ONCE TRACK WALKER, NOW GREAT LAWYER

The Career of Martin W. Littleton

Selected as Leading Counsel for Harry K. Thaw, It Is Predicted That District Attorney Jerome Will Find in Him a Worthy Opponent at Coming Trial.

New York.—It was back in 1888 when the following dialogue took place between the foreman of a little railroad down in Texas and a rosy cheeked, smiling young trackwalker whose good nature and ready tongue had earned him a reputation extending clear across a Texas township.

"You're a pretty bright young man," said the foreman. "I suppose some day you expect to be the conductor of a freight train, don't you?"

"No, sir," replied the trackwalker. "I never expect to be that."

"You don't? You ought to aspire to something like that. What do you hope to be?"

"I expect to be a big lawyer in New York city."

After the foreman had recovered from his laughter he said:

"Pretty far cry from trackwalker to a metropolitan lawyer, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir, but no farther than from rail splitter to president."

Martin W. Littleton was the rosy-cheeked trackwalker. A few years later when the whole country was ringing with his speech at the St. Louis national convention in which he nominated Alton B. Parker for the presidency, Mr. Littleton went back to his old corner of Texas, and met the railroad foreman who had sketched out for him the brilliant future of a freight conductor.

Part of Ambition Realized.

"Well, Martin," said the foreman, "you've changed some since I was your boss, ain't you?"

"I'm older."

"And you're a big New York lawyer, too, ain't you?"

"Well, I don't know about the 'big,' but I'm a New York lawyer, anyhow."

It probably caused some talk down in Texas, when it was learned that when just a youngster was taken by his father to Weatherford. After a stay of a few years there the elder Littleton decided to move back to Tennessee, but the son, then under 16 years of age, declined to accompany him. He preferred Texas. Even at that tender age he had begun to dream of a life in New York city. The idea of studying law hadn't occurred to him, but he was determined to get in the "midst of things" and to make his way at something.

Worked and Studied Law.

Dependent on his own efforts after his father moved back to Tennessee he did odd jobs about Weatherford for a time and then, for want of something to do, obtained a job as trackwalker. It wasn't the sort of work he preferred, but he wasn't particular and he stuck to it for several months. It was during this servitude that ambition to become a lawyer seized him. His ready wit and his ability to say things better than the other men on the road caused some of his associates to suggest the law to him.

While he was using up tallow candles in his attacks upon Blackstone he realized that it might be helpful to him if he had a short term of schooling in the rudiments. He had never been inside a schoolhouse, although he had received some instruction at home and had picked up a good bit of information on general topics. To carry out his plan he went to Springtown, and there for eight months he did chores and farm work and studied with an old German who numbered among his pupils the children of most of the aristocrats of Parker county.

Entered Attorney's Office.

In the eight months Littleton learned as much as he felt was necessary for the time being. He could do fractions as well as any one; he could parse everything that could be parsed; he could write as fast and as plain as any boy in the county, and he could recite better than any tutor who had ever stuck Weatherford or any place in that part of Texas. He knew the history of the United States like a book, and he had a pretty good idea of the history of other nations, which in his youthful opinion didn't amount to much anyhow.

Thus equipped, he entered the office of the district attorney of Weatherford county as a clerk and law student. As expressed by a man who knew him in those days, "he fairly ate the law books." He swept through them with lightning speed, and in 1891, at the age of 19, he was admitted to the bar. He was then one of the leading young citizens of the county seat. As soon as he was admitted to practice he hung out his shingle in Weatherford, and forthwith he began to win cases in the local courts. The district attorney of Kings county, and while serving in that capacity he had charge of some of the most notable cases in the borough across the bridge. He prosecuted Five Hundred and Twenty Per Cent" Miller and was chief prosecutor in many other prominent cases. And during all this time he was gradually earning a reputation as an orator and after-dinner speaker. He attracted particular attention because he was of a different school from his confreres. He brought east with him a southern charm of manner that invariably made friends for him.

His real debut as an orator came during the campaign of 1900, in the old Academy of Music, in Brooklyn. Known as a man who could make a fair speech, he was put down on the programme as one of the tailenders. Three Democrats of national prominence were scheduled for the chief addresses, and Rudolf B. Hill was heralded as the principal attraction. When his turn came Mr. Littleton—then a man of but 28 years—made a sensation from the start. It is no exaggeration to say that he really electrified the audience. His speech was short, clear and to the point, and his eloquence stirred the crowd to storms of applause. Instead of leaving the hall everyone stayed and still others jammed their way in.

Littleton became known outside of Brooklyn after that. It was that effort, in fact, which led to his selection as the man to nominate Alton B. Parker for the presidency at the St. Louis convention of 1904. William F. Sheehan heard his Academy of Music speech, and in looking for some one to make the supreme effort at the St. Louis convention he suggested Littleton.

Studied Address Carefully.

It is not necessary to recall the sensation caused by Mr. Littleton's speech in St. Louis, but it is interesting to recall the preparation made for the address. Unlike most orators, Mr. Littleton does not profess to be any impromptu speechifier. He can make an impromptu speech, but he never does so if he can help it. He prepares his sentences with great care and then commits them to memory. In fact, he does not have to put forth any effort to memorize them. When he has written a speech he has learned it. He can repeat it with practically no variation.

He prepared his St. Louis speech weeks ahead of time. He rehearsed it at home, and when he needed a larger place in which to train his voice he went out to the cathedral in Garden City and practised for hours. After he reached St. Louis he went to the convention hall one Sunday afternoon, and in the presence of two or three of his friends went through the speech for the last time. Next day he got the proper pitch for his voice. His oration created a sensation and put him instantly in the front rank of American orators.

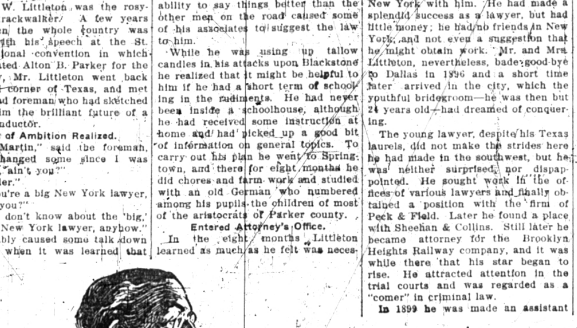
Never a Seeker for Office.

Although possessing the attributes of a successful politician and having political ambitions, Mr. Littleton has not been a seeker for office. He was permanent chairman of the Democratic state convention in 1902 and was borough president of Brooklyn in 1904 and 1905. He was urged to accept a renomination for borough president, but he declined. He had two reasons for declining. One was that he wanted to leave the office before he had been criticised; the other was that he was, as he publicly expressed it at the time, "unable to make both ends meet."

He retired from public life to build up a law practice, and he has been busily engaged in doing so ever since. He left Brooklyn a couple of years ago and set up in Manhattan, and he has been prominently before the public since in his legal capacity. In the matter of earnings he is said to rank with the leading lawyers of the city.

Not yet 36 years of age, he may truthfully be said to have a glowing future, and his close friends intimate that it will not be alone in the field of law. After he has accumulated a comfortable fortune it is said he may seek again to re-enter public life.

Younger by many years than any other lawyer who has in recent years been in full charge of a case so important as the Thaw trial, Mr. Littleton will be eagerly watched during his conduct of that trial. His friends say that his experience as a prosecuting attorney in Texas and in Brooklyn will greatly aid him in his fight, and they predict that the pitting of his ability against the cool, unerring methods of District Attorney Jerome will furnish one of the most interesting contests of its kind seen in New York in many years.



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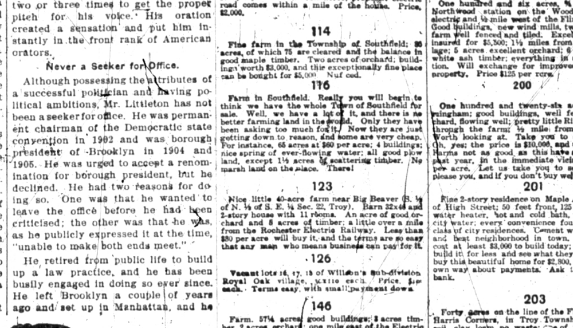

MARTIN W. LITTLETON

"Mart" Littleton had been selected as chief counsel for Harry K. Thaw. It caused some in New York. While he has been recognized for several years as an able trial lawyer, he has not been prominently identified with the criminal branch of his profession, although he has been many times advised that he could become supreme in that field if he would enter it.

Became Famed as Orator.

Back in his boyhood days in Texas he was known as an orator and storyteller. He could recite all the old fifth reader masterpieces with a fire that stirred the "boys" in the village store, and, a short time later, when he was active in politics, but not old enough to vote, he could rouse the old timers down in Weatherford into bursts of applause with his oratorical efforts.

It was due to no choice of his own that Littleton went to Weatherford. He was born in a log cabin in Roane county, in the eastern part of Tennessee, 35 years ago last January, and

DUEL TO THE DEATH

MONSTERS OF THE DEEP IN FIERCE COMBAT.

Fight Lasted All Day with Varying Success, and Resulted Fatally to One of the Ocean Gladiators.

The two warriors of the sea came together head on and stopped nose to nose. There was a moment's pause, as though the leader wished to review the case thoroughly before action. Then he launched himself, like a bolt of lightning, upon the long, thin, striped fighter from the south, says a writer in Success.

Quick, so quick the eye could hardly follow the movement, the long, thin despoiler swerved to one side and gripped his foe with his teeth, cutting a frightful gash and letting go to back away. The big leader closed again and fastened his jaws upon the other's side flake close to the body, biting clear through the hard tissue, the long canine teeth meeting and locking fast like the teeth of a bulldog. Then he held on.

The sea boiled and foamed. The flukes and fins whirled the spray in showers over the surface. A glistening spot of snowy whiteness was all that showed the whereabouts of the contestants. And all the time the big leader fought for his mate, fought steadily, holding with a mighty grip the stranger who had dared to trespass upon his affairs. For half an hour the battle continued, and never a loosening of that deadly grip. Then the fin cut away and the bones broke under the strain, the member becoming useless. Quick as a flash the leader leaped away, letting go his hold and leaving the long fighter with one side useless, one side open to attack. The striped bull knew his weakness, knew his danger from the awful hurt and he leaped furiously forward to close before the big one could take advantage of the opportunity to get in upon his rear. He gripped the big leader setting him by the under law, preventing the deadly hold from being used, which would certainly cost him his life.

But the defender of his rights closed down upon his other's jaw, the two locked their teeth together, biting so smash the bones and muscles of their only weapons of assault. Gripped thus, teeth locked and jaws fast, they whirled over in the sea, straining and threshing with their flukes to either twist or crush the other to submission.

But the two fighters were tried bulls of the sea. They were about evenly matched and what one had lost over the other in weight the other had in length and rapidity of movement.

Just as the sun was setting the long, thin fellow began to show signs of weariness. He was beginning to feel the strain and his movements lacked the vigor of the early morning. The defender of his rights felt the slackening, felt the giving under the strain, and he redoubled his efforts, shaking, whirling, rolling over and over, twisting, writhing, trying to crush down, to fairly break the big one's grip. The sea was dyed purple now with the blood of the affray, for the teeth had penetrated to the veins and arteries, cutting them and letting forth the vital fluid. Suddenly the striped one relaxed his grip. Instantly the big leader did likewise, but as he did so he plunged below and circled away. Before the astonished foe could turn the defender of his mate had fastened his grip upon that one part of the tail where it joins the body, and chewing, biting and tearing until the tendons gave way.

The long, thin fellow fought on, but it was clear that his time had come. He was very weak and could offer no effectual resistance to the tearing teeth which cut into his vital part. In half an hour more the leader backed off and desisted from further fighting. The long, thin, striped fellow rolled slowly upon his side, and as he did so several sharks, who had been watching anxiously for the finish, rushed in and began their evening meal.

The savior of his home came slowly over to his mate, nosed her for a moment, and then started swimming slowly for the Condor reef, while she followed obediently in his wake.

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 home and lot 66 feet front and 20 rods deep on Maple Ave., East. (Just an acre.) Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace heat, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will consider for merchandise property for portion of the purchase price.

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, and by D. U. R. & M. R.'s south by Baker street, west by Woodward avenue, on the east by Cranbrook Addition. Lots 66 feet deep on south side and 132 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. Only 25 of the finest building sites in the village.

66

Good, comfortable, cozy, old-fashioned house with 90 feet front on Martin Street. Fine location, plenty of room, and the price is only $1,300.

77

One not 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

101

Farm of 81 acres in sections 12 and 18, Southfield; 2 acres best grafted fruit; 5 buildings insured for $1,600; 50 acres cleared, balance under a high state of cultivation. Price $3,000.

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 32; 70 acres cleared; 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp planted the second largest crop last summer.) Three acres of good 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.

114

Fine farm in the Township of Southfield; 80 acres, of which 75 are cleared and the balance in good shape for tillage. Fair orchard. Buildings worth $2,000, 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 county. Only they have been making too much for it. Now they are just getting down to reason, and some are very cheap. For instance, 63 acres at $60 per acre; 6 buildings; nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 15 acres of scrubby timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

123

Nice little 40-acre farm near Big Beaver (S. ½ of N. ½ of S. E. ¼ Sec. 22, Troy). Barn 32x48 and 2-story house with 11 rooms. An acre of good orchard and 8 acres of timber; a little over a mile from the Rochester electric line; 4 buildings; a nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 15 acres of scrubby timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

126

Vacant lots 14, 17, 18 of Willson's Subdivision, Royal Oak village; $200 each. Price, for cash. Terms easy, with small payment down

146

Farm, 5?4 acres, good buildings; 2 acres timber, 2 acres orchard; 1 mile east of the Electric Railway, in Royal Oak township; in W. ½ of S. W. ¼ Sec. 32; loam and clay soil. If you come with the right hard cash in your hand, you can buy it for $3,800.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means; 1¾ acres in a w ½ of s e ¼ of sec 14, township of Troy; house 1 room barn in good shape; well is both barn and house, never dry. ¼ mile east on Rochester Electric fare to Detroit; R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

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 acres of excellent farming land, with fine 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 the two hundred plum trees, and 40 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; also feet deep supplying an unlimited amount of mineral water used by the first medical specialists of the country for 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 conveniences that are now considered necessities nowadays. A good brick tenant house in fact twelve good buildings in all.

No. 162

Seventy-acre farm in Waterford township. Price $3,500. Has an east and west road, and long time; buildings alone worth $1,500; cranberry marsh producing to ten bushels per year; within railroading. Clarkston 4½ miles. Waterford four miles.

167

Wants to trade for 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy; buildings are new and are valued at $8,000 (insured for $7,700); flowing well piped in house; 70 acres seeded to timothy and clover; 14 miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Price (to be Deeded), $60 per acre.

No. 171

Finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, on electric railway. Just north of Birmingham's new up-to-date school. Ideal for business men as Booth, Barbour, Endicott, Brady, Shaw, Scranton, and others are scarce and only a half which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge runs over one corner. Nice plots with giant elms and oaks overhanging. No build ng good drainage, fine orchard of 2 acres. Price is low, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

176

Farm of 225 acres on town line between Troy and Bloomfield. Seven buildings valued at $4,000, 13 acres oak and hickory timber, 2 acres best bearing apple orchard, peach orchard coming into bearing, 2 acres of asparagus, 2 acres of strawberries, 1 acre of red raspberries, 1 acre of blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 18 tons hay, etc. A great place to make money. Will exchange for unencumbered city property. Price, $8,000, terms easy.

177

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Troy Stock Farm; 6 buildings; good house, new; barn, new; good orchard; 30 acres cleared; balance timber; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R.; 2 wells and fine spring. Price $4,000.

192

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; on southeast small grove of maples; is a model little place; new land, well drained, clay bottom, black loam soil; corner of Ten Mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; address J. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500 to $600 per acre; 2 miles from Royal Oak Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of n e ¼ of section 34, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Campbell's; 1 mile from electric road; address "Beaver; good deep for somebody." Price $625.

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 fenced, and the price we will make you is the kind of money you may require.

199

One hundred and six acres, ¾ mile east of Northwood station on the Woodward Avenue electric; 4 miles west of the Flint Div. D. U. R. line; 5 acres excellent orchard; 6 acres oak and white ash timber; everything in high state of cultivation. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property. Price $150 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; ¾ mile from Birmingham; Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. For instance, 63 acres at $60 per acre; 6 buildings; nice spring of ever-flowing water; all good plow land, except 15 acres of scrubby timber. No marsh land on the place. There!

201

Nine 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 125 feet deep; hot-water heat; bath and cold water; fine barn; electric water, every convenience found in the best. Inside of city residences. Within walk (cost 25c) and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $3,000 to build today; ask any one in build it for less and see what they say. You can buy this beautiful home for $2,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

203

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy Township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste. One of the pleasantest locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of $2,800 cash, and we will see what we can do for you.

208

Five acres and 4 good buildings, making a nice little home near the little Village of Southfield. Stores, school, church, etc., within 200 rods. The best soil there is to be found on the Detroit market for the place, and are well worth looking at. The price is $1,000, and $200 cash will take care of it, and the balance you can pay at your leisure.

209

Fine home with good barn on Townsend Street. Good 2-story house, plenty of fruit, beautiful maple trees on south side make it a shady, restful residence. Would cost $3,500 to build the house alone, and $2,500 will buy it if you take it right off the bat. Owner is leaving town, and that's the reason.

211

Just an acre of land. (Ever read that book that was so popular some years ago, entitled "One Acre Enough?" No? Well, you ought to. It's worth while.) There's a house on this acre. Good brick house with 4 rooms, in Smithfield village. Possession given any time before April 1, AND $285 gets it if you come quick.

212

The premises now formerly owned and occupied by the late G. C. Gibbs in the Township of Troy. The House and some small buildings on the south side of the road will be sold with 20 acres of land, or can be bought separate if desired. Seventy acres on the north side of the road, with barns and all other necessary buildings, located exceptionally fine. Is right from electric line—Flint Division D. U. R. After you take out the cost of the house and buildings, the price we ask would bring the land down to about $40 per acre. Take you to see it any time.

213

Fine little farm of about 7½ acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Rochester Electric; 3 miles north of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 25c; good orchard; 4 will 130 feet deep; good pure water; acre bearing apple orchard; 2 buildings; price for the 7½ is $1,400, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to a small mortgage, which can run at the present rate. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

215.

Decidedly the prettiest lake farm in this county or all lakes. Troy Stock Farm, as it is known for its excellent fishing, 2 miles west of Birmingham; 13 miles from home with Furnace, new barn; excellent barns; fences in good shape; 2 acres of young peaches, 4 acres bearing peaches, and 4 acres apple orchard, which have been budded for marketable apples the past year. One mile north of Franklin, on the road will be 20 acres of land can be bought separate if desired. Seventy acres on the north side of the road, with barns and all other necessary buildings, located exceptionally fine. Is right from electric line—Flint Division D. U. R. After you take out the cost of the house and buildings, the price we ask would bring the land down to about $40 per acre. Take you to see it any time.

216

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well-known builder for his own use; 8 rooms, bath and blocks, hollow walls, 2 stories high, in one of the best localities in our village; lot 60x140 feet; 12 large apple trees; lawn fully sodded; city water, cess-pool, hot-air furnace, 9 rooms beautifully finished in hard wood; large attic. Best of reasons for selling. Price $3,500. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

217

Farm of 86 acres on Section 1, Troy; 5 buildings, 4 acres of orchard and one acre of best asparagus; 50 acres cleared; 2½ miles from Rochester line D. U. R. Can be bought for $3,200, and that's only a little over $36 per acre. $1,000 cash will buy it, with the balance on long time at low rate of interest. Seems as if that ought to interest almost anybody.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chestnut and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot worth at least $500, and the house is insured for $1,200; that's $1,700, and prices are advancing all along the lines in that location. If you come right away we will entertain an offer of $1,500, and if that is too high after we have shown you over the premises, we will introduce you to the owner, and you can make your own terms. That's fair.

221

Fine house and two and one-half lots on Davis Street, Brownell's Sub-Division. Hot and cold water, furnace, wire screens everything! Also vacant lot on corner of Davis and Maple Avenue, just east of the Presbyterian church. Will sell the whole business, or they different parcels separately. Prices very reasonable. Ask the man at the bank.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 5-story houses of 8 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, etc., to each and you can be independent of other apartment. Rents for $18 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good brick and stone and, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 180 feet deep; room for a fine gardeny can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something to ponder over. Come and let us help you ponder. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

223

For sale or exchange—Brooks Farm, 156 miles west of Birmingham; 80 acres; the best stock or grain farm in Livingston county; no waste land; 7 acres timber, horse barn, stable for 20 head of grain and cattle barn, stable 20 head cattle, to-gether for 150 head; cattle and chicken house; 2 miles of tile—every 4 rods; 4 good flowing wells; orchard and young trees. Apply at farm, or Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

225

Forty-acre farm on Section 9, Troy; 5 acres timber, 6 acres orchard; 4 buildings (which are worth $2,000); house has modern conveniences; 2 wells and mill; water piped to house and barn; 1 mile new wire fence with cedar posts; 2 acres strawberries, which will realize $400 per acre; 400 peaches, 150 apple trees, 100 cherry trees, 100 plum trees, little farm, free and clear, 2½ miles from Rochester; 1½ miles east of Hamlin's Corners on the Pontiac line.

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham; about 12 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue; 660 feet deep; good house and barn; stone in front; about 80 rods deep; with nice little orchard in the rear. Can be bought cheap for a quick sale. Inquire of Whitehead & Mitchell, Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

228

Fine stock farm in the Township of Troy; 220 acres, no waste land, flowing well piped to the buildings; good house and six other buildings, we forget, but can be bought cheap enough so that you will be glad to quit coming to the city and live at home among the many in the Bloomfield Hills district. Postal card request will bring prizes and full particulars. Railroad it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 77 acres in West Bloomfield, ½ mile from the North western electric; 6 acres of orchard; 4 buildings; house, 8 buildings worth $3,000, and the price is $6,000—and it is well worth it. It is all under a high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

230

Seventy-acre farm in Township of Troy; good Bldings; well fenced and drained; within walking distance of Troy Corners; 2 miles from farmers-never dry; 1½ mile from good school; 2-story house, basement barn 36x60, with 20-ft. sheds, two good wells; will buy it for $3,500, or ought to simply secure will take it. One of the nicest double farms in the county for the money, and that's one of the best towns for fine farms in the world. Nuf Well, we'll move it to you if you'll let us.

231

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well water, cistern, bath, etc. Home for small family. Price $1,600 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Marble, on Chester Street, Farms way.

232

Farm of 87?8 acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; 1½ fare to Detroit, half-hour ride; 50 acres land all cleared; 5 acres; four buildings, all in good condition. Best open location between Detroit and Pontiac.

233

Farm of 107 acres, one hour's ride from City Hall on Jefferson Avenue; 1,000 feet on Lake St. Clair; 7 acres of apple orchard; splendid buildings. The price is very low.

234

Farm of 80 acres—60 rods from D. & P. electric line. All cleared, good buildings; fine fare to Detroit. This farm can be purchased very cheap.

235

Farm of 90 acres—will exchange for Detroit property; 10 acres of mixed orchard; buildings are—as fine as any in the county, in excellent condition; 2 miles from interurban; on account of improvements and location this farm is a bargain at he price asked. Write us, or, better yet—call.

236

Forty-six acres, all improved, no buildings, good land, well fenced, flowing stream through the place. Worth the money, for a little over $50 per acre will buy it.

237

Four vacant lots in the Randall Additon. Excellent building places in a rapidly improving part of the village. If you want to buy one of these lots for $100 cash, and a little at a time after, and want to build a house on it and are lacking in funds, come and see us about it, and we will make arrangements at low rates and easy terms.

238

Vacant lot on Woodward Avenue, on street car line, 50 feet front and 132 deep. Ownrf the best building places on the most popular street in the state, and—$700 will buy it for cash. Would like to build on it, And don't happen to have the cash? Come and see us anyhow, and we can arrange matters. Come and see us anyhow.

239

Vacant lot in Castle's Plat, price $300, and will exchange for Detroit vacant property.

240

Small house with lot 50x150, $1,000 cash. Large house with lot 66x132 and all modern conveniences for $2,300, or will sell the whole outfit, both houses and about 2½ acres of land, on south side of Maple Avenue, for $5,000.

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Five new houses with all modern conveniences, within 100 feet of the new site of the Detroit Avenue 3-rooms, hard-wood finish; no stairs; plenty of light and fresh air; furnace; $1,600. 4-room cottage, hard-wood finish, bath, etc., $1,800. 5-room cottage, hard-wood finish, bath, etc., $2,000. Nuf ced. Will rent them. Well worth looking at.

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Farm of 160 acres, Ingham county, 2 miles from Fergus Station, on the M. C. R. R.; clay loam, good buildings. Valued at $6,000, and will sell for that figure if you come right away—now. The place is within 3 miles of Webberville, and noted for its rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Okemos; 16 miles to Lansing; 18 miles to Howell. Good fences, and altogether worth the money.

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If you could buy six acres and a quarter of land with a brick house equipped with hot and cold water, bath, water closet, furnace, and every possible convenience, and barn, chicken house, plenty of fruit and enough walks—and the house and lot alone are worth $6,000—wouldn't you and calf is a snap, wouldn't you? Well, we can do it. Come on and we'll show you.

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Lot 7, Block 1, of Campbell's Subdivision, Village of Birmingham, Mich., on the corner of High Street and Campbell Avenue. Size of lot 66x132. Worth at least $500. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $400. Nuf ced. Take you to see it any old time at all.

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One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon, Mich., 2½ miles from Rochester; 7 acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard; well watered by never-failing springs; nine buildings; the land is 120 feet above the river; fine cedars, 4 wells, 2 good ones; 80 rods of wire fence, well fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $8,000. Nuf ced. Take you to see it any old time at all.

Land of Twins and Triplets.

Scotland is said to be the land of twins and triplets. In 12 months no fewer than 1,225 mothers gave birth to twins, and 25 to triplets. Scotland is among the few countries in Europe where the proportion of male babies is greater than that of females.

Four deaths are known to be directly attributable to exposure to the X-rays. There is a mystery about these cases, the disease being unknown to medical science, though it is believed to involve some great principle of life.

Nail Terms.

A "tenpenny" nail means that 1,000 nails weigh ten pounds. The word "penny" in this sense is a corruption of pounds.

A New Novelty.

A relish dish that has four compartments of glass and rests on a pretty silver stand is quite a novelty.

Modern Version.

"Get thee behind me, satin," said Jessie, as she kicked the train of her dress out of the way.—Cornell Widow.

Pens in a Ton of Steel.

A single ton of steel will make about 10,000 gross of steel pens.

And No Ball Games.

Russia celebrates 56 general holidays each year.