Important News From All Parts of Michigan

Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For Busy Readers

Coleman's Severe Loss.

A large part of the business portion of Coleman was laid waste by an uncontrollable fire Wednesday night, and many people are out of work as a result. The fire was all over in an hour, having burned everything in its path from Washington to Railroad street on the west side of Fourth street, except the shoe shop on the corner of Washington and Fourth. The cold weather of the past three weeks had frozen most of the water pipes and the flames had their own way. The contents of the postoffice was removed to a place of safety at the beginning of the fire, and there is no break in the transacting of Uncle Sam's business. The other industries burned out will necessarily be crippled for some time. The estimate of losses and insurance is as follows: Fred Bowers's saloon and living rooms above, $5,000, insurance $2,000; Harry Myers's jewelry store $4,000, insurance $800; D. B. Menery, postoffice and printing office $4,000, insurance $900; Frank Small, saloon, $4,000, insurance $1,000; N. G. See, general store and living rooms, $6,000, insurance $500; James Allen, general store, $4,000, no insurance; C. G. Putnam, druggist, $5,000, insurance $1,600; Harrison Sampson buildings $1,500, no insurance; Dr. McKay, office furniture, books, etc., $500; Union Telephone Co., $500.

Who Was He?

The body of the man found frozen in the river ice at the foot of Fourteenth avenue, Detroit, Saturday noon was not identified. The dead man wore a black and blue suit, a striped shirt of white and blue with small red figures, and a belt. He had on a gray suit of underwear, and on the drawers were the initials "E. M.," probably his laundry mark. He was about 5 feet and a half tall and weighed about 135 pounds. He had dark brown hair and a dark mustache. The lower part of his face was badly disfigured, and it is the opinion of many that the man must have been in the water since Christmas.

The Death Rate.

There were 3,126 deaths reported to the secretary of state for the month of January, corresponding to a death rate of 14.7 per 1,000 population. The number was 184 larger than that registered for the preceding month, and is also greater than the number for January, 1903. Important causes of death were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 176; other forms of tuberculosis, 25; typhoid fever, 57; diphtheria and croup, 83; scarlet fever, 34; measles, 12; whooping cough, 19; pneumonia, 412; influenza, 101; cancer, 134; accidents and violence, 180.

The Great Tax Cases.

The taking of testimony in the railroad tax cases now in progress in Detroit will consume all of next week, it is expected. Congressman Charles A. Townsend is expected to arrive from Washington Monday to aid the state. The testimony on the physical valuation of the property will probably be finished by next Wednesday, the question of rolling stock and equipment coming up early next week. The latter part of next week will be devoted to taking the testimony of Prof. H. C. Adams, of the University of Michigan, as to the value of the intangible property of the railroads.

A Permanent Camp.

With a view to purchasing several tracts in the country for encampments of the national guard and regular troops, the war department has requested of the state military department suggestions as to possible sites. Adjt.-Gen. Brown has reported that Roscommon would be the most suitable place to buy ground and locate a camp. There the Michigan national guard could be mobilized within 24 hours. The state has a desirable tract eight by ten miles square, where 100,000 men could be encamped. Higgins lake is nearby.

Old Man Cremated.

William Searles, of Charlotte, aged 82 years, who had lived alone for many years, was burned to death Sunday night when his house was destroyed by fire. The house was situated near the water works pumping station, whose employes first noticed the blaze. It is not known how the fire started. The old man is supposed to have been suffocated by the smoke so that he could not help himself. His body was found in the cellar under the house after the fire. He leaves one daughter in Grand Rapids and another in Cleveland.

To Be Sentenced Soon.

Judge Newnham, of Grand Rapids, says he will pronounce sentence on the thirteen convicted water scandal boodlers before the end of the present term of court, which is the 12th of next month. He declines to say just when the convicted men will be called before the bar, however. The trial of ex-Ald. Charles T. Johnson, the next on the docket, will not be reached before the March term.

Stearns' Platform.

Justus S. Stearns has issued the formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor, coming out squarely for primary election reform and for municipal ownership and control of public utilities. He also favors the revision of the tax laws making for an equal and just taxation; home rule for cities and villages, and the restricting of the discretionary pardoning and paroling power of the governor.

Snow averages over 13 inches in depth throughout Michigan.

The large canning factory in Ludington, which has been practically idle for the last five years, will be run at full capacity during the coming season.

The Benton Harbor Athletic Association is being sued by a lady for $125, which, she claims, is due her for meals furnished to visiting players last fall.

The illness of R. M. Kellogg, the strawberry king, of Three Rivers, terminated fatally Wednesday night. His wife, who is in a sanitarium in Indianapolis, for treatment for cancer, is at the point of death. Mr. Kellogg had reached the age of 60 years.

A Handsome Profit.

The fire insurance companies doing business in Michigan made money in 1903, summaries filed with Insurance Commissioner Barry showing that premiums amounting to $6,669,965 were received on the business written in Michigan. Of this sum, 46 per cent was paid out in losses, which leaves them a very comfortable margin. It is believed, however, that the profits of 1902 and 1903 will be wiped out by the losses incurred in the Baltimore fire.

Horrible Death.

Edward Breitkritz, who had charge of the leaches in the Northern Extract works, Alpena, met death in a peculiar manner. He was repairing a leak in one of the doors, when it is supposed he struck a latch with his hammer, and it flew open, allowing a column of boiling lye, nine feet deep, to flow over him. His burns were of such a nature as to cause death in a short time.

MICHIGAN NEWS NOTES.

A gasoline famine is on at Port Huron.

A petroleum flow has been struck near Merrill.

Exposure from cold killed an Italian near Hancock.

Field mice are destroying fruit trees at Benton Harbor.

Commerce schools are closed because of a fuel famine.

Ingham county farmers fear the wheat crop has smothered.

Hundreds of ducks are starving to death on the St. Clair river.

A Troy woman swallowed washing fluid by mistake, but survived.

On opening a big fish at Escanaba, a gold wedding ring was found.

Stambough will have a $17,500 school building in the spring.

The largest paper mill in the world is being constructed in Munising.

The enrollment of St. Joseph's city schools reached the 1,000 mark last month.

The recruiting officers of Lansing are meeting with little success in enlisting men.

Forty divorces were granted in Bay county in 1903 as against 54 the preceding year.

Wheat is bringing a dollar in Coldwater, the highest since the Joe Leiter corner in 1898.

John Vandelaare, Kalamazoo, lost both his wife and mother by death in less than a week.

As she was leaving church, Mrs. J. B. Root, of Battle Creek, fell and fractured her wrist.

Deputy State Insurance Commissioner Hadley, Lansing, lost $150 while jumping on a bob sleigh.

Blood poisoning, caused by pricking her finger, may cause Mrs. Soethe, Muskegon, the loss of an arm.

Wallace Anderson, aged 23, disappointed in love, committed suicide in Rockland by taking carbolic acid.

While cutting trees near Alpena, Edward Kirchoff, 17 years of age, was killed by a tree falling on him.

St. Joseph for the first time in many years has an egg famine, there being not one egg on the market at any price.

Four Traverse City high school pupils were suspended for experimenting with calcium carbide and lighting bottles filled with it.

The Emery flouring mill, Three Rivers, was destroyed by fire Monday with contents. Loss, $40,000, with about $17,500 insurance.

While intoxicated, Sam Chambers, an old-time woodsman of Moran station, took his pipe to bed with him and was burned to death.

Because he couldn't have beefsteak, Jos. Brosocky, a man with a broken jaw, left Menominee River hospital.

Vesper is a new postoffice in Menominee county.

Fifty people in Boynne were exposed to a virulent case of smallpox last week. The citizens are alarmed lest it become epidemic. This is the first case this winter.

Thomas Martin's residence, near Fife lake, was burned. Mr. Martin had just mortgaged his farm and the money he had received was burned with the house.

R. D. Smith, who was driving to Durand with a load of hay, had his leg broken when the wagon tipped over. He unhitched his horses and rode one of them to town for medical assistance.

The village of Berrien Springs is making the experiment of lighting the streets with gasoline lamps, and is the first village in that part of the state to try gasoline for street lighting purposes.

In a collision with an interurban car, Miss May Stearns, of Pittsfield was thrown from her sleigh 35 feet through the air. She landed in a deep snowbank, however, and came out uninjured.

Mormons will hold a semi-annual conference at Battle Creek Feb. 27.

Chicora has a two-pound baby girl and Watson has a 10-year-old youngster weighing 135 pounds.

Prominent citizens of Niles have circulated petitions, praying the city council to submit to the voters of the city at the coming spring election the question of the abolition of the board of public works.

The highest salary which is paid a woman employe in the government department at Washington is $2,000, paid to a young lady from Kalkaska, Miss Clara Greacen, law clerk, in the office of the comptroller.

Mrs. Thomas Rasmun, of Adrian fell dead Sunday on being informed that one of her children had sustained a smashed hand in an accident while sliding down hill. The shock produced heart failure and she passed away before a doctor could reach her. She was 35 years old.

Robert Dollar, the man who founded the town of Dollarville, Mich., and who for many years was one of the best known lumbermen of the upper peninsula, is now operating nine steamers and seven vessels engaged in the Pacific coast lumber trade and waiting for peace to engage in Japanese trade.

Mrs. Richard Budd, of Durand, aged 82, is dead at the home of her daughter. A month ago she was deserted by her 82-year-old husband, and an effort is now being made to find him and inform him of her death.

The state tax commission has closed its preliminary investigation of the St. Joseph county records and finds that seventy-two transfers have been made by deed this year, which is a larger transfer of property than for many years back.

At the funeral of Edrick Scott, who died at his home in Trowbridge last week of dropsy and heart disease, at the age of 68 years, there were 22 of his nephews present. Six of that number acted as pallbearers. He leaves a widow and one brother.

A man arrested in Kalamazoo smashed several jail windows with a broom handle, and when taken before the city physicians for examination as to his sanity, told the doctors that his mind was not just right but would have it fixed in a few days.

The race bank gave way at Centerville, leaving the Centerville Water & Electric Light Co. without power. The town would have been in darkness and without fire protection had not steam power been supplied by cable from the Michigan Central Woolen Co.

The Lakeside Anti-horse Thief association of Berrien county held its semi-annual meeting in Galien and elected officers for the ensuing year. This unique association was organized about 25 years ago, when horsestealing was common in the county.

Harry Zick, aged 19, had his hand caught in a belt in the sawdust carrier in Clem Seiffert's protable sawmill, near Bates. He was thrown around the shaft with such momentum that his arm was torn from his body four inches below the shoulder.

It was the coldest weather in 15 years in Marquette county yesterday morning, the thermometer registering 35 below in Negaunee, and 52 at Michigamme. Not since December 15 has it been above zero and the continued cold has made surface work at the mines and lumbering impossible.

George Zeigler's farm house near Traverse City burned to the ground early in the morning. Five children who were in the house were thrown out of a window into the snow, with the thermometer at 12 degrees below zero. The hands and feet of the children were frosted in reaching the home of a neighbor.

Conservative estimates made by Detroit business men and public officials show that the extraordinary severity of the present winter has cost the citizens of Detroit almost $1,000,000 more than cold weather in average years on account of the use of an extra amount of coal at higher prices, and the greater use of provisions at higher prices.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Siamese dispatches state that large deposits of tin have been discovered in lower Burmah. Coal also is said to have been found in quantities.

Lorenzo Crosby, mormon elder and missionary, who shot himself last Saturday on a Chicago & Alton sleeper, died at the Kansas City hospital.

Mexicans are now booming an interoceanic canal to be constructed south of the isthmus of Tehuantepec at an estimated cost of $200,000,000.

While inspecting the cruiser Cumberland at the Portsmouth navy yard, King Edward stumbled beneath the armored deck and injured his leg slightly.

By the official report of the Paris exposition of 1900, just issued by the French government, the United States is shown to have carried off 2,379 awards, with Germany next with 1,984.

In the death of Senator Hanna, the Salvation army lost a firm friend and a princely aid financially. Memorial services were conducted for him at New York yesterday by Com. Booth-Tucker.

Commander Wm. P. Randall, U. S. N., the man who fired the last gun from the sinking frigate Cumberland in the battle with the Merrimac, is dead at his New Bedford, Mass., home, aged 71.

Jerry Dugan, a Terre Haute section hand, in a jealous rage, cut the throat of his landlady, Mrs. Benjamin Ramsey, and then butchered her two small children. Later he surrendered himself to the police.

Half a million of dollars will be given to poor relatives and to charitable institutions through the will of Louis Gans, formerly a resident of Helena, Mont., who died at his home in New York on February 5.

Charles J. Bonaparte, special commissioner to investigate affairs in Indian territory, has forwarded his report to Secretary Hitchcock, of the interior department. No intimation of his findings has been given out.

The Mexican sugar trust is a failure. Only the personal guarantee of three wealthy sugar kings keeps it from bankruptcy. The American-Cuban reciprocity treaty is blamed by the Mexicans for the trust's ruin.

$30 ST. LOUIS TO CALIFORNIA $30 via THE IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

These tickets will be on sale daily during March and April, when Pullman Tourist Sleeping Cars will be operated daily between St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Particulars from any agent of the company. H. C. Townsend, G. P. & T. Agent, St. Louis.

"Marshall, shoot me!" said 3-year-old Leo Hollies to his 4-year-old brother as they were playing with a revolver they had found in their father's room, at Des Moines, Ia. Leo pulled the trigger and his little brother fell dead, the bullet having struck him in the forehead.

A fortune in high class railroad bonds has been found by the granddaughter and heiress of Thomas Wilson, of Westchester, N. Y., after a search of twelve years. A safe deposit box was recently found in his name in a Long Island bank. The total find is estimated at $200,000.

Senator Hoar, speaking on the isthmian canal situation, declared that he had been misunderstood and misrepresented and that he had not criticised President Roosevelt. A lively tilt followed with Senator Foraker, in which the two increased the breach between them. Senator Carmack arraigned Minister Bunau-Varilla, accusing him, on the strength of French documents, of having plotted to wreck the entire canal enterprise.

Earthquakes of repeated occurrence are alarming the people of Socorro, N. M. The great lava beds, known as the Mal Pais, are convulsed with terrifying disturbances.

THE REPORTS ARE VAGUE.

RUSSIAN PLAN TO CAUSE A BREACH OF NEUTRALITY.

RUSSIA PREDICTS JAPAN'S DEFEAT BY SEPTEMBER---TRYING TO GET RUSSIAN FLEET OUT---GENERAL ADVANCE ORDERED ON BOTH SIDES.

A St. Petersburg correspondent asserts that negotiations are going on for the passage of the Dardanelles by the Russian Black sea fleet. Russia is determined to get her ships through the correspondent avers, even if it is necessary to adopt the subterfuge of altering their appearance, disguising them as merchantmen. The porte is almost willing, and if England makes any objection, the dispatch continues, "it will be the signal for an immediate advance toward India."

Admiral Alexieff's retirement to Harbin with his staff is interpreted to mean that he is convinced the Japanese will besiege Port Arthur. The fleet has received instructions not to engage in any fight at present, but to remain on the defensive until the beginning of July, when a half of the whole Baltic fleet will be dispatched to the far east. It is hoped also by that time that part of the Black sea fleet will be also on the way. Work on all the ships under construction is being speedily pushed forward.

The London Daily Mail correspondent cables from Seoul: "Russians have crossed the Yalu in force and are advancing steadily southwards. The crossing continues mainly at Wiju and Yangpo Jin. Six hundred Siberian rifles are reported to have occupied Sun Chin. Anjo is occupied by a strong Russian force and scouting parties have been reported well to the southward of that place. The Japanese division, consisting of probably 20,000 men, has begun to advance on Anjo from Wonsen. A general advance has been ordered."

"The war will end in August or September in the complete defeat of the Japanese," said a high St. Petersburg authority, in intimate touch with the Russian war plans, whose opinion can be taken faithfully to reflect the belief in the highest official quarters. He added:

"How the Japanese can hope to succeed when our army in the east is strengthened to a point equal or superior in numbers to that of our adversaries, we are honestly unable to comprehend. It will not be difficult to place two, four or even 600,000 additional men in the field, if necessary.

"When our forces are concentrated and ready they will finish by driving the Japanese into the sea.

"Frankly, it seems to us that the Japanese either have utterly failed to appreciate Russia's resources, or have counted on the aid of Great Britain or the United States, neither of which ever contemplated becoming involved. So far as Great Britain is concerned we do not believe any hallucinations existed there. We think the British statesmen who did so much to push Japan into the war realized that with Japan's defeat they would accomplish two things for Great Britain—first, to give Russia a check—for, of course, the war must impede our progress temporarily; second, to cripple Japan's maritime power, which was beginning to be greatly felt in the Pacific."

A correspondent at Tokio, of Reuter's Telegram Co. says he learned from a reliable source that the Russian minister to China, Paul Lessar, has successfully bribed the Chinese officials, with the result that the instructions given the Russian gunboat Mandjur to leave Shanghai were canceled. The Japanese government considers this to be a breach of Chinese neutrality and is taking steps in the matter.

Another correspondent says Russia has conveyed to China a direct and official threat of war, based on the insistence of the Chinese government in ordering the Russian gunboat Mandjur to leave the harbor of Shanghai, near where a Japanese cruiser is waiting to destroy her. It is asserted that the Mandjur was sent into the harbor of Shanghai with the express design of creating international complications that would justify Russia's allies in coming to her aid.

Japan has demanded that China expel the Mandjur. China is thus in the position that any action she may take will be regarded as a breach of neutrality.

The United States cruiser New Orleans and the gunboats Wilmington and Annapolis, which sailed from Manila on February 15, under command of Rear Admiral Cooper, upon arriving at Chefoo received orders from the secretary of the navy to return to Shanghai. When the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan occurred Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, dispatched a cruiser squadron to Shanghai and Admiral Cooper's squadron to Chefoo. Secretary Moody has ordered all the ships to Shanghai. They left immediately after coaling, without giving any reason for their sudden departure.

Only vague rumors characterized the dispatches regarding land fighting. As an instance, the New York Herald's correspondent at St. Petersburg talks of a Russian repulse on the Yalu river with a loss of 2,500 lives. These rumors are unconfirmed, and from a reliable quarter the London Morning Post's Chee Foo correspondent says he learns tens of thousands of Japanese are advancing by forced marches from various parts of Korea on the Yalu, and that severe fighting is expected shortly. These are the only references to actual operations that have reached London.

The Russian forces in Manchuria are so far acting entirely on the defensive. Extensive preparations are being made at Dalny, Port Arthur, New Chwang and Liao Yang to prevent the threatened landing of the Japanese troops. A big force of men are at work on the damaged vessels in the Port Arthur harbor and efforts are being made to raise the battleship Retvizan.

The latest advices from Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, lead him to believe that the Japanese troops may now wait possibly two or three months before undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria. He said: "We have found that Russia is so unexpectedly unprepared that I should not be surprised if the Japanese land forces contented themselves with establishing a thorough organization and advancing as the construction of the railroad toward the Yalu river progresses. Russia appears to be less prepared than was China in 1895. I believe that only three trains a day can be run through Manchuria. Supposing these are equally divided between troops and supplies, as would be necessary, Russia could not perceptibly strengthen her land forces before April."

A dispatch from St. Petersburg hazards the forcast that some morning the Russian Black sea fleet may be unexpectedly found in the Mediterranean, Turkey being assured that with this once an accomplished fact, not one of the powers would have a word to say in objection. Diplomatic negotiations toward this end are alleged to be progressing. Such egress from the Black sea would release the big armored ships Kniazpotemkin and Tavriceski, 12,500 tons each; the Ekaterina and the Cisma, 11,000 tons each; the Sinope, 10,000 tons; the Trisviatitelia, 13,318 tons; the Georgi Pobliednoseo, 12,000 tons; the Dvienadzat Apostolow and the Rostislav, about 9,000 tons each; 10 torpedo catchers and about 25 torpedo boats—a force which would turn the vital question of the command of the sea in the far east in favor of Russia.

The Russian ambassador at Washington says: "Russia gladly and willingly favored the suggestion of Secretary Hay that as far as possible the belligerents in the far eastern war localize hostilities and respect the neutrality of China, in the interest of a continuance of peaceful intercourse of the rest of the world. My government expressed the conviction that Mr. Hay's suggestion was prompted by motives of the highest humanity and was mutually advantageous to the belligerents."

Reports received from Korea state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul and that a strong position at Ping Yang has been occupied by them. Their present movements, however, do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Korean capital.

The St. Petersburg paper Svelt says regarding Russia's designs in Korea that the country must pass under Russian control as a matter of self-preservation. "We must now confess that we are no great sea power, and perhaps never will be. Russia naturally is a territorial power. Our strength lies in our army. We have every confidence that our army will shortly begin operations in Korea, and drive out Japan. Whereupon we must annex the country and establish garrisons at Seoul Yonghampho, Masampho and elsewhere."

It is now believed both in London and on the continent that Viceroy Alexieff has decided to fall back upon Harbin, practically abandoning Port Arthur, Vladivostok and the whole of southern Manchuria to the Japanese and that he is, perhaps, hoping that the reduction of Port Arthur and Vladvostok will occupy the enemy while he is concentrating his forces at Harbin.

Significance is attached to the Figaro's discussing the possible retreat of the Russian forces from Port Arthur towards the north. The Figaro which is intensely pro-Russian and enjoys the favor of the Russian court, says: "The Russian note explaining the delays in the military operations has had the effect of confirming Viceroy Alexieff's plan to withdraw northward toward Mukden and Harbin." The military editor of the Figaro declares this would be a wise and tactical movement, as the Russian troops are better able to make a stand further north.

The Kentucky house, by a party vote, passed the bill prohibiting coeducation of the races in any educational institution in the state.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt observed the annual Washington's birthday custom of planting trees on the White House grounds. Each planted a fern leaf beech along Executive avenue.

The body of John Lewis was exhumed at Fremont, Ia., and the head taken to Sigourney to be used as an exhibit in the trial of Mrs. Belle Lewis, charged with the murder of her husband.

George D. Morgan, nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, and his Japanese bride have arrived at Chicago on their way to New York. Mrs. Morgan cannot speak English, but through her husband it was learned that she likes America from the viewpoint of a tourist, but is not quite sure that she could ever reconcile herself to the American style of dress for women. Mrs. Morgan was Miss Yuki Kato, of Kioto, and was married to Mr. Morgan on Jan. 20.

The big tunnels the Pennsylvania railroad is to build in New York will be constructed by the railroad company itself. President Cassatt rejected all bids as too high.

President Roosevelt has been formally invited to attend the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Boston next summer.

After 30 years, the H. Whitbeck Co. has closed operations on the Menominee river and sold its last cut of 20,000,000 feet of pine.

Naturalization frauds have been discovered which may lead to revelations of wholesale issue of citizenship papers in Montana.

Col. F. J. Hecker, of Detroit, is mentioned as probably one of the seven commissioners to supervise the construction of the Panama canal.

Blanche Boies, a Topeka disciple of Carrie Nation, has been sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and to pay a fine of $100 for her second offense in smashing the windows of five buildings in which joints were operating a year ago. She has just finished her first sentence.

The paper trust has aroused the American Newspaper Publishers' association and a resolution was adopted at the convention in New York asking the president and attorney general to institute suit against the three combines under the anti-trust law.

Dowie has to flee from mobs in New South Wales.

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:

2.

Farm of 80 acres, well fenced, well watered—never-failing stream; 10 acres timber, 1½ miles from Bloomfield Center and electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac. Terms easy.

3.

Twenty-nine and two-thirds acres of land near Irish church in Royal Oak township. It is excellent land, four good building and fences all in good repair; 65 apple trees, 100 plum trees and plenty of other small fruit. Buildings insured for $1,000. Price $2,800. Terms easy. The place is just outside of the lighter soil of Royal Oak and cannot be beaten for anyone requiring a small farm suitable for small fruit or poultry farming. Come and let us show you over the place some day.

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 30 rods deep on Maple Ave. East, (half an 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.

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.

10.

Large, roomy two-story house on Townsend St. in Birmingham, good barn, city water and all ordinary conveniences, 120 ft. front and 103 ft. deep. Small fruit and good neighborhood.

12.

The Bayley farm in the town of Troy, 127½ acres. Good farm house and farm buildings; flowing well at the barn which is the wonder and pride of Troy; 20 acres good beech and maple timber, 4 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.

13.

Farm in Southfield, 67 acres, of which 10 acres is timber, good beech and maple. Soil, clay loam. Creek runs through farm. Water in every lot the year round. New, small house and small barn. Terms easy and price so low that it will pay you to look it up. Will trade for Birmingham property.

16.

Fine fruit farm of 68 acres about 2 miles from Birmingham, nice rolling land, 5 acres timber. No waste land; 2,300 peaches, 100 plums, 800 grapes, 20 apples, 1½ acres raspberries, 4 acres strawberries, etc. Good house nearly new. Price $60 per acre. Will take other property for part pay. Tell you more about it if you ask us.

18.

A small farm of 8 acres, being part of the w½ of section 2, Southfield township, Oakland county. Four good buildings; house, barn, towhouse and pig-pen. Buildings insured for $1,200. Premises abundantly supplied with cold pure water from flowing well, which is piped to 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; 3¾ miles from Birmingham, over roads which are the best in the country; 40 rods from good school; 10 rods from Krity's mill. Excellent neighborhood. This little farm is ready for business, without a cent for repairs or improvements. Price $1,500. Terms easy.

19.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Ogemaw county, Mich.; 50 acres cleared, 50 acres mixed hardwood timber. Barn worth $100. 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.

33.

Twenty-three hundred dollars cash will buy one of the most profitable farms in the township of Southfield, consisting of 96 acres. The price is $50 per acre, but the balance of the purchase price will be allowed to continue on mortgage at 6 per cent, or will trade for a smaller farm or house and lot in Birmingham; three good buildings, good cellars, wells, cisterns and all the usual conveniences. There are other things which we will whisper in your ear upon application.

54.

Nice little forty-acre farm up in Sanilac county for $25 per acre; 30 acres cleared, 3 acres of orchard; a good barn and a comfortable log house; 5½ miles from Lexington; 4 miles east of Applegate post office on the F. & P. M. R'y; will exchange for Birmingham property or a small farm hereabouts. For a poor man with a small amount to invest and a right good chance to work out the balance, this will be worth coming to see us about. Now don't go along all your life working for someone else and without a home. Come and tell us what you can do and see if we can help you out. It don't cost anything if we don't deal, and if we do, the man who is selling the property pays all the commission.

38.

Two story house and lot on south side of Maines St., two doors from electric road on Saginaw St., 80 ft. front, 110 ft. deep. Hot and cold water on both floors, water closet, bath, furnace and every modern convenience. Terms $500 cash, balance on long time. Price $2,800. If you are curious or interested, just ask us for fuller particulars. If you are only curious it will be curious if we can't interest you.

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Brick house, good barn and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple Ave east, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton subdivision. Price $3,500 and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't believe it, ask us about it and we will prove it.

44.

Fine Stock Farm—the celebrated Collins Farm—105 acres in township of Southfield. Buildings are well painted and in good condition; Large 12 room frame house, with cellar divided into three compartments. House surrounded with large handsome elm trees. Horse barn with stalls for six horses and separate carriage room. Bank barn with granary, overhead track, cow stables underneath with cement floor and 5 or 6 additional stalls, sliding doors, good windows, window guards, stone foundation, etc., etc. Horse barn with 14 box stalls and paddock. Horse barn with 4 box and 8 other stalls and paddock enclosed with high board fence. Straw shed. Tool house, enclosed with sliding doors. Office with large stallion or foaling box stall attached and paddock. Bull box stall with paddock secure and strong for this purpose and isolated from other buildings. Outside closet for house. Outside closet for stalls. Fruit: Large and bearing apple orchard well trimmed and in good condition, Baldwins, Greenings, Kings, Steeles Red, Jonathans and Russets; 500 pear trees, 30 peach, 25 cherry, 25 plum, all of best varieties, 5 apricots, 2 quince, currants, grapes, strawberries, etc. 5 acres timber or wood lot. Water: Good well with iron pump at house; good well with iron pump at stables; branch of River Rouge runs across entire south end of farm and is NEVER DRY. Farm is well tiled. Fences all in first class shape, many of them entirely new. Condition of soil: Farm has carried an average of 40 head of stock during past five years. No feed of any kind sold and entire farm heavily manured. No commercial fertilizers used. Better inquire about this farm it may pay you.

55.

Village lots on Saginaw street, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. H. & M. R'y, south by Bowers street, west by Saginaw street, 108 ft. front on Saginaw street, 174 feet deep on north side and 148 feet deep on south side; all in the village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village. Price $600.

56.

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $125.00 for the two lots (which is very cheap). Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

57.

Farm of 40 acres, being the s e ¼ of the s e ¼ of section 2, Farmington, Oakland county, Mich., in the finest farming locality of the county, with 3 fairly good buildings. There is no incumbrance on the property and it is less than a mile from the Farmington electric road. 3 acres of timber, elm, basswood, etc., and the price is only $45.00 per acre and you can have your own way about the terms of payment as long as you have cash enough to secure it. A postal will get you fuller particulars.

One of the best farms in Oakland county. It is almost enough to say when we tell you that it is the John Buttolph farm in the town of Troy, 160 acres, excellent buildings, two good flowing wells, Carp pond well stocked, 9 miles of tile; fine orchard, 5 miles from Birmingham, 2 miles straight south of Troy corners, where there is a church, store, post office, school, etc. D., R. & L. O. runs past the door. Cars every hour to Detroit, Rochester, Romeo and Lake Orion. Price low and terms easy.

59.

House and lot, No. 1631 Fourteenth ave., Detroit, a little over a block from the Boulevard; paved street; house piped and furnace; small barn, some fruit; buildings valued at $2,700, insured for $1,700. Will trade for Birmingham village property or for a small farm of not more than 5 acres.

60.

House and two lots 150 x 200 just north of the corporation line of the village of Royal Oak, plenty of small fruit and shade trees; two buildings worth $1,800 and will sell for just what the buildings would cost to build. House and 8 rooms and pantry, cellar, good well, also barn. Buildings were built less than two years ago. Price $1,800 and terms very easy.

61.

House of 11 rooms on lots 5 and 18 Castle's plat, fronting on Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham. Good cistern and ample cellar. There are things about this place which we want to talk to you about and the price is so low that we are ashamed to tell you right out loud. If you will call and see us about it, we will whisper.

64

Are you tired of Michigan's wet and dry extremes? Do you long for a better climate—the land of sunshine and flowers? Well, now you are the very fellow we have been looking for. Here's an Orange Grove of 10 acres in San Bernardo county, California, just in the first of it's bearing. Needn't worry about the dry weather; it's irrigated. The party will take $3,800 down and the balance on long time; or he will trade with you for a small farm in Bloomfield or Farmington townships. Ask us about it.

Good little farm in the township of West Bloomfield, Oakland county, 90 acres—80 cleared, 10 of oak timber, 2 acres of orchard, house and barn of but little value. Nice little lake on the farm, good neighborhood and soil of the very best. Wait a minute! The price is the thing to make you consider. It can be bought for $45.00 per acre. There!

67

Formerly known as the Rood Farm, within ten rods of the electric railway near Kimball's Corners, between Pontiac and Birmingham, on the Pontiac branch of the D. U. R. Eighty-eight and 44-100 acres, 3 acres orchard, 6 acres second growth timber, house and two barns in fair condition, heavy loamy soil. Described as e ½ of n e ¼ sec 9, Bloomfield. Was formerly held at $6,500 but now, owing to existing circumstances, it can be bought for $1,000 less. Terms very easy and long time given at very low rate of interest. Show it to you any day you say you will call up with us and look it over.

69

Ah, here it is! Just what you have been looking and longing for. The justly celebrated "Kool Kabin Stock Farm," formerly owned by the late O. W. Shipman. One hundred sixty-three and 7-10 acres. No waste land, all being under the highest possible state of cultivation. Best buildings in the neighborhood. Two-story 12-room house, cow, horse, sheep and grain barns of large capacity, flowing well and windmill takes pure, cold water throughout all the buildings, soil dark clay loam made rich by hundreds of carloads of manure from Detroit stables, 7 miles of tile—well, say! 'twould take a column to describe all the advantages of this place and then you wouldn't be satisfied until you examined it, so you might as well let us take you out to look at it first as last. It's only a mile from Birmingham, straight west over beautiful roads. Come on.

71

Ten acres, no buildings, 6 acres cleared, 4 acres elm and ash timber, 1¼ miles west of Birmingham, Mich. Price $50.00 per acre.

72

Part of n e ¼ of sec 27, Bloomfield, 44 acres, 4 acres of timber and pasture land, 2 acres orchard—good fruit—4 buildings valued at $800, 1¾ miles west of the D. & P. Electric R'y, free daily mail delivery. Good well, cellar, cistern, and fine living water on the southerly end of the farm. Price $2,200 and terms easy on long time. It makes a nice little home in an excellent neighborhood, all ready to commence business at a price within the reach of all. Ask us about No. 72. A postal will get it.

75

Cottage, number 79 Oak Hill street, Pontiac, Mich., 4 rooms and attic. Half a mile from the court house. Price $675 cash or installments.

77

Two lots on Saginaw street, bounded on the north by land of John German, on the east by D. G. H. & M. R. R., on the south by land of William Milton, on the west by Saginaw street; 100 foot frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

83

The new offering in the real estate department of the Exchange Bank this week is a pretty little farm of 28 acres adjoining the village, 8 acres timber which is all large but scattered, an acre of orchard and 4 buildings, the latter insured for $1,500. Ask Whitehead at the Exchange Bank.

84

A beautiful and productive farm—no better in the county—and only a mile from the electric road, near the little hamlet of Circle, three miles from Birmingham, four miles from Pontiac, lovely little stream runs through the place furnishing plenty of water the year round. Not a foot of waste land, ten-room house and good outbuildings which are worth $5,000. Ten acres of timber, oak and hickory; 5 acres of good orchard (200 good new bearing peach trees) and altogether an ideal stock or dairy farm. Nothing to conceal but everything to show you about this place, which will be sure to please you—if you can be pleased at all. More particulars? Nope. Costs us too much. But say if you will ask about it on a postal (only costs you a cent) we will gladly do the rest. Honest, it's cheap at the price asked for it.

85

A nice little farm of 7 acres a mile west of the electric road in Royal Oak township and about 1½ miles west of that village. No sand, but good gravelly loam, ten acres of timber. Three buildings and everything in good repair, all ready to settle down and be happy. Might just as well tell you what it can be bought for, first as last. Five Thousand Dollars will buy it, with enough down to secure it and balance on long time and easy terms. Now, will you be good and let us tell you more about it on application, either in person or by mail?

86

Eighty acres of excellent land with good buildings (insured for $3,000), fine orchard, four acres of best varieties of grafted fruit, half mile east of Northwood on the D. & P. electric line and half mile west of the Rochester line, 12 miles from Detroit and about a mile from Royal Oak village. Price $8,000. Terms enough cash to secure and the balance on long time at a low rate of interest. Worth inquiring more particularly about.

87

House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets—an excellent location. One of the best built and most comfortable residences in the village, with 120 feet front on Townsend and 103 feet deep. Modern ten room house with closets, cellar, well, woodshed and summer kitchen. Now, this is strictly "on the dead" and must not be repeated—but if you really have any intention of buying a home in this village within a year, you can't afford to overlook this place, because the price is only $2,600 and more than that but that's a state secret and you can't find out a thing further, until you see Whitehead and ask him about it. Cross-my-heart-hope-I-may-never-see-the-back-of-my-neck-if-'taint so!

FIGS AND THISTLES.

The sight of a wrong is the only commission the true man needs.

The ministry will never be a soft snap to the man with a sensitive soul.

When an avocation becomes a vocation it must prove itself to be a virtue.

Glittering generalities are as likely to hurt the devil as tissue paper bullets.

The man who is working at iniquity to-day will be working with it tomorrow.

No wonder some are tired of religion when they take it all in kangaroo leaps.

Stilts of pride lift you above the people to-day and lay you in a puddle tomorrow.

People who cannot endure children in the home will find Heaven a very unpleasant place.

Good works is not the price of a ticket to Heaven, but the proof of the right to enter there.

The men who can stop drinking when they get ready usually stop because there are no saloons in the grave.—Ram's Horn.

THEIR ECHOES.

Fortune befriends the bold.—Dryden.