WHERE OUR ROYALTY WORSHIP

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OLD ST. JOHN'S CHURCH AT WASHINGTON

VERY large proportion of the people of the country take the keenest interest in the religious views and denominational affiliations of the chief magistrate of the republic and his family, and this interest extends in only a slightly lesser degree to the church connections of the vice president and his household.

Practically all of the nation's rulers, from the days of George Washington to the present time, have been churchgoers and thus it has come about that instinctively the interest manifested in the church homes of the leaders of a new administration is second only to the interest in the personalities of the new leaders themselves.

There are a number of churches at the national capital that have at one time or another enjoyed the distinction of being the "President's Church," but with the inauguration of President Taft this honor will descend to an edifice that has never heretofore attained such prominence. All Souls' Unitarian church will be the new "President's Church," displacing the Dutch Reformed church which has served in similar capacity during the Roosevelt regime. While the present All Souls now takes rank as a president's church for the first time, the predecessor of the present edifice as the home of this congregation had early title to the honor, for one of the founders of this historic Washington church was John Quincy Adams.

William H. Taft has been a pewholder at All Souls'—the only Unitarian church at the capital—ever since taking up his residence at Washington. It may be remembered that during the campaign it was asserted that Mr. Taft was an atheist, but the charge was, of course, totally unfounded. The president-elect is of a Unitarian family; his father and mother both being Unitarians, his grandmother having joined the Unitarian movement with the famous Dr. Channing. William H. Taft, like his father before him, was a member of the Unitarian church of Cincinnati. After entering official life in Washington he took a pew in the church that is henceforth to be known as the "President's Church."

However, as might be expected of a Unitarian, President-elect Taft is broad-minded in his religious views. The Taft family, like the Roosevelts, is divided in religious views, but Mr. Taft is not so aggressively loyal to his own denomination but what he frequently goes with Mrs. Taft to the Episcopal church, of which she, following in the footsteps of her family, is a member. When the Tafts spent the summers at Murray Bay, Canada—a practice that continued for 16 years—Mr. Taft took a particular interest in the union chapel of the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, which he was wont to attend every Sunday during the vacation period, and now that he has chosen a new playground—Hot Springs, Va., he has become a regular attendant at St. Luke's Episcopal church, a diminutive place of worship at this mountain retreat.

The new president's church in Washington is one of the most historic churches in what might be termed "The City of Famous Churches." John C. Calhoun, Daniel Webster, Bulfinch, the late Senator Hoar have been among its members. President Taft will be called to worship every Sunday morning by the far-reaching tones of a great bell cast by the famous Paul Revere of revolutionary fame. This bell, which has a place in a lofty belfry, has sounded on great public occasions since 1822, tolling for Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley.

All Souls' church is red brick building with lofty steeple and an architectural style familiar in such edifices. It is, however, rendered distinctive in appearance by reason of the fact that it is draped from steps to steeple in ivy which never loses its luster.

The church, which is a large one with a commodious gallery, can seat upward of 1,000 persons. This is a valuable asset for a presidential church. When President Roosevelt came to Washington the congregation of which he became a member, and which had previously worshiped in a small chapel, had to build a large edifice because of the responsibilities entailed upon a presidential church, and the new edifice, although it seats close to 500 people, has seldom been large enough to accommodate the throngs of tourists who consider attendance at the president's church one of the features of a visit to Washington. The new president's pastor is the Rev. Ulysses Grant Baker Pierce. He is a native of Providence, R. I., and was born in the closing year of the civil war. He was educated in New England and at Hillsdale college, Michigan, and also pursued advanced studies at Harvard. He has had pastorates in Iowa, California and Ithaca, N. Y., and came to his present charge in 1891, in which year also he married Florence, the daughter of Capt. Lonsbury of Michigan. The Rev. Mr. Pierce, like the distinguished member of his congregation, has traveled extensively and lectures considerably upon travel subjects.

By odd coincidence Mrs. Taft is a member of the same church as Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt—old St. John's, situated just across the park from the White House and often called the "Church of the Presidents," from the fact that every president from Madison to Lincoln, and several since that time, have worshiped there. The quaint little edifice is also dubbed "The Court Church," from the fact that many leading foreign diplomats and high officials of the nation have attended its services. Admiral Dewey, George Dewey is now a vestryman at this church. St. John's is a tiny church, but the congregation can not buy a foot of land in any direction in this select neighborhood for purposes of enlargement, and so the membership of the congregation is necessarily pretty much of a close corporation. When a pew is released it is sold at auction and the successful bidder must usually pay well above $2,000. A pew is set aside for the use of the president of the United States and his family, and this pew, which has been occupied by Mrs. Roosevelt and her children for the last seven years, will be at the disposal of Mrs. Taft if she wishes it, but the future first lady of the land has for some time past had pew No. 24 in this church, a pew that is well forward in the church and in almost as desirable a location as the presidential pew, if she prefers to retain it. Mrs. Taft adheres rigidly to everything ordained by her church. There will be little social gayety at the White House during Lent while the Tafts are in possession, and Mrs. Taft has steadfastly held out against the fad for Sunday entertainments which has grown rapidly in recent years in our cosmopolitan capital.

Miss Helen Taft, like Miss Ethel Roosevelt, has followed in the footsteps of her mother in religious inclinations.

St. John's church, where Mrs. Taft and her daughter will worship, is built in the form of a Latin cross with a portico supported by massive columns. The exterior has a pebble finish and portions of the church are well nigh covered with ivy. The original building was erected in 1816, and there are few churches in this country that convey such an impression of great age. This church is little more than a square from the White House, and the president's church is also within easy walking distance.

The new vice-president and Mrs. Sherman are members of the Church of the Covenant, of the Presbyterian denomination. This edifice, which is unique and imposing architecturally, is located on Connecticut avenue, one of the fashionable boulevards of the capital. Directly opposite is the residence of Senator Depew, and diagonally across the street are the British and Austro-Hungarian embassies. Benjamin Harrison worshiped in the Church of the Covenant during his term of office as president and James G. Blaine and the late Secretary Hay were pewholders. Miss Helen Hay was married in this church and it has been the scene of many notable services.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT AT WASHINGTON

STILL HAVE ROOM IN TEXAS

Citizens Can Make No Complaint of Overcrowding.

The Texas ranch of 7,000,000 acres which is reported to be engaging the contemplation of James J. Hill and associates will comprise about one-twenty-sixth of the land in the Lone Star state. But within that ranch could be placed entire the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware, and there would still remain room for another Delaware and the District of Columbia. If Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire or New Jersey were placed within a 7,000,000-acre zone there would be space for a promenade all round the border.

Texas has an area of more than 265,000 square miles. The German empire in Europe includes 208,830 square miles.

The population of Texas is about 3,000,000. Germany's last census presented a total of more than 60,000,000, yet the empire has some room left at home for expansion.

By squeezing Mr. Hill a trifle as to his ranch, the 90,000,000 people of the United States could still make themselves at home in Texas, each with almost a two-acre plot.—N. Y. World.

A Diplomatic Clerk.

"It is quite a coincidence," observed the celebrated pugilist, coldly, "that every time I apply for accommodations at this hotel the house is full."

"It is a bit singular," agreed the clerk, edging as far away from the register as possible, "but we trust that you will continue to let us have the refusal of your patronage."

If he has any particularly young and good-looking aunties you might turn yourself into a jack-in-the-box for his edification; you will thereby add much to the joyousness of the young ladies when they recite the incident to hilarious friends.

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. East. (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace, bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

55

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounden north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. H. & M. R'y., south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 198 feet front on Woodward avenue, 198 feet deep on north side and 198 feet on south side, all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One 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 $1,200.

67

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John Germain, 50 feet frontage. Anyone 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 ¼ of s e ¼ of section 32, 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and brickleberry swamp. Don't laugh at this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer. Three acres of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighbors, 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce, proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price $2,000.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means 10 acres in n w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township of Troy, house 7 rooms, barn in good shape, well at both barn and house never dry. ¼ mile east of Rochester Electric fair to Detroit, G. R. & F. P. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $290. Hurry up.

No. 167

Wants to trade for 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ of sec 31, Troy township; three buildings valued at $8,000 (insured for $7,700); flowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 14 miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Pays 15c 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, Barbour, Kudicott, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 41 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge (never dry) runs through the place with giant elms and oaks overhanging. Needs no special drainage. Orchard of 4 acres. Price a high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 48 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $2,200, 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, 45 acres cleared, small orchard, no buildings; small amount down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

185

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

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, 325 feet deep; plenty of room for chicken and garden; good barn, fine workshop. Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 32 feet front by 150 feet deep for $3,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 5 buildings; insured for $1,300. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, and sand dark loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 112 bushels strawberries, 10 tons hay, etc. A gravel ridge 80 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustable supply of gravel, is worth almost the price of the farm alone. Has 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 city of Detroit; 5 buildings, good house, basement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of excellent fruit; 1¼ miles from Flint Division D. U. R. I. wells and spring. Price $4,000.

195

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples in a pretty feature; new land, well drained, clay bottom, blend top soil; corner of the 9½-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of electric road; adjoins J. L. Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $500.00 per acre; 1½ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

196

Six acres, part of s w ¼ of s e ¼ of section 20, Troy township; new barn, fair house, soil clay loam, fine flowing well; 2 miles east of Flint electric road, 5½ miles from Big Beaver; good farm for somebody. Price $450.

198

Ten acres 1 mile east of Royal Oak village on gallent land, 40 fine apple trees, no buildings. Price $1,200. Is pretty 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, flowing well; pretty little River Rouge runs through it. Within 1 mile from Birmingham; worth looking at. Take you to see it any day you say. Price $12,000, and the easiest kind. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year, in the immediate vicinity, for $150.00 per acre. Let's see it. Then you will know what you want, and if you don't buy we won't grumble.

201

Fine 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 50 feet front, 132 feet deep; hot water heating plant, bath, toilet, gas, fine city water; every convenience found in the finest class of city residences. Cement walk (cost $200); and best neighborhood in the village. Would cost at least $8,000 to build today; ask any one to build it for less and see what they say. Will buy this beautiful home for $7,800, and have your own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

213

Fine little farm of about 7½ acres in Royal Oak, on the line of the Rochester and Royal Oak road, 1 mile north of Royal Oak; fare to Detroit 15c; good cellared 1½ story house, good flowing water; 1 acre bearing apple orchard; 3 buildings, insured for $1,200, and $4,000 will buy it, subject to small mortgages, which can run at the pleasure. Will exchange for improved Detroit city property.

219

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well known builder for his own use, from best concrete blocks, 1 story and basement, 8 rooms and bath, in the best localities in our village; lot 60x100 feet; 3 large apple trees; bath, water-closet, hot and cold water, furnace, and other appointments. Beautifully finished in hard wood, large attic. Best of reasons for selling. Price $6,500. Let us show it to you any day—any time.

222

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chestnut and Park, Campbell's Addition. Lot worth at least $500, and the house is insured for $1,800; that's $1,700, and prices advancing all along the lines in that location. If you come right away you will consider 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. Fun.

224

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Two distinct 5-story houses of 3 rooms each. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each independent of other apartment. Rents for $18 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay all taxes and insurance. Good barn on premises, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 186 feet deep; room for a fine garden; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something of peculiar merit. Come and let us help you; we are always at your service. If you can't call, write.

Of Man.

Unless above himself he can erect himself, how poor a thing is man.—Dryden.

227

Five acres just outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; fine car stops in front; about 20 rods deep, with nice little branch of the River Rouge crossing the back end of the property. Finest location 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. Postal card request will bring prices and particulars. Rather above it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, 14 miles from the North western electric; 3 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 1 building; worth $3,000, and the price is $2,500—and it is well worth it. Soil sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

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 Martin, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 87¼ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; 15c fare to Detroit, half-hour service; land all cleared; two good sets buildings, all in good condition. Superb location between Detroit and Pontiac.

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'y. 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 mines, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Owosso; 4½ miles 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 cement walks—and the house alone cost $6,000—for $3,000 on easy terms, you'd call it a snap, wouldn't you? 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 doubt 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 in your ear. 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 $3,000. 75 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 wells, 2 never-failing springs, excellently fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $8,500, 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 Saddle Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a cozy home at a low price. Party has decided to go West and wants to sell badly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

256

Eight-room house, good barn and two acres of excellent land on west side of Southfield Avenue in the Village of Birmingham—one of the best-kept small places in the village. Built (practically new), and the whole outfit 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 on balance.

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. $1,800 cash will buy the balance on easy terms.

262

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

264

Nine acres, no 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. Will exchange for small farm or residence. Property is described as w ½ of s e ¼ of sec 36, town 7 n, r 7 w. Nice buildings insured for $2,250; mortgage of $2,500, which can run; $2,500 cash will secure balance. 2 miles from Ionia; 8-room white brick 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.

248

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

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the south side of Maple Avenue, within the best class of residences in the village. Plenty of room for a large family, and it can be bought for $1,800. Nuf Why not? We have fifty better things for you; and after you look the premises over you will make us an offer anyhow.

250

Now, here is a "Beaner!" House, barn and chicken house, with two acres of land on western side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Ten rooms, bath, toilet, two-story furnace room, good barn, hot-air furnace, two grates and mantels, one of the best equipped lot of buildings in the county. City water, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; buildings insured clear of city assessment for $2,000, and the balance of purchase price can be had on long time and low rate of interest. Without exception, this is the finest location and the best lot of buildings on our list, and the price is right.

254

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, city and cistern water in the house, fine veranda on front and side; cherries, peaches, pears, crab apples blossoming—and some smaller trees. $1,400 will buy it, and terms are easy. Say that it won't take a millionaire to handle it. Come on.

255

Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Michigan, listed "A No. 1 sandy soil," no buildings, 16 acres oak timber, $40 per acre. Won't cost anything to investigate. We are ready to answer all questions you may ask—wise or otherwise.

257

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 45 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 640 acres more, in the same township, with 5 buildings, 320 acres of orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber; all at $10 per acre. We'll just show you to-day this proposition—and you know what our opinion used to be at school regarding any "feller" that wouldn't "take a dare."

257

Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a minute or you'll lose it. Fine house and barn, with 8 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, 1¼ miles from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $3,500; terms easy. Half mile on Flint and Pontiac road; churches and stores. Take you to see it any old time.

258

Lots 23 and 24, Buell's Addition, Birmingham. Price $400 for both lots. Terms, $20 cash, balance on contract.

266

What would you think if we would offer you a fine modern room of 11 rooms, with toilet and bath room, (cost $2,500 to build when material was cheap,) lot 80x198, and a fine little barn, for $2,400? And terms easy at that. Well, we can do it. If you don't think that you can get much more than we ask for it, we will convince you in about a minute if you will call at the bank and see the man. The property is located in the Village of Birmingham, on the corner, and in one of the best locations in town. Honest, we know that this is one of the best bargains we have on our large list.

267

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no swamp; one of the pleasantest locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of $2,600 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, will sell from one to 20 acres in any sort of parcel, or any part of the 40, at prices which cannot fail to interest you.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 100x97; house 6 rooms; small barn, large garden, some fruits $1,500; buildings are insured for $800.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 5-story frame cottage, cement-block foundation, 5 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue $1,100; terms easy.

271

Forty feet front on Southfield Avenue, 176 feet deep; 2 buildings, 6-room house, 3 bedrooms, water in house, garden, fruit, new cement walks; $1,350.

272

Millers, attention! Feed rolls, 9x18, 60-horse-power engine and boiler, complete with all fixtures, for $350. Or, will sell separate.

273

New cement house, one block from Woodward Avenue, 4 bedrooms, bath and closet on second floor, 4 rooms downstairs, large veranda, hot-air furnace, hot and cold water, hardwood floors, good barn large enough for horse or auto; cement walks, cistern, etc. Worth looking at; also worth more money than we ask for it, but we'll sell it for $5,500 on easy terms.

274

Nice little country place for some one of small means. House, barn, and all necessary outbuildings with two acres of good land; buildings insured for $1,000; good location, 2½ miles from Clawson up the Flint electric line; $800; terms easy.

275

Fine new house and 102 acres of good land on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Pontiac; 14 acres timber, 5 acres orchard; 2 buildings; valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet; grapes, peaches and apples in great abundance; one mile from Pontiac, on D. U. R. electric. Prices and terms on application.

276

Farm of 160 acres, west of Birmingham; excellent soil, good buildings, fine location; 18 acres orchard, 20 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the country. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

277

Farm of 160 acres in Southfield; gravelly loam and clay; 4 good buildings, 6 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from cheese factory and Village of Franklin; 2½ miles from electric road; telephone, R. F. D., and $45 per acre will get it if sold before March 1. Postal will get full particulars, or we will take you to see it at any time.

278

How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan? 540 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared, 2 acres orchard, 2 buildings valued at $3,500; good house 9 rods from the river; abundance of game and fish, fine climate, pure air, school house on the same section; only four settlers in the township; ideal place for club buildings for hunting and fishing. Price $15 per acre; terms easy, and we will take some stock in a corporation to buy it. A postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

Big Game Fees.

In the German possessions in Africa a permit to shoot costs $205; special permission is required to kill more than two giraffes, four rhinoceroses, and six zebras. In the case of elephant shooting, the authorities must be given one tusk from each animal killed. The hunter receives a small payment if he shoots a lion, panther, wild boar, or hyena. A permit to kill gazelles, antelopes, and monkeys costs only ten dollars.

Tolstoi's Work for Charity.

As a writer for charities, Count Tolstoy comes out an easy first. The profits from almost his first complete book, "What Must We Do Then?" were devoted to relieving the poverty of the dwellers in the Moscow slums, and since then he has consistently refused to benefit in any way whatsoever by the sale of his numerous works, preferring to devote all the proceeds to philanthropic purposes.

Dog's "Constitutional."

There is a coach dog belonging to one of the car barns up town that takes a constitutional when they let him out. He runs ahead of the Broadway car from the barn to the Battery, returning with the car. That satisfies him. Then he returns to the barn and loafs during the rest of the day.—New York Press.

Bright Boy!

"James, my son, take this letter to the post office and pay the postage for it." After a little while the boy James returns highly elated, and says: "Father, I seed a lot of men putting letters in a little place, and, when no one was looking, I slipped yours in for nothing!"

A Sound Sleep.

"Morning! morning!" said paterfamilias, gently, as he entered the breakfast room. "I've had a splendid night. Slept like a top!" His wife agreed with him. "You did," she responded, grimly—"like a humming top!"

An Opinion.

The advertising theologians are still pouring forth floods of oratory on the end of the world, though they differ, at great length, as to the method of its final destruction. Our private opinion is that it will be talked to death.—London Opinion.

Lured by Hope of Wealth.

The yellow desert stretching eastward from Luderitz bay in German southwest Africa has become a great attraction, though a few months ago its monotonous sands were hateful and depressing. Diamonds have been found there and a new mining fever is raging. Men are thronging where till now wild beasts have held undisputed sway.

Long Voyage in Small Boat.

A paddle-wheel steamboat which draws but 4½ feet of water is making the perilous ocean voyage from England to the west coast of Africa, where it will be used on a shallow river.

Increases Liquor Duties.

The British government has increased the duties on spirits for Sierra Leone 25 per cent in response to the agitation concerning liquor traffic in Africa.