

STORES OPEN ONLY NINE HOURS A DAY

SATURDAY SCHEDULE EXTENDED TO 12 HRS.; ORDER BECAME EFFECTIVE THURS.

State Fuel Administrator Issues Order as Coal Conservation Measure.

Cass City business people lost no time in making arrangements to follow State Fuel Administrator Prudden's instructions regarding the nine-hour day which became effective as a coal conservation measure yesterday. As soon as the instructions regarding the measure reached Cass City, officers of the Business Men's Association called a meeting of business people Wednesday evening so that a uniform schedule for different lines of business might be adopted. The meeting was well attended and the several lines of business well represented. Grocers, meat markets, clothing and dry goods men and other retailers, and office men chose the hours of 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on all days except Saturday when the hours are 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. Barbers have adopted 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. with a Saturday schedule of 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. Local time prevails for the schedule chosen.

The conservation of electric lights was urged in all business houses and homes and the public is requested to co-operate in every way possible to conserve the fuel supply. At the power house, the coal supply is sufficient to run the plant until Feb. 1. Light service has been discontinued from 11:00 p. m. until 6:00 a. m., and unless coal is received within a few days, the electric lighting will be discontinued altogether so as to save sufficient fuel to run the water system and provide fire protection. At the school building, the supply of fuel is limited to ten days. Local churches have decided to discontinue holding Sunday evening services. Church services are confined to Sunday morning services and Sunday school.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 15.—State Fuel Administrator Prudden issued a drastic order this afternoon limiting the hours of business of all enterprises which he says will result in a daily saving of 1,000 tons of coal. Outside of Detroit there is less than 500 tons of free coal in Michigan according to Mr. Prudden.

Prudden's official order follows: "A condition exists within the state of Michigan where it becomes necessary to conserve fuel in all direct and indirect means; therefore, as a federal officer of the United States, charged with the equitable distribution and conservation of fuel within the state, and by authority delegated and vested in me, I hereby direct and order that, until further notice, the following regulations are made to apply within the state of Michigan:

1.—All retail and wholesale stores, office buildings and all places of business and places of amusement and every kind and nature not otherwise herein excepted may be heated and lighted and open to the public nine consecutive hours only on all week days, except Saturday, when the limit of time may be 12 hours.

Each line of business or place of amusement may elect nine consecutive hours during which they may be open, but the closing hour shall not be later than 10 p. m., and each place of business shall post at the entrance in a conspicuous place the nine hours so elected.

2.—The exceptions to the above order are as follows:

(a)—Churches' time limit six hours each week: This time may be all consumed on Sunday, or only one Sunday service and one week-day service.

(b)—Theaters, vaudeville and moving picture shows close entirely 24 hours Monday and Tuesday of each week. On all other days the total hours for opening shall be not exceeding five hours, and the closing hour not later than 11 p. m.

(c)—In case of so-called all-night lunch rooms which have been opened heretofore practically 24 hours, not having any connection with any other line of business or amusement, may be open nine consecutive hours out of the 24: Said lunch rooms that desire to elect nine hours between 6 p. m. and 8 p. m. shall first obtain a written permission from the mayor of the city or head of said municipality.

(d)—All hotels shall close bars, dining rooms and cafes in connection with said hotels at 10 p. m. to conform to the limit of closing time of restaurants and saloons, and the time of keeping said bars open shall be limited to

nine consecutive hours. The provisions of this section (d) shall also apply to all clubs.

3.—The lights in windows during the period the several stores are closed must be extinguished at hour of closing with no lights during the closed period except such as are required for safety lights.

4.—All outside illuminating signs for advertising purposes to be eliminated, and all unnecessary inside illumination during business hours to be eliminated.

5.—All lighting of streets, parks and boulevards must be conformed to necessary lights for safety. This order does not apply to depots, railroad stations, government or municipal buildings. This order shall become effective and in force on the 17th day of January, 1918.

6.—Heating of stores shall not be in excess of 68 degrees.

All persons within the State of Michigan are directed and ordered to observe the above order. The penalties for violation as provided by the laws of the United States will be strictly enforced.

9 SUCCESSIVE MONDAYS ARE HOLIDAYS FOR MERCHANTS

President Approves Garfield's Order in Campaign to Save 30,000,000 Tons of Coal.

Washington, Jan. 16.—In a drastic order to meet the coal famine, Fuel Administrator Garfield tonight directed that, beginning Friday morning, all manufacturing plants east of the Mississippi river and in the states of Minnesota and Louisiana, except those producing food, shall close down for a period of five days, and from January 28 to March 25 shall close Mondays and holidays.

Dr. Garfield expects to save 30,000,000 tons of coal during that period. The plan received the approval today of President Wilson after its need was submitted to him by Dr. Garfield and Secretaries Baker and Daniels.

Under the order, during the nine weeks' period, Mondays will be holidays just as is Sunday and stores and shops will be closed. During the five days' period specified stores will be permitted to remain open. Theaters will be required to close the nine Mondays, but not during the next five days. Office buildings may be heated during the five-day period to prevent freezing, but must be closed Mondays.

The order makes allowance for any industry which might be put out of business by permitting it to keep its plant heated, but the plant will not be permitted to run.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 16.—State Fuel Administrator Prudden when shown newspaper copies of the order issued by Director Garfield tonight, announced that he would not make any comment nor give any idea as to how his order will affect mine. Until I have gotten his and digested it, I will not rescind my own. Tomorrow will do for that."

The Garfield order, according to Mr. Prudden, will save an enormous amount of coal in this state, but he said tonight he had no idea how much. "It should conserve thousands of tons daily, but that is merely a guess," he said.

WALKS 16 MILES IN BLIZZARD

Joshua Sharrard Has Foot Badly Frozen Saturday Night.

Joshua Sharrard, who is employed near Gageton, and lives nine miles southeast of Cass City, walked the entire distance, about 16 miles, through the blinding snowstorm Saturday night. When he arrived at Cass City from Gageton in the evening, he was very cold but continued the journey, arriving home at 20 minutes to five o'clock Sunday morning. One foot was partly frozen and his face was also frosted, but otherwise he is none the worse for his long "hike."

BIG FIRE AT FAIRGROVE.

The grain elevator and lumber yard of Richardson & Co. at Fairgrove suffered a fire loss of \$50,000.00 Tuesday night. It is reported that the fire started from a defective stove in the company's office.

Amounts to Same Thing.

"Do you ever talk to yourself?" "Not intentionally. But frequently I suspect that my husband isn't listening."—Kansas City Journal.

CHINESE FUNERALS ARE ELABORATE AFFAIRS

SPAFFORD KELSEY DESCRIBES FUNERAL PROCESSION SEEN AT BANGKOK, SIAM.

Gives Talk at Chinese Y. M. C. A. and Remarks Are Interpreted in Two Dialects.

The following are extracts from interesting letters written to Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kelsey, by their son, Rev. Spafford Kelsey, a missionary at Bangkok, Siam:

Have just returned from a three weeks' vacation at the seashore. So you see the life of a missionary has some bright spots in it. I have already written you about it. Our country has declared war against Germany but the only change we notice is the advance in all commodities that make up our living. I presume that is general; with Siam it is a matter of trade relations and they hope to better their conditions along that line when the war is over.

I am writing this letter on the veranda of the Franklin home adjoining the Boys' School. I spend most of my time out here as it does not get the morning sun. Sunday night I attended service at the English (Episcopalian) church. I was invited to dinner after the service by the pastor and had a very enjoyable time. They are always very cordial to me. Saturday night the boys of the college give us (the teachers) a Siamese dinner and we look forward to it with pleasure and some awe of what we may get to eat. I wish to take some of the children to the movies of which we have a number, but shall have to go first and censor the play as we occasionally have some very shocking scenes. I would not like to give the children a wrong idea of our standards of morals.

This week we have a conference of all the missionaries in Siam. Most of them come down the river in boats. We have few docks and have to go out in small boats to meet them and bring them to shore. On one of the boats which was a large one, two of us rowed out to meet them and we climbed up a rope ladder over the side of the boat to get to them. It is not a dangerous stunt to do. My companion a short time before had a leg broken. He scaled the ladder first. I thought if a man with a game leg could do it, I could, so I followed after.

The conference of Siamese workers will take about a week and of the missionaries about ten days. Among the missionaries are some very bright people and some who have been here from 20 to 50 years, and we look forward to a very enjoyable time. It is a great pleasure to have so many English speaking missionaries here at one time (about fifty), and we younger men get a great deal of valuable information from them. The Siamese gave a big reception to two of our missionaries who are to return to America for a year's furlough. We had one Royal Prince present, an uncle of his majesty, the King. The Siamese gave them a beautiful silver.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The girls of the high school will play against the town team Friday evening.

Mrs. Fritz's room had charge of chapel Wednesday morning. They gave several good selections which were enjoyed by the high school.

The pupils in the first grade room were delightfully entertained last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Auten who told us the story of St. George. The general work in our room at this time is very interesting. We cordially invite our mothers to visit us.

The line-up for the girls' basketball game Friday night was as follows: Lois Benkelman, left forward; Christie McRae, right forward; Irene Croft, jumping center; Nina Johnson, running center; Jeanetta McCallum, right guard; Eliza Leishman, left guard. Lois Benkelman and Christie McRae, both new players, played the positions of forwards well and Lois in throwing the baskets was very accurate and before she finishes high school will make a record for the school. The coach, Miss Geroux, had several good players in reserve, but owing to the closeness of the game didn't play. Among these were Louise Smith and Lottie West. Eliza Leishman, playing her first game as guard, did good work.

Cass City high school played their opening game Friday night by defeating the Owendale boys 42 to 15. Owendale started out strong at the first, getting two field baskets before the Cass City boys came to their feet. Neil Van Horn scored first for Cass City which started the home boys off in good style. Capt. Frank Champion

played his regular position of right forward, throwing baskets from difficult angles, and playing snappy team work. Other players who showed up in excellent style were Ben Benkelman, Buddy Burt, Neil Johnson and Tom Champion. The line-up was as follows: K. F., F. Champion, captain; L. F., C. Burt; C., N. Van Horn; L. G., B. Benkelman; R. G., N. Johnson. We are fitted out this year with fine substitutes who are always ready to take any vacancy. We must further add that the Owendale boys certainly were good players. A cleaner game could not have been witnessed.

COUNCIL OF NAT. DEFENCE UNIT TO BE ORGANIZED

Plan Will Unite Women of Nation in an Organized Effort.

In pursuance with the information stated below, the women of Cass City have decided to co-operate with the Council of National Defense and will organize a unit immediately. A meeting will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Lottie M. Schmidt, who attended the district meeting of the Council of National Defense held at Bay City Thursday and Friday, will be present and as temporary chairman organize a local unit.

When war was declared in the United States, in their fervent desire to serve, hastened to undertake all kinds of patriotic work and to tender their services to the government. These tenders, both from old established organizations and from those newly created for the express purpose of war service, became at once a great hope and a serious embarrassment to the government; a hope, because of the unselfish service so willingly offered; an embarrassment, because of the useless duplication and consequent waste of effort of the women themselves, and the impracticability, even impossibility, of the government's utilizing much of the help offered in the form in which it was offered. Two instances must suffice:

1. Many women's organizations seized upon the excellent plan of taking a nation-wide registration of women willing to render emergency service during the war. They prepared and circulated registration cards.

2. Through lack of understanding of real national needs, not a few women's organizations have committed themselves to schemes of "economy" which were fallacious and harmful.

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SOLDIER BOYS' LETTERS

Waco, Texas, Jan. 7, 1918.

Mrs. Clem Tyo, Cass City, Mich. Dear Sister and All:

I received your letter today and was glad to hear that you were all well. I am well and getting along fine, but am so busy I hardly have time to write.

We were in the trenches three days and nights last week and got back to camp at mid-night Saturday night. Believe me, trench warfare is not very pleasant, especially when the weather is as cold as it is here now.

I am a platoon commander and while in the trenches have a headquarters of my own which is in a dug-out thirty feet below the ground so you can see it would not be the nicest place in the world to live. I started to another school today which will last 14 days, it is called the school of musketry, and is very interesting.

I am going to San Antonio Sunday to see cousin, Clara Roland. Her name is now Mrs. Stover. She came out here to camp and looked me up and seems to be a pretty nice woman, but I would never have known her, for it must be 15 years since we saw each other.

I received a letter the other day from Paul Fritz and one from Hazen Carson, also a box of candy from Zella Hall. Well, I will have to close. Answer soon,

Wm. WARD.

Camp Custer, Jan. 6, 1918.

Dear Friends: As this is Sunday and a lonesome one at that, I thought I would kill a little time by writing you a little news from camp. This is the first real winter weather we have had. It is very cold and the snow is blowing something awful. It puts me in mind of a winter I spent in Saskatchewan, only it isn't quite as cold here. The reason it is lonesome today is because there are only ten of us fellows left in Co. 374. All the rest are on a 36-hour pass. When we are all together you don't have time to get lonesome. We are having a great time with the mumps and measles. There are

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The best evening ties are those that keep a man at home after dark.

PRICES HIGHEST IN HISTORY OF MILK

MILK RECEIPTS ARE STEADILY INCREASING AT THE CONDENSARY.

Producers Request the Establishing of Routes at Long Distances from Cass City.

The January milk price as announced by the Hires Condensed Milk Co. at Cass City has gone soaring way above the usual winter figure—in fact, the price is the highest ever paid in the history of milk. The high price of feed entitles the producer to better prices, but the recent developments bring prices way above the expectations of the producer.

When the local condensary was well under motion in October the price was fixed at \$2.75 a hundred pounds. The same price prevailed in November and in December it went to \$2.95. In January the price was made \$3.10. To one unfamiliar with the business, the last raise shows an increase of 15 cents a hundred, but owing to a lowering of the base test, the increase is more than double that amount. In the fall months, the base price fixed on milk testing was 3.5 per cent with an additional three cents for each additional tenth per cent test. January's price is based on a test of three per cent milk instead of 3.5, an advantage to the milk producer of five points or 20 cents. This really brings the January price on 3.5 test milk 35 cents higher per hundred over that of December. In establishing the January price, each tenth per cent increase over the base test of three per cent brings an additional revenue of four cents per hundred.

The Hires people claim that they should have the credit for the big

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BEER MAKERS BURN GOAL PEOPLE SAVE

Breweries Consuming Enough to More Than Offset Conservation in Homes and Churches.

Because of the enormous consumption of coal, food and shipping by the brewery industry in Milwaukee, in Wisconsin and throughout the nation, says the Christian Science Monitor, the headquarters committee of the Wisconsin Anti-Saloon League has authorized Superintendent R. P. Hutton to write to President Wilson, asking him to discontinue by executive order the making of beer during the period of the war.

"While Milwaukee is conserving coal by observing lightless nights and using less in the homes and churches, the breweries are consuming more than the citizens can save," said Mr. Hutton. "Recently a large lake steamer went on the shore north of Milwaukee. It had on board 7,000 tons of coal consigned to the Schiltz Brewing company. That would have supplied from 800 to 1,000 Milwaukee families with their coal for the winter. The breweries of America, according to the best figures I can get, use 68,000,000 bushels of grain a year. That is equivalent to the cargoes of three 1600-ton ships a day. In other words, the brewery is more destructive than the submarine. We have evidence that while the housewives of Milwaukee can obtain but two pounds of sugar at a time, sugar by the carload is reaching the breweries here."

No official effort is being made, other than along general lines of conservation, to reduce the amount of coal used by the breweries and saloons, according to a representative of the office of W. N. Fitzgerald, State Fuel Administrator of Wisconsin.

"The question has not come up," he said. "We have been appealing, not to any one business but to all businesses. We expect instructions from Washington later as to how to treat the non-essential activities."

The amount of coal used by the breweries is enormous says the Monitor.

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STARS CONSTELLATE

Mrs. E. T. Humes of Owosso Conducts School of Instruction.

On account of the disagreeable weather the attendance was not as large as had been anticipated at the reception given by Echo Chapter, O. E. S., at Masonic hall Friday evening. The guests were those persons eligible to membership in the order. Five members of the organization, Mrs. J. L. Purdy and Miss Burton of Gageton and Misses Kuhn and Kaufman and Mrs. Ricker of Owendale were in attendance from out of town. The

guest of honor was Mrs. E. T. Humes, of Owosso, who is Grand Worthy Matron of the O. E. S. in Michigan.

The hour from 7 to 8 o'clock was occupied by a program consisting of a piano solo, Mrs. I. D. McCoy; solos by Dr. I. D. McCoy; duet, Mrs. E. W. Finney and Mrs. P. A. Schenck; readings, Mrs. John Holcomb; and an address by Mrs. Humes, who gave an instructive talk regarding the order which she as chief executive represents. A delightful lunch was then served consisting of the following dainties:

Punch and Wafers
Chicken Sandwiches Cottage Cheese
Assorted Cakes
Coffee.

A secret session of the local chapter was held after the guests had departed during which Mrs. Humes gave a school of instruction. The members exemplified the work of the order. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Humes was presented with a cake decorated with a star, the emblem of the order and a bouquet of beautiful flowers.

HOUSE PASSED WOMAN SUFFRAGE THURSDAY NIGHT

No Votes to Spare; Advocates of Amendment Now Look to Senate.

Woman suffrage by federal constitutional amendment won in the house of representatives Thursday night with exactly the required number of affirmative votes.

While members in their seats and throngs in the galleries waited with eager interest, the house adopted by a vote of 274 to 136 a resolution providing for submission to the states of the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment for national enfranchisement of women.

Needed One Vote to Defeat.

But for the promise of Speaker Clark to cast his vote from the chair for the resolution if it was needed, the change of a single vote to the opposition would have meant defeat. Republican Leader Mann, who came from a Baltimore hospital, where he has been under treatment ever since congress convened, and Representative Sims of Tennessee, just out of a sick bed and hardly able to walk to his seat, brought the votes which settled the issue.

The resolution as adopted follows: "Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women.

"Resolved by the senate and house, etc., two-thirds of each house concurring therein, that the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the constitution of the United States which when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures shall be valid as part of said constitution, namely:

"Article —, Section 1—The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Section 2—Congress shall have power by appropriate legislation to enforce the provisions of this article."

SHOULD NOT PLANT FROZEN SEED CORN

County Agricultural Agent Fowler of Jackson reports that the tests made with seed corn shows that corn that was picked early and properly cured before the freezing weather, grows all right, but corn that was out in the shock during the severe weather of the fore part of December has failed to grow, and he advises farmers to secure old corn or corn that was cured early for seed for the coming year.

He wants this information placed before the farmers so that they will not plant a lot of seed corn that has been frozen, and cause a big expense the coming spring.

SANDUSKY WOMAN DYING FROM BURNS.

Mrs. William Judson of Sandusky is dying of burns that resulted from her dress catching fire from an overheated wood-burning stove during the storm. She rushed out of the house toward the barn where her husband was watering the horses. The wind fanned the flames and burned the dress from her body before her husband could dash a pail of water over her and extinguish the flames.

Women, it is said, live longer than men. This comes of their keeping their age a secret. Death doesn't know when to call for them.

When a baby is named after an uncle it is a pretty good sign the latter has money.

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bowl with Siamese carvings. It was valued at 200 ticals—about \$25.00 in American money. Later there was a meeting of the Presbytery at the Wang Lang school at noon. A big Siamese dinner was served to all the missionaries.

One evening I took a married lady and two young ladies out for a carriage ride. It is not proper here to take a young lady riding alone. You are considered engaged if you do. Boys in America would be engaged often, wouldn't they? We drove to his majesty's royal palace. There is a beautiful drive leading to it with three roads side by side, two side walks and six rows of trees. It is more beautiful than any street in New York City or Chicago.

A few nights ago I gave a talk to the Chinese Y. M. C. A. I spoke in English and one interpreted my talk in Cantonese, and another in the Swatow dialect. They seemed to enjoy it but it is trying to one's nerves.

At one of our services the Bishop of Singapore (Episcopalian) came in I invited him to take part which he did. He has Siam, the Straights of Singapore, and several other places under his care.

I was recently invited to a Siamese Christian wedding. One of our missionaries performed the ceremony. The groom was one of our teachers, named Charwin, meaning "Happiness." It was a church wedding and over a hundred people were present. The bride was dressed in a very pretty green paung and waist, white stockings and shoes. There were four best men and four bridesmaids. The groom brought a dowry of 400 ticals, about \$150.00, to the bride. This was borne in a brass bowl by one of the best men. He also hung two chains of gold about her neck during the service. The chains were valued at \$75 each. After the ceremony there were congratulations as in America. Coconut milk, cakes and fruits served as refreshments.

In contrast yesterday, I saw an elaborate Chinese funeral. The death occurred near our house. The deceased was the mother of a wealthy hardware merchant and the procession was more like an American circus. A funeral is an occasion for feasting, so several whole roast pigs headed the procession and a great variety of Chinese vegetables and salads. Then came about ten men carrying lofty Chinese banners; a long white cloth about 150 feet long and 3 feet wide carried by about 100 Chinese; then a float with the figure of a huge peacock, bearing the photo of the deceased. This is always done at a Chinese funeral. The coffin was carried in a huge automobile truck and over it many wreaths of flowers and a huge white canopy elaborately decorated. The real mourners were followed by the hired mourners who wore a kind of huge sun bonnet. Several young men and women were dressed in gorgeous costumes and mounted on horses. There were seven bands of all kinds in the procession and these made a great din. This formed the funeral procession proper.

and following it were fully one hundred and seventy carriages. There were nearly a thousand people in the procession. It passed along the Main St. of the city. The carriage hire alone must have been over \$100.00. I am working away at studying Siamese. It is slow work. I am assistant editor now of the White Elephant, our mission paper published here and on the committee to make a list of the outfits needed at the station for our new missionaries. So you see I am some busy.

Sincerely your son,
SPAFFORD KELSEY.

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several from our company at the base hospital with measles now. I am pretty lucky; nothing makes me sick.

I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me at Camp Custer, but I'm still here which is no fault of mine. I had my mind all made up to eat Xmas dinner with the Kaiser, but a person has to have so much hard luck I suppose.

This place is getting too old for me. I was talking with my Captain the other day and I told him if we didn't go across pretty quickly that I wanted a transfer to some other camp. He told me that General Parker had an order for 100 machinists for the aviation in San Antonio, Texas. If we aren't out of here by the 10th of next month, I can get a transfer to that camp. Wish the tenth was tomorrow. Not that I don't like the bunch I am with, but I would like a change.

We received 200 soldiers from Camp Jeffries last night. They said that there wasn't any room for them there and they had to line up and wait two hours before they all would get their meals. I am sure they will get used better here for when the whistle blows for dinner we all run over and get it and in 10 or 15 minutes we are all back lying on our bunks reading or singing.

We bought a victrola the other day. We sure keep it running. Last Sunday we had a dance in the mess hall. There were 15 girls there—the fellows' sisters and friends.

I expect to call on some friends in Cass in a couple of weeks unless the old Grand Trunk gets stalled in a snow bank and has to wait until spring before it gets out, but I hope nothing like that happens for I will be very disappointed if I miss that trip. I had a lot of hard luck the last time I was at Cass with tires and gas, but when you go out automobile riding you have to expect such things.

So long for this time. As ever a friend,
ELMER DENEEN.

Letters from Chas. (Neil) Donnell.
Nov. 21, 1917.

Dear Mother:
In France and a happy evening too. You will perhaps know the reason as soon as you see the stationery. Yes, the package arrived intact and everything is just fine. Everything—sweater, socks, and all the little things—are the real dope, and I thank "from the bottom of my heart" you and all the people connected with the society.

Mother, where did the sweater come from? Did you knit it? If it is possible to buy one, I wish you would get one and send it to Private Kenneth McCuaig, the same address as mine. Use my money and mark it Red Cross or anything. He has no folks to send anything to him and you cannot imagine how good it makes a fellow feel to get a package from home especially when it contains such lovely things as the ones I received today. Mac is a fine fellow. I am going to take him home with me for a day or two when we are mustered out so you will meet him.

The Prince Albert we are smoking tonight is the first I have enjoyed for many days and it certainly is good. The little denim sack is just what I have been wishing I had for some time. But what I am going to do with the Blue Jay corn plaster is more than I know, for Uncle Sam's shoes have all the corns that came into the sixteenth, cured.

I did not finish last night, and today your letter arrived and I feel a whole lot better as I have been waiting for a letter from home for just a month.

Yes, Lloyd and I are still together and I guess we will stick there until the Germans have had enough, and we are home, at last. There are five Saginaw boys in this regiment and we received word this morning that a Christmas package has been sent to us and will be delivered Christmas morning.

Thanksgiving is only five days distant and I hope it will be my last Thanksgiving day in France under the present conditions. Give Uncle Jack my love and my best to everyone. Must say good night.
CHAS.

France—
Thanksgiving morning.

Dear Dad:
We are not working this afternoon as it would be almost impossible the condition the most of us are in. Oh! No, we did not get blown up, but you should have seen the dinner they fed us today.

We had a real Turkey feed—mashed potatoes, tomato soup, cranberry sauce, bread, butter and jam, coffee with milk and sugar, pie, apples and figs, and all we could eat. Some feed, I'll say. When the Ger-

mans find out about it, they will make up their minds that their subs haven't cleaned the Atlantic, "up to date at least."

I wish you could see the work we have done since we arrived in France. It sure is looking like some job now. And she is going better every day; frame buildings, dome buildings, stone streets, miles of railroad tracks and some cut through rock hills. And others are doing the same thing all over the country.

Last Sunday I was over to Company B to see Jake A. He had a whole bundle of Chronicles, and I spent about two hours looking over the news.

Oh, yes! we also had dressing and brown gravy for dinner. It is almost time for evening mess and I think I will have a cup of coffee.

I suppose you have your fall work finished by this time. Last Tuesday it snowed all day on top of about a foot of mud. Believe me, it was some miserable day for work.

Did Albert quit the P. M.? Is Bill going to Saginaw this season? In fact, I want to hear all the news. It will be Christmas by the time this reaches home, so will wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year. Will enclose a "Mouchiau" for mother. It will be all I can send this year, but hope to be where I can do better in 1918.

Love to all,
CHAS.

A CORRECTION.

The elimination of a few words in an item in the Chronicle last week brought out a wrong meaning, but the error was so apparent that few if any were misled by it. In speaking of the co-operation of churches, the four words, "in expense and increase" were omitted from the following sentence, "If they would further increase their co-operation, they could utilize the buildings they now have, with increasing service to the community and with a decrease in expense and increase in effective service that would do incalculable good."

CONDENSARY BRIEFS

Just a few remarks about the blizzard and its results. The factory worked but a little short handed. Saturday was a very bad morning to get to work but a majority of the employees got there. Some fell by the wayside and had to go back; others nearly reached there and were very luckily rescued. Mrs. Wayne fell, but Mr. Greenleaf and Stilson Rumble were just behind her and saved her, but her ears were badly frozen. F. Hutchinson fell and was taken into a barber shop. Chemist Mellette got through but he had all he could do, and it certainly caused some of us to laugh a little at the way he was done up. He had two pair of pants on (I don't know how much he had on underneath) and a big pair of boots, three pairs of woolen socks, a vest, a sweater, a small coat and two overcoats and a big bearskin cap. He looked like a little freight car, coming along and he swore that he would not go home until the storm was over. The manager after very hard struggle arrived there, and the first thing that he did after he had his wind was to ascertain how many were working and then he did the right thing. He ordered sandwiches, cakes and hot coffee from Karr's and had it there for dinner. At five o'clock he had sleighs at the factory door and took everyone to their homes, which they all appreciated and think that Manager Rittenhouse is the finest man in Cass City.

Some folks think that Friday is a very unlucky day. They would not think of doing anything important on Friday, but I am glad to say that it is not so at the condensary. They started on Friday morning to break previous records and by night they had accomplished it. They broke the record so well that it is worth telling. They condensed 63,000 pounds of milk which filled 630 cases. Their previous record was 550 cases, so that is going some even if it was done on Friday.

The Mesdames Willard, Punzel and Rittenhouse hired a horse and sleigh on Tuesday afternoon and drove all around the city and out a few miles into the country. They claim that they had the time of their lives and they liked it so well that they are going to start early in the morning next time and have a full day's enjoyment.

Miss Martha Smith is on the sick list. Hope she will soon be well again so that she will be able to resume her duties at the factory. George Miller is also on the sick list for the last few days. Susan Phillips was very sick for five days, but she is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fordham have gone to housekeeping in a very pleasant and neatly furnished little home on Fourth and Seeger Sts., and I wish them success in their new home.

Ike has had a promotion in the factory already. He is taken off the floor to run the nailing machine.

His Bit.

Two hundred acres of wheat on the Oren Smith farm at Valley Center, Kan., now being thrashed, are averaging fifty bushels of high grade wheat to the acre. Farmers say this is a Kansas record. Seven measured acres yielded sixty-eight bushels to the acre.

Advertise it in the Chronicle.

HOW TO MAKE AN ICE-LESS REFRIGERATOR FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS.

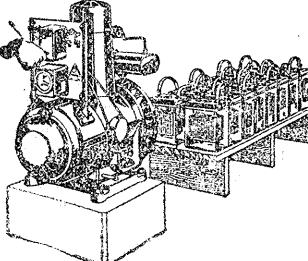
This refrigerator consists of a wooden frame covered with cotton flannel, burlap or heavy duck. It is desirable that the frame be screened, or although this is not necessary. Wicks made of the same material as the covering, resting in a pan of water on top of the cooler, conduct the water over the sides and ends of the pan and allow it to seep down the sides of the box. The evaporation from this moistened covering causes a lower temperature inside. This is the way to build the refrigerator: Make a screened case three and one-half feet high, with the outer dimensions 12 by 15 inches. If a solid top is used, simply place the water pan on this. Otherwise fit the pan closely into opening of the top frame and support it by one inch cleats fastened to the inside of the frame. Place two movable shelves in the frame twelve to fifteen inches apart. Use a biscuit pan 12 by 14 inches on the top to hold the water and where the refrigerator is to be used indoors have the whole thing standing in a large pan to catch any drip. The pans and case may be painted white, allowed to dry and then enameled. A covering of white cotton flannel should be made to fit the frame. Have the smooth side out and button the covering on the frame with buggy or automobile curtain hooks and eyes, arranged so that the door may be opened without unfastening these hooks. This can easily be done by putting one row of hooks on the edge of the door near the latch and the other just opposite the opening, with the hem on each side extended far enough to cover the crack at the edge of the door, so as to keep out the warm outside air and retain the cooled air. This dress or covering will have to be hooked around the top edge also. Two double strips one-half the width of each side should be sewed on the top of each side covering and allowed to extend over about two and one-half or three inches in the pan of water. The bottom of the covering should extend into the lower pan. Place the refrigerator in a shady place where air will circulate around it freely. If buttons and buttonholes are used on the cotton flannel instead of buggy hooks the cost will be reduced.

DELCO-LIGHT SAVES TIME and LABOR INCREASES FARM EFFICIENCY

The average farmer and his family spend many hours each week turning the washing machine, churn, cream separator, etc., and doing other non-productive chores.

This is a serious condition, especially in view of the present labor shortage, and the heavy demands which are being made upon farmers for increased production.

Electricity is the best solution to this problem. Delco-Light provides plenty of good, clean, safe electric light, and also electric power for operating the machines now being turned by hand.



Delco-Light enables the farmer to do his work quicker and better, and saves hours of valuable time every day which can be devoted to productive work.

The price advances Jan. 25. If interested, write me.

A. Muellerweiss, Sebawaing

ABOUT UMBRELLAS.

How to Cure Them of "Slipping the Cog" Habit.

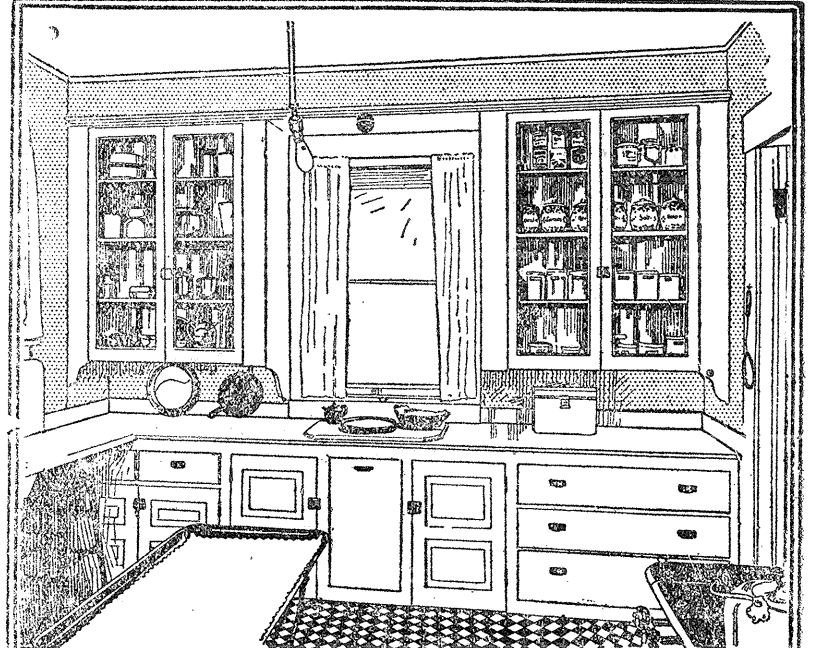
Even quite a new umbrella or parasol has been known to develop the trick of "slipping the cog" and half closing itself at most inappropriate seasons. The trouble in such case is with the little bit of metal which springs out from the stick for the purpose of holding the top part securely and tautly open. But exactly in what that trouble consists very few sufferers make the effort to investigate. Yet it is generally a very simple matter both to discover and to remedy. There need be no recourse to the umbrella mender if the household tool chest contains a slender, three sided "rattail" file, as every tool chest should.

The slipping is almost invariably caused by the angle at which the top of the above mentioned "spring piece" meets the stick. If it falls to slant inward and downward a trifle it is inevitable that the little tubular section to which the ribs are attached and which should be held securely by the spring piece will calmly press it back into the slot in the stick and slide sturdily from the pressure of the ribs. This seems much detailed, but numberless users of umbrellas never do discover the cause of their discomfort and merely manage by holding the article open with a hand far up the stick. With the three sided file the top edge of the spring piece can be slanted so that it meets the stick at an acute angle, and therefore the tubular bit will not be able to dislodge itself. Once and for all it is cured.

How to Manicure the Canary Every Few Months.

As a canary grows old it will be noticed that its claws get long and catch on the perches and wires as it hops about the cage. In a state of nature the activity of the bird as it moves about on the ground or among twigs and limbs keeps the claws properly worn down. Confined in a cage the bird's claws become entirely too long. It is necessary, therefore, to trim them with a pair of sharp scissors every few months. It is important to watch the condition of the claws carefully, as by catching they may cause a broken leg. In each claw a slender blood vessel extends well down toward the tip. This may be seen on close examination through the transparent sheath of the claw. In trimming cut well beyond this canal and take special care not to break the leg while handling the bird.

In cage birds the horny covering of the bill as well as the claws sometimes becomes distorted through growth without sufficient wear. The tips of the mandibles may be pared down with a sharp knife, but care must be taken not to cut deep enough to reach the quick.



What is Home Without a Kitchen Cabinet

LOTS of people are making their kitchens more convenient and up-to-date and making housework easier by building stationary kitchen cabinets.

Those who are wise use

WHITE PINE

lumber. The doors never warp or twist—the drawers never bind or stick.

And it is so easy to work with, you thoroughly enjoy building anything of WHITE PINE.

If you have shelving to put up—if you want an extra cupboard or a window seat—build it of WHITE PINE and be sure of satisfaction. Even at slightly higher first cost WHITE PINE is the most economical wood.

Complete stocks—prompt service—right prices—always.

CASS CITY LUMBER AND COAL COMPANY

The Place to Sell Your Cream and buy Buttermilk and Creamery Butter is at Cass City Cash Cream Station

W. A. MUDGE

You can trade the article you don't need for something you do by advertising.

Cass City Bank....

of I. B. AUTEN
Established 1882

Capital, \$30,000.00

Pays 4% Interest

Money to loan on Real Estate.

Safety Deposit Boxes for Rent.

G. A. TINDALE, Cashier

The Wise Fool. "Blessed is the peacemaker," observed the sage. "He'll get something besides a blessing if he attempts to settle a row between a man and his wife," commented the fool.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

In last week's issue I advertised some Rare Bargains for January

The storm prevented your taking advantage of these bargains. Just remember every bargain published last week holds good thru January.

Farrell

THE PASTIME

Saturday, Jan. 19

A PLAY OF TEARS AND LAUGHTER —IS—

"The End of the Tour"

WITH Lionel Barrymore AS THE STAR

A FIVE-ACT METRO FEATURE OF RARE POWER AND CHARM 11c and 17c

Wednesday, Jan. 23

"THE ISLAND OF SURPRISE"

UNDER AUSPICES OF CASS CITY BAND. TICKETS NOW SELLING. 15c and 20c

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Meeting held on the first day of October, 1917. Meeting called to order by President Striffler with Trustees Kelsey, Jones, Schenck and Tindale present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Trustee Pinney took his seat at this time. The following bills and accounts were read: A. A. Brian, cartage \$ 3.50 Marie Martin, salary 10.00 Chas. Kasonke, night watch 4.50 William Glasby, labor 3.50 Cass City Grain Co., stmt 9-15 14.50 Harry Hill, labor 1.13 Eugene Strickland, labor 5.62 Philip McComb, 1/2 day with team 2.25 Cass City Fire Dept., 3rd quarter 50.00 Andrew Wooley, labor 6.42 Claude Stevenson, labor 5.65 Thomas Wilson, team labor 1.00 Wm. Glasby, labor 5.35 James Brooker, sr., dirt 1.50 David Hutchinson, salary 60.00 Marie Purdy, salary 10.00 Elias Killins, salary 50.00 Basil Hartsell, salary 50.00 W. N. Straube, salary 110.00 Edw. Kissane, freight and cartage 1.75 N. Bigelow & Sons, stmt 9-1 11.23 E. W. Jones, flag and postage 10.61 W. F. Hayes, labor 2.25 Grand Trunk R. R., freight 298.52 Electric Supply Co., Inv. 8-2 and 22 20.55 Handy Bros. Mining Co. Inv. 9-14 151.51 Bissell Electric Light Works, Inv. 9-21 19.21 Frank C. Teal Co., Inv. 9-24 73.25 Nat. Refining Co., Inv. 9-4 4.50 Alert Pipe & Supply Co., Inv. 8-31 9.00 Western Electric Co., Inv. 9-17 5.74 Moran Hastings Co., Inv. 9-15 58.77 Kenneth Anderson Co., Inv. 9-7 10.68 Central Electric Co., Inv. 9-8 5.40 Total \$1077.28

The committee reported favorably on all bills as read. Moved by Pinney, supported by Jones that the bills be allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Carried.

Treasurer Lenzner was present and asked for an extension of time in which to collect the village taxes. Moved by Pinney seconded by Jones that the time be extended to Oct. 15. Carried.

A petition signed by L. I. Wood and P. A. Schenck was presented requesting the council to repair sidewalk on west side of Seeger St. from Main St. to alley.

Moved by Pinney seconded by Kelsey that the commissioner be instructed to repair same. Carried.

Supt. Straube's report for the month of August was read. It was moved by Schenck, seconded by Jones that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

The committee on streets and sidewalks in reporting on petitions recommended that a drain be constructed on the west side of Seeger street extending from the north side of Huronstreet to the south side of Church St. Also one on Oak street beginning at the alley south of Main street and running north to Church St.

It was moved by Jones seconded by Pinney that the report of the committee be accepted, that the commissioner be instructed to build drains as recommended by the committee. Carried.

On motion by Kelsey supported by Jones council adjourned. G. A. TINDALE, Acting Clerk.

Approved G. A. Striffler, Pres.

Meeting held on the 15th day of October A. D. 1917.

Meeting called to order by President Striffler with Trustees Kelsey, Jones, Schenck and Tindale present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Trustee Jones took his seat at this time.

The following bills and accounts were read: Ohio & Mich. Coal Co., Inv. 9-30 \$527.14 Handy Bros. Mining Co., Inv. 9-27 169.42 Jos. Frutchey, fgt. on monument 43.49 Cass City Lumber & Coal Co., stmt 9-25 142.70 Chas. Kasonke, night watch 2.25 Wm. Glasbury, unloading coal 5.39 E. E. Dewey, team labor 1.00 J. A. Cole, stmt. 10-15 2.09 Wooley & Brooks, unloading coal 6.25 Wooley & Davison, unloading coal 5.80 Total \$906.03

Moved by Kelsey seconded by Jones that the bills be allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Carried.

Petition of the W. C. T. U. requesting aid for the support of rest room was read. Moved by Schenck seconded by Kelsey that petition be laid on table until next meeting of council. Carried.

On motion by Schenck seconded by Kelsey council adjourned. G. A. TINDALE, Acting Clerk. G. A. Striffler, Pres.

Meeting held on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1917. Meeting called by President Striffler with Trustees Kelsey, Gallagher, Schenck and Tindale present. The minutes of the previous meet-

ing were read and approved. Trustee Pinney took his seat at this time.

The following bills and accounts were read: Wooley & Brooks, unloading coal \$ 11.48 L. I. Wood & Co., supplies 45 Claud Stevenson, unloading coal 2.00 Walter Cooper, unloading coal 1.00 Marie Martin, salary 20.00 Wm. Glassbury, unloading coal 18.72 G. W. West, repairs 8.45 E. E. Dewey, team labor 2.30 Frank Burk, unloading coal 5.35 D. G. Schneider, repairs 12.59 John Dickinson, wiring 2.50 Cass City Grain Co., balance on Inv. 7.80 Eugene Vader, team labor 6.75 Fred Schaaf, night watch 2.25 Chas. Kasonke, night watch 14.36 Frank Bourke, salary 35.64 Elias Killins, salary 60.00 D. Hutchinson, salary 50.00 Basil Hartsell, salary 110.00 W. N. Straube, salary 42.82 Farm Produce Co., stmt 7.53 Ed. Kissane, fgt and ctg 888.42 Frank Trunk R. R., fgt on coal 31.31 C. C. Chronicle, stmt 12.20 A. F. Knowlson Co., Inv. 10-15 15.37 Garlock Packing Co., Inv. 10-16 16.03 H. D. Edwards Co., Inv. 10-27 16.03 Ohio & Mich. Coal Co., Inv. 9-30, 9-30, 10-31 461.54 Elmer W. Brown Co., Inv. 10-12 18.50 Frank C. Teal Co., Inv. 10-11 9.12 Indian Run Coal Co., Inv. 10-5, 10-1 372.96 Total \$2244.60

Moved by Pinney seconded by Kelsey that the bills be allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Carried.

Supt. Straube's report for the month of October showing receipts from lights, \$523.77; light supplies, \$97.38; water service, \$241.26 with the treasurer's receipt attached was read. Moved by Schenck seconded by Kelsey that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

On motion by Pinney seconded by Kelsey, council adjourned. G. A. TINDALE, Acting Clerk. G. A. Striffler, President.

Meeting held on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1917.

Meeting called to order by President Striffler with Trustees Pinney, Jones, Gallagher, Schenck and Tindale present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following bills and accounts were read: G. H. Burke, supplies \$ 5.30 James Brooker, filling dirt 2.00 Frank Burk, salary 20.00 Wm. Glassbury, unloading coal 7.34 Marie Martin, salary 10.00 Milton Huffman, labor on street 4.50 Mike Seeger, labor on street 5.50 Dan Kritz, unloading coal 12.25 Grand Trunk, freight 256.88 Exchange Bank, making and recording deed 1.50 N. Bigelow & Sons, stmt 8-20 30.59 C. C. Telephone Co., power house and council 11.80 Indian Run Coal Co., Inv. 10-15 and 10-29 352.08 Standard Oil Co., Inv. 11-3 18.18 The F. Bissell Co., Inv. 11-8 and 11-8 57.46 Mackinnon Boiler Co., Inv. 11-13 16.47 Western Electric Co., Inv. 10-24 3.31 Total \$810.16

Moved by Pinney seconded by Jones that the bills be allowed and orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Carried.

The resignation of M. B. Auten as village clerk was read. On motion by Jones seconded by Schenck the same was accepted.

President Striffler appointed A. C. Farrell as clerk to fill vacancy. On motion by Schenck seconded by Gallagher the appointment was confirmed.

On motion by Pinney seconded by Jones Basil Hartsell was granted two weeks' vacation.

On motion by Pinney seconded by Jones Council adjourned. G. A. TINDALE, Acting Clerk. G. A. Striffler, President.

Meeting held on the 3rd. day of December, A. D. 1917.

Meeting called to order by President Striffler with Trustees Pinney, Kelsey, Jones and Schenck present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following bills and accounts were read: B. Hartsell, salary for Nov. \$ 50.00 Dan Kritz, unloading coal 7.14 Wm. Glasby, unloading coal 10.00 Marie Martin, salary 10.00 Eugene Vader, team labor 6.75 David Hutchinson, salary for Nov. 60.00 W. N. Straube, salary for Nov. 110.00 Frank Burk, salary 30.00 Moran Hastings Mfg. Co., Inv. 11-22 18.68 P. O. & N. R. R., freight 125.01 Indian Run Coal Co., Inv. 11-3 and 11-28 188.02 Total \$615.12

Moved by Schenck, seconded by Schenck that the bills be allowed read and the orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Trustee Gallagher took his seat at this time.

Supt. Straube's report for the month of October showing collections amounting to \$565.33 with treasurer's receipts for that amount attached, was presented.

Moved by Pinney seconded by Kelsey that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

Moved by Pinney, seconded by Kelsey that the council be adjourned. Carried. A. C. FARRELL, Clerk. G. A. Striffler, Pres.

Meeting held on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1917.

Meeting called to order by President Striffler with Trustees Pinney, Kelsey, Gallagher and Tindale present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following bills and accounts were read and referred to the committee on bills and accounts: Cass City Fire Dept. 4th quarter salary \$ 50.00 General Electric Co., Inv. 12-1 180.11 Worthington Pump and Machine Corp., Inv. 12-4 13.20 Ohio & Mich. Coal Co., Inv. 10-31 and 11-30 272.27 F. Bissell Co., Inv. 12-5 21.33 Skinner Engine Co., Inv. 11-30 58.20 Philip McComb, labor 19.40 Marie Martin, salary 10.00 Frank Burk, part salary December 20.00 Wm. Glasby, unloading coal 12.58 L. I. Wood & Co., supplies 9.60 C. C. Lumber & Coal Co., making forms 1.50 Electric Supply Co., Inv. 12-7 57.67 Geo. Rohrbach, labor 1.25 P. O. & N. R. R., freight 202.02 Edw. Kissane, freight 6.03 G. A. Tindale, clerk's salary 12.50 Total \$938.66

The committee reported favorably on the bills as read.

Moved by Pinney, seconded by Tindale that the bills be allowed as read and the orders drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. Carried.

Communications were read from The State Fire Marshal, Federal Fuel Administrator, American Defense Society, Chamber of Commerce of U. S. A.

Moved by Tindale, seconded by Kelsey that Trustee Pinney act with the President in securing the services of a good man for a night watch during the winter months. Carried.

Moved by Tindale seconded by Gallagher that the council adjourn. Carried.

A. C. FARRELL, Clerk. G. A. Striffler, Pres.

The Finish. "Smith told me when he went out in the country in his new machine he struck quite a gait."

"He struck a lot of gates before he ran into a barbed wire fence."—Exchange.

New York city owns 22 per cent of its water fronts.



Jay Hartley is the owner of a new Frd.

Forest Tyo is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Joseph M. Dodge has been ill this week.

John A. Caldwell was in Caro Thursday on business.

Paul Jones left Tuesday afternoon for Detroit to remain a few days.

L. E. Dickinson made a business trip to Bad Axe Wednesday, returning home Thursday.

George Williams of Gagetown was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Auten Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Carolan of Gagetown was the guest of Miss Gladys Lenzner from Friday until Tuesday.

Mrs. J. L. Purdy of Gagetown was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah H. Pinney from Friday to Monday.

Miss Ruth Smith of Clifford was a guest over Sunday of Miss Joyce Retherford at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Tindale.

Miss Kaufman and Miss Burton of Owendale were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Higgins from Friday to Tuesday.

Arthur A. Jones left Tuesday afternoon for an extensive business trip through several southwestern states. He will remain indefinitely.

Mrs. Hugh Gardner returned to Cass City Thursday evening and will remain indefinitely with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dickinson.

Miss Gertrude Schiele left Wednesday for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Herford, at Elkton. Mrs. Herford is a sister of Miss Schiele.

Robert Brown, who was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Brown, about a week, returned to Detroit Tuesday where he has employment.

Wm. W. Ford received a telegram Monday announcing the death of his father at Orion. He was 98 years of age. Mr. Ford was unable to attend the funeral.

Leland Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Higgins, now employed in Detroit, was hurt in an auto accident about two weeks ago. He was struck by an auto as he was getting off from a street car, his back being injured quite badly. He is recovering now.

George Wilson, who has spent the past three months in Thornton, Arkansas, returned to Cass City Thursday evening. He expects to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. M. L. Moore, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Bliss, left Thursday for Detroit to spend a few days with relatives. From that city she will go to her home in Chardon, Ohio.

Mrs. A. M. Humes of Owosso was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Pinney from Friday to Tuesday. Mrs. Humes is Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hyde started for Shabbona Friday evening with an auto load of flour for delivery to that place. The trip had to be abandoned when they reached a point two miles from Shabbona on account of the heavy snow drifts.

Sickness has been making the rounds in the family of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bliss, all the members having been ill the past few weeks. Mr. Bliss has been ill this week and unable to work. Mrs. Bliss, who was very ill, is able to be about again.

Mrs. A. A. Schmidt attended a district meeting of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, held in the Y. W. C. A. building in Bay City Thursday and Friday, January 10 and 11, as a representative from the Woman's Study club of Cass City.

CONGOLEUM By-The-Yard Better and Cheaper Drop in and see the attractive patterns in this new floor covering, suitable for any room or office. Wears longer and costs less than printed linoleum and is waterproof. Congoelum requires no fastening—anyone can lay it—will never curl up or bulge. When laid next to a rug or carpet, Congoelum Rug Borders cannot be told from polished oak. N. BIGELOW & SONS

14 Days Mid-Winter Sale From Saturday, January 19 to Feb. 2 Inclusive.

Shoe Department After taking stock I find a limited amount of ladies' shoes that we will put on sale at much less than wholesale price. 36 pairs Ladies' Kid Shoes, sale price \$1.68 30 prs. Ladies' Patent Shoes, sale price \$1.98 27 prs. Ladies' Patent Shoes, sale price \$2.39 150 pairs Ladies' Gun metal, regular price \$2.75, sale price \$2.48 Gun metal, regular price, 3.00 sale price \$2.68 Gun metal, regular price, 3.75 sale price \$2.88 High top, kid, latest style worth \$7.00, sale price \$5.00 All Artics, Men's, Boys', Children's and Misses' 10 PER CENT. DISCOUNT Men's fleeced, ribbed, medium weight underwear 55c 4 nice patterns Linoleum 43c Clothes baskets, each 65c and 75c

Grocery Department XXXX Coffee per pound 22c Boston Roasted Coffee, per lb. 22c 25c Peaberry Coffee, per lb. 22c 35c Tea, per lb. 27c 30c pkg. Rolled Oats 27c 12c pkg. Rolled Oats 10c 3 pkgs. Quaker Flakes 25c Dixie Rice 10c 3 lbs. Crackers 42c 2 lbs. Hominy 17c Peanut butter 20c, price has already advanced, 20c 7 bars Calumet Laundry Soap for 25c Bar Bob White for 5c Swifts White Laundry Soap 5c A good assortment of bread flour, Blue Bell, Silver Bell, Red Cap, Red Rose, Sunburst, and Tuscola Pastry Flour \$1.45 Blue Bell is strictly spring wheat, highest grade, none better, sale price \$1.73 Blue Jay the best cooking molasses worth 95¢, now 78c

Tobaccos 7 oz. pkg. Noon Hour, long cut, old price 25c, now 17c 8 oz. pkg. Red Bell, fine cut, old price 25c, now 20c 6c pkg. Fruit Juice 4c 6c pkg. Blue Eye 4c All Plug Tobacco large cut at the old price 10c

FRESH EGGS present price 55c. Bring them in fresh; liable to take a tumble any time. L. H. WOOD, Cass City

LOCAL NEWS



Arnold Dewey, who has been on the sick list, is better.

Mrs. S. Ricker and Mrs. T. Kuhn of Owendale were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ricker over Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Biglow left Tuesday for a visit at the home of her daughter in Detroit.

Mrs. Chester L. Graham and two children, who have been visiting in Detroit, returned home Friday.

Frank Pitcher, who has been in poor health for several years, has become unable to walk unassisted.

Ward Benkelman returned home Tuesday from Detroit where he attended the automobile school for agents for Dodge autos.

Mrs. Harry Hill and small daughter left Friday for Pontiac. They expect to make their future home there where Mr. Hill has employment.

Harry Rhines of Ashley came to Cass City Tuesday evening where he will study theology and music. He expects to remain here until April.

On Friday evening, Jan. 25, an entertainment will be given at the Wickware M. E. church, and later a box social in the Gleaner hall. These are for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Joel D. Withey has been quite ill this week, but is better at present. Mrs. Withey, who has been ill, is also gaining. Mrs. Perry Withey of Caro has been assisting to care for them for several weeks.

Mrs. A. Edgerton of Cass City and her sister, Mrs. Armitage, of Owendale were called to Port Huron last week to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, A. E. Rumlals, of Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Rumlals' death occurred in Florida where he had gone for the benefit of his health. The funeral was conducted in Port Huron Thursday afternoon.

Alex Livingston died Jan. 15 at Arlington, Washington, and the remains will be brought to Cass City for burial. Mr. Livingston is survived by four brothers, Archibald and Donald of Greenleaf, H. D. Livingston of Bad Axe and Dr. G. M. Livingston of Detroit and two sisters. Mrs. F. J. Stocking and Mrs. Albert Myron, both of Detroit. The deceased is a cousin of Mrs. Guy Landau and formerly lived in Cass City.

The Priscilla club spent a delightful evening at the home of Miss Lura DeWitt last Monday. Arrangements for the Red Cross quilt drawing were completed and the lucky number found to be 60. The person holding this number may obtain the quilt by presenting his ticket at the Red Cross tea Saturday. If not drawn at this time, another number will be announced for the following week. By the sale of tickets, the Priscilla club has raised \$20.00 for the Red Cross fund.

Mrs. W. O. Root attended the eleventh bi-ennial convention of the Ancient Order of Gleaners held at Kalamazoo, January 9, 10, 11 and 12, as a representative from Elkland Arbor. Mrs. Root reports the meetings full of interest and enthusiasm and the attendance was 500. When Mrs. Root reached Detroit on the return journey a snow storm hindered her trip and she spent the week-end with friends in that city and Pontiac.

Mrs. Wm. Weldon was hostess of the Art Club which met at her home Wednesday afternoon. During the business session the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George West; vice president, Mrs. Frank Hall; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John A. Dickinson. Mrs. Joseph Scriber of Detroit, who is spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vickers, was admitted to membership. The afternoon was spent in knitting and fancy work after which Mrs. Weldon served a delicious supper.

Rev. J. D. Young was summoned to Owosso Wednesday to officiate at the funeral of his friend, Hon. George T. Mason, of Eugene Oregon. At the time Mr. Young was pastor of the M. E. church at Burton, Shiawassee county, Mr. Mason was a resident of that place and a member of the church. A deep friendship sprang up between them. Two years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Young were touring western states they visited Mr. Mason's home, then in Eugene, Oregon, and at that time Mr. Mason requested that Mr. Young officiate at his funeral. The death of Mr. Mason occurred a few days ago in Oregon and the remains were brought to Owosso for interment. The funeral was held Thursday in that city.

The Woman's Study club held a regular meeting at the high school building Monday. After the program, the club listened to a report given by Mrs. Lottie Schmidt, who was sent as a delegate to the meeting of the National Defense Committee held in Bay City last Thursday and Friday. This meeting was for the purpose of instructing registrars for the state war service survey to begin March 18. The club was fortunate in having present Mrs. Humes of Owosso, who is third vice president of the Woman's State Committee of National Defense. She spoke of the work and purpose of the committee. The club chose the subjects, "South America" and "Questions of the Day," for study next year.

Samuel Champion was in Snover on business Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Clothier of Marlette is the guest of Mrs. J. N. Dorman.

John W. Murphy is slowly gaining after an illness of one month's duration.

Carl Ricker of Owendale was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ricker Tuesday.

Mrs. J. L. Parry was called to Shenandoah, Pa., Thursday by illness and death in her brother's family.

Mrs. Chas. Silverthorn and Mrs. Alice Powell of Deford were the guests of friends in town Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Carson, who has been employed in Flint, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson.

Earl Heller went to Saginaw Wednesday to attend a bakers' convention which was held at the Hotel Bancroft.

Mrs. James D. Crosby entertained the members of the Owl and Wide-Awake clubs at her home Wednesday for dinner.

Mrs. L. E. Aldrich, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias McKim, returned to Battle Creek Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford and son, Herbert, of Detroit are guests at the home of Mr. Crawford's sister, Mrs. Fred Withey.

Miss Watters, who has been nursing Mrs. Theo Hendrick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown, has returned to Port Huron.

Mrs. S. F. Bigelow and son, Charles, who spent a week with friends and relatives in Pontiac and Detroit, returned home Tuesday.

David Law, who has been confined to his home by illness the past two weeks, is able to attend to his duties for the Sioux City Seed & Nursery Co. again.

The new store closing schedule will eliminate the Saturday night delivery so housewives will find it necessary to place all orders before four o'clock Saturday if they want goods delivered that day.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Cass City Lumber and Coal Co. Monday, the following were re-elected members of the board of directors: I. W. Hall, Edw. Pinney, E. F. Benkelman, D. Law and J. M. Dodge.

A miscellaneous shower in the form of a surprise was given Mrs. Hugh Gardner Wednesday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dickinson, by about twenty of her young friends. The bride received many pretty gifts and a delicious luncheon was served.

Mrs. H. T. Pardo of Elmwood, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Dawson at Marlette arrived in Cass City Friday evening, to spend the night with another sister, Mrs. G. L. Hitchcock. Owing to the heavy snow storm Mrs. Pardo remained until Tuesday before going to her home.

James E. Doerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Doerr is one of a specially selected bunch of two hundred marines who have just been transferred from Paris Island, S. C., to Quantico, Va. At Quantico Private James Doerr will receive advanced base training with the mobile artillery forces of the Marine Corps. He has been assigned to the newly formed company of the marines in training there.

Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hitchcock, was 12 years old last Friday, and in the evening 12 of her little friends surprised her at her home on West street. They had a jolly time playing children's games and refreshments were served. Two of the little guests, Flossie and Margaret Ewing, found them storm-stayed at the conclusion of the festivities and were obliged to remain over Sunday with their hostess.

According to the Sebawaing Blade, a meeting of the Sebawaing Farmers' Co-operative club was scheduled for Monday afternoon to listen to an address by a representative of the Hires Condensed Milk Co. on the question of establishing a milk route out of Sebawaing for the condensary at Cass City. The factory will locate a station at Bach, at which the Sebawaing milk will be delivered in the event the route is established.

John Kitchen, an employe at the Exchange Bank, has a rather spirited horse that gets but little exercise. He went out Monday afternoon to enjoy the sleighing on the boulevard east of town and give the horse some needed exercise. But the horse seemed to think the driver needed exercise too, so he deposited the blankets and robes by the side of the road and dragged the driver fifteen or twenty rods through the snow drifts and later on repeated the same stunt, and people who saw them returning to town say the horse looked quite docile and the driver much refreshed. Did them both good.

Forty Odd Fellows attended the installation service of the officers of Cass City Lodge Tuesday evening. Geo. West, District Deputy Grand Master, officiated. Following the meeting, the company enjoyed an oyster supper served under the supervision of Earl Heller and heartily enjoyed. The officers installed were: N. G., H. T. Crandell; V. G., Alex Henry; Rec. Sec., B. J. Dailey; Financial Sec., P. A. Schenck; Treas., Edw. Pinney; R. S. N. G., D. G. Schneider; L. S. N. G., J. C. Corkins; Warden, Wm. Schwaderer; Conductor, R. D. Keating; Chaplain, J. W. Hamblin; R. S. S., Dugald Krug; L. S. S., Chas. Kasonick; O. G., John Dickinson; I. G., W. R. Kaiser; R. S. V. G., A. T. Craft; L. S. V. G., H. L. Hunt.

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HOSPITAL MAINTAINS FORMER RECORDS.

Resume of 1917.

When Doctor Wickware purchased Pleasant Home hospital in 1914 he found (due to the fact that the hospital had been closed over a year) a most lamentable condition in supplies and equipment. The doctor began by immediately starting improvements and the public will never fully realize the hard work that was done or they have never before known that over \$2,000.00 were expended to bring the institution up to its present high standard of efficiency.

Some time ago an article was written in the Chronicle giving a record of the hospital up to that date and this article is intended to be a resume of the year 1917.

The year closed with the institution maintaining its former record of high efficiency, and during that time there were 66 bed side cases and it is a source of gratification to the new owner that 32 of the 66 were in the last six months under the new management. In addition to the 32 bed side cases there were 12 minor surgical operations and 28 operations for tonsils and adenoids making a total of 72 surgical cases. Of these 72 cases there were but two surgical deaths which fact alone establishes an enviable record for any hospital.

"When hospitals first came to be public institutions, and likewise public necessities, the custom was to run to the hospital of the big city. The big hospital doctor built up a reputation on the volume of the business rather than on the large per cent of his cures. A stranger to his patients, never expecting to see them again, it is not to be presumed that he would be as interested in his case as the home-town physician. It is not to be expected that a patient can receive such personal and special care in a great hospital where hundreds are coming and going all the time, as in the little home hospital where the doctors and nurses have time for the personal attention, begotten by friendship. At home the patients are with friends and neighbors as well as with their own family and relatives. They are never lonesome or homesick. Countless little courtesies are extended at home that the big cities know nothing about. The family can hear every hour of the day or night without additional cost how the patient is resting."

"During the last six months constant energy has been put forth to, if possible, further increase the hospital's efficiency. In that time we have improved our operating room, overhauled a portion of our basement and converted it into a highly up-to-date hospital kitchen, established an office for the superintendent and added an X-ray equipment that is second to none in the country.

We appreciate the co-operation the public has shown us and we feel we can assure our patrons an even more successful year in 1918. This feeling is strengthened by the fact that the physicians from the neighboring towns who attended our recent X-ray clinic were astonished by our equipment, and several doctors voluntarily gave promises of their support in the future.

I. D. McCOY, M. D., Director
VERA SCHELL, R. N., Supt.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

M. E. Church—The Home Missionary society will meet with Mrs. L. I. Wood Friday, Jan. 18, at 2:30.

Christian Science—Services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 and Wednesday evening at 7:30. Subject for Sunday, Jan. 20, is "Life."

Presbyterian—Regular services will be held in the morning.

CHRONICLE LINERS

Save money by joining the Mueller club before Mar. 1.

Syrup Red Spruce and White Pine for that cough. 25c a bottle at Cass City Drug Co.

The Red Cross coffee postponed last week on account of the storm will be served Saturday, Jan. 19, at Heller's bakery. All persons solicited by last week's committee are requested to "do their bit" for this week's lunch.

When you need a good hot water bottle go to Cass City Drug Co. All sizes guaranteed.

An oyster supper will be served at the Gageton hotel this (Friday) evening commencing at 5:30. Proceeds go to the Red Cross. Cass City people are invited to attend. Gageton Red Cross.

Found—Sum of money. Call 59-2s. 1-18-1p

Tired of hunting for 500 pounds of coal and not getting it—Mueller Furnace burns anything.

Hess Lice Powder for lice on cattle. 25c and 60c a package at Cass City Drug Co.

Wanted—Girls and Women. Steady work. \$1.25 a day to beginners with advancement. Room and board everything modern, at the company's boarding house, at \$3.00 a week. Write for information Western Knitting Mills, Rochester, Michigan. 7-27-18.

The Cass City Band will furnish music at the Pastime Wednesday, Jan. 23, when "The Island of Surprise" will be given under the band's auspices. 1-18-1p

"Don't wait to be drafted by another coal shortage. Enlist for the Mueller Club and come in out of the cold." Bigelow.

Cass City Drug Co. for Hess Stock Tonic and Blatchford's Calf Meal.

For Sale. Heavy bob sleighs, single harness, cutter nearly new and a colt coming one year old. John McLarty. 1-18-2

Lost in front of I. B. Auten's bank, a child's brown kid mitten. Finder please bring to Mrs. Clyde Davunport and receive reward. 1-18-1p

Cotton Seed Meal. Car soon to arrive; let us book your order. The Farm Produce Co. 1-18-

"Talk of the town" Mueller Pipeless.—Bigelow.

War Bread Flour. We have it; made under government regulations; good wholesome flour. Plenty for everybody. \$12.00 per bbl. The Farm Produce Co. 1-18-

Smallest cellar in town big enough for a Mueller Pipeless Furnace.—See Bigelow.

Old Iron Wanted. In order to finish a car, must have 10 tons more. Will pay \$12.00 per ton at lumber yard during the month of January. W. L. Ward. 1-11-3p

I want to buy a colt coming one year old. Horatio Gotts, Phone 142—28. 1-11-2p

Residence property on Seeger St. for sale or trade. Wm. McCombs. 1-11-4

There is opportunity to buy at a great saving in the Mueller Club. Say "Pipeless."

Salesmen Wanted. to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address The Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 1-18 1p

Collie pups for sale. John Jaus. 1-11-2

Notice to the Public. Trespassing in the green timber on our farms in Section 26, Grant is strictly forbidden. John Moore, Wm. Moore, Sam Jordan, Frank Reader. 1-11-2p

80-acre farm for sale, 2 1/2 miles north of Cass City. Henry Blades. 1-4-1f

Choice barn timber for sale. Joseph A. Benkelman, R. R. 5, Cass City. 1-4-3*

Board and room for two at Myrtle McLellan's. 11-9-1f

Bean pickers wanted. Farm Produce Co. 1-18-

Quantity of hay and cow for sale. Mrs. Samuel Leepa. 1-18-2p

"Won't catch me again" he said as he placed his order for a Mueller Furnace.

New milch cow with calf for sale. Solomon Striffler. 1-18-2p

Rooms to rent two blocks south of Chronicle office. D. M. Houghton. 1-18-

Feed grinding every Tuesday. Aaron Turner. 1-18-3

Six pigs, ten weeks old, for sale. R. W. McConkey. Phone 98—1 L, 4 S. 1-18-2p

Better a Mueller Furnace which burns any fuel than the prettiest base burner with no fire in it.

Eight-room house and barn in a very desirable location. Apply to G. A. Striffler. 11-17-

For immediate sale—house, barn and two lots on East Houghton St. Terms. Leaving city. W. H. Anderson. 12-14-1f

New Law Regarding Register of Electors. Act 126, Public Acts 1917, provides a new method of registration of electors by appearing at the township clerk's office at any time and the township clerk is allowed to place the name on the registration book if applicant is a qualified elector living in his election district. H. L. Hunt, Clerk of Elkland Township. 1-11-3

The "Mueller Club" is not a "big stick" but a "Mueller Furnace" has feed door taking big rough wood.

You haven't enlisted under "General Satisfaction" until you have joined the Mueller Club—Bigelow.

Shipping Tags. Do you use them? We print them in all sizes. Come in and order 500, 1,000 or more printed to suit your wants. The Chronicle.

Neat Looking Stationery. Business stationery printed to suit particular people. We have a fine stock of bond papers—plain, linen and ripple finish. You'll find a nice selection at the Chronicle Printery.

I have another piece of linoleum 12 ft. wide for sale; also three pieces of floor covering 6 ft. wide. All are new. G. L. Hitchcock. 10-19-

Organs for Sale. For cash or on time payments. Lenzner's Furniture Store. 5-4-

Lost—Jan. 3rd on or near Main St., an open parcel of night garments; also a leather faced red lined child's mit. Notify Mrs. P. O'Rourke. 1-18-1p

"Wearever" Hot Water Bottles

If you want a good hot water bottle, one that will give you good service and last a long time, get a WEAREVER.

There are no better ones sold anywhere.

Greater value cannot be bought. These hot water bottles are moulded into one piece—not cemented together. They have no seams or bindings to open and leak. They have a Patented Neck Construction that makes the neck stronger and protects your hands.

We have a full stock of popular styles, in all sizes, AND GUARANTEE EVERY BOTTLE.

Come here for that new one you need.

"Wearever" Hot Water Bottles from 75c to \$3.00

Cass City Drug Co.

Car of Corn Just Arrived

Will sell at \$1.90 per bu.

Re-cleaned Cull Beans

Free from clay. Call and inspect. Price, \$2.50 per cwt.

CAR OF

Wellman's Qualified Hog Feed

in transit to us. Watch for prices.

Cass City Grain Co.

Phone 61

The Mueller Club

Just forming.

Benefits enjoyed by whole family.

Password—"Pipeless."

No Joke. See Bigelow's

A Good Wrist Watch

Means much in satisfaction, and helps the general appearance of the wearer. Come to our store for what is good in jewelry.

A. H. Higgins, Jeweler and Optometrist.



JOIN the DON'T WORRY CLUB

The Blizzard Is Over and we are here yet, "so don't worry."

Are you a member of the "Don't Worry" Club? Our customers have no reason to worry about the quality or condition of their "eats." The placing of their order with us relieves them of that worry, for "SATISFACTION" is our watchword. Satisfactory goods, and satisfactory prices.

Here Are a Few Samples:

Potatoes, per peck	30c
Apples, per peck	25c to 60c
Onions, per peck	50c
Prunes, per pound	15c
Raisins, seeded, per package	14c
Raisins, seedless, " "	15c
Rye flour, 5 lb sack	40c
Graham flour 5 lb sack	30c
Buckwheat flour, 10 lb sack	75c
Prepared Pancake Flour, 2 lb. sack	15c
" " " 5 lb. sack	35c
Good Pastry Flour, 25 lb sack	\$1.40
No. 1 Bread Flour, 25 lb sack	1.55

Plenty of good dairy butter, real country eggs. Fancy card honey, Karo Corn Syrup, all sizes, Packing Salt and Oyster Shells.

We are now observing Wheatless Days and Meatless Days but are you prepared for

LIGHTLESS NIGHTS

Our east window will start you right, so get your lamps burning.

Yours for service,

E. W. Jones

PHONE 86.

PLENTY OF COAL IN MICHIGAN MINES

UNDEVELOPED MINES COULD SUPPLY STATE WITH FUEL FOR FORTY YEARS.

60,000,000 TONS UNTOUCHED

Veins However Are Thin and Cannot Operate Profitably in Competition With Richer Coal Fields.

Lansing—With an undeveloped coal supply sufficient to last the state 40 years at the present rate of consumption, Michigan is suffering from an acute fuel famine. Schools, churches and factories all over the state are closed yet more than 60,000,000 tons of coal are lying untouched under the central portion of the lower peninsula.

Despite her vast deposits of coal Michigan has never produced any considerable portion of the coal she annually consumes. This has been due to the fact that the veins are too thin to be operated profitably in open competition with the richer mines of other states.

The cost of production here has been practically twice that in Ohio and Pennsylvania mines, according to the reports of the state geologist.

The danger that federal control of mines and coal shipments might be renounced at the close of the war has prevented private interests from undertaking extended operations in the undeveloped region, but a guarantee of continued protection might result in early action by mining interests.

GUSTS FROM THE BLIZZARD

Unusual Happenings Reported From Several Sections.

Lansing—Many unusual incidents, occasioned by the recent blizzard which swept the state, have come to light.

At Ann Arbor, two little girls carrying a suit case of laundry were overcome by the intense cold. The hand of one of the children was frozen stiff around the handle of the suit case. The children were taken to a nearby store and first aid administered.

West of Port Huron, five engines tried to pull one train through the drifts but had to give it up.

A train on the Pere Marquette was 16 hours going from Saginaw to Milford, a distance of about 65 miles.

A trainload of soldiers from Camp Custer, homeward bound on short leaves of absence, became stalled in a 15-foot drift east of Battle Creek and spent their leaves of absence on the train instead of home.

At Monroe, a Michigan Central train was stalled for 23 hours as a result of the engine freezing to the tracks at the watertank. It finally proceeded on its way with the aid of a snow plow and three locomotives.

A party of 24 high school students from Adrian were marooned for two days in a farm house, the roads being impassable.

Two sleighing parties, comprised of 50 young people, mostly employees of the Michigan Railway company, were snow bound for several days at a farm house near Minard Mills, Jackson county.

COUNTY WAR BOARDS NAMED

Michigan's Civilian War Activities Being Co-ordinated.

Lansing—With the appointment by Governor Sleeper of county war preparedness boards for every county of Michigan the first steps were taken to co-ordinate and combine all Michigan's civilian war activities.

The governor's executive order, by virtue of his offices as governor, titular head of the Red Cross for Michigan, and chairman of the state Liberty Loan commission, will bring under the general direction of the state every civilian activity now backing the boys in the camps and trenches. It makes permanent, for the duration of the war, all organized bodies supporting the military forces of the United States.

The county war preparedness boards will constitute a war preparedness division, with Governor Sleeper as chairman, and Mark T. McKee, of Detroit, as secretary. Mr. McKee being already secretary of the state Red Cross and of the state Liberty Loan commission.

In addition to their functions as part of a general controlling division, the county boards will be the local representatives of the state war preparedness board.

WITH THE BOYS AT CAMPCUSTER

All officers have been instructed to familiarize themselves with the metric system of weights and measures, which is standard in Europe. Gun sights, it is ordered, shall hereafter be graduated by the metric system.

Because somebody blundered each company in camp was forced to accept nearly a half ton of onions for its mess. As that quantity will last about a year, Custer has vast quantities of onions for sale.

Owing to the fact that a number of enlisted men have made a practice of writing for publication for pay, despite army regulations to the contrary, orders have been issued which strictly forbid a continuance of the practice. Even letters which are intended for publication must hereafter be submitted to the division censor.

STORM PARALYZES MICHIGAN

Worst Blizzard in State's History Ties up Traffic Completely.

Lansing—The blizzard which struck the state last Saturday is said to have been the worst Michigan ever experienced.

Traffic was completely demoralized, railroad and interurban lines, with very few exceptions, abandoned all attempts to operate. The few that did try to get through were hours late. In a number of cases, on main lines, trains became stalled in the mountains of snow and could not even report their location to the railroad offices.

The temperature, which on Friday night was about 25 above, dropped over 40 degrees before Saturday noon, a number of towns and cities reporting 15 and 20 below zero.

The wind at times attained a velocity of over 60 miles an hour.

Millions of people were snow bound in their own homes and in many cases lack of fuel caused intense suffering.

CHICAGO SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Boy Pupils Help to Dig Big City Out of Drifts.

Chicago—Railroads Saturday abandoned their efforts to run trains in or out of Chicago, and with street cleaning gangs called off, stores and factories closed, the city was not only isolated from the rest of the country but paralyzed within by the unprecedented blizzard.

Edward Davis, president of the board of education, ordered the schools closed for the week not only because it was impossible for the pupils to attend but to add the 60,000 boy pupils to the force of snow shovelers were obliged to dig Chicago out of the drifts.

ILLINOIS LOW FARE LAW VALID

Supreme Court Decides Two-Cent Rate Case Against Railroads.

Washington—The Illinois Central railroad and 28 other roads, by an opinion of the supreme court Monday, lost their fight to have the Illinois two-cent passenger fare law set aside.

Federal decrees dismissing proceedings instituted by the Illinois Central to restrain the Illinois public utilities commission from placing into effect the two-cent rate were sustained.

It is estimated that Illinois railroads will have to refund approximately \$3,000,000 of excess fares paid since May 1, 1917.

SPY PLOT NIPPED IN TIME

Suspect Caught Trying to Blow Up Aviation Station.

Norfolk, Va.—Clothed in the uniform of an American officer, a man declared to be a German spy, was arrested when caught trying to apply a match to a fuse in the magazine of the Old Point Comfort aviation station.

The arrest is said to have revealed a widespread plot to cripple American naval stations at Norfolk, Hampton Roads and Portsmouth. Eight persons are reported arrested by secret service men, including a woman.

WHOLE COUNTRY STORM-SWEPT

Coldest Weather in Nineteen Years Hits U. S.

Washington—The coldest weather experienced in the United States since 1899 Saturday night extended from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast and from the lakes to the gulf.

Zero temperatures were registered almost as far south as Birmingham, Ala., while in North Dakota the thermometer went to 32 degrees below zero. It was only 12 degrees higher in many parts of the middle west.

The cold wave was accompanied by a high wind in many sections, while in the west there was heavy snow, which blocked railroad traffic in several states on both sides of the Mississippi river.

Inability of the railroads to deliver shipments of coal urgently needed in many sections, particularly in Ohio and Michigan, increased greatly the suffering caused by the storm.

COAL SHIPMENTS ARE STALLED

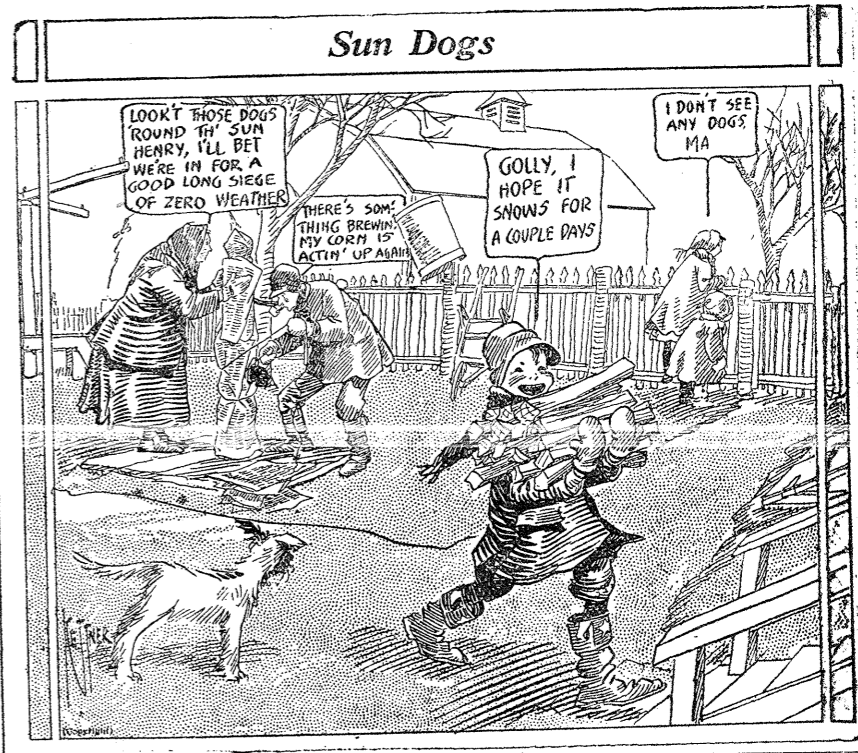
Blizzard Ties Up Relief Shipments, Conditions Serious.

Lansing—Cautioning everybody to refrain from becoming "panicky," State Fuel Administrator Prudden Monday announced that fuel conditions were worse than ever in Michigan. In addition, there is very little relief in sight. Coal in plenty is on the rails on its way here, but is storm-bound.

Word from Flint Tuesday was that everything, industrial plants included, had been shut down there because of shortage of coal. People in the homes were suffering and the little coal available was being used to tide them over.

From Plymouth on the east and from almost every city and small town in the central and western part of the state came urgent calls for help. Wherever the storm had left a telephone or telegraph wire there seemed to be somebody crying for coal.

From West Virginia mines which are now supposed to be turning all of



their output over to Michigan and Ohio under the combined priority order of Messrs. Garfield and McAdoo, came word of a shortage of cars.

KAISER'S DENTIST DESCRIBES CONDITIONS IN GERMANY

Says People Are Tired of War, But Have No Idea of Giving Up.

An interesting interview on present conditions in Germany recently appeared in the Detroit News. The speaker is Dr. William Law, the Kaiser's dentist, who left Berlin Oct. 23, 1917, and arrived in America New Year's Day. The Misses Borland of Imlay City, says the Imlay City Times, met Dr. Law in Dresden while they were traveling in Europe a few years ago and became well acquainted with him. They believe his statement of conditions in that country are worthy of consideration.

The interview as printed in the Detroit News follows:

"There are today 100,000 to 125,000 empty stores and residences in Berlin, where normally in peace times the number would not exceed 16,000 to 18,000. The big change has been wrought because many businesses have gone bankrupt and people are moving in together to conserve necessities of life. Stores that are open have little or nothing left in them.

"The people of Germany are fearfully tired of war. They are sick to death of it, but they have no idea of giving up. Ask anyone in Germany about the war and they say, 'We're going to win; just look at the map. Of course it does sound rather convincing in Germany when one says that. The map certainly shows they have won a lot of territory.

"No matter what setbacks they have you never hear anyone in Germany say 'We got licked.' If news seeps back into Germany of a gain by the allies it is always a 'strategical retreat.' The military powers say it is so and it is so to the German people.

"Propaganda is worked in Germany to a most beautiful finish. It is everywhere. The newspapers print it and the people talk it. The idea always is that they're winning.

"The people cry for peace and the leaders of the military dynasty say, 'We've offered peace to the entente and they refuse it.' So the people go on. They are the most patient lot I ever saw.

"The rich people of Germany still have plenty to eat. They have money and being in business or part of the military, they have friends. It is easy for them to get food. The poor people did not have so much before the war and it is not so hard for them to get along with less.

"We found no difficulty in getting enough to eat at all times until we left. Food is obtained in various ways but principally through soldiers. A man comes to your back door, or you hunt him up through some waiter you know somewhere and you are offered a chance to buy a ham, or a hundred pounds of sugar, or some white flour. It is easy if you have the money. You tell the man what you want, and some dark night he brings it to you and you pay him for it.

"The soldier gets it while it is en route from some supply house perhaps a hospital. There is a man to check it in at the hospital, of course, and he does check it in only the article you buy never gets to the place where it was sent. The man who does the checking gets part of the money.

"Germany today is honeycombed with the most gigantic graft I ever saw. I never thought in peace times that it would be possible. You talk of graft in this country. There is no graft that ever existed here that is to be compared with the graft in Germany today.

"Everything that one buys through the regular channels is bought by the card system. If you want anything to eat or wear anything that you can imagine in fact is bought by a card and permission to buy must be procured from the police.

"You are supposed to get about a half pound of sugar and about a half pound of meat a week. Sometimes you get the meat—if you've got the money. The butter allowance is about 40 grams and then there is margarine for cooking which brings the total al-

lowance up to about 40 grams. The poor people used lard mixed with onions on their bread before the war. Lard is hard to get now so they have to do without this to put on their bread. They have marmalade to use now, such as it is. This marmalade is made out of beets, parsnips, a few apples, a few prunes, perhaps and some plums, I don't know how they get it down, but they manage it some way.

"I think the people of Germany can exist for another year at any rate. There is no tea or coffee and the beer is about like water and tastes like varnish. Hotels for some months have been forbidden the use of linens and they use paper napkins and serve the food on bare tables or on papers spread over them. The newspapers are reduced in size and look and smell abominably. The ink is of the poorest quality and comes off on your hands while you read. There were in the neighborhood of 400 to 500 shoe factories in Germany before the war began. They have all been shut down but about 130. Of those that remain 100 are making shoes for the soldiers and the other 30 make shoes for the civil population. When a person hasn't shoes now he goes barefoot or else gets wooden soles put on the old ones. If the uppers wear out he gets cloth uppers put on. Most of the people go without altogether.

"Every bit of oil has gone, even to castor oil, which has been used for lubricating purposes. The trains are bad. The cars go bumping over the rails, for there is nothing to repair them with. It is all used for the army. There are no automobiles except those used by the military officers. There are no passenger trains except those few that carry men in civil life engaged on business connected with the war. One has to have a pass to travel anywhere now, for trains are the only means of travel left since there are no automobiles. Up to this fall everyone could travel, but that has all been done away with.

"There never will be an uprising of the German people until the army is driven back to the Rhine. Then, I believe, it will come suddenly after German towns have been bombed and torn to pieces. The German soil must be ripped up and German people killed. The towns must be bombed and the same frightfulness that has been visited on cities of the allies must be visited on them.

"The military party of Germany will die fighting, whether they are killed by the allies or by their own people in an uprising after Germany has been crushed."

DRYING VEGETABLES.

How to Preserve Them Successfully by a New Method.

Mrs. H. B. Fullerton and Mrs. Nellie F. Snyder, two experts on canning and preserving, have prepared the following formula for drying fruits, vegetables and other food products:

Begin the temperature for small fruits and corn low, at 100, and gradually increase to 175, being careful not to burn. For all other fruits and vegetables start at 175, work downward and close at 100.

In average climates eight to twelve hours will be required, but where the moisture is great or much dampness prevails a longer time will be required for drying. Usually it takes from eight to ten hours to dry perfectly. Then the products should be thrown together, away from the heat, and stirred occasionally to go through a sweat, so to speak, and then placed in paper cartons and kept in a dry place.

Here are directions for caring for incubators:

After the hatching season is over for chickens do not let incubators remain idle, but make extra trays, have the doors partly open and use them as dryers.

Sun drying can be done in the old fashioned way, but will take from three to five days longer in ordinary climates near the water. During the close of the last period stir and let go through sweating.

Great Will Power.

"Old Blank's niece and nephews don't dare balk him in the slightest thing."

"He must have great will power."

"You bet he has! He can will \$5,000,000."—Boston Transcript.

If there is ever a time when silence is golden, it is when a man is mad.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Save the coal. Cut out all unnecessary electric lights.

James B. Cootes has been confined in his home with a severe attack of bronchitis, but is now getting better.

Bear in mind stores are open only nine hours a day except Saturday when the limit is 12 hours. The schedule of hours is printed on page one.

The girls employed in the bean elevator of the Cass City Grain Co. enjoyed a pot luck supper at the home of Mrs. A. Koppelberger the latter part of the week.

The Presbyterian Woman's Missionary society elected the following officers Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. A. Striffler: President, Mrs. F. E. Kelsey; vice president, Mrs. A. J. Knapp; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Striffler; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. McCue; secretary of literature, Mrs. Edw. Pinney. Forty-three were present at the meeting.

Ten horses were brought down on the morning train from Bad Axe Saturday morning. The animals were badly chilled by the blizzard and the job of getting them out of the car was a cold one. The horses were again loaded Tuesday morning with six others for Weinberg Bros., horse buyers, when Isaac Agar, who superintended the job, was informed that they could not be shipped because the railroads were still blockaded. The animals were again taken from the car, but it was expected that they started on their journey to Detroit yesterday.

TIDINGS FROM CALIFORNIA.

Thermal, Calif., Jan. 3, 1918.

Mr. I. A. Fritz, Cass City, Mich.

Dear Friend and Brother:

Your letter received and was pleased to hear from you and that the Cass City people are able to kick around in the snow. Well, it is different here. While I am very well, there is no snow to be seen. We ate our Christmas dinner in the shade of a large eucalyptus tree with the thermometer registering 90 above.

This is not a very large valley, about twelve miles wide by thirty long, with the mountains from eight to twelve thousand feet high on either side, but it is a beautiful climate in the winter. The people sleep out doors here the year round. The farmers are getting their land ready for wheat.

They sow along the first of the year. It makes me a little lonesome to hear the lark singing and the mowing machine working those hot days when I think of a year ago.

Haven't seen Mr. McDermott yet but expect to see them soon. A little late but inclosed will find \$2.00 for dues. Hope you are having good meetings and a good time. Remember me to all.

Fraternally yours,
NEIL McLARTY.

74 SANILAC MEN WILL BE CALLED FEBRUARY 15

The local board is still busy working on the incoming questionnaires, classifying them. Up to Thursday night 1855 questionnaires had been mailed out to the registrants. Anyone changing their address is requested to send their new address to the local board, that their questionnaire will be sure to reach them. Failure to receive questionnaire will hold no one responsible but the registrant himself.

The moving of draft men to the cantonments will not begin before February 15, according to report from the provost marshal's office. Sanilac county's first contingent for the new year will be 74 men.—Republican.

CASS CITY MARKETS

Cass City, Mich., Jan. 17, 1918

Buying Price—	
Wheat	2 00
Oats	78
Beans per cwt.	11 50
Rye	1 00
Barley Cwt.	2 00
Peas Cwt.	5 40
Buckwheat, cwt.	3 00
Hens—No. 1 Timothy	22 00
Baled hay—No. 1	21 00
No. 2	21 00
No. 1 Mixed	21 00
Eggs, per doz.	50
Butter, per lb.	40 45
Fat cows, live weight, per lb.	4 6
Steers, " "	6 8
Fat sheep, " "	11 12
Lambs, " "	13 12
Hogs, " "	19 14
Dressed hogs	9 10
Dressed beef	10 12
Calves	10 12
Hens	15 18
Broilers	15 18
Ducks	20 22
Geese	18 20
Turkeys	20 22
Hides green	3

The weight of ore cars descending a mine in South Africa is used to produce power by pulling a cable wound around a drum that drives a dynamo.

Directory.

I. D. McCOY, M. D. Office in Pleasant Home Hospital Phone 80-38. F. L. MORRIS, M. D. Phone 62. DENTISTRY. I. A. Fritz, Resident Dentist. Office over Cass City Drug company. We solicit your patronage when in need of dental work. P. A. Schenck, D. D. S., Dentist. Graduate of the University of Michigan. Office in Sheridan Bldg., Cass City, Mich. A. J. Knapp, Funeral Director and Licensed Embalmer. Mrs. Knapp, Lady Assistant with License. Night and day calls receive prompt attention. City Phone.

R. N. McCullough AUCTIONEER Make dates and arrangements for farm and other sales with the Chronicle at Cass City.

REAL ESTATE If you want to buy or sell, farm or residence property call and see us. FRITZ & WAIDLEY Office with I. A. Fritz, Dentist.

NEW HOME SEWING MACHINES MODELS OF PERFECTION. PERFECTLY SIMPLE PERFECT. Needles, Oil, Belts and all kinds of Sewing Machine supplies, Repairing a specialty. C. D. STRIFFLER, CASS CITY.

He Removed the Danger Signal. I suffered a long time with a very weak back, writes Fred Smith, 325 Main St., Green Bay, Wis. A few boxes of Foley's Kidney Pills completely relieved me of all soreness and pain in the back, and now I am as strong and well as ever. One cannot help becoming nervous and feeling tired and worn out when the kidneys fail to filter and throw out of the system the poisonous waste matter that causes kidney troubles and bladder ailments. Backache is one of Nature's danger signals that the kidneys are clogged up and inactive. It is often followed by rheumatism, annoying bladder or urinary disorders, puffiness swellings under the eyes, swollen ankles and painful joints. Foley's Kidney Pills get right at the source of trouble. They invigorate the kidneys to healthy action and when the kidneys properly perform their functions the poisonous waste matter is eliminated from the system. L. I. Wood & Co. Cass City Drug Co.

Black Silk Stove Polish. Liquid Stove Polish. Does Not Rub Off, Lasts 4 Times as Long as Others, Saves Work. Get a Can Today.

Mothers Thank Us. Keep your growing girls free from colds and weakening coughs and you are helping them to healthy vigorous womanhood. Thousands of mothers have written letters of thanks, telling what Foley's Honey and Tar has done for their daughters in ridding them of coughs that "hung on" and weakened them just at the age when the young girls required all the physical strength they could command. Foley's Honey and Tar is noted for its quick effect on coughs, colds and croup. Mrs. Ada Sanders, Cointown, Tenn., writes: "We use Foley's Honey and Tar as our best and only cough remedy. It never fails to cure our two girls when they have colds." L. I. Wood & Co. Cass City Drug Co. MERCHANT'S WIFE ADVISES CASS CITY WOMEN. "I had stomach trouble so bad I could eat nothing but toast, fruit and hot water. Everything else soured and formed gas. Diring did no good. I was miserable until I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. ONE SPOONFUL benefited me INSTANTLY." Because Adler-ika empties BOTH large and small intestine it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICK-EST action of anything we ever sold. G. H. Burke, druggist.—Adv. 4.

The Ranch at the Wolverine By B. M. BOWER

CHAPTER VII. Each in His Own Trail. SINCE nothing in this world is absolutely immutable—the human emotions least of all perhaps—Billy Louise did not hold changeless her broken faith in Ward. She saw it broken into fragments before the evidence of her own eyes and the fragments ground to dust beneath the weight of what she knew of his past—things he had told her himself. So she thought there was no more faith in him, and her heart went empty and aching through the next few days. But, since Billy Louise was human and a woman—not altogether because she was twenty—she stopped after awhile, gathered carefully the dust of her dead faith, and, like God, she began to create. First she fashioned doubts of her doubt. How did she know she had not made a mistake, there at that corral? Other men wore gray hats and rode dark bay horses; other men were slim and tall, and she had only had a glimpse, after all, and the light was deceptive down there in the shadows. When that first doubt was molded and she had breathed into it the breath of life so that it stood sturdily before her she took heart and created reasons, a whole company of them, to tell her why she ought to give Ward the benefit of the doubt. She remembered what Charlie Fox had said about circumstantial evidence. She would not make the mistake he had made. So she spent other days and long, wakeful nights. And since it seemed impossible to bring her faith to life again just as it had been, with the glamor of romance and the sweetness of pity and the strength of her own innocence to make it a beautiful faith indeed, she used all her innocence and all her pity and a little of romance and created something even sweeter than her untried faith had been. She had a new element to strengthen it. She knew that she loved Ward. She had learned that from the hurt it had given her to lose her faith in him. That was the record of the inner Billy Louise which no one ever saw. The Billy Louise which her little world knew went her way unchanged except in small details that escaped the notice of those nearest her. A look in her eyes for one thing; a hurt, questioning look that was sometimes rebellious as well; a droop of her mouth also when she was off her guard; a sad, tired little droop that told of the weight of responsibility and worry she was carrying. Ward observed both the minute he saw her on the trail. He had come across country on the chance that she might be riding out that way, and he had come upon her unawares while she and Blue were staring out over the desert from the height they had attained in the hills. "Lo, Bill!" he said when he was quite close and held himself ready to meet whatever mood she might present. She turned her head quickly and looked at him, and the hurt look was still in her eyes; the droop still showed at her lips. And Ward knew they had been there before she saw him. "What's molla, Bill?" he asked in the tone that was calculated to invite an unburdening of her troubles. "Oh, nothing in particular! Mommie's been awfully sick, and I'm always worried when I'm away from the ranch for fear she'll have another spell while I'm gone. The doctor said she might have any time. Were you headed for our place? If you are, come on. I was just starting back. I don't dare be away any longer." If that were a real unburdening Ward was an unreasonable young man. Billy Louise looked at him again, and this time her eyes were clear and friendly. Ward was not satisfied, for all the surface seemed smooth enough. He was too sensitive not to feel a difference, and he was too innocent of any wrongdoing or thinking to guess what was the matter. Guilt is a good barometer of personal atmosphere, and Ward had none of it. The worst of him she had known for more than a year. He had told her himself, and she had healed the hurt—almost—of the past by her firm belief in him and by her friendship. Could you expect Ward to guess that she had seen her faith in him die a violent death no longer than two weeks ago? Such a possibility never occurred to him. For all that he felt there was a difference somewhere. He carried back with him a fit of the blues which seemed to have attacked him without cause or pretext, since he had not quarreled with Billy Louise and had been warmly welcomed by "mommie." Poor mommie was looking white and frail, and her temples were too distinctly veined with purple. Ward told himself that it was no wonder his Wilhemina acted strained and unnatural. He meant to work harder than ever and get his stake so that he could go and make her give him the right to take care of

He began to figure the cost of commuting his homestead right away, so that he would not have to "hold it down" for another three years. Maybe she would not want to bring her mother so far off the main road. In that case he would go down and put that Wolverine place in shape. He had no squeamishness about living on her ranch instead of his own if she wanted it that way. He meant to be better "hooked up" financially than she was and have more cattle when he put the gold ring on her finger. Then he would do whatever she wanted him to do, and he would not have to crucify his pride doing it. You see, they could not have quarreled, since Ward carried castles as well as the blues. In fact, their parting had given Ward an uneven pulse for a mile, for Billy Louise had gone with him as usual as far as the corral when he started home. And when Ward had picked up his reins and turned to put his toe in the stirrup Billy Louise had come close—to his very shoulder. Ward had turned his face toward her, and Billy Louise—Billy Louise had impulsively taken his head between her two hands, had looked deep into his eyes and then had kissed him wistfully on the lips. Then she had turned and fled up the path, waving him away up the trail. And, though Ward never guessed that to her that kiss was a penitent vow of loyalty to their friendship and a slap in the face of the doubt devils that still pursued her weaker moments, it set him planning harder than ever for that stake he must win before he dared urge her further toward matrimony. It's a wonder that the kiss did not wipe out completely the somber mood that held him. That it did not, but served merely to tangle his thoughts in a most hopeless manner, perhaps proves how greatly the inner life of Billy Louise had changed her in those two weeks. She changed still more in the next two months, however. There was the strain of her mother's precarious health which kept Billy Louise always on the alert and always trying to hide her fears. She must be quick to detect the first symptoms of a return attack of the illness, and she must not let her mother suspect that there was danger of a return. That much the doctor had made plain to her. Besides that, there was an undercurrent of gossip and rumors of cattle stealing whenever a man stopped at the ranch. It worried Billy Louise in spite of her rebuilt belief in Ward. Doubt would seize her sometimes in spite of herself, and she did not see Ward often enough to let his personality fight those doubts. She saw him just once in the next two months and then only for an hour or so. A man rode up one night and stayed with them until morning, after the open handed custom of the range land. Billy Louise did not talk with him very much. He had shifty eyes and a coarse, loose lipped mouth and a thick neck, and, girl-like, she took a violent dislike to him. But John Pringle told her afterward that he was Buck Olney, the new stock inspector, and that he was prowling around to see if he could find out anything. Billy Louise worried a good deal after that. Once she rode out early with the intention of going to Ward's claim to warn him. But three miles of saner thought changed her purpose. She dared not leave her mother all day, for one thing, and for another she could scarcely warn Ward without letting him see that she felt he needed warning, and even Billy Louise shrank from what might follow. The stock inspector stopped again on his way back to the railroad. Billy Louise was so anxious that she smothered her dislike and treated him nicely, which thawed the man to an alarming amiability. She questioned him artfully—trust Billy Louise for that—and she decided that the stock inspector was either a very poor detective or a very good actor. He did not, for instance, mention any corral hidden in a blind canyon away back in the hills, and Billy Louise did not mention it, either. He had not found any worked brands, he said. And he did not appear to know anything further about Ward than the mere fact of his existence. "There's a fellow holding down a claim away over on Mill creek," he had remarked. "I'll look him up when I come back, though Seabeck says he's all right." "Ward is all right," asserted Billy Louise rather unwisely. "Haven't a doubt of it. I thought maybe he might have seen something that might give us a clew." Perhaps the stock inspector was wiser than she gave him credit for being. He did not at any rate pursue the subject any further until he found an opportunity to talk to Mrs. MacDonald herself. Then he artfully mentioned the fellow on Mill creek, and because she did not know any reason for caution he got all the information he wanted and more, for mommie was in one of her garrulous humors. After that the days drifted quietly for a month and grew nippier at each end and lazier in the middle, which meant that the short summer was over and that fall was getting ready to paint the wooded slopes with her gayest colors and that one must prepare for the siege of winter. It was some time in the latter part of September that Billy Louise got up in the middle of a frosty night because she heard her mother moaning. That was the beginning. She sent John off before daylight for the doctor, and before the next night she stood with her lips pressed together and watched the doctor count mommie's pulse and take mommie's temperature and drew in her breath hardly when she saw how long he studied the thermometer afterward. There was a month or so of going to and fro on her toes and of watching

the clock with a mind to medicine giving. There were nights and nights and nights when the cabin window winked like a star fallen into the coulee from dusk to red dawn. Ward rode over once, stayed all night and went home in a silent rage because he could not do a thing. There was a week of fluctuating hope and a time when the doctor said mommie must go to a hospital—Boise, since she had friends there. And there was a terrible, nerve racking journey to the railroad. And when Ward rode next to the Wolverine ranch there was no Billy Louise to taunt or tempt him. John Pringle and Phoebe told him in brief, stolid sentences of the later developments and gave him a meal and offered him a bed, which he declined. When the suspense became maddening after that he would ride down to the Wolverine for news. And the news was monotonously scant. Phoebe could read and write after a fashion, and Billy Louise sent her a letter now and then, saying that mommie was about the same and that she wanted John to do certain things about the ranch. She could not leave mommie, she said. Ward gathered that she would not. Once when he was at the ranch he wrote a letter to Billy Louise and told her that he would come to Boise if there was anything he could do and begged her to let him know if she needed any money. Beyond that he worked and worked and tried to crowd the loneliness out of his days and the hunger from his dreams with complete bone weariness. He did not expect an answer to his letter—at least he told himself that he did not—but one day Phoebe gave him a thin little letter. Billy Louise did not write much. She explained that she could only scribble a line or two while mommie slept. Mommie was about the same, she did not think there was anything Ward could do, and she thanked him for offering to help. There was nothing she said pathetically, that anybody could do. Even the doctors did not seem able to do much except tell her lies and charge her for them. No; she did not need any money. "Thank you just the same, Ward." That was about all. It did not sound in the least like Billy Louise. Ward answered the note then and there and called her Wilhemina-mine, which was an awkward name to write and cost him five minutes of cogitation over the spelling. But he wanted it down on paper where she could see it and remember how it sounded when he said it, even if it did look queer. Further along he started to call her Bill Loo, but rubbed it out and substituted Lady Girl (with capitals). Altogether he did better than he knew, for he made Billy Louise cry when she read it, and he made her say "Dear Ward" under her breath and remember how his hair waved over his left temple and how he looked when that smile hid just behind his lips and his eyes, and he made her forget that she had lost faith in him. She needed to cry, and she needed to remember and also to forget some things, for life was a hard, dull drab in Boise, with nothing to lighten it save a vicarious hope that did not comfort. Billy Louise was not stupid. She saw through the vagueness of the doctors, and, besides, she was so hungry for her hills that she felt like beating the doctors with her fists because they did nothing to make her mommie well enough to go home. She grew to hate the nurse and her neutral cheerfulness. That is how the fall passed for Billy Louise and the early part of the winter. Continued next week.



He Wrote a Letter to Billy Louise.

"WE WON'T WIN IF WE WASTE" Tested Wartime Recipes FOR USE IN MICHIGAN To the Housewives of Michigan: The following recipes have been prepared and tested at the Michigan Agricultural College under the supervision of Dean Georgia L. White, member of the executive committee of the Michigan food conservation service. They are practical, economical, and of first class dietary value. They have been prepared with special view to Michigan conditions—native products being utilized so far as possible, the market prices in this section of the country being taken into special account. They lay down a practical method by which Michigan cooks may assist in the great movement to SAVE FOODSTUFFS. Use them. Help the cause. Help win the war. GEORGE A. PRESCOTT, Michigan Food Director. MASHED POTATOES. Thoroughly mash cooked potatoes. Add four tablespoons hot milk, one tablespoon butter, and a little salt and pepper to each pint of potatoes. Beat until light and pile lightly on a hot serving dish. Variations: a. Shape mashed potatoes into small cakes. Brown in a frying pan in a small amount of hot fat. Center may be filled with peas or bits of meat; b. Puff: Add beaten whites of eggs (2 eggs to 6 medium-sized potatoes). Pile the mixture lightly in a baking dish and bake in the oven until it puffs and browns. The yolks of the eggs and grated cheese also may be added; c. Potato Border: Spread a wall of mashed potatoes one inch thick around the outside of a buttered pan. Remove the pan, and fill the center with creamed meat or fish. Reheat before serving; d. Mashed potatoes may be shaped as pears or apples. Paprika may be sprinkled on for coloring and a clove or short cut of macaroni in the end for the stem. Brown before serving. CODFISH BALLS. 2 C mashed potatoes; 1 1-2 C shredded codfish (freshened and slightly par-boiled until soft); 1 egg; 1 T butter; 1 T milk. To the mashed potatoes add the codfish, butter, and milk. Beat the mixture until light. Add the egg which has been well beaten. Drop spoonfuls of this mixture into a kettle of hot fat, frying not more than six or seven at a time. Remove the balls when a delicate brown and drain on unglazed paper. These balls may be baked or browned in a small amount of fat. POTATO SOUP. 2 C hot rice or mashed potatoes; 1 qt. milk; 2 slices onion; 3 T butter or oleo; 2 T flour; 1 1-2 t salt; f. g. celery salt; f. g. pepper; f. g. cayenne; 1 t chopped parsley. Scald the milk with the onion, remove the onion. Add the milk slowly to the potatoes. Melt the butter; add to it the dry ingredients; stir the mixture until it is well blended. Add this to the liquid mixture, stirring constantly and boil. Add parsley or not as desired. Serve. POTATO SALAD. 6 cold boiled potatoes; 4 T salad oil or melted butter; f. g. cayenne pepper; f. d. onion juice; 2 T vinegar; 1-2 T salt; 2 T chopped parsley. Cut the potatoes in to 1-2 inch cubes. Make a dressing by mixing thoroughly the other ingredients. Pour this dressing over the potatoes and allow them to stand 15 minutes. The salad may be garnished with lettuce or parsley. Serve with a cream dressing or mayonnaise. POTATO AND CELERY HASH. 3 medium-sized boiled potatoes; 1-2 salt; 1-2 C cut celery; 1 T butter. Mix cold potatoes and finely cut celery. Add salt, melted butter and stir together. Place in hot oven and brown. Stir occasionally until celery is well cooked. MAYONNAISE DRESSING. 1 egg; 1-2 C Wesson oil, corn oil, or olive oil; 1 t salt; 1-8 t pepper; 1 T vinegar. Break egg in a bowl. Add acid, salt, pepper, and two tablespoons oil. Beat thoroughly. Add remaining oil beating constantly. POTATOES A LA GOLDENROD. Cut 2 cups boiled potatoes into cubes. Separate yolks from whites of four hard boiled eggs. Chop the whites and force the yolks through a potato ricer or strainer. Add potato. Add white sauce. Serve on toast if desired. ROASTED POTATOES—FRANCONIA POTATOES. Parboil potatoes for ten minutes. Remove the skins and place the potatoes on a roasting rack with meat. Bake until the potatoes are soft (about forty minutes) basting them occasionally. POTATO SALAD. Dice four medium-sized potatoes. Separate the whites and yolks of two hard-cooked eggs. Dice the whites and mix with potatoes. Add dressing. GERMAN SALAD DRESSING. 1 C cream (sweet or sour); 1 T vinegar; 1-2 t salt; 1-4 t paprika. Whip the cream until it is stiff. Add the other ingredients slowly. MEAT LOAF. Riced or mashed potatoes may be substituted for part or all of the bread crumbs generally used in a meat loaf. NOTE—In all of these recipes all measurements are level, and T equals tablespoon, C equals cup, f. g. equals few grams, f. d. equals few drops.

THE BEST DAY. One of the illusions of mankind is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.—Emerson. New Dog Tax Law, Act 347, P. A. 1917, Page 859. "Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each owner of any dog over four months of age, on or before the first day of February of each year, to secure from the clerk of the village or township in which he or she may reside, a metal registration tag showing the name of the township or village and license year and clerk's registration number thereon, and such tag or device shall be securely fastened to the collar of the dog and constantly worn by such dog. The clerk of the village or township shall keep a registration book for such purpose and enter therein the name of the owner and the number of each tag applied for, together with a description of each dog so licensed. The owner shall pay to the clerk the sum of two dollars for each male dog and each spayed female dog (when a certificate of a veterinary surgeon that such female dog has been spayed is presented to such clerk), and the sum of five dollars for each unspayed female dog for each tag issued." Penalty: \$25.00 fine, or 30 days in county jail. H. L. HUNT, Twp. Clerk. NOTICE OF HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola. In the matter of the estate of Joseph H. Wood, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that four months from the 3rd day of Dec., A. D. 1917, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the village of Caro in said county, on or before the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1918, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Dated Dec. 3rd, A. D. 1917. O. D. HILL, Judge of Probate. Copy. 1-11-3. ORDER FOR PUBLICATION. Final Administration Account. State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola. At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the Village of Caro in said county, on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1918. Present: Hon. O. D. Hill, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of George W. Helwig, Deceased. Edward Helwig, having filed in said court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate to and among the persons entitled thereto. It is ordered, That the 4th day of February, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition; It is Further Ordered, That public notice therefore be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Cass City Chronicle, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. O. D. HILL, Judge of Probate. A true copy. 1-11-3. O. D. HILL, Judge of Probate. NOTICE OF HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Tuscola. In the matter of the estate of John Frederick Buerk, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that four months from the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1917, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the village of Caro in said county, on or before the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1918, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Dated Dec. 3rd, A. D. 1917. O. D. HILL, Judge of Probate. Copy 1-11-3. Lime grows big crop For getting crop yield, put Solvay Pulverized Limestone on your farm soil. This fine-ground material kills soil acids, causes poor mulching, croppings, etc., to rot, which is freed by Solvay material. The land gets open and friable like virgin soil. Plants show lustrous, vigorous green growth. Soil bacteria flourish in the "sweet" seed bed. Any farm soil can be made much more fertile with Solvay Pulverized Limestone by an application with a limespreader. Mail us a mixed sample of your land from furrow depth here and there over your farm. We will test it free for you. Get extra farm yield with very little or no extra labor. Ask us for free booklet and also free home test. Solvay Limestone is guaranteed 94% carbonate, fine ground. Solvay Process Co. Detroit, Mich. 7

What a woman can never understand is how her husband can remember the name of the president of the United States and yet not what date her sister's third child was born on.

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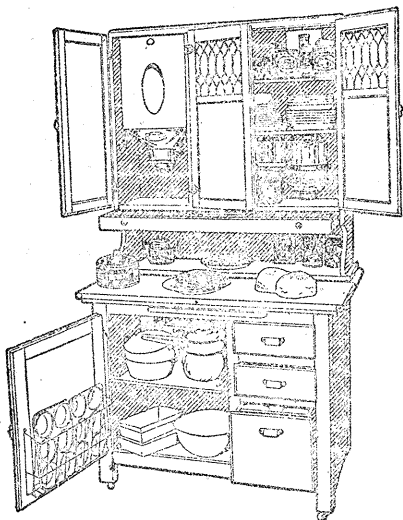
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Don't get old before your time. Doing housekeeping the old-fashioned way is nothing but drudgery. And you don't need to do it. There's an easy way. It saves steps, saves labor, saves money. It's a Kitchen Cabinet. Nearly all women have kitchen cabinets today—you, too, can have one. We have them in different models. You will find one here to suit your kitchen and to suit you. Prices have been placed very low.

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Furniture Store

PREVENT INJURY BY INSECTS

Angoumois Grain Moth and Weevil Do Much Harm Each Year—Prevent Loss by Cleaning.

Each year there is a large annual loss of stored wheat due to the work of grain-infesting insects, chiefly the angoumois grain moth and grain weevils.

In the ordinary farm grain bin a great deal of injury by these insects can be prevented by carefully cleaning the bin before the new grain is placed in it. Sweep out all refuse grain from cracks and crevices in the floor and sides of the bin. Then spray with kerosene emulsion, using one part of the stock solution to about five parts of water. Be sure to drive the spray material into the cracks and crevices where the insects or their eggs might be hidden. Allow the bin to dry for a week or longer before placing the grain in it.

Kerosene emulsion is prepared as follows: Shave up and dissolve one-half pound of common laundry soap in one gallon of boiling water. Remove this water from the fire and add two gallons of kerosene oil. Mix the whole thoroughly either with a hand pump or by pouring from pail to pail several times. When properly made the mixture is a creamy mass from which the kerosene will not separate. This is the stock solution, which should be diluted as previously directed.

VALLE OF IRRIGATED LANDS

What Alfalfa Will Accomplish in Matter of Forage Crops—Feed for Cattle and Sheep.

To give one an approximate idea of the value of irrigated land in the matter of forage for cattle, the following figures will show what alfalfa will do on irrigated as compared with common hay on nonirrigated land:

One acre sown to alfalfa and irrigated will produce 10,000 pounds of hay.

One acre in inclosed pasture, 500 pounds.

One acre of range averages 250 pounds.

Or again: One acre of irrigated alfalfa will feed one steer 400 days.

One acre of inclosed pasture will feed one steer 20 days.

One acre of range will feed one steer ten days.

Or putting it in sheep, it will show: One hundred and sixty acres of irrigated alfalfa will maintain 1,600 sheep one year.

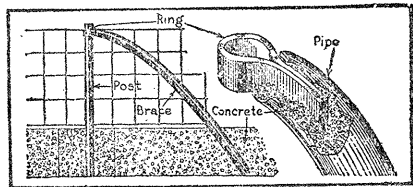
One hundred and sixty acres of inclosed pasture will maintain 80 sheep one year.

One hundred and sixty acres of range will maintain 40 sheep one year.

BRACE FOR IRON PIPE POST

Curved Post Set in Concrete to Make Solid Support for Stretching Fence Wire Tightly.

The illustration shows how a fence, the posts of which were ordinary iron pipe, was braced with a bent piece of the same sized pipe so as to stand a severe pull when the wire fencing was



Iron Pipe Post Brace.

stretched on it. The brace and the posts were filled with cement, and the ring was inserted in it. The ring was shaped from a piece of heavy, flat wrought iron, which had enough shank to fit solidly into the pipe. The bases for the posts were built first and the remainder of the concrete work was left until later on, so that should any cracks develop along the edge of the post base they could be easily located and remedied.—James M. Kane, in Popular Science Monthly.

SILAGE REDUCES BEEF COST

Result Given of Steer-Feeding Test Made at Missouri College of Agriculture.

A steer-feeding test recently completed at the Missouri College of Agriculture illustrates the possibility of reducing the cost of beef production by the extensive use of corn silage. Sixteen head of two-year-old steers fed for 130 days made an average gain in live weight of 922 pounds per head. They were fed 3.16 tons of corn silage, 750 pounds of alfalfa hay, and 503 pounds of cotton-seed meal and old process linseed oil meal per steer. They received no corn other than that contained in the silage. By this method of feeding a fairly satisfactory grade of beef can be produced, and it is possible to fatten three steers on an acre of good corn instead of one, which was usual under former methods of feeding.

SYSTEM OF MUCH NECESSITY

Farmer Who Does Not Include Clover in Rotation Plan Is Slowly Going Into Bankruptcy.

The grower of staple farm crops, who does not use a systematic rotation in which clover or some other legume enters, is slowly going into bankruptcy. Land on which clover generally fails, and which produces sorrel and red top instead, will be benefited by the use of lime.

DEFORD.

E. R. Bruce transacted business at Caro Friday.

Wm. Kilgore has purchased a new 1918 model Ford.

Mrs. Geo. Clotier is visiting relatives at Cass City.

Mrs. Chas. Silverthorn was a caller in Cass City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bruce transacted business at Cass City Thursday.

Mrs. Floyd Franklin of Pontiac is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bruce visited Wednesday and Thursday at A. I. Bruce of Caro.

Mrs. Vernon Everett and children visited Mrs. Celson of Kingston from Friday until Tuesday.

Snow most everywhere except in a few places, this being the reason why so few people made visits and entertained company.

KINGSTON-NOVESTA TOWN LINE.

Services at Leek will be held next Sunday morning. Sunday school at ten and church at eleven o'clock.

Sixty-five ate dinner at the Leek Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Geo. Rutherford. All enjoyed a fine time.

The Leek Young People's Bible class met last Thursday evening with Stanley and Wm. Osbourne. About twenty were present. The evening was spent in music and games and

the following officers were elected: President, Goldie Martin; vice president, Ruby Funk; secretary, Lillian Martin; assistant secretary, Ruth Retherford; treasurer, Stanley Osbourne.

Red Tape.

The expression "red tape," meaning official formality, owes its origin to the use of red tape by lawyers and government officials for tying up papers. An advertisement in the Public Intelligencer, Dec. 6, 1658, offers a reward for the restoration of "a little bundle of papers tied with red tape, which were lost on Friday last at seven night, between Worcester House and Lincoln's Inn." The term seems to have been satirically applied to official routine by Sidney Smith.

Orderliness on the part of every member of a family will make the whole day easier for the housekeeper.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

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



It's no longer necessary to go into the details describing the practical merits of the Ford car—everybody knows all about "The Universal Car." How it goes and comes day after day and year after year at an operating expense so small that it's wonderful. This advertisement is to urge prospective buyers to place orders without delay as the war has produced conditions which may interfere with normal production. Buy a Ford car when you can get one. We'll take good care of your order—get your Ford to you soon as possible—and give the best in "after-service" when required.

AUTEN & TINDALE.

Advertise your auction in the Chronicle

To The Milk Producers of Cass City and Vicinity

If you will help us, you will help yourself. We need all the good milk you can furnish and will pay you twice a month.

THIS WILL HELP YOU.

In order to use the milk we must have your co-operation in getting the milk earlier.

THIS WILL HELP US.

We will arrange that the haulers will take the milk away as soon as it is ready.

THIS WILL HELP YOU.

We have arranged so that you are to have cheaper feed either through us or the Dairyman's League.

THIS WILL HELP YOU.

Help Us! Help Yourself! Help Uncle Sam!

JANUARY 1918 PRICE

We will pay for the month of January 1918 the following prices for all whole milk delivered at our factory, Cass City, Michigan less the actual cost of hauling.

\$3.10 FOR 3 PER CENT MILK
and four (4) cents additional for each additional tenth (10th) per cent above 3 per cent milk.

SCALE OF PRICES AS FOLLOWS:

TEST	3.00	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9
PRICE	\$3.10	3.14	3.18	3.22	3.26	3.30	3.34	3.38	3.42	3.46

TEST	4.00	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9
PRICE	\$3.50	3.54	3.58	3.62	3.66	3.70	3.74	3.78	3.82	3.86

TEST	5.00	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9
PRICE	\$3.90	3.94	3.98	4.02	4.06	4.10	4.14	4.18	4.22	4.26

TEST	6.00	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.00
PRICE	\$4.30	4.34	4.38	4.42	4.46	4.50	4.54	4.58	4.62	4.66	4.70

We ask the milk producers not to forget the fact that this company made high prices in this territory, and we are maintaining the highest possible prices right along. The above prices are THE HIGHEST PRICES EVER PAID FOR MILK IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. There is no competition in either butter or cheese prices that can possibly keep up the pace with the price that we are paying and will pay at our condensary.

Give us the credit for the high price of milk. IT BELONGS TO US. We have made it so. We are the Pathfinders and the Pace Makers.

HIRES CONDENSED MILK CO.

Cass City, Michigan

1/4 Off

Any Suit or Overcoat in the Store

For the Next Seven Days Only

25% Off

Any Pair of Shoes in the Store for Saturday Only--25% Off.

Buy Shoes January 19 and save 25 cents on every dollar.

SHOES *T&M* CLOTHING

Quality

Buy that Suit or Overcoat in the next seven days and save one-fourth.

COUNCIL OF NAT. DEFENSE UNIT TO BE ORGANIZED

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or too arduous and unusual tasks on the part of well-to-do-women which in effect interfered with the labor opportunities of wage-earning women. The unfruitfulness of such well-meant efforts and sacrifices on the part of good women is a war loss which our nation can ill afford to sustain.

Our government, believing in the patriotic devotion of its women, and wishing to convert this devotion into terms of utmost help, has undertaken through the Council of National Defense to organize the total woman power of the nation for defense work.

There are three paramount reasons why all women's state organizations and their local branches should heartily respond to this invitation and urgent call:

First—Because the Woman's Committee with its state divisions is the officially designated channel through which the government conveys its requests to the women of the country.

Second—Whenever any organization belonging to the Woman's Committee considers undertaking any service, it has only to consult the Council of National Defense through the Women's Committee, to learn whether the government wants this thing done, and wants it done in the proposed way.

Third—By this plan, all women's national organizations in the nation, all women's state organizations in each state, all women's city or county organizations in each city and county, can work together for our beloved country, and for the winning of this war for humanity in a unity of purpose and a consecration and effectiveness of effort such as never has been possible before (and never so desperately needed as now.)



W. J. Spears of Vassar has been appointed county food administrator in Tuscola county by Geo. A. Prescott, state food administrator.

Permission to raise all telephone rental rates at the Millington exchange \$2.00 a year will be asked by the Tuscola Co. Farmers' Telephone Co.

Crosswell's council has boosted the price of electricity from 10c to 11c for the first 100 kw. The motor rate for the first 100 kw. has also been raised to 6c.

A check from the Sugar Co. was handed the city treasurer on Wednesday for that company's taxes. The figures read \$7,272.09, figures that tell a great deal about the value of this plant in Crosswell.—Jeff.

Crosswell will celebrate "community day" on Feb. 1. The afternoon will be devoted to a meeting along the line of a farmers' institute and the evening will be devoted to a "feed" for farmers and business people.

The Caseville ladies are all indignant because some gossip is applying the pro-kaiser lie about the Red Cross workers profiteering on their work. Forget it, and keep on knitting, girls, says the Elkton Review. The whole world knows it is a willful and malicious lie.

J. W. Bowen while in our city last week rented the hotel to Alfred Fisher, who has moved his family into the building and has opened the hotel for the public. This will be greatly appreciated by the traveling public. The hotel has been closed for about six weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer will devote their time to waiting on the public and we wish them success.—Gagetown Times.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Robert Douglass, 27, Crosswell; Anna May Perry, 23, Crosswell.

Herbert E. Klaty, 24, Carsonville; Mary E. Richards, 17, McGregor.

Roy Owens, 20, Carsonville; Ruth Richards, 18, Carsonville.

PRICE HIGHEST IN THE HISTORY OF MILK

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milk prices in this section of the Thumb and the conditions point to the conclusion that they are entirely deserving of the credit. The company had a big payroll and the village is enjoying a steady growth and financial benefit through the establishment of the condensary here, while the farmers are receiving a splendid market for their milk at high prices and the dairying industry will tend towards increasing the value of their farm lands. The company is worthy of the best co-operation that can be given by both city and country and they are receiving it, too.

The milk receipts are steadily increasing at the factory and it is coming from long distances as well as from the immediate territory. Producers are writing in and calling up the factory asking that new routes be established for hauling milk to the local plant. Some of these come from people who request the establishing of routes as far as 25 and 30 miles from Cass City.

Several have been told that as soon as the war is over the factory will be closed. "There is nothing further from the truth," says M. F. Rittenhouse, manager of the condensary. "The company has a quarter million dollars invested at Cass City and they are here to stay regardless of what is said to the contrary. The company has been oversold for years and if peace were declared tomorrow it would at once open up new territory and new channels for the distribution of our products."

The factory building is just coming out of the hands of the painters and presents a spic and span appearance. It is a pleasure for anyone to inspect the building and note the cleanliness and its sanitary condition. It is the finest factory in the string of the Hires Co.'s condensaries.

BEER MAKERS BURN COAL PEOPLE SAVE

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It is estimated that for every pint of beer manufactured a pound of coal is consumed. The retail liquor houses remain open into the wee hours and all day on Sunday, in defiance of a state law. Milwaukee has some of the largest "palm gardens" in the country, and these are as brilliantly lighted as was Broadway before the lights were turned off. But no effort has been made to have them close earlier than the self-appointed time of 1 a. m.

Some time ago it was proposed in several state papers that Wisconsin have a beerless day, and that this be Sunday, but the project was not undertaken.

The amount of shipping used by the beer industry is just as enormous as the coal consumption. A representative of The Christian Science Monitor counted 42 cars at one time in the shipping yard of the Pabst Brewing Company, and into these 18 brewery wagons were loading keg and bottled beer. Not only were refrigerator cars used, but general merchandise cars, as well. This activity goes on all day. Switch engines are constantly bringing in or taking out cars from the yards of the breweries. When it is remembered that there are eight big breweries in Milwaukee, it is easy to grasp the amount of car and vessel space used.

Out of the Way.

Colonel Hal Corbett, formerly of Kentucky, but now practicing law in New York, went to an athletic tourney over on Long Island last spring. One of the contestants showed tremendous speed and agility notwithstanding the fact that he was a one legged man.

"I wonder how that young chap lost his leg?" said a friend to Corbett.

"I figure that he didn't lose it; that he had it cut off purposely," said Corbett.

"In the name of heaven, why?"

"So it wouldn't get in his way and hamper him when he was out winning those track events," said Corbett.—Exchange.

NEW DRAFT REGISTRATION BILL Administration Proposes to List Men When They Become Twenty-one.

Washington—The government has decided on draft registration of all young men as fast as they become 21 years old as the means of keeping filled the ranks of the war army. It has decided against raising the draft age limit above 31 years.

An administration bill has been introduced at the request of the war department, by Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military committee, to register for draft all men who have reached 21 since June 5, 1917, when the draft law became effective.

The administration's support seems to assure its prompt passage. The bills agree with recent recommendations of Provost Marshal General Crowder.

EX-PREMIER CAILLAUX NABBED Accused of Plot to Conclude Peace With Central Powers.

Paris—The arrest of former Premier Caillaux was due principally to a cablegram from Secretary Lansing at Washington saying that, in 1915, M. Caillaux had been in communication with the Berlin foreign office.

Secretary Lansing's cablegram stated that the American representative at Buenos Aires had been able to establish that M. Caillaux, during his visit to Argentina in 1915, had been in communication with the Berlin foreign office through Count von Luxburg, then German minister to Argentina, with the object of concluding peace with Germany at any price, to permit the resumption of business.

FOUR LAKE SHIPS FOUNDER Ships Seized By U. S. Lost in Storm—Crew of One Lost.

Washington—Four vessels of the shipping board fleet, being brought from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic seaboard, were lost in terrific St. Lawrence river storms, it was announced Tuesday by the shipping board.

The vessels were the Codorus and the G. N. Orr, now ashore east of Quebec; the Saranac, ashore near Halifax; and the Tuscarora, which disappeared somewhere on the voyage. No trace of the Tuscarora has been found. Nor is it known whether her crew perished.

The Only Reason.

A Detroit concern makes the following unique announcement: "Our business has been established since 1886. We have been pleasing and displeasing people ever since. We have lost money and made money. We have been cussed, and discussed; knocked about, talked about, lied about, held up, robbed, etc., to the end of the chapter. The only reason we are staying in business is to see what the h— will happen."

Seems Reasonable.

Henry, aged five, was told of an arrival in his uncle's family and earnestly inquired whether it was any relation to him.

"Why, certainly," replied his mother; "he is your first cousin."

After thinking it over for a few minutes the little fellow said, "Well, perhaps you know, but I should think he was my last cousin."—Chicago News.

Caught Both Ways.

"I'm in hard luck."

"Why?"

"I told Belle she was the first girl I ever loved, and she said she couldn't waste her time training amateurs. Then I told Nancy I had made love to other girls, but that she was my real passion, and she asked me if she was a cultured taste with me or a forlorn hope."—Baltimore American.

Often Well Hidden.

"A woman can never keep anything to herself," said Danboy to his wife, who had been repeating something he didn't want known.

"Oh, yes, she can," said Mrs. Danboy sweetly.

"I'd like to know what it is?" he growled.

"It's her real and private opinion of her husband."—London Tit-Bits.

The KITCHEN CABINET

If there is any one point which in six thousand years of thinking about right or wrong, wise and good men have agreed upon, or successively by experience discovered, it is that God dislikes idle and cruel people more than any others.—Ruskin.

PALATABLE GOLD THINGS.

These are always favorites at all times under most circumstances and conditions.

Oatmeal Beverage.—This is a drink which is especially cooling, and a great favorite on the farm. Take a quarter of a pound of oatmeal, one cupful of sugar and the strained juice of two lemons. Add a half cupful of boiling water to the oatmeal, mix the other ingredients and pour into a gallon of boiling water, stir well, put through a sieve and chill before serving.

Apple Water.—Core, pare and cut four apples in small pieces, then put them into a pitcher, adding the lemon rind from a small lemon, a quarter of a cupful of sugar and four cupfuls of water, boiling hot; cover the pitcher and let it stand aside to cool.

A tablespoonful of ginger mixed with three of sugar stirred into a pint of iced water makes a fine drink.

Boston Cream.—Take three quarts of boiling water, one and a half pounds of sugar, two teaspoonfuls of lemon extract, two ounces of tartaric acid and the whites of two eggs. Boil the water and allow it to get cold, then stir in the other ingredients, beating the whites until stiff. Mix well and pour into bottles and keep in the ice chest. When serving, put a pinch of soda in a glass and half fill the tumbler with ice, pour in enough of the cream to fill the glass and drink immediately.

Chocolate Sirup.—Take three squares of chocolate, one ounce of cocoa, one and a half pounds of sugar and a pint of water, one and a half teaspoonfuls of vanilla. Boil the cocoa in a double boiler ten minutes with a half-cupful of water; grate the chocolate and mix it with one-third of its measure in sugar; add this to the boiling cocoa, stirring constantly, then add the remainder of the sugar and boil for ten minutes. Remove from the fire, strain, cool and add the vanilla. This will keep in the icechest until it is used. A tablespoonful of the sirup added to cold milk or iced cream topped with a marshmallow or whipped cream makes a most inviting drink.

Nellie Maxwell

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CEDAR RUN.

Wm. Beardsley is on the sick list. Charles Hargrave, who has been very ill, is on the gain.

Harvey Streeter spent the first of the week in Unionville where he purchased a team of horses.

All hands had to get out and shovel snow Monday so they could get their mail, but they didn't get it.

John Chapel, who is visiting relatives in the neighborhood, called on Wm. Bursa Tuesday evening.

Harvey Streeter has sold his team and Frank Wright has sold one of his horses to buyers in Cass City.

Class No. 2 of Sunshine Sunday school held their class meeting with Miss Hazel Bixby Tuesday evening. The next class meeting will be with Roland Wilson, Jan. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clooke and two sons of Alberta, who have been visiting Mr. Clooke's sister, Mrs. Clark Bixby, have gone to Snover to visit relatives. He expects to return soon. Mrs. Bixby had not seen her brother for sixteen years.

The play "Looking for Mary Jane" will be given by the young people of Cedar Run at the Cedar Run schoolhouse Thursday evening, Jan. 24. Admission, adults 25c; children over ten, 15c. The proceeds are for the Y. M. C. A. fund.

GREENLEAF.

Zero weather.

Roads are impassable.

George Livingston is buzzing wood in this vicinity.

Saturday's blizzard was the worst storm of the season.

D. McLeod hauled hay from the Thompson farm last week.

School started Monday in the Tanner Dist. after a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Dougal Livingston returned from Pleasant Home hospital last week. She is very much improved in health.

J. D. Tuckey and son from near Cass City were business callers in town last week.

Mail Carrier Nash failed to make his trips Saturday and Monday, owing to the heavy storms and bad roads.

ELKLAND-ELMWOOD TOWN LINE

J. F. Evans went to Detroit to work.

Robert and Clarence Ewald have the whooping cough.

Mrs. D. Auten visited her mother in Clifford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ames were Caro

visitors a few days last week.

A. Daus, A. Lonsbury and Harold Evans are all on the sick list.

SHABBONA.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church of Shabbona will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, Wednesday, January 23. All are welcome.

ARGYLE.

Rev. W. L. Card of this place will exchange pulpits with Rev. A. E. Thompson of Shabbona next Sunday.

District Sunday school convention will be held in the Argyle Methodist Episcopal church Feb. 6, 1918. Every pastor, superintendent and delegates from every Sunday school are invited to attend. Free entertainment, E. K. Mohr, a state Sunday school Worker, will be present.

The Welcome Circle of the Argyle Methodist Episcopal Sunday school closed a contest which increased its membership from 35 to 103, Dec. 30, 1917. Mrs. Umphrey of the Reds led her hosts to victory. The Blues under the leadership of Mrs. Meredith fought bravely and were only just defeated. Now the Blues are blue indeed as they have to serve a supper to the winners. Though outnumbered the Blues are not to be squelched and so propose to show their spirit and meet their obligation by serving supper to the Welcome Circle at the home of Cyrus King on the evening of Friday, Jan. 25, 1918. Welcome Circle members are hereby notified and invited. Oysters. Program.

Advertise it in the Chronicle.

A Digest of the New Dog Tax Law.

It is the duty of every owner of any dog over four months of age, on or before the first day of February of each year, to secure from the clerk of the township in which he or she resides, a metal registration tag, and such tag shall be securely fastened to the collar of the dog and constantly worn by such dog.

Any dog or dogs not wearing tag shall be confined on the owner's premises, except when accompanied by the owner or caretaker.

License fees shall be paid to the clerk as follows: Two dollars for each male dog and each spayed female dog (certificate of V. S. required), and five dollars for each unspayed female dog.

License tags are not transferable from one person to another nor from one dog to another.

Any sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Constable or Police officer shall have authority and it shall be his duty to destroy any dog or dogs found at large in violation of the provisions of this law.—Adv. 1-18-1