From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Lansing.—Superintendent McDonell, of the Detroit house of correction, passed through Lansing on his way to Grand Rapids. In a professional way Mr. McDonell is interested in the binder-twine plant proposed for Jackson prison. "It may mean the solution of the whole prison labor problem in Jackson," he said, "yet, as I understand conditions in other prison plants, very few men are employed, most of the work being done by machinery. At Stillwater, Minn., for example, the making of binder twine is only one small part of the work at the prison. They have large shoe contracts and other contracts. There is a peculiar fact about this discussion of binder twine making in prisons. The great criticism of prison labor is its competition with free labor. Yet the report of the Stillwater prison shows that the prison-made twine sells at nine cents, whereas the binder-twine trust sells its product at 11 cents. That is boldly stated in the report. Because of the one word 'trust,' the question of 'free labor' is never considered."

The binder-twine trust, apparently crowded out of Minnesota, Indiana, North Dakota and other states by prison work, seems nevertheless preparing to make a fight in Michigan. Literature has appeared in Lansing contradicting the "advance agent" prospectus of the proposed plant. There is a fight coming on the "economy" plea, anyway, and prison and free labor are to be discussed fully in this connection. The literature circulated gives a most depressing outlook for the whole plan. It is thought that if the manufacturers mean to fight in Michigan they will work through dealers in agricultural implements.

Money for Agricultural College.

The agricultural college is allowed one-tenth of a mill of the general taxes, with a limitation of $100,000 in lieu of all other appropriations. Last session this limit was removed for two years and the institution has been getting about $159,000 a year. From what has been saved in engineering and class room building is now being erected. Now the board wants to have a general building to cost about $100,000. Representative Schantz introduced a bill amending the law so as to permanently remove the limit and give the college the whole amount of the one-tenth mill tax. It was favorably reported out by the Michigan agricultural committee and now goes to the ways and means committee for consideration, with every indication that it will be passed.

Suggest Tax Apportionment.

Before adjournment the State Association of Supervisors adopted a resolution in favor of the apportionment of a portion of the money derived by the state from taxes on corporations to the general expenses of the state government. It was suggested that the subject be given consideration by the state constitutional convention. It is the idea of the association, expressed in a resolution, to incorporate the State Supervisors' association under a law to be passed by the legislature so that a committee from the association may officially appear before the state tax commission and be heard with reference to railroad assessments.

Move for Increased Salaries.

Representative Perry introduced a joint resolution in the house providing for an amendment to the state constitution, to boost the pay of members of the legislature and to limit the length of the session to 120 days. Mr. Perry's resolution provides for a salary of $600 in lieu of the present compensation of three dollars a day.

A bill providing for an appropriation of $146,300 for general expenses and $19,200 for improvements for the Western State Normal school in the next two years was introduced by Representative Hudson.

Liquor on Election Day.

Two liquor bills have made their appearance. One introduced by Representative Vanderveen, of Grand Rapids, amends the general liquor law so as to permit saloons to open on election days after five p. m. The other belongs to Representative Anderson and is intended to prevent minors from entering saloons, a fine of $25 being provided for each offense.

Onaway Gets Circuit Court.

Senator Ming introduced a bill to give Onaway, Presque Isle county, two terms of the circuit court every year, providing the citizens secure a suitable building and erect a jail. Rogers City is the county seat and all the sessions of the court are now held there.

Trying to Evade Taxes.

The owners of the Au Sable & Northwestern railroad filed on January 31 with the secretary of state a notice of the dissolution of that company. A certified copy of such notice of dissolution has now been served on the state tax commission, and an attempt will be made to evade the payment of the taxes assessed by the commission because of such dissolution. The courts will be permitted to decide whether the owners of the road can claim exemption from taxation by dissolving the corporation.

Auditors Must Look Out.

It took the house committee on towns and counties about ten minutes to report favorably on Representative L'Esperance's bill providing that county auditors cannot hold office more than two terms in succession. Representative L'Esperance made the point that it is un-Republican to place a life tenure on any office, and he pointed out that other county offices are subject to the restriction asked for in his bill. Members of the committee thought the point well taken.

In Favor of Ex-Convicts.

Senator Huntley Russell, of Kent introduced a bill suggested by the Rev. "Mel" Trotter, head of the famous city rescue mission in Grand Rapids. The bill prohibits anyone from calling a man who has served time in prison an "ex-convict," a "jailbird," or by any cognate epithet, and even to mention the fact of his prison term, in connection with himself or any of his relatives. Mr. Trotter was led to seek such legislation by an incident of a recent meeting, when a man started forward to the altar, a woman said so that all could hear, "There goes a 'jailbird.'" The law makes the whole matter privileged from discussion. In spite of the valuable motive of the bill, which would prevent injustice, Mr. Trotter thinks, and allow convicts an open chance to build themselves up anew, there is a feeling here that it is inconsistent to restricting free speech.

Urges Incorporation.

Charles H. Kimmerle, of Cass, in his opening address to the State Superintendents' association, advocated the incorporation of the supervisors' association so that it might be officially heard before the state tax commission on the matter of railroad assessments. He maintained that railway properties are still assessed far below cash value. He thought the same was true of the mining properties of the Upper Peninsula. Opposition to a change in the law giving the tax commission power to review assessments generally, or to enlarge its powers, was voiced by the late candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket.

Fight Over Prison-Made Twine.

Gov. Warner is preparing a mass of information bearing upon the proposition he is backing to establish a binder-twine plant at Jackson prison. Anything like the International Harvesting company, which is the binder twine trust, has already sent to the members of the legislature a pamphlet mailed from Maple Ridge, Mich., decrying prison-made twine. If the governor can secure an appropriation for such a plant he will use one of the biggest fights of the session, as the trust already has a lobby at work and will leave nothing undone to defeat the proposition.

Veterinarians Elect Officers.

The Michigan State Veterinary society has instructed its legislative committee to urge the establishment of a veterinary department in the Michigan agricultural college. It also desires to raise the academic standard of admission to veterinary colleges and restore the right to practice of veterinary surgeon only to duly accepted graduates. Officers elected were: President, Dr. R. W. McDonald, Flint; vice president, Dr. T. G. Duff, St. Louis; Dr. C. D. Gibson, Adrian; Dr. W. H. Erwin, Howell; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Judson Black, Richmond.

Inheritance Tax Pays $289,044.64.

The inheritance tax law pays. Auditor General Bradley announces that for the year ending June 30 last the total collections were $289,044.64, and in the seven years that the law has been in force the collections total $1,044,327.56. Auditor General Bradley expressed the opinion soon after he assumed office, that by putting forth a special effort the hearty cooperation of the judges of probate and county treasurers could be obtained in enforcing the law, and the figures show that he has succeeded. These taxes go to the primary school fund.

Michigan Postal News.

Hugh H. Hess has been appointed postmaster at Napoleon, Jackson county, Mich., vice F. E. Romine, resigned. Rural carriers appointed—Michigan: Stanwood, route 2, William A. Porter, regular; John Gozo, substitute; St. Charles, route 1, William McCaughna, regular; Dana R. Waite, substitute; Springport, route 2, Ard. A. Ludlow, regular, Fred McQuown, substitute.

Smith to Finish Alger's Term.

Congressman William Alden Smith was elected by the legislature to fill out the unexpired term of Senator R. A. Alger, who died suddenly at his home at Washington. Congressman Smith had already been elected as successor at the expiration of his term March 4.

For Constitutional Convention.

Representative Dust, of Detroit, introduced a bill in the house providing for the election of a constitutional convention, to be composed of 132 members, senatorial and representative districts, the members, however, to be all one body.

May Sentence Convicts.

A decision of the supreme court establishes the fact that a convict in a penal institution in this state can be convicted of another offense committed while in prison and another sentence imposed. The case was that of Fred Cook, who, while serving a term in the Ionia reformatory for larceny, committed an assault with intent to murder on another convict, Bert Fenton. He was sentenced to from 12 to 20 years in Marquette prison, November 29, 1905. This conviction and sentence were affirmed.

Barry Will Not Leave State.

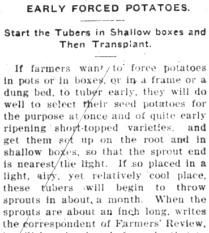
State Insurance Commissioner Barry sent the following telegram to Paul Morton, Chairman of executive committee of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents: "Yielding to the personal appeal of Gov. Warner and to my own sense of duty I owe the people of Michigan in connection with proposed insurance legislation, I must decline the appointment tendered me. The honor done me by your committee is keenly appreciated and the objects of your association have my earnest support."

Farm and Garden

TO START GARDEN PLANTS.

Ingenious Arrangement of Trays for Kitchen Window.

Many people have to start all their early plants in the kitchen windows, and the space is usually rather restricted. The cut shows a stand with a series of boxes, one above another. Each box is pivoted by screws through the side pieces into the middle of the ends of each box. The boxes can thus



Plan of the Rack.

be tilted toward the window to get the full sunlight. The next day, says Farm Journal, the box can be turned about, and the boxes tilted the other way, as the sun draws the plants to one side and to the other. Pegs (as shown) hold the boxes in place when tilted. On cold nights the whole stand can be removed from the window.

GET RID OF MICE AND RATS.

How One Woman Succeeded with Use of Arsenic

Last year the rats got away with 200 young chickens before it occurred to me to try the remedy I had always found efficient for mice. I had always hated to try poison in the house as I considered the odor of dead mice almost as bad as the ravages of live ones. Some one told me, writes this correspondent of Farm and Home, that if I used arsenic to poison them they would be too bad odor if any died in the walls, as arsenic was a sort of preservative or embalmer.

I first set dishes of cornmeal around their runways and holes and after they got to eating it well I put some more in in which was mixed a little arsenic. It did the work, and we saw or heard no more mice for over a year. I found but two dead ones and never "smelled a smell." When rats became so numerous and bold I fed them first with the dry meal and when they got used to cleaning that up I mixed in the arsenic. That was the last we saw of rats for six months or more, and they have never been very numerous since. The cost is practically nothing as I have used less than half of five cents' worth of arsenic.

EARLY FORCED POTATOES.

Start the Tubers in Shallow boxes and Then Transplant.

If farmers want to force potatoes in pots or in boxes, or in a frame or a dung bed, to tuber early, they will do well to select their seed potatoes for the purpose at once and of quite early ripening short-topped varieties, and get them set up on the root end in shallow boxes, so that the sprout end is nearest the light. If so placed in a light, airy, yet relatively cool place, these tubers will begin to throw sprouts in about a month. When the sprouts are about an inch long, writes the correspondent of Farmers' Review, it will be time to just before planting to cut or just remove with the point of a knife all the eyes or shoots but the strongest one or two, and then when planted, tops will be fewer but stronger and produce tubers earlier. Of course then warmth must be given to produce quicker growth. The shorter the tops produced the better. One tuber may be planted in a nine-inch pot, two tubers in boxes nine inches deep and 12 inches square and in a frame planted 12 inches apart.

BRIEF SUGGESTIONS.

Successful practice seems to be handmade science.

What makes a man's temper hot? The icehouse that won't keep ice.

In buying raw materials for fertilizer, always obtain them in a finely ground condition.

Many good cows are ruined by being hurt by horses and cattle, and should be kept by themselves during pregnancy.

A Massachusetts reader who went back to the farm says: "I was born with an earthly tendency, that is, I like the soil, like to manipulate it."

The Farmers' Guide rejoices in the fact that $5,000,000 was the value of Missouri's peach crop this year, and that while it has long been known as an apple state, it bids fair to become also the banner peach growing commonwealth.

Save the Butter Particles.

Very few farmers' wives have any way to catch the bits of butter that come through the hole in the churn when draining off the buttermilk. Makes good buttermilk, but think of the loss in the course of a single season! Better get a fine strainer to hang over the hole and so save the particles that would otherwise be lost. "Many a mickle makes many a muckle."

Get Some New Ideas.

If you think of building a new farm house, or remodeling an old one, send to Washington for Farmers' Bulletin No. 270, "Modern Conveniences for the Farm Home," issued by the United States department of agriculture. The suggestions regarding disposal of sewage are especially helpful.

UTILIZING MANURE.

Rules Which Should Be Observed in Hauling It.

Few people realize how easy it is to waste manure. Barnyard manure is always undergoing change from the moment it is made. Even in the winter, when it is frozen, we have reason to believe that some chemical change is going on. The higher the temperature the greater are the changes constantly taking place. Manure should be gotten onto the land a short time after it is made, unless corn stalks and other materials are to be worked up into it. Then it should be kept simply moist, in which state the least loss of manurial elements will take place.

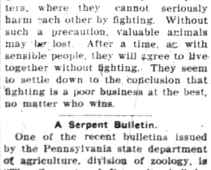
When manure is hauled out and put on the land it should be spread evenly over the ground, says Farmers' Review. The more evenly it is spread the better will be its incorporation with the soil. Leaving manure in lumps is to waste much of it and produce unevenness in the growing crops. In the case of the smaller grains this is a great drawback. Where a big lump of manure exists in the soil the grain grows lankly, while not far away it will be found grain short and weak in straw. An uneven stand of any kind of grain means a reduced yield. In the case of the manure being in the lump, the stalks of the grain grew too big and the development was against the production of grain. It is well understood that a too large growth of stalk prevents fruiting. Thus the manure in such a case is often a detriment to the grain. On the other hand the starved plants do not produce much grain. What is needed is an even distribution of medium development, which means a large amount of seed compared with the total of the grain.

This consideration alone makes desirable the use of a manure spreader to get the manure evenly distributed over the surface of the soil, so that the resulting crop may be well fed but not over-fed or under-fed in spots. Probably enough money has been saved in this way alone to pay for all the manure spreaders in use in the United States, without taking into consideration the other advantages.

When a manure spreader is to be purchased see that it is well made and strong in all its parts. The simpler the better, as the less likely is it to get out of repair. Strength is a necessary requisite, and a manure spreader that is not strongly built may soon break down under the heavy strain that is put upon it. It is better to pay a good price and get a good machine than to pay a low price and get a poor machine.

Handy Barn Door Latch.

A secure and handy door latch is made as follows: Plane smooth two pieces of board 2¼ inches wide, 12 inches long and five-eights thick. Another piece two inches wide, 12 inches long and five-eights thick. Screw the wide strips on the outside of the door about the middle just wide enough apart to allow the narrower strip to play easily between them. The



The Latch Complete and Its Parts.

end of the strips should come to the edge of the door. Opposite these strips on the door casing nail two small blocks as shown in cut. These should be two inches long, 2¼ inches wide and one-inch thick and the same distance apart as the long strips on the door.

Now get two pieces of hoop iron just long enough to reach across from block to block. Punch a hole in each end and nail them in position as shown. Slip the third bar of wood under the hoop iron pieces and screw a strong hasp-head in the center. This bar should slip back and forth smoothly and easily and can never fall out, says Farm and Home. In order to open or fasten the door from either side cut a slit one-half inch wide and 4 inches long in the door, bore a hole in the bolt and put a hardwood pin through it. One on my farm has given satisfaction for 20 years and is good for 20 more.

Rams in Winter.

Rams in winter are better in a pen by themselves, where this can be obtained for them, than running with the ewes. When separate, they do not disturb the ewes as they otherwise would, and they may be readily put upon rations exactly suited to their needs. A number may be kept together when necessary and of different ages, but when first put together it should be in very close quarters, where they cannot seriously harm each other by fighting. Without such a precaution, valuable animals may be lost. After a time, as with sensible people, they will agree to live together without fighting. They seem to settle down to the conclusion that fighting is a poor business at the best, no matter who wins.

A Serpent Bulletin.

One of the recent bulletins issued by the Pennsylvania state department of agriculture, division of zoology, is "The Serpents of Pennsylvania," by Prof. H. A. Surface. It is very interesting and will dispel many incorrect ideas regarding familiar reptiles, which are in the main real friends to the farmer and gardener. Still, few of us will feel like admitting these creatures to close intimacy.

To Kill Willows.

A correspondent of the Southern Ruralist asks for a method of killing willows, so that they will not sprout up again; while in parts of the country, where willow wood has been sold for generations to the powder makers, there is much complaint that the cut-topped trees are dying, and that the young planted sprouts refuse to take root.

Real Estate Exchange

Of WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL

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. Inst. fruit an boxes. Plus barn and other modern conveniences. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

42

Brick house, good barn, and seven acres of land suitable for plating, on south side of East Maple Avenue, Birmingham, opposite the Poppleton Sanitarium. Price $5,000, and it is worth every cent of it. If you don't fail to see it, and we will prove it.

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. O. H. & M. Ry. south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 165 feet front on Woodward avenue, 128 feet deep on north side and 142 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. This is one of the finest building sites in the village.

56

Lots 6 and 8, Randall's Addition, price $125 each for two lots, $65 each for one lot. Will exchange for small house and lot in Birmingham.

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.

87

House and three lots on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta Streets, Birmingham; 120 feet front and 168 feet deep, front fruit trees; house practically new 10-room house, closets, cellar, well, wood shed and summer kitchen. Barn, one block from the electric railway, in one of the best locations in the village. Price $2,750, or without barn, offer wanted for $2,400.

96

Yep! Here's your chance at last. Will exchange for Detroit city property, Farm of 40 acres in Southfield township, very productive soil, on a high state of cultivation, not a foot of waste land on the place, flowing wells, excellent buildings, new wire fences, farm thoroughly drained, 75 grape vines, 25 apple trees, 30 cherry trees, two barns, fine dwelling, one swine house (capacity 1,000 cans), icehouse and silo combined, everything ready to do the finest and most profitable dairy business in the country, but falling health makes it advisable to dispose of this desirable property.

Farm of 77½ acres on the Twelve mile road, 1¼ miles east of the electric railway on Wood street near Farmington, house and barn and silo; buildings which are insured for $1,500. Dark country loam, and for truck or fruit gardening plenty of fruit of all kinds. Price $6,500.

101

Farm of 37½ acres in section 34, Southfield, 4½ miles from Birmingham; 2 miles from Farmington; 25 acres all plowed, well drained and under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s ½ of section 32. 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber, balance pasture; 2 wells, 2 springs, 1 acre of this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer. There are 2 sets of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road adjoins within a mile of the house. Price $2,000.

112

Nice little farm of 19 acres in the Township of Troy, 1½ miles from the electric railway; good for chicken raising; plenty of timber for firewood. Log house and small frame barn and other buildings. Price $1,400.

114

Fine farm in the Township of Southfield; 86 acres, of which 75 are cleared and the balance in good maple timber. Two acres of orchard; buildings worth $3,000, and the exceptionally fine place can be bought for $4,000. 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 state. We have not been selling much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason, and some are very cheap. For instance, 45 acres at $60 per acre; 4 buildings; nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 15 acres of scattering timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

120

Farm formerly belonging to Edward Cahill and located in the Township of Troy, 1½ miles to townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield; one of the loveliest locations in all the lake region of Oakland county; new house, 10-room 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 sold at $100 an acre and are well worth it, 10 times the whole amount asked for the farm. 3½ miles from the city of Pontiac and 1½ miles from the city of Lake; from the steam and electric railway stations at Orchard Lake. Worth more than we care to say here to answer all your questions, either by mail or in personal interview—which we would greatly prefer.

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver, (S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 32, Troy). Main house and factory house with 4 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 5 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester Electric Railway. Less than $50 per acre will buy it, and we think it is worth that any man who means business can pay for it.

126

Vacant lots 16, 17, 18 of William's Subdivision, Royal Oak Village, price $125 each, $350 for the three each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

127

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

129

One of the finest residences on Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; 12 to 15 rooms, closets, furnace; bath—hot and cold water; every convenience which you can think of or expect to have in the city; without exception the finest location in our village; brick house, 2 stories, practically new; cost $6,000 to build it; let about 125 feet front on Woodward Avenue, and about 200 feet deep. All the price is so low that we wouldn't feel justified in mentioning it in this public manner. Really, if you want the best home and location in our town at cost far less than it cost to put it in its present condition, we simply cannot afford to write a notice if you don't call on us and let us take you to see it. That's right!

135

Large 10-room frame house on Woodward avenue, basement under all, good furnace, bath; handsome oak mantels with grates, large attic, the 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 $3,000, or the house and lot for $2,500. It is right on the car line, and there is about two acres of land, which is a beautiful building site adjacent to the village. Come and see what we have to sell, and you will never be sorry for having made the investigation.

140

House and lot in the Campbell sub-division, on north side of Forest Avenue; 10 rooms, furnace, cellar under the whole, open fireplaces, bath, hardwood finish in natural woods; all kinds of fruit; a bargain at $2,900. Say, the house cost more than that to build it.

144

Farm in Southfield of 50 acres, 10 buildings, rolling, sandy, loamy land with some clay; well drained; 30 acres oak timber; fruit in plenty, 15 acres orchard. Buildings alone are valued at $3,000. Can be bought for a very little less than $60 per acre, say, $3,000. Stream of living water; buildings practically new; 4 miles from Milford; 3 miles from Franklin village. Good neighborhood; R. F. D. Mail delivery. Do you want anyhow? Come and let us show it to you.

146

Farm, 37½ acres, good buildings; 8 acres bearing orchard; one mile east of the Electric Ry. on Royal Oak township; w ½ of s w ¼ of sec 32; loam and clay soil. If you come to look at this place you will find it worth the money it is for $50.00. But if we are properly approached, we might consider half cash, and on easy terms.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means; 10 acres in n w ¼ of n w ¼ of sec 3, Royal Oak Township; house 7 rooms; barn in good shape; walls with barn and house, near city; 1½ mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 10c; R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at Bargain Harry's price.

157

The celebrated Cooper stock farm, about one mile from the village 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 10 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 near three and five hundred plum trees, and six acres of bearing apple orchards. The finest part of the mile race tracks in the state is situated on the farm. There is an artesian well 350 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 scientifically edged by the first medical specialists of the present day to be the best known modern remedy for Diabetes and the vrrious 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. 160

Beat 8s in Township of Troy; buildings would cost $5,500 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 $2,700; $1,000 cash, balance on easy terms and long time; buildings cause worth $2,500; cranberry marsh produces 75 to 100 bushels per year without cultivation; Clarkston 2½ miles, Waterford four miles.

No. 163

South ¼ of northwest ¼ of Sec. 34, Southfield; 79 acres for $4,800; terms easy. Buildings fair, well; clay loam; 2 miles from Sand Hill, and Farmington electric. Must be sold before April 1 next.

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 $60 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 out or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ sec. 11, Troy township; three buildings valued at $2,000 (insured for $1,700); flowing well piped to one barn; 40 acres adapted for small dairy; 1¼ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 10c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

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, Barnum, Lindemann, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 41 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of Silver Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. No other place adjoining, the one exception of 5 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

174

Farm of 160 acres, ½ mile from Highland Station; 30 acres fine oak timber, 5 acres orchard, 10 buildings insured for $1,600, good water fine neighborhood. Will trade for Detroit or Birmingham improved real estate. Price is so low we hesitate to tell it, for fear you'd think the farm was no good. Just ask us about the circumstances.

176

Farm of 225 acres on the town line between Troy and Bloomfield. Seven buildings valued at $4,000, some oak and hickory timber, 5 acres best bearing apple and peach orchard; pretty little branch of Rouge River runs through east end; 2 good wells, 2 miles new wire fence; adjoins the celebrated Joy Stock Farm; market gardens, 1½ miles from the Detroit & Pontiac electric. Nice little drive for a pleasant afternoon; come and we'll show you the prettiest place in Oakland county.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 42 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, and the land is worth the City water, wood shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

179

Farm in Springfield township for sale or exchange for property in Royal Oak, Birmingham or Pontiac; 120 acres; 10 acres of oak timber; 4 acres good apple orchard. Two buildings valued at $400; property unincumbered. Mortgage limited. Price $5,200, enough down to secure.

180

Farm in Avon township; 55 acres of good clay loam, all cleared, small orchard; no buildings; small amount down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

181

Farm for sale in Town of Southfield; 80 acres; 40 acres cleared, balance good timber; clay loam; three buildings worth $3,000, insured. Will sell for $3,200, enough down to secure.

183

Two lots in Royal Oak, Block A. Splendid location.

185

House and two lots in Birmingham; buildings in good repair, insured. For very low cash price.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 12 feet deep; one good building, insured; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $3,800, one-half down.

187

House and lot, in Campbell Subdivision, Birmingham; buildings insured. Come in and take price, and let us surprise you.

188

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in absolutely the best location—East Maple Avenue, two blocks from electric road; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, city gas, 10 rooms, 2 stories, rebuilt last year, better than new; 3 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 200 feet deep; fine shade, chickens and garden; good barn, fine workshop. Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 52 feet front by 150 feet deep for $2,800. One of our best bargains.

190

Seven-room cottage on Ann Street, just finished; one block from electric road, 3 blocks from R. R. 40 x 125 feet. Two buildings, insured for $1,600; fine location in growing part of village. Price $1,800.

191

Vacant lots Nos. 54 and 55, Block B, Willson's sub-division, Royal Oak Village; most desirable part of this growing village. Price $550 cash—no trade.

192

Twelve and one-half acres on section 19, Royal Oak; 4 buildings, insured for $700; 1½ miles to city limits; and 1 acre good orchard; 2½ miles west of this village. Price $2,000 cash—no trade.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,300. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and muck. Last year this farm produced 125 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, and a gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustible supply of gravel, is worth almost the price of the farm if it was taken off and sold under a high state of cultivation. Worth looking at anyhow. Price $5,000, terms easy.

194

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Joy Stock Farm; 5 buildings, good, insured; 3 acres bearing orchard; 2 acres of small fruit; orchard of 40 trees; fruit 20 miles from Fruit Division D. U. R.; 2 wells and windmill. Price $4,000.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; good soil; 1½ miles from Birmingham; new land, well drained, clay bottom, black sandy loam; 2 miles west of the Woodward road, Oakland road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins J. L. Hudson's Buffalo farm, which sold last year at $600.00 per acre; 1½ miles south of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s ½ of n ½ of n ½ of section 19, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam; 1½ miles west of Pontiac; 1½ miles east of Flint electric road, 2½ miles from Big Beaver; good home for somebody. Price $800.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village; excellent land, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. The place is well worth the price, but we guess you'd like to see it. It will please you, and if you like it, buy it, we won't grumble.

199

One hundred and six acres, ½ mile east of Northwood station on the Woodward Avenue electric and ½ mile west of the Flint line D. U. R. Good buildings, new wind mills, two good houses, farm well fenced and tiled. Excellent buildings insured for $5,300; 1½ miles from Royal Oak village; 5 acres excellent orchard; 6 acres oak and white ash timber; price $125 per acre; cash portion. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property. Price $125 per acre.

200

One hundred and twenty-six acres near Birmingham; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, flowing well; pretty little River Rouge runs through the farm; ½ mile from Birmingham. Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes, the price is $125 per acre; terms easy. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year, 10 miles from Birmingham, for $150 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you like it, buy it, we won't grumble.

201

Fine 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 125 feet deep; between business and residence part of the city water; every convenience found in the best class of city residences. Concrete walk (cost $300) and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $6,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for less and we will show them; you can buy this beautiful home for $2,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

202

This is such a good bargain for somebody that we can't help making a special notice of it. Just imagine! 74½ acres in the pretty little Village of Southfield (the property formerly owned by Dr. Sheldon); 2 buildings valued at $2,000; house finished in natural woods, 13 rooms, 3 verandas, cellar; well arranged buildings which are insured for $2,000.00. And all this can be had for $2,800 cash, or will trade for good improved property in Detroit or Birmingham. We said cash, but if parties wish to make small payment down, enough to secure, we have no doubt but the matter could be arranged suitably. It will be good business for you to address this as soon as possible if you want to take advantage of the best bargain on the list.

203

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy Township. Excellent clay loam, with a little gravel; most pleasant locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but rather than offer of $2,600 cash, and we will see what we can do for you.

204

The VanEvery Farm of 160 acres. To those acquainted with the place, the description would be sufficient. However, it is one of the finest. Beautiful location on the banks of Wing lake, 10 acres of timber, 20 acres of it excellent sugar bush; buildings valued at $6,000, recently rebuilt; 700 rods new Page fence; over $2,000 expended upon the place last spring; fine, bold lake shore, delightful boating, fishing and bathing; half mile to good school; 2 miles to Village of Franklin and 4½ miles from Birmingham; good neighborhood. Ask the man at the bank.

205

Part of lot on the north side of Townsend Street, Castle's Plat; plenty of good fruit, good barn, all you have to do is to build a house and you are fixed for life. If you don't want the house, we will sell the lot for $300. Postal card will get full particulars.

206

One hundred and [illegible] feet front and 140 feet deep on Woodward Avenue; small fruit, apples, peaches; nice house with 10 rooms—2 story and attic; hot air furnace, city gas, toilet and bath rooms, hot and cold soft water for bath, water motor, good cellar with concrete floor, wood and coal sheds—in fact, one of the best locations and most-equipped residences in the Village of Birmingham; and the price is right. Don't take our word for it, but ask the man at the bank, and see if you don't think it is a bargain.

DID NOT BELIEVE STORY.

Tale of Old Testament Too Much For Artless Youth.

"When I was a youth in Zanesville," said E. S. Thums, clerk at the Hotel Normandie, the other day, "I was an active worker in a local Sunday school. I was pretty popular with the boys, I was delegated to gather the outsiders from the glass works district together in a vacant storeroom and begin their religious instruction.

"One Sunday I gathered about, 40 youngsters who had never attended Sunday school before, and as they did not take kindly to the reading of the Scriptures and the regular Sunday school methods, I began telling them tales from the Old Testament. They listened with much interest to the stories of Adam and Eve, and Moses in the bulrushes, and so on, but when I came to the story of Jonah and the whale they listened with particular attention.

"When I concluded the story of how Jonah was cast overboard from the ship and received by the whale who afterwards cast him up on shore, one fellow broke the silence by saying:

"'I believe that's a d— lie. Give me a chaw of terbacker.'

"Well, everybody joined in a laugh, and I passed over the remainder of time I spent about 20 of those boys to attend Sunday school regularly."—Detroit Free Press.

Too Much of a Good Thing.

Arnold Daly had been invited to tell a story at a theatrical banquet in New York.

"I always hate to tell a story," he began, "because my listeners may have heard it before. What boredom that is for them, what agony for me.

"It is like the case of a friend of mine. He is deaf, but tries to conceal his deafness.

"And one night at a dinner the host told a story at which everybody roared and my deaf friend joined in and outroared the whole table, though in truth he hadn't heard a word.

"That story," he began, 'reminds me of another one.'

"And then the poor fellow went on and told the very same yarn the host had repeated only a minute before."

A physician has discovered that the air of the Egyptian desert is about as free from bacterial life as the polar region or the high sea. He considers the desert would prove an excellent place for people suffering from rheumatism or consumption to take up their abode.

A Good Conundrum.

"I have a good conundrum for you. What kind of a dog is the dog star?"

"I give it up."

"A Skye terrier, of course.—Royal Magazine.