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OF THE WEEK

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Convenience of the Busy Reader

For automobile insurance see John
Frank Sietoff of Camp Custer
at his home here this week.

R. D. Brown of Hale was a
visitor in the city Thursday.

Miss Hilda and Emma Burr of
Flint are visiting at their home here
this week.

Miss Marian Buckle of North
Branch is visiting friends in the city
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wielsma of
Grand Rapids arrived Tuesday for a
visit with Mrs. W's father, George
Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Mau of Bay City
spent several days the past week with
Mrs. M's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John
Gaul.

Miss Clara Malcolm returned to
Flint last Saturday after a week visit
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
Malcolm.

Lee Griggs, who is stationed on the
U. S. S., Illinois, arrived Monday
for a short visit with his mother, Mrs.
V. Griggs.

Wallace A. Clark and daughter,
Junice, spent Christmas with his
father, Mrs. Charles Burgtorff, in
Boynton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley and
daughter returned to their home in
City last Saturday after a
visit with Mrs. H's sister, Mrs.
C. H. King.

As informed by C. P. Milham,
county agricultural agent, that eleven
men have taken their part in
the "One, Donald Milham, has
been missing in action since October
When last seen he was in action
in the Argonne forest, where some
of the bloodiest fighting of the war
took place. Another cousin, Lieut.
Pomeroy, was struck in the thigh with
shrapnel and was permanently crippled.
Three more cousins are over
seas at the present time.

SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINMENT
The high school senior class entertained
the high school and county
normal students at a new year's party
Tuesday evening at the high school.
The normal room used as reception
room and the class room as dining
room were decorated with the class
colors—gold and blue.

About forty guests were present,
including the high school faculty with
Mrs. L. J. Patterson, Mrs. George
Prescott and Mrs. Burley Wilson acting
as chaperons. Games, music and
dancing were enjoyed, the music being
furnished by the high school orchestra.

A delicious luncheon was served at
eleven o'clock and the merriment continued
until the New Year was ushered in.

A SPLENDID RECORD
County Agricultural Agent C. P.
Milham has mailed out this week to
the farmers of Iosco county a comprehensive
report of the work that he has
accomplished during the eight
months from April 4, 1918 to December
1, 1918. He also included a program
of the work for the coming year.

The report shows that the expense
to the county has been less than one
cent for each \$100 of assessed valuation,
while in direct cash benefit to
the farmers of the county the value
of the county agent has been over
\$7,000, besides an immense amount
of other benefits which cannot be
measured in dollars and cents.

We would advise every farmer who
receives a copy of this report to read
it carefully and then confer with the
supervisor from his township and
make sure that his support will be
given to the matter of retaining the
services of the county agent when the
question comes before the board of
supervisors. We know of no investment
that for the amount of money
involved will give greater returns to
the county than the county agricultural
agent. And after being numbered
among the more progressive counties
in this regard it would be a step
backward for Iosco county to dispense
with the services of this public servant
who well earns his money.

METHODIST CHURCH
Everybody not attending some other
church is invited to worship with us
at the Methodist church every Sunday
evening at seven o'clock.

Epworth League 6:15 p. m.
Sunday school 11:15 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening
7:00 p. m. E. E. McMichael, pastor

**NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF
TAWAS CITY**
The tax rolls of the seal wards
of now in my hands and I will be
my home every evening at the
store of J. M. Wuggeberry Saturday
for the purpose of receiving taxes.
After January 10 a liability of 4
percent will be added to taxes not
paid that date.

MEETINGS
Friday night, January 3; Grant
town hall, 8 o'clock p. m.
January 7th, Reno town hall,
January 10th, high school
Whittemore these meetings in m. They
are worth attending.

COUNTY AGENCY COLUMN
C. P. Milham.

We are just beginning to feel the
pangs of war. Until this time nearly
all the cost of the war has been placed
in contracts, and now must be paid
for. Taxes on property are high, but
taxes on incomes are also high. The
people who are best fitted to pay the
taxes are being called on to pay their
share. People with large incomes are
paying in addition to their property
tax, a large tax on incomes. This is
as it should be. We may be thankful
that the tax is no larger; that we have
not the enormous debt hanging over
us that present hangs over war torn
Europe. As wet look back over the
past year we remember the insistent
call on the part of our Government to
practice thrift. To save money, food,
clothing, metals, and other things.
We have formed a habit of thrift, and
this habit should enable us to save
enough the coming year to pay all
taxes and other expenses.

The practice of treating oats will
save the county an annual loss of
\$18,000. Iosco County grows 6000
acres of oats annually. Treating them
for smut will increase the yield five
bushels more an acre. This would
mean 30,000 bushels, which is the
annual toll taken by smut.

If cleaned barley and spring wheat
is treated and sown it will mean an
increased value of food products
amounting to \$12,000 in Iosco County.
The Rosen Rye sown this fall will
on the same amount of ground yield
30,000 bushels more than common.
The proper use of lime to correct
acidity, and judicious use of commercial
fertilizer will increase the value of
products in yield and quality \$50,000.

The potato crop can be made to
yield 30,000 bushels more a year by
proper selection and treatment of seed.
The use of better silage, and seed
corn will increase the value of products
\$25,000.

The elimination of scrub hills, and
use of good sires will increase the
value of cattle in the county \$75,000
in two years.

Co-operative shipping of livestock
and farm produce would save in cash
to the growers \$70,000 more than they
are now receiving.

But why do these things you may
ask? Well it pays. When the war
stopped it meant we would have to
feed two hundred million more people.
Yet peace did not mean there was
any more food in a world. Food
products will not get a price for the
next two years were told. So it
behoves us to so organize ourselves,
both producers and consumers during
this time to handle conditions as they
arise. Americans can do things on
short notice, but they can do them
better by taking time to plan ahead first.

Successful farmers are following
most of the above practices, and are
receiving enough in addition to pay
taxes and local expenses. The county
agent is here to help these who do
follow these policies, and to see that
they succeed. Now as the new
year starts make a resolution that
you will make use of the services of
the county agent. The agent does
the work that you wish to know his
in a position to find out quickly. Will
you use the service of another summer?
Is it you use him an individual, a
company or an agent and don't
make use of him it would mean loss.
If you do not use the county agent
it may mean a loss to you.

The county agent has been pleased this
year, and advice given has been well
received. A successful and happy
New Year is extended to everyone in
the county.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING
Herman Reinke had a narrow escape
from drowning last Saturday when he
broke through the ice on the bay and
went into deep water. A number of
boys were playing on the ice and
young Rinke ventured out too far
onto the thin ice and went down.

Keith Baguley, who was near went
out to rescue Reinke and he, too,
broke through the ice. However, he
kept hold on the boy and climbed
out onto the ice. A rope was secured
by the crowd and thrown to Baguley
and the boys were drawn to safety.
Neither suffered any serious effects
from their cold bath.

The experience will no doubt be a
lesson to the venturesome boys who
have been in the habit of playing on
the thin ice. It is a dangerous sport
and continued might result seriously
to some of them.

PLANNED WAR WORK PLEDGES
Where to pay your pledges for
patriotic fund, for which you sub-
scribed in November.

East Tawas—James E. Dillon's
store.
Tawas City—G. H. Prescott & Sons
Hardware
Burdwell Township—C. H. Prescott
& Sons Hardware
Grant Township—C. H. Prescott &
Sons Hardware
Tawas Township—C. H. Prescott &
Sons Hardware
Wilber Township—C. H. Prescott &
Sons Hardware
Whittemore City—Iosco County
Bank
Burleigh Township—Iosco County
Bank
Reno Township—Iosco County Bank
Alabaster Township—U. S. Gypsum
Co., Office
Plainfield Township—Hale Bank
Sherman Township—G. A. Pringle
Ossada & AuSable—Hon. A. R.
Weir.

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME
By J. W. Gray
Who will be your answer
When the Boys Come Home,
If they ask you very frankly
How much money did you loan
To support us in the trenches
While we smashed the Hun's
defenses—
What will be your answer
When the Boys Come Home?
Oh you dodge the question
When the Boys Come Home,
And your loyalty is measured
By the "Victory Bonds" you own?
You'll be patriot or slacker,
A deserter or a backer.
The world will get "your number"
When the Boys Come Home.
Just record your answer
'Fore the boys get home.
Buy bonds up to your limit,
Tho' you have to borrow some.
Do it without hesitation,
For the boys and for your nation,
You can then face all creation
When the Boys Come Home.

ISN'T IT STRANGE
It is strange that a newspaper man
should be compelled to solicit advertising
or offer argument for its use, re-
marks a man who knows what he is
talking about. Funny isn't it, that the
man who thinks he is a business man,
will get up in the morning from an ad-
vertised mattress, shave with an ad-
vertised razor, take off advertised pa-
jamas and put on advertised under-
wear, advertised hose and shirt, tie,
advertised suit, sit himself at the table
and eat advertised breakfast food,
drink advertised coffee or substitute,
put on an advertised hat, light an ad-
vertised cigar, go to his place of busi-
ness where he turns down the adver-
tising solicitor or salesman for his
home newspaper on the grounds that
advertising doesn't pay.

**COUNTY FARM BUREAUS TO
UNITE; STATE ASSOCIATION
PLANNED**
East Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30—One
of the results of the conference at M.
A. C. in February of officers of the
farm bureau of Michigan's 82 counties
is expected to be formation of a
statewide farm bureau association,
the object of which will be to foster
and encourage all that is beneficial
to country life and the farming in-
dustry within the state.
The president and secretary of each
of Michigan's 82 farm bureaus, it is
reported, will be in attendance at the
meeting in February. This session,
which will be conducted from Febru-
ary 3 to 7, will take place in conjunc-
tion with the many other meetings
scheduled during farmers' and house-
wives week at the college.

EAST TAWAS DEPARTMENT
Devoted to the General and Personal News of the Week From
Our Neighboring City on the East

Burdon Dimmick returned to his
duties in Detroit Monday.
Miss Hazel Jackson returned to her
school duties in Jackson on Saturday.
Will Halterman of Camp Custer,
came home Monday midnight on a five
days furlough.
Frank Harris of Flint visited Mr.
and Mrs. Alex. Ross from Monday
night until Wednesday.
Mrs. Harry Reeves of Alpena visited
last Friday with Mrs. William Reeves,
while enroute to Bay City.
Miss Hilda Green of Detroit visited
from Saturday until Wednesday with
her parents in this city.
Miss Hortense LaBerge returned to
Detroit Saturday after a few days
visit at the parental home.
Miss Eva Cooper spent a portion of
her Christmas vacation with friends
in the city, returning to Detroit Tues-
day.
Moses Caminsky returned to his
position in Detroit Wednesday after
a weeks visit at the parental home.
John H. Anschuetz and little son,
Merton of Detroit spent Christmas at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Anschuetz.
Alfred Herstrom came up from De-
troit and spent Christmas with his
brother, Herman. He returned to the
city Saturday.
Miss Winnie Mack, who has been
spending her vacation with her father
and sister, returned to her school in
Flint on Thursday.
Alva Wood was the guest of his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wood a
portion of last week. He returned to
Detroit on Monday.
Miss Grace Richards returned to
Ann Arbor Wednesday after spending
the Christmas vacation with her
parents in this city.
William Anderson of Harvard col-
lege arrived home Sunday midnight
for a short visit with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. John Anderson.
Mr. and Mrs. George Norton and
infant son returned to Flint Monday
after a two weeks visit at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. D. Boomer.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesendorf of
Detroit, who have been visiting Mr.
and Mrs. James LaBerge returned
home Wednesday morning.
Mrs. William Frazer and Mrs.
Frances Fields visited Miss Georgia
Fraser's school at Maxwell and wit-
nessed the Christmas exercises.
Mrs. John Grunden of Dansville, Ill.,
returned home Monday after visiting
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George
Vaughan for the past two weeks.
Mrs. Mary Barr of Charlotte was a
guest at the homes of her father, N.
Cadorette and her sister, Mrs. P.
Cater during the holiday season.
Mrs. S. E. Bridge and daughter,
Miss Everette Brige, have been guests
at the homes of Mrs. Sarah Warren
and Mrs. C. E. Phillips for the past
ten days.
H. C. Bristol entertained seventeen
of his friends at his home Friday
evening, the occasion being a birthday
anniversary. Conversation and music,
with refreshments was the order of
the evening.
The W. R. C. held a successful
watch night social at the home of
Mrs. Emma Wright Tuesday night.
The corps intends to hold socials
monthly at the homes of members in
the future.
Warren Phillips returned to the
Ferris Institute, Big Rapids on
Monday, after spending the Christmas
vacation with his parents in this city.
His mother accompanied him as far
as Bay City.
Mrs. Thomas Reid was the guest of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Teare
during Christmas week. Mrs. David
Brooks of Cleveland, a sister-in-law
of Mrs. Reid was also a guest at the
Teare home. They returned to their
respective homes last Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Warren,
former East Tawas resident's spent a
portion of the Christmas holidays with
Mr. Warren's mother, Mrs. Sarah
Warren and his sister, Mrs. C. E.
Phillips. Mr. Warren returned to De-
troit last Friday, Mrs. Warren re-
maining until Monday.
Miss Edna Kunze returned to her
school duties in Monroe on Saturday
last, after spending the Christmas
vacation at the parental home. The
Misses Lillian and Ella Kunze teach-
ers in the Detroit schools, also were
at home for the holidays and having
one week longer vacation, do not re-
turn until tomorrow (Saturday).

**THOUGHT POOR—HAD PLENTY
OF MONEY**
That appearances are oft times de-
ceiving was again demonstrated last
week in the case of the affairs of Mrs.
Pocheska, the aged Polish lady who
died in East Tawas a couple of weeks
ago.
After her death and burial Probate
Judge David Davison appointed Mrs.
Wilkins a special administrator to
take charge of the supposed meager
effects of the old lady, consisting of
her little house and its poor furniture.
Mrs. Wilkins, with a couple of lady
friends, went to the house and began
to take stock of its contents. Judge
of their surprise when on righting an
upturned crock they found several
fruit jars filled with coin to the
amount of about \$1200. Further
search among the effects produced
more hidden money until the total
amount was in the neighborhood of
\$4,000.
The finding of this hidden wealth
was the more surprising as the old
lady had been the recipient of help
from the county and from sympathetic
neighbors for years and no one sus-
pected but that she was as poor as
she seemed.
It is reported that there are relatives
of the deceased to whom the
residue of the estate will probably go
after outstanding debts are paid, and
there will undoubtedly be a nice little
sum, even if the county is reimbursed
and the kindly neighbors receive their
just dues for the services they have
rendered.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES
Services at Christ church, East
Tawas, Sunday, Jan. 5, 1919.
Morning prayer and sermon, 10:00
a. m.
Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.
Evening prayer and sermon at
7:00 p. m.
Hon. J. W. Mitchell of Saginaw will
address the men's club of the church
on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, begin-
ning at 7:30 on the layman's work in
the church.

THE MERCHANT MARINE
Edward N. Hurley, the hard hitter,
who should be given most of the credit
for putting ships into the water in-
stead of making them an issue for
political quarrels in the National
Capital, says: "Let us picture an
imaginary customer; suppose we want
him to do business with Robinson
Crusoe on the desert island. He needs
our fabrics and tools. His island has
good soil capable of raising food stuffs.
It has goats to yield milk and meat.
It has guano for fertilizers and
maybe it has undeveloped minerals.
Robinson Crusoe does not possess any
money and his island resources have
been developed only for the needs of
himself and Friday." Mr. Hurley fol-
lows out the story by sending calico
and shoes, tools for farming, wood-
working and blacksmithing. The re-
sult is miraculous. After a while the
islander and his Friday live better,
"wear better clothes, have a better
table. Mr. Hurley declares that "our
new merchant marine can establish a
trade on this basis with many a
nation."

**ANNUAL MEETING OF GRANGE
CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**
The annual meeting and election of
officers of the Grange Co-Operative
Association of Iosco county will be
held at the Reno town hall on Tues-
day, Jan. 7, 1919, at 11 o'clock. Bring
your baskets.
T. W. McMichael, state organizer,
will be present at this meeting. The
meeting is open to all, and members
are especially urged to be present.
This meeting may mean much to
farmers in marketing livestock, pro-
duce, etc. during the coming year.
FRED C. LATTEK, Sec.-Treas.

NOTICE
I have contracted a large number
of beef hides for December and Janu-
ary. I must have them to fill my
contract and I am paying special
prices. You will save from 50c to
a dollar on each hide. Sheep pelts
from 50c to \$2.00. Highest prices
for furs, etc. Prompt return to ship-
pers.
HARRY KOOPERMAN,
adv-52 Tawas City, Mich.
W. S. S.—BUY THEM!

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1919—ITS PROBLEMS

A little stranger came to the world the other day, with a smile on his lips and laughter in his eyes. He will only stay with us a few months, but in his hands he holds unlimited possibilities for those who will take advantage of the opportunities he brings.

The little stranger has no name, but only a number by which he will be known during his short life and by which he will be referred to in the centuries to come. This number is a magic one, 1919, and the events that will transpire during the twelve months that make up this year will doubtless be recorded as the most memorable in the history of the world.

The greatest event of the year, the one which will overshadow all others, will be the peace conference soon to convene at Versailles and settle the momentous questions growing out of the great war. Upon the results of this conference depends in great measure the future history of the whole world, for all the great nations and a number of the smaller ones will be directly and vitally affected by the deliberations and conclusions of this convention.

Another question which will occupy the attention of the world during this year is the growing menace of the bolshevik and I. W. W. elements throughout the world. Should these destroying agencies be allowed to gain the upper hand the world would see a regime of terrorism and social destruction such as has never been known. The radical elements composing these organizations recognize neither law nor order and would destroy all recognized authority, break down the existing social and business conditions, and run the world according to their own lawless and Utopian ideas. It will need a strong hand and the wisest counsel of the best thinkers in the world to counteract and hold in check these anarchic tendencies, and it may be that armed force will be necessary in other countries than Russia, where it has already been used.

The problem of reconstruction, the changing of our business conditions from a wartime to a peacetime basis, is another matter that will require much thought and careful attention. During the past two years the industries of the country have been intensively engaged in work necessary to winning the war. Now they must resume their old status and prepare to meet the keen competition for world trade which will follow the war. The nations that have been engaged in war will now turn to the pursuits of peace, and the competition in the world markets will be more spirited than ever before.

The relations between capital and labor is a question which will take a prominent place in after the war considerations. With the cancellation of fat government contracts, the resumption of competition with other manufacturing and producing nations, the industries of this country will be totally unable to continue the high scale of wages which has been prevalent the past few years. Then, too, the returning of some two million men from war to peace will seriously affect the labor market and tend to reduce wages. Another factor to be taken into consideration is the women workers, who having received a taste of independence and good wages, will be loath to return to their former condition. Altogether the problem is a big one and must be handled fairly and tactfully in order to do justice to all concerned.

These problems, with their many angles, and thousands of minor ones, promise plenty of interest for the coming year, but with true American spirit and acumen they will be solved and solved right. No selfish motives should be allowed to interfere with the national interest, and the poor man's point of view should be given the same consideration as that of the wealthy, inherited or acquired, should be free and equal, and the accident of birth, wealth, inherited or acquired, should not give to its possessor any advantage over the man less fortunate.

Let us strive to see the "other fellow's" side as well as our own, and a spirit of fairness govern all our dealings with each other. Let us so live during 1919 that our own heart will say to us "well done" at the close of the year.

Bringing Drama Up to Date.

F. E. Atkinson of Boston says he saw an unusual performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at a town in the middle West. The players introduced a game of cards in the balcony scene.

FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS

FROM CLAYTON BAGULEY

Dads Christmas Letter

France, Nov. 24, 1918.

Dear Father:—

It has been a long time since I last wrote you, but don't you ever think I have forgotten either you or the rest, and when I think of the old place at home I get pretty homesick, at times. I would like to be home this Christmas, but am not looking forward to any such luck. Anyway its over now and I hope it won't be long before we all get back. I hope you are well also the rest of the folks. And now, seeing that the censorship is somewhat slack to what it used to be, I will try and tell you just where I have been since leaving the states.

We loaded on the Olympic February 25th and sailed on the 26th, while eating breakfast, crossed the Atlantic in just 7 1/2 days, sighting one sugar marine and possibly another, but landed safely in Liverpool at 3 p. m. on the 5th of March. Next morning we were loaded on some cars, guess they were third class, and unloaded at Winchester at 9 p. m. of the same day. Hiked out about 4 miles to camp Winal Down and stayed there 4 days, not being allowed any passes.

On the 10th we left for Southampton and there we were loaded on a small boat the St. George at 3 p. m., arriving in Le Havre, France at 11 p. m. In the morning we left the boat, and hiked to the top of the highest hill around there, where we stayed one night, hiked back in the morning and loaded on some of those famous little box cars carrying the "Chevaux de Hommes 40" and started for our camp. I had tonsillides on that trip and so didn't get to see much on the way.

We arrived at our destination, the little town of Guer, and then hiked out to Camp Coetquidan, where we stayed until June 3rd, when we left for the front up by Toul near Nancy, where we went into position for the first time. Left there the 22nd of June and after hiking for one night and a day we loaded onto a train at Vaucouleurs, unloaded at Belpont near Switzerland and hiked to Bourgoe.

Here for a few days then left for Cuneleers, where our horse lines remained while on the Alsace, Lorraine Front. Our guns were in position in Althirsch in Alsace. From this time on we were going so fast I couldn't keep the dates, but it was around the last of July when we left for the Chateau Thierry front and we remained there for quite a spell, until the line stopped at Fismes on the Vesle.

We next went to Soissons, where the French Gen. Manqu was making a drive. Perhaps you remember the time, around Jouvigny. During the time since we left Alsace we had already taken some hikes lasting about 6 nights apiece, and it rained every night too. We then dropped down to a little town near St. Drizier, stayed 4 or 5 days, then came another big hike and we were up here by Verdun, ready for the big American drive starting September 25, and were just taken off the line a couple of days before the armistice was declared, Nov. 9th.

We are now awaiting further orders at a little town named Lavmont not far from Bar le duc. So you will see a little of what the Michigan boys have been doing since they left home. Will close for this time and tell you more when I get back, love to all.
Clayton Baguley,
Bat'y C 119th U. S. F. A.
Am. Ex. Forces

FROM HOLLIS E. ABBOTT

France, Nov. 21, 1918.

Miss Amy Abbott,
Wilber, Mich.

Dear Sister:—

Hello kid. How are you getting along, and all the rest of the folks? I suppose it is cold in Michigan. The ground froze here last night, but on the average, the weather is good and we don't have a very bad time, but will be darn glad to get back to the states and mustered out.

It is more than rotten here. The towns are 2 or 3 miles apart; the farmers all put their buildings together. They take the cows through the kitchen to get them into the stable, which is the front rooms. I was down the street last night a little while, but there were some very unpleasant odors raising from front door-yards that I don't need smothered me.

I haven't seen Paris, nor don't want to, although it might be safe if you would wear a gas-mask; but I have turned my mask and helmet in and don't see one of the villages once, just for luck.

They work oxen quite a lot on two-wheeled carts. They never drive the horses, as they work one ahead of the other, maybe three or four strung out on a two-wheeled cart. They single up to plow the field our barracks are in, with three three-horse teams and six men; they plowed about an acre per day altogether.

When we were moving, I rode two days and one night in a box car, the first time; and the second trip we were in them 2 1/2 nights and a day and a half, and we only saw about a dozen fields with 10 acres in. The most of them

are about 1/2 acre or less, with a stone fence around them.

Well kid, we had a hell of a time getting over here. There is talk of going back pretty soon. I don't think they know, but hope they do know all about it. The boys are loading up with souvenirs at the front. I might take back a trench spade and a long knife. I have them now, but if they get heavy I will ditch them.

You said you wished I was in England. Well if I was there yet, I would be there forever. We got there in the afternoon from the boat. Had nothing for supper, half a can of water for breakfast, and two crackers for dinner. Feasted on similar feeds the rest of the time we were there. But they were clean, if they didn't eat. I prefer eating for mine and that is what we have done since we got here.

Did you get the pictures I sent a couple months ago, and some souvenirs I sent in letters? Hope you got them, as they cost some d—n scarce money to buy them.

I guess this is enough for this time. Hoping this finds you well as usual, and happy as will be when I get out of the army.

Pvt. Hollis E. Abbott,
330 F. A.
Battery B.

THROUGH WILDS OF AFRICA

Plenty of Excitement in Motorcar Trip Recently Undertaken by Lover of Adventure.

To travel 1,800 miles overland in a motorcar through the wilds of South Africa without a mishap is considered a remarkable accomplishment, according to a story in African Motor of Johannesburg.

In this article R. Asher of Port Elizabeth tells of a successful trip. "The roads in this country are notoriously bad, which makes the feat performed by the car the more striking," says Mr. Asher.

The journey took him through Grahamstown, City of the Saints, Fort Beaufort and through Bedford, a typical inland city, and many of the larger settlements.

In spite of rainstorms and almost impassable roads no difficulty was experienced throughout the whole trip aside from tire trouble. Some portions of the journey were made at the rate of 37 miles per imperial gallon of gasoline.

Parts of the journey through Montagu pass and Kysna hills had to be negotiated in second speed, yet through all of this mountainous travel he remarked that the most noticeable feature was the coolness of the motor. Mr. Asher reports that no water was put in the radiator from Oudshoorn to Port Elizabeth, which are at opposite sides of this hilly country.

Describing parts of the trip and commenting upon the appalling road conditions in places, Mr. Asher says that after plugging and struggling through almost impassable roads, a river was encountered which had to be forded. It was necessary to take the place with the car into a swift torrent so deep that he could not open the radiator. The radiator was partly submerged, but the car plowed through successfully.

SEEMS GOOD BUSINESS IDEA

Proposed Commercial Register for Holland Has Powerful Support in Industrial Circles.

A law to establish a commercial register in Holland has been introduced in the states general, according to a dispatch from P. L. Edwards, commercial attaché of The Hague. It is reported to have the support of members of the government, of high legal critics and of important business interests generally. This is said to be the culmination of a movement started 20 years ago for the passage of such a law.

One of the most important features of the proposed law is that it forbids the use of precisely the same name by more than one concern within given districts. It also provides that in each given district there shall be maintained a public register in which would be given the name, age and domicile of each member of a firm, as well as the extent to which each one might be held legally liable for its obligations. It also would make illegal the use of a deceptive title, including such words, for instance, as "brothers," "and company," or "and sons," where the owner is only one person.

From the proposed commercial register a stranger would be able to ascertain the name and residence of holders of not fully paid up shares, and the full particulars as to the nationality, residence, etc., of managers, directors and other officers of corporations and associations. There would also be particulars as to former bankruptcies of persons or concerns in question. The present law already provides for publication of many of these details, but they are only to be found in such scattered places that in practice they are not available to the general public.

May Be for Brain Bag.

An unsigned correspondent notes from the papers that this country is importing a lot of "bean oil," and he wishes to be wised as to whether it is a hair restorer or something to keep the wheels from creaking. We are in the dark on the subject; probably we need some.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GREATEST IN OUR HISTORY

Among Men of Acknowledged Pre-eminence George Washington Easily Stands at the Head.

In the generation that saw the birth and the earlier years of the republic five men stand out—George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and John Marshall.

Whether or not the last four of them were great men in the full sense of the word is a question on which people were not agreed in the lifetimes of these four, and are not agreed to-day; but every one felt them as every one feels now that Washington was great. He is a world figure.

In mere intellectual power he was not superior to the other four. He had less originality and a less wide range of capacity than Franklin, less versatile activity of mind than Jefferson, less brilliant gifts for a constructive policy and the exposition thereof than Hamilton; less logical grasp and penetration of thought than Marshall; but he rose superior to them all in a certain massive strength of character, in a stately dignity, in a calm firmness of purpose that neither the smiles nor frowns of fortune could divert from the course his judgment had approved. So his primacy was undisputed then and has remained undisputed ever since.—Youth's Companion.

THEIR HEARTS NOT BURIED

Many Instances of Celebrated Men Who Have Had Chief Organ of Life Preserved.

A recently proved will contained the clause that the deceased "wished his heart to be separated from his body and preserved in spirits."

The request, though a singular one, is not without precedent. In 1909 Lord Burton made a similar request, and nine years earlier the Marquess of Ely ordered that his heart should be conveyed to the Mount of Olives for burial. This was done by his wife, Robert Bruce enjoined a similar duty on his retainer Douglas, who may or may not have acceded to the demand.

Shy's heart is supposed to have been saved by Trelawney during the cremation of the poet, but there is insufficient evidence on the point. David Livingstone's body rests in Westminster Abbey, but his heart lies under a stone in Africa, and the exact spot is marked by a tall obelisk surmounted by a cross, raised by the Royal Geographical society.

Moss grows on Old Books.

A French scientist, Dr. Pierre See, has recently communicated to the Academy (Sciences) in Paris the results of ornamental excursions which he has been making in the libraries. By means of microscopic examination of old volumes, together with experiments in propagation, he has shown that these blemishes are caused by fungi of low orders. Certain of these molds create a pigment whose color is characteristic of the species, and which diffuses through the paper.

More than thirty years ago a Hungarian botanist, Schachtschmidt, attempted to strip the plants up on the edges and in the folds of old bank notes, and the dust and dirt. He scraped the stage of paper money in these places, and transferring the deposit thus secured into a drop of water placed under a microscope, he was able to establish the presence of an abundant ciliated vegetation. But he pursued his investigations no further than this.

Odd Funeral Customs.

Curious funeral customs lingered in Wales and the border counties. Aubrey tells of "the singer," who came to a house of the dead person and for a sal and a fee undertook the responsibility of the life of the departed!

In Wales the night before the burial the friends and neighbors came to a house, bringing with them a small amount of meat or bread some beer. This night was called "Wyl Nos" (watching night). Certain psalms were sung and Scripture read, and when a person entered the room they knelt before the corpse and repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Face and hairpiece were taken to the door in place of small rolls of bread which was the oldest custom. At the road from the house to the churchyard at every cross-road the black rested on the ground and the Lord Prayer repeated; so on entering the church.

City of Memories.

The city of Compiègne is led by the London Chronicle, "a city of memories, sad and romantic." It was there that Joan of Arc was made prisoner, handed over to the British, that the bridge across the river was destroyed, that the XVII awaited his bride, that Marie Antoinette, it was there that Napoleon made Madame Louise his wife. The first ceremony had been performed, as was the custom, by the archbishop in Vienna; the civil and religious marriages were to follow in Paris. The story goes, the archbishop, after setting up programs, then I had given up hoping, soon drove through a storm, met her at daylight a child's cry was heard her at Compiègne and hastened her to a chamber in Compiègne.

Naturally.

"A man's business is bound to be successful."
"How do you make that out?"
"Because a man's business is sure to have something always on hand."

A Woman Detective
By ETHEL HOLMES

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We hear little of the work of women detectives, but for my part I don't see why women should not excel in this field. A detective needs the faculty of noticing small things, as indicators of large things, and that is just what women possess.

For this reason I, a woman, chose the detective field by which to make a living, and succeeded. My first case gave me a standing that another might have been years in acquiring. But I will admit there was an element of luck in it.

A family of some means living in a not very attractive portion of the city had the misfortune to lose a little girl seven years of age. They felt sure the child had been kidnaped for ransom, though there was not the slightest evidence to support the theory. The mother had left the little girl on her doorstep while she went to the next door neighbor for a chat. She said that she was away only a few minutes but her statements proved that the time of her absence was nearly an hour. At any rate, when she returned to her own house her daughter was not on the steps nor in the house.

The next day the mother gave the case to the detective agency where I had just been employed. I would not have been assigned to the work had not every other detective in the employ of the office been busy. As it was, the chief turned it over to me with a lot of instructions which were intended to make up for my inexperience.

As soon as I left him I went to work in my own way. After an interview with the mother I made up my mind that the child had been kidnaped, and I thought it likely that the kidnaper inhabited the region not far away which was filled with foreigners of a very low type. I put an advertisement in several foreign language newspapers that circulated in the region, stating that if the kidnapers of the child—giving the street and number—would leave a statement of the ransom required under the front door, the case could be settled without recourse to the police.

Within two or three days Mrs. Smith, the mother, came to me with a note that had been thrust under the front door. I examined it closely before opening it, but found no clue. It had been written by an uneducated person, evidently a foreigner, since several words in it seemed to have been supplied from some foreign language. I took it to my former preceptor at the Normal school, who knew something of every language spoken on the face of the earth, and after a careful study of it he told me that it had been dictated by an Irishman, but the writer was an Italian.

Much surprised at this report, I asked him how he knew this, and he said that certain English words were spelled as an Irishman would pronounce them, and there were certain words that were distinctly Irish. One of these was the word between, which was spelled betune. The professor pointed out a number of these instances, and I was convinced that his theory was correct. Either an Irishman or an Italian was the culprit, and probably both were interested in the ransom demanded, which was \$2,000.

I dictated a response to the mother of the child, stating that the ransom demanded would be paid and asking where it could be left. When the response was handed to me I examined it critically, as I had the first letter before opening it, but I found only a dirty envelope. I was sitting before a table made of light wood. After reading the letter, I noticed on the light surface a black hair about an inch long. I felt sure that it had not been there before I had opened the letter, and surmised that it had fallen from the envelope. I took up the hair and examined it closely. It was a glossy black, with a tinge of grease, except on the larger end, where there was possibly a sixteenth of an inch of red.

I reasoned that I had a very low class, considered intellectually, to deal with, and bethought myself how I could make the kidnapers believe that I knew them. After a good deal of thinking, I concluded to resort again to communication through the newspaper. I put a personal in the papers I had already used as follows:

"The kidnapers of the little girl (of such a street and number) are known to me. If you will return the child unharmed, you will not be prosecuted. If you do not you will be sent to state prison. The mother prefers this course to arresting and punishing you. To convince you that you are known I will say that one of the two parties interested in the matter is an Italian; the other is an Irishman with red hair which he dyes black. If the child is not returned to her home within four days the parties will be dealt with as criminals."

"Private Detective."

I put in the ad with misgivings, though there was good reason to hope the scheme would be successful. On the morning of the fourth day of grace, emperor, I set programs, when I had given up hoping, soon drove through a storm, met her at daylight a child's cry was heard her at Compiègne and hastened her to a chamber in Compiègne.

My success surprised my detective associates, and I was at once entered in regular work beside old hands at the business. It is needless to say that the mother of the child was exceptionally happy.

The Murderer's...
It is an old belief that...
Optim...
Thought...
liberty...
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\$100 Rew...
\$100

First Fixed Ammunition...
It is to Gustavus Adolphus...
den, whose reign began in...
history gives credit for the...
of fixed ammunition. In his...
the bullets and the charge...
in a paper case. It was not...
until 1850 that the first success...
talic cartridge was patented...
American.

Who cares the f...

Are you in need of an overcoat? Our prices are right. The quality is right, and the styles are right. Every coat bought this year, not a one carried over.

Wishing all our customers a Happy and Prosperous year for 1919, we are

Yours to please,
F. F. TAYLOR & CO.
TAWAS CITY MICHIGAN
Call and get one of our nice calendars.

WILBER WARBLINGS.

Mrs. Harry Brooks, who has been very ill is improving. Mrs. Enos Scott has been very ill during the past week. Mr. W. Goings and son, Edward, spent Thursday at Foote Site. Several people from here attended Mr. Sullivan's sale in Baldwin one day last week. Mr. Harrod returned to his work at Flint after spending a few days at his home here. Mrs. Wm. Greene, who is in very poor health is spending a short time at East Tawas. John Syme came up from Detroit and spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Syme. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and family from Baldwin spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Styles. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hill of Flint are visiting at the home of Mr. H's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill. Miss Florence Litter, high school teacher of Dist. No. 1, is spending her vacation at her home in Reno. Miss Laura Searle returned to her school work at Hale Saturday, after spending a few days at her home here. Misses Elma and Esther Kronlund from Foote Site are spending the holiday vacation here with their parents. Wm. Scott from Oscoda spent several days during the past week here with his brother Enos Scott and wife. Miss Mary Searle came up from Flint to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Searle. John Bulley, jr., who has been at Camp Custer for some time has received his discharge and came home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Corner and son Hunter, from Detroit are visiting at the home of Mrs. C's father, Alex. Corner. Wesley Searle, who was attending a training school at Ann Arbor received an honorable discharge and has arrived home. Miss Anna Phelps from Detroit spent a few days during the past week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phelps. Miss Mable Cornette, who is teaching in the southern part of the state is spending the mid-winter vacation at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks and family and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Brooks and daughter spent Christmas with relatives at Foote Site. The Christmas tree was held in the church on Monday evening of last week. A large crowd attended. The children all did very nicely. Ervin Styles, who is at the Great Lakes Training Station in Ill., was home for Christmas, but had to return to his duties Wednesday evening. John Herman, jr. and Elmer Newberry returned to their work near Oscoda last week on Thursday, after spending Christmas at their homes here. Miss Esther Anderson, teacher of the Lower Wilber school, gave an entertainment and Christmas tree at her school on Sunday evening of last week. A large crowd attended and all say that the entertainment was one of the best ever held there. Miss Anderson and her pupils deserve much praise.

SHERMAN SHOTS.

Geo. Smith was at East Tawas Monday. Miss Kate Pavelock of Detroit spent Christmas at her home here. Born, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Field last week, a boy. John Pavelock of Camp Custer spent Christmas at his home here. Rev. Geo. Bieren of Omer had Catholic services here Sunday. Frank Smith of Flint is spending the holidays at his home here. Amil Scharett has a crew of men at work completing his new house. Mr. and Mrs. Will Pringle were at Whittemore on business Tuesday. Miss Sara Burlew, who is teaching at St. Charles, is home for a visit. Dr. McDowell of Turner was called here Tuesday by the illness of John Jordan. Misses Edna and Beatrice Jordan of Flint are spending the holidays at their home here. Miss Mable Schneider, who is attending school at East Tawas spent Sunday at her home here. Henry Ducep left Sunday night for northern Michigan, where he expects to work in the camp for the winter. Alonzo Amboy and son of Flint returned to their homes Monday, after visiting at the home of Mrs. Geo. Strauer for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pavelock were called to Camp Custer last week by the illness of their son Mat. At this writing he is reported improving. Will and Floyd Crum returned home last week. Will was called to the army in November 1917 and was sent out west to work for the government and Floyd was recently sent to Virginia and both fortunately met on the train from Bay City.

RENO RUMBLINGS

Arthur Latter of South Branch was a Reno visitor Friday. Mr. Sibley and daughter, Margaret, visited at Mrs. Jackson's Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Dyke enjoyed their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Berry. Rupert Bentley spent Christmas with his parents at Marshall returned Thursday. Johnny McDougald, who has been discharged from the service is visiting at the parental home. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Papple and children spent Christmas with Mr. P's sister, Mrs. Fred Boulder. Miss Letha Bronson, who came up from Flint to spend the holidays visited Mrs. Percy Crego Monday. Mrs. Thos. Mason and daughter, Bertha, visited over Sunday with her brother, Arthur Latter at the Gates ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Murray and son, Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Frockins and daughter, Ellen, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown on the Hemlock. Miss Ada Vance, who came from Flint a week ago for a visit with her father and brother, has been very sick, also her brother. They are reported some better at this writing. Rev. Goodrich of East Tawas will hold Episcopal services at the home of Mark Robinson in Reno township next Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p. m. Archdeacon Jermin of Bay City will accompany him. Byron Latter, who has been in the service at Camp Tilden, N. Y. received his discharge last week and spent a few days at home before leaving for Lansing, where he will finish his last year in college. Services will be held at the Reno Baptist church Sunday, January 5th at 2:30 p. m. standard time. This will be the pastor's last Sunday at Reno, as he has accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Onaway and will begin work there January 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latter gave a party Saturday evening in honor of the high school and college students and teachers that were home on their vacation. About 20 being present. The evening was spent in music and games. Refreshments were served and a jolly time was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Charters had the pleasure of entertaining all of their children and their families on Christmas except Mrs. David Shellenbarger of Lake Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sloan and family of Twining, Mr. and Mrs. Kincaide and family of Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Robinson and family and son, Geo. and family of this place and Miss Roseanna of Flint. The wee small hours in the morning arrived before the family circle was broken and the ones that lived near by departed for their respective homes.

LONG LAKE BREEZES.

Miss Mavis Vosburg went to Bay City Monday and returned. Seth Clayton has moved into one of Mr. Bates houses on Main St. Miss Sylvia Porter of Flint is here for several days visiting relatives. Mr. McNichols went to Flint to spend the vacation with his family. Mrs. Kohn and daughter, Cleo, ate New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Boring. John Mortinson of Lansing, a former resident of this place is in town shaking hands. Mrs. Frank Wolfson and children went to Hale Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearlman. Mrs. Kohn and daughter, Cleo, went to Turner for over Sunday visitors with friends, returning Monday. Ralph Eymier of White Feather, Mich., was in town several days visiting at the home of H. E. Vosburg. There was a mask ball given by Henry Ballard Tuesday evening, at his home. Everybody reports a good time.

EMERY JUNCTION NOTES

Mrs. Freel has returned from her trip to Akron. Rev. Roberts went to Bay City Friday on business. Miss Anna Riley spent a short time at home last week. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ham Nichols, a four pound girl, Dec. 25th. Mr. Will Duby entertained his father from Omer Christmas. Mrs. Mary Schuster spent Christmas with friends in Whittemore. Mrs. Geo. Sase and daughter, Helen, was in Bay City on business last week. Mr. Duby and daughter, Beatrice, spent New Year's with friends at Omer, Mich. Simon Schuster entertained Rev. Roberts and family, Rev. Miller, and Chas. Schuster from Whittemore New Year's day. Rev. Miller and wife spent Sunday with Rev. Roberts. He will preach every night this week at the school-house. All are invited to attend.

HEMLOCK SLIVERS.

Clara Miller of Flint is spending the holidays at her home here. Miss Leona Kennedy spent the week end with her cousin, Miss Sylvia Long. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Flint are spending a few days at the parental home. Joe Rapp from Camp Custer spent Christmas with his wife and little daughter. Archie Graham returned to Saginaw the first of the week after several days at his home here. Gordon and Allen Culham visited Sunday at the home of their sister, Mrs. Edw. Graham. On Christmas morning a little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rapp. Lee Force and wife of Detroit spent several days at the homes of their parents and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Franks of Rogers are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fraser and family. Miss Edith Smith of Bay City visited the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith. Mr. and Mrs. George A. McCaig and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durant spent Sunday at Elmer Durant's in East Tawas. On Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lowe entertained the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Will Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Mart Long, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lowe and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. Currey. The Christmas entertainment of the Watts school which was postponed from Tuesday until Thursday on account of the severe storm, was a success. A large crowd being present and the program much enjoyed. On Monday evening, the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith gave them a farewell party at Grant Town hall. A large crowd attended and the evening was spent with games and music. Mr. Smith has been proprietor of the Hemlock store the past five years and he with his wife have made many friends who sincerely regret their departure from our midst, but the best wishes of all go with them to their home at Mio. As a token of esteem, Mrs. Smith was presented with a beautiful casserole and Mr. Smith a box of cigars. A delicious luncheon was served.

HALE AND VICINITY.

Aaron Shellenbarger is sick with influenza. Elzie Glendenin spent Christmas with Hale relatives. E. V. Esmond was at Tawas City Tuesday of the week. Robert Buck of Flint is the guest of Hale friends this week. E. Bernard made a business trip to Owosso, Mich., this week. Glenwood Streeter and A. H. Nunn were Tawas visitors Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Parent of Saginaw called on Hale friends last Friday. Mrs. C. Mott left Saturday for a weeks visit at Maple Ridge and Prescott. Mrs. Van Patten of Flint visited her sister, Mrs. L. A. Ewing last week. The stork visited the home of Irvin Shellenbarger, Dec. 30, 1918, and left a baby boy. Archie Ewing, who has been very ill with pneumonia is reported a little better at this writing. Tobias Londo and Edwin Rehil are home, having received their discharge from the service. Norman Glendenin of Flint is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glenden for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bernard have moved into their new farm home recently purchased from Mr. Self. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Teall are spending two weeks visiting relatives and friends at Samaria and Temperance, Mich. Mrs. Chas. Taulker of Lansing, Mich., is at Hale helping to care for her father, Aaron Shellenbarger, who is sick with the "flu". Mr. and Mrs. C. Livingstone spent Christmas in Flint and with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Livingstone of Detroit, were guests of Mr. C. Livingstone's father. Episcopal services will be held at the Hale M. E. church next Wednesday evening at 7:30. Rev. Goodrich of East Tawas and Archdeacon Jermin of Bay City will conduct the services. Mrs. A. H. Cowie had charge of the Red Cross Christmas roll call in Plainfield township and collected the sum of \$80.75. The junior membership in charge of the teachers amounted to \$17.50. Services at the Plainfield Baptist church, Sunday, January 5th, 1919, at 10 a. m. standard time. The pastor will preach a New Year sermon subject: "A New Year Prayer". This will be the pastor's last Sunday in Hale as he has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Onaway and expects to begin work there on January 12th. The Bible school will hold its session at the usual hour. We shall be glad to have those who do not attend any other Sunday school to meet with us at the Baptist church.

LADLAWVILLE.

Fred Musolf was a visitor at the county farm on Sunday. Paul Rempert was home from Camp Custer a few days last week. Elmer Lange, who is employed at Saginaw, was home over Sunday. Mrs. F. Wood visited in Tawas City with Mrs. Thorton Tuesday afternoon. Miss Helma Schaaf is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Westcott this week. Roy Colby visited a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood visited at the home of John Mathewson on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Culham. Miss Elizabeth Miller of Detroit is spending her Christmas vacation at her home here. Misses Elenore and Louise Anschuetz visited Sunday with Miss Freda Anschuetz. Clare Barber and son of Montrose are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Down this week. Will and Guy Wood of Bay City visited at the parental home for a few days the past week. Will Kobs who has been honorably discharged from military service, arrived home Christmas eve. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fahselt and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fahselt in the city. Charles Down had the misfortune to have all of his twenty-four hens killed by a mink Christmas night. Miss Helen Wood spent the Christmas holidays with her sisters in Bay City, returning home on New Year's day. Gordon and Allan Culham of Batture, Sask., were guests of relatives and friends in the neighborhood Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod and daughter, Miss Hazel, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. T. Davison in Tawas City. Ferdinand and Andrew Anschuetz were home for a few days during the holidays. They returned to Camp Custer Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Anschuetz entertained Mrs. C. H. Anschuetz, daughter Miss Freda, and sons, Ferdinand and Andrew on Christmas day. George Miller and friend, Miss Miss Lave Prepanier of Bay City came Tuesday to visit at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller. Miss Hannah Kobs of Lansing is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kobs during the holidays. She expects to return to her school ones on Saturday.

MEADOW ROAD

The dance at the Grango hall Monday night was well attended and much enjoyed by all. Willie Krumm of Detroit is spending a couple weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Krumm. Geo. Franks of Flint visited a few days with his sister, Mrs. Elmer Colby and Mrs. Be Papple. John McArdle, who has been training at Washington, of his honorable discharge and is here to stay. Mrs. Herman Cusoo and baby of Bay City spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Groff. Marie Londo and friend, Mrs. Schaffer of Detroit spent the past week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Londo. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Clair went back to Hale Saturday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Londo. Miss Alma Krumm left Wednesday for Flint after spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Krumm. Harry Wheeler came here from the Great Lakes Training station to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wheeler. Olga Rhode of LeClair and Charlie Rhode of Detroit and Mrs. Ed. Alma spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rhode.

TOWNLINe TOPICS.

Dave Low and family spent Christmas with his father, Dan Low. Mrs. Woodwach of Davison is visiting at her mother's, Mrs. Wm. Pro August Freel and family of Emery Junction spent Sunday with Mr. W. V. Freel. Harry Ulman and Mr. Frank Ulman returned Thursday to Flint, where they are employed. Be sure and come to the M. E. church service and Sunday school next Sunday, Jan. 5, 1919. It has been reported that three of Mrs. Tom Ulman's children are real ill with the "flu" at present. Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Sheppard of Flint spent Christmas with their daughters, Mrs. Arthur Freel and Mrs. Abe Frank. School Dist. No. 2 had a real nice little program Tuesday afternoon, but on account of the storm there was not a very large audience.

CONSCIENCE SATISFIED.

"Lizzie, will you be mine?" "Not on your life." "Don't you love me?" "No, I don't and never did." "Are you sure?" "Absolutely sure! I would rather be shot than to marry you!" "Thank you for them kind words, Lizzie. I had to ask somebody to marry me in order to do my duty, but now that I have been refused I will never have to ask anybody else. Now my conscience will allow me to be a merry bachelor and save money for my old age."

Wanted His Money's Worth. "Are dese pugs supposed to be fightin'?" asked the low-browed spectator, who occupied a ringside seat. "Oh, yes." "But dey ain't hittin' each other?" "No. They are giving a pretty exhibition of foot work." "Umph! I came here to see some gore spilled. That cabaret stuff don't make no hit with me."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

NEW HIS BUSINESS.



Jinks—He's a fine doctor for children. Blinks—That so? Jinks—Yes; he gives them such nasty medicine that they're glad to get well.

Don't Boast.

Don't boast about what you have done. Nor wear old laurel on your brow. The thing that counts in life, my son, is only what you're doing now.

How It Is Done.

"I don't see how some of my friends are able to have automobiles." "It is not so difficult as you think, old man. The wives help out wonderfully. A woman will go without an astonishing number of things for the sake of a car."

Hard to Do.

"Speaking of remarkable memories, there goes a man who has one." "What can he do that is so extraordinary?" "He can name all the statesmen who were members of the principal European cabinets six months ago."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What He Left Out.

"This curstoe orator says he had the crowd going." "He didn't complete his sentence. He should have added another word after 'going.'" "And what word is that?" "Away!"

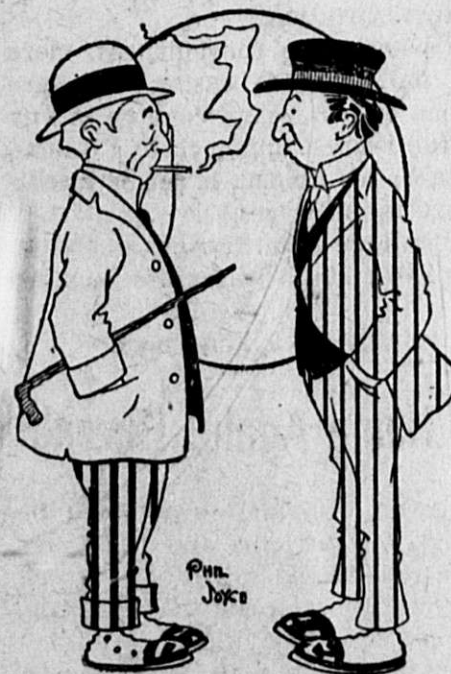
A Mean Exposure.

"My daughter is engaged to a very promising young man." "Yes, I know him. He has promised to pay me the money he borrowed from me when he got hold of yours."

A New Idea.

"What did Mrs. Comeup have to say about their plans?" "She says they are going to build themselves a barcarole in the suburbs."

SYMPTOM.



"Gwace's father thought you were the candy kid, didn't he, me boy?" "Yaw. He borrowed \$10 the first night I met him."

Why the Lamp Went Out. In the parlor there were three. She, the parlor lamp, and he; Two is company, no doubt, So the little lamp went out! —Yale Record.

In a Dry Goods Store. These, you see, are socks that you wear out. I believe you. I'd scarcely dare wear them at home."

What's in a Name? Why do they call this Riddle cot-tage? 'Cause the tenants give it up aveoear."

Job for S... The scientists ha... that it is really poss... Optimistic thought... the bray from the m... sentences, helply exp... it would distress the... great weight leadin... door, how we wish... turn their attention... express cart—Grand

TO YOUR... MB CREAT... THE GENTLE... Auc... Thursday

On account of poor... following described prop... miles north and 1/2 mile... commencing at 12:00 sharp:

- One grey mare, 8 yrs. old
One full blood Swiss cow, 3 yrs. old
One Jersey cow, 4 yrs. old
Two brown Swiss calves
23 brood ewes
One Seven goats, Angora
Three small pigs
One Democrat wagon
One top buggy
One takeup
One foot cab
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Half a Cent... be supplied to so... meat, drawing o... Now two-third... with millions of peo... miles away from the... ing sections, which a... The American m... today is the developem... perform a national ser... The function of pro... velop accordingly. Those... ed the elements of the cha... the best facilities to meet it... plants and branch houses at... refrigerating, equipment (inclu... routes, trained organization, pro... for former waste — which be... natural, inevitable channels for the vast flow of meat across the country. If there were a better way to perform this necessary service, American ingenuity and enterprise would have discovered it, and others would now be using it. During 1918, Swift & Company has earned a profit on meats (and meat by-products) of less than 2 1/2 cents per dollar of sales—too small a profit to have any appreciable effect on prices.

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