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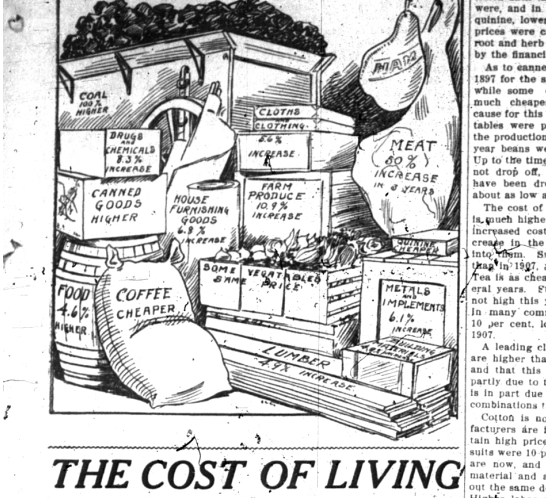

THE COST OF LIVING

HAS INCREASED 44 PER CENT. IN LAST TEN YEARS.

Meat Has Gone Up 50 Per Cent. in Those Years—Farm Products Higher—Drugs as a Rule Lower.

Chicago.—It costs more to live, anywhere in the United States, than it did ten years ago. But comparisons of Chicago price increases with those discovered by the national government show that the law of compensation has not been altogether off the job here.

For instance, coal here is higher—a full 100 per cent, higher than ten years ago. But if you have no coal, and catch cold through lack of it, you can buy quinine to cure your cold much cheaper than you could in 1898.

On the other hand, coffee is cheaper on the Chicago retail market than it was a decade ago, but the drugs most in favor for curing indigestion, which coffee sometimes causes, are costlier than they were then.

Meat has gone up scandalously—in fact, 50 per cent. in three years. Oh, very well. Vegetables and canned goods are about as cheap as ever, and the logic of the household expense account is making more vegetarians than appeals to sentiment ever did.

The government figures show a higher price on the whole in 258 commodities that enter largely into the living of all the people. In 1907 the percentage over 1906 was 5.7 per cent., and 44.4 per cent. higher than 1897, the year of lowest prices during the 18 year period, and 29.5 per cent. higher than the average for the ten years, 1890 to 1900.

For farm products, taken as a whole, the increase was greatest—namely, 10.9 per cent.; for food, 4.6 per cent.; for cloths and clothing, 5.6 per cent.; for fuel and lighting, 2.4 per cent.; for metals and implements, 6.1 per cent.; for lumber and building materials, 4.3 per cent.; for drugs and chemicals, 8.3 per cent.; for housefurnishing goods, 6.8 per cent., and miscellaneous, 5 per cent.

Chicago lumbermen say the government's estimate is about right for the increase in Chicago market prices for their wares. Increasing depletion of the forest, they say, has kept the price ascending gradually, and the average increase in cost which enters into ordinary living expenses is around 5 per cent.

Furniture and house furnishings have soared, and experts on the Chicago market say the government's 6.8 per cent. is too low to serve locally. Not less than 15 per cent., they say, has been the increase here. This is due to scarcity of material, especially oak, to higher cost of the materials for iron and brass furniture, and to higher prices of labor.

Drugs and chemicals, of such sort as to affect the cost of living, were higher, say by 5 per cent., in Chicago last year than in 1898; but they have fallen until they are about where they were, and in some instances, such as quinine, lower than ever. The higher prices were caused by the scarcity of root and herb diggers, the lower prices by the financial panic.

As to canned goods, peaches sold in 1897 for the same as they did in 1907, while some canned products were much cheaper ten years ago. The cause for this was that fruits and vegetables were plentiful last year, while the production was much larger. Last year beans were scarce and higher. Up to the time of the panic toying did not drop off, but since then prices have been dropping until they are about as low as they were in 1896.

The cost of preparing food products is much higher now on account of the increased cost of labor, also the increase in the farm products that go into them. Sugar is higher this year than in 1907, while coffee is cheaper. Tea is as cheap as it has been in several years. Staple commodities are not high this year in the grocery line. In many commodities the prices are 10 per cent. lower than they were in 1907.

A leading clothier says that clothes are higher than in the last two years and that this should not be. This is partly due to the scarcity of wool, but is in part due to existence of clothing combinations to keep prices up.

Cotton is no higher, yet the manufacturers are in combination to maintain high prices. Ten years ago wool suits were 10 per cent. lower than they are now, and were made of as good material and as well made, but without the same degree of care as to style. Higher labor cost, higher wool, prosperity, and combinations among manufacturers are the reasons he gives for the higher prices of clothing.

Shoes are cheaper on the average than ever they have been, but are only five per cent. cheaper than at their highest point, in 1907. They have, however, gone up in price 15 per cent. in the last 18 years, but to compensate for that they are better made. The increase in cost of shoes is due to the high price of hides, which have increased in 18 years 150 per cent. Shoes are relatively cheaper than the hides from which they are made, this seeming paradox being due to improved methods of manufacture.

The price of meat has been soaring for the last 15 years, and it is generally conceded that this has been due to the going out of the range cattle and the consequent scarcity of beef cattle, and the combinations among the packers, who have virtually a monopoly of the business, having driven the country and town butchers out of business. This spring, during a period of ten days, pork and beef stock took an upward flight of 30 to 50 per cent., and the average for the year is fully 25 per cent. higher than last year, which was 25 per cent. more than the year before.

Prosperity and high wages, as well as the scarcity of cattle, are given by the packers as being responsible for the rise in prices in the last ten years.

LET PASTOR WASH IN CREEKS.

Two Congregations Can't Afford Bathroom for Parsonage.

Pennburg, Pa.—By a decisive vote the congregations of the Sumneytown Lutheran charge have decided that cleanliness and godliness are not correlated to such an extent that a bathroom should be provided for the parsonage.

The pastor, Rev. Charles L. Dapp, is spending the summer in Germany, and some of the members proposed to equip the parsonage in Sumneytown with a bathroom prior to his return. Special meetings were held by the two congregations at Sumneytown and Keeler's church, which comprise the charge, and determined opposition to the bathroom project developed among the older members. They and their pastors had managed to get along for generations without bathrooms, they argued, and they saw no reason for introducing such newfangled notions.

Three creeks in the neighborhood, it was intimated, afforded abundant opportunity for bathing.

When the vote was taken the result in the Sumpeytown congregation was 24 in favor of the improvement and 74 against, while the majority against the bathroom in Keeler's congregation was almost as large.

Women as Photographers.

An ornithologist says that women make better field photographers than men, as they have that tact and perseverance which wins the confidence of the bird and gives them the opportunity to get photographs of it in natural poses. Any work in connection with natural history ought to be interesting to women, but they do not seem to have the love for it that men have.

SENATOR ALLISON EXPIRES SUDDENLY

AGED TOGA-WEARER PASSES AWAY FROM HEART FAILURE AT DUBUQUE, IA.

END COMES WHILE FRIENDS VISIT HIM

Iowan Stricken and Dies Before Physician Can Be Called—Big Figure for Over 25 Years—Sketch of His Career.

Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 5.—United States Senator William B. Allison died of heart failure at 1:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Senator Allison was at his home when he was stricken by heart failure Tuesday afternoon. He had several friends with him at the time. Suddenly he noticed that the senator had stopped talking with them and an instant later he sank back in his chair, stricken. Before the family doctor could reach his home he had expired. His age told against him in the fight which he experienced. The shock was sudden and until he expired his friends failed to realize his condition.

Several members of his family were at his home at the time, but they were in other rooms and were not aware of his condition until told by the senator's friends that he was stricken. Ten minutes later physicians arrived and pronounced Mr. Allison dead. When he was stricken, a little cry escaped his lips, but although he sank back into his chair, he continued to breathe. However, three minutes later the end came.

Prominent for 25 Years.

The death of Senator Allison removes from the senate a man who for more than a quarter of a century was one of its most prominent members. He has served continuously since 1873, and for the greater part of his term of service he was recognized as one of the most influential members of that body. As chairman of the committee on appropriations much of the financial legislation passed through his hands. He had not been in good health for some time past and this fact had given rise to some speculation as to whether he would be a candidate for re-election, his term expiring March 3, 1909. Mr. Allison was born at Perry, O., March 2, 1829, and removed to Iowa in 1857. He served as a member of the house of representatives in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first congresses prior to his election to the senate.

Sketch of His Career.

William Boyd Allison was born at Perry, Ohio, March 2, 1829, and was the son of John and Mary A. Allison. He lived on a farm throughout his boyhood and was educated at Allegheny college in Pennsylvania and at the Western Reserve college in Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1850 and was married at Ashland, Ohio, in February, 1854, to Miss Anna Carter, of Wooster, Ohio. He practiced law in Ohio in 1850 to 1857 and removed to Dubuque, Iowa, in 1857. He was a delegate to the Republican state convention in 1859 and that was his first political appearance. He was a delegate to the national Republican convention at Chicago in 1860. He was appointed a member of the governor's staff in 1861 and during that position he assisted in raising troops for the conflict with the south. He was made a member of congress in 1863 and served to 1871. Then he was elected United States senator from Iowa and served to his death.

He declined the secretaryship of the treasury in 1881. President Harrison in 1889 offered him the same position and again he declined. President McKinley in 1897 offered him the office again, but he thought it best to pass it up. He was chairman of the American delegates to the International Monetary conference held at Brussels in 1892. He was a candidate for the presidential nomination at the Republican convention in 1888 and in 1896.

Two Asphyxiated.

St. Johns, Mich., Aug. 5.—John Allen and Walter Reynolds were asphyxiated by gas Tuesday in the city reservoir in front of the city hall, and William H. Smith, ex-prosecuting attorney; John Harley, a prominent merchant, and Walter Polzin, 16-year-old boy, were also overcome while trying to rescue them.

Eight Thousand on Strike.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 5.—Orders were issued Tuesday by the executive committee of the Canadian Pacific Shopmen's union calling a strike of the shop mechanics over the entire system Wednesday. The order was obeyed by 8,000.

Six Hurt in Riot; 87 Arrested.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 5.—During a riot at a Hungarian ball Tuesday at West Homestead, an adjoining borough, six persons were injured and 87 guests were placed under arrest. Among the injured are Chief of Police McDermott and three officers.

Priest Banished by Vatican.

Rome, Aug. 5.—The doings of an irresponsible priest named Feliz Savigny of the diocese of Trebizond, Asiatic Turkey, caused considerable excitement at the Vatican, Monday, and resulted finally in his expulsion from its precincts.

The Magic of Odd Numbers.

"Even in the matter of weighing groceries there seems a magic in odd numbers," said a housekeeper. "Most of the packages of salt, sugar, coffee and other commodities that grocers keep on hand to facilitate trade contain an odd number of pounds. If you are in a hurry and ask for a made-up package of almost any kind of groceries tradesmen can accommodate you with a one-pound, three-pound or a five-pound package; but the chances are that if you want two pounds or four pounds of anything it will have to be weighed to order."

SENATOR CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW

Photo by Moffett Studio, Chicago.

Although 74 years old Chauncey M. Depew, United States senator from New York, is still actively interested in politics. He attended the recent Republican convention at Chicago and took a prominent part in the meetings of the New York delegation. Senator Depew has a lease on his seat in the senate until at least March 3, 1911. The above is his latest photograph.

Saw King Edward's Ears Boxed.

Woman Remembers When Present King of England Transgressed.

Hanover, Pa.—Still amused over the fact that as a girl in England she saw Prince Albert Edward's (now King Edward's) ears boxed on a public occasion, Mrs. John J. Bingley of this town celebrated with her husband the fifty-fourth anniversary of their marriage.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bingley tell many interesting reminiscences, and it was on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to Manchester in 1851 that Mrs. Bingley witnessed the public chastisement of the royal heir. Her majesty, accompanied by her husband, Prince Albert, and the young Albert Edward, was riding through the city and bowing to the assembled multitudes, when, at the place where Mrs. Bingley was stationed, Prince Albert astonished the spectators by severely boxing the ears of little Prince Albert Edward for insubordination.

Mrs. Bingley is now a bright old lady of 77; her husband is 75, and they were married in Baltimore July 10, 1854, five days after Mrs. Bingley's arrival from England. Her husband had preceded her to this country nearly a year, and after securing a position sent for his sweetheart.

Nothing to Speak Of.

"You are to take these capsules," said Dr. Fussey, "before meals, not after, remember."

"O," said the patient, "I guess it doesn't matter much."

"But it does matter, sir."

"You wouldn't say that, doctor, if you had ever had a meal at our boarding house."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

Belgium Likes Horse Meat.

Washington.—So high has become the price of other meats in Brussels, according to a report from Consul General Walls, that horse meat has procured a well-established place on all tables. The consul general points out that the importation of horses for food is increasing annually, in 1906 the number reached more than 26,000.

TAKES "DIP" IN LAKE ERIE.

John Brown's Son, Mere Youth of 86, Staggers Life Savers.

Cleveland, O.—Jason Brown, 86 years old, son of John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame, woke alarm in the breast of professional life savers at Euclid Beach park by his antics in Lake Erie the other day.

Member of a pioneer picnic party, Brown was attracted to the cooler waves. The bathhouse manager hesitated. "Our life savers are busy now. We don't let old men bathe here," he said.

"Umph," and anger was near in Brown's voice. "I'm no yearling, maybe," he said, "but, young man, I don't need any life savers swimming around after me."

Donning a suit, he ran out on the pier beyond the safety line and a guard in a boat put out as he saw Brown plunge. He stayed under 30 seconds, then came up and floated, varying his performance with back, front, and side strokes for an hour.

"That was just a dip," he said as he came out.

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 in Village Area. East of Rail at second. Plus barn and every modern convenience. Furnace bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for $2,800 the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

66

Village lots on Woodward Avenue boundin north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 165 feet front on Woodward avenue, 128 feet deep on northside and 145 feet on south side. Fine lots within village of Birmingham, Mich., one of the finest building sites in the village.

66

Good, comfortable, cosy; old-fashioned house with 7 rooms, lot 50x150 feet. Fine location, plenty of room, and the price is only $1,200.

77

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, to Fred Lapham. If any one wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 20, 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp noticed the owner over $150.00 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; 98 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 $5,000. Nuf ced.

126

Peasant lots 16, 17, 18 of Willson's Sub-division Royal Oak village, 50 feet front by 132 deep. Price, $300 each. Terms easy, with small payment down.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means. ¼ acre of land, on Rail, 2 miles southeast of Troy house 7 rooms, barn in good shape, well, best barn and house, never dry. Is a mile east of Rochester Electric; fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 80 or, 96 acres on or near society. Ninety-four acres on east ½ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township, 70 feet front, valued at $8,000 (insured for $1,700); flowing well piped to 3 barns; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, 2 miles from good schools and churches. Fare 17c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

No. 171

Fine building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, on electric railway, just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such men as Bishop, Barnum, Brown, Lockwood, Cole, Conklin, and others; 43 acres, nearly half of which is level and the balance rolling; East Rochester River (never dry) runs through the place with plenty of fish and a swimming hole; well drained, good drainage, fine orchard of 5 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 42 feet front, lot 200 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, 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.

180

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

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue, 132 feet deep; one good building, insured; plenty of good fruit. A bargain for $2,000, one-half down.

187

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

188

One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and is about the best location—East Maple Avenue, two blocks from station road; bath, hot and cold water, city gas, 10 rooms, 2 stories, rebuilt last year, better than new; 8 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 320 feet deep; plenty of room for 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.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north on Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,000; 3 acres of good bearing orchard and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 133 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 111 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustible supply of gravel, is worth almost the price of the farm alone. No waste land and under a high state of cultivation. Worth looking at anyhow. Price $5,000; terms easy.

194

Fifty acres in Township of Troy, adjoining the Jay Stock Farm; 3 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of assorted fruit; 2½ miles from Flint Division D. U. R., 3 miles and fine spring. Price $4,000.

199

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples in a pretty fourture; new land, well drained, clay bottom, fine top soil; corner of the 9½-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins J. R. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1¼ miles north of State 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 26, Troy township; new barn, fair house, good well, loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Flint electric road; 2½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $875.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village; excellent land, of the apple orchard, 3 acres; price $1,200. The place is well fenced, and the price will enable you to build the kind of house you may require.

200

One hundred and twenty-six acres near Birmingham; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, fine meadow, pretty little River Rouge runs through the farm; is a fine place for somebody. Worth looking at. Take you to see it any day. Oh, yes, the price is $15,000, and the terms easy. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year for a thousand dollars more than $125 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you don't buy we won't grumble.

201

Fine 3-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 125 feet deep; bathwater heater, hot and cold bath, toilet, city water; every convenience found in the best residences in our village; lot 60x150 feet; fine and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $3,000 to build; cheaper to buy one in build it for less and see what they say. We 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 300 rods. The buildings cost more to build than the price asked for the place, and are well worth looking at. The price is $1,800, and $500 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 fruit, plenty of fruit, beautiful elm and pine trees on south side make it a shady, restful residence. Would cost $2,500 to build the house and barn; and $2,200 will buy it if you take it right the last. Owner is leaving town, and that's the reason.

211

Just as sure of land. (Ever read that book that was so popular some years ago, entitled "Just as Sure as Fate?" Well, you might do worse than think.) There's a house on this area. Good, solid house with 4 rooms, and good barn. Possession given any time before April 1, and this price is if you come quick.

213

Fine little farm of about 75 acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Rochester Electric, 2 miles south of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; good cellar; well 120 feet deep; good pure water; 1-acre bearing apple orchard; 3 buildings, insured for $1,200, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to a small mortgage, which can run at the pleasure. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

215

Decidedly the prettiest lake farm in this county of lakes. Situated on Wing Lake, noted for its excellent fishing, 4 miles west of Birmingham; 10 room house with furnace; fine lawn; cement barns; fences in good shape; 2 acres of young peaches, 4 acres bearing orchard, and 4 acres of pie-orchard, which bore 700 bushels of marketable apples the past year. One mile north of Clarkston. Daily mail and telephone service. Abundance of resident water pumped by windmill and piped to house and other buildings. Eighty acres and the price is $7,000. If you will be up to town any day and you say it isn't worth the money, we'll take you for a ride on the lake, catch you a nice string of bass, and then you'll give us twice the money. And it's worth it, too. Try it.

216

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a workman's builder for his own use, from best concrete blocks, hollow walls, 2 stories high, in one of the best localities in our village; lot 60x150 feet; large apple trees; bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, cesspool, hot-air furnace, 4 rooms beautifully finished in hard wood, large attic. Best of reasons for selling. Price $3,800. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

217

Farm of 89 acres on Section 1, Troy; 8 buildings, 4 acres bearing orchard, 2½ acres asparagus, 15 acres orchard; 2½ miles from Rochester line D. U. R. Can be bought for $5,800, and that's only a little over $65 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 can spare $400 we will construct an option for $1,500, and if that is too high after we have shown you over the place, we will introduce you to the owner and you can make your own terms. The

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue, with 2 distinct 2-story houses of 8 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas, each independent of other apartment. Rents for $12 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on the premises, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 150 feet deep; room for a nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a good 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.

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 1½ rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; one mile from the west side of Birmingham; Rouge creek (branch of the River Rouge) crossing the back end of the premises; 2 acres of good loam in the county for a nice little chicken farm. No buildings, but can be bought cheap enough so that you can build to suit yourself, and have one of the finest homes among the many in the Bloomfield Hills district. Special cash request will bring you down in particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield; ¼ mile from the Northwestern interurban; 2 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 3 buildings worth $1,500, and the price is $6,000—and it is well worth it. Bad family loan and day loan, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

230

Seventy-one-acre farm in Township of Troy; good buildings, well fenced and drained, well watered; branch of River Rouge runs through the farm—never dry; 1½ mile from good schools; 1½ miles from Rochester; basement barn 32x60, silos 14x30, two good wells, one 120 feet deep, the other deep enough to amply secure will take it. One of the most desirable farms in the Township of Troy, and that's one of the best farms for fine farming in the world. Not Well, we'll prove it to you if you'll let us.

231

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well cistern, cellar, fruit, etc. House would cost more than $1,000 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Marble, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 97½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. U. R. electric line; 15c fare to Detroit, half-hour service; land all cleared; two 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 77 acres, 60 rods from D. & P. electric line. All cleared, good buildings; 15c fare to Detroit. This farm can be based very cheap.

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 Addition. Excellent building places in a rapidly improving part of the village. If you want to buy one of these lots for $100 cash you can do so, and then if you want to build a house on it and are lacking in funds, come and see what we can do, 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. One of the best building places on the most popular street in the village, and—$200 will buy it for cash. Want to build on it and don't happen to have the cash? Come and see us about it, 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.

240

Small house with lot 80x150, $1,000 cash. Larger house with lot 60x140 and all ordinary conveniences for $2,200, or will sell the whole outfit, both houses and about 2½ acres of land, on south side of Maple Avenue, for $3,500.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 300 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 66x100; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $3,000, and that's all we ask for the premises. Well worth looking at.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 3 miles from Fergus Station, on the M. C. R. R. Clay loam, good buildings valued at $5,000, and $8,000 will buy the farm if you come right away—now. The place is within 2 miles of active coal mining, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Saginaw; 7 miles to St. Charles and 22 miles to Saginaw. Well drained, good fences, and altogether worth the money.

244

If you could buy an acre 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 vegetables, would you not have alone cost $6,000—for $2,000 on easy terms, you'd call it a snap, would you not? Well, we can do it. Come on and we'll show you.

245

Lot 7, Block 1, of Campbell's Subdivision, Village of Birmingham, Mich., on the corner of High Street and Forest Avenue. Without question the most desirable lot for building purposes on this very popular subdivision. Price $325; but there are other things that we would like to whisper to you. Come and let us take you to see the property.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $6,000, 7 acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marsh land; is 120 feet above the river; fine cedars, 4 acres; a good house, 8 rooms, barn in good condition, well fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will take a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $6,500, with one-third cash. Take you to see it any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and about an acre of good garden land on north side of Lincoln Avenue; old-fashioned house, and a cosy home at a low price. Party has decided to go West and wants us to sell badly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

248

Comfortable house, nearly new, in good location on Whitehead & Mitchell's Subdivision. House would cost more than $1,000 to build this rainbow minute, and we only ask $1,050 for the house and two lots. There is a mortgage of $600 which can run. The building is insured for $700. Owner lives in Detroit and wants to sell.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the south side of Maple Avenue, among the best class of residences in the village. Plenty of room for good garden, and it can be bought for $1,000. Well worth $1,200. Come and let us show it to you; and after you look the premises over you will make us an offer anyhow.

260

Now, here is a "Beaner!" House, barn and chicken house, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two-story barn, furnace room, good heating, 2 plants, two grates and mantels, one of the best-constructed lot of buildings in the village, city water, drains, fine fruit and pretty lawn. Cost of the buildings insured for $4,000. $3,500 cash will buy it, and the balance of purchase price can be had on long time and low rate of interest. Without exception, this is the finest place and the best lot of buildings on our st; and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x150. Six rooms, bath, hot and cold water, and cistern water in the kitchen, fine veranda on front and side, grapes, peaches, pears, crab apples—all bearing—and some very fine trees. $1,450 will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't take a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

252

Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Michigan, listed "No. 1 sandy soil;" no buildings; 10 acres oak timber; price $5 per acre. We don't know anything to investigate. We're ready to answer all questions you may ask—wise or otherwise.

253

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40 acres of mixed timber, 20 acres cleared; two buildings of little value. Price $10 per acre. In the township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And then we have 440 acres more, in the same township, with 5 buildings, 2½ acres of orchard and 10 acres of timber. Price, all at $10 per acre. Why just dare you to dig into this proposition—and you know what our opinion used to be about—regarding any "feller" that wouldn't take a dare."

255

One-hundred-acre farm in Royal Oak township, a mile west of Starr Station on Rochester line D. U. R.; 8-room house; wind-mill supplies clear, cold spring water to all buildings; natural gas well supplies heat and light to all buildings (been running for 18 years); good buildings, fine orchard, farm well fenced, few of fine maples along entire front, good roads, good neighborhood. Will exchange for Detroit improved property.

259

Eight-room house, good barn and two acres of excellent land on south side of Maple Avenue, in the Village of Birmingham—one of the best equipped and tidiest homes in the village. Buildings would cost $2,800 to build today (house is practically new) and that alone would can be bought for just a trifle more than that. Enough to secure it will get it, and you can have your own way about payments or balance.

258

Lots 23 and 24, Buell's Addition, Birmingham. Price $400 for both lots. Terms, $25 cash; balance on contract.

259

Lot 7, Block 5, Campbell's Addition. Price $900. Nice cozy home in good neighborhood. Terms easy.

260

Eight-room, 2-story house on Southfield Avenue, Lot 80x176 on west side of street; cellar, well, 2 porches, fine stables, barn, carriage house, chicken house. Within four blocks of electric line.

261

Completely equipped shop for general repair work and manufacture of gasoline engines, both marine and automobile. $1,200 cash will buy its balance on easy terms.

262

Nine lots on the Merrill Plat, formerly owned by M. I. James. Finest location in village. Terms easy and prices low.

263

Forty acres just outside of Village. Fine building logs, brick house, 4 rooms. Everything in excellent condition. Ideal country home. Has been sold for $50 per acre, and it is worth it. Make us an offer. Take you to see it any time.

264

Nine acres, 8 buildings, on south side of Willow Avenue, between Woodward and Pierce (outside of corporation), and $1,350 will buy it on easy terms.

265

Eighty-acre farm in Ionia county, Town of Easton. Well watered; excellent for stock or dairy farming. Property is described as w ½ of s e ¼ of sec 36, town 7 n, r 7 w. Nine buildings insured for $2,250, mortgages of $8,500, which can run; $2,500 cash will secure balance. 2 miles from Ionia; 9-room well finished house; all kinds of fruit; no hills or waste land; excellent soil. This offer is good for 30 days only, so you'd better get busy.

257

Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a minute or you'll lose it. Fine house and barn, with 3 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit; buildings insured for $2,900; 11 acres of excellent land, 1½ miles from Flint Electric—an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $3,500; terms easy. Half mile east from school church and stores. Take you to see it any old time.

JACK THE OLDEST DOG ALIVE.

He Was Born Nineteen Years Ago, But Refuses to Think of Dying.

Jack, a mongrel terrier, but a breed worth while, has been so used to fighting all his life that he will not die. Not he; he refuses to think of it, says the Boston Globe.

His father was a cross between an Irish terrier and a skye terrier and his mother a smooth-haired fox terrier. Glorious combination, a terrier of the terriers. He was born in Newton Lower Falls in March, 1889.

Bought for $6, his owner, to keep the peace in the family of Noah A. Plympton of Wellesley Hills, said that he had brought him home for the baby. On those terms and on those alone was he admitted to the household which he has ruled since to such extent that the members are grateful that he does not know about the discussion which so nearly kept him from the place where he belonged.

Faithful, affectionate, good to look at, with black and white and shaggy hair, intelligent to a degree, good-tempered, though quick to resent an insult like the accident of having moved one's foot anywhere near him, Jack has been a cheering companion and a devoted friend.

And Jack has had the unique honor of being present at a Wellesley college function, to which no man ever has been admitted. He came home decked out with ribbons.

Save the Soot.

A cheap way to keep house plants free from disease is to put a bag of soot in a pail of water, let the contents settle and use a very weak solution for watering plants. Soot is a valuable fungicide.

City's Benefactors.

No greater good can befall a city than when several educated men, thinking in the same way as to what is good and right, live together in it.—Goethe.