it.'

"'But she wouldn't marry you,' he says; 'yer don't know that gurl.'

"'They! I! I asked surreptitious. 'Or ain't no gurl ever I see yet that cudn't marry a man if the right means are used. How kin she help herself? Yer leave it ter me.'

"'Yer are an artful cuss,' I said, with admiration, 'an' I'll take a hand in it. Kirby's a friend o' mine, an' I'll do anything ter help him. Come on over ter the bar an' have a drink. Moffett; three other fellers are goin' ter eat now.'

"The diversion gave me opportunity for a moment's thought. The plan was a diabolical one, undoubtedly, and desperate, yet I saw no certain way of preventing its success, except by accepting it. Kirby was my friend, and even knowing she was concealed

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THE BEST TOWN ON THE MAP.

It's not in distant Asia, in Egypt or Japan,
It's not in France nor Russia nor on the Isle of Man;
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It's in the county where you live—the town you call your home.
Be always glad to praise it up, no matter where you are;
Be ready to defend its name and spread it near and far;
And when you hear some knocker knock, respond at every rap:
"The town where I am living is the best one on the map."

The little place where I reside is good enough for me;
I love its shady nooks and dells, its air and open sea.
I know it is a tiny spot, old-fashioned, quaint and odd,
But every tree and leaf and shrub reveals the hand of God;
So when some fellow comes along and gives the place a whack,
I feel like telling him to go, and nevermore come back,
Because it's much too good a spot to harbor such a chap—
"The town where I am living is the best one on the map."

If any town in which you dwell is backward, dull or slow,
Why don't you try the boosting plan and help to make it grow?
It's little use to vilify, or kick and run it down—
Such antics never built a shack, nor ever made a town.
If you would have your burg become a busy, growing mart,
Just put your shoulder to the wheel and help it get a start;
And let this little motto be enshrined beneath your cap:
"The town where I am living is the best one on the map."

John C. Wright.
Michigan Tradesman.

Forced suspension of from 2,500 to 3,000 small newspapers because of the news print situation was predicted in Washington Monday by Representative Anthony, of Kansas. Our Congressmen and Senators may be able to understand how doubling or trebling newspaper postage may help finish up those that survive the famine. With the big war over free work by the patriotic publishers is not so much in demand; and, then, Postmaster General Burleson can make it all up to the country by bragging about what a wonderfully efficient postal service he has given us. If he is so almighty expert, perhaps when the next war comes he can call up from their graves with his magic wand some hundreds or thousands of loyal newspapers killed by the greed and stupidity of men who flatter themselves that they know more about the country's needs than Tom Jefferson and all the other fathers of the Republic ever dreamed of.

With only 50 per cent of the needed lumber supply in sight, the city dailies are trying to start a building boom for 1920, to call more men from the country, crowd the big cities, rob the farmer of his labor and pile the cost of living still higher. What is needed is a vision that will start a "Back to the farm" movement before life in town becomes unbearable for all but the rich.

When paying your taxes this year it will be a good time to remember that "The mickles make the muckles" and that "Those who dance must pay the fiddler." An appropriation here, there, elsewhere and everywhere, none of them ruinous alone; but altogether make the taxpayer groan with despair.

There are geezers and geezers; but the biggest geezer of them all is the Kansas Rube who paid $20,000 for a scheme to dump North Pole ice on his farm. Go you a dollar, he was too stingy to take his home paper. These old tight wads are just the geese to bite on a joke like that.

A writer in The Detroit Free Press tells the city boys how to qualify to be country editors. We'll say that the lad who can figure out how to buy print paper of the trust after the dailies have gobbled a year's supply in advance, has all the necessary qualifications.

Congratulations to Brother Elmer Hanna, of the Harbor Springs Republican-Graphic, who has taken a wife. "What's the matter with Hanna?" He's all right!

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Toques 75c to $1.25 all colors
Fur Caps $4.50 to $6 Coney and Seal
Thermo Coats $6.75 Very warm and easy
Warm Night Robes $1.75 to $2.85 Outing Flannels
Initial Handkerchiefs 20c to 35c Singly or by the box
Pajamas $2 and $2.50 Fine grade outing
Heavy Wool Hose 50c to $1.15
New Cordovan Cashmere Hose $1.00
Black and Oxford Cashmere Hose 35c, 40c, 50c
Lisle Hose in solid colors, fancy stripes and cross stripes 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c, $1
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There's a pleasing gift here for any man, any taste or particular desire.

Coons

Cambell, Mrs. Minnie Bell, Mrs. Chubb and Mr. and Mrs. John Court visited Mr. and Mrs. David Flanagan at Orville Austin's Saturday.

About forty neighbors and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Monks to give them a farewell party. They received some useful presents and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Charles McIntyre attended the Sunday school convention at the Methodist church at Lowell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kryztof, Mrs. Gabe Onan and Samuel Onan were in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and daughter Lulu, visited at Melvin Court's Sunday.

Orley Rolason was in Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ackerson and son Lester, visited his parents at Saranac Sunday.

VERGENNES.

Dec. 16.—Vergennes Grange will meet in regular session Friday evening, Dec. 19. Members, it is your interest to attend.

Frank Skelding, of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday at home.

Mary Alice James spent Saturday and Sunday in Grand Rapids.

A. Hemingsen, formerly of Sand Lake, has purchased and is now living on the James Wright farm.

School in District No. 7 will be closed for Christmas with exercises Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bennett attended the State Grange which was held in Saginaw. On their return they spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, of Alma.

Christmas exercises will be held Sunday afternoon at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wright are spending the winter at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bennett.

WHITES BRIDGE

Dec. 15.—Ed. Mosure caught a nice fox in a trap one day last week.

Florence Murphy has been home the past week as there was no school at Parnell.

Shirley Ward, of Ada, accompanied Homer Morris home from Lowell and spent over Sunday.

Tom Morris and Charles Bowen attended the sale at A. L. Pant and son's last Wednesday.

Bessie Shear, who is working in the Reed Furniture factory at Saranac, spent over Sunday at home.

Miss Susie Devine, of Saranac, spent over Sunday with Mrs. Eber Compton.

Mrs. William Booth, of Fallasburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Lodie Shear.

Ruth Morgan and Than Moyer were guests at John Murphy's last week.

POTTERS CORNERS

Dec. 14—The Potters Corners school is giving a Christmas program Friday evening December 19. James Buttermore is visiting his brother, Uhria Buttermore and family, of Rockford, a few days.

Lyle Goodell is spending a few days with his uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodell, of Saranac.

Miss Frances Collins has returned from Idianapolis, where she has been going to school for the past three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lee, of Saranac.

EAST LOWELL

Dec. 16.—Mrs. Bertha Coles and children went Saturday to Detroit, where they will make their home. Mr. Coles has been engaged in the Ford plant there since spring. They will be missed but we wish them success.

Ruth Fahrni has been having whooping cough.

We wish to congratulate Otto Wisner and his new bride.

We hear Ernest Vanderwall has a new Ford car.

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Col. Sellers, the veteran editor of The Cedar Springs Clipper, used to run this in his paper: "Thief: lay this paper down: If you haven't paid for it, it isn't yours." Well, we wouldn't say that, exactly; but we do say that if the laborer is worthy of his hire, no one should make a practice of reading a paper he doesn't pay for. It costs a lot of money to produce. To "swipe" the reading isn't fair and it isn't even honest.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed," we have long been told while the other sort, who value a paltry dollar above fraternity, are much the same as the soldier who deserts his comrades under fire. Fortunately for the world and humanity such poor specimens are comparatively few.

Next regular publication day comes on Christmas, and we will get the paper out one day sooner than usual. Hope all our advertisers, correspondents and contributors will help us to a Merry Christmas with early copy.

Why wouldn't The Ledger for a year make a good Christmas present for an absent one? Make him think of you and the old home town fifty-two times a year. Nothing more acceptable.

Berkman & Goldman didn't want to go back to Russia; but they did their dirtiest to make a Russia of the good old U. S. A.

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THE BILL SHOULD BE MADE REASONABLE.

The proposed Andrews bill to limit the size of newspapers for the next year and a half in order to relieve the print paper situation seems to be gaining considerable support among small publishers, and it is likely to become a live question in congress. It also is attracting some anxious attention among the larger publishers because of the necessity for modification of some of its provisions before it can become equitable and beneficial rather than injurious.

The anxiety over the measure is based a good deal on the drastic cut to thirty-six pages proposed for Sunday editions. As already pointed out in this column, the general idea behind the Andrews bill is good, but there is no doubt the indicated restriction on Sunday papers is excessive and unreasonable.

The Sunday paper has a definite mission in the modern American world and that mission cannot be interfered with except at the cost of working the public an injury. In many ways, the Sunday paper is the average man or woman's magazine; and main source of general information. It provides up to date discussions of subjects of current interest that are not obtainable promptly elsewhere, and are not furnished by any other publication in as condensed, easily digested form. It would be manifestly unfair to deprive the people of this country of the reading matter now laid on their doorsteps early each first day of the week.

While the interests of the small publishers should be conserved—and indeed must be conserved—so should the interests of the public be cared for. If any bill is passed by congress it should be a bill that will work for the general good, and it should be drawn carefully with that end in view.

The Free Press is individually well protected in the matter of print paper supply; but it would be willing and glad in the public interest to cut down its Sunday edition from 124 or 128 pages to 75 or 80 pages if this could be made the general rule. For it believes that such a moderate, middle of the road policy—perhaps based on pro rata reduction would be fair all around—would hurt no one, and would accomplish the necessary saving of paper.—[Detroit Free Press.

The fact is that a large part of the Sunday papers' 120 odd pages is waste matter to most people; and a cut such as The Free Press suggests, or larger, could be made without loss to the reading public. Must the country paper of from 8 to 12 pages go out of business because the big papers want the earth with a fence around it?

Now that the Michigan dailies have duly consulted on how to handle their print paper problems, we suppose they are ready to give top of column, next to reading matter positions to obituaries for their country cousins.

We notice that Grand Rapids members of the American Legion opposed to Red meetings have been threatened. Time to put pussy footers out of office and fill their places with real Americans.

We insist that Phil is a good hand at pipes; but when our better half got a crumb "down the wrong way," she scorned our suggestion that he come up and fix it.

Some one in Grand Rapids wants to build homes in that city at $16,000 per. How many will you have? Don't all speak at once.

We see Dr. Wiley says "Every man can live well on 11 cents a day," by eating corn meal mush; but who wants to live so bad as all that?

Time to make those Christmas purchases. Late buyers are apt to be disappointed.

Got your New Years' resolutions made up yet? Only thirteen days more in 1919.

Good bye, Doctor Garfield. Here's your hat. What's your hurry?

Carter's knit underwear at Weeks.' adv.

MORSE LAKE

Double silk gloves in greys and black, $1.50 at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16—Christmas exercises will be held at West Lowell church Dec. 23. The committees are: music, Pearl Thomas, program, Mrs. John Clark, decorating, the Young Peoples' class.

Several from this vicinity were Christmas shoppers in the city last week.

Frank and Will Fairchild got out Christmas trees last week for Will Rexford.

Harry Chatterdon visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Chatterdon Monday.

The friends of Charles R. Foote reminded him that he had a birthday the 13th of December.

Mrs. Chas. Rollins, who has been ill the past week is better.

Miss Alma Morris was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Paulus.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pattison and family and Miss Dorothy Smalley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foote.

Nelson Draper was an over Sunday guest at the Fairchild home.

KEENE NEWS

Children's, bags, gloves, mittens, coats, sweaters, leggings, hosiery, dresses, underwear, toques and handkerchiefs at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16—Mrs. Morgan Titus from Penn Yan, N. Y. is at Lake Odessa visiting her sister and we are expecting her to come this way after awhile.

J. B. Sturgis is doing the chores at B. F. Wilkinson's.

Clift Pant went to Muskegon Saturday and returned Monday.

Frank Daniels took dinner with Ernest Pinkney Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Daniels visited Sunday in St. Charles, returning home Sunday night.

Ray Parker and family spent last Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Al Pant was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Ray Parker, came over to bid them good by as they expect to move next week.

Robert Brock's people are enjoying new electric lights.

Mrs. Al Knee has been poorly for a few weeks with a hard cold.

Mamie Lemon, of Grand Rapids, visited her cousin, Dorothea Carr last week.

B. F. Wilkinson does not seem to improve with his rheumatism very fast.

Mrs. Elsie Kennedy was called to Lowell by the death of her niece, Mina Gardner last Tuesday. She was here most of the time until the funeral.. Gladys Gardner went to live with her Aunt Lena at St. Louis, Mo., and Evelyn went to Grand Rapids with her Uncle Dale Bowen. Vesta will stay at her work at the Pere Marquette depot.

Mr. and Mrs George Potter, of Saranac, was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. King Rickert.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.
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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

WEST LOWELL

Dec. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheelock and children, of Saranac took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dawson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court and Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Onan were in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mrs. Pletcher, Mrs. Lettie Knee and daughter Evelyn, Mrs. Eugene

FARMERS

Common Sense is Needed

Isn't it time for the agriculturists of the nation to get together and take care of their own business affairs in a business-like way and have something to say about the prices that are to be paid for the products of the farm?

With labor fighting capital and capital fighting labor, imperiling our national life, doesn't the country need an expression of the "horse sense" of the farm to force these classes to terms and restore economic peace in this country?

But Organization is Necessary if the farmers of this state and of the nation expect to make their demands for a "Square Deal" heard. And now, ready to do the farmers' business in an efficient, business-like way, is a big, powerful, respected federation—

The Michigan State Farm Bureau

It is ready to go to work for you. It is ready to solve your problems, commercially, legislatively and educationally. You owe it your sincere support—morally as well as financially. It cannot succeed in doing the important things it intends to do to make farming more profitable and attractive if it lacks the hearty, spirited backing of the majority of the farmers of the state. It can be no bigger than its individual members make it. Get in line and help make it the biggest, strongest and most efficient farm organization that the state, nation and the world have ever known.

Farmers All Over Michigan

—are recognizing the power that is theirs in unity and so are joining the MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU as fast as the state membership drive strikes their county. The state campaign, now reaching into Genesee county is young—scarcely six weeks old—but already it has won the support of 2,000 Oakland county farmers; 1,500 Barry farmers; 1,500 Allegan farmers and many others in VanBuren, Montcalm, Gladwin, Lapeer and Genessee counties, who have realized the vital importance of the farm bureau movement to the future of farming and have signed up on a basis of $10 a year—of which $5 remains in the county for farm improvement work and $5 goes into the state and national organizations' treasuries.

Farmers of Kent County—"Let's Go"

with the rest of the progressive farmers of Michigan and help build the Michigan State Farm Bureau into a bulwark for the farming industry of this state.

Kent County Farm Bureau
Information at Grand Rapids office.

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One Woman Helped Another

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...ptember, 1913, I was stricken with ... and was unable to turn myself in ... was under the care of a physician ...ained no relief. A neighbor brought ...ail bottle of Foley Kidney Pills; said ...d been similarly afflicted and they had ...d her. So I tried them, and after ...three bottles was well and on my ... I most heartily recommend Foley ...Pills. I have never known them to ...—Mrs. G. H. Eveland, Duncan Mills.

...LEY KIDNEY PILLS

...d assist nature. They strengthen ...nvigorate weak or diseased kid... and help to keep the blood ... and pure, relieving backache, ...tic pains, lumbago, stiff or swollen ...ore muscles, puffiness under the eyes, ...ness and other symptoms of kidney ...or bladder ailments.

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...R CONCRETE ROAD TO ...EW AVIATION FIELD.

Kent county road commis... ...uesday decided in favor of ...g a concrete road from Bur... ...along Madison-av., to the ...viation field, providing a peti... ...is filed under the Covert act ...the adjoining property hold... ...ill participate in the expense. ...ction was taken upon request ...delegation headed by Frank J. ...and representing the Grand ...s Aero club. Originally it ...planned to build a concrete ...from Division-av, to the field, ...tance of a mile less, but the ...ission believed the Madison... ...oad would be more advantag...

...e commission decided to hold ...the matter of the extent of ...y participation in the Plain... ...Parnell road, this action being ... upon the appearance of a ...ation of interested property ...rs from Cannonsburg.

...T CUT OFF SALARY OF ...SHER WHEN HE'S AWAY, HOFFIUS RULES.

...e board of auditors has no ... to cut off the salary of Coun... ...easurer Ralph A. Mosher dur... ...s winter sojourn in the south, ...rding to the opinion announced ...day night, of Prosecuting At... ...ey Hoffius.

...e salary of a public official ...es to his office irrespective of ...mount of time he actually puts ...that office," the prosecutor ex... ...ned. He added two remedies ...provided. One is political and ...e effect that the election is in ...hands of the public. The oth... ...s that the governor may remove ...county official for wilful neg... ...of duty.—[Herald.

...RCURY 10 DEGREES BELOW ...ORMAL LAST 3 WEEKS AND SINKING.

...and Rapids is experiencing a ...w-normal December, accord... ...to Charles F. Schneider, Grand ...ids weather forecaster, who ...es that the theremometer has ...tered 10 below the normal tem... ...ture for Grand Rapids, since ...ember 26. Colder weather is ...licted today.

...wo years ago yesterday the mer... ...y dropped to 7 degrees below ... A year ago the low mark ... 29 degrees above zero. The ...est temperature yesterday came ...idnight, when the kiosk regis... ...d 11 above.

...USKRAT SKIN, "HUDSON SEAL" SOARS HIGH.

...ew York, Dec. 16.—The tre... ...ndous demand for the skin of ... humble muskrat, "Hudson seal" ...n it appears as milady's coat or ...f, has won its high rank in the ...ictment against the high cost of ...ng, according to a statement to... ...ht by the New York Fur Auction ...poration. The statement said ...t Michigan and eastern rat skins ... being sold at $3.75 each, as com... ...ed with 55 and 60 cents in 1915 ... that the western Canadian var... ...y brings $2.60 as against 30 cents ...merly.

...TICE TO ADVERTISERS, CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

...This paper will go to press Wed... ...day next week on account of ...ristmas. Please get your copy ...one day earlier than usual and ...lige

The Ledger Staff.

LET PRISONERS WORK OUT.

Sheriff Viergever is permitting Carl Dittman, serving a 30-day sentence in the county jail for intoxication, to work out at the Luce Furniture company's plant. Dittman's wages will be turned over to his parents.

Viergever received a letter of commendation from the American League for the Prevention of Legalized Crime commending him on the action taken in previous instances of this nature.—[News.

PRISONER RELEASED TO VISIT HIS DYING MOTHER AT IONIA.

Because his 80-year-old mother on her death bed wanted to see her boy, Joseph Turner, inmate of the Kent county jail, was discharged yesterday, seven days ahead of time by Sheriff Peter Viergever, and placed aboard an Ionia bound train in hopes he might reach her before she died.

Turner, the sheriff said, was one of the most reliable trusties, in his charge.

CHARGE HASTINGS MAN ABDUCTED YOUNG GIRL.

Hastings. Dec. 17.—Frank Johnson, 32, married and a local fireman, is held at the county jail here under $1,000 bond on a charge of abducting a 16-year-old Hastings girl and going to Kendallville, Ind. He was charged in Kendallville and brought here Tuesday. He waived examination in Justice Oville Barnum's court and was bound over to Circuit court under bond.

HASTINGS MOTHER OF ELEVEN CHILDREN DIES.

Hastings, Dec. 17.—The funeral services of Mrs. Bert Stanton took place Tuesday at the deceased's home at Dowling. Mrs. Stanton died Sunday morning in a hospital at Battle Creek following an operation for goiter. She was 46 years old and was the mother of 11 children.

KENT BILLS AUDITED.

Bills audited by the county auditors Tuesday totaled $10,975.37. They were divided as follows: Insane, $147.04; contagious disease, $2,926.06; Detention hospital, $631.05; jail $505.35; miscellaneous, $1,454.69; salaries, $5,195.72; stationery and expense, $675.04 and sheriff, justice and constable $71.48.

HARBOR SPRINGS SHIVERS; TWENTY BELOW ZERO.

Harbor Springs, Dec. 17.—Fishing tugs Link and Liberty arrived here Tuesday night from Beaver island with 12,000 pounds of fresh fish for shipment to Chicago. The mercury registered 20 below zero here Wednesday morning.

Greenville—Mrs. Emma L. Brown age 53, died at her home.

Greenville—Lawrence Steffansen and Miss Vera E. Lawritzen were married by Rev. S. O. Parsons.

Greenville—George Crane, of this city, was found with his skull crushed in Chicago, according to word received here.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Cheerful Doers for the beautiful plant they presented me.

Mrs. C. E. Shepard.

A CHRISTMAS REMINDER.

White's fresh roasted coffee and jumbo peanuts. adv.

To Acquire Greatness.

The best guarantee to greatness is an intense interest in a great program. Then it is that the fellow becomes so full of the job that he hasn't time to think about whether he's great or not. He sees the thing to be done and becomes so full of how to do it that he rises without knowing that he's becoming great in the eyes of the world. So the best thing is to be filled with your job and work it until it gets the fruits.

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Tax paying promises to remain just as unpopular as ever, be the rate low or high.

D. G. Look. Druggist.

HER RING

By MARION C. LEESAM.

"Dick is leaving New York and coming home for a week's furlough," said Betty Saunders to her sister.

"I know it," said Jean, looking up from her knitting. "I was talking to his mother yesterday. It doesn't interest me, however."

"Oh, Jean, try to be nice to him this week. He's going South to learn to fly and then he's going to France. Why, if I were in your place I'd be planning to give him the best time while he is home. You can't do too much for those fellows."

"I know it," said Jean pensively, "but he did treat me so that night at the dance, just before he went away. He paid attention to that Wentworth girl half the night. Then he pretends he loves me. He doesn't know what love is. I'll never forgive him, either."

"I don't think he meant it," said Betty. "You probably imagined it. I know he's sorry you do not write him, because he writes the bluest letters home to his mother. Besides, you'd go far and near to find as nice a fellow as Dick."

"Oh, Betty, do stop raving over him. I tell you I've changed entirely toward Dick. I think Jack Somers is more of a man than Dick ever thought of being."

With that, Jean picked up her knitting and angrily walked upstairs.

Meanwhile, Dick Fulton, comfortably settling himself in the Pullman bound for Boston, breathed a deep sigh, whether of relief no one knows. He was glad he was going home.

After squaring himself with his own conscience he settled himself for forty winks and knew nothing until he heard the porter cry, "Boston, all out!" He pulled himself together and, grabbing his grip, hurried out, watching anxiously for some one to meet him. "Of course Jean wouldn't be there," he argued to himself. Yet he half hoped she had forgiven him. He hurried up the platform and saw his mother, waiting for him. In back of her was Betty, but Jean was nowhere to be seen.

"Oh, Dick, I'm so glad to see you," said Betty. "Though you have only been away ten weeks it seems like a year."

"It seems like that to me, too," said Dick, piloting Betty on one side and his mother on the other. "I had hoped Jean would meet me, but I suppose that was too much to expect."

"I'm sorry," said Betty. "I tried to persuade her to come. I told her it was no time to be worrying over such petty things."

"You're right," said Dick. "It is foolish. What do you say if we stay in town and have lunch and go to a show?" Dick was bound he was going to forget things for once.

"I think I'll go home," said Mrs. Fulton. "You two go and have a good time."

After leaving Mrs. Fulton on the train Dick and Betty started for an evening's fun. First, they got tickets at one of the best theaters and then found a little cafe and had a nice dinner.

"Dick, I've been wondering about Jean. It's too bad things are this way. Can't something be done to fix it up?"

Dick looked at her earnest face, never before realizing how strikingly pretty Betty was. Then she had so much sense, too, even though she was only two years older than Jean. He puffed his cigar slowly, thinking very deeply.

"I'll tell you what we can do," he said with a happy thought. "Let's go and pick out a diamond for Jean. I'll take it to her and surprise her. I know she'll forgive me."

"That would be fine," said Betty, her face brightening.

"What will fit your hand will fit Jean's, won't it?" said Dick as they sat before the tray of dazzling stones, trying to pick out just the right one.

Betty was as happy as though it were for herself, and many people turned to admire the happy couple, and Dick certainly looked manly in his uniform. As he watched her a pang went through his heart. Here was a girl who cared and knew what love was. Finally they picked out the one that Betty declared was a "beauty," and Dick stuffed it in his pocket. Then they hurried to the theater.

"I know she'll love it," whispered Betty while they were watching the play.

"Do you think so?" said Dick. A queer feeling came over him as Betty leaned near him, enjoying herself to her heart's content. "Betty has always been a good friend of mine, but surely I'm not falling in love with her," he thought. He paid little attention to the play, as he was battling out a problem in his own mind.

When leaving Betty that night, after what she pronounced a dandy time, he took her hand in his and whispered: "Betty, I want you to have this," slipping the ring on her finger. "It was just meant for you. I noticed that in the jeweler's."

"Why, Dick," Betty faltered, "What about Jean?"

"She doesn't care for me, Betty, dear; not the way I want some one to care for me after I go away."

"I always liked you," said Betty, "but I never believed you thought of me in this respect."

"I never realized it until today, but now I know what you are going to mean to me," said Dick, tenderly, putting his arm around her.

"I'm so very happy," said Betty, pressing the ring to her lips.

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Work Makes Them Immune.

Men who toil in lampblack works are—owing, it is said, to the large amount of carbon they inhale—immune from the white plague, and many sufferers in the early stages of phthisis make considerable sacrifices to obtain employment of this kind. These grimy workers further resemble colliers in that they are remarkably free from diseases of the nervous system, observes a writer in London Tit-Bits.

Thrist of Sea Birds.

Some species of sea birds frequently spend weeks at sea and are believed to quench their thirst partly from the falling rains. The keen eyesight of birds is well known, and sea birds have been observed flocking toward a storm cloud about to burst.

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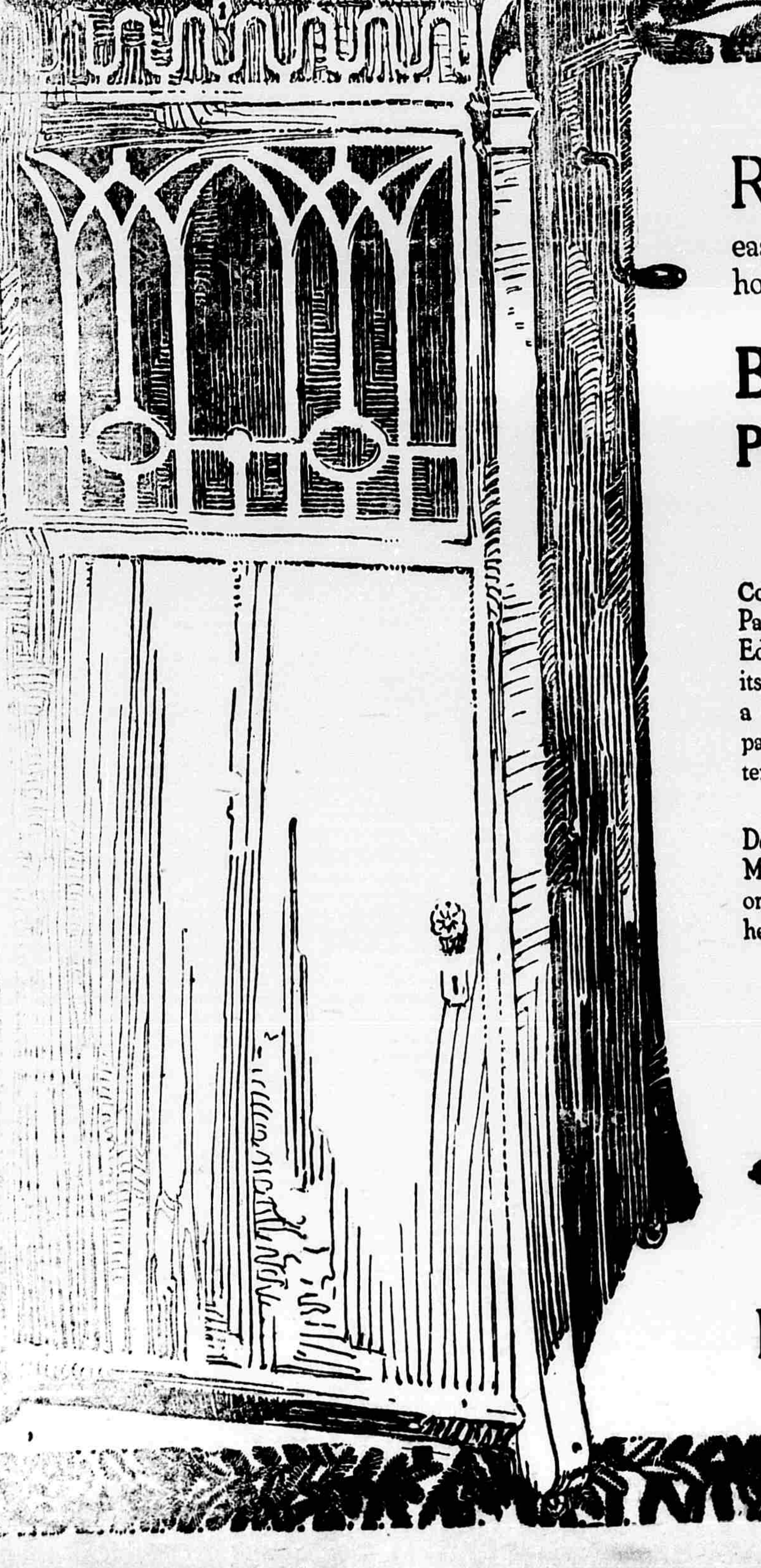

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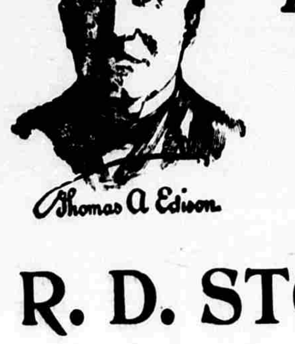

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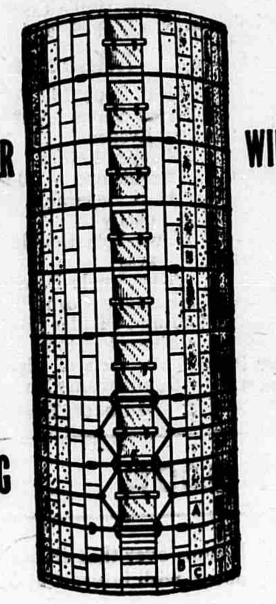

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THEY WERE WARMLY WELCOMED.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce G. Fales, who recently bought the Rectory property of Emmanuel Church on Center St., and who are about to remove from Lowell into their new home, had reason to think they were being warmly welcomed to Hastings last Thursday.

They had driven over from Lowell in the morning and were busy getting their newly acquired home ready to move into, when about one o'clock they were informed by neighbors that their house was on fire. Sparks from the chimney had caught on the roof and the flames were making rapid headway when discovered. However, it took the fire boys but a few minutes to reach the scene and the fire was soon put out, the damage being confined to the roof, with slight loss from water. The total loss, which was not large, was covered by insurance.—Hastings Journal-Herald.

Be Optimistic

Here's Good News for Lowell Residents.

Have you a pain in the small of the back?

Headaches, dizziness, nervous spells?

Are you lanquid, irritable and weak?

Annoyed by urinary disorders? Don't despair—profit by Lowell experiences.

Lowell people know Doan's Kidney Pills—have used them—recommend them.

Here's a Lowell resident's statement:

Mrs. I. W. Halstead, 408 Monroe, St., says: "For several years I suffered greatly from backache and pains in my kidneys. My back ached so badly I could hardly move. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills did me so much good I continued taking them. The soreness and pain in my back was relieved and my condition improved in every way."

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NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

When your car is not in use, protect your tires by using the LOWELL TIRE SAVING JACK.

They relieve the strain on the inner tubes and damage on oily floors and chains. Buy them from George W. Rouse, Lowell, Mich.

Ledger job print is good

IN THE LONG AGO.

News Items From This Paper Twenty-Five Years Ago Today.

Death of Mrs. Ross Kinyon and child from burns.

Lowell District Horticultural society elected officers: President, E. E. Church; secretary, L. J. Post; treasurer, J. E. Lee; executive committee, J. W. Carpenter, J. H. Jakeway, Clinton Snow, W. H. Moon, S. E. Tucker, D. S. Blanding, Matthew Hunter, E. H. Hunt.

M. N. Hine appointed postmaster to succeed L. H. Hunt.

A. W. Morgan sold Lowell property to Sherman Kennedy.

A. B. Johnson and Mrs. W. H. Clark improving in health in New Mexico.

Lodge presiding officers elect: R. A. M., H. P., C. W. Wisner; G. A. R., Commander, Benj. Morse; I. O. O. F., N. G., B. C. Smith; A. O. U. W., W. M., T. B. Carter; F. & A. M., W. M., W. S. Winegar.

Katie McMahon began teaching winter term in Mapes district.

L. O. Cain sold livery business to D. C. Waters.

Born, twins, boy and girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hawley, Keene.

Vergennes Dancing club party at Botzen's hall, forty-seven numbers sold.

Death of Mrs. Catherine Lampkin, of Keene.

Mrs. Emily Merriman gave an entertainment with little folk actors at Music hall.

Those participating in teachers' association program: Onie Lee, George Gulliford, Ethel McDannell, A. B. Buck, Prof. Ludwig.

KENT LEADERS IN WAR ON REDS THREATENED.

Grand Rapids—The lives of Major Edward B. Strom and Ensign Fred H. Pantlind, leaders in local campaign against activities of bolsheviki, and other Red propaganda, have been threatened, according to information given the members of Carl A. Johnson Post No. 2, American Legion. Letters have been received by the two leaders from unidentified persons and threatened murderous retaliatory measures unless the moves against the radicals were stopped.

MAGAZINE CLUBBING OFFERS.

No. 1—This paper and Mothers's Magazine, both one year, $2.15.

No. 2—This paper and Home Life, The Household and The Gentle Woman, all one year for $2.00.

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No. 4—This paper and The Toledo Weekly Blade, each one year for $2.00.

Bring or send all orders to The Ledger, Lowell, Mich.

Christmas Gifts For Boys

To please a boy, buy him something he can wear. He will say: Gee! Santa Claus was good to me. He brought me a nifty suit and a sweater and a mackinaw, or whatever the article happens to be.

BOYS' SUITS

All Wool Two Pant Suits. $10.50 to $18.00

BOYS' NECKWEAR

We Never Before Showed such an Assortment of Neckwear for Boys, 25c to 75c.

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Just Received a Large Shipment This Week.

Several New Models With Belts. $10.00 to $16.50.

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In Flannels and Percales, Novelty Styles, $1.00 to $2.00.

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Wool and Cotton Iron-clad Wool Wayne-Knit Cotton, 35c to 75c.

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One Piece Tops, With Inside Bands... Hockey and Aviation Caps 75c to $2.00.

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Jersey Sweaters —Coats . and Heavy Slip Overs in Combination Colors. A Large Stock to Select From $2.00 to $7.50.

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The Store for Boys

FALLASBURG

Silk, lisle, cotton, fleece lined and wool hosiery at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16.—Clint Miller, of Keene, is working in Grand Rapids, for a time.

Miss Sherrington spent from last Friday until Monday at her home near Alto and was unable to return to her school on account of the bad roads from the storm Sunday night.

The Rockwell brothers, of Grand Rapids, were at Mrs. Sherrard's Sunday.

John Vos, of Keene, lost a valuable 3 year old horse last Friday of acute indigestion.

John Vos and family recently moved from the Kelsey Denton farm in Keene to the Burtless place, formerly the Cummings farm.

Useful holiday gifts for the whole family at Weekes.' adv.

NORTH CAMPBELL

All merchandise, except cut yard goods gladly exchanged or money refunded any time at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16.—Mrs. Clarence McCall spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, of McCords.

Mrs. Joe Berkey, who underwent an operation at the Butterworth hospital last Thursday is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Carl Roth was a Grand Rapids visitor last Tuesday.

Grant and Marion Trowbridge and Bessie Todd attended the class meeting which was held with Loren Nash last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corrigan spent last Sunday with the latter's parents, Orla Weeks, of East Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Drew and baby, of Great Bend, Kansas, visited several days last week with their uncle, Silas Drew and family.

John Long, of Billings, Mont., Lester Long, of Grand Rapids, Bert Long and family, of Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bedell, of South Boston, were Sunday dinner guests of their father, Isaiah Long, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Richerson.

Knit skirts at Weekes.' adv.

BOWNE CIRCUIT

The Rev. W. Swift, pastor of Alto M. E. Circuit, will be the preacher next Sunday at the three preaching points on the circuit: Bowne Center, at 10:30 a. m., West Lowell, 12 a. m., West Bowne, 1:30 p. m. Brother Swift brings an important message. Every serious minded person should make an effort to hear him.

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ALTON—VERGENNES

Big special Christmas evening dance, Lowell City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Hale's orchestra. Everybody invited. adv.

Dec. 14.—A grave stone was put up for J. Hosmer Andrews in our cemetery the first week in December.

Mrs. Hattie Herrington is caring for that great grand daughter at Peter Peterson's.

The Ladies' Aid met at the Gleaner hall last week Wednesday and tied a comfortable for Mrs. Glen Ford.

A warm thaw last week Friday about whipped the sleighing, but a change in the weather with a little more snow and colder has restored it.

Quite a few from here attended the Congregational rummage sale in Lowell, and were well pleased with their purchases.

Miss G. Malone, our school teacher, boards at Sarah Purdy's.

Mrs. Ella Church Richmond is very sick at the home of Don Mann.

Mrs. Clarence Reeves, of Pontiac, visited at D. Church's one day last week.

Willie Murphy died this Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Dick McGee.

Fancy Turkish and huck towels at Weekes.' adv.

ADVERTISING RATES VOTED UP ONE-HALF.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Publishers representing 20 weekly newspapers in Cayuga county decided at a conference in Auburn to increase their advertising rates 50 per cent, beginning January 1. They stated it was a case of increasing their rates or going out of business.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mina E. Gardner, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 15th day of December, A. D., 1919, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on or before the 15th day of April, A. D., 1920, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Thursday, the 15th day of April, A. D., 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated Dec. 15th, A. D., 1919.

Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

Ask Your Bank's Advice!

John Holbrook, a good farmer, was stuck with $2000 worth of wildcat oil stock. "Help me to get out," he begged. "It's too late," his banker replied. "If you had asked me at first I would gladly have advised you; *now* your money is gone." . . . . This bank seeks always to advise the farmers of our county so they will *make* money. In a broader way, such advice is given weekly by

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PUBLIC SALE

Alger Dutcher and family having decided to go to Harrah, Wash., we the undersigned will sell the following pvoperty at Public Auction, at the premises 1¼ miles west and ½ mile south of Alto, or 1 mile east and 1½ miles north of West Bowne church,

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Cows

Registered Jersey Cow 5 years old, due Feb. 5
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Registered Jersey Heifer 6 months old
Papers will be furnished with sale.
Full Blood Jersey Cow 10 years old, due Feb. 27
Full Blood Jersey Calf, 7 mos. old
Durham Cow, 3 yrs. old due now
Brindle Cow, 6 yrs. old, due March 14
Brindle Cow, 3 yrs. old not bred
Two Durham Heifers, 8 1-2 months old

Hogs

Full Blood O. I. C. sow, bred Dec. 3rd
12 O. I. C. pigs, two months

Horses

Iron Gray Mare, 4 yrs. old, wt. 1325
Black mare, 5 yrs. old, wt 1325
Sound—Extra good pair
Bay horse, 11 years old, wt. 1400
Bay Mare, extra good driver, wt. 1,100
Sorrel Mare, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1,250

Produce

150 Bus. Corn
10 Bushels Good Seed Corn
16 lbs Clover Seed
10 Tons Good Hay
500 Bus. Oats
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A circular fully describing this stock issue has been prepared. It tells the gigantic nature of the business—the earnings of the company—of the dividends that have been paid. Write for this circular today. Learn how you may become a partner in the business of Montgomery Ward & Co. Write for the circular NOW!

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The statements in this advertisement, while guaranteed, are based upon information and advice which we believe to be accurate and reliable.

LOWELL DISTRICT NO. 5

Children's, Misses and Ladies' winter coats at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16.—Messrs. Clarence Schwader and Broadbent, of Alto, have taken the job skiding logs for Godfrey Reusser.

Charles O'Harrow threshed grain one day recently.

Simon Wingeier is assisting his Uncle Dan Wingeier, of Alto, for a few weeks.

There are a certain number of farmers in this and adjoining neighborhoods who are quite concerned over the Pratt Lake drain. With the already high taxes they don't care to shoulder a double load.

The people of District No. 5 extend their sympathy to Mr. Kim Fletcher and family, as they were residents of this neighborhood some years ago.

Our faithful mail man has the sympathy of all his patrons these days as his trips will be anything but pleasant until fine settled weather comes again.

As this is the last issue of news that will be read before Christmas we want to wish all our brother and sister correspondents a Merry Christmas.

Silk petticoats at Weekes.' adv.

N. McCORDS—E. CASCADE

Yarns and sweaters at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 17.—Over 100 relatives and friends attended the miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. John Gress at the Grange hall Saturday evening. They received many useful presents.

L. A. Brown went to New York City the first of last week on business.

Mary Fuller sewed for Mrs. Duane Brown last week.

Chas. Gress, of Grand Rapids spent Thursday night at Byron Patterson's.

Miner Cook, who is working in Muskegon spent last week at home on account of fuel shortage.

Louie Douglas is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Brown and son, L. A. and wife attended the funeral of their uncle, Frank Brown, of Nashville.

Mrs. Jane Thomas visited her sister, Mrs. Morgan Boice, of Middleville last week.

Silk camisoles at Weekes.' adv.

STONE CORNERS

Silk and lisle Wayne knit hosiery at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16.—Alger Dutcher and wife spent the week end with his people near LaBarge.

Sherm White and wife were in Lowell Friday, doing Christmas shopping.

Mrs. John Fremuth sang at the Alto Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Earl Colby, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving finely.

Mrs. Arthur Ellis is expected home from her daughter's, Mrs. Owen Nash, of Harris Creek, where she has been for some time.

Owen and Arthur Ellis entertained some of their little boy friends, of Grand Rapids, for over Sunday.

Clayton Dygert, wife and little son Lawrence, spent Friday with their mother, Mrs. Charles Dygert, who has not been feeling well.

Amherst Colby was absent from school last week on account of a hard cold.

Harlow Cobb was home over Sunday from Grand Rapids, where he is now working.

Miss Mattie Stone was doing some dress making at Mrs. Henry Nellins' Saturday.

Latest hand bags and purses at Weekes.' adv.

SEELEY CORNERS

Bath robes and kimonas at Weekes.' adv.

Dec. 16.—Sunday visitors at R. A. Ferrall's were Kenneth Gaines, of Grand Rapids and R. M. Ferrall, of Cascade.

The Ladies' Aid which met at the home of Mrs. H. Hesche was well attended, about fifty being present. It will meet with Mrs. W. V. Burras next month.

Claude Reynolds and Roland Sisson are home today over Christmas. They have been working in Flint.

Silk poplin and wool dress skirts at Weekes.' adv.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Price for ads in classified department 1 cent per word per insertion, cash or stamps with order. Each initial or number counts as a word. No ad less than 12c. At this low price we cannot make book account and spend money for collection postage. Count your ads and send money or stamps. We have lost hundreds of dollars in small charged accounts and must call it quits. Don't ask for credit on want ads. Send the money. No phone orders.

WANTED—Potatoes and apples. Geo. E. Lake's Public store. Phone 56. [c 21.

FOR SALE—Second growth dry oak, $4.00 per cord. H. Raimer, phone 139-2 r. [p 28

FOR SALE—Set good one horse sleighs, heavy one horse harness, one horse plow and drag. Will trade for hens, pigs or cutting wood. Inquire Ward Willette, Hosley's Shoe store. [p 29

FOR SALE—Rambouilett sheep, both sexes, grow wool as well as mutton. P. C. Freeman & Son, Lowell, Mich. [c 16 tf

FOR SALE—$100 stock in Chase Furniture company. Will take $90. Good investment but owner needs the money. F. M. Johnson, Ledger office, Lowell.

WANTED—100 cords wood, cut by cord or shares. Inquire Ward Willette, Hosley's Shoe store. [p 29

WANTED—25 cords green second second growth oak stove wood. Inquire of F. M. Johnson at Ledger office or phone 200 or 239.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO RENT—Owing to removal from town of family occupying Mrs. Littlefield's cozy home, it is again to rent. Apply to Miss Taylor at S. P. Hicks' office.

LOST—One brown kid glove last week, on Main street. Finder leave at Sugar Bowl. [p 28

LOST—In Lowell Tuesday, two $10 bills. Finder notify Ed. Mosure, Smyrna, and receive reward. [28p

HEIRSHIP PROPERTY.

By order of administrator I am authorized to sell the 80 acres in Sec. 17, Berlin township, Ionia Co., known as the Wm. H. Young farm for $5,500 to include winter crops. Terms can be arranged. Fred A. Godfrey, Lowell, Mich.

DR. B. H. SHEPARD
Physician and Surgeon
Lowell, Michigan
The Doctor McDannell Office in Negonce Block.
Office hours: 10-12 a. m., 2-4 and 7-8 p. m.
Citz. phone: 36, Office; 47, Residence.

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Negonce Block, Lowell, Mich.

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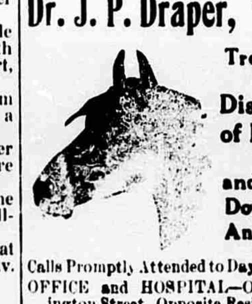

Treats all Diseases of Horses and other Domestic Animals.
Calls Promptly Attended to Day or Night
OFFICE and HOSPITAL—On Washington Street, Opposite Residence.
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Plumbing, Hot Water and Hot Air Heating
General Repair Work. Call Phone 202. I make a specialty of hot air heating.
Phil Krum.
1 Door North of Tom Shiel's Place.

Money to Loan
on easy monthly payments. Let your rent money pay for your home.
DO IT NOW.
Lowell Building and Loan Association
Talk it over with
M. C. GREENE, Pres., or J. B. YEITER, Sec.

Moving and Carting
Orders taken care of at
Gould's Garage
Heavy Trucking a Specialty.
Phone 369. Geo. Ingersol.

Do Your Christmas Shopping while the assortment is large

We have for your inspection

Box Candy
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Traveling Kits
Ivory Manicure Sets
Eastman Kodaks
Fontain Pens
All the Latest Books
Pipes
Icy Hot Water Bottles
Pocket Books
Fancy Box Perfumes

Yours for Christmas presents,

Charles E. Brown
Alto, Mich. Both Phones.

GET READY FOR WINTER
Storm Doors and Storm Sash

for your windows are a necessity, not a luxury, and will pay for themselves on fuel saved in a short time.

Let us show you our Combination Storm and Screen Door. It is convertible from Storm Door to Screen Door and back again by simply changing the panels. The door stays in place summer and winter.

Just turn the catches, take out one panel and put in the other. That's all. Done in a jiffy.

We have all kinds of Building Papers, Tarred Felt, Roll Roofing and everything you need for building and repairing.

F. A. Worden Lumber Co.
Yards at
Alto and McCords

ATTENTION FARMERS

We carry a full line of Flour, Bran, Middlings, Corn Feeds, Shelled Corn, Graham Flour, Granulated Meal and Buckwheat Flour. Highest prices paid for all kinds of grain.

The Doyle Grain Co., Moseley, Mich

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CHEVROLET

The Chevrolet "Four-Ninety" Sedan is a car for all the family all the time.

You can use it for business all the year round. It is sturdy, dependable, economical—a testimonial of your good judgment.

It has an especial appeal for women in its smart lines, perfect finish, interior fittings and coziness. It is easy and safe for them to drive.

This applies equally to the young folks for whom the protection of safety is essential. They will also take particular pride in its appearance.

There is comfortable roominess in it for both family and friends, and it is complete in point of convenient equipment.

Give each member of your family a chance to judge the 1920 Chevrolet. We know what their joint opinion will be.

BARGAINS:
One 1916-490 Chevrolet
One 1919-490 Chevrolet, like new
One 37 Buick, in good condition.

E. D. McQUEEN, Lowell, Mich.
We carry a full line of Tires, oils and Chevrolet parts.

You Can't Forget Old Santa Claus

this year if you visit this store, filled with Gifts. Good, useful presents at prices that will surprise you.

Hockey Caps, Sweaters, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Hose, Gloves, Mufflers, Etc.

Bring the kids to see Old Santa Claus Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Earle J. Ferney
Alto, Mich.
Groceries, Shoes and Gent's Furnishings
HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR PRODUCE

THE LOWELL LEDGER and

The Alto Weekly Solo

ALTO WEEKLY SOLO.
Peter F. Kline local reporter and agent for advertising and job printing. Subscriptions and local items gladly received by mail, phone or call.
Office at Alto Furniture Store. tf

SOLO BUGLE NOTES

The Sayings and Doings of Our Own Home Folks

E. J. Ferney was in Clarksville Monday on business.

Abe Cudney, Alto's drayman, is kept busy hauling freight.

Too busy now days to hunt for much news. Hand in your items.

Plush coats cleaned and steamed. Lowell Cleaning and Dyeing Works.

Gladys Thorndyke took supper Tuesday evening with Dorothy Ferney.

Miss Leona Rice spent last Saturday and Sunday at the Brannan farm.

Holcomb's jazz orchestra met at the home of Ivan Fields Wednesday evening.

Ivan Fields and John Holcomb spent Saturday in Grand Rapids on business.

Ernest Bunker, of Lansing, was calling on relatives and friends in Alto Monday.

The village blacksmith is busy these days shoeing horses and repairing sleighs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fields and son Ivan ate venison dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Thorndyke.

Do not forget Old Saint Nick, Dec. 24. He will be on the streets of Alto that day to see the little folks.

E. J. Ferney and family entertained company Sunday from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Klingman.

Notice—I am in the market for furs and will pay the highest price for all kinds of furs. John Linton.

E. C. Dygert and Floyd Hunt went to the City Saturday with 5,700 lbs. of live poultry. Some load.

This zero weather makes the ice men begin to be busy to put in their supply for the good old summer time.

C. W. King, accompanied by Mrs. Ward Proctor and Mrs. P. F. Kline were in the Valley City last Friday shopping.

Beatrice Proctor, of Grand Rapids, visited her cousins, W. W. Proctor and family from Saturday evening until Monday morning.

C. W. King went back to Wayland Tuesday morning after being home for a week on account of a few repairs being made on the saw mill.

I wish to thank the Baptist choir and Rebekah lodge for the fruit and book and other friends for acts of kindness in my recent illness. Mrs. George Fields. adv.

Arthur Brown and wife have broken up house keeping on account of Mrs. Brown's health and are living with Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Kline at this writing.

Robert Patterson, county drain commissioner, was in Alto Tuesday adjusting the taxes on the Tyler dredge and such other business that came before the meeting.

Stuart Draper and Henry Weaver are unloading a car of hard coal at this writing and have two cars of soft coal on the road so if nothing happens, Alto will not freeze, if we only have the price.

News copy for the Alto page should be in the printer's hands Tuesday and not later than Wednesday morning. That page goes to press Wednesday afternoons, Alto patrons, please notice.

Walter Ellis and his son-in-law, Alger Dutcher will have a sale Dec. 27. Alger and family have decided to go to Washington State to farm it if everything looks good to him. See advertisement with full particulars of sale in this paper.

Hale's big concert and dance orchestra will give a big Christmas eve dancing party in the City hall, Lowell, on Wednesday evening, December 24. Everybody welcome. Dancing 9 to 2. Same old price. Both old and new dances.

The Alto I. O. O. F. lodge have started up anew with a determination to make Alto lodge one of the best in the country, which they can do if they will only keep pushing and be on time every Thursday night at 8 o'clock to help all who have been faithful all along. Let the good work go on and attend lodge.

Alto and vicinity, subscribers of this paper will please notice that owing to extreme advances in price of print paper, the price of The Ledger-Solo must go to $2.00 per year January 1, 1920. But up to that date new subscriptions and renewals will be taken at the present rate of $1.50 per year, for as many years as you like. They may be given to P. F. Kline, the Alto local editor or sent direct to the publisher at Lowell. Fair warning. Don't forget.

SOUTH LOWELL METHODIST CHURCH.

The Young People's Chorus had a very fine practice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rittenger last Friday night. Special Christmas numbers were worked on as well as other new songs. We meet this Friday night at home of Mrs. Balkama. Let's have a big turn out. This will be our last practice for Christmas music.

The report of the Township religious survey is almost ready; look for it in next week's issue. It is very interesting.

We had a fine time and very good crowds at both services last Sunday in spite of the cold weather.

Of course you will not think of missing that fine Christmas program on Christmas eve.

Rev. Alfred Thompson of the Bowne charge will be the speaker at the usual hour next Sunday. Every one come and help have a real good service. Don't forget that we want your help at the League service in the evening. Leader, Doris O'Harrow.

ALTO BAPTIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was a great day for Alto church, in spite of the blizzard which raged outside, there was peace and harmony inside and after the pastor had outlined the Evangelistic program of the church for the winter he made an earnest appeal to all those present to enlist themselves for an enlarged allegiance to Christ and His church in the New World Movement of Northern Baptists. Nearly twenty responded as the choir sang, "I'll go Where You Want me to go Dear Lord," I'll be What You Want me to be." The benediction was pronounced and the congregation left the church feeling that it had been good to be there.

Next Sunday is the Sunday before Christmas, the birthday anniversary of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Pastor will preach on an appropriate theme.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 there will be a union program by the two Sunday schools in the Baptist church and a good old fashioned Christmas tree. Everybody come, everybody welcome.

Every Thursday evening a meeting for prayer at 7:30 p. m., standard time. You cannot afford to miss the good times we have at these meetings led by the pastors of Alto. These meetings need you, you need them.

Regular services: Sunday at 10:15, 11:30 a. m.

Vincent C. Webb, Minister.

ALTO METHODIST CHURCH.

The singing of the Booster's chorus was much appreciated at Sunday school last Sunday. They will sing a special again next Sunday.

Also special music in the church service at 7:30. Rev. Alfred Thompson of the Bowne Methodist charge will preach. This will be Mr. Thompson's first appearance in an Alto pulpit. Let's have an unusually large crowd, and come expecting and praying for a good time.

Truly converted people are earnestly praying for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God in this community, and they are ready to work for this very end. Real prayer with "dead" earnest work cannot help but bring results for all time and eternity.

The Christmas committees are working on a fine union Christmas program to be given Christmas evening at the Baptist church.

TOWN LINE NEWS

Dec. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson and son attended the funeral of his brother, David Watson, Thursday.

Harold Scott, of Lansing, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Davis and daughter attended the shower given for Mr. and Mrs. John Gress, Saturday evening.

Rev. Thompson, Mr. Scott Lowe and Mr. Arthur Clark, of Bowne Center, took Sunday dinner at E. S. Hull's.

Reja Brannan, of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. John Brannan.

Loran Dygert's two children spent Thursday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Dygert.

Levant Sears, who has been at Lansing, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Addie Snyder and he intends to stay until after Christmas.

Ted Scott, of Grand Rapids, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Scott.

E. S. Hull was in Lowell Friday.

N. McCORDS & E. CASCADE

Big special Christmas evening dance, Lowell City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Hale's orchestra. Everybody invited. adv.

Dec. 16.—Miss Emma Johnson went to Grand Rapids Monday.

Mary Fuller has been sewing for Mrs. Duane Brown, of Witneyville.

Lillie May Thompson and Edith Wakefield have been sick so they did not attend school last week.

Arnold Fisher hurt his hand Friday while playing ball at the Alto school.

Julish Fisher, wife and son and Arthur Karrer, wife and daughter, attended church at Caledonia Sunday and took dinner with John Karrer, Jr., and wife.

The Thomas school will have their Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Peet and children visited her sister, Mrs. H. B. Fuller Friday.

Don't forget to renew for The Ledger before the price goes to $2.00 January 1.

Give Neckwear for Christmas

We have an unlimited choice ready of the very newest things in neckwear $1.50

Our Christmas Special

Special assortment at a medium price. 4-in-hands, knitted ties, cheney silks in new stripes and novelty patterns.

50c 75c $1.00

Big line of bows, tecks, grip bows, new 4-in-hands in latest colorings and designs.

$2 $2.50

"Strate-cut" 4-in-hands and knit ties in extra fine quality silks.

Get his neckwear here

COONS

LOGAN

Dec. 16—We are glad to report David Schloneger, who has been dangerously ill for two weeks, as steadily, though slowly improving.

Virgo Brighton, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is much better and will soon be able to be out again.

Delton Tyler has recovered from his illness and entered school again Monday.

Stephen Weaver, Sr., and daughter Emma, visited Wm. Blough and wife, of Freeport, last Friday.

Stephen Weaver, Jr., and wife spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Willis Lape and wife, of Freeport.

School was closed in this district last Tuesday and remained closed until Monday morning on account of so much illness among the pupils.

Howard Lite was ill and confined to his bed with pleurisy a part of last week. He was confined to the house a part of this week.

Dorothy Berkey is ill.

Violet Birman is ill with a hard cold and under the doctor's care.

Lloyd Blough, third son of Harvey Blough, has been ill and was very low Sunday with pneumonia.

A regular epidemic of illness among children has visited this neighborhood.

ELMDALE

Dec. 17.—Herman Smith enjoyed a few days vacation last week, Charles Youngs acting as relief operator.

Elmer Archer and family, of Flint, are visiting Mrs. A.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Harris.

Seemingly everyone in this vicinity is having a siege of la grippe.

Clinton Schwab and family ate Sunday dinner with his brother John and wife, of South Boston.

Leo Erb spent Sunday with his uncle ElRoy Schwarder and family, of North Campbell.

Mrs. Eugene Krauss spent over Sunday at Elsie.

Assistant Marine Engineer Harry Russel was the guest of Mrs. Rebecca Long and daughter Erma, Saturday evening. Mr. Russel was formerly an Elmdale youth.

Rev. Deardorf is holding a series of meetings at Rodney.

Mrs. Sam Stahl is very low at this writing.

Milo Schwab and father, of Ohio, visited relatives of this locality the past week.

A large delegation from Elmdale did shopping in Lowell Saturday evening.

Dan Weaver and S. I. Sargeant were Grand Rapids visitors Friday.

Mrs. Elphina Phillips, of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Charles Austin and daughter Mary, of Freeport, visited Saturday at the home of Lewis Leece.

MICHIGAN PAPERS ACT ON SHORTAGE

Agree on Measures for Dealing With the News Print Famine.

Michigan newspapers today are confronted with a most serious and alarming situation arising from the shortage of paper supply and its excessive cost.

The siuation is of such dangerous proportions that it demands the immediate application of a policy of paper conservation in all newspaper offices and the co-operation of advertisers toward that end; otherwise all publishers will find it an impossibility to maintain their present standard of service to the public and many of them will be forced to make drastic reductions in the size of their publications.

These were the conclusions reached at the recent meeting of the Michigan Daily Newspaper association held at Detroit. At this meeting every daily newspaper of more than 5,000 circulation in the lower peninsula was represented and it was the unanimous opinion that the conditions are of unprecedented seriousness.

As early as the first of this year the natural increase in all costs and prices, resulting from the war, had already forced the price of paper up nearly 100 per cent as compared with prices ruling in 1914, although at that time the supply was sufficient. Since then, however, a very serious shortage of supply has developed and the competition of publishers bidding against one another for the meager quantities offered in the open market has sent prices up to unparalleled and exorbitant figures.

At Least 50 Per Cent Higher.

Prices for the coming year are problematical as the mills refuse to make quotations for more than a few months ahead. The average price for 1920, however, will certainly be at least 50 per cent higher than that for the current year and possibly much more. Even a 50 per cent increase would amount to many thousand dollars for even the smaller of the daily papers represented at the meeting and the aggregate increase would amount to from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 for the publishers of the daily papers of Michigan alone.

The question of cost, however, is much less important than the question of ability to get a supply at any price. Some publishers have been unable to contract for paper at all in 1920 and even where contracts have been obtained they provide for quantities considerably less than will be needed—in some cases barely two-thirds of the amounts actually necessary to produce the newspaper in question. For the remainder the publishers will be driven to pick up what they can in the open market, with almost a certainty that the desired quantities cannot be obtained at any price, for the greater part of the total output is sold on contract yearly and only a small amount gets into the open market.

The seriousness of the situation can hardly be exaggerated for even the oldest and strongest newspapers who have dealt with their mills for many years find it impossible to get their needed supply.

In such circumstances the Michigan daily publishers unanimously approved the following statement addressed to all newspaper publishers and to the public.

Must Cut to Fit Conditions.

"Newspaper publishers are confronted by a shortage of paper supply which threatens the most serious consequences unless every effort is made to mitigate its effects. At this time the newspapers of the country are using about 10 per cent more paper than is being produced although the mills are running at practically 100 per cent of their capacity.

"We see no possible remedy for this situation; but its effects may be mitigated to a considerable degree by the efforts of the publishers themselves with the co-operation of their patrons, and to that end we offer the following earnest recommendations:

"That all Michigan publishers be urged to present their news in as compact a form as possible; to hold it down to the minimum space necessary to carry the actual live news of the day; to curtail all special features, pictures and reading matter of a general or magazine character; and to dispense with all unnecessary editions of their papers.

"That publishers, paticurlarly those whose papers exceed an average of 12 pages a day, place a reasonable limit upon the number of pages that will produce per week as many of the metropolitan papers already have done and see that such fixed maximum is not exceeded.

"That advertisers be asked to co-operate with publishers in the use of their advertising space with a view to affecting the greatest possible economy in the consumption of paper by varying their space or dates of insertion, so as to relieve congestion of pages on certain days. Without this co-operation it seems certain that many publishers will be obliged to turn away advertising in order to keep within the necessary limits of size made necessary by a limited paper supply.

"That the public be urged not to destroy old newspapers, but to sell them and that the systematic collection of old newspapers as developed during the war be encouraged and promoted."

(Signed)

Michigan Daily Newspaper Ass'n.

Publishers Will Co-operate.

The Michigan publishers evinced an admirable spirit of co-operation in the direction of paper conservation. All agreed to carry out the methods outlined, as far as possible, and the larger publishers expressed their willingness to effect material reductions in the quantities of paper they now consume. A special committee was appointed to assist in carrying out the general policy of conservation agreed upon and to promote all possible economies in the consumption of paper in this state during the coming year.

The following newspapers, composing the association, were represented at the meeting: Ann Arbor Times-News, Battle Creek Enquirer, Battle Creek Journal, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Detroit Journal, Detroit Times, Bay City Times-Tribune, Flint Journal, Grand Rapids Press, Grand Rapids Herald, Grand Rapids News, Hillsdale Daily News, Jackson Citizen Patriot, Jackson News, Kalamazoo Gazette, Lansing Journal, Manistee Advocate, Muskegon Chronicle, Owosso Argus-American, Pontiac Press, Port-Huron Times-Herald, Saginaw News.

SOUTH BOSTON METHODIST METHODIST CHURCH.

A good time last Sunday in spite of the very cold wind and storm. Rev. Alfred Thompson will be the preacher next Sunday, 2:30 at the Ware school house. Why not fill the house for this service. Will you help? Mr. Swift changes pulpits with Mr. Thompson.

NOTICE.

I will be prepared to receive taxes on Friday, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Jan. 2, 9, 1919 and 20 at our store in Alto. Also will be ready to receive the dog tax too.

J. H. Dintaman, Bowne Township Treas.

USE THE OLD
Dr. MARSHALL'S CATARRH Snuff
30c at all Druggists, or sent prepaid by Williams Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio
For Sale at Henry's Drug Store

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Farmers' State Bank

at Alto, Michigan, at the close of business Nov. 17, 1919, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Depar ment.

RESOURCES

	Commercial	Savings	
LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, Viz:			
a Secured by collateral		$ 6,526.75	
b Unsecured	$92,946.46	21,075.00	
Totals	92,946.46	27,601.75	$120,548.21
BONDS, MORTGAGES & SECURITIES, viz:			
a Real Estate Mortgages		142,465.16	
b Municipal Bonds in Office		2,400.00	
d U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness in Office	77,850.00		
g. Other Bonds		9,921.66	
Totals	77,850.00	$154,786.82	$232,636.82
RESERVES, viz:			
Due from Banks in Reserve Cities	$7,991.02	2,444.81	
U. S. Bonds and Cert. of Indebtedness carried as legal reserve		31,650.00	
Currency	1,980.00	635.00	
Gold Coin	320.00		
Silver Coin	673.15		
Nickles and Cents	404.78	.57	
Totals	$11,369.56	$34,730.38	$46,099.93
COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz:			
Overdrafts			142.31
Banking House			2,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures			800.00
Cash Items in Transit			7,111.37
Outside Checks and other Cash Items			668.61
Total			$410,507.25

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in			$20,000.00
Surplus Fund			20,000.00
Udivided Profits, net			4,469.41
Dividends Unpaid			200.00
COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz:			
Commercial Deposits subject to check	$ 76,767.08		
Total	$ 76,767.08		$76,767.08
SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz:			
Book Accounts—Subject to Savings By-Laws	119,066.26		
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws	102,054.50		
Total	$221,120.76		$221,120.76
Bonds Borrowed			67,450.00
Total			$410,507.25

State of Michigan, County of Kent, SS.

I, Walter H. Angell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained, as shown by the books of the bank. Walter H. Angell, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Nov., 1919.
Peter J. Sinclair, Notary Public, Kent Co. Mich.
My commission expires October 7, 1922.

Correct Attest:
Chas. Bancroft, Edson O'Harrow, Volney C. Walton — Directors

We are in the market for

Raw Furs, Hides and Pelts

Present price on
Muskrats $2.60-$2.65 Flat Present Catch
Skunk $1.40-$7.00
Coon $2.00 to $7.00
Weasel 25c to $1.50
Mole Skins 10c each

One new heavy Belknap Logging Sleigh at bargain
New Double Box 26-in, grain tight, $18.

R. E. COLBY
McCords, Mich.

Having moved my
Wood and Coal
office to my new location opposite the Lowell postoffice, I will continue buying
Hides, Furs and Pelts
for which I will pay the highest market prices.
Sam Rice
Phone 127 Residence 27

The Christmas Feeling

Most everybody already has that Christmas feeling while sending out the gifts that they have bought for their friends, mother, father, sisters, brothers and children, and the joy in receiving the gifts you have been looking for which makes the Christmas feeling one of happiness and joy to every human being, rich or poor, sick or well. Most everyone is remembered at Christmas time.

A few more days to Christmas. Only a few more days left in which to do your Christmas shopping and our store is well stocked with good, practical gifts, the kind that is welcomed by any friend or member of the family and all priced much lower than today's actual value.

Your Christmas Dinner

Mothers can plan their Christmas dinner lots better with the food and groceries that they buy at this store, because our stock is always fresh. Vegetables, fruits, candies, nuts, dried fruits, cranberries and all that goes to make a meal complete.

WATTS' DEPARTMENT STORE.

W. H. Watts, Prop.

Alto, Mich. Open Saturday Evening Until 10:30 p. m.

"THRIFT WEEK" IS TO BEGIN JAN. 17

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WILL BE REMINDED HOW THEY CAN HELP GOOD GOVERNMENT.

TEN MONEY COMMANDMENTS

Treasury Officials Say That Despite Much Reckless Spending, Americans Are Paying More Attention To Saving Than Ever Before.

By JAMES P. HORNADAY.

The department of the treasury says that the people of the United States are making use of the lessons in saving they learned during the world war. The department points out that there are, of course, a great many persons who are spending money recklessly, but all the information on the subject of saving that is coming to the department indicates that the great masses of the people are paying more attention to saving than ever before. The treasury department is undoubtedly good authority on this subject for the savings division, which was established within the department during the war, has been made permanent and is one of the active divisions.

The thought behind the act of making this division permanent was that the government should always be prepared to lead the people along sound financial paths. It is a work in which the people everywhere have co-operated in a most enthusiastic way. Behind the activity of the savings division there is the further thought that the condition of the individual is improved through the observance of sound financial rules and the financial and industrial strength of the nation increases through the enormous sums of capital which accrue through the practice of steady saving and safe investments on the part of citizens.

In order to help along this savings idea the government has designated the week beginning January 17, 1920, as national thrift week. It is proposed during that week to remind the people everywhere through public meetings and appropriate speeches that the cause of good citizenship and good government can be helped along by everybody who has money to spare buying War Savings stamps or depositing money in savings banks.

What We Saved During War.

It does not seem to be generally known that while the country was buying $20,000,000,000 worth of Liberty bonds, its citizens put away more than $1,000,000,000 in War Savings stamps, and that during the war period savings bank deposits in the United States increased some $8,000,000,000.

It is expected that out of Thrift week there will grow a general campaign in the interest of careful saving and wise spending. Attorney General Palmer, who has been wrestling with the high cost of living since last August without being able to beat the cost down to any considerable extent, is advocating the doctrine of careful saving and wise buying as probably the only real remedy for the high cost of living trouble. A good many women's organizations throughout the country have indicated that they are willing to enlist in the campaign along the lines proposed by the attorney general.

In connection with the plans for Thrift week it has been proposed by the treasury department that the speakers who go out that week dwell on the following ten commandments for the guidance of those who are trying to administer their incomes carefully: Make a budget, keep an intelligent record of expenditures, have a bank account, carry life insurance, make a will, own your own home eventually, pay your bills promptly, invest in War Savings stamps and other government securities, spend less than you earn, share with others as much as possible.

More Stamps and Certificates.

The treasury department says that savings stamps and treasury savings certificates will be available again next year at banks and post offices. It is not the expectation of the treasury department that the government will have to make another bond sale to meet the expenditures incurred during the war, but in order to make both ends meet it will be necessary to sell both savings stamps and treasury savings certificates. The treasury department also points out that people who prefer to invest their savings in Liberty bonds can always purchase them through any banking institution at the current market prices.

The treasury department is anxious to have the holders of bonds of the second Liberty loan understand that those bonds are convertible into 4¼ per cent bonds as well as exchangeable into permanent bonds, and that the treasury has already prescribed regulations calculated to provide for both exchanges and conversions with the minimum of inconvenience and expense to both the government and the bond holders. Under these regulations there will be no exchanges of temporary for permanent bonds until March 15, 1920.

New Year to Bring Out Candidates.

The first day of January next will mark the beginning of the preliminaries that will eventuate in the election of a president and vice president of the United States in November, 1920. On that day presidential aspirants must make known their intentions to the voters of South Dakota, if they desire to compete for the ten delegates from that state. Every candidate for president must "define the issue" as he sees it before he can ask for votes at the state-wide primaries, which will be held March 23. Twenty-one of the states have made provision for choosing candidates for presidential nominations in a popular manner. The other 27 states still adhere to the old state convention system of selecting delegates to the national conventions.

New Hampshire will hold the first of the presidential primaries on March 9. Although there is no direct vote on presidential candidates in that state in the primary, delegates may file statements of preference if they so desire. The first really direct vote for presidential candidates will be in North Dakota, March 16. There candidates may have their names placed on the primary ballot through petition of not less than 500 voters of their party. The next primary date is that of South Dakota. On April 15 the Michigan primary will be held. At least 100 qualified voters of the state must sign a candidate's petition before twelve o'clock noon on March 1 in order that the candidate may participate in the primary. Delegates to the national convention are not selected at this primary in Michigan, but at a state convention.

In New York and Wisconsin.

On April 6, New York and Wisconsin hold presidential preference primaries. Delegates are selected at the primary in New York, but no preference is indicated on the primary ballot. In Wisconsin, however, at least 1 per cent of the party electors in at least six counties (not less than 1 per cent nor more than 10 per cent of the total vote in the state) must file petition for the presidential candidate not later than March 6. The delegates are chosen in the primary and candidates for delegate may file a statement of principles or presidential choice, in not exceeding five words, which will be printed on the ballot.

The Illinois primary comes on April 13, at which delegates from congressional districts to the national convention will be selected. Delegates at large from the entire state of Illinois are to be named in a state convention held on May 10. The last day for filing petitions is March 3. Delegates running in the district primaries must state their choice or declare "no preference." Presidential candidates may disavow a candidacy for delegate, whereupon the candidate for delegate is not certified. The Nebraska primary will be held on April 20. At least 100 voters from each congressional district must sign a presidential candidate's petition not later than March 20. In Montana the presidential primary is fixed for April 23.

Three Come on One Day.

Three primaries are scheduled for April 27, in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio. In the Bay state there is no direct vote for presidential candidates. The presidential preference of the candidates for delegates is indicated on the primary ballot. In New Jersey at least 1,000 voters must sign a petition for the presidential candidate before April 1. In Ohio the presidential candidate, either in person or by authorized representative, must file a personal declaration containing a pledge to support the party principles as declared in the national platform of his party. The primary in Maryland is to be held on May 3. Presidential candidates are required to file a personal declaration not later than April 24. Delegates to the national convention in Maryland are selected at state conventions and under the law are instructed to vote in the national convention for the candidate of their party who carries the state in the primary. May 4 will witness primaries in California and in Indiana.

Primaries will be held in Pennsylvania and Vermont on May 18. In the Keystone state petitions must be filed by the presidential candidate not later than April 8, containing at least 100 signatures from at least ten counties. On May 21 the presidential preference primary is to be held in Oregon. Candidates for the presidency may file a written request for the printing of their names on the ballot, this request to be made not later than April 16. The candidacy may be presented by petition of at least 1,000 electors belonging to the candidate's party. Primaries will be held in Texas and West Virginia on May 20. June 8 is the date fixed in Florida for the selection of delegates to the national convention.

Had to Demonstrate Speed.

I was in a strange part of the city one day and as I stood on the corner, I asked a little street urchin, passing by, how long it would take me to get to a certain street. He surveyed me carefully and said, "Go ahead." This took me by surprise and I was inclined to be impatient with the lad, but when I asked him the same question he again said, "Walk ahead." I began to scold him for his lack of manners, when he said, "Aw mister, quit yer kiddin'. How didja tink I wuz goin' ter know how long it's goin' to take ya ter git ter the street, when I ain't even seen how fast ya kin walk?"—Chicago Tribune.

If They Sing "Ja-Da."

There should be music in every home except the one next door.—Detroit News.

"We might brighten this Congressional Record a whole lot," said Senator Sorghum, reflectively.

"How?"

"By cutting out a lot of these speeches and putting in cloakroom gossip."

Home-Made Water Filter.

To make a cheap water filter, take a large garden pot and stop the hole in the bottom by placing a piece of sponge in it. Cover with a few inches of powdered charcoal, fill with water, and let it stand over a pail or tub supported by two or three sticks laid across. The water filtering through the charcoal will be freed from all impurities and will be fit for family use. The charcoal should be changed every three months and the sponge several times a year.

Thirst of Sea Birds.

Some species of sea birds frequently spend weeks at sea and are believed to quench their thirst partly from the falling rains. The keen eyesight of birds is well known, and sea birds have been observed flocking toward a storm cloud about to burst.

Walking Delegate Not on Wire Then.

When Ben Franklin coaxed electricity from the clouds it probably did not occur to him that he was paving the way for possible telephone or tele- [illegible]

Illustrating Progress.

The Chicago Tribune says: "If man, a curious animal, had been deterred by fear of the unknown, we should still be lighting our fires by rubbing two pieces of wood together." As it is, we have followed our curiosity, and have achieved matches, pieces of wood, with which we start our fires by rubbing not two, but twenty-five or thirty up and down the wall and over the stove. Sometimes there is gas in the stove, which ignites from the match, and makes a fine fire.—Kansas City Star.

Wanted to Feel Safe.

Little Adam was staying at a neighbor's home during the illness of his mother. The neighbor lady knowing Adam's fondness for jelly had some for supper one evening. All during the meal he watched his jelly. As he was about to eat it he said: "Oh, Lord, be near me while I eat this nervous stuff."

Cork Trees.

Cork trees grow in Sardinia. A tree is stripped of its bark only once in nine years.

State and General News Section of Ledger

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Michigan Happenings

Iron Mountain—Miss Nellie Stock, this city, is the first woman in Dickinson County to kill a deer this season.

Grand Rapids—For killing an American eagle near Kalkaska, Ray Rosely and Claude Jackson, both of Grand Rapids, will be arraigned in police court.

Algonac—John Taft, 84 years old, died at his home at Port Tremble. Taft was a Civil War veteran and served in the British army during the Crimean War.

Petoskey—Mrs. David Benyas, 59 years old, was killed when struck by an automobile driven by Clifford Willis, while she was crossing a street. Willis was arrested.

Potterville—The residence of Harvey Harmon, near Potterville, was destroyed by fire. The Charlotte fire department was called and made the eight miles in 20 minutes.

Muskegon—Harry Watson, a traveling salesman, believed to have been lost in the wreck of the steamer City of Muskegon, has wired this city announcing that he is not dead.

Pontiac—A woman jury sat in the court of Ralph T. Keeling, circuit court commissioner, and heard a civil suit over possession of a house. The jury decided the case in favor of the defendant.

Saginaw—The will of the late C. H. Davis, provides $22,500 for local charities divided $10,000 to the Y. M. C. A.; $10,000 to the Saginaw General hospital and $2,500 to the home for the friendless.

Three Rivers—A reward of $100 has been offered by Sheriff Goodrich for information as to the robbers who last week looted the Nick Blass grocery after gagging and binding Mrs. Blass to a waterpipe.

Adrian—Tony Kubla, Detroit, pleaded guilty in the circuit court on the charge of violating the state prohibition law and was sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and to spend five days in the county jail.

Flint—The Rev. Mr. Howard D. Borley, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church, who served overseas as Y. M. C. A. worker, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church at Ashtabula, O.

Niles—Frank Starkweather, chairman of the Berrien county road commission, has filed suit in the circuit court to set aside the road contracts let by the other two members of the board when he was not at the meeting.

Owosso—An Owosso housing corporation, organized on the co-operative plan, is now active. Factories of the city are operating with 700 men less than they need. The scarcity of help is attributed to lack of housing facilities.

Hillsdale—A new position has been created at Hillsdale College, that of dean of men, and Prof. D. G. Clancy, of the faculty, was elected by the prudential committee to fill it. Many men petitioned that the position be given to Mr. Clancy.

Bay City—Fred B. Spear, an insurance broker was about to be pronounced dead by a physician, who was called following an attack of indigestion, when the latter noticed a fluttering in his throat and by violent treatment saved Spear.

Muskegon—Discouraged over the fact that his mother and father had died while he was in the service of the United States army, and despondent because of ill health, Arthur Way, 21, Chicago, attempted to commit suicide in McGraft park. Way shot himself below the heart and may die.

East Lansing—Many farmers of the state who have been bothered by peach leaf curl in their orchards during the past year are making a fall spray for the curl. While spring spraying is considered preferable, experiments have shown that the fall application is efficient, authorities at M. A. C. declare.

Bay City—Barney Brooks, 29, and Casper Stachowitcz, 24, were arrested charged with operating a still. The police searched for the men on suspicion that they were implicated in the theft of automobile tires and found them in a house-boat. On the boat, the police say, was a complete moonshine outfit and two barrels of mash.

Pontiac—Stockholders of the Olympian Motors company who were called for a meeting to ratify the proposed sale of the Olympian plant to Otis Friend, former vice president of the General Motors corporation, decided to postpone action until December 22, pending settlement of preliminary details. Company officials and representatives o fthe Friend interest declare satisfactory terms have been arranged.

Pontiac—Pontiac is to have a million-dollar hotel, to be built by the Great Lakes Hotel syndicate, of Chicago, under an arrangement with the Pontiac Board of Commerce. The hotel will be on the Board of Commerce property, at Hurton and Perry streets, eight stories high, with the ground floor devoted to business places. There will be 144 rooms, with the two top floors devoted to 32 family apartments. The roof will be equipped with a ballroom, restaurant and rest rooms. The building will be erected as soon as work can begin in the spring.

Mt. Clemens—Declaring that his company will stand any expense to improve sanitary conditions in its hog yards in Warren township, which township officials are asking to have restrained as a menace to health, Charles Downing, general manager of the Michigan Stock & Food Co., of Highland Park, practically has brought the case to an end. It was pointed out that the company had already ordered numerous improvements, but because of the slowness of freight traffic they have failed to arrive.

Ironwood—The Daily Globe, Ironwood's new daily newspaper, has made its appearance.

Webberville—The James Fraler building was destroyed by fire at an estimated loss of $15,000.

Ironwood—John Murphy was fatally scalded while blowing the flues in the boiler at the Ashland mine engine room.

Standish—The older people of Roscommon county have organized an exclusive dancing club at which young people will be barred.

Petoskey—The largest deer shipped out of the north woods through the Mackinaw City gateway this year was a buck, weighing 248 pounds.

Muskegon—James Knill, contractor of this city, was seriously injured here when he fell off from the top of a roof on which he was working.

Petoskey—Charles Whittaker, 73, hunting in the north woods shot a 200-pound black bear, dressed and dragged him three miles to camp.

Adrian—Mrs. Clara Lipp, wife of a Blissfield druggist, will be tried December 12 on a charge of stealing chickens from one of her neighbors.

Coldwater — Fremont J. Brown, claiming to be a doctor, arrested in Butler township on charge of carrying concealed weapons, waived examination.

Adrian—Sheriff Nutton has been notified that an automobile owned by F. W. Pierce, of this city, stolen from Adrian last September, has been located at Irwin, Colo.

Grand Rapids—Martin Baronowski, alias Martin Barren's charged with the theft on an automobile from Don McAfee, local broker, walked into the Kent county jail and surrendered to the officers.

Kalamazoo—Samuel Clark, an employee of the Kalamazoo-Greenville Grovel company, was seriously hurt when he was pinned in the wreckage of a caboose in which he had just taken his seat.

Adrian—The minister had scarcely finished his blessing when troubles of Jessie Blain Starr and her husband, Harry J. Starr, commenced, Mrs. Starr told Judge Hart in her suit for divorce. The decree was granted.

West Branch—The bookkeepers of northeastern Michigan will meet at West Branch with delegates and bookkeepers from Clare, Roscommon, Arenac, Ogemaw, Alcona, Iosco, Oscoda, Bay, Gladwin and other counties.

Muskegon—That one of the two unidentified victims of the shipwrecked City of Muskegon is that of Oliver Zimmerman, Milwaukee, was believed when all identification marks thus far given tallied exactly, according to local officials.

Hillsdale—Dewayne Davis, 19, Somerset Center, is dead as the result of an accident at Cement City when his jacket caught on a revolving line shaft. He was whirled against a board, receiving internal injuries and a broken leg.

Flint—D. B. Patterson, 58 years old, Flint auto worker, while attempting to board a city street car, fell in front of a Michigan Railway interurban and received injuries that resulted in death in an ambulance on way to a hospital.

Big Rapids—Harold McNulty was accidentally shot by a companion. McNulty had his arm extended, aiming high, when the other hunter, shooting from behind bushes, towards the same bird, hit him under the left arm, the shot entered his side. He will recover.

Adrian—Joseph Lenhart, former member of the state constabulary, arrested in Lenawee county last April as he was attempting to take 400 quarts of whisky through to Detroit, was sentenced by Judge Hart to service from six months to one year at the state reformatory at Ionia.

Adrian—Teachers of the Adrian public schools, who announced that their present salaries do not meet living necessities, want immediate relief, and say they cannot wait for another contract for additional compensation. One teacher announced that his salary was so small that he had to do his own laundry work.

Kalamazoo—Charles Mackay, proprietor of the Hastings Creamery company, had heard auto thieves were rife in Kalamazoo, so when he drove to this city he was careful to park his car in front of the jail, which, he believed, was the safest place. When he returned from a short shopping expedition, he found the machine had been stolen.

Saginaw—The east side school board has raised the minimum salary of teachers to $85 a month and will give bonus of $100 for all instructors continuing through the year receiving less than $1,800. Conditions are becoming drastic. Twelve resignations have been received so far. It is said Detroit schools have asked Ypsilanti for the first 60 teachers produced.

Hillsdale—Spring Arbor, just south of Jackson, may lose its Free Methodist preparatory school. Trustees of the school met in Chicago recently and the fate of the Spring Arbor seminary will be decided soon. There is a tentative plan to consolidate the seminary with the Free Methodist preparatory schools in Evansville, Wis., and Greenville, Ill., and locate the reorganized seminary either in southwestern Michigan, northwestern Indiana or northeastern Illinois. Spring Arbor is the "cradle" of education in Michigan.

St. Joseph—Efforts of the defense in the investigation of alleged misconduct in office of Sheriff Harry H. Hogue to get into the record evidence that he was the victim of political conspirators, failed when former Sheriff Fred Frans, of Niles, and former Prosecuting Attorney Chester P. O'Hara testified that the only interest they had in the case as the original complainants to the supervisors was that of any citizen who believed that wrong was being committed. The court held the complaint sufficient.

135 INDICTED IN ELECTION PROBE

CHARGES INVOLVE SIX COUNTS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAWS.

MERE POLITICS DECLARES KING

Unlawful Expenditures, Conspiracy, Fraudulent Reports Among 38 Specific "Overt Acts" Listed.

Grand Rapids.—The Federal Grand Jury has named 135 men in blanket indictment returned Saturday.

United States Senator Truman H. Newberry, his brother, John S. Newberry, both of Detroit, and 133 others were named.

Aside from the names of Senator Newberry and John S. Newberry, only 12 names have been announced, these being as follows: Allan A. Templeton, Paul H. King, Harry O. Turner, Marc T. McKee, Milton Oakman, Frederick P. Smith, Charles A. Floyd, all of Detroit; Frank McKay, Grand Rapids; Judd Yelland, Escanaba; Dr. James B. Bradley, Eaton Rapids; Gladstone Beattie, of Paw Paw; H. A. Hopkins, St. Clair.

The names of others are withheld pending serving of warrants.

In addressing the jury, District Judge Clarence W. Sessions, declared that the evidence indicated that from $500,000 to $1,000,000 had been expended in the Newberry campaign, when the commodore was returned a victor over Henry Ford.

Special Prosecutor Dailey, who has directed the investigation, said that all defendants would be permitted to post bonds wherever warrants are served. Date for arraignment in federal court here will be set later.

One of the indictments involves six counts, charging unlawful expenditures of money during the primary and election campaigns. The other has to do with alleged false reports made to the senate by the Newberry campaign committee.

The first indictment charged that both federal and state laws were violated in that sums far in excess of legitimate expenses were used in the campaign. The second indictment cited the affidavit which Senator Newberry made while serving at the Brooklyn navy yard in which he swore that no campaign money had been spent by him or with his knowledge.

There were six counts in the first indictment. The first four were devoted to charges of excess campaign expenditures. The fifth alleged conspiracy to violate the federal corrupt practices act of October, 1918, which penalizes payment of money to voters. The sixth count to which Frank C. Dailey, special assistant to the attorney general attached especial significance alleged that the mails were used "to defraud all the people of the state of Michigan."

This sixth count charged that not only were all voters of the state defrauded but that honest campaign contributors were also victims in that they were misled into believing that the legal limits of expenditures had not been exceeded.

Politics Says King.

"Political in its inception, and designed for political effect in the coming campaigns," is the characterization of the grand jury action given by Paul H. King, manager, of the Newberry campaign committee. Furthermore, Mr. King, who was among the first named in the indictments, declares he is proud of his achievement in aiding the senator to a seat and that he isn't a bit worried over the developments at Grand Rapids.

Senator Newberry will provide bonds and counsel for any or all of the 134 men who, with him, were indicted by the grand jury according to a statement issued by James O. Murfin, Senator Newberry's Detroit attorney.

"There is no law prohibiting a man from spending all the money he wishes to protect his friends," said Mr. Murfin "And I am authorized to say that we—Senator Newberry's counsel—will defend as many of those, whose zeal in the senator's behalf during the primary or election campaigns may have caused them to be indicted, as care to place their cases in our hands."

Remembers Friends.

London. — Adelina Patti, famous prima donna, who died at her castle in Wales, left a fortune valued at 116,000 pounds (more than $500,000). She bequeathed her property to Baron Rolf Coderstrom, her husband, with the exception of special bequests of jewelry to Alfred De Rothschild, Marianna Eissler, Clara Eissler and Mabel Woodford, and a Pope Leo XIII stole to Herbert Vaughan, nephew of Father Bernard Vaughan.

Boys Home Site Bought.

Lansing.—The last deed was signed Saturday by which the state comes into possession of 918 acres of land, the nearest point but half a mile mile from the city limits, as the site for the new Industrial School for Boys. The price is $147,850. The land stretches for a mile and a half paralleling the Pere Marquette and Grand River road and has a average depth in the main tract of one mile. An extension stretches half a mile to include Jones lake.

Labor's Congress Ends.

Washington.—After a month's continuous session, the first international labor conference has adjourned to meet again subject to the call of the governing body. Delegates from more than a score of countries immediately began preparations for their departure for home. Women wage earners, would be indemnified for time lost during childbirth under a convention adopted by the conference for submission to the various governments for approval.

AMATEUR MINERS KILLED

Clinton, Ind.—Six men were killed and three seriously injured in an explosion at Bogle coal mine No. 3 at Jacksonville, near here. All of the men were either mine officials or employes in the office of the company who, in attempting to get out sufficient coal for the boilers, set off a badly prepared blast. The mine had been closed by the strike.

The dead are John Stark, Terre Haute; Herbert Campbell and Joe Robertson, Clinton, office men; S. G. Stephens, Terre Haute, civil engineer; Charles Watson, assistant mine boss, and John Logsdon, Terre Haute, room boss.

The mine was not badly damaged by the explosion, it was stated and little difficulty was encountered in removing the injured and the bodies of those killed.

DANIELS ON WORK OF NAVY

Secretary's Annual Report Relates at Length the Fine Record of Our Sea Forces.

Washington.—The annual report of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, is a long and chatty relation of the efficient work of the sea forces of the United States during the great war and since the signing of the armistice. Much space is devoted to the record made by the navy in transporting troops to and from Europe, and full credit is given it for its excellent work in actual war-fare and in cleaning up the great mine field which it had laid in the North sea.

As for demobilization, Mr. Daniels believes this is being accomplished "without the sacrifice of national spirit, unity or force.'

The story of naval aviation is long and interesting, but contains little that is not already a matter of common knowledge. Like Secretary of War Baker, Mr. Daniels is opposed to the creation of a separate air service.

Here is what the report says of a matter that has aroused considerable public anxiety:

"The attraction of higher pay in the merchant marine has caused the navy to lose many men, many petty officers, and not a few warrant and commissioned officers. This has made it impossible to fully man all the ships. This loss has been greater than numbers indicate, because those who have left the navy were experienced and qualified, while the recruits now enlisting must be trained before they are fitted for the more important duties. The high wages paid to machinists, electricians and other skilled men in private industries has prevented the navy's securing new men in the ratings most needed. It is to be hoped congress will increase the compensation early so that many of these men will have a suitable inducement to re-enter the naval service."

FARMERS ROSE TO EMERGENCY

What They Did to Win the War and Save World From Starvation Told By Houston.

Washington.—In his annual report, Secretary of Agriculture Houston tells in a brief way how the farmers of American helped to win the war and are saving the world from starvation by marvelously increased production of foodstuffs. He says the wheat crop for 1919 is estimated at a million bushels over that of 1918 and that of corn 300,000,000 bushels over the last year's. In meat production, also, the record figure of last year will be exceeded, and the same is probably true of milk, eggs and poultry. Crop yields per acre, says Mr. Houston, show an upward tendency, due largely to better methods and better machinery.

Among other recommendations made by the secretary are: The building up of a system of personal credit unions; expansion of existing facilities and activities for aiding farmers in marketing; continuation of present policy of federal participation in road building; regulation and control of stock yards and packing houses; protection of consumers against misbranded and adulterated foods and fertilizers; increased support by states for rural schools, and legislation for improvment of sanitary conditions and medical facilities in rural districts.

Finger Saves Him.

Flint, Mich.—When Fred E. May, restaurant proprietor, was accosted by two men on the street after midnight, he pulled his hand from pocket and pointed finger and they fled. May had $300 in pocket.

Another Booze Question.

New York.—"When is a drink not a drink?" another conundrum bred of prohibition, was sprung in Supreme Court. The answer is "when it is taken at meals for foods or alimentary purposes at home, hotels and restaurants." This contention was made by counsel for Howard Major, of this city, a stockholder in the American Malt & Grain Co., a $12,000,000 concern, in a suit brought against former directors, combating their action in selling out at a loss.

Hospital Burns.

Big Rapids.—Three lives were lost, two persons are missing, at least three patients were injured and a property loss of between $50,000 and $100,000 was incurred when Mercy hospital burned. The dead are: Mrs. John Hanson, 78, Big Rapids; John Koline, Stanwood, and Mable Eby, 16, Big Rapids. The missing are: Louis Kozienski 15, Nirvana, believed to have perished in his room in the hospital; Gabriel Kozienski, father of the boy, who was in the room before the fire.

UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS AND OTHER BRIEF NEWS

Students Make Hens Pay Way.

Hartford.—Three students of the Connecticut Agricultural college depend on hens to pay their tuition. Sale of the eggs has left the young farmers a good profit.

New York Moved.

New York.—Public Service Commission estimates more than 2,000,000,000 passengers were carried on subway, elevated and surface lines in Greater New York in 1919. The daily average was 5,700,000 approximately equal to the city's population.

More Bodies Found.

Sault Ste. Marie.—Four more bodies believed to be those of members of the steamer Myron's crew have been found near Salt Point, according to a telephone message received by Sheriff Wallace Lundy, from James Burns, who is in the government service at Salt Point.

Long Lost Letter.

London.—A letter posted in London 15 years ago has just been delivered to the Portsmouth firm to which it was addressed. The letter contained an order for some merchandise. A clerk, selecting the merchandise for shipment, discovered that the order was 15 years old.

Lower Postage.

Washington.—Postmaster General Burleson has approved pending bills to reduce the rate of local first-class letter postage to 1 cent an ounce. A letter for delivery within the postal limits of the office in which it is mailed would take a one-cent stamp instead of a two-cent stamp.

Wanted Him to Hang.

Chicago.—Mrs. Leola Harris was deeply chagrined when she called at the county jail and learned that her husband, Henry, was not to be hanged, but that his sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment. "He was a worthless coon," said Mrs. Harris, "and I been keeping up the insurance on him for five years."

Dog's Grave Cause of Legal Row.

Concordia, Kas.—Six attorneys, a special referee and a circuit judge wrestled with the complaint brought against Dr. D. S. O'Brien of Beloit, who buried his dog, Jack, in Elmwood cemetery. The decision went against the doctor, who disinterred the body of his pet and buried it in his back yard.

Maids Get Autos.

St. Paul, Minn.—Shortage of maids and other servant girls in the exclusive residential sections of St. Paul has become so keen, that the wives of wealthy men have agreed to not only provide "improved living quarters" for the girls, but to allow them to use their automobiles "once or twice" a week.

Died When He Moved.

Elizabeth, N. J.—Milton G. Loudin, 102 years old, believed to have been the oldest man in New Jersey, died at Linden near here. He was a police magistrate from 1879 to 1912 and lived in the same house 50 years. His death was caused by a cold contracted when forced to move when his house was sold.

Sweet Vengeance.

Hartford.—As soon as Charles Sutton got out of jail at Paw Paw, where he had served a term for stealing cider, he came to Hartford to find the man he believed had told on him. He found Abdel Denvish, in a poolroom, and without warning struck him on the jaw. Denvish was unconscious two hours and an X-ray examination showed his jaw had been broken. Sutton has not been captured.

Car No. 13 Unlucky.

Los Angeles.—D. Arthur Kennedy, of San Diego, Calif., was killed, Page Philbrook was injured probably fatally and two others were hurt slightly in two accidents at Ascot Park in "tuning up" cars for a race. Kennedy was a passenger in car No. 13 when a tire burst and the machine turned over while traveling at great speed. Philbrook was riding in another car which smashed into the track fence.

Must Arbitrate.

Washington.—Refusal of employers engaged in interstate business to engage in collective bargaining with their employes or to interfere with trade unions by refusing to employ or to discharge members of such unions because of such membership is made unlawful and punishable by a fine of $5,000, or imprisonment for one year under a bill introduced in the house by Representative Kelley, of Pennsylvania.

Found the Ghost.

New York.—Occupants of a Ridge street tenement house were almost correct when they reported to the police that the groans of a "ghost" had been annoying them for two days. Detectives, aided by firemen, dug a hole in a chimney of the house and extracted David Cohen, a push-cart peddler, who informed them that, business being bad, he had decided to end his life by jumping down the five-story chimney. He was taken to a hospital suffering chiefly with hunger.

Prdicts End of World.

Ann Arbor.—According to Professor Albert Porta, this will be an unhappy world to live in, immediately following December 17. Hurricanes, lightning, colossal downpours of rain, fearful cold, gigantic lava eruptions, great earthquakes, floods and so on are to follow. He contends the greatest, overbalancing collection of powerful planetary bodies, grouped to one side of the sun ever known, and possibly the end of the world.

CHARGE COMBINE IN COAL STRIKE

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS, OPERATORS AND MINERS ARE IN CONSPIRACY.

WAR RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE

Industry Gradually Being Paralyzed by Shortage of Coal All Over Country.

Indianapolis.—The Federal grand jury has been called to investigate charges that the coal operators are in league with the miners in a conspiracy to violate the Lever Act.

Federal Judge A. B. Anderson called the jury on information presented by L. Ert Slack, United States district attorney, and his special assistant, Dan Simms. In the information the attorneys assert:

"We not only insist that the coal operators are in league with the miners to violate the Lever Act, but we further insist that the coal operators themselves have combined and conspired to violate the criminal provisions of the anti-trust acts passed by Congress, and that they have violated such provisions."

Slack and Simms based their infomation on an investigation which Deputy United States Marshals have been conducting during the last three months.

Miners' Chief Arrested.

Indianapolis—Machinery of the Department of Justice was put in motion to bring about the early appearance in Federal court here of all the 84 international and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America against whom information charging criminal contempt of court was filed with Judge Anderson. The miners are charged with violating the injunction against furtherance of the coal strike.

With the appearance of John L. Lewis, acting president, and other union officials attached to international headquarters here, to furnish bond, fixed at $10,000 by Judge Anderson, the first steps in the case against the defendants in Indiana were completed.

Officials of the union living in court districts outside Indiana, it was said by attorneys for the Government, will be subjects of removal proceedings looking to their early appearance before Judge Anderson, as soon as the necessary papers can be mailed to the various districts.

The general charges are that since the injunction against encouragement of the strike or action to limit the production of coal, every official has violated the injunction passively, by consenting that the strike be continued and by maintaining an attitude toward the membership and by statements to "representatives of the Associated Press and newspapers that said membership will not go back to work, but will remain on strike."

Detroit Under Ban.

Detroit.—Orders received by F. G. Findlay, chairman of the Detroit coal sub-committee, from the office of Dr. H. A. Garfield, Federal Fuel Administrator, stated that distribution of coal to all but the first five classes of essential industries must be curtailed.

Famine in Chicago.

Chicago.—With the closing of thousands of less essential industries, throwing 200,000 men out of work, and the adoption of a 6 1-2 hour business day for stores and office buildings, Chicago felt practical effects of the coal famine.

Theaters are limited to five evening performances and one matinee a week and service of local transportation lines and suburban roads has been curtailed to the minimum requirements. More industries will be closed each day as their small supply of fuel is exhausted and thousands more of employes thrown out of work.

Want Mines Opened.

Bay City.—Gov. Sleeper has wired the Michigan Coal Operators' Association asking them if they would be willing to open their mines at once on the basis of a 14 per cent increase to miners as proposed by the Fuel Administration, and to agree to give the miners any further increase which they may get in the final settlement, applying that increase from the date of the re-opening of the mines.

The operators at once replied, agreeing to that proposition, provided that the Fuel Administration will, when mining costs are determined, permit them to increase the price of coal so as to allow them a fair profit. They agree that no coal mined under this temporary agreement shall be shipped out of Michigan and point out that the starting of the local mines will in no way affect the issues recommended by the mine workers, but will relieve the local situation.

Locates Meteor.

Paw Paw.—By comparing observations of the mystery meteor which is reported to have exploded somewhere in southwestern Michigan, Professor Hobbs, of the University of Michigan, has calculated that the heavenly, visitant fell somewhere between Lawrence and Hartford in Van Buren county. A country-wide search is being made for remnants of the meteor. Professor Hobbs arrived at his conclusion by comparing reports of the position of the meteor.

All Came Back.

Anniston, Ala.—How the mountain folk who make "moonshine," and are caught at it by revenue men kept faith with the court was shown when 12 of 13 federal prisoners began serving terms in the jail here. The thirteenth man sent word that he would be in as soon as he finished killing some hogs. All of them are farmers and Judge Grebb allowed them to go to their homes and gather their crops each giving his word that he would be present at the promised time.

Prominent Women Testify

Hillsdale, Mich.:—"I am giving this testimony regarding the merits of Dr. Pierce's medicines from the actual use of them and the good they have done me. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for feminine trouble and it cured me in a very short time. I have also taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The doctor once burnt my tonsils with caustic and they would not heal up; they would bleed, and 'Golden Medical Discovery' cured me when nothing else seemed to do any good. I have also used Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Pierce's medicines; they are all good." — MRS. SARAH CULVER, 72 St. Joseph St.

Doctors Advised Operation

Trout Lake, Mich.:—"I doctored with several doctors and they all told me I would have to have an operation. Then I heard of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription so I took six bottles of it and I have never been bothered with the same trouble since.

"I shall always recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to every one I can. "It has been over twenty years since I took this medicine."—MRS. GEORGE PALMANTIER, Box 43.

Send 10 cents for trial package of "Favorite Prescription Tablets" to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

Teaches "Safety First."

"Miss Safety First" is an important employee of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. She is Miss Laura M. Roadiger, who went to Philadelphia in 1917 from New York, where she had been a reader to children, as she had previously at Hull house in Chicago. Her work is to visit the schools and, after telling the children stories that attract their interest, to organize safety patrols and teach the children rules of caution. She speaks two or three times to more than 250,000 school children every year. Since she went to Philadelphia there has been a decrease of 37½ per cent in the number of children hurt by trolley cars.

CARBON!

Rid System of Clogged-up Waste and Poisons with "Cascarets."

Like carbon clogs and chokes a motor, so the excess bile in liver, and the constipated waste in the bowels, produce foggy brains, headache, sour, acid stomach, indigestion, sallow skin, sleepless nights, and bad colds.

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Take Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest laxative-cathartic you ever experienced. Cascarets never gripe, sicken, or cause inconvenience. They work while you sleep. A box of Cascarets costs so little too.—Adv.

Do Not Touch.

Patience—I see a curved framework of wire loops has been invented to enable a player to hold a hand of cards conveniently.

Patrice—Come in handy for the woman who has lost at bridge and declares she'll never touch a card again.

Jarred Him.

"I don't like her singing; her notes come from her chest."

"Well, ought they not?"

"No, they ought to stay there."—Boston Evening Transcript.

HEALTH RESTORED

Mr. Knight Was Down With Kidney Complaint; Found Doan's the Remedy Needed.

"Kidney trouble put me in a bad way," says Thomas A. Knight, Retired Insurance Agent, 624 N. Ninth St., East St. Louis, Ill. "It came on with pain across my back and the attacks kept getting worse until I had a spell that laid me up. Morphine was the only relief and I couldn't move without help. The kidney secretions were scanty, painful and filled with sediment.

Mr. Knight

"I was unable to leave the house, could not rest, and became utterly exhausted. The only way I could take ease was by bolstering myself up with pillows. For three months I was in that awful condition and the doctor said I had gravel. *Doan's Kidney Pills* brought me back to good health and I have gained wonderfully in strength and weight."

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Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

Cuticura Soap Best for Baby

Soap 25c, Ointment 25 & 50c, Talcum 25c. Sample each mailed free by "Cuticura, Dept. E, Boston."

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Soothe the irritation and you relieve the distress. Do both quickly and effectively by using promptly a dependable remedy—

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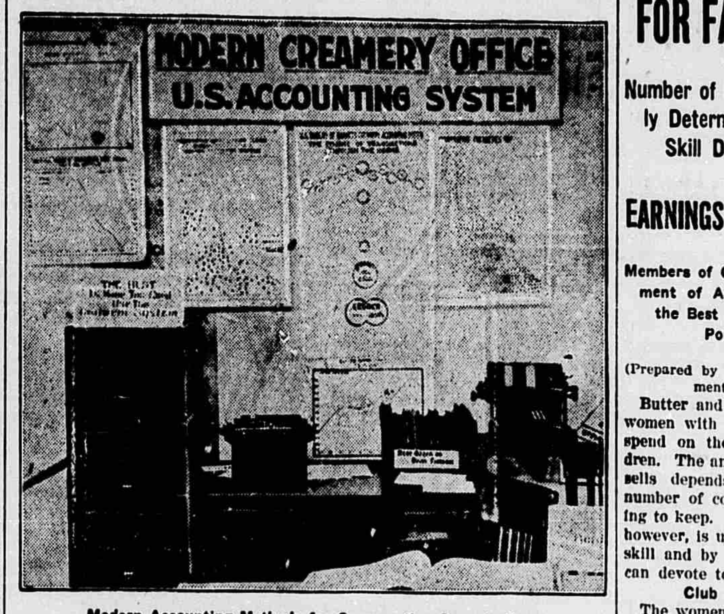
THE LEDGER'S FARM DEPARTMENT

Carefully Compiled Information That Will Be Of Help To The Progressive Farmer

MARKET ORGANIZATIONS OFTEN FAIL FOR LACK OF UP-TO-DATE BUSINESS METHODS



Modern Accounting Methods for Co-operative Organizations.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the outstanding weaknesses of marketing organizations is the almost entire lack of up-to-date business methods. According to the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture, which has made an extensive study of the subject, a large number of failures in the co-operative field have been traced directly or indirectly to lack of proper accounting systems. Other investigations indicate that this difficulty exists to no less an extent in nonco-operative enterprises.

It is the desire of the bureau to make the results of these investigations available to nonco-operative enterprises and not confine its activities solely to assisting co-operative concerns. However, due to the insistent demand for assistance and advice from co-operative organizations, and the lack of such demand from the nonco-operative field, a large portion of the work has of necessity been confined to the former class of organization.

An essential of co-operative business effort is that every participant obtain an equitable share of profits. Without proper accounting there is no guaranty that this object is attained. With up-to-date bookkeeping none can point the finger of suspicion or doubt. Good accounting promotes economy and breeds confidence.

Double-Entry Bookkeeping.

The double-entry system of bookkeeping is the only one suitable for use, as without it there is no adequate check on the accounts. It shows the effects of business transactions on the assets, liabilities, capital, surplus, and revenue, and also the expenses of the business.

When the term "up-to-date methods" is used it does not imply complicated methods. Only two books are absolutely necessary for a complete systematic record of the financial transactions—the journal and the ledger—though, of course, with the growth of a concern, convenience may dictate that the material recorded in these two volumes be subdivided and entered in other volumes. The journal shows the business transactions in the order that they occur, while the ledger shows them classified according to the respective accounts.

The records of a co-operative concern must record a history of each member's property from the time of delivery until payment is made. All this material should be so arranged that the maximum volume of business can be cared for without confusion, and at the same time the various details should be easily accessible.

Many co-operative organizations have adopted the system of pooling, which necessitates prorating returns on like grades of fruit and other produce. Such records should be clear as to the time of shipments, average prices received, and awarded items.

The form of business organization should be as simple as possible, but the duties of each officer should be clearly defined, board meetings should be held regularly after due notice has been given, and the laws require that complete records of the meetings must be kept. In a wide margin on the left-hand side of each page of the minute book notations can be made which in the future will greatly aid in locating desired information. All persons handling organization funds should be bonded. If this is an invariable practice, insistence on a bond will not be considered as being prompted by any personal consideration.

False Economy Costly.

Many organizations are tempted to practice false economy in regard to expenditures for an up-to-date accounting system, competent help, and labor-saving devices. The cost of an adding machine or a calculating machine may seem large, but it may save its original cost in the course of a year, providing the volume of business is sufficient to make its use economical. Columnar development, loose-leaf systems, card systems, and the use of carbon copies have all lessened the routine of the bookkeeper and made modern bookkeeping possible and economical.

The office, whether large or small, should be provided with filing cabinets, equipped with guides for indexing purposes and folders to hold the correspondence. The alphabetical filing system is the simplest, and perhaps is the best suited for the organization of average size. In numerical filing, an alternative system which some prefer, a number is assigned to each person with whom considerable correspondence is carried on. To locate any particular number in the file an alphabetical cross index is kept.

Safeguarding the Cash.

A regular system of safeguarding the cash should be adopted and adhered to strictly. All cash entries should be explicit and items supporting such entries should be filed so as to be easily accessible. No entries should be recorded in the cash book which do not relate to cash. If possible, the full receipts of each day should be deposited in the bank. All canceled checks should be filed in numerical order, and duplicate checks should be covered by indemnity bonds. The cash or check register and the bank pass book balance should be reconciled each month, and a permanent record kept of this agreement. Checks, sales slips, receipts and the like should be numbered with a numbering machine, and any which are spoiled in use should be marked void or left in the book. A regular system should be used for acknowledging all cash sales or miscellaneous cash items received. A systematic record should be kept of all petty cash payments.

An important item often neglected in the accounting of marketing organizations is depreciation. The extent of depreciation should be estimated as closely as possible and credited to the time "Reserve for Depreciation" account as the books are closed for the year. This will decrease the net profit by the amount of depreciation, and set aside amounts to replace the assets out of the earnings. One other essential in the proper accounting of any marketing organization, as well as in other business efforts, is the auditing of the accounts. Both external and internal audits should be made at regular intervals. The latter may be conducted by a committee of members, while the former should be made by an expert accountant and should be complete, all original documents being available for his investigation.

Save Valuable Breeders.

Do not dispose of cocks and hens which have proved good breeders simply because they are no longer young. If still strong and healthy they will be your most valuable breeders next spring.

Best Feed for Geese.

Geese need soft food, with plenty of green stuff at all times. If they can be on good pasture, they require little attention. If in confinement, they must not be fed too heavily on grain.

CO-OPERATIVE BUYING SAVES

Instance Cited in Action of Florida Farmers Clubbing Together to Buy Poison.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

An instance of the value of co-operative buying is found in the recent action of a group of farmers in Orange county, Florida, who combined their orders for carbon bisulphid and placed them through their county agent. The purchase totaled 1,000 pounds and the material was secured at a saving of 38 cents a pound under the price that would have been charged for individual purchases in small quantities, so that the deal represented a saving of $380 to these farmers. This carbon bisulphid will be used in fumigating the corn to kill corn weevils. Losses from this source sometimes are as much as 20 per cent. The farmers who are planning to fumigate their corn either have remodeled their old cribs to make them airtight or have built new ones.

GENERAL FARM NOTES

Poor seed means a poor crop.

Dry straw makes satisfactory bedding.

Feed never was so valuable—save it now!

Farmers should sow the usual acreage of wheat.

Too many fence corners serve as "sheds" for our valuable farm tools.

It matters very little how much land one farms, provided he farms well what he has.

Do not pile the manure outside this winter for it to leach away, but put it under a shed at least.

Now is the time to get ready for next season.

Cow manure is not so valuable as that of the other animals on the farm, but there is more of it.

Saving enough seed to plant crops next year will be very important work that should not be neglected.

With the prevailing high prices of all crops raised on the farm it is very necessary to conserve the soil fertility.

MONEY IN FOWLS FOR FARM WOMEN

Number of Chickens Kept Usually Determined by Time and Skill Devoted to Them.

EARNINGS OF CLUB MEMBERS

Members of Clubs Formed by Department of Agriculture Are Taught the Best and Most Up-to-Date Poultry Methods.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Butter and eggs furnish many farm women with most of the money they spend on themselves and their children. The amount of butter a woman sells depends pretty much on the number of cows her husband is willing to keep. The number of chickens, however, is usually determined by her skill and by the amount of time she can devote to caring for them.

Club Members Taught.

The women who belong to clubs organized by the department of agriculture and the state colleges are taught the best and most up-to-date methods of caring for poultry. The members are also helped in organizing egg and poultry circles which enable them to obtain better prices for their products. One egg circle in Hernando county, Florida, in three months sold $1,840.76 worth of poultry and eggs. In one month the members shipped 1,080 eggs. Egg circles guarantee their products to be fresh, and there is always a good market for guaranteed eggs.

One of the home demonstration club members in Prince Edward county, Virginia, cleared $500 last year on eggs and chickens, and she buys all her feed. She claims 200 hens, if managed rightly, will enable a woman to keep up her table and to dress well. Next year her eggs money will be used to send her boy to college.

A Small Flock of Good Hens Will Supply Enough Eggs for the Average Family.

Two Vital Points.

A poultry club in Coffee county, Tennessee, in 12 months has sold $345 worth of poultry from a flock of 135. The members of these clubs are taught how to weed out poor layers and how to select good setting eggs by the poultry specialists. Often the difference between success and failure for the poultryman or woman lies in knowledge on these two points.

KEEPING CLOSELY IN TOUCH

Worth While for Farmer to Keep Himself Informed of Market Conditions Before Selling.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Farmers who sell vegetables or other farm produce to consumers or retail stores find that taking pains to inform themselves on the condition of the market is very much worth while. Frequently a telephone inquiry or reference to the local paper will reveal a demand or lack of demand that seriously affects the value of one's product. The information so obtained may suggest a delay in taking the produce to town, and give the seller a considerably better price than he or she would otherwise have obtained. In advertising goods for delivery through parcel post it is particularly important that the farmer keep closely in touch with the demands and tastes of prospective customers. To advertise goods at the wrong time is to throw away money. To offer them for sale at the most favorable time at proper prices means getting the largest returns for one's labor and investment.

WOODLAND RANGE FOR FOWLS

Hen Can Scratch Up Many Slugs and Worms and Catch All Kinds of Bugs and Beetles.

A special reason for woodland range for the hen is that she can scratch up so many slugs and worms, and pick bugs and beetles from rotten wood and under bark, and catch all kinds of insects in various places. These give proteids which are so necessary in egg production.

SELECTION OF RIGHT BREED

In Making Choice One Must Decide Whether Eggs or Meat or Both Combined Is Desired.

Your chicken breed must be selected with a purpose in view. Do you want eggs? Do you want meat? Or do you want eggs and meat combined? Each of these purposes have breed or breeds especially.

DANGER IN USING KEROSENE

As Poultry Remedy It Should Never Be Given Internally—Oil Will Cause Blistering.

The use of kerosene as a poultry remedy is dangerous. It should never be given internally, as results may prove fatal. It should never be used on the fowl, as it will cause blistering of soft parts.

Clean Up Garden.

As soon as the vegetables are gathered and the frost has nipped the last blossoms, the garden should be cleared.

DISEASES WILL NOT KILL GRASSHOPPERS

Various Fungi and Bacteria Are Natural Enemies of Pest.

Insects, Like All Other Animals, Are Susceptible to Maladies and There Are Two or Three Known to Attack Them.

(By C. R. JONES, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.)

During every season several requests are received asking for information relative to diseases as a method of grasshopper control. Grasshoppers, like all other animals, are susceptible to disease and there are two or three known to attack them.

First, a fungus disease (Empusa grylli Fres), which has been reported to be successful in grasshopper control, but later experiments have proved it to be of no practical value. It appears that under favorable conditions this disease will appear, with more or less virulence, and spread with sufficient rapidity to cause the destruction of a large number of locusts.

Experiments carried on in co-operation with the division of entomology have demonstrated that the grasshopper is not susceptible to the organism when brought in contact with the ordinary form of the fungus, such as is obtained from the bodies of dead grasshoppers. In these experiments the grasshoppers were fed with the fungus, and the pure culture was spread upon their bodies, but in spite of these numerous attempts to infect them, all remained healthy.

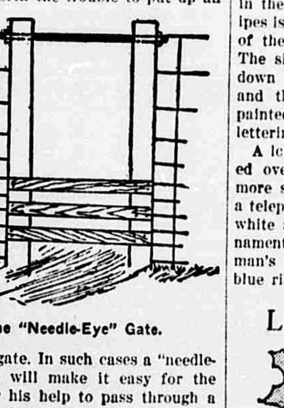
Second, a bacterial disease (Cocobacillus acridiorum D'H.) was reported by D'Herrelle as having worked successfully in Argentina. Later experiments with this organism, both in the Philippine islands and in South Africa, have proved it useless.

Under artificial conditions, such as are found in a laboratory, these diseases may possibly be applied with good results, but as yet, in the field, no disease has been found by which a swarm of the hoppers in a given locality can be contaminated.

"NEEDLE-EYE" GATE USEFUL

Opening Made in Fence to Permit Farmer or Help to Pass Through and Is Animal Proof.

On many farms there is occasional need for a gate in some portion of the pasture or barnlot, yet such openings would be used so little that it is hardly worth the trouble to put up an ordinary gate. In such cases a "needle-eye" gate will make it easy for the farmer or his help to pass through a fence. Such a gate is shown in the illustration. It merely consists of two posts erected so close together that a horse or cow cannot pass between them. These posts are tied together at the top with a long bolt, while at the bottom they are boarded up for a foot or two to keep hogs or calves in. Such a gate as this is convenient for the farmer to "duck through" and is at the same time animal proof.



The "Needle-Eye" Gate.

MUST FEED EACH INDIVIDUAL

Idea That Every Hen and Cow Must Be Fed Exactly Same Ration Is Erroneous One.

Some folks get the idea that every hen and every cow must be fed exactly the same ration. That is all a mistake, for they have different appetites and different demands. It is alright to have an ideal average ration to serve as a guide, but it must not be expected to work out individually.

WHY FOWLS EAT THEIR EGGS

Habit Usually Begins Through Some Accident and Spreads Rapidly Through Flock.

Egg eating usually begins through accident by eggs being broken or frozen and generally when it gets started in a flock egg eating becomes a serious vice, inasmuch as chickens are very fond of eggs when they have learned to eat them, and the habit quickly spreads from fowl to fowl.

Alfalfa Uses Plant Food.

Some people have the idea that alfalfa does not take plant food from the soil, but that it is constantly adding to it. As a matter of fact, alfalfa is a heavy user of all plant foods.

Trees Are Useful.

Trees are attractive and useful to the farm home. Those who have no trees should lose no more time in planting them.

Layers Drink Much Water.

The fowls drink freely, especially when laying heavily, and should not be stinted of such a necessary and cheap material as water.

Proper Feed for Hens.

While laying, a hen must have her system supported exactly as when not laying and must have materials for making eggs besides.

Progress in Agriculture.

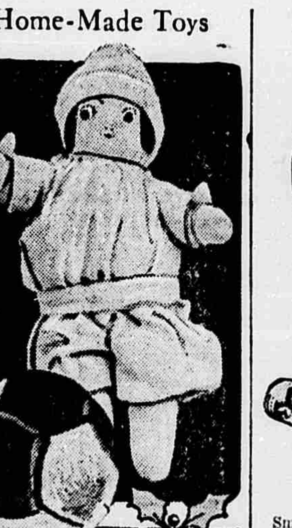
The interest that has been shown in district, county and community fairs this year shows progress in all divisions of agriculture.

Home-Made Christmas Presents

Pretty Gifts That You Can Make for Your Friends at Slight Expense

By JULIA BOTTOMLEY

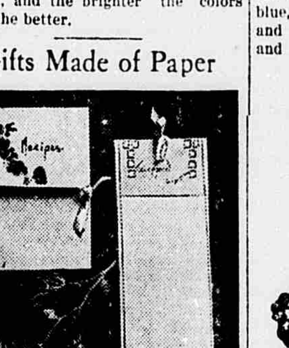
Home-Made Toys



The perennial rag doll that appears this year is made of any ribbed goods—as a ribbed stocking—tinted pink. It is cut out by a pattern, sewed and stuffed with cotton. The face and hair are the result of red, black and white water color. The doll is then dressed up in blue cotton crepe and a blue stocking cap.

A ball made from scraps of velvet is a fine gift for a very little boy. It takes twelve pieces, measuring three inches across at their widest part to make it. They are sewed together, leaving an opening for stuffing with cotton, and the brighter the colors used the better.

Gifts Made of Paper



Among inexpensive gifts that are at the same time elegant and worth while there are many little convenient articles made of prettily colored, heavy paper. Telephone and laundry lists, small portfolios, envelopes in which to place memoranda, etc., are among them. Two articles made of bright blue mottled paper are shown in the picture. The envelope for recipes is made by folding a straight strip of the paper into a pocket and flap. The sides of the pocket are fastened down with little bows of blue ribbon and the flap is ornamented with a painted spray of flowers in pink. The lettering is done in black.

A long strip of the same paper folded over at each end carries one or more sheets of white paper on which a telephone list is to be written. Small white squares outlined with black ornament it and suggest that this is a man's list. It is tied with a bow of blue ribbon at the top.

Little Wall Pockets

Here are two pretty wall pockets to hang beside or on the dressing table, ready to hold whatever their owners choose to put in them. Disks of cardboard covered with gayly printed ribbon make the frivolous and dainty pocket at the left, and it is suspended by plain satin ribbon that ends in small bows at the sides. At the right two heart-shaped pieces of cardboard are covered smoothly with red satin and fastened together. The edges are finished with narrow puffing of ribbon, and the same ribbon serves to suspend the pocket. This smooth and matter-of-fact affair is evidently intended as a gift for a man. Two hearts with but a single pocket are quite meaningful. But one might use a diamond, a spade or even a club to make a similar pocket, and anyone of them will hold a deck of cards, score cards, pencils and such things, or pins, needles and thread for a bachelor.

A Novelty in Fans

Small palm-leaf fans, all decked out with pretty furbelows are among the novelties that have been brought out for Christmas gifts. These fans are first painted any desired color and then varnished. Then the edge is bound with ribbon having a picot edge or with gold or silver braid or other fancy binding. A spray of millinery flowers is tied against the handle, on one side of the fan, and the handle wound with ribbon that is tied in a bow below the flowers. Or flowers may be painted on the fan or made with sealing wax, as in the fan pictured here. This sample is bound with silver braid and has a long tassel of silver tinsel besides a ribbon bow on the handle. It is pretty in turquoise blue, rose color, red, etc., with ribbon and flowers in colors that harmonize, and is easy to make at home.

A Fad for Flowers

There is a fad for artificial flowers to be used instead of natural flowers for household decoration just now and every home-loving woman will be sure to enjoy a gift of this kind. Small garden roses, nasturtiums and chrysanthemums are great favorites and these particular flowers are cleverly made. They appear in baskets and vases as shown above and make a charming Christmas gift.

Pretty Gift Cushions

Cushions were never so numerous or so beautiful within the memory of the oldest gift seeker as they are now. They are made for chairs, window seats, lounges, couches and the floor, of all sorts of cheerful materials. Here is a handsome specimen in which brocaded and plain satin ribbon are used and embellished with satin-covered cord and a cluster of roses and leaves made of satin ribbon.

Christmas Slippers

At the top is a gay little pair of ribbon slippers for the young girl. In the center there are elderdown bedroom slippers for any member of the family, and just below a pair of satin bootees for baby, lined with plush or elderdown and bordered with fur. At the bottom is a pair of handsome bedroom slippers made of ribbon that will delight any woman.

PURITANS' CHRISTMAS

In early times, especially in New England, the Christmas festival was frowned upon as a relic of popery, and no special importance was attached to it. In the chronicles of the time we have this brief description of the way in which the Pilgrim Fathers spent the first Christmas which they passed in America: "Monday, the twenty-fifth, being Christmas day, we began to drink water aboard. But at night the master caused us to have some beer; and so on board we had divers times now and then some beer but on shore none at all." What was done in Plymouth village the next Christmas is more fully described in the quaint language of Governor Bradford: "On ye day called Christmas day, ye Govr called them out to worke (as was used) but ye most of this new company excused themselves and said it went against their consciences to work on ye day. So ye Govr told them that if they made it matter of conscience, he would spare them until they were better informed. So he led away ye rest and left them, but when they came home at noon from their worke, he found them in ye street at play, openly; some pitching ye bar, and some at stoole-ball, and such like sports. So he went to them and took away their implements, and told them that was against his conscience, that they should play and others worke. If they made ye keeping of it a matter of devotion, let them keep their houses, but ther should be no gambling or revelling in ye streets."

Knew Bible and Typesetting.

A story is told that when Benjamin Franklin as a poor boy asked for work at a printer's in London, the foreman, doubting whether an American could do anything well, asked if he could really set up type. Franklin stepped at once to a case and set up John 1:46: "And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see." This was done so quickly and accurately, and conveyed such a delicate reproof, that he obtained employment at once and was rapidly promoted.

900 FLU CASES REPORTED TO HEALTH SERVICE

Washington dispatches state that there were over 900 flu cases reported to the public health service last week.

This is an increase over the previous week, and as cold weather draws near authorities are worried.

A recent public health report says: "City officials, state and city boards of health should be prepared in event of an recurrence of the flu."

Even if one recovers from the flu, the after effects are terrible. The only sane thing to do is to prevent the flu. Influenza can be prevented; last year's results prove that. It is important that a good germicide should be used frequently. Turpo is an effective germicide, combining the old-fashioned remedies of turpentine (which has for years been known as the best home germicide), camphor-menthol and pure mineral base. As a preventive for flu, Turpo has been a pronounced success.

Snuff a little Turpo up the nostrils several times a day, and the Flu germs will have little chance of getting a lodging and breeding place. Many physicians and hospitals use and recommend Turpo.

The fact that more than nine hundred cases of influenza have been reported to the United States Health Service makes it important that you prepare now. Buy a thirty cent jar of Turpo of your druggist now while he has a supply on hand, and use as directed.

If in spite of all precautions influenza develops, go to bed and summon a physician. Influenza is a serious malady, and requires the best medical attention.—Adv.

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"Cordon Bleu" Was Originally the Highest Order of Nobility in the Gallic Kingdom.

A "cordon bleu" was originally a knight of the ancient order of the Holy Ghost, founded by Henry III (1574-1589), on the occasion of his accession to the throne of France. The order consisted of 100 knights—exclusive of officers—and was at one time the highest order in the kingdom. So called on account of the color of the ribbon from which the cross of the order was suspended. In the course of time this appellation was bestowed upon anyone that had achieved eminence in his profession. The Commander de Souve, Compte d'Olonne and some others, who were cordon bleus, met together as a sort of club, and were noted for their well-appointed dinners. Hence, when anyone had dined well, he said: "Well, that is a true feast of the cordon bleus." Finally the term was applied only to first-rate cooks, who, after an examination, received a medal suspended from a blue ribbon. Littre says that the blue apron formerly worn by many cooks have helped to earn for them this flattering designation.

The Skeptic.

"I'm going over to the county seat," said a citizen of Straddle Ridge in reply to the inquiry of a neighbor whom he met in the big road. "Got a case in court there."

"Court has been put off for two weeks, on account of the sickness of the judge," was the reply. "Hain't you heerd about it? It was narrated in the paper tuther day, and—"

"Aw, I heerd about it, all right enough, but I'm going, just the same. Them durn papers don't print nuth'n but lies these days."—Kansas City Star.

Do not hang your religion up in the closet with your Sunday clothes. Use it every day.

Laugh and the world laughs at you; scowl and you're in good company.

Neglected Kidneys Kill Thousands Yearly.

Get Quick Relief Before It's Too Late—Dodd's Kidney Pills—Favorite For Two Generations.

Few people are awake to the dangers of diseased Kidneys. Statistics show that deaths from Bright's Disease and other kidney troubles have increased over 50% in last few years. Most of us delay treatment—we get a pain in the back, loins and let it go. Meanwhile, the malady tightens its grip until finally Bright's Disease, then hospital and doctor bills.

For two generations *Dodd's Kidney Pills* have been saving thousands upon thousands from the ravages of kidney disorders but they must be taken in time—and be sure you get *Dodd's.*

If your druggist is sold out, send 60c in stamps with druggist's name to Dodd's Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

SELDOM SEE

a big knee like this, but your horse may have a bunch or bruise on his ankle, hock, stifle, knee or throat.

ABSORBINE
TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.

will clean it off without laying up the horse. No blister, no hair gone. Concentrated—only a few drops required at an application. $2.50 per bottle delivered. Describe your case for special instructions, and Book 8 R free. ABSORBINE, JR., the antiseptic liniment for mankind, reduces Painful Swellings, Enlarged Glands, Wens, Bruises, Varicose Veins; allays Pain and Inflammation. Price $1.25 a bottle at druggists or delivered. Liberal trial bottle postpaid for 10c.

W. F. YOUNG, P. D. F., 310 Temple St., Springfield, Mass.

HOME MADE TEA FOR CONSTIPATION

is used by entire families because it is purely vegetable, does the work and costs very little.

Why pay high prices for Liver and Bowel remedies when none are better than Dr. Carter's K. and B. tea, which is purely vegetable, can be brewed at home, and a small package will last a long time.

Thousands of old people will tell you they have been drinking it for years, and after the liver and bowels have been put in fine condition in a few days by a before bedtime cup, that only an occasional cup is afterwards necessary to keep one feeling fit and fine.

People who drink a cup of Dr. Carter's K. and B. Tea once in a while, seldrom, if ever, have any bilious attacks, sick headache or yellow skin. It's good for boys and girls, especially those who are peevish and fretful. Druggists have been selling it for many years.

S. C. Wells & Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

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HERE ARE TEN GOOD REASONS WHY YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE "HIM" CIGARS

and there are goodness knows how many more that we could name if we wanted to spare the news and buy out the newspaper

SOX
no man ever owned enough. Nice Silk Ones.

KNITTED SILK MUFFLERS
he doesn't think he can afford to own one—You show him he can.

SHIRTS
a silk one perhaps that he'd always longed for.

TRAVELING BAGS
that he could carry into any hotel in America without apologizing.

GLOVES
Silk and fur lined that would keep him warm to his very toes.

UMBRELLAS
give him one too good to lend.

NECKTIES
the kind that he will be tickled to get and glad to wear.

SUSPENDERS
if he doesn't wear a belt—if he does—a Silver Buckle Pigskin with his last name in relief.

HOUSE COATS
to keep his thoughts from wandering.

UNDERWEAR
If you know him well enough there's no better present made.

If you have men to buy for—pay this great Christmas store a visit—and every minute you spend will be well worth while.

Store Open Evenings Dec. 22-23-24

John J. Lalley

The Kuppenheimer House in Lowell

The One Way

To insure your battery for the winter, store it in our Battery Station where it will have:

1. Plates and separators kept covered with solution.
2. Periodic charging to keep battery in proper condition.
3. Protection against freezing.

We are equipped and know how to take proper care of your battery during the winter months. We also have the ability to test and repair all makes of storage batteries.

Your Battery is in Safe and Experienced Hands when you bring it to us

Gould Auto Supply Co.

and

Battery Shop

Next Door to Postoffice

ALL AROUND TOWN

Newsy Notes About People and Places You Know.

Holiday ribbons at Weekes.' adv.

Herald-Ledger Bargain Days now on. Hurry up.

See William Farnum at Strand theatre Saturday.

Riders of the Purple sage at Strand theatre Saturday. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shivel spent last Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. William Lalley was in Cadillac visiting a brother who is ill.

Frank Tredenick and wife spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. G. W. Rouse.

Five hundred new 75c popular copyright books. Henry's drug and book store. adv.

Special for this week, 24 pairs price $8.00, special $5.00. Hosley's boot shop. adv.

Born, Sunday, Dec. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison Brighton, a nine pound daughter.

Mrs. Orton Hill and little James and Helen Hill are in Grand Rapids today, Wednesday.

You got the special Parisian ivory articles if you went to Henry's drug store. adv.

Mrs. James McPherson went to Detroit last week to spend the winter with her nieces.

Don't miss the Christmas candy display at Look's, every piece pure, fresh and wholesome. adv.

Bissel carpet sweepers at Weekes.

Choice sale of rummage Saturday afternoon at Sam Rice's office. Congregational ladies.

Washable $2.50 kid gloves at Weekes.' adv.

Knit toques at Weekes.' adv.

Bath robes and blankets at Weekes.' adv.

Toilet waters and perfumes, the best makes in Christmas packages at Henry's drug store. adv.

This paper and the Woman's World one year, $1.75 before January 1. After that $2.25.

Mrs. Charles Perkins, of Grand Rapids, was in town to attend the burial of Miss Anna Daniels.

Mrs. Julia Hildreth went to Grand Rapids last week to spend the winter with her daughter.

Mrs. H. J. Coons has been confined to her bed the past week with a severe attack of sciatic neuritis.

Dan Freeman, of South Boston, took dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Freeman on Tuesday.

The Michigan Farmer may be added to any Ledger club for 50 cents for one year. Regular price $1.00.

Herald-Ledger Bargain days are now on. See adv. in this issue. Save 50c by getting in before January 1.

Mrs. L. J. Post and daughter, Miss Audie leave Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Chicago.

"Yellow Men Sleep" is a Rider Haggard sort of romance by Jeremia Lane. Read it in this paper during 1920.

Miss Nemma Freeman, of Grand Rapids, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Freeman.

The 9:05 and 6:28 Grand Trunk trains, taken off on account of the coal strike, were restored Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Headquarters for the best values in comfortables and bed blankets. A. W. Weekes' and Son.

Latest boudoir caps and neckwear at Weekes.' adv.

Big special Christmas evening dance, Lowell City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Hale's orchestra. Everybody invited. adv.

Read "The Strange Case of Cavendish" by Randall Parrish, in this paper during 1920. It's a Western story you'll like.

J. W. Johnson of Pontiac was in town Friday enroute to Reed's Lake sanitarium to see his wife, who is very ill there.

Don't throw that pair of shoes away. Take them to Hosley's shoe hospital. The best equipped repair shop in Central Michigan. adv.

Special for this week, 24 pairs men's red sporting boots, regular price $8.00, special $5.00. Hosley's boot shop. adv.

Mrs. Edith V. Smith, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Devering the past two months, started for her home in Caldwell, Idaho, Monday.

"Crooked Trails and Straight," an Arizona cattlemen and sheep raisers story by William M'Leod Paine, will run serially in this paper during 1920.

"The Man Nobody Knew," by Halworthy Hall, an after-the-war story you will want to read. You get it as an extra measure in this paper during 1920.

A base ball story, "The Double Squeeze." Here's where The Ledger readers make a home run for a song and sing it to themselves. Read it in this paper in 1920.

L. E. Court writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Court, under date of New Orleans, Dec. 8, reports a temperature of 81 degrees in his room the night before.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Neff and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Appleton and son, Harland and Mrs. A. H. Lash drove to Hastings and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fales and family.

"Lady Larkspur," by Meredith Nicholson, author of "The House of a Thousand Candles," will run serially in this paper during 1920. Love and mystery feature in this great story. In this paper only.

Muskrat trapping season opened Tuesday. County Game Warden Merrifield arrested Martin Cameron last week for trapping during the closed season and Justice Grant of Ada, fined him $10 and costs of $3.25.

J. A. Gilbert, of Boston township, has bought the Canfield house on Monroe street occupied by O. J. Yeiter, and formerly occupied by M. B. Conklin. Mr. Gilbert will rent his farm and move to town in the spring.

Gladys Gardner has gone to St. Louis, Mo., to stay with her aunt, Mrs. L. F. Nickell, Evelyn is staying with her uncle, E. Dale Bowen, of Grand Rapids; and Miss Vesta will resume her duties as bookkeeper for the Pere Marquette Lowell station.

Do you like mystery stories with a ghostly flavor? Read "The House of Whispers," by William Johnston in this paper during 1920. One year for $1.50 before January 1; after that $2.00; but the continued stories in book form would cost $12.20.

Axminster and velvet, 27x54 inch rugs, $4.50 at Weekes.' adv.

Handkerchiefs at Weekes.' adv.

Jack Fenning is ill with pneumonia.

Will Doyle was in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Charles Moore was in Detroit for the week end.

Mercerized and linen table damask at Weekes.' adv.

E. D. McQueen goes to Flint on a business trip Friday.

Big double show at Strand theatre Wednesday night. adv.

Mrs. Charles Moore spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

See the bargains at Collar's in furs. They must go. adv.

Parker fountain pens, the world's best. Henry's drug store. adv.

Orley Bolason went to Grand Rapids Tuesday on business.

Christmas aprons in great variety at Collar's, from 25c to $1.00.

Mabel Normand in Sis Hopkins at Strand theatre Wednesday night.

Mrs. Walter Moore and son Walter, spent Friday in Grand Rapids.

Blankets make a good Christmas present. Select one at Collar's. adv.

Mrs. Glen Holiday, of Grand Rapids, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Try Hosley's boot shop for the best and latest in Christmas footwear. adv.

Miss Olive Rittenger, of Detroit, is visiting her parents over the holidays.

Mrs. Miles Dodds and two children, of Saranac, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Walker.

Sweaters, tams, gloves and mittens to keep you warm, price right, at Collar's. adv

Miss Helen Shivel, of Grand Rapids, spent the week end with Lowell friends.

Mrs. Mary Ransford and Mrs. Cassie Denton were in Grand Rapids Friday.

Miss Ruth Kinyon, of Grand Rapids, spent the week end with Lowell relatives.

Pere Marquette trains east bound at 2:13 and west bound at 3:39 were restored Monday.

Complete stock of Mrs. Southworth's 50c books 40c at Henry's drug and book store. adv.

Do not forget about those rose bead necklaces. 25c to $2.50, real stuff. E. R. Collar. adv.

Miss Marian Anderson comes home from Madison, (Wis.,) University to spend the holidays.

Special for this week, 24 pairs men's red sporting boots, regular price $8.00, special $5.00. Hosley's boot shop. adv.

Big special Christmas evening dance, Lowell City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Hale's orchestra. Everybody invited. adv.

Will Doyle, Albert and Emmett Howard attended the American Legion party in Grand Rapids, Thursday evening.

They say walking is good for the health and Ed. De Vries thinks so too as he "hooted" it from Grand Rapids Sunday morning.

Make your Christmas purchases at Look's and vote for your favorite girl in the Doll contest. A vote with every penny purchase. adv.

Axminster rugs, 36x70, $7.50 at Weekes.' adv.

Animal crib blankets, $1.65 at Weekes.' adv.

Mrs. J. J. May is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McMahon. Miss Howe, of Blodgett hospital, is caring for her.

Don't throw that pair of shoes away. Take them to Hosley's shoe hospital. The best equipped repair shop in Central Michigan. adv.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. met at the home of Orville Austin wih Mrs. Flanagan Saturday. All enjoyed a good time and splendid dinner.

Big bargains in ladies' and children's coats to close out, good warm and serviceable, priced from $1.00 to $10.00. Be sure and see them at Collar's. adv.

Mrs. Howard Bartlett underwent a successful operation at the Holcomb sanitarium yesterday morning. Her mother, Mrs. Rittenger, is with her.

Mrs. Merle Burger, of Constantine, comes tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Look. Mr. Burger will join her here for Christmas.

To all those who subscribed for U. S. bonds of the 5th issue, through the City State bank, on the Government payment plan, please be advised that the bonds are ready for delivery.

Ladies' and gents, have your old clothes made like new for Christmas. You will get the very best of work and the lowest prices. Will C. Stone, under Idle Hour show, I am never too busy.

The fire alarm was sounded yesterday afternoon on account of a false alarm concerning W. K. Moore's house, first given as from Charles Moore's. The firemen got the practice of a real run; but their services were not needed.

Our veteran townsman, S. P. Hicks is confined to his bed by illness; but a caller at noon today found him in his usual good spirits. We are all hoping that his "set back" is only temporary. Lowell is not ready to spare him yet.

"The Valley of the Giants," a romance of the California giant red wood forests, starting with the arrival of a "forty-niner," by Peter B. Kyne, is a story you'll want to read in this paper during 1920. Subscribe or renew now and save money.

Several important real estate transfers both in town and country property have been made recently through Fred A. Godfrey's office, among which are the sale of the Marvin Raymond property in Keene township sold through Ledger advertising, and the Ed. Kiel farm in Lowell township.

Men's initial handkerchiefs, 15c to 50c at Weekes.' adv.

Charles H. Cuddeback, well and favorably known to the people of Lowell, where he has served the public, since his return from service overseas, as station agent for the Grand Trunk, has been promoted by the company to have charge of its business in Greenville, where he has already begun work. Congratulations, Cuddy.

Boudoir caps, 30c to $2.00 at Weekes.' adv.

A CHRISTMAS REMINDER.
White's fresh roasted coffee and jumbo peanuts. adv.

Shirts

You can't find a better assortment of shirts at more reasonable prices than ours.

There's no gift more acceptable for Christmas.

$1	Soft shirts with collars attached. Many colors.
$1.25 to $2.25	Plain stripe percales and novelties. Excellent qualties. Some with collars attached. Checks plaids and new patterns.
$2.50	Very fine grade percales in all new patterns and wide range of colorings.
$3	Madras and percales in all colors. Stripes, checks and novelty patterns.
$3.50	Crepes, madras and percales in very fine grades. Some new narrow stripes. Very fine shirts.
$4.50	Mercerized silks in new stripe effects.
$5.65 to $10.50	Pure silks, crepes, rainbow silks and tub silks in a great variety of new and pleasing colorings. All sizes in all shirts.

Coons

Last Chance

Only 5 more shopping days before Christmas. Good new Christmas gifts are scarce. But we can supply every want in our line at prices below today's markets. Don't delay coming to our store you will be surprised how low our prices are. Our Parisian Ivory, Perfumes, Box Paper, Pictures, Toilet Sets, Parker Fountain Pens, all makes of Safety Razors, 25c to $5.00. Pipes, Cigars. A suitable present for every member of the family. If you come to

Henry's

Modern Drug and Book Store

New curtain nets at Weekes.' adv.

$1.00 Chamisuette golf gloves at Weekes.' adv.

Schools close Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

See Sis Hopkins at Strand theatre Wednesday night. adv.

Mrs. John Kroph spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Allen Lasby was in Grand Rapids Monday on business.

Miss Edith Mange spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Geneva Holcomb was in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gahan, of Parnell, spent Saturday in town.

Rev. Henry Bank, of Flint, spent Sunday and Monday in Lowell.

Mrs. M. C. Miller is spending the week with friends at Big Rapids.

Charles Doyle made a business trip to Detroit the first of the week.

Miss Ella Tobin, of Parnell, spent last week with Mrs. Margaret Flanagan.

Santa Claus will make his headquarters at Scott & Townsend this year. adv.

Try Hosley's boot shop for the best and latest in Christmas footwear. adv.

Miss Minnie Meek spent several days at her home in Sparta last week.

Mesdames John Kellogg and Fred McKay spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

Christmas stationery, 20c to $2.00 the package. Henry's drug and book store. adv.

Miss Doris Conant was the guest of relatives at Saranac from Friday until Monday.

Licensed to wed: Peter E. Russell, Lake Odessa; and Frieda M. Wingeier, Alto.

A sleigh load party of Alto young people came to Lowell Wednesday night for a good time.

Mrs. Bert Charles and Miss Mable and Mrs. Bert Charles, Jr., were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

A great American drama of "The Man Who Was Not Afraid" at Strand theatre Saturday. adv.

Mrs. Elmer Hart, of Keene, spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Willette.

Don't fail to see D. W. Griffith's production, "Let Katy Do It," at Idle Hour, Saturday, Dec. 20.

Misses Pearl and Myrl Zahm were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Heater, of Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Weekes and Mesdames Shepard, Day and Ford were in Grand Rapids yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Crooks, of South Boston, have moved into the old Hatch house on Hudson street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodds and Mrs. Mary Dodds, of Keene, were at the home of E. C. Walker Wednesday.

Leo J. Cary was called from Coquille, Oregon, by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Mary Cary, of Parnell.

Infant's bonnets, bibs, bootees, dresses, veils, toques, sweaters, blankets, knit tights and wool hose at Weekes.' adv.

A box of candy for Christmas, 500 lbs just received by express from Boston at Look's, pure, wholesome and fresh. adv.

Big special Christmas evening dance, Lowell City hall, Wednesday, Dec. 24, Hale's orchestra. Everybody invited. adv.

Help the Santa Claus club by dropping your nickels, dimes or dollars into the little boxes which will be left in the stores.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kellogg entertained about a dozen friends at their home last Thursday evening to a six o'clock venison dinner.

Don't throw that pair of shoes away. Take them to Hosley's shoe hospital. The best equipped repair shop in Central Michigan. adv.

Georgette and crepe de chene blouses at Weekes.' adv.

We can guarantee colors and your garments will be free from heat wringles if you bring your dyeing to me. Will C. Stone. adv.

Detachable flannel collar middies, $2.75 at Weekes. adv.

Mr. Briggs, who has been staying with his son, Harry Briggs, was called to Wayland Thursday morning by the illness of his son-in-law.

Middy and windsor ties at Weekes.' adv.

Mrs. John Young cut her hand quite severely Wednesday afternoon at the home of Dan Simons. Several stitches were required to close the wound.

Suits and overcoats made to your measure, $25.00 and up. Lowell Cleaning and Dyeing Works. adv. tf.

The largest line of boys and girls books ever shown in Lowell bought direct from the publishers, sold at ¼ less than regular prices at Henry's drug and book store. adv

Save money on your Xmas purchases by buying of Scott & Townsend. adv.

George Winegar, of Morrice, came yesterday to visit his mother, Mrs. C. C. Winegar, who leaves next week to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Phil Schneider, of Akron, O.

Children's coats at Weeks.' adv.

Perrine McQueen, of Glencove, N. Y., and Bruce McQueen, of Ann Arbor, will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents here. The former will spend a week and the latter three weeks.

Velvet collar put on overcoats. Lowell, Cleaning and Dyeing Works. uary 1, after that date $5.80.

Caroline Frances, ten months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Bergin, died Tuesday evening. Brief funeral services were conducted at the home this morning, Thursday, Rev. Fr. Ellig, officiating.

Blowout boots, all sizes at Gould's Auto Supply Co. Adv.

Ensign Will McCormick, who has just returned from a long cruise for the past year spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCormick, at Grattan. Ensign McCormick expects to remain at home until after the holidays, but was called back to New York City and will sail for the Pacific coast.

If it's carpenter work, see Hie Hawley. 4 tf.

Married, Tuesday evening, December 16, by Rev. A. H. Lash at his home, Miss Mary J. Rogers to Ross W. Benedict, both of Ionia. Mrs. Benedict is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Rogers of this village. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict leave today for a wedding trip to California, after which they will make their home in Ionia.

Knit and felt slippers at Weekes.'

The Vergennes Co-operative club gave a banquet at Vergennes Grange hall the evening of December 4. Mrs. L. M. Bailey as hostess, entertained the members of the club and their husbands. The hall was beautifully decorated with red and green. A Christmas tree was given for the children and a delicious chicken pie supper was served, while the most entertaining feature of the evening was the grab bag. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Baby buntings, $6.00 at Weekes.'

"Cox Grocery Co."

Phone 309 Lowell, Mich.

Will Save You Money

Try a can of the following goods. Your money back if not satisfactory.

Large can of California Grapes	25c
18c can String Beans	16c
20c can Hart Pink Beans	16c
4 qts. Plums, extra quality	89c
1 pk. Py-E-ta (Cream, Chocolate, Lemon) (This week only)	23c
1 lb, Beefsteak and Onions	34c
1 can Corned Beef	38c
1 can Asparagus Tips, "white	32c
Sniders Oyster Sauce	34c
Sardines in Oil	8c
White Star Mackerel, per can	12c
"Rub-less" (For cleaning closet bowls, cleans off all scale without rubbing)	15c

"Cash and Carry"

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Nothing Better for Christmas than Shoes and Slippess

Men's Comfort Slippers, grey soft soles	$2 00
Men's Comfort Slippers black and grey leather sole and heel	2.00
Men's brown and black Leather Slippers	3.00
Men's brown Romeo Leather slippers	4 00
Women's and Misses' Felt Juliets with fur and ribbon trimming flexible sole, prices	$2, $2.25, 3.00
Women's Felt Boudoir Slippers with silk pompon and soft padded soles and heels, many colors	2 00, 2.25
Children's and Misses red Felt Bootees	1.60, 1.75
Men's, Boys' and Youth's Leggings	1.00, 1.25, 1.50
Child's Corduroy, Chinchila and all Leather Leggins	1 50, 2.25, 3.00
We also have about six dozen pairs of Men's Canvas Gloves that we are closing out at cost	15c and 18c
Men's Gauntlet Gloves	35c
Boy's Canvas Gloves	12c
We also have just received another shipment of Men's Red Sporting Boots, regular price, $8.00, that we will sell at, per pair	$5.00
We have 4 sevens, 6 nines and 3 tens Men's Hi Lace Bootees, regular price $4.50, to close out	3 25
36 pairs men's good, one-buckle arctics to close out	1.78

See Our Windows for Holiday Hints

Hosley's Boot Shop

F. J. Hosley, Prop.

Friday and Saturday Only

Brite Mawnin Corn Flakes 10c
Wax Paper wrapped and guaranteed to be as good as any 15c flakes or your money refunded.

Relinble Matches, 500 to the box 5c

Bobbie Burns White Laundry Soap 6c
This is less than it can be bought for today wholesale

3 lb. can hand packed Tomatoes 21c
Regular price 25c and guaranteed quality.

1 lb. Calumet Baking Powder 24c
Regular price 35c

Order your Xmas trees now and get them delivered when you want them.

JOHN KELLOGG

Phone 250 Pries Right
Where Quality Counts

Subscribe or renew now and save money.

Warner, R. & G. and Nemo corsets at Weekes.' adv.

Newest hand bags and purses at Weekes. adv.

Fred A. Godfrey is compiling data as advertising to show the advantages of locating in Kent and Ionia counties and more especially his home town, Lowell. This advertising will go through the middle west section of high priced land into manufacturing centers. It would pay us all to get behind this with Mr. Godfrey and boost.

Rev. V. C. Webb, of Alto, the new pastor of the Lowell Baptist church, former pastor of the Bowne Methodist circuit, is a fluent and forceful speaker, whose range of vision has been greatly widened by his experience with the A. E. F. overseas as Sergeant Webb. Lowell people who have not heard him should improve the opportunity some Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

If you don't pay for this paper, don't read it. Be square and don't bother your neighbors. tf

NOTICE TO CREAM SELLERS.
If you want to get the highest market price for butter fat this week, take it to Mrs. Hattie Scott, Lowell. You will get an absolutely accurate test and weight, as all cream is weighed and tested right in the open where you get your pay right away.

Try out this deal. You will be money ahead.

Very Respectfully,
Durand Creamery Co.

State of Michigan, The Probate court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 12th day of December, A. D., 1919.

Present: Hon. Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ernest Gosch, Deceased.

Theodore Gosch, executor, having filed in said court his petition, praying for license to sell the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 9th day of January, A. D., 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy. Clark E. Higbee
Judge of Probate.

John Dalton,
Register of Probate.

Handkerchiefs at Weekes.' adv.

The Ledger office will be open Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 9 o'clock until January 1 to receive subscription renewals. Better renew before New Year's day and save the extra 50 cents.