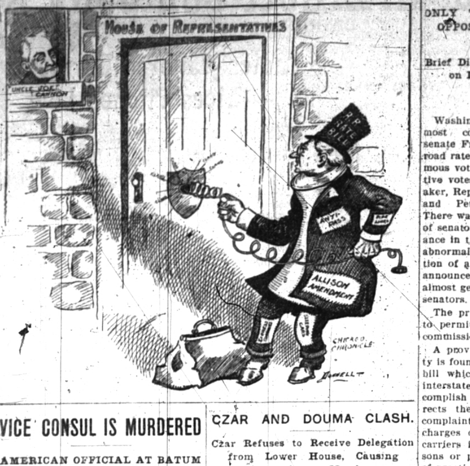
THE PRODIGAL SON: "I WONDER WHETHER THE FOLKS WILL RECOGNIZE ME."



VICE CONSUL IS MURDERED

AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT BATUM IS SLAIN FROM AMBUSH.

One Bullet Pierced His Breast, Causing Death Two Hours Later—Assassin Escapes.

Batum.—W. H. Stuart, the American vice consul, was shot and killed near his country place Sunday night. The assassins escaped. Mr. Stuart was a British subject and one of the largest ship brokers and exporters of Batum. During the revolutionary troubles of last fall his life was many times threatened by longshoremen, and at Christmas a deputation visited his office and practically compelled him to give them $1,500 under the guise of a holiday gratuity for dock laborers.

Mr. Stuart, having dined at the house of a friend, was returning to his country place at Manziadjani, five miles from Batum. He was fired on twice from a clump of trees half a mile from his home, one bullet piercing his leg and another his breast.

Mr. Stuart was conveyed to a military barracks in the vicinity, where he expired two hours later. The body was transported to the consulate at Batum.

Aside from the troubles during the revolutionary disturbances last fall, Mr. Stuart had had no friction with the native population. He was so generally respected that he was on several occasions called upon to act as intermediary during the racial war between the Tartars and the Armenians, saving the lives of several of the latter.

Mr. Stuart, who was 43 years of age, had spent the greater part of his life in Russia, the last 12 years in Batum. Besides his official connections he had extensive business relations throughout the entire Caucasus. He spoke several native dialects and was considered an authority on land. The police have no trace of the murderers.

FOREST FIRES ARE PUT OUT

Rain and Falling Wind Bring Relief to the Stricken Districts of Michigan.

Milwaukee, Wis. — A special from Marinette, Wis., says: All danger from forest fires is past. It was raining Monday morning and the wind has died out. The loss everywhere is believed to have been greatly exaggerated.

The I. Stephenson company, at Wells, Mich., was the heaviest loser, and its losses will not be more than $40,000. Most of the buildings destroyed were of frame construction. The sawmills destroyed were all small ones, worth not more than from $5,000 to $15,000. The total losses in the burned area will not be more than $200,000. The number of settlers burned out has also been greatly exaggerated. Some papers have placed it as high as 2,000. Considering the way in which the northern country is settled, it is certain that not 500 have been burned out, and it is probable that the actual number who lost their homes is not more than 200, and it may not reach this amount.

The most damage is at Quinnesec, Mich., a large town which was destroyed, but the fire there was not due to forest fire, but to a bonfire in the rear of a livery stable. There are no woods around Quinnesec.

President Palma Inaugurated.

Havana.—President Palma was inaugurated president of Cuba at the palace at noon Sunday in the presence of the justices of the supreme court, members of congress, the diplomatic corps, the apostolic delegate and a number of officials.

Business Section Burned.

Dothen, Ala.—Almost the entire business section of Abbeville was wiped out by fire. Abbeville has a population of 2,500, is the county seat of Henry county, and is about 35 miles north of the Florida state line.

Marines for Panama.

Washington.—More than 600 marines will confront liberal leaders on the Isthmus of Panama in case they attempt to promote riots and revolution at the time of the election in Panama on June 20.

Prison for Former Legislator.

Salt Lake.—Richard B. Shepard, proprietor of a book store, formerly a member of the Kansas and Utah legislatures, was sentenced to serve 13 months in prison for sending catalogues of immoral books through mails.

Hold Architect Responsible.

Havana.—City Architect Lagueruela has been arrested on an indictment charging him with responsibility for the recent collapse of the Gener cigarette factory, by which six persons were killed and 1 were injured.

CZAR AND DOUMA CLASH.

Czar Refuses to Receive Delegation from Lower House, Causing Anger Among Members.

St. Petersburg.—A bomb was thrown into the parliamentary camp Sunday afternoon by a note received by President Mouromtseff of the lower house from Peterhof, which, instead of making an appointment for an audience at which he and the deputation could present the address in reply to the speech from the throne, contained the information that Emperor Nicholas would not receive the deputation and that the address must be presented through the ministry of the court.

Disconcerted utterly at this unexpected development, the leaders of the majority in the house hastily summoned a caucus of the constitutional democratic deputies. President Mouromtseff, instead of sending the address to Baron Fredericks, minister of the imperial house, immediately issued a call for a meeting of parliament.

The first disposition of the caucus of constitutional democrats was to regard the refusal to receive the deputation as a challenge and an open affront which was only answerable by a counter declaration of war. The deputies were red with rage, but after the first passion had cooled, the leaders realized the danger of too precipitate action and set for themselves the task of bringing their enraged followers under control.

SIX SQUARES ARE RUINED

Stanley, Wis., Is Nearly Wiped Out by Fire That Destroys Residence Section.

Stanley, Wis.—Fire, which started from a spark from the Northwestern mill, destroyed 100 residences and a dozen business buildings. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

The fire broke out in the stables of the Northwestern Lumber company and spread rapidly. A high wind from the west carried the flames away from the Northwestern mill and saved that structure, but six blocks to the east were completely burned out.

The large department store of the Northwestern Lumber company was among the business places wiped out, and the loss to the building and stock will total $40,000.

Among the other losers were: J. N. Olson, furniture, $4,000; Long & Ness, meat market, $4,000; Christian & Konsella, farm implements, $3,000; Norwegian church and Young Peoples' reading room, $6,000.

The damage in the residence section is estimated at over $100,000, every house being destroyed between the Northwestern store and Franklin street.

Slays His Tormentor.

Marietta, O.—John West, 30 years old, is in the hospital with a bullet near the heart, and John Buck, charged with the shooting, is at large with a posse of neighbors hunting him with bloodhounds. Buck had been tormented by West and a number of companions, who pelted his house with stones Saturday night. Buck lay in wait with a gun, and when the stones began to rattle against the house he fired and West fell. Buck escaped in his bare feet to the woods, leaving a note that he intended to commit suicide.

To Open Ohio Mines.

Cleveland, O.—Operators in this city who are interested in the reopening of the mines in Jefferson county and other points in the vicinity of Steubenville declared their belief that the mines would be put in operation without the expected clash between the strikers and the detectives and other nonunion employes of the operators.

World's Y. W. C. A. Adjourns.

Paris.—The Young Woman's Christian association world's conference closed Monday with the adoption for the importance of training schools for secretaries, the establishment of girls' homes in all countries and work among the working girls of the cities.

Strikebreakers Desert.

Steubenville, O.—Out of 40 nonunion miners brought in to work the Plum Run mines Monday only eight reached the mines, the others being persuaded to leave by strike pickets.

Navigator Attempts Suicide.

Racine, Wis.—Capt. Archibald H. Clarke, one of the oldest and best known retired navigators on the chain of lakes, made an unsuccessful attempt to beat his brains out against fences and buildings, and then tried to leap into the river, but was prevented.

Earthquake at Oakland.

Oakland, Cal.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt here and at San Jose and other points Thursday night. No damage is reported.

RATE BILL PASSES SENATE

ONLY THREE VOTES CAST IN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE.

Brief Digest of Authority Conferred on Interstate Commission by the Bill.

Washington.—After 70 days of almost continuous deliberation the senate Friday at 4:53 passed the railroad rate bill by the practically unanimous vote of 71 to 3. The three negative votes were cast by Senators Foraker, Republican, of Ohio, and Morgan and Pettus, Democrats, Alabama. There was somewhat larger attendance of senators than usual, but the attendance in the galleries was by no means abnormal, and there was no manifestation of any kind when the result was announced. There was, however, an almost general sigh of relief among the senators.

The principal purpose of the bill is to permit the interstate commerce commission to fix rates.

A provision conferring this authority is found in the fourth section of the bill which amends section 15 of the interstate commerce law so as to accomplish this result. That section directs the commission to investigate complaints of unjust and unreasonable charges on the part of the common carriers in the transportation of persons or property or of regulations or of practices affecting such charges. It also authorizes an inquiry as to whether the rates or practices are "unjustly discriminatory or unduly preferential or unprejudicial or otherwise in violation of the act" and in case any of these conditions are found to exist the commission is empowered to determine and prescribe what will be the just and reasonable maximum rate and what regulation or practice is just, reasonable and fair.

Other powers conferred by this section are: To apportion joint fares, establish through routes and maximum joint rates and prescribe their division and to determine the compensation to be paid to shippers doing service for carriers.

Section 16 of the present law is so changed as to provide for an award of pecuniary damages to complainants found entitled thereto, and in case payment is not promptly made in accordance with this award the beneficiary is authorized to file suit in a United States circuit court to compel compliance. The finding of the commission is to be received as prima facie evidence of the facts in such suits and the petitioner is absolved from all liability for costs.

Another provision renders legal the service of the orders of the commission through the mails and provides that these orders shall take effect 30 days after service unless suspended or modified by the commission or suspended or set aside by the courts. A penalty of $5,000 for each offense in disobedience of the order is imposed, and the penalty is to accumulate at the rate of $5,000 a day in case of continuous violation. Orders other than those for money payments are to be enforced by the federal courts through writs of mandamus or injunction. In case of appeal to the supreme court these cases are to be given precedence over all others except those of a criminal character.

The bill was amended by the senate so as to give the United States circuit courts jurisdiction to entertain suits brought to annul or change the orders of the commission and to provide against the granting of interlocutory decrees without hearings and making appeals from such orders direct to the supreme court.

Other provisions extend the definition of the word railroads so as to make it include switches, spurs, tracks, terminal facilities, freight depots, yards and grounds and defines the word "transportation" so as to make it embrace cars and other facilities for shipment or carriage, "irrespective of ownership or of any contract," the intention being to make the railroads responsible for all special car service. It is made the duty of carriers to furnish car service upon reasonable request.

State amendments include oil pipe lines, express companies and shipping car companies under the head of "common carriers" and make them amenable to the requirements of the bill.

Other senate modifications prohibit the issuance of passes or the granting of special favors to one class of passengers over another, prohibiting railroad companies from transporting commodities produced by themselves; require such companies to put in switches at the reasonable request of shippers, prohibits the granting or acceptance of rebates and reinstate the imprisonment penalty for violation of the law.

The commission is given access to the accounts of the companies affected by the act, but examiners are forbidden under penalty of heavy fine and long imprisonment from divulging the facts ascertained. Fines of $500 for each failure to keep proper accounts is provided.

Fire on Cotton Docks.

New York.—Fire started Monday night on the American cotton docks between St. George and Tomkinsville Staten Island. The fire was under control soon after midnight, the flames having been confined to the warehouses containing cotton. The damage is estimated at $250,000.

Fatal Quarrel Over Money.

Vinton, Ia.—Lawrence Muan, aged 30 years, Monday shot his wife in the head and then shot himself. His wife is expected to recover, but he died.

Archbishop Ireland in Paris.

Paris.—Archbishop Ireland and Bishop James McGolrick arrived here Saturday. The archbishop intends to stay in Paris for a week before sailing for the United States, while Bishop McGolrick will tour Ireland.

Railroad Workmen Drowned.

Hagerstown, Md.—A work train plunged from the Western Maryland railway track into the Chesapeake & Ohio canal. Three men were drowned and two others are under the wreck. Fifteen men were injured.

AFFIRMS BURTON DECISION

Kansas Senator Must Serve Six Months in Jail and Pay Fine, Besides Losing Office.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States Monday rendered a decision in the case of United States Senator Ralph Burton, of Kansas. The decision was against Burton, affirming the decision of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri, by which Burton was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the jail of Iron county, Mo., required to pay a fine of $2,500 and deprived of the right to hereafter hold office under the government. The opinion was by Justice Harlan. All of the points made in Burton's interest were overruled.

Senator Burton was prosecuted on the charge of violating Section 1782 of the revised statutes, which prohibits senators and representatives from receiving compensation for services rendered before any of the government departments in any matter in which the government may be interested. He was specifically charged with accepting a fee of $500 per month for five months from the Rialto Grain & Securities company, of St. Louis, for services rendered that company in an effort to prevent the issuance of an order by the post office department prohibiting the use of the mails by the company.

Immediately after promulgating its decision in the Burton case the supreme court of the United States Monday granted a motion to give 60 days to Senator Burton in which to prepare a petition for a rehearing. The action will have the effect of taking the case over until the next term of court beginning in October, as the present term will expire next Monday.

CHURCH TO QUIT BUSINESS

Mormon Leaders to Dispose of Great Co-Operative Store and Other Holdings in Utah.

Salt Lake City.—The Mormon church is going out of business, according to a local paper. Its principal holding in Salt Lake City, the Utah Light and Railway company, is to be taken over by a $25,000,000 corporation composed of English and American capitalists.

If this policy is completely carried out, the sale of the traction interests will be followed by the sale of stocks in banks, sugar factories, the great Zion cooperative mercantile institution department store, and many smaller enterprises. It will be nothing less than a commercial revolution which will profoundly affect the political and social life of the state.

Simultaneously the announcement is made that the Salt Lake & Los Angeles railroad, another church property, has been sold to a local syndicate for $500,000. This road is 13 miles in length, and runs from the city to the lake.

President Joseph F. Smith, of the Mormon church, is quoted as saying that the divorce of religion from business is made on account of the fact that the Mormons whom the church sought to protect years ago no longer need the protection of the church in business affairs. The church entered business, he says, to assist converts and strangers belonging to the church, but as they are now on a firm footing the church withdraws from business entirely.

GROWTH OF THE TELEPHONE

Nearly Two Million and a Half Instruments in Use in the United States.

Washington.—A special report on telephones and telegraphs for 1902 has been issued by the census office. It shows that in 1902 the telephone systems of the country operated more than three-fourths of the wire mileage reported for both telephones and telegraphs, gave employment to seven-tenths of the wage earners, and paid more than two-thirds of the wages, received more than two-thirds of the total revenue, and paid more than two-thirds of the total expenses.

For the commercial systems the mileage was 4,779,571, and the number of telephones 2,225,981; for the mutual systems the mileage was 70,915, and the number of telephones 89,316; and for the independent lines the mileage was 49,965, and the number of telephones 55,747.

Sign Rio Grande Treaty.

Washington.—Ambassador Casasus, for the Mexican government, and Secretary Root Monday signed a treaty regulating the use of the waters of the Rio Grande, which, if approved by the senate, will remove what has been for 20 years past a source of friction in the relations of the two countries.

Will Move Whole Town.

St. Paul, Minn.—In order to avoid a controversy with the property owners and business men of Winnipeg Junction, in the removal of its station a mile distant from the present point, the Northern Pacific Railway company will move the entire town at the same time.

Fire at Ohio Mine.

St. Clairsville, O.—The tipple power house and generator of the Purslove coal mines, three miles north of here, were burned Sunday night with a loss of $30,000. New machinery has been installed recently.

Want Bryan to Lead.

Newark, O.—At the annual meeting of Licking county's Democracy resolutions expressing the hope that William J. Bryan will lead the party in the next presidential campaign were adopted with cheers.

Furniture Factory Burns.

Owosso, Mich.—The five-story brick furniture factory of the Estey Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire Friday. The Lake Ice company's ice houses are also in ruins. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

Aged Actress Dead.

New York.—Fanny Herring, once a theatrical favorite in New York, died at Simsbury, Conn. She made her debut at the Old Bowery theater, New York, in 1841, as the boy in the play entitled "The Battle."

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:

5.

Elegant house and lot 66 feet front and 20 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.

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.

42

Brick house, good barn, and seven acres of land suitable for platting on south side of Maple avenue 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.

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 108 feet front on Woodward avenue, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

56

Lots 48 and 49 Randall's Addition, price $135.00 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 8 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.

58

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!

77

One lot on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

89

Lot on the east side of Baldwin Ave., in the Randall Addition. Fine building site. Price only $100.00.

90

Finest farm we know of, 154 acres one mile south of the village of Birmingham. Nine good buildings, 20 acres of timber, 4 acres of orchard, finest orchard in the country, one mile from the postoffice and one mile west of the electric railway. Flowing well. House heated with furnace.

94

One of the best farms, without exception, in the township of Southfield, 123 acres and no waste land. Well fenced and thoroughly tiled. 10 acres excellent orchard, 10 acres good heavy timber. Two buildings valued at more than $3,000 and the place can be bought on easy terms for $65.00 per acre. There, if that don't get you to thinking we won't try any more. A cent's worth of postal cards will tell you all about it by return mail.

Price $65.00 per acre. Want to know more about it? A postal will bring full particulars.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property. Farm of 160 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, in a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, flowing wells, excellent buildings, best wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 50 raspberries, two barns, one dwelling, one swine house (capacity 100), icehouse and milk house combined, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the country but failing health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property. Price $65.00 an acre.

Farm of 77¼ acres on one, twelve mile road, 1¼ miles east of the Electric Railway on Woodward avenue, two-story house, good barn and buildings which are insured for for $1,500. Dark loamy soil, admirable for truck gardening; plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 31 acres in sections 22 and 15, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit, 5 buildings insured for $2,100; all plow land, well drained and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

102

Two story brick residence in the village of Franklin, Mich., and one of the finest in the country, with beautiful surroundings, nestled among the hills and valleys of the prettiest little village in Eastern Michigan. The cellar is divided into vegetable, provision, laundry and furnace room. The house has thirteen rooms and five closets, hot and cold water, furnace room, water closets, and in fact every convenience that you could possibly have in the city. Two barns, 2 woodhouses, pig pen, hen house and corn house combined, work shop for odd hours on odd jobs, iron fence around entire lot, cement walks, house fronts west and north on a corner lot of one acre. The house alone cost $6,000 to build, and the money was well expended. Plenty of fruit—an ideal place for city people who would like to settle down in a pleasant little country village and rest. Price (we are ashamed to say it), is only $4,000, half cash, balance on long time and easy terms. If you live in the big wicked city and would like to see a place that would suit you, we will take you to see this place and be glad to get acquainted with you whether you buy or not.

103

Eighty acre farm in White Lake township, W ½ S E ¼ Sec. 32; 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh! this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer). Three acres of orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $2,000. Say, what do you want, anyhow?

104

House and barn and south half of four lots corner of Fremont and Pierce streets, Birmingham; comfortable little home for small family. 52 feet front on Pierce street and 160 on Fremont. Price $1,200, terms easy. Will trade for other property.

106

House and two lots on Stanley avenue, Birmingham, 156x130, well, cistern, cellar, fruit; house worth $1,000 and that's all we ask for the place. Wouldn't that take you to the fair?

107

One of the finest residences in the village of Birmingham, 200 feet front on Brown and 200 on Daines street; 2 story house with furnace, 9 large rooms, well cistern, cellar, plenty of fruit; one block from electric cars for Detroit. Price $3,500.

108

About 15 acres of vacant property in the village of Birmingham, suitable for platting, 500 feet on west side of Woodward avenue, along the line of the electric railway; will plat into 65 lots 50x130 each, and a thousand dollars cash will buy it with the balance of the purchase price on long time at low rate of interest. Honest, we are almost ready to take it ourselves. There is money in it for anyone who has time to devote to the selling of it, and who could take monthly payments, etc.

114

Fine farm in the township of Southfield; 80 acres, of which 75 are cleared, and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard, 5 buildings worth $3,000, and this exceptionally fine place can be bought for $5,000. Nuf ced!

116

Farm in Southfield. Really you will begin to think we have the whole town of Southfield for sale. Well, we have a lot of it, and there is no better farming land in the world. Only they have been asking too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason and some are very cheap. F'rinstance, 61 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings, nice spring of ever-flowing water, all good plow land, except 1½ acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

Nice little farm of nineteen acres in the township of Troy, 1½ miles from the electric railway, good for chicken raising, plenty of timber for fire wood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

118

Seven acres just outside the city limits of Pontiac, on Elizabeth Lake Road, less than one-half mile from electric cars. Buildings new, house 9 rooms, bath room, well and cistern, or will sell the buildings and one or more acres of land. Will sell the whole business for $2,200 with cash enough to insure, and will take the balance on the installment plan, if necessary.

120

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Coater and located on the east shore of Pine Lake, in the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region of Oakland county; 120 acres with 1½ story frame dwelling and seven rooms, in a very beautiful oak and hickory grove. Farm touches Long Lake in the eastern portion and Pine Lake on the west. The price is less than sixty dollars per acre and the portion bordering on the Pine Lake part is laid out in lots which are well worth five times the whole amount asked for the farm. 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and at the opposite end of Pine Lake from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth investigating and we are here to answer all your questions, either by mail or in a personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

121

One hundred and three acres just outside of the corporate limits of the city of Pontiac, on the electric railway, 2 acres orchard, 12 acres of oak timber, 9 buildings in poor repair (the buildings don't cost anything at the price we are asking, so you needn't kick about 'em,) beautiful living spring of pure water, excellent soil. Formerly leased by D. M. Ferry & Co., for seed farm. The veriest hint that you would like to investigate and we'll get our bonnet on and be ready to go with you to look it over. Farms of this kind are getting mighty popular just now and when we tell you that it can be bought for ninety dollars per acre, you will understand that you'd better hurry.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy.) Barn 32x46 and 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than $80 per acre will buy it, and the terms are so easy that any man who means business can pay for it.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willson's Sub-division, Royal Oak village, 30x110 each. Price, $100 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

House and lot on Fremont street in Birmingham, Mich. 60x103 feet. House nearly new, 9 rooms and closets, well and cistern. Price, $1,100.

128

Five-room cottage, Hood's Addition, Birmingham, on Stanley street. Comfortable little home, good well, cistern, fruit, garden, etc. Price, $700.

129

One of the finest residences on Saginaw street, Birmingham, 12 or 15 rooms, closets, furnace, bath, hot and cold water; every convenience which you would have or expect to have in the city; without exception the finest location in our village; brick house, 2 stories, practically new, cost $8,000 to build it, lot about 125 feet; front on Saginaw street, and about 200 feet deep. And the price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this public manner. Really, if you want the best house and lot in our town at a cost far less than it cost to put it in its present condition, you surely would do yourself an injury if you don't call on us and let us take you to see it. That's right!

130

Modest little cottage on Stanley street, 103 feet front, 60 feet deep; comfortable little house and plenty of fruit and other conveniences. One of the cheapest places on our list and well worth the money. $700 will buy it, and there are things we could tell you that explain the reasons that it is offered for 25 per cent less than it is worth.

133

Five acres, no buildings, good light loamy soil, no waste land. Ten beautiful maples on the front, 20 rods from post office, rural free delivery twice daily, store, mill and electric waiting room 20 rods from front, electric railway runs past the property. Price $550.00. Ideal place for a country home built to suit you. On Rochester electric line about 16 miles from city hall, 2 miles from Royal Oak, 4 miles from Birmingham, and if you don't speak right up quick, you'll lose it.

134

Improved farm, 80 acres; 5 acres timber, 3 acres orchard; soil clay loam; good ten room house with large cellar; bay barn, horse barn, tool house, work shop and corn house and all other necessary buildings. Have about $2,000 worth of personal property which will be sold with the farm if desired and the whole thing goes for $5,500 if sold this season. Go with you to look at it if you want us to. The place is located 1½ miles south of Canton, Wayne county, Mich., on the Ann Arbor electric.

135

Large 10-room frame house on Woodward avenue, basement under all, good furnace, bath, handsome oak mantels with grates, large attic, fine large barn, hen house, flowing well, all kinds of small fruit, nice lawn, with magnificent elms for shade. Will sell buildings and some of the land for $4,500, or the whole place for $6,500. It is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land and the most sightly and picturesque view of the village. Come and see what it is, and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

136

Eighty to one hundred acres as you choose, part of the old Henry Grinnell farm in the s ½ of sec 31 in Bloomfield. You know what the Grinnell farm is; well, this is part of it. No buildings, timber or fruit. Excellent grazing land and the better part of it under cultivation. Wait a minute! Price only forty dollars per acre. But you mustn't wait too long for it to be sold and that price will do it, too!

138

Eighty acres in township of Redford, Wayne county, Mich., about two miles from the North western electric railway. Orchard and small fruit; 3 buildings valued at $1,000. Soil good light ground suitable for gardening; about 11 miles from Detroit. Price $4,500. [illegible] Tell you all about it for the asking.

140

House and lot in the Campbell subdivision on north side of Forest avenue. 10 rooms; furnace, cellar under the whole house; open stairway; hardwood finish in natural woods; all kinds of fruit, a bargain at $2,000. Say, the house is more than that to build it.

144

Farm in Southfield of 130 acres; 10 buildings, rolling, sandy, loamy land with some clay; well drained; 30 acres oak timber; fruit in plenty, (5 acres orchard). Buildings alone are valued at $5,000. Can be bought for a very little over $40 per acre, say, $5,500. Stream of living water; buildings nearly new; stables for 30 head of stock; half a mile from Franklin village. Good neighborhood; R. F. D. daily. Say! What do you want anyhow? Come and let us show it to you.

145

Farm 75 acres 1½ miles east of Harris' corners in Troy township, 2 buildings valued at $2,000. Price $4,000 of which $1,800 must be cash; balance on long time at low rate of interest.

146

Farm, 57½ acres, good buildings; 8 acres timber, 2 acres orchard, one mile east of the Electric R'y, in Royal Oak township; in w ½ of s w ¼ sec 22; loam and clay soil. If you come with the good hard cash in your hand, you can buy it for $4,200. But if we are properly approached, we might consider half cash, rest on easy terms.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means. 1½ acres in n w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township of Troy; house 7 rooms, barn in good shape; well; both barn and house, never dry; ½ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

151

Farm of 160 acres in the township of Lamont in Sanilac county, Mich. Here's a mighty good chance for a young man to work himself into a good farm at very little cost. There are 3 buildings on the place good enough for anyone with moderate requirements to live in. Basement barn cost $1,000 to build (42x60); good frame house, sheep barn, pig house, etc. 20 rods to Lamont P. O., store, telephone office. ½ mile to church; ½ mile to good school. Marlette 8½ miles; Kingston (on the P. O. & N.) 7½ miles; good roads and nice neighborhood. Price $25 per acre if sold at once.

153

Woodland Cottage 1½ miles north of Royal Oak village on Woodward Ave. Furnace, bath, water closet 1½ acres fruit and orchard, 3 buildings, insured for $1,800, 10 acres all together of rich black loamy soil; good drainage, fine neighborhood, joins Vinsetta Farms on the south. Price $4,500. There are other matters to consider. Let us tell you about 'em.

157

The celebrated Cooper stock farm, situated one-half mile north of Birmingham on the D. U. R. electric line, and right among the summer homes of some of the most prominent of Detroit's wealthy citizens. Three hundred and forty-five acres of excellent farming land, with 12 buildings, well adapted to the requirements of a first-class stock farm. Forty acres of timber, and for the matter of fruit there are forty pear trees and five hundred plum trees, and six acres of bearing apple orchards. One of the finest half mile race tracks in the state is situated on the farm. There is an artesian well 280 feet deep supplying an unlimited amount of mineral water which, if properly developed and advertised, would be worth more than the price of the farm. From $25 to $50 a month is even now realized from the sale of this water, which is acknowledged by the first medical specialists of the present day to be the best known modern remedy for Diabetes and the various other kidney diseases. A chemical analysis of this water will be furnished on request. The principal dwelling on the place cost over $5,000 and it's worth the money. It has a modern hot air furnace and all the other conveniences which are almost considered necessities now-a-days. A good brick tenant house—in fact twelve good buildings in all.

No. 158

Farm of 127 acres, 10-room brick house, excellent buildings; black loamy soil, no waste; good fences; well watered; 80 rods east of Flint line D. U. R.; 2 miles south of Rochester. If necessary will divide the place in smaller portions. Ask us about it and send postal for list of 100 other farms along the line of electric roads. We sell more farms in Oakland county than all real estate dealers in Detroit. Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

159

SAY—What do you want anyhow? Fifty-nine acre farm for sale half mile east of Clawson, on the Rochester line of the D. U. R.; buildings, fences, orchards, all in good shape; no waste land; worth twice the money and will be sold for $55 per acre; half a dozen fine farms along the line of this popular electric line between Royal Oak and Rochester; postal card will get 'll-t. Do it now. Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

No. 160

Best 80 in Township of Troy; buildings would cost $2,500 to build half as good; silo, flowing well; fences and buildings in excellent repair; one mile from electric railway. $7,000, or a little less perhaps, would buy it. Take you to see it any day.

No. 162

Seventy-acre farm in Waterford township. Price $2,900; $1,400 cash, balance on easy terms and long time; buildings alone worth $2,500; cranberry marsh produces 75 to 100 bushels per year without cultivation; Clarkston 2½ miles, Waterford four miles.

No. 163

South ½ of northeast ¼ of Sec. 34, Southfield; 79 acres for $2,800, terms easy. Buildings fair, well, cistern, etc.; 3½ miles from Sand Hill, on Farmington electric. Must be sold before April 1 next.

No. 164

Eighty-five acres 80 rods east of the Pontiac electric, in the Township of Bloomfield; house worth $3,000; eight buildings, flowing well on back part of farm, five acres oak timber, six acres fine orchard; has been steadily held at $110 per acre, but will now sacrifice at $75. An ideal country home for city gentleman.

No. 165

Eighty-acre farm in Township of Wells, Tuscola county, Mich.; 36 acres cleared, two acres orchard, balance in second-growth timber; black sandy loam. An even $1,000 cash will buy it.

No. 166

Seventy acres just north of the base line in Royal Oak township—50 acres cleared, 15 acres second-growth, and five acres orchard; no buildings; soil sandy. Price $80 per acre. But wait a minute: It's only a short distance from the new State Fair Ground, and within 15 minutes of the City Hall.

No. 167

Wants to trade for 50 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ½ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; three buildings valued at $4,000 (insured for $1,700); flowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 17c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

No. 168

Forty acres 3 miles east of Birmingham, in Township of Troy, on the line of the Rochester electric; 4 buildings valued at $1,000, an acre of good orchard, 2 acres soft maple timber, trolley station right at the house, school house within half a mile. One of the nicest little places along the line. Make us an offer.

No. 170

Twenty acres with fair buildings, 2½ miles from Birmingham, 150 rods from good school; living stream of beautiful spring water runs through the farm; well tiled, good drainage, telephone, R. F. D., 50 apple trees, 20 plums, 20 sweet chestnuts, nice neighborhood—and $600 cash will buy it subject to the mortgage, which can run.

No. 171

Finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, on electric railway, just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such men as Booth, Barbour, Endicott, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. No buildings, good drainage, fine orchard of 2 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

No. 172

Twenty-four and one-half acres on Rochester electric, in Troy, 10 acres timber, soil gravelly loam, no waste land, good buildings—worth $1,800, fences and everything in good repair, and it can be bought for $2,500, and it's only 15½ miles from Detroit.

174

Farm of 160 acres, ½ mile from Highland Station; 20 acres fine oak timber, 5 acres orchard, 10 buildings insured for $1,000, good water, fine neighborhood. Will trade for Detroit or Birmingham improved real estate. Price is so low we are ashamed to tell it, for fear you'd think the farm was no good. Just ask us about the circumstances.

175

Three hundred-acre farm known the Grinnell Farm, and part of the celebrated Ellerby Tract in West Bloomfield and Bloomfield townships. No better farm in the country. Rolling land, fine gravelly loamy soil, 25 acres timber, 12 acres best sorts of apple orchard, 2-story brick house—12 rooms, good basement barns, 2 tenant houses, nice running stream and small lake, and very little waste land. In order to settle estate we will close out this fine place for $45 per acre if sold at once. Take you to see it any day without expense.

176

Farm of 225 acres on the town line between Troy and Bloomfield. Seven buildings valued at $4,000, 18 acres oak and hickory timber, 5 acres best bearing apple and peach orchard; pretty little branch of the River Rouge runs through east end; 4 good wells, 3 miles new wire fence; adjoins the celebrated Joy Stock Farm; well drained; 1½ miles from Detroit & Pontiac electric. Nice little drive for a pleasant afternoon; come on and we'll show you the prettiest place in Oakland County.

177

Nice little cottage, stone foundation, good cellar, wood house and nicely painted, cosy little home for somebody who can pay enough down to secure balance, and $700 will buy it if you come quick. On east side of Woodward Ave. just north of the D. U. R. siding. One of the choicest locations in town.

178

Seven room cottage on west side of Bates street 43 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1200 and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

One of the worms found in the ocean lives by swallowing sand, extracting from it whatever animal or vegetable food it may contain. The animals of the ocean live on each other. One animal kills its prey by means of an electric shock. A fish is known which fishes with a sort of hook and line and thus secures its food. There is a phosphorescence on the sea that at times produces a light so brilliant that at night one may read by it. This is produced by millions of living things.

Emperor and Shogun, Ancient Opponents, Exchange Greetings Politely.

I remember, many years ago, a dinner at the palace—a great official dinner—where among the guests were many of the old leaders of rebellious, old upholders of the Shogunate; the last Shogun himself, says Mary Crawford Fraser in the World's Work. Prince Tokugawa, proud, silent, grim, sat opposite to me, and I wondered if any human emotion could show itself on that impassive face. At that moment the emperor raised his glass and bowed in kindly smiling fashion to his ancient opponent. The face changed, was suffused for one illuminating moment with a glow of responsive fire. It seemed as if the emperor were once more thanking the Shogun for his splendidly patriotic act, when, after years of struggle, he voluntarily laid his power and his prerogatives at the emperor's feet "for the good of the country," and as if Prince Tokugawa, looking back—and looking forward—for Japan, said to himself once more: "It was well done."