Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Mitchell at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of farms, city and village lots and real estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list:

No. 1.

John McCarroll has a nice little farm of 11 acres in the town of Southfield and John says he must sell [illegible]. All necessary buildings in good repair and ready for the successful prosecution of a profitable [illegible] and the establishment of a happy little home. Lots of good fruit and all necessary conveniences. Terms easy. Price [illegible] of which [illegible] will be taken on a mortgage at [illegible] per cent. Speak quick for yourself.

No. 3.

[illegible]

No. 4.

Tenant house and two lots with 105 feet frontage on Saginaw St., and 97 feet deep. Cellar, well, cistern, etc. Price $550. Electric cars pass the door.

No. 5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave East, [illegible] acre. Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

No. 6.

The VanEvery farm on the north shore of Wing Lake, 160 acres, two good houses, three barns, fine lake frontage, 10 acres fine orchard, 15 acres timber. Excellent fishing, boating and bathing. Terms easy.

No. 7.

The J. E. Quick homestead in Birmingham with 14[illegible] feet frontage on Saginaw St. and about 150 feet deep. New modern dwelling, good barn, fine lawn, shrubbery and small fruit. Electric cars pass the door every half hour for Detroit and Pontiac. Fare to [illegible], Pontiac [illegible]. Owner [illegible] Toronto and must sell. We will [illegible] for anyone to investigate this bargain. Make us an offer.

No. 8.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Rudolph farm in the town of Troy, 120 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells. Carp pond well stocked, 9 acres of tile, fine orchard, 8 miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, postoffice, school, etc. Price low and terms easy.

No. 9.

Excellent farm on Gilbert Lake, about three miles from Birmingham. Good buildings, fences in good shape and everything in good repair. Lovely location on the lake and fine fishing, boating and bathing. 160 acres of as fine farm land as there is in the county of Oakland. Will exchange in part for good improved city property. Thirty acres of good heavy timber. Terms very easy.

No. 10.

Large roomy two story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences. 12[illegible] feet front and 103 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

No. 11.

The old Shutes farm in the township of Troy, one mile east of Birmingham, 50 acres, all cleared, 7 acres of the finest orchard, good house and two barns. All the advantages of the village and none of the inconveniences. There are other things, too. Come and find out all about it.

No. 12.

The Rayley farm in the town of Troy, 12[illegible] acres. Good farm house and farm buildings, flowing well at the barn, which is the wonder and pride of Troy, 2[illegible] acres good beech and maple timber, [illegible] acres fine grafted orchard. Circumstances render it advisable to sell at once and the man who comes first will secure one of the best bargains in the country. Look it up.

No. 13.

[illegible]

No. 14.

Two hundred and fourteen acres in sections 15 and 16, Southfield, with finest farm buildings in the township. Large and productive orchard of all kinds of best varieties of fruit, 10 acres of very heavy timber. Will sell or exchange for city property and will divide the two farms if required. Buildings on each tract. Price as low as any on our list, all things considered. Ask us about it.

No. 18.

A small farm of five acres, being part of the [illegible] of section 2, Southfield township, Oakland County. Four good buildings, house, barn, cow house and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is piped to the barn, furnishing plenty of water for stock or other purposes all the year 'round. Good fences, excellent soil, gravelly loam in high state of cultivation. House, two-story and wing; 9 rooms, woodshed, cellar, cistern and all conveniences; 2¾ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school, 80 rods from Erity's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500; Terms easy.

No. 19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Ogemaw County, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 50 acres mixed hard wood timber. Barn worth [illegible]00; Soil, sandy loam; Price $25 per acre; terms $500 cash, balance on long time at 5 per cent. Here is a golden opportunity for a poor man to acquire a good home in a short time. Better investigate.

No. 20.

This includes all of the Corson addition left unsold, comprising lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Lots 1 and two face Woodward Ave., next to the residence of W. C. Jenks and the others face out on Vinewood Ave. These are, without exception, the finest building lots in the village. High and dry, city water, convenient to the D. & P. Electric R'y and will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Prices range from $125 up. Let us tell you all the particulars about 'em. We also include in this number lots 49, 50, 31 and 82, Block 8 in Urbanrest, near Royal Oak, at $20 per lot.

No. 21.

The Corson Homestead on Maple Ave., consisting of lots 6, 7 and 8 of Willitt's plat, being 60x116½ feet each. 180 feet front on Maple Ave., one of the most valuable residence portions of the village. A good comfortable house and good barn, with ample room for a garden. Fine shade trees and best neighborhood in the village. Frontage along this locality on Maple Ave. is worth $25 per front foot; that would make $4,500. Now, owing to the fact that Mr. Corson wishes to sell and sell right away, he will take $3,500, and it ought to be spot cash at that; but that can be arranged so that the terms need not worry you at all.

No. 22.

One hundred and ten acres in the township of Troy on section 33, 85 acres cleared, 25 acres in timber, beech, maple and elm. On the line of the Detroit, Rochester & Lake Orion Electric Railway, cars every hour each way; 15 miles from the city hall, Detroit. Good wells, cisterns, cellars, with house on each side of the road with barns complete with each one. Cider mill with three complete presses and [illegible] horse power steam engine in good repair. [illegible] productive farming lands under good state of cultivation. Best of reasons for selling. [illegible] is owned by Adam M[illegible] and [illegible] interest in part of it. [illegible] acre and that is [illegible] electric railways [illegible] to a good school and half a mile to [illegible] office.

No. 23.

Feed Mill at Royal Oak Mich. Four lots, [illegible] story and basement mill with 20-horse power and steam engine. Ypsilanti feed roller process. Building alone worth $1,000, to say nothing of the lots. Good farming country, no competition. Well established business with excellent run of custom. Satisfactory reasons for selling made known to customer.

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Mark Twain has decided to quit living in England. Over there, before laughing at Mark's jokes just because he tells them, they insist on first finding out what there is to laugh at.

"Have you heard much laughter from London?" asks Oom Paul in substance. No, nor yet from Pretoria. It might, however, be well to watch the face of Cecil Rhodes and harken to the noises that come from his direction.

The postoffice at Ponce, Puerto Rico, has been robbed. Thus do Puerto Ricans get their first genuine illustration of American industry. They have been so busy watching the custom house that they failed to keep an eye on the postoffice.

Probably never in the history of the world has the prospect for general warfare been so manifest as it is at the present time. This is a most deplorable commentary on the boasted civilization of this age. But the circumstances that contribute most to the awfulness of the prospect is in the fact that the nations that pretend to be the most highly civilized are the foremost in setting the conflagration.

The island of St. Helena, famous in history as the place where the British kept the great Napoleon as a state prisoner from October, 1815, to his death in May, 1821, has been selected by the British ministry authorities as a place of confinement for General Cronje and other Boer prisoners until the end of the war. It lies in the South Atlantic [illegible] miles from the western coast of Africa and [illegible] miles from [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

In a paper read before the Manchester Literary and Philosophical society, entitled, "On Internal Migration in England and Wales," Professor Flux gave an account of the results of the net inward and outward movement in each registration district of England and Wales in the interval between the censuses of 1881 and 1891. Measuring intensity of movement by the proportion of net immigration to mean population, the absorption is most marked in the London suburbs, and in conveniently situated watering places. These movements indicate some amelioration of the evils of life in crowded cities. The districts from which efflux has been strongest are found in the southwest, in Wales, on the Scotch border, and in northeast Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Movement from a district in one county to one in another county involved a transference of about 172,000 males and 230,000 females, whilst some 418,000 males and 201,000 females left the country.

France is supposed to be, of all countries in the world, the one in which man's freedom to drink whatever he pleases is most maintained. Yet General Donop, commander of the Tenth Army Corps, recognizing the magnitude of the drink evil, has prohibited the sale of alcoholic drinks in the army "canteens." The good effect of his order is being observed, and it may yet be extended throughout the French army. For the army of the land of wine to set to the world an example of sobriety and abstinence will be a striking incident.

At a legislative hearing on behalf of the insane poor, a physician recalled the fact that as late as 1839 the city of Boston kept its pauper lunatics in wooden cages, which rested on wheels and were rolled out of the almshouse on pleasant days, to give the wretches a little air and sunshine. When a new building was provided, the patients were trundled into it in their cages. But Doctor Butler, the wise and humane superintendent promptly set them free from conditions which might make a sane man crazy.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

VICTORY OF RETREAT, LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

Much Accomplished by Waiting for Opportunities—Joshua's Plan of Ambuscade Cited as a Successful One for the Righteous.

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Text: Joshua viii, 7, "Then shall ye rise up from the ambush and seize upon the city."

One Sabbath evening, with my family around me, we were talking over the scene of the text. In the wide open eyes and the quick interrogations and the blanched cheeks I realized what a thrilling drama it was. There is the old city, shorter by name than any other city in the ages, spelled with two letters, A-I, Ai. Joshua and his men want to take it. How to do it is the question. On a former occasion, in a straightforward, face to face fight, they had been defeated, but now they are going to take it by ambuscade. General Joshua has two divisions in his army. The one division the battle worn commander will lead himself, the other division he sends off to encamp in an ambush on the west side of the city of Ai. No torches, no lanterns, no sound of heavy battalions, but 30,000 swarthy warriors moving in silence, speaking only in a whisper, no clicking of swords against shields, lest the watchmen of Ai discover it and the stratagem be a failure. If the tottering soldier in the Israelitish army forgets himself [illegible] all along the line the word is "Hush!"

[illegible]

A Seeming Repulse.

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So much for the division that was in ambush. How about the division under Joshua's command? No sooner does Joshua stop in the flight than all his men stop with him, and as he wheels they wheel, for in a voice of thunder he cried "Halt!" one strong arm driving back a torrent of flying troops. And then, as he points his spear through the golden light toward that fated city, his troops know that they are to start for it. What a scene it was when the division in ambush which had taken the city marched down against the men of Ai on the one side, and the troops under Joshua drove them on the other side, and the men of Ai were caught between these two hosts [illegible] of Israelitish [illegible] before and behind, [illegible] in front and back, ground between the upper and the nether millstones of God's indignation! Woe to the city of Ai! Cheer for Israel!

Victorious Retreat.

There is such a thing as victorious retreat. Joshua's falling back was the first chapter in his successful besiegement. And there are times in your life when the best thing you can do is to run. You were once the victim of strong drink. The demijohn and the decanter were your fierce foes. They came down upon you with greater fury than the men of Ai came upon the men of Joshua. Your only safety is to get away from them. Your dissipating companions will come around you for your overthrow. Run for your life! Fall back! Fall back from the drinking saloon! Fall back from the wine party! Your flight is your advance, your retreat is your victory. There is a saloon down on the next street that has almost seen the ruin of your soul. Then why do you go along that street? Why do you not pass through some other street rather than by the place of your calamity? A spoonful of brandy taken for medicinal purposes by a man who 20 years before had been reformed from drunkenness hurled into inebriety and the grave one of the best friends I ever had. Retreat is victory!

Here is a converted infidel. He is so strong now in his faith in the gospel he says he can read anything. What are you reading? Bolingbroke? Andrew Jackson Davis' tracts? Tyndall's Glasgow university address? Drop them and run. You will be an infidel before you die unless you quit that. These men of Ai will be too much for you. Turn your back on the rank and file of unbelief. Fly before they cut you with their swords and transfix you with their javelins. There are people who have been well nigh ruined because they risked a foolhardy expedition in the presence of mighty and overwhelming temptations, and the men of Ai made a morning meal of them. * * *

Reasons for Retreat.

But there is a more marked illustration of victorious retreat in the life of our Joshua, the Jesus of the ages. First falling back from an appalling height to an appalling depth, falling from celestial hills to terrestrial valleys, from throne to manger, yet that did not seem to suffice him as a retreat. Falling back still farther from Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Nazareth to Jerusalem, back from Jerusalem to Golgotha, back from Golgotha to the mausoleum in the rock, back down over the precipices of perdition until he walked amid the caverns of the eternal captives and drank of the wine of the wrath of Almighty God amid the Ahabs and the Jezebels and the Belshazzars. Oh, men of the pulpit and men of the pew, Christ's descent from heaven to earth does not measure half the distance! It was from glory to perdition. He descended into hell. All the records of earthly retreat are as nothing compared with this falling back.

Sin's Triumph Brief.

The triumph of the wicked is short. Did you ever see an army in a panic? There is nothing so uncontrollable. If you had stood at Long bridge, Washington, during the opening of our civil war, you would know what it is to see an army run. And when these men of Ai looked out and saw those men of Joshua in a stampede they exclaimed [illegible]. They would scatter them as the equinox the leaves. Oh, the glee and [illegible] descent of the men of Ai upon the men of Joshua! But their exhilaration was brief [illegible]

[illegible]

A Year of Miracles.

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Saved by a Doll.

[illegible] the Indian agent of the manner in which a doll averted an Indian war. [illegible] on as Gen. Crook was trying to put a band of Apaches back on their reservation, but could not catch them without killing them, and that he did not wish to do. One day his men captured a little Indian girl and took her to the fort. She was quiet all day, saying not a word, but her beady black eyes watched everything. When night came, however, she broke down and sobbed, just as any white child would have done. The men tried in vain to comfort her, until the agent had an idea. From an officer's wife he borrowed a pretty doll that belonged to her little daughter, and when the Apache was made to understand that she could have it, [illegible] When morning came the doll was still clasped in her arms. She played with it all day, and apparently all thought of going back to her tribe left her. Several days passed, and then the little Apache girl, with her doll still in her possession, was sent back to her people. When the child reached the Indians with the pretty doll in her chubby hands it made a great sensation among them, and the next day the mother came with the child to the post. She was kindly received and hospitably treated, and through her the tribe was persuaded to move back to the reservation.

Awaiting Opportunities.

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Importance of Good Aim.

The importance of taking good aim. There is Joshua, but how are those people in ambush up yonder to know when they are to drop on the city, and how are these men around Joshua to know when they are to stop their flight and advance? There must be some signal, a signal to stop the one division and to start the other. Joshua, with a spear on which were ordinarily hung the colors of cattle, points toward the city. He stands in such a conspicuous position, and there is so much of the morning light dripping from that spear tip, that all around the horizon they see it. It was as much as to say: "There is the city. Take it!"

God knows and we know that a great deal of Christian attack amounts to nothing simply because we do not take good aim. Nobody knows and we do not know ourselves which point we want to take when we ought to make up our minds what God will have us to do and point our spear in that direction and then hurl our body, mind, soul, time, eternity at that one target. * * *

The Need of Courage.

I have heard it said: "Look out for a man who has only one idea; he is irresistible." I say look out for the man who has one idea, and that a determination for soul saving. I believe God would strike me dead if I dared to point the spear in any other direction. Oh, for some of the courage and enthusiasm of Joshua! He flung two armies from the tip of that spear. It is sinful for us to rest unless it is to get stronger muscle and fresher brain and purer heart for God's work. I feel on my head the hands of Christ in a new ordination. Do you not feel the same omnipotent pressure? There is a work for all of us. Oh, that we might stand up side by side and point the spear toward the city! It ought to be taken. It will be taken. Our cities are drifting off toward loose religion or what is called "liberal Christianity," which is so liberal that it gives up all the cardinal doctrines of the Bible, so liberal that it surrenders the right side of the throne of the Almighty. That is liberality with a vengeance. Let us decide upon the work which we as Christian men have to do and in the strength of God go [illegible]

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The Editor's Mistake.

Editors have their troubles. One of these men, who presides over the destinies of a western newspaper, is mourning the loss of two subscribers. No. 1 wrote asking how to raise his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how he might rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answers went forward by mail, but by accident the editor put them into the wrong envelopes, so that the man with the twins received the answer: "Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to it, and after the little pests have jumped in the flames for a few minutes, will be speedily settled." And the man with the grasshoppers was told to "give castor oil and rub their gums with [illegible]."—The Columbian.

An Annual Disturbance.

Politician—How are things up in your country? Farmer—Waal, I tell you, the country's likely to be considerably disturbed most any time now. Politician—So? Expansion or silver, I suppose. Farmer—Spring plowin'.

Insolence is not logic, epithets are the arguments of malice.—R. G. Ingersoll.

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