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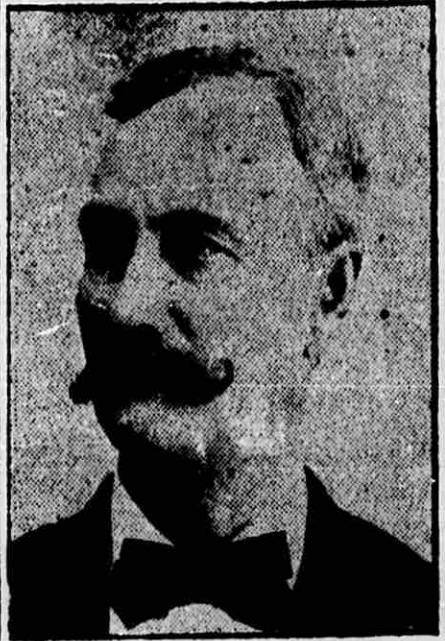
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MONTHLY SUPPER

Light & Power and Water System Matters Discussed.



J. EDWIN LEE, DECEASED. "Father" of the Lowell Light & Power plant, feelingly referred to by President Winegar.

The monthly supper of the Lowell Board of Trade was held at Buzina's restaurant last evening. President Arhart presided over the talkies.

Village President Winegar spoke at some length of the problems confronting the village concerning the water system and the light and power plant and promised that everybody would have a chance to express their wishes in the matter before final action is taken. He said that no one could say that he had ever been taxed for the L. & P. plant as that had paid for itself. The last of the bonds would have been retired this year but for the wrecking of the power house. As for the water system, the chance to buy for \$25,000 is at least \$10,000 less than had been expected; and he had yet to hear any opposition to purchase. It could be acquired and operated in such a manner that it will pay for itself and something more. He referred feelingly to J. Edwin Lee, deceased, "daddy" of the L. & P. plant, and expressed the opinion and hope that his services to Lowell will never be forgotten.

Other speakers were Mr. Arhart, M. N. Henry, E. A. Anderson, C. P. Neff, F. J. McMahon, Superintendent Mitchell, H. J. Coons and C. H. Merrifield. Considerable time was given to discussion of the athletics projects of the Business Men's association and the utilization of the High school gymnasium.

The date of the annual banquet is January 23. Committees are busy on final arrangements. Further announcements next week.

YOUNG WIFE TAKEN

Death of Mrs. Kenneth Chase Grieves Many Friends.

Ruby Walker Chase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walker of this village, died at the Blodgett Memorial hospital in Grand Rapids, Saturday evening, Dec. 30, after an illness of only a few days.

She was born in South Boston November 2, 1891. She attended the Lowell schools from which she was graduated with class honors. After graduation she pursued a business course and followed a successful business career until her marriage to Kenneth D. Chase of Grand Rapids which took place September 15, 1913. To them one child was born, Audrey Lillian.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Russell H. Bready officiating, and the remains were interred in Oakwood cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss, a devoted husband and a baby daughter, father and mother, besides a host of friends and relatives.

"Her bright memory shines like a star in the sky of our griefs forever. And over our pathway it flashed afar A radiance that perishes never. Her bright memory, whose golden rays illumine the gloom of our sorrow. And we know that its light will gladden our eyes In the shadows of all our tomorrows."

The following friends from away attended the funeral services: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Weber, Mrs. Ed. Good, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Keller, Mrs. Harvey Turner, Mrs. Manton Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Haskins, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Haskins, Misses Dodds, Mrs. Hugh Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Chase and Mrs. Warner, all of Saranac; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dodds and Mrs. Elmer Cilley of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Meyers, Mrs. Fanny Doerr, Lena LeFard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Walker, Mrs. Jason Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodds, all of Lake Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Washburn, Mrs. Edwin Peterson, Mr. Lyle Braley, Miss Olive Murphy and Burton A. Spring of Grand Rapids; Miss Elsie Parker of McBrides, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Dodds of Belding; Mr. and Mrs. James Dodds of Lansing; Thos. Zimmerman and Mrs. Geo. Billings of Midland and Glenn Brower of Hastings.

Miss Lena Murphy spent New Years with friends in Greenville.

L. & P. PLANT WRECKED

FOUNDATION GAVE WAY, BUILDING FELL IN RUINS

Operator and Wife Had Narrow Escape. Much Machinery Saved. Commonwealth Electric Company Takes on Village Load.



Looking in from river bank back of the wrecked building.



Inside, looking out through wrecked wall.

The new building of the Lowell Municipal Light & Power company was wrecked Friday night shortly after midnight by the giving away of its foundation. The building will be a complete loss except for a large amount of tile, of which it was constructed, which will be saved.

Erwin Ridgeway was in charge at the time the calamity occurred and his wife was with him in the building. The first warning they had was the dimming of the lights and the failure of the apparatus to respond to its usual demands. Immediately cracking sounds were heard and the Ridgeways had barely reached the door when the whole central part of the concrete floor and a large part of the back wall of the building went down in a crash.

The alarm used for summoning help in case of trouble was sounded and a number of neighboring farmers responded quickly and gave valuable service in preventing further loss.

The overhanging roof and the wrecked portions of the walls still standing made the saving of machinery a hazardous undertaking.

Still the work has gone on and the generator, exciter, switchboard and transformer have been removed and housed. Tuesday the removal of the belting machinery was undertaken and the work of removing building material is now in progress.

Saturday forenoon, a gathering of village officials and citizens at the Council room heard Superintendent McMahon's report of the disaster and the Commonwealth company, owners of the

Edison plant, with headquarters at Jackson, was appealed to for aid in taking care of the light and power users. Help came that night after immediate assurance that the Commonwealth people would do all in their power to assist us, though themselves "hard against it" with low water, heavy load and partially disabled machinery.

By Sunday night, Main street patrons had been connected with the Commonwealth lines and the boulevard lamps were lighted to test the service. By Monday night a portion of the residences were also lighted; but it is found that they cannot all be served except on the one-light-at-a-time plan, that is the use of but one light at a time per house. Notices to this effect have been served on the patrons; and all should comply lest all be left in darkness.

Superintendent McMahon gives great credit to Mr. Hartmann of Jackson, one of the Commonwealth officials, for active assistance given in the transfer of service.

The foundation which gave away and wrecked the plant was laid 21 years ago when the plant was first established and on the recent rebuilding was declared by the engineer to be as good as any that could be made and accordingly was used for the new building. Just a few days ago, the plant was inspected and declared to be "in the best condition ever."

It is too early to hazard an estimate of the loss. Rebuilding will call for new engineering plans, advertising for bids, etc., a matter involving months of time.

trade they have, and they are not ashamed to advertise in a book taken by thousands of Kent county farmers and giving all addresses, phones, good roads and locations by the new numbered map method. adv

LIBRARY CONTEST

Weekly Report of Lowell Merchants' Gift Enterprise.

Following is J. W. Brunthaver's report of January 3, 1917, on the Library Contest vote: Lowell High School.....1,138,368 Moose Lodge.....864,215 Vergennes Grange.....26,245 Alto High School.....25,550 Sweet School.....20,200 I. O. O. F. Lodge.....12,210 Congregational Church.....7,255 School District No. 4.....5,000 School District No. 8.....3,420 Morse Lake District.....1,225

They All Want

Lowell Directories. The banks, manufacturers, business and professional men and mechanics are boosting the Lowell part of the Kent Co. Farmers' Directories for three reasons: 1, they know all public works must have support of public spirited people; 2, they realize it does not pay to turn down public improvements for that little two cents or more a week; 3, they know the farmers' trade in a small city is as important as any

West Bowne Home-Coming.

Bring your baskets and come to the West Bowne M. E. church Thursday, Jan. 11, and stay for the feast of good things. A strong program has been prepared, touching the varied interests of our community life—the farm, the home, the school, the church. Capable and interesting speakers. Good music.

The program will begin at 10:30 a. m., sun time. Dinner at noon served cafeteria style. The afternoon session will close at 4:30, early enough to get home to milk the cows—and there will be something about cows on the program.

A neighborhood gathering for neighbors far and near. Everybody come.

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NAUM & TERPAS

REV. JACOKES DEAD

Passed Away at Home of His Daughter in Alma.



Charles A. Jacokes spent the early years of his life in the township of Lodi, Washtenaw county, Michigan, where he was born June 28, 1842. Later he lived some years with his uncle, Rev. T. H. Jacokes, and attended school in Coldwater, Mich.

Soon after his conversion, he heard the call of God to the work of the Gospel ministry and, like one of old "he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" counting it joy to do the work that the Master assigned. As a boy on the farm, he developed a genius for hard work that served him well during the remainder of life. Called from the binding of sheaves in the harvest field, to garnering ripening grain for the Master, he served with courage, fidelity and success.

He was admitted on trial in the Michigan Annual Conference at his session in Coldwater in 1870, thus for a little more than forty-six years he has been a member of that body, forty of those years in active service. Three years later he was received into full membership in the Conference at Ionia, and Bishop Isaac W. Wiley ordained him Deacon; and in 1875 at Battle Creek, Bishop Levi Scott ordained him Elder. That he was an acceptable preacher and pastor is seen as one passes in review of the charges he served and the length of his pastorates.

He was Junior preacher on the Vermontville circuit at the beginning of his ministry, then preacher in charge of Fulton one year, Fowler two years, Bath three years, Duplain three years, St. Johns one year, St. Louis two years, Leslie two years, Ithaca five years, Reed City one year, Big Rapids First church two years, Holland three years, Fremont six years, Middleville six years, Lakeview, where at the end of the second year failing health compelled him to ask for the retired relation and taking up his residence near the village of Lowell, rounded out his life work with six years of cheerful, kindly, helpful service in First church in that village.

Brother Jacokes impressed one as having been a strong, active, energetic, yet a kindly sympathetic man, who won and held the esteem of his fellow men. Genial and lovable, he was welcome anywhere, while such a life could not but influence for good the life about it. Earth is poorer for his going away, and many there are, who will look to meet him in the better world.

As a public speaker, who only knew him in the days of failing strength, can scarcely estimate his worth. Yet, to the last, there was in his sermons such breadth of thought, cogency of logic, richness of spirit, and clearness and force of statement, as to cause us to wonder what power might he not have commanded in the day of his prime. He spoke from a clear and definite Christian experience and the hearer felt that behind the message was the man; back of the lip, the life.

One can count the years of a man's life very quickly; but to tell of all the good that such a life as this has wrought, would require a long time. One may not attempt to name the men and women who have been helped because he lived. Only when the records of the Church Triumphant are opened and we have access thereto, may we hope to adequately sum up its true worth. But this we know that his was a life of constant activity, and like Paul, he could say in the closing: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

Brother Jacokes was united in marriage in early manhood with Myrtle Stuck, who died a few years later, leaving two children, Lena E., wife of Phillip W. Creaser of Alma, and Freddie, who died in infancy.

January 1, 1872, he was united in marriage with Electa J. Sprague, who for forty-four years has been a true wife and helpmate. Four children came to bless this home, three sons, L. C. of Marquette, Bert H. of Fremont, Clyde, who passed to the home above in his youth, and one daughter, Pearl Jacokes of Grand Rapids. He is also survived by one brother, Rev. L. C. Jacokes of Lakeview, Mich., two sisters, Mrs. Emma Perkins of Lansing and Mrs. Davis of Tampa, Fla., also by thirteen

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

\$2,711 for Washwoman. Flint. A jury in circuit court gave Mrs. Anna Burris fifty-one, a washwoman, a judgment of \$2,711.63 in the \$10,000 damage suit she brought against Matthew Davidson, Flint banker, for alleged permanent injuries she received more than a year ago when the porch railing at the rear of the Davidson block gave way and she fell 30 feet to the frozen ground.

Ferris May Be Mayor. Big Rapids. Shortly after Gov. Woodbridge N. Ferris steps out of the governorship next month, he may step into the mayor's chair in Big Rapids. At a mass meeting held there he was nominated for mayor to oppose the incumbent, A. B. Cogger, at the recall election January 16. He accepted.

Grange to Have Paper. Adrian. The Michigan Patron, which has been published here for several years by James W. Helme, state dairy and food commissioner, will become the official publication of the Michigan State grange. The executive committee of the grange has decided to publish an official paper. Mr. Helme will continue as managing editor and the executive committee will direct the paper's policy.

Plans New Flint Line. Flint. It was learned here that representatives of the Michigan Railway Co. have obtained right of way options across several Genesee county farms west of Flint where the company plans to construct an interurban line from Owosso to Flint. This railroad has been proposed for years and it is reported that the railroad representatives are experiencing little difficulty in obtaining right of way options at reasonable figures.

\$20,000 Suit Settled. Pontiac. The \$20,000 damage suit brought in circuit court by Zeeb Chausa, twenty, came to a sudden conclusion when a settlement of \$116 was reached. Chausa was arrested in Central Falls, R. I., and brought here to answer a forgery charge which had been preferred against him by D. B. Boucha. Later it was discovered he was the wrong man. He sued for false imprisonment.

Fire From Burning Building. Muskegon. Two score persons rushed out of the Nelson block across the road from Muskegon's city hall as the result of a fire of undetermined origin which swept a number of the rooms rented by Mrs. C. J. Anthony. One of the women in the building, an invalid, was carried out on a cot. A number of the roomers reported losses of considerable sums of money. The damage amounted to about \$1,000.

Sues for False Arrest. Pontiac. Suit for \$20,000 has been filed by Sheriff Sheriff Oliver on charges of false imprisonment. Chausa was held for nearly two weeks at the jail after he had been brought back from Rhode Island on a charge of forgery, the warrant served on him being made out for the arrest of Yeh DeBeucha. Chausa was released without trial.

Best Growers Strike. Saginaw. Eight dollars a ton or no beets is the ultimatum issued at the meeting of 50 Saginaw township sugar-beet growers. Meetings will be held in other townships to ask for advances in prices. The Michigan Sugar Co. and the German-American Co., two of the largest sugar concerns in Michigan, are offering 1917 contracts at \$8 a ton.

Flint Store Dynamited Again. Flint. For the fourth time within eight months, Flint's blackhead tore out the front of the famous Piedmont store, 3403 Industrial avenue, with a charge of dynamite. Four times the store has been wrecked by the order, three times by dynamite and once by fire.

Arrested for Old Offense. Owosso. Harry Lanphere, charged with having broken into an Ovid factory three years ago when a quantity of brass was stolen, was arrested at his home here by Clinton county officers.

\$75,000 Suit Is Started. Escanaba. One of the most extensive mining suits ever instituted on the Menominee range is that brought by the Baker Mining company at Stambaugh against the Corrigan-Kinney company. The amount named in the suit is about \$75,000. The declaration by the plaintiffs cites two counts. One is that a 30-year lease is held by the plaintiff on the mine at Stambaugh has 12 more years to run; also that the mine had not been operated and that it has filled with water during the last three years.

Country Home Destroyed. Ludington. Fire destroyed the country home of William Metzger of Summit, with the contents. The family was attending Masonic exercises in Ludington. The loss is about \$5,000.

Holland Missionary Endangered. Holland. The residence of Rev. Samuel Zwemer, formerly of this city, at Cairo, Egypt, narrowly escaped demolition and the lives of the missionary and his family were endangered in a recent Zeppelin raid, when a bomb was dropped in front of their home.

State and General News Section of Ledger

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STATE BEAN CROP EARNS \$16,500,000

INVESTIGATORS ESTIMATE SALABLE PRODUCTS AT 2,761,000 BUSHELS.

WHEAT MADE GOOD SHOWING

The Hot and Dry Weather of July is Due to Small Yield of Early Planted Crops.

DETROIT.—Crop conditions in Michigan during November are described as favorable in the summary issued by the United States department of agriculture.

"Wheat and rye made a better growth than was anticipated, but being sown extremely late in most districts are going into the winter with less top than usual," says the summary. "That sown early is in about the same condition, because of the dryness of the soil at the time of seeding and for several weeks afterward. The acreage of wheat is greater than that of last year, but the extreme dryness of the soil in the central and eastern districts delayed plowing in many instances until too late for seeding, and greatly lessened the contemplated acreage. The acreage last year was much below normal, and the increase this year is not sufficient to overcome that loss, hence it is still less than normal for the state as a whole. The condition of the growing rye crop is slightly better than that of wheat, and the acreage shows an increase over that sown a year ago."

"A special inquiry relative to the bean crop of the state was recently sent to several hundred of the bureau's regular correspondents in the bean growing counties and to a special list of bean buyers. Nearly all responded to the questions asked and the information thus obtained is of general interest. The average yield for acre is found to be 6.6 bushels, which makes a total production for the state of 3,102,000 bushels. The average 'pick' is 6.6 pounds per bushel or 11 per cent of the crop, leaving a crop of choice hand-picked stock of 2,761,000 bushels, which at prevailing prices is worth approximately \$16,500,000 to the producers."

"The unusually small yield this year was due chiefly to the unusually hot and dry weather in July, which blasted many of the blossoms on the early planted crop. A second setting of pods on these, and the late-planted crop, gave only a partial return as the drought continued in most of the heavy-producing counties throughout the growing season, causing the pods to be short and poorly filled. The crop matured slowly and unevenly and severe frosts did extensive damage during the latter half of September, these immature beans constituting practically all of the 'pick' as announced, the disease which caused such widespread damage in 1914 and 1915, did not develop to any material extent this year."

"The yield and 'pick' vary widely within short distances due to the uneven distribution of temperature and moisture conditions over the variable soils comprising the bean districts of the state. The inquiry also shows that about 10 per cent of the planted acreages was not harvested; this abandonment was chiefly confined to the eastern and central parts of the state."

FERRIS' AIDE TO HOLD JOB

E. C. Austin, Democrat, Will Be Private Secretary to Gov.-Elect Sleeper.

Lansing.—E. C. Austin of Battle Creek, who has been private secretary to Governor Ferris during the last six months, will remain in the executive office temporarily at least, in the same capacity under Governor-elect Sleeper. Sleeper has asked Austin to continue as his private secretary for a time, and Austin is willing to stay. Inasmuch as Austin is a Democrat, a unique situation has been created, and it is the first time in the history of the state, it is said, that a Democrat will be private secretary to a Republican governor.

G. Fred Carson of Bay City has been appointed executive clerk and secretary of the pardon board. Carson has been secretary to Congressman George Loud. He served in the executive office during the Warner administration.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS

George C. Chapman, formerly of Kalamazoo and for several years master mechanic of the Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw railway, died at Lansing.

John Wilbert, 80 years old, a veteran of the Civil war, is dead at Hastings.

Because of alleged mistreatment of inmates at Marquette county poor farm and infirmary, a special committee of five was appointed to investigate the methods employed in the care of inmates, by the county board of supervisors. This action was taken following several complaints by inmates in letters to relatives and friends regarding the food served them, the methods used in cooking it, and also against mistreatment.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS

Publishers of Newaygo county will raise the price of their weekly papers from \$1 to \$1.50 a year, commencing January 15.

Leroy H. White, real estate dealer, of Kalamazoo, and a former pastor in the Baptist churches at Romeo and Manistee, died of cancer of the stomach.

John Bruiner, living four miles southeast of Dexter, dropped dead a few minutes after he returned home from helping his brother-in-law butcher or hog.

Two hundred milk producers of Muskegon county will meet to enforce a demand for 20 cents a gallon for milk delivered to local distributors, the contract to run for all 1917.

Representative-Elect Fred L. Eaton of Saginaw is preparing a bill to be introduced in the next legislature providing for the censorship of moving pictures by the state.

The teachers' retiring fund board will meet in Lansing to appoint a secretary and to plan ways to put the teachers' pension fund law into operation as soon as possible.

Mrs. M. Grodi, 62, wife of David Grodi, a farmer of Berlin township, was found hanging dead from a rafter in a storeroom adjoining her home. Dependency over ill health it is thought caused her act.

The proposed bill will authorize the appointment by the governor of one of the existing state boards as a board of censors, to have the power to require the submission to it of all films to be shown in the state and to prohibit the exhibition of such pictures as it may deem objectionable.

Leo Rockland, 35 years old, of Flint, was killed by a Michigan Railway company interurban car near Birch Run, Saginaw county. He was lying on the track when struck. An un-stamped postcard in his pocket was addressed to a brother, Dick Rockland, 287 West Canfield avenue, Detroit.

Eight recent burglars and two hold-ups in Grand Rapids are cleared up with the arrest of Verne Stoddard, Gerrit Renalar and James Lee, all former convicts at Ionia reformatory. Stoddard maintained headquarters just across the street from the local police station, and much of the loot was found there.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Edward Guild, manager for Armour & Co., of Battle Creek, charging him with selling cold storage eggs as fresh. The eggs are believed to be some of the 70,000,000 "egg kings" they were sold by Mr. Guild, the complaint alleges to I. L. Webb, a grocer.

When Mrs. Ralph Belmonte of Marquette, awoke December 27, she found her nine children unconscious as the result of escaping coal gas from a stove. She dragged the children outside and fell unconscious. The children soon recovered, but Mrs. Belmonte's condition is serious. The family had a similar experience two weeks ago.

Hitching his Christmas sled to the front runner of a bob-sled, loaded with hay, which passed his home, Edwin Maher, 5 years old, of Pontiac, fell under the rear runner and was run over. The child was rushed to the City hospital where no external injuries could be found, but he died. Coroner O. C. Farmer will hold an inquest.

Nearly 1,000 automobile licenses for 1917 were issued at the Detroit office of the secretary of state, in the majestic building, December 28, and when the office was closed at 3 p. m. every available inch of space in the big office was used for the "storage" of waiting applicants, and then the doors closed upon a long waiting line in the hall.

If Battle Creek decides that it wants tuberculin tested milk, farmers will object unless the price is raised, according to a statement issued by Geo. Wirt, president of the Calhoun County Milk Producers' association. According to Mr. Wirt, members of the association will refuse to submit their herds to the tuberculin test until the measure becomes a state law.

Major Samuel D. Pepper, judge-advocate of the Michigan National Guard left for El Paso to resume border duty. He is the judge-advocate on the staff of Major-General George H. Ball, Jr., commanding the Eleventh division and the department of El Paso. He has been on leave of absence for more than a month to attend to his duties as an assistant attorney-general.

Resolutions favoring the adoption by the state of all Michigan trunk highways were unanimously adopted at a meeting at Sault Ste. Marie. The meeting was called as the result of a report that State Commissioner Rogers intended spending \$300,000 in federal award money in Baraga county, leaving the remaining counties of the upper peninsula with practically nothing. There is strong opposition to the proposed plan of the commissioner.

Directors of the Union National bank submitted to their stockholders plans to erect an eight-story office building at Muskegon, giving Muskegon its first modern office building more than five stories high.

Gilbert Gates, 13 years old, was shot in the right eye by Earl Bundy, 14 years old, at Grand Rapids. The boys were hunting sparrows. Young Bundy received a high power air rifle for a Christmas present and the boys were trying it out. Gates will lose the sight of his eye.

Frank Hart, 72 years old, who for years conducted a coal dock at Marine City, died suddenly at his home. He was well known for lake vesselmen, having supplied fuel for boats on the St. Clair river for more than 40 years.

Holding that a four-year-old child is not a competent witness in a criminal trial in Michigan, Superior Judge Dunham at Grand Rapids directed a verdict of not guilty in the case of Claude Holloway, charged with a serious offense by Carson F. Cramer, the child's father.

BLAME THE WAR



RAILROADS ASK NEW PASSENGER RATE

WILL AGAIN ASK MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE TO GRANT HALF-CENT RAISE.

"HIGH LIVING" COST BLAMED

Pere Marquette Receivers Have Not Indicated Their Attitude On the New Rate.

Lansing.—Michigan railroads will again ask the legislature to grant an increase in passenger rates of one-half cent per mile, bringing their compensation to the point established by the United States interstate commerce commission for interstate passenger traffic. Whether the Pere Marquette, which is still in receivers' hands, will take part in the movement is not known, nor have the receivers announced they will make an individual attempt to obtain legislative aid. The effort will be along legislative lines that governed the attempt made before the legislature of 1915, when the measure to increase fares to two and one-half cents failed by a comparatively small margin.

So far as is known, no new features of a probable argumentative nature have developed, and the railroads will rely upon their showing of passenger receipts and expenses and the general rule that railroad receipts must have more income from the passenger end of their business.

TWO BODIES FOUND IN TANK

It Is Believed That Men Entered and Recovered to Sleep Off Jag.

Capac, Mich.—A Thanksgiving debauch which ended in death by drowning in the reservoir here is the solution which officials have placed on the finding of the dead bodies of John McKinney, 33 years old, and Hartford King, 26 years old in the Capac water supply.

The two men were friends and resided in Imlay City. They were in Capac on the day before Thanksgiving drinking. It is presumed by the officers that the men entered the door of the reservoir believing that they had found a place to sleep. There is a small platform at the door and then a drop into 16 feet of water. In King's pockets were found a bottle of whiskey and two bottles of alcohol.

MORTGAGE TAX HELPS WAYNE

County Treasury Realizes Large Sum Above Expenses for Fiscal Year.

Detroit.—Approximately \$220,779 was collected by the county treasurer during the last fiscal year for mortgage and bond taxes. The expenses of the treasurer's office amounted to \$60,320, leaving a net gain of \$160,459 for the county.

The mortgage tax amounted to \$195,065; the bond tax under act 142 yielded \$25,131 and the bond tax under act 120 yielded \$591. These sums represent only half of what was actually collected, as half was turned over to the state.

The mortgage tax, which went into effect September, 1911, charges 1-2 of 1 per cent on mortgages. The other two taxes went into effect in 1912. The amount made by the office places it in the front rank as money-maker for the county. The recorder of deeds office made about \$20,000 above expenses during the past fiscal year, which gives it second rank.

A. G. Gardiner, of Albion, Mich., was critically injured when the buggy in which he was riding was struck by a Michigan Central train at a crossing two miles west of Jackson.

William Sampoer, 43 years old, 197 Casper avenue, Detroit, who cut his wife's throat in a fit of jealousy June 27 and the unsuccessfully attempted suicide, was sent to Jackson prison for from 7 1/2 to 15 years by Judge Connolly. His offer to plead guilty to manslaughter after the trial had started was accepted.

Bear Lake residents had an opportunity to demonstrate that they were imbued with the Christmas spirit. As a crowd assembled at the Methodist church for a Christmas tree celebration a fire alarm was sounded and everybody, under the pastor, hurried to aid the man whose barn was burning. Dressed in their best, they carried water and performed other services. When it was found that the barn could not be saved they returned to the church.

RAIDER SINKS FIVE SHIPS IN ATLANTIC

BIG FREIGHTERS MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING BELIEVED TO BE SUNK BY RAIDER

VOLTAIRE.

FRENCH CRUISERS HUNT FOE

Raider and Voltaire Believed to Be the Same Ship in Shipping Circles.

New York.—Five British and one Belgian freight steamers are long overdue. Not a word has been heard from any of them. Yet all left their ports with wireless equipment. It is feared they have fallen victims to the mysterious German raider of which the British admiralty has sent warnings. Not one of them is less than 19 days overdue. The raider is reported to be the mysteriously missing Lamport & Holt liner Voltaire.

MICHIGAN TO ENTER TRADE CONVENTION

Convention to Be Held in Pittsburgh January 25, 26 and 27.

New York.—Michigan, with its great foreign trade interests, is expected to be not only well represented, but to take an important part in the proceedings of the fourth national foreign trade convention in Pittsburgh January 25, 26 and 27.

Every branch of American foreign trade, including manufacturing, lumber and mining, has a representative in the National Foreign Trade council, of which James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation, is chairman.

The important of the convention is accentuated by the need for commercial preparedness in anticipation of the end of the European war.

Farrell has sent invitations to various industrial and commercial organizations throughout Michigan as well as to individuals, firms and others, to send delegates.

The lumber interests of the country form so large a part of American foreign trade that the National Lumber Export association, realizing the desirability of cooperation with other industries engaged in foreign trade and whose interests are so strongly presented in the Webb bill, now before congress, has decided to hold its annual convention in Pittsburgh commencing January 24, so that its members will have an opportunity of participating in the national foreign trade convention.

71,995 FREIGHT CARS TIE UP

Railroads Collect Large Amount of Money Report Shows On Demurrage Clause.

Lansing.—Concrete evidence that the shortage of freight cars is due to failure of consignees to unload promptly, was produced by Chairman Cunningham of the state railway commission when he received demurrage statements of four roads.

From July to October the Michigan Central collected in demurrage \$119,540, of which \$71,995 was assessed in Detroit. As two days' free time must elapse before the railroad can assess a demurrage charge, this means that 71,995 cars were held for demurrage in Detroit in four months.

The Pere Marquette, in the same time collected \$92,000 in demurrage and has informed the railway commission that it will collect twice as much this year.

The Grand Trunk collected \$49,704 in four months and the Detroit and Mackinac received \$2,423 from the same source. Other roads have not reported.

TRAIN GOES OVER HIGH BANK

Passengers Slightly Injured When Coaches Jump Track.

Iron Mountain.—Three coaches of the Copper Country flyer were derailed at a sharp curve three miles east of Sidnaw, when a rail spread and rolled down an embankment 30 feet high. The coaches struck some trees along the right of way and turned nearly upside down. The brakeman received a bad cut on his head and was rendered unconscious. One passenger had his leg badly injured and another had a rib broken. They were removed to a hospital. Fifteen or more persons received minor injuries.

Grover Ream, 27 years old, is Ann Arbor's latest smallpox victim. His is the eighth local case in the last four weeks. He is in the contagious ward.

Susan C. Day filed a \$5,000 claim against the city of Mt. Clemens, for injuries she says she suffered in tripping over a plank left in the street at the corner of South Gratiot avenue and Church street.

The Pontiac commission met to prepare an amendment to the city charter which will permit making up the budget in March instead of May to expedite summer work and allow placing of contracts earlier. The question will be voted on at the special election January 27.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES

Lapeer.—A gravel slide in a pit near here caused the death of Samuel Rogers, seventy-five years old.

Rogers drove his wagon under a ledge of gravel and when it fell on him he was buried. The team which Rogers was driving escaped. Rogers is survived by his widow and four children.

Flint.—For the fourth time within eight months, Flint's blackhead tore out the front of the famous Piedmont store, 3403 Industrial avenue, with a charge of dynamite. Four times the store has been wrecked by the order, three times by dynamite and once by fire.

Saginaw.—Eight dollars a ton or no beets is the ultimatum issued at the meeting of 50 Saginaw township sugar-beet growers. Meetings will be held in other townships to ask for advances in prices. The Michigan Sugar Co. and the German-American Co., two of the largest sugar concerns in Michigan, are offering 1917 contracts at \$8 a ton.

Muskegon.—Two score persons rushed out of the Nelson block across the road from Muskegon's city hall as the result of a fire of undetermined origin which swept a number of the rooms rented by Mrs. C. J. Anthony. One of the women in the building, an invalid, was carried out on a cot. A number of the roomers reported losses of considerable sums of money. The damage amounted to about \$1,000.

Pontiac.—The \$20,000 damage suit brought in circuit court by Zeeb Chausa, twenty, came to a sudden conclusion when a settlement of \$116 was reached. Chausa was arrested in Central Falls, R. I., and brought here to answer a forgery charge which had been preferred against him by D. B. Boucha. Later it was discovered he was the wrong man. He sued for false imprisonment.

Owosso.—Harry Lanphere, charged with having broken into an Ovid factory three years ago when a quantity of brass was stolen, was arrested at his home here by Clinton county officers.

Holland.—The residence of Rev. Samuel Zwemer, formerly of this city, at Cairo, Egypt, narrowly escaped demolition and the lives of the missionary and his family were endangered in a recent Zeppelin raid, when a bomb was dropped in front of their home.

Adrian.—The Michigan Patron, which has been published here for several years by James W. Helme, state dairy and food commissioner, will become the official publication of the Michigan State grange. The executive committee of the grange has decided to publish an official paper. Mr. Helme will continue as managing editor and the executive committee will direct the paper's policy. John C. Ketchum, master of the grange, will be editor in chief.

Pontiac.—If Robert Ashe is convicted of marrying his cousin in the Rochester justice court it may mean his return to Marquette prison to serve out a long term and breaking and entering on which he has been paroled. Ashe, who is forty-four years of age, is charged with marrying Mary Egan of Rochester, alleged by Deputy Sheriff George H. Green to be the wife of Ashe's defense is that his wife is not a relative and that their mothers were not sisters as is claimed.

Mr. Clemens.—Peter W. Labadie, of the Meltrum boarding house on North Front street, is in jail charged with being the principal actor in a shooting affair. His wife, Maude, has a slight skin wound and Edward Gowley, a boarder, was not through the right arm, but is not seriously hurt. Labadie accuses Gowley of breaking up his home. Two weeks ago the police were called to the place and Labadie received a sentence of five days in jail for an assault upon his wife.

Flint.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Neil J. Berston, Sr., wealthy real estate merchant, philanthropist and late city official, deepened when Sheriff Frank A. Green announced that Frank Rainey, Eau Claire bank robber, recently adjudged insane at St. Joseph, and later "positively identified" by three Flint persons as the suspected assassin seen about the dingy real estate office on October 8, was not the person who killed Berston. Sheriff Green declares he is positive that the assassin is still at large.

Escanaba.—One of the most extensive mining suits ever instituted on the Menominee range is that brought by the Baker Mining company at Stambaugh against the Corrigan-Kinney company. The amount named in the suit is about \$75,000. The declaration by the plaintiffs cites two counts. One is that a 30-year lease is held by the plaintiff on the mine at Stambaugh has 12 more years to run; also that the mine had not been operated and that it has filled with water during the last three years. The second count alleged that \$10,000 is the amount of royalty on the ore shipments taken from the Baker mine through another shaft.

Pontiac.—Suit for \$20,000 has been filed by Zeeb Chausa against Sheriff Oliver on charges of false imprisonment. Chausa was held for nearly two weeks at the jail after he had been brought back from Rhode Island on a charge of forgery, the warrant served on him being made out for the arrest of Yeh DeBeucha. Chausa was released without trial.

Kalamazoo.—Mrs. Paul Frick, a passenger on one of the ill-fated street cars which in a head-on collision killed Motormen W. A. Spangler, has lost the sight of both eyes, it was announced at the hospital.

Flint.—A jury in circuit court gave Mrs. Anna Burris, fifty-one, a washwoman, a judgment of \$2,711.63 in the \$10,000 damage suit she brought against Matthew Davidson, Flint banker, for alleged permanent injuries she received more than a year ago when the porch railing at the rear of the Davidson block gave way and she fell 30 feet to the frozen ground. Mrs. Burris came into the courtroom for three days on crutches. The defense introduced expert testimony from five Flint physicians and surgeons for the purpose of showing that she had not been permanently injured.

Ionia.—Fred Galloway, a farmer, was killed, and his hired man, Julius Vanderlugt was injured when a straw barn which they were repairing collapsed. Vanderlugt crawled to safety.

Washington.—The appointment of Edwin F. Sweet of Grand Rapids, Mich., as assistant secretary of commerce, was confirmed by the senate. Mr. Sweet resigned to run for governor of Michigan and President Wilson reappointed him immediately after his election.

London.—An official communication issued says: "A satisfactory report has been received from the British military mission in Rumania of the destruction under orders of the Rumanian government of the oil wells and refineries in and near the principal oil fields."

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Looking Backward.

The Lowell (Mich) Ledger came to this office last week, a great big, holiday edition, looking happy and prosperous.

In the early eighties, Brother Miller, "Ham" Miller we called him then, was running The Vassar Times; and in it a page for Mayville that netted him several hundred a year.

That experience was one of the best that ever happened. The fund of strength, confidence and education acquired in that tussle of wits, has paid good dividends for many years; and since we began to realize it, we have never ceased to be thankful to Brother Miller.

So it is many times in life. We rail against Fortune for our hard experiences, and afterward learn to bless the hand that smote us.

Misfortune Comes Again.

LOWELL is again in hard luck. The wrecking of our light and power plant at a time when our citizens were congratulating themselves that it was practically paid for; is a calamity that a community less brave and persistent might stagger under.

THIS is the popular season for good resolutions, more easily made than kept. Good impulses are of little worth unless acted upon and persisted in.

LOWELL DIST. NO. 2.

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THAT was a graceful and worthy act of the Lowell Village Council which granted to Joseph Wilson Post, G. A. R., the use of a room in the City hall building for lodge and social purposes.

DON'T be a quitter. Stick to it. It's darkest just before dawn. Many a quitter has found—when too late—that an hour, or a day or a week, more of struggle would have carried him through.

THE announcement that Congressman Fordney wants to be senator will bring no uproar of applause from the masses. Joe is a stand-patter of the rankst kind.

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These clothes are Hart, Schaffner & Marx make.

Come where these clothes are sold in Lowell.

Let the Coons Clothiers help you to Better Clothes this year.

You'll find that it pays. Then where? To

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would be utter folly; and a change from Smith to Fordney would be "Out of the frying pan into the fire."

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Mr. Nichols is on the sick list this week. Hiram Timmer called on Clinton Miller Thursday.

EAST LOWELL

Mrs. J. F. Margent and Thelma visited in Grand Rapids and Holland from Saturday until Wednesday.

SOUTH VERGENNES

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The officers of the Sunday school were elected Saturday evening at the home of S. P. Rencher, Supt. Alice Reynolds, asst. supt., Wm. Hirsch, sec'y, Frank Reynolds, treas., Gladys Ferrall; organist, Grace Herman; librarian, Marie Stephens.

Doubly Proven

Lowell Readers Can No Longer Doubt This Evidence.

This Lowell citizen testified long ago. Told of quick relief—of undoubted benefit. The facts are now confirmed.

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Council Proceedings.

Regul- meeting of the Common Council of the village of Lowell held in the Council room Jan. 1st, 1917.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of 18th read and approved.

REPORT

To the Trustees of the village of Lowell:— Your committee met with the officials of the Consumers Power Co. in Grand Rapids in November and also on December 4th, to secure from them the lowest possible selling price for the Lowell Water Works System, and as a result of that conference we beg to submit the following facts and recommendations:

The present water franchise with the Consumers Power Co. terminates Aug. 10th, 1917. We cannot compel them to furnish water after that date unless they desire to do so, and then at their own terms.

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BARGAIN DAYS ON

Universal Advance in Newspaper Prices After Jan. 1.

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Furs and Pelts wanted Highest Market Prices Also Paid For Junk, All Kinds Sell to the highest payer by the honest scale. Follow ing prices paid: Old Iron.....30c per cwt. Rags.....\$1.25 per cwt. Paper.....25c per cwt. Magazines and books.....50c per cwt. Rubbers.....5c per lb. If you have no way to deliver it, call me and I will come after it. Also buy Hides, Furs and Pelts and pay highest market prices. New and Used Furniture and Household Goods bought and sold SAM RICE. American Store, one door east Lowell State Bank.

1000 VOTES given in the Library Contest for each dollar paid THE LEDGER for subscriptions old or new. Votes also given for job printing and advertising.

Library Contest A beautiful library of 15 volumes and cases to be given away to a Library Contest. This handsome Library and case will be given by vote to the Church, School, Lodge or Society in Lowell and vicinity having the largest number of votes in the following manner: The business men listed below will give with exclusive cent purchase five votes. The contest begins September 21st, 1916 and ends March 1, 1917 at 7 p. m. A ballot box has been placed in Look's Drug store where all votes are to be deposited. At the close of the contest the Church, School, Lodge, or Society having the largest number of votes will be awarded the Library. Current accounts when promptly paid will be entitled to votes. Remember, votes can only be secured by trading with the merchants listed below. Standing of contestants will be published in The Lowell Ledger. The library and case are now on exhibition in the show window of Yetter & Co. The following is a list of the merchants. Patronize these merchants and get busy with the votes.

J. O. CLARK, Fancy Groceries HERMAN STRONG, Bakery. ART H. HILL, Shoes. J. W. BRUNTHAVER, Bazaar. J. H. HAMILTON ESTATE, Monuments. F. B. MCKAY, Coal and Imp-lements. D. G. LOOK, Rexall Drugist. R. T. FORD, Hardware. YEITER & CO., Furniture. SUGAR BOWL, Ice cream and Confectionery. WILL C. STONE, Dyeing and Cleaning. R. E. SPRINGETT, Insurance. AVERY'S Studio. GOULD'S Garage. THE LOWELL LEDGER, subscription, Printing, Advertising.

Plumbing, Hot Water and Hot Air Heating General Repair Work. Call Phone 202. I make a specialty of hot air heating. Phil Krum. Hoffman Shop, Train Block. Library Voting Coupon Cut out this Coupon and deposit it in the ballot box at Look's drug store. Good for 25 Votes For a favorite Lodge, School, Church or for any organization. Voted for

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Shine in Every Drop! Get a Can To-DAY From Your Hardware or Grocery Dealer

On Wednesday, January 10

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"THE RIGHT TO BE HAPPY"

(Taken from Dicken's Christmas Carol.)

At the FAMILY THEATRE.

Admission 10c and 15c.

Music by High School Orchestra.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Newsy Notes About People You Know.

A fine carving set \$2.75. Ford Hardware.

Mrs. Guy Meyers spent yesterday in Saranac.

George Lewis of Ada route No. 4 was in town Tuesday.

Herald bargain days have been extended to January 10.

\$10 High Grade Vacuum sweepers \$5 at Ford's hardware.

Herman Speerstra of Ada spent New Years with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Ashley spent Sunday and Monday in Lansing.

Verne Walters of Lansing spent over Sunday with his family here.

John Peterle, Jr., of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Frances Leonard visited friends in Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Angela McGee is home from her school at Coblith for a week's vacation.

Miss Mildred Cameron was home from Grand Rapids for New Years.

Miss Hazel Maynard left Tuesday for a two weeks' visit at Battle Creek.

Miss Charlie and Marvin Kaufman spent Thursday with relatives in Ionia.

Regular meeting of Cyclamen chapter, No. 94, O. E. S., Friday evening, Jan. 5.

Storey is unloading a car of Ford touring cars this week, which are all sold.

Harold Jones of Grand Rapids spent Sunday and Monday with his parents here.

Mrs. John Christie of Grand Rapids is visiting her daughter Mrs. H. V. Getty.

Vernor Fisher of Detroit spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Beatrice Vandvke.

The cheerful doors will meet with Mrs. Harvey Coons Monday evening, January 8.

Iva and Dora Getty spent the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Getty.

The Clover Leaf club will meet with Mrs. R. E. Springett Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 9.

If you have anything in the plumbing line, see Charlie Cook at Ford's hardware.

Miss Ruth E. Johnson spent New Years with her sister, Mrs. R. C. English in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. V. P. Pierce and little son of Memphis are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Morse.

Victor Kaufman of Ionia spent Saturday night and Sunday with his uncle, Andrew Kaufman, and family.

Frank McGee, one of the chief inspectors of the Packard plant, is spending the week with his parents here.

Note the excellent program announced by Manager Wright of the Family theatre in another column.

Miss Margaret Bostock of Grand Rapids has been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. P. C. Peckham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Taylor visited their daughter, Mrs. Claude Hinman, in Ionia New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fuller and children of Grand Rapids spent Sunday and Monday with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howk and son Kenneth returned to their home in Alma Sunday evening after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dawson and other friends.

F. G. Hoffman is ill at his home in this village.

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John McCall was home from Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Chase is recovering from a several days' illness.

High grade silverware at a sacrifice. Ford's hardware.

Miss Vera Dennis called on Miss Fern Frazee New Year's day.

Miss Jennie Hill of Blanchard is visiting her sister, Mrs. Garrett Deimer.

Miss Freda Rainer of Grand Rapids spent several days here with friends.

William Zylstra of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his cousin, Cora Meyers.

Harley Delk and friend of Grand Rapids spent New Years with his parents here.

Will Graham of Detroit has been spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Harry Patterson of Alma is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bergin.

Miss Thomas of Constantine spent a few days last week with Donald Harvey.

Wayne Young left yesterday for Ann Arbor, where he has accepted a position.

Miss Katherine Loughlin of Grattan is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Taylor.

Mrs. D. E. Fletcher and granddaughter Dorothy spent Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Ella Antonides of Grand Rapids was an over Sunday guest of Miss Hazel Hoag.

Miss Glenna Sayles of Grand Rapids spent a few days last week with Esther Kie.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society will meet with Mrs. Charles Lawrence Friday, January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Andrews and daughter Margaret spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at Alto.

FOR SALE—400 acre stock farm in Michigan; 2,240 acre ranch in Montana, also mining stock.—Nellie Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zylstra have moved to Freeport, where the former will run a meat market. Success, Pete.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rouse, Jr., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Condon at Smyrna.

Herald bargain days extension expires January 10. After that date the charge for the Herald alone will be \$3.00 per year.

Miss Lena Visser and Herman Meppink returned to Holland Monday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Visser.

NOTICE—Expert Piano tuner John M. Zink will be in Lowell during week of Jan. 8. Orders left with Royden Warner, work guaranteed.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown and Robert Brown of Saranac and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Darrow of Ionia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Meyers.

Mrs. Frances Aldrich returned from Grand Rapids where she has been since Thanksgiving and went to Ionia Tuesday to be treated for hardening of the arteries.

Mrs. Milo Johnson was taken to Blodgett Memorial hospital, Grand Rapids, for an operation last Thursday. Her sister, Mrs. Nellie Rice, of that city visited her here Wednesday and accompanied her to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Hicks of Detroit were Sunday and Monday guests of his uncle, S. P. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wadsworth and Mrs. C. C. Winegar were also New Years dinner guests at the Hicks home.

John Zellinger of Ala was in town one day last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Rolf and family spent New Years in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowen entertained from Ludington over New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherwood are entertaining the latter's niece from Berlin, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gardner spent over New Years with relatives in Sunfield.

Earl Nicklin of Grand Rapids was a guest at the home of John Lasby last Thursday night.

The 1916 chronology published elsewhere in this issue is worthy of preservation for reference.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and family of Saranac visited Frank Rogers and family New Years.

N. G. Harpel and son Harry of Toledo visited at the home of J. W. Brunthaver over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawyer and son Charles spent New Years with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Robert Coles of Detroit spent from Friday night until Tuesday with his parents in East Lowell.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Roy Hovings and Kate Van Timmer, both of Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Thomas of Grand Rapids spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Avery and son Harvey spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Grand Rapids.

A sleighload of Lowell young people attended the play at the South Lowell Grange hall Friday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Brunthaver returned home yesterday from Ann Arbor, where she underwent an operation.

Miss Vera Parker of Greenville and Harold Jones of Saranac were guests of Edith Parks New Years.

George Lalley returned to Detroit Tuesday after spending a week with his mother and other relatives here.

Mrs. Ella Densmore and daughter Alma of Detroit are visiting her mother, Mrs. D. E. Fletcher and other relatives.

Mrs. Cora Suttin of Ovid is making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Barnes and other relatives.

John Headworth and family and Miss Mary Childs of Grand Rapids were New Year's guests of Neil Cameron and family.

The G. A. R. has moved into the room in the City hall formerly used as a band room, use of the same having been granted by the Village Council.

Elmer Fletcher underwent an operation for appendicitis at Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, last Thursday. He is getting along nicely.

The Rebekahs will give a progressive pedro and enche party at the Old Fellow hall next Tuesday evening. Come and bring your friends.

Read the report of the Village Council's committee on matter of Lowell water works system, published in the proceedings of that body elsewhere in this issue.

The dancing parties given by the Young Men's club are increasing in popularity, many being present from outside towns at the dance last Thursday night. Next party will be given Thursday, Jan. 11.

The Lowell Business Men's Athletic association is planning for an active season. Indoor volleyball, basket ball, hand ball, volley ball, tennis and gymnasium classes will be arranged.

The first meeting is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 9. Mr. Field, director of athletics at the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A., will be here with instructors and will also give an exhibition of gymnasium class work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frazee entertained with New Year's dinner, the following guests: Mrs. G. Hittenger and son Andrew of South Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Court and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, all of West Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Myers and children, Mrs. Mary Stinton and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntyre. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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MR. AND MRS. MERRITT SAYLES.

An account of their golden wedding was published in our issue of December 28.

MCCORDS and WHITNEYVILLE

[Too late for last week.]

Dec. 27.—The office of Jay Ellis was broken into Sunday night for the second time this winter.

Raymond Linton is spending the week with his aunt, Mrs. Joe Batey, and family of Clarksville.

Those who entertained Christmas were the Lintons who had for their guests Joe Batey and family of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, John Linton and family of Alto and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Anton Anderson entertained her father Geo. Colvin, Ella Colvin and family, Mrs. Emma Fonger and her daughter, Mrs. Leon Hammond and husband of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ellis' guests were her sister and family of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baker entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Houseman. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Allen entertained his brother and family of Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peel entertained Isaac Miller and family, Arthur Brown and family of East Caledonia, Arthur Peel and family, Carl Graham and family, Myra and Marton Hutchinson of Clarksville. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Snyder entertained Levant of Buelah, Lloyd Snyder of Helmar, Ind., Alma Snyder of Grand Rapids and Glenn Snyder and Mrs. D. A. Wood were their children and grandchildren. Chas. Green and family spent Christmas with Carl Green and wife in Grand Rapids.

Christmas exercises were held at the church Friday evening. A splendid program was given by the Whitneyville school prepared by the teacher, Bradley Croninger. Fine recitations were given by Irene Chappel.

Jan. Kelling is a bet that where he has a position as mail clerk for a few weeks.

Fred Pattison has new lights installed in his residence.

Thelma Howk has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Winters, at Bowne Center.

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Mrs. Charles Alldam of Grand Rapids is home with her children for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Troy were week end guests at Wm. Laughlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McCarthy motored to the City Thursday.

Miss Margaret Cuddahy spent Friday in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCarthy were Grand Rapids visitors Thursday.

Bert Hinkle and family motored to Lowell Friday.

WATCH MEETING was held at the Snow church Sunday evening.

Revival meetings will begin at the Snow church Thursday evening, Jan. 4, and continue ten days; the pastor, J. A. DeGraaf, in charge. Topic of sermon Thursday evening, "This is That," Friday evening, "These are They," Saturday evening, "Romans 10, Free for all meetings," Sunday morning, "First and Second Work," Sunday evening, "Profit and Loss."

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PARNELL.

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Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. George Hurley and son Charles are Christmas guests of her mother, Mrs. John Matice.

Miss Madge Breenahan of St. Mary's Hospital Nurses' Training school is spending a few days at home.

The Misses Irm and Iola Doran of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doran.

Thomas Howard and Mike Shine of Flint were home for Sunday and Christmas.

Miss Margaret Byrne and Mrs. J. Gahan were Grand Rapids visitors Wednesday and Thursday.

Frank Keating is home from Detroit for the holidays.

Mrs. Charles Malone, Mrs. J. F. Byrne and Miss Kate Byrne shopped in Grand Rapids Wednesday and Thursday.

William McCormick of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with his parents and other relatives here.

James Hurley went to Grand Rapids to visit his daughter.

Miss Edna Peterson has gone to Detroit to visit her sister, Mrs. Hunt.

Mrs. John Malone entertained with a family reunion on Christmas day.

The Misses Mary and Zeta Downs and gentleman friend of Detroit spent Sunday and Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Downs.

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MORSE LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Scott spent New Year's day with relatives at Belding.

Mr. Phillips and Harold Fairchild of Grand Rapids spent Monday with the latter's parents.

Miss Beale Smith spent a few days last week with friends at Caledonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oberley of Lowell were week end visitors at J. O. Scott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Detroit, were New Year's guests of the latter's parents. Mr. Smith returned to work Monday, Mrs. Smith will remain for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson and granddaughter Lena started for Florida Wednesday where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Johnson's health is very poorly. January 13 there will be installation of officers of South Lowell Grange and Bowne Center Grange has been invited to join them with a joint installation. Supper will be served and the report of the State Grange delegates Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brewer of Carlisle Grange.

NORTH CAMPBELL

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Osbaugh visited relatives in Ionia last week.

Jeane Long moved into Mrs. W. M. Hutchinson's house last week.

Eloy Schwarzer and wife attended the funeral of Sam McMullen in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Trowbridge and Marion were Lowell visitors Friday.

Messrs. and Messdames Albert and Alfred Bodell visited Mr. and Mrs. Taylor in Lowell Tuesday.

Vesta Schwarzer visited her aunt, Mrs. Leon Howk, in Freeport Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Leroy and Mrs. Angeline Casel of Grand Rapids visited Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Vernon Trowbridge.

Eventually you will take The Ledger. Why not now?

MCCORDS and WHITNEYVILLE

Byron Pattison and family spent New Year's day with his brother Minor and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark visited relatives at Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Nelle McGregor and Keith Fulton spent a few days in Grand Rapids with her sister, Mrs. Maggie Cook and family.

Mrs. Mary Krause and son, Frank Wood, and family have returned to Pontiac after a week's visit at Clint Wood's and other relatives.

Two families celebrated wedding anniversaries Saturday at the home of Orve Kelllogg. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Douglas celebrated their 27th anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Kelllogg's anniversary was the 13th.

The Vandermere relatives spent New Year's with Mrs. Semeyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peel are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Peel's niece, Miss Ella Graham, of Grand Rapids.

An oyster supper will be given by the men of this vicinity at the church Friday evening, Jan. 10. The men will also furnish the program.

Carl Graham and family spent New Year's at the home of his brother Frank in Lowell township.

Mrs. Peter Vandenberg and children returned Friday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stephens.

Chas. Tucker returned to Chicago after visiting a few days at D. A. Wood's and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wood, and little son have been very ill but are on the gain.

Mr. Frank Clark returned on Saturday from Grand Rapids where she has been caring for her mother, Mrs. Vandenberg, who is very ill.

Mrs. Walter Fischer and son John are visiting relatives in Chicago.

The election of officers in the Sunday school resulted as follows: Carl Graham, supt., C. E. Wood, ass't supt., Ida Seaton, sec'y-treas., Francis Clark, librarian.

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TIPPECANOE

By SAMUEL McCOY

Recounting the adventures and love which came into the lives of David Lawrence and Antoinette O'Bannon, in the days when pioneers were fighting red savages in the Indiana wilderness

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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"Great God, how did that Injun get in here, Mr. Lawrence?" ejaculated Conrad, as the endless showed him the hubbub from of the dying savage.

"Don't ask me, Captain Conrad," returned the other cheerfully. "Your door was open when I got here; and he jumped on me when I came in; and he'd have got me if it had not been for this man."

And he laid his hand gently on the shoulder of the hysterical figure crouched on the floor.

"Holy rattlesnakes!" burst from the astonished Conrad. "It's Doc Elliott!"

David Lawrence lifted his rescuer to his feet. "Here, let's see your face, my friend."

"The man looked up slowly.

"No! Scull!" said Lawrence in a ghastly whisper, and staggered backward.

The man bowed his head again. Lawrence spoke like a man in a dream:

"Scull! I have found you at last!"

"I am innocent, I swear it!" cried Scull. "I never betrayed you!"

The others looked from one to the other of the two men in amazement. Where had they known each other before? By what name did Lawrence call Elliott? What was his secret?

The moment was tense with waiting. David turned to the little group.

"Gentlemen," he said, "may I talk to this man alone for a moment?"

"Sure as shootin'," said Conrad after a pause, "but let's get this Injun out of here first."

He bent above the filthy body and turned the limp shoulders over.

"Why, it's that worthless Plankshaw come in last week to sell his skins; been drunk ever since. He'll be sober a while, now."

With scant ceremony they dragged the heavy body with the dark red stain between the shoulder blades into the main. One Indian less on the wilderness border was better luck than bad.

The half-shut eyes stared blankly upward in the beating rain.

"Bury him in the moraine," directed Conrad; and Scull—whom the village had known only as "Elliott"—and David Lawrence were left alone together.

"Now," said Lawrence with deadly calm, "tell me how you got here."

The man Scull clasped his hands in entreaty.

"I led Nottingham because I heard you had sworn to kill me. I swear to you before God I was not responsible for your father's—"

Lawrence checked the word on Scull's lips.

"How came you here?" he repeated.

"I heard you had gone to America and I came across the Atlantic to find you; I thought I might show you I was innocent. I swear I am innocent."

"You lie," returned David calmly, "you lie in every word. You informed falsely on my father, and he died on the gallows because of you. You became a British spy. You fled from England to escape me; you never thought to find me here. Nor did I think to find you here, under an assumed name, pretending to be a physician."

Scull looked at him in terror.

"God!" he whispered, his lips dry with fear.

A door that led to an inner room suddenly swung open and a woman stepped quickly out.

A cry of fear escaped her as she saw David towering menacingly above Scull's bowed head. She was face to face with David and he looked at her in astonishment.

"Lydia Cramer!"

The girl flung herself between the two men and clasping Scull in her arms she turned defiantly toward David.

"No, not Lydia Cramer," she cried, "but Mistress Scull!"

"Hush, Lydia," commanded Scull dully. "Go back, let us end our business."

He swallowed convulsively and stroked her hair as though soothing a child. "Go back, dear."

"Not I, Ned!" she answered. "What does this man want? Oh, Ned, there is no danger, is there? Tell me, what is wrong?"

As David looked at the two he felt the wild anger dying down in his breast; and instead there arose a feeling of self-pity. Ah, if only a woman had thrown her arms about his neck and faced the world for him, believing in him! An unbearable pang shot through him. His eyes were hot with the bitter envy of one who looks into the windows of a house where love and light and warmth stand firm against the desolate world without, and who knows himself a homeless wanderer on the earth. When he spoke, it was in a changed voice:

"Are you this woman's husband?"

"We were married a month ago," said Scull. He seemed almost to have forgotten David's presence and his hand crept to the girl's cheek with a strange gentleness.

David looked at them for a moment in silence, then drew a deep breath. He had made up his mind. He was glad that he could be merciful, to another, though life might be never merciful to him. He thrust the pistol back into the bosom of his hunting shirt and his hand fell upon the knot of ribbon Toinette had given him.

"Do you see this?" he asked, as he drew it out.

Scull turned paler. He had freed himself from the girl's clasp, and suddenly his knees buckled beneath him and he sank at David's feet. Lydia threw her arms around his shoulders.

"The mark!" cried Scull, raising trembling hands.

David looked at the ribbon with a start. "Why, yes, it is purple. But I do not show it to you as a sign that I am keeping my oath of the Brotherhood. No." As he continued his voice grew tender; he seemed to be speaking to himself or to some vision which the wretched figure kneeling at his feet could not see.

"You saved my life just now," he went on. "I would have thanked you for ending it, as you ended the love of the one I loved most in the world. For the sake of that dead love I promise you that no one shall know me what you have been, what you are. I break my oath of the Brotherhood."

The groveling creature at David's feet raised a face of incredulity.

"You give up the Brothers' vengeance?"

"Absolutely."

"You will not hold to your oath?"

"I have said so."

Scull looked up at him, a radiance transfiguring his face.

"God bless you, Lawrence," he said chokingly. "You do not know what death means. You have only your own life; I have—God help me!—two lives to live for!"

Lydia stooped quickly and lifted David's hand to her lips.

She went hastily from the room. The two men stood facing each other and for a while there was silence. Then David spoke slowly:

"Are you going to remain here?"

Scull straightened himself up.

"No! We shall go back to England. I have robbed you of everything, and you have given me everything. You do not wish to see my face again. But before I go I will tell Toinette the truth."

David nodded wearily and went out. A cold and dreary rain was still falling, but a ray of light shone from the tavern door on the upturned face of the dead Indian. David stopped and looked upon the slightest visage for a moment and then laughed. The dreadful features were twisted into a smile as to ultimate victory, and a little rivulet of rain trickled unceasingly from the corner of the mouth. No more of wretched life; no more of freer!

David's hand stole unconsciously to the pistol that hung heavily within the folds of his own blouse. His fingers tightened on it and his lips drew together in a harder line. . . . Why not? . . . The thing so easily, so quickly done. . . . Why not?

Was there anything remaining to make him hold to life any longer? What though Blackford did believe in him? What though a hundred friends believed in him? What mattered their friendships, their stupid greetings, the little kindnesses of daily intercourse? What did his dreams of great things to be done in this new land amount to? Petty dreams, petty tasks, buying and selling, squabbling over pennies, wrangling over little gains—a sordid prospect, the heritage of fools!

The rain fell steadily, chilling him to the very bones. Through its gray unceasing torrent he plodded, unchallenged in his loneliness, to his own room in the village. Sudden with the cold flood, sudden with quenched hopes, he sank heavily upon a chair and bowed his head upon his hands, there to sit for hours in a numb wrestling with bitterness that were beyond his power to shake off.

After a long while, he rose and drew the pistol from its place—wiped the dampness from its shining barrel and gazed at it with unseeing eyes.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Uttermost Instant.

It was the day following Scull's departure. David walked swiftly, and strode along Little Indian Creek, curving under its lee, to the spot where Toinette O'Bannon had first smiled at him in the April moon. It was there his new life had begun. And there, kneeling by the rocky ledge, he prayed, as at a shrine.

An end of all things had come to David. His long quest was over and the surt of his passion had spent itself in foam. Had it been worth while to forgive? All that he had lived for was torn from him. Toinette would know that she had judged him unjustly; but would that knowledge bring back what he had lost of life? He had been a hot-tempered fool, he had insulted her beyond forgiving. The breach had widened beyond bridging. He looked across the gulch that lay between him and Toinette and felt the bitterness of ruined hopes. He thrust his hand into his hunting shirt and drew forth the dueling pistol he had taken from Blackford's room. For a long while he stood looking at it in silence.

A light step rustled the dead leaves underfoot and he turned quickly. Toinette stood beside him, a joyous smile on her face.

"I was sent to find you," she greeted him astonishedly.

He stared at her as though at a messenger from the skies. Her silver laughter rang out as it had in days gone by.

"Do not deceive yourself," she smiled. "I am no angel—I'm Toinette!"

David did not believe her denial; never believed it.

"Father sent me for you. He's going to give a great dinner at the tavern and you're to sit in the place of honor. Come, you mustn't keep your cook waiting."

And she held out her hand.

But David did not stir.

The look of haggard suffering had returned to his face. Her loveliness was an arrow that sent all the poison

She took two quick steps forward. Her hand fell upon his shoulder, light as a floating strand of gossamer. But he felt it and thrilled through all his being. Slowly, slowly, he raised his head and she saw his face, that he had gone into the valley of the shadow of death. In the hush of the wilderness his scarcely audible words seemed to fall on their hearts with the measured beating of an inexorable judgment.

What did she see in the wilderness? A dry red, shaken in the wind of despair? But her voice rang like a song in the morning:

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"You are about to be put to a test more severe than any you have yet undergone. You have won the fight at Tippecanoe; but do not be mistaken: all the pitiless warriors of the forest will gather again and crush you out entirely if you can be behind them in the power of that nation across the seas, whose tyranny our fathers have overthrown at such tremendous cost. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple!"

"The words are those of the greatest fighter of all. They are the words of a man who, without a single follower, proclaimed his convictions before the most hostile and unfriendly of all generations. The whole crushing weight of its fate fell upon him, but he clung to those beliefs to the very last—gave up his life, rather than give them up. He, of all men, knew what it meant to cling to a purpose in the face of tremendous difficulties. Yet he says that whoever cannot equally endure the burdens of the march through life is not fit to be a man."

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catch hopper, pour water over it and catch the water in a trough after it has leaked through the dirt. And then you boil the salty water down till there is left a little of the precious mineral with which we can preserve our meats. You all know how laborious and tiresome a process it is, and how much the salt means to the settler. How the cattle mool for a taste of it! What would our children do without milk!

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THE MIGHTY MIGHT

THE HUMAN COCKTAIL



King Constantine is one of the strangest figures of the present up-and-down time. Hardly three years ago he was the idolized hero, king of a reborn, united Greece, and now—

King Constantine's character is brusque and stubborn. To a remarkable degree he is void of that superior intelligence and conquering amiability which characterized the late King George, and which helped him lead the little country through many trying and difficult years to robust development, extension and honored position.

From his very childhood the present king, like his queen (the Kaiser's sister), has shown a dangerous lack of self-control. His fits of uncontrollable tempers of rage were always a source of concern to his parents, brothers and sisters. And the outburst did not grow less as years passed by—the contrary.

On the other hand, the king is being praised for his great loyalty, for faithfulness toward friends and for his kindly behavior toward the soldiers he has often led to victory. A handsome and manly appearance, a courageous, energetic general, a man whose usually hard and sullen face is at times lit up by an almost boyish smile that leaves big dimples in his yellow face.

"His majesty is a sort of human cocktail," remarked an American journalist after an audience with the king.

FOR THE SMALL GIRL AND BOY

Fashion's Change in Clothes Worn by Fortunate Youngsters of Today.

NO LONGER ALL IN WHITE

Velvet in Gay Colors Now Adorns Youngsters of Both Sexes—Coats for the Street, Trimmed With Fur, Are Extremely Smart and Popular.

New York.—Emerson may call consistency the vice of small minds, and if this is true, designing minds that govern clothes are free from vice, because they are full of inconsistency.

They present absurd juxtapositions in children's apparel, as well as in that for women. For instance, a fur coat that is warm enough for the poles leaves uncovered bare legs below it that belong in the tropics. The theory of health that has run like a thread through the wrap and wool of our re-

on these little figures; but the fashions have materially changed in this respect, and after children are eight years old, it appears to be fashionable to dress them in colors and in materials that are not washable.

This does not mean that the paid worsted frock with its little brass buttons, which has seen many generations of children through their school-days, has any chance of a fashionable revival; but velvet and taffeta are discreetly used for gay occasions. The velvet is permissible for gowns; the taffeta for capricious little bodices.

Velvet Adorns Boys.

Velvet is not held for girls only; it is being advocated for jaunty jackets for small boys, when ornamented with large buttons. Don't shudder with a sickening reminiscence of little Lord Fauntleroy, with his long curls, scarlet sash and nauseating sweetness. There was a day and generation which took this feminine bit of embryo masculinity—if there can be such a thing in the scale of manhood—as a model for youngsters' clothes, and it is probable that half the home troubles between mother and boy began with this enforced costumery.

The little jackets of today are cut very short, allow a loose, frilled, white shirt and are worn over extra short white linen trousers.

When velvet is made up for a little girl's frock it is in scarlet or blue, trimmed with fur and ornamented with



Coat for a Smart, Small Girl. It is Golden Brown Velvet, Trimmed With Fur, and a Slight Embroidery of Gold Threads. Brown Brocade Ribbon is Used on the Sleeves and at the Collar.

cent activities is that one can hardly any part of the body by constant exposure and, therefore, free the mind from any thought of danger there. Women who are accustomed to the low evening gown are no more sufferers from colds than women who do not indulge in this practice. The children, therefore, do not consider it dangerous to leave their bodies exposed from the knees down.

Starting out with this fundamental notion, there is an immense variety elsewhere. They must contribute their share of inconsistency to the picture and having done so, they are free to go along the orthodox lines.

Follow Medieval Styles.

Children have adopted medieval clothes, but this is not announcing a revolution, for they have insisted upon straight lines for years.

The real revolution is that they have taken up colors and do not put all their attention on white. Fine was when even the mother who was perplexed at the thought of paying a large laundry bill, still insisted upon dressing her youngsters in wash clothes. She looked with hygienic horror at the thought of worsted stuffs

stitchery. One party frock for a ten-year-old girl is of dark blue velvet made in two pieces, with a corded seam below the waist. The machine stitching is done with red thread, and at the hem of the skirt, the collar and the cuffs there are narrow bands of brown fur, although white peltry is better.

Street Coats.

There are street coats of velvet trimmed with fur and brocade ribbon that are exceedingly effective. Golden brown velvet is the fashionable choice, with golden brown brocade ribbon to make shoulder pieces and imitation pocket flaps.

Paris tells us that women's skirts are growing longer and the American dressmakers are at last following this persuasion; but youngsters' skirts are growing shorter.

There are little linen slips for tiny children that make no pretence of reaching the knees, and there are velvet frocks for afternoon parties that appear to be slightly elongated jackets, pulled down to meet extra long leggings.

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One of the finest, lightest, warmest, and in all ways most satisfactory coverings for use on outdoor beds in very cold weather is a light-weight feather bed with removable, washable cover. This is not a new idea, since feather beds were used in the old country years ago for coverings. The cold, crisp outdoor air puts a buoyancy into the feathers that is delightful. You do not feel any weight, as when the bed is loaded down with covers, and are not hampered as in a sleeping bag, but can turn with ease. The feathers follow the curves of the body, no cold air is let in, and one feels as comfortable as if in a sort of thermos compartment. For children dress weights may be sewed in the corners to hold the bed in place.

Decorations of Bluebirds and Swallows Have Become Popular Enough to Be Seen Everywhere.

Blue birds and swallows have so taken the fancy of a fashion that one sees them now on every side.

It is now quite possible to furnish a whole bedroom with bluebird or swallow furnishings.

You can buy various china and glass pieces decorated with these charming birds of cheerfulness. You can buy sheets and pillow cases embroidered with them. You can buy bureau scarfs and table covers and cushions showing them. And you can buy embroidery transfer patterns and stencil patterns for them and with these you can decorate white enameled furniture and scrim, silk or linen window curtains.

Those Who Are Fond of Sleeping Outdoors Will Find This a Comfort in Cold Weather.

CHARMING FANCY OF FASHION

A Baby's Bath Set.

Extremely good-looking and possessing the added quality of needing very little work, is the bath set consisting of three pieces—a bath blanket, a towel and a washcloth. The ornamentation is very unique. Two storks in black outline stitch hold up a black clothline from which is suspended by means of tiny black clothespins the words, "Baby's Bath," "Baby's Towel," and on the cloth merely the word "Baby." The words are worked in white. A crocheted edge in pink or blue finishes the edges.

Transparent Ideas.

The transparent idea in the making of clothes seems to be even more in favor than last year. There are serge dresses trimmed with bands of mousseline de soie or georgianna crepe. These bands graduate in width and are preferably the same color as the serge, although there is once more room for individuality here, as they may be either lighter or darker.

Lack of ironclad rules of fashion was never more apparent than in lady's boots and shoes. In style they range from something that is barely more than a piece of sole leather tied on to the foot to the skyscraper shoes of the summer.

A Smart Suit.

A striking tailored costume is in plum-colored broadcloth, with coat and skirt edged in narrow silk braid in plum and black. The skirt has a yoke, and in obedience to fashion's dictates, is longer than skirts have been of late. Most of the fashionable skirts are three yards wide about the hem, but with no-flaring effect.

Sensible Advice.

Clothe yourself comfortably and sensibly. Do not wear tight shoes nor tight corsets, nor tight clothes of any kind. Especially do not tighten the neck in any way; it impedes circulation. Moreover, high, tight collars near the neck with disfiguring lines; and nothing is more beautiful in a woman than a soft, well-rounded throat.

New Gloves.

Military effects have made their appearance in the glove styles and are shown in white and tan shades. The gauntlets have deep cuffs and give the wearer a decidedly military appearance as well as individual style effect. The general trend in gloves for street use is more toward the mannish type.

Vogue of Fringe.

Fringe is in fashion and it has invaded the realm of art needlework. Some of the new sofa cushions which would make an admirable gift for the wearer a decidedly military appearance as well as individual style effect. The general trend in gloves for street use is more toward the mannish type.

The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubs—Their Care and Cultivation



A Unique Arrangement of Flowers and Shells.

There are so many places in this country where shells are a part of the generous contribution of nature to the pleasure of mankind that it ought not to be difficult to take the hint that is given in a recent decoration and use the shells, in conjunction with flowers, to make a very effective decorative effect. In the picture a mere handful of simple flowers are made wonderfully attractive by the use of a few shells to aid the display. Such an arrangement is easily possible for a table decoration.

The shells can be used as often as you please. The arrangement can be varied and the flowers changed for different affairs. The idea is one that holds much opportunity for a clever woman of the house.

MAKING SHELLS DECORATE

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

There are two distinct divisions of water lilies. The groups are the diurnal flowering, representatives of the subgroups anemophylla and heliophylla, and the nocturnal flowering, which are more commonly called night bloomers. They are the representatives of the two lotus groups.

When the bright August days come the flowers of the day bloomers will open between seven o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the evening. If the weather is dull and cloudy, the pretty flowers refuse to open. They stay in their coverings waiting for the sun to bid them go on parade before the world.

The night bloomers are not so sulky. They begin opening at sunset and stay open until ten o'clock the following day, and if the weather be cloudy and their day fellows are looting on the job, they take up the burden of ornamentation and refuse to go to bed at their usual hour. They will stay open the entire day when the sun is not in evidence.

Many lovers of flowers consider that the night-blooming lilies are far superior to the day species. The present day plants have resulted largely from insect pollinations and a number of experiments have been conducted at the Missouri botanical gardens with a view to improving the day species. The nymphaea carpensis and its kindred, commonly found in gardens, lacks a great deal of being the typical species.

They are crosses between the blue and the rose, which have come largely from insect pollination. They possibly also represent a trace of the Egyptian nymphaea cerulea, the colors of which range from deep blue to the darkest pink.

By examining the underside of the young leaves one may tell the colors of lilies to be planted out. The color shown under the young leaves gener-

ally gives some idea of the ultimate color of the flowers.

The work at the Missouri botanical garden has resulted in producing two new varieties. One is the nymphaea castaliana, a pink-flowered hybrid, which has a large cup-shaped flower, well-petaled and said to be much the superior of anything of its type. Its flowers measure eight inches in diameter and sometimes as many as half a dozen flowers are to be found at one time.

The nymphaea Mrs. Edward Whitaker, in size, shape and length of blooming period is said to be superior to the old day bloomers. In August the flowers measure as much as ten inches in diameter. They are light blue and well-petaled. The individual flowers last from four to six days and on the third day bleach to almost a pure white.



Geraniums Make a Fine Showing in a Long, Straight Bed. Their Varied White, Pink and Red Blossoms and Beautiful Foliage Are Adapted to Park Beauty.

SOME PASSING NOTES

Thoroughly slaked lime may be tried as a top dressing on the lawn in the fall and winter. Several doses, with one pound to each thirty square feet of lawn, give the best results.

Huckleberries promise to make up one of the most interesting crops of this year. They bring 15 cents a pound.

In Maine the farmers average 210 bushels of potatoes to the acre, while

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK?

Thousands of Men and Women Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

Nature warns you when the track of health is not clear. Kidney and bladder troubles cause many annoying symptoms and great inconvenience both day and night.

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Prevalency of Kidney Disease.

Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are among the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost last recognized by patients, who usually content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease may constantly undermine the system.

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IDEALS OF COLLEGE GIRLS

More of Them Wanted to Marry Doctors Than Hoped for Matinee Idols.

The following article gives a resume of the matrimonial ideals of some girl students in the University of Minnesota, as quoted in their college paper, according to Everybody's.

"What kind of man would you marry?" Many of the girls wished to marry farmers, and the incomes which they intended to receive those farmers to have before going to house-keeping were illuminating. One girl expected him to have \$5,000 a year. A good many expected him to have \$2,000 or \$3,000. We have also learned that doctors are the finest of human beings. More girls want to marry them than want to marry any other variety of man. Next came farmers, and next came business men, and then ministers and engineers, who were tied for fourth place.

We learn again that while girls may be very romantic, they can keep their feelings under strict control when it comes to life's final romance of matrimony. John Barrymore and Dustin Farnum and the other irresistible heroes of the stage must be adored by girls in Minnesota as elsewhere. Yet only two girls of them all will aim at catching an actor for a husband. However, for romance, there is one girl that will marry a poet. But the conditions she lays down are so excessive as to make one feel that perhaps she was joking. She demands that he shall earn \$600 a year.

As for matter of income, it seems to us that most of the girls are not vamps. Half of them mentioned incomes not exceeding \$1,200. A quarter of them mentioned incomes not exceeding \$1,000.

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"You can't always enforce either of them. The law of gravitation doesn't prevent people from getting away up in the air these days."

Their Advantage.

"Orchestra ought to play more of a part in diplomacy."

"Why, how on earth could they do it?"

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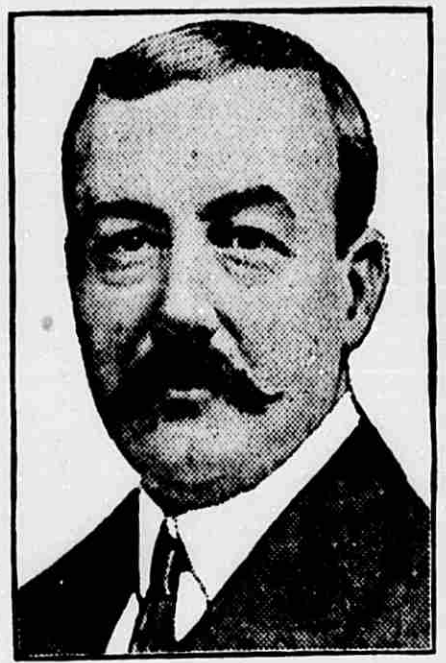
LABOR'S MAN IN WAR CABINET

Representing labor in Premier Lloyd-George's war cabinet is Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio, who has risen from the state of an ordinary day worker to this high place.

Arthur Henderson was a Glasgow lad who served his apprenticeship as molder in the great steamship works of Robert Stephenson & Co. at Newcastle. What education he has was obtained at night after his day's work was done. He never had the advantage of an elementary education in schools.

He went into local politics as a young man at Newcastle, was a member of the city council and 12 years ago served as mayor of the little town of Darlington, near Newcastle, which proved a stepping stone that same year to the house of commons. He never touches alcohol and is an active worker in the Wesleyan church. Last year he became secretary of education in Asquith's cabinet. Henderson has the heart and the unpretentious manners of the class into which he was born and as well the instincts of conservative judgment and refinement of taste which make him, on the one hand, personally likable whether with the high or the low, and, on the other hand, extremely susceptible to the subtle appeal of responsibility in political office and of the charm of cultivated society.

Henderson is broad of view and courageous in the counsel he gives the workers in relation to the war. That he will develop into another John Burns, quite alienated from the principles of the workingman which he formerly avowed, is considered probable, though he will doubtless retain the plain life of his youth.



CLARA RUTH MOZZER

Clara Ruth Mozzer, attorney and former newspaper girl, recently appointed assistant attorney general in Colorado, is the first woman in the country to hold that position. Her appointment by the attorney general elect, Leslie E. Hubbard, was the result of a campaign on the part of Colorado women, and she even obtained the endorsement of Mrs. Hubbard, wife of the appointing officer.

Miss Mozzer, when she passed her legal examination in 1915, was the youngest woman ever admitted to the bar in Colorado. When only thirteen she sold signed articles to the Sunday magazine section of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

At the age of fifteen, when a junior in the high school, she attracted attention by organizing settlement work in the Jewish settlement of West Denver. She was graduated from the East Denver high school, took her bachelor of arts degree at Denver university and graduated in law from the University of Colorado. Friends await her exhibition of prosecuting ability enthusiastically.

SENDS MAILS TO BELLIGERENTS

When the great world war started in August, 1914, it meant a great deal more work for Uncle Sam, postmaster. It meant that he would have to study over the midnight oil for a long time figuring out how to get the mails delivered safest, quickest, and cheapest to the belligerent nations. There was a ring of steel about Germany—how would she get her American mail? Holland, the Scandinavian countries, Turkey, all wanted mail, quick and unimpeded.

In the postal service, however, was a man who was trained to take care of emergencies of this character. A quarter of a century of work in Uncle Sam's division of foreign mails had fitted Robert L. Maddox for just such work, and for the last three years he has been amazing the higher postal officials by the efficiency with which mails were dispatched to belligerent countries. Twenty-five years ago Maddox entered the post service as a clerk at \$1,000 a year. Today he is superintendent of foreign mails, and he looks after the dispatch of postal matter across the water to the nations battling so vigorously.

Nor is this all he is interested in. He is on a mission to the Isthmus of Panama, to arrange for greater expedition and safety in the handling of mails to South America.



CONDENSATIONS

The English city of Sheffield has 400 steel manufacturing concerns.

South Africa's maize crop is expected to fall far short of the expected yield.

European soldiers carry small flasks of oxygen to revive gas-stricken comrades.

The practice of filtering air for cooling electrical machinery through water curtains to exclude dust is growing in favor in England.

Dallas, Tex., has 240 buildings devoted to the automobile industry.

"Cranberry red" may become a new color next spring if reports coming from New Jersey are true. They dye shortage caused manufacturers to buy up entire crops of this berry in South Jersey this year to convert them into colorings.

Bermuda still maintains its stand against the introduction of the automobile on its roads. A bill to provide a restricted motor-boat service for the island was recently defeated in the Bermuda legislature by the close vote of 15 to 14.

The last 15 children born in Chent Neck, W. Va., were girls.

A new toothbrush is cylindrical and is revolved against the teeth by a plunger working through its spirally grooved handle.

To aid in walking on icy pavements an inventor has patented sandals of a non-slippery material that can be clamped on shoes.

An electrically operated machine to nail tops on packing boxes is mounted on a truck, to permit it to be moved about a factory.

To suffer a broken leg by being hit on the head was the queer experience of the Syracuse man who got into one controversy too many the other day, the strangeness of the case not being lessened by the fact that his leg was artificial.

Twenty years ago Wilbur Penfield left his home in Springfield, Mass., and went West. Shortly afterward he read a notice of his mother's death in a Springfield paper and had always supposed it was true until he met her the other day in Bridgeport, Conn., where he has been working for the last 15 years.

Effective Capses.

Seal shoulder scarf caps almost as wide as they are long, look very effective when swung over the arm. One seen on the street was worn by a "blue serge girl" recently and was lined with a light pinkish rep crepe. Tied by the satin ribbon neck bow, it swung cornerwise from her arm like a big flat muff, the pink showing prettily at the corners flapped back.

A Sewing Hint.

If baby's undershirts shrink you can enlarge them, and at the same time improve their appearance by crocheting pieces to the sleeves, necks and down the fronts. The shirts should be bound first, and the crocheting done with a fine hook and saxon yarn, and the edges finished with tiny scallops.

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