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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

CLASS OF 1913 LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL

At City Hall on Wednesday Evening, June 25 at 8.15. Program Follows:

Cello Solo, Aria, M. Peccolomini, Glenora Johnson Burk.

Invocation, Rev. D. Ogg.

Salutatory, Marie A. Curtis.

Essay, "Non Scholae, sed Vitae," Ralph A. Broadbent.

Declaration, "Internationalism," Lewellyn G. Hutchison.

Vocal Solo, Selected, Mrs. R. T. Ford.

Class History, Lee E. Lampkin, Dexter G. Conklin, Arthur M. Schneider.

Declaration, "The Grave Napoleon," Otto A. Andrews.

Class Prophecy, Emma L. Whitlow, Martha A. Stinton, Gladys M. Hart, Addie L. Yeiter.

Cello Solos, Evening Star, Tannhauser, Canzone Amorosa, Ethelbert Nevin, Glenora Johnson Burk.

Class Poem, Hermon E. Smith.

Monologue, Neva B. Buttrick.

Recitation, "The Sight From Over the Range," Ruby M. Willette.

Class Will, Lattelle E. Ecker, Hazel C. Langworthy, Esther H. Wallmark.

Presentation of Diplomas, D. G. Look, President Board of Education.

Piano Duet, "La Chasse aux Gazelles," A. Calvini, Misses Alice Crawford and Edith Charles.

Benediction, Rev. D. Q. Barry.

Elizabeth Lennox, R. D. Stocking, Accompanists.

Watches

KODAKS KODAKS

Wouldn't Give Dad Away.

Lowell Father: "Where do you suppose you will be forty years from now if you keep on as you are going now?"

Naughty Boy: "I know where you'll be; but I haint goin' to tell."

SCHOOLS ROUND UP

Closing Activities Incident to Commencement.

Following are the several functions incident to the closing of the Lowell schools for the 1912-13 school year:

Junior banquet Thursday evening, June 19, at the City hall. The Juniors this year promise a pleasant evening of novelties. Instead of the usual toasts, the class will attempt some original stunts, including impersonations of instructors, etc.

Baccalaureate sermon in the City hall, Sunday evening, June 22 at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. L. E. Lennox will give the address and Rev. W. D. Ogg the invocation. This will be a union service.

Commencement June 25 at 8.15. Admission 10c. See program elsewhere in this paper.

Annual Alumni banquet Thursday evening, June 26. The main feature of the evening will be an address by Prof. Henderson of the University on the subject, "Dollars and Sense in Education." Program elsewhere in this paper.

On the afternoon of Thursday there will be a baseball game between the High School and the Alumni. It promises to be an interesting feature of commencement week.

Forty Years Ago

John Ballard Came to Lowell. Buried Sunday.

John W. Ballard died at his home near Alto Friday, June 13, aged 66 years, 3 months, 21 days. He leaves a wife, two sons, Edward and William of Bowne, a daughter Helen of Three Rivers, and three grandchildren, besides numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at his late home Sunday, conducted by Rev. W. D. Ogg. Burial at Oakwood cemetery, Lowell.

Mr. Ballard was born at Fenner Madison county, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1847. He married Flora E. Needham Jan. 4, 1871, and came to Lowell two years later. In 1877 he moved to a home near Big Rapids where he lived until 1907, when he came to the home near Alto, where he has since lived.

ALUMNI BANQUET

Address by Dr. Henderson of the University.

Following is the program for the Alumni banquet at the City hall Thursday evening, June 26, 1914.

Invocation.

Vocal duet, Mrs. E. A. Anderson, Mr. A. F. Frazee.

Introduction of Toastmaster by the President.

Toast, Miss Ruby Willette, class of 1913.

Toast, Mr. George Cuddihy, class of 1913.

Vocal solo, Mr. Geo. M. Winegar.

Reading, Miss Minnie McIntosh.

Address, "Dollars in Sense in Education," Dr. W. D. Henderson.

Election of officers.

Piano duet, Mrs. Earl McNaughton, Miss Alice Crawford.

American.

OUR HOME CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Sunday morning is our only preaching service of the day. Therefore let there be a great rallying of our own members and friends at the morning service. Subject, "A Remarkable Conversion," (Acts 9th.)

Don't forget the Sunday school. Never better attendance large, interest keen. Come to the Sunday school.

Junior Endeavor at 5 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30.

You will be benefited at all our meetings. Come.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Subject for discussion at morning hour: "Some lessons from the life of Joseph."

Bible school at usual hour.

On account of the Baccalaureate sermon, there will be no service at the Baptist church in the evening. The purpose is to make it a union service.

METHODIST CHURCH.

10.30, a. m. Preaching. Subject, "Religious Expansion."

Baptism of children just before the sermon. If convenient please phone the Pastor before Sunday.

After the omission of two morning services, make Sunday morning a great rally service--every member out.

12 m. Sunday school. Bring a new pupil with you.

6.45 p. m., Epworth League.

Ruth Lennox, leader. No evening service. Baccalaureate sermon at 7.30, p. m., in the City hall.

Bowne Cemetery Day.

All parties interested in Bowne township cemetery, located at Bowne Center, are requested to meet at the cemetery for work on Thursday, June 25.

It is proposed to make it an all-day affair, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Come prepared for work. Dress for work. Bring whatever you have in tools, scythes, rakes, shovels, spades, picks, axes, sprinklers, wheel barrows, lawn mowers, etc. Let there be a general rally. We hope for 200 people. We want to put the grounds in good shape and the town board will look after the larger improvements. If you have any interest in these grounds we want your help.

The Ladies' Aid of Bowne Center will provide a bountiful dinner at 25c. These dinners have an established reputation.

Please extend the invitation.

A. Nichols
John Waits
John Livingston
Arthur Clark.

LOWELL-VERGEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CONVENTION HELD HERE LAST SUNDAY.

Interesting and Profitable Discussions at the Several Sessions at Three Churches.

Lowell-Vergennes Township Sunday school association held its semi-annual convention here Sunday, with a fair attendance. The three sessions were held at the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches respectively, with song and devotional services led by Revs. W. D. Ogg, L. E. Lennox and D. Q. Barry, and special songs were sung by the Baptist and Methodist choirs.

At the first session a brief address on the home department work was given by Rev. Ogg, chairman of that department of the county association, followed by a few words by President H. J. Taylor and an earnest address "The Call of the World," by Mr. VanAkin of the Y. M. C. A., Grand Rapids.

At noon the lesson was taught the older classes of the local Sunday schools by Gelmer Kuiper of Grand Rapids, secretary-treasurer of the county association, and the primary children and their teachers met at the Methodist church where the elementary lesson work was taught by Miss Bertha Culver of Grand Rapids, superintendent of that department. The features of the afternoon were a talk on "The Ingathering" by Daniel Abbott, a delineation of the grade lessons and primary work by Miss Culver, a reading by Mrs. Melville McPherson and a recitation by Mrs. Heimbaugh of Vergennes.

The subject "The Call to Men" was well handled in an address at the evening session by Mr. Kuiper, followed by a few words B. S. Shaw of Alto and a talk by Dr. J. G. Huizinga of Grand Rapids on "The Work of the Adult Bible Class in Solving the Problems of the Church."

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D. G. Mauge served on Federal jury in Grand Rapids several days last week.

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Clarence Collar is attending commencement and alumni functions at Albion college this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Parker returned Wednesday evening from a trip to Ionia, Pontiac and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hill and son of Rockford were in town over Sunday visiting their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Tasker and Mrs. Hill's old schoolmate Mrs. Cora Chase.

FOR SALE--Steel range, bed room suits, and many other household articles can be seen at Miner house on Gehrer's hill, Saturday from 1 to 3 p. m. R. E. Springett, Guardian.

Harry Andrews, having finished his second year's work at Albion college, came home for a day or two this week. He returned to begin work Monday in Albion, having secured employment there for the summer.

Here is a rendering matter bargain worth your while: The Grand Rapids Daily Herald, The Western Rural Renter and The LOWELL LEDGER all to January 1, 1914, and the Farm and Fireside and Woman's World each one year, the whole business for the small sum of \$1.50, get in on this, partner, while it lasts. If our former townsman H. W. Hakes has just completed a handsome residence at 1440 Robinson road, Grand Rapids. It is of brick, has seven rooms and bath, a large attic and basement with fruit, laundry, coal and store rooms. The building was made from designs prepared by Mr. Hakes' son Harry, who is a student in the engineering department of the University of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Hakes are to be congratulated upon their enterprise, and Lowell people will be glad to help warm the new home.

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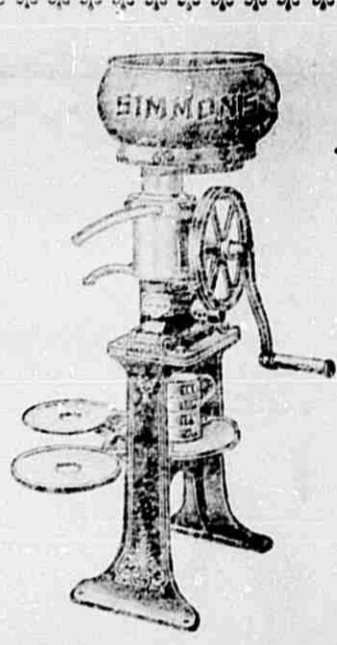
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It is claimed that the best and the sweetest bananas come from the Canary Islands; next in order are those of the red variety which are found on the west coast of Africa and the yellow bananas of the West Indies and South America. Other varieties are from the Congo, Borneo, Ceylon and that vicinity.

Can Be in Too Great Hurry.

The man who is in a hurry to reach places he is unfit to fill will only open the way for a permanent setback by pushing ahead of his own capacity to satisfactorily fulfill.

Definition.

"What is a vegetarian?" asked little Tommy of his eyelid uncle, who replied: "A vegetarian, my boy, is a man who has forgotten that all flesh is as grass."--New York Evening Post.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know

F. W. Braisted made a business trip to Alma yesterday.

Justice A. M. Andrews was in Grand Rapids on business yesterday.

Will Clark is laying the foundation for a 16x21 addition to his house on Water street.

Mrs. Earl Hunter and little daughter are visiting the former's mother in Detroit for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh and family have gone to Allegan to visit Weldon Smith for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murphy have returned to their home in Traverse City after a short visit with Lowell relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Standish and granddaughter, Ruth Graham of Summer are visiting the former's cousins, Miss Anna and Harley Maynard, for a few days.

Mrs. Stiles, who suffered an operation for removal of a cancer at Butterworth hospital last Friday, is convalescing and is expected to be able to come home next week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes, Mrs. Emma Robens, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. H. Robens and Miss Tuba Smith of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Fanny Olmsted of Denver, were here Wednesday to attend the funeral of the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh.

The Alto Solo makes a premature announcement of a prospective deal by which B. S. Shaw of that place may succeed E. O. Wadsworth in the firm of Yeiter & Wadsworth. There's been "a hen on" for some time, which may hatch something and may not.

To the Point.

All the world is so closely akin that not one individual may realize his high desire except all the world share it with him. Every good thought you put out is a silent power working for peace, health, love, joy, success to all humanity--including yourself.--Elizabeth Towne.

True to Nature.

The tots in a primary class in sense-training were imitating anything they choose. When it was Hazel's turn, she stepped into the center of the room and wriggled her body from side to side. No one could guess what she was impersonating, so she was asked to explain. "Why," she said, "I was a little dog wagging its tail."

Loose Screws.

Very often a screw hole gets so worn that the screw will not stay in. In such a case cut narrow strips of wood and fill the hole completely. Then force the screw in. This will make it as tight as if driven into an entirely new hole.

Attraction of Good Liear.

Some liars are so interesting that we feel sorry we can't believe them.--Dr. Pugh.

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MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF

Frank E. Lyon, pastor of the Canton Street Baptist church, Jackson...

The New Church of Christ, in Ann Arbor, is completed and services...

Calling P. H. Hathaway, of Detroit, to the witness stand, the senate...

Lake Crafts Under Federal Law. Owners of canoes and motor boats...

Law of Probable Law Practitioner in Michigan has been revised...

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FUNERAL OF MARTYR

Great Demonstration Marks Arrival of Remains in London.

Supragettes Honor Emily Wilding Davison.

Emily Wilding Davison, who met her death at the hands of the king's horse in the derby, June 4.

A special train brought the body of the martyr to London from the depot of Victoria station, where a procession of 4,000 women was waiting to escort it across the city through the principal streets to St. George's church.

An effort is being made to raise \$2,000 to insure the immediate completion of the building in London.

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THE MARKETS

Live Stock, Grain and General Farm Products.

Detroit: Cattle - Receipts, 175; market steady to strong on all grades.

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Lester Swedon, Arlo Sears and Chas. Sawyer, Jr., graduates, attended the graduating exercises which were held at the Majestic theater Friday.
John Hatch of Lowell visited his cousins Mrs. Adeline Weston and D. G. Blood and wife.
Mrs. F. Bates of Grand Rapids is visiting her son Ernest and family.
Fera and Nellie Cook of East Paris visited over Sunday at the homes of their aunts Mrs. Lizzie Sears and Nellie McGrew.
Mrs. Rockefeller and mother Mrs. Linton and little grandson Raymond, Mrs. Blood, Maud Elliott and chauffeur went in the former's auto to the Snow Ladies Aid society at Wilbur Burras' last Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fairchilds of Grand Rapids are visiting at S. C. Snyder's.
Carl and Bertha Gress and Ruth Lind attended the ice cream social at Frank Deule's.
Mrs. H. B. Fuller and sister Mrs. DeEtta Peet visited friends in Grand Rapids Thursday and Friday.
Joe Lindsley and family of L'Arzave visited his nephew Archie Wood Sunday.
Little Irene Chappel of Alto spent from Wednesday until Sunday with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wood.
Tuberculosis or consumption is rare in childhood; increases rapidly after the age of fifteen, and is most common between the ages of twenty-five and thirty. Those who escape it till the latter age are less and less prone to it as they advance in years.

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Read a case of it: Mrs. I. W. Halstead, 408 Monroe St., Lowell, Mich., says: "For several years I suffered greatly from backache and pains in my kidneys. My back ached so badly I could hardly move. When I read about Doan's Kidney Pills I began using them. The first box did me so much good that I continued taking them. The soreness and pain in my back was relieved and I improved in every way. Others of the family have used Doan's Kidney Pills with good results. I gladly contribute the testimonial I gave some years ago."
For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.
Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Katie Verberg was home from Rochester last week.

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Mrs. Joseph Cronin and children of Grand Rapids visited their parents and grandparents last week.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Seudham were in attendance at the funeral of their brother-in-law John W. Ballard Sunday near Alto.

BOWNE-LOGAN

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June 17—Nash Thomas and wife and Peter Stahl and family visited relatives at Remus and Edmore from Friday until Monday.
The funeral services of Mrs. Henry Yeller of Grand Rapids were held at the Old Menonite church Saturday afternoon.
Rev. A. Hoffman, wife and daughter of Blanchard came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Yeller and remained for a week's visit with relatives.
John Mishler and wife accompanied by Rev. Hoffman and wife motored Sunday evening to Lowell where they called on the Madam's parents J. M. Roush and wife, returning via Lowell Center where they called on Edward Roush and family.
The Messdames Wm. and John Mishler and A. Hoffman visited their sister Mrs. John Thier of Campbell Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Hogan of Grand Rapids are guests at the Glasgow home.
Joe Stahl and wife, Lydia Hoffman and Mrs. A. Hoffman and daughter attended the commencement services at Saranac Wednesday, their nephew Verne Peck being one of the graduates.

KEENE CENTER

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Will Densmore and family of Saranac spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Daller.
Mr. and Mrs. Waldon, of Florida came Saturday to spend a few months with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Lee. Mrs. W. was formerly Mrs. C. M. J. of Keene.
Mrs. Juliet Savies of Kalumunzo is visiting her brother Del Bowen and family here.
Mrs. S. M. Carr of Lowell has been a bonding two weeks with Mrs. Hattie Kne.
Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson returned Friday from Grand Rapids, Fruitport and Muskegon.
Dr. Willis and wife of Jackson are spending a few days with his cousin Frank Daniels and family. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown of Oshtemo are also with them.
Mrs. Frank Styles is in, after visiting her daughter Nellie at Mt. Pleasant last week.
Mr. and Mrs. George Raymond spent Sunday, with their son Fred in Saranac.

FALLSBERG

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June 16—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Richmond of Vergennes invited a company of young folks Sunday to celebrate the eighth birthday of their son Harry. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed.
Little Ruth James returned last Wednesday from her visit with relatives in Grand Rapids.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and children of Lowell spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Frank Sherrard.
Mrs. Eunice Richmond of Grand Rapids is visiting her sisters Mes dame Dennis and Sherrard and brother J. Sage.
Mrs. A. L. James and children and Master Clifford Mitchell left Saturday for a visit in the city.
Miss Gladys Stanton returned from a visit to her brother Lee at Mackinac City last Friday stopping in Grand Rapids Saturday to see an aunt on her way home.
Messrs. and Mesdames Frank Jones and H. Converse spent Monday at Burns' lake.

VERGENNES STATION

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There will be a dance at Keech's hall, Moseley, Thursday evening, July 3. Music by Lowell orchestra. Bill for supper, dance and horse care \$1.
Mr. Walker and Mr. Perry of Lowell were here doing some work in the Alto cemetery Monday.
Mrs. Wm. Converse and son left last week Friday for Saginaw where they will reside.
Quite a few from this vicinity attended the afternoon session of the Lowell and Vergennes Sunday school convention held at Lowell June 15.
Mr. and Mrs. James McGee of Hersey are visiting friends and relatives here.
Wm. Farrell of Ada was calling on old friends here last week.
A number of eighth graders attended the graduation at Grand Rapids last Friday.
Marion Jakeway of Grand Rapids visited her parents here last Friday.
Mrs. Ann Jakeway was at Belding last week.
Wedding bells rung at Moseley this week.
Mrs. Albert Blasser's nephew of Lowell visited her Sunday.
Sam Farne and wife spent Sunday in Ada with their son Johnnie.
Abe Blasser and family spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Fredell's near Lowell.
Dorus Church recently put 50,000 wall-eyed plie in Murray lake.
Mary Wingerle spent Sunday in Saranac with her sister.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wolfe of Grand Rapids have moved from there and now occupy Ann Vandenberg's home.
Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davis, Mrs. Mary McAndrews, Mrs. Whetten John Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Condon were at Grand Rapids at the graduation exercises last Friday.
Glen Ford is assisting the road commissioner with his engine and he and wife are living on the road in their house on wheels.

SOUTH LOWELL

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Mrs. Alvin Becky and daughter of Lowell visited her sister Mrs. John Schwander Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. John Rittenger is visiting her daughter Mrs. Oliver Simpson.
C. G. Wieland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bartlett spent Sunday at Noah Allen's and visited Mrs. Wieland's brother Will Murphy and wife at Traverse City.
Sunday guests of Godfrey Heusser and wife were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodhead of Lowell, John Miller, wife and son and John Sterzik, wife and daughter.
Mrs. Phoebe Barber is on the sick list.
Mrs. Nulle Holcomb and daughter visited her brother T. C. Willette and family last week. She left for Montana Wednesday.
Mrs. Frank Rittenger entertained the Ladies Aid society Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ward Willette of Lowell visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Willette Sunday.

LOWELL CENTER

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L. H. Merriman and Harry Smith of Grand Rapids came to the former's farm Saturday and remained the rest of the week.
Maltby Yates of Lansing visited his father J. C. Yates several days last week.
Mr. Merriman has been painting some of his buildings which greatly adds to the looks of his place.
Henry Graham of Lowell is working for his son Frank this week.

PARNELL POINTS

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Mrs. Mary Byrne is visiting relatives in Grand Rapids this week.
Misses Monka McCarty and Irene Troy attended the eighth grade examination in Grand Rapids last Friday and received their diplomas.
Miss Margaret Byrne was at Lowell Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McGee and daughter Genevieve of Hersey are visiting relatives here.
Francis McCormick visited at his home here over Sunday.
Misses Elsie Brooks, Marie and Frank Brooks drove to Belding Saturday evening in Mr. Wood's auto and attended the show there.
Miss Bertha Byrne is visiting Mrs. Bela Coles this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Ronan of Grand Rapids visited relatives here last Friday night.
C. Kent Jakeway will give a dancing party in his new barn Friday evening, June 20, at his home in Granton. Good music will be furnished and Mr. Jakeway extends a cordial invitation to each and everyone to come and have a good time.
Miss Essie Murphy is home from Coopersville.
Miss Kittie McGinnis of Grand Rapids is visiting her parents here for a few days.
Tom Byrne spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.
The musical given at St. Patrick's school last Thursday and Friday evening was largely attended and was a grand success, highly appreciated by all. Lowell was well represented there as well as other neighboring towns.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

COUNTRY ROADS OF CONCRETE

Lasting Materials for Construction Available in Many Places in Form of Sand and Gravel.

No single factor plays such an important part in the social and business life of a community as the quality of its roads. Aside from the pleasure and convenience of travel, possible at all times over permanent roads, there is the financial phase which directly concerns the cost not only of farm produce, but of city products as well. Consequently everybody wants good roads, writes P. H. Wilson in the Iowa Homestead. In the matter of paying for permanent highways a generally satisfactory agreement seems to have been reached in the proposed distribution of the cost between the nation, the state, the county and the users of the road in question. As a result, within a few years this country will take its rightful leading position among the nations of the world in the number of miles of permanent roads.

In a way it is fortunate that the United States has been rather slow in the matter of road making. The roads can now be built of lasting materials, such as will withstand the wear of motor traffic which is fast ruining Europe's century-old road ways. Lasting road materials are everywhere present in the form of sand and gravel from pits and stream beds and crushed rock from stone quarries. Combined with Portland cement into concrete, they form an inexpensive and permanent road surface which successfully resists the usually destructive action of automobiles.

The first consideration in the building of concrete roads is a careful study of local deposits of sand, gravel and rock (called the aggregate) to see whether they are suitable for concrete. Sand must be clean and hard and must grade uniformly in size of grain from one-fourth inch down. The same applies to gravel and crushed rock except that the largest particles commonly allowable are one and one-half inches in diameter. If local materials are usable, a considerable saving will be effected, as only cement will need to be freighted.

It is much faster and cheaper to mix the concrete with a machine than by hand. Depending on the grading of the aggregate, the concrete is usually proportioned one bag of Portland cement to two cubic feet of sand and four cubic of screened gravel or crushed rock, or one of cement to two of sand and three of gravel or rock.

During the grading and draining of the road, the aggregate is hauled and piled at convenient points. The concrete is mixed in a machine, wet, is deposited to the thickness of six inches upon the firm old road bed and is brought to grade and shape by means of a trowel. In order to shed the water on the side drains the surface of the concrete is given a rise or crown in the center of one one-hundredth to one seventy-fifth the width of the roadway. The surface is finished with a wooden float and wire broom, which means that there is afforded perfect footing for horses. At intervals of 25 feet the road is divided into sections by narrow contraction joints extending crosswise the road and entirely through the concrete. These joints are formed by means of a thin metal or wooden cross bar or divider to which is tied a single or double thickness of tar paper with the paper face against the last laid section of roadway. After the surface of this section is finished and while the concrete is still setting, the joints are placed, the cord holding the paper to the cross form is cut and the paper adheres to the concrete and stays in the joint, which is reduced to the thickness of the paper by forcing against it the freshly placed concrete of the section under construction.

When the surface of the concrete has hardened enough to prevent pitting it is sprinkled with clean water and is kept moist for several days. Likewise, as soon as possible, the pavement is covered temporarily with two inches of sand or dirt from the side road to give further air in curing the concrete. Traffic is confined to the earthen side roads until the concrete is about two weeks old. In the meantime shoulders of broken stone or gravel are built along both edges of the pavement. These are made three feet wide and sufficiently thick to be firm and to make it an easy matter at all times for wagon wheels to pass from the side road onto the pavement.

Think of improvement. It might be well to think how a road might be improved, instead of storming about the overseer, when traveling over a bad road.

Care of Poultry. Beginners in the poultry business are likely to neglect their stock during the time they are not yielding returns and often fail to figure the future consequences. Such beginners cannot be successful in the poultry business. Constant care, good feeding and fresh water are absolutely necessary at all times. This holds good from the time the chicks are hatched until they go into the laying-house.

Farmers Progress. Farmers' clubs are springing up in different parts of the state, and more interest is being awakened in better farming methods than ever before. The farmers are taking an intelligent interest in the best methods to pursue on the farms.—Minneapolis Journal.

Sacrifice for Art's Sake. "You say you have devoted your life to art," said the man who tries to be polite, even when surprised. "Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I have devoted myself to an effort to become rich enough to own a gallery of genuine old masters."—Washington Star.

Way Out. The easiest way to avoid argument over the pronunciation of a word is to use a synonym, as those who say "station" instead of "depot" know. But few would go so far as the carpenter who, in conversation with a friend on a street car, answered a query as to his work by saying: "I'm working in one of those automobile barns."

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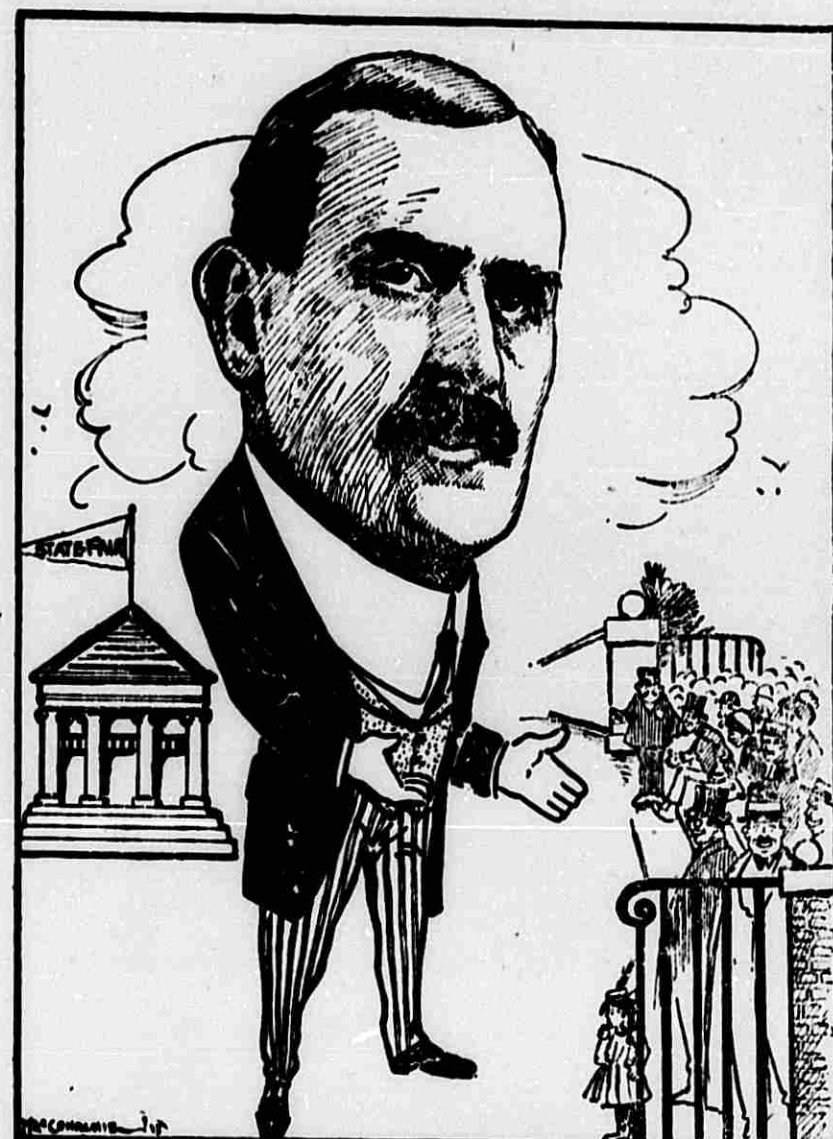
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G. W. Dickinson, General Manager of the Michigan State Fair.

ABOUT thirty-one years ago the shrill wailing shriek of No. 6 as she rounded the bend caused a robust, overworked boy who had been engaged in the occupation of trailing Old Dobbin up and down endless rows of evergreen to desist in his exciting task until the steel steed galloped around the curve.

As this was a bit too early for the advent of the Empire State, with its new and exclusive world film (approved by the national board of censorship—last five rows reserved for ladies who do not wish to remove their hats, there was nothing for the boy to do that night except to become uneasy and dissatisfied with his lot. Before he took the candle up to bed he had decided on his course. He would be a railroad man. He hadn't quite made up his mind whether he wanted to be a superintendent or general manager, but that could be decided on later.

Seven years have passed, and that boy, now a young man, is an expert telegraph operator. He is directing the course of those steel filers he has seen so fondly view from the cornfield.

He soon got so he knew the business so thoroughly that a Michigan railroad corporation thought he would make a crackerjack superintendent of its road. He did.

When Governor Warner was casting around for a competent state railroad commissioner he hit upon a practical man for the job—George W. Dickinson. He justified the governor's confidence.

Recently the Michigan State Agricultural Society concluded that it wanted a man at the head of the Michigan State Fair who was able to substitute a little efficiency for high-minded management. The Fair needed an expert business doctor. One of its directors and an ardent enthusiast, George W. Dickinson, was prevailed upon to accept the thankless job.

Those same forefathers which enabled George Dickinson to rise out of the obscurity of a Sanilac county farm to emphasize success in the business world are already manifesting themselves in the general management of the Michigan State Fair.

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The educational efficiency of the Fair will be elevated to a far greater extent than in previous years, and the entertaining and instructive standards will be higher.

All of the big attractions are not ready for announcement as yet, but there is positive assurance that 1913 State Fair visitors will be furnished with the most sensational and at the same time most instructive entertainments ever exhibited in the west.

There will be actual working demonstrations at this year's State Fair which will be of great practical value to every class of people. These exhibitions will convey knowledge to thousands of persons who could not possibly obtain it without the expenditure of thousands of dollars.

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