DEEDS OF J. FRANKLIN BELL

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MAJOR-GENERAL J. FRANKLIN BELL

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WASHINGTON. — President Taft has reappointed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell as chief of the general staff, United States army. Gen. Bell has held this office for some years, and it is understood that at the end of another year of service in the position, he will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

Some second Kipling should write of one of the deeds of J. Franklin Bell. The general went over to the Philippines as a first lieutenant of the seventh calavry. He had not been in the islands long before he was put in command of a volunteer force composed almost wholly of regulars whose terms of enlistment had expired, but who were willing to take on a short term of duty to help in the clearing up of the work which they aided in starting.

Back in one of the provinces was a band of Tagalogs who had given the government forces all kinds of trouble. One of their chief villages was "located," and Gen. Bell with his following of old campaigners took the trail for its capture. The commanding officer had been through campaigns against the Sioux, the Apaches, and other tribes of the mountains and plains, and taken more than one leaf from the book of knowledge of savage warfare.

Guides led the force to the vicinity of the Tagalog village. Night fell and the Tagalogs were all unsuspicious of the approach of the white enemy. At three o'clock in the morning, when sleep always hangs heavy on the eyes, Bell led his men toward the village. The Tagalogs had sentinels posted along an outlying line. After the manner of the people of the plains the soldiers crept silently between the pickets, only one of whom was vigilant enough to detect the presence of the enemy. He was silenced before he had a chance to startle the air with a cry or a shot.

Straight into the village went Bell at the head of his men. Dawn streaks were beginning to show in the sky, but the warriors were asleep past the ordinary waking, for were not the sentinels posted, and were they not bound by every tradition of tribal honor to be awake and watchful?

Lieut. Bell had given his men orders. The village was cordoned with troops and there wasn't a mousehole of escape. Bell has a whimsical humor. In the very heart of the Tagalog village was an old muzzle-loading brass cannon, a trophy taken by the Tagalogs from the Spaniards of another day, and which the natives were hoping to use against the equally hated Americans. Bell detailed a loading party of three men. The three became boys again, and they rammed the piece full of powder and grass wadding, after the manner of loading a Fourth of July cannon on the village green in the home land.

The light of coming day was strong enough for the conducting of operations. A lanyard was pulled and the brazen piece roared out its reveille. The sound of it shook the foundations of the Tagalog huts; it roused the warrior sleepers as would the cracking of doomsday. They came armed, but naked to the fray. The Tagalogs looked on bayonet points and down gun barrels and surrender came instanter.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell is the youngest officer who ever held the position of chief of staff. He is a genial general and he is willing to talk when he properly may on the subjects touching his profession. As the joker put it, he is a Bell who knows when to ring off. He avoids the sins of silence and of speech, wherein he shows that he is wiser in his generation than some of his predecessors were in their generation.

When his promotion came the chief of staff jumped from a captaincy to a brigadier generalship, and his tremendous rank stride did not bring forth one word of criticism from soldier or civilian. Since then he has become a major general. The army officers who were jumped said that Bell earned his promotion, and that if other promotions were, like his, based solely on service quality, there would be no heart burnings under the blouses.

When the Seventh cavalry, in which Gen. Bell was then a lieutenant, reached the Philippines, the Spanish troops were still in possession, for Dewey had reduced the fleet, but not Manila, city and its immediate defenses. Information was wanted concerning the Spanish earthworks. Lieut. Bell volunteered to get it. He didn't tell any one how he was going to get it. His method was daring and novel.

Under cover of the darkness he went to the water front, stripped off his clothes and plunged in. He is a powerful swimmer. On that night he swam the entire distance around the bay, landing now and then to get a closer look at the enemy's water-front fortifications. He did this unseen of any sentinel. If discovery had come it meant almost certain death to the swimmer. He came back to his starting point with full knowledge of the strength of the Spaniards in heavy guns, and when the time for the assault came, the information was of priceless service.

Gen. Bell was called on while in the Philippines to end the war in Batangas. He ended it, and in ending it he took the only course possible —a course that the civilians at a distance from the fighting denounced as altogether too severe. Bell was called a second Weyler, and a second duke of Alva, but when full knowledge came of his operations and of the craft and horrid cruelty of the natives whom he was fighting, criticism died. Of his experience and of the critics he said in a letter to a friend:

"Knowing my disposition and kindly feeling toward the natives full well, you will have no difficulty in understanding that the necessity for severe measures has been a source of distress to me. The only consolation I can derive is by keeping my thoughts on the end and object in view. When one has worked faithfully, conscientiously, and unselfishly for his country four years, without relaxation or rest, it is somewhat discouraging, not to say distressing, to find that even some of his own countrymen appear to have no confidence in his motives, judgment or integrity."

There is no use in mincing words; Gen. Bell is considered one of the most daring and dashing officers in the American service. He wears a medal of honor for charging "single-handed and alone," a body of armed Filipinos. He was shot at repeatedly from every quarter, but in army parlance: "They didn't get him," but he got seven of them, not dead, but alive, and he led back to the American lines, his septet of prisoners, all cowering under his pointed pistol, though every man jack of them was armed.

If war were to come there is no army doubt, although he is far from being the ranking officer of the service, that Gen. Bell would be given the chief command of the field forces.

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It needs neither the bearing nor the uniform of Lieut. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee (retired), to show that he is a soldier. You can see it in his face. His expression is at once mild and aggressive, and the eye is purposeful. Gen. Chaffee's name comes most readily to the lips when one is asked to name a typical American soldier.

The former chief of staff of the army was once a private in the ranks. For two years he was an enlisted man, serving in the regulars. He joined in 1861, choosing the cavalry arm of the service, and to it he remained faithful through all the years of his duty. He is one of the finest riders that the army claims.

There have been many stories of Japanese spies who have been found taking notes of American army operations and equipment. The Japs got their first object lesson in the way American soldiers do

things from Gen. Chaffee. That object lesson doubtless has had some influence in modifying the thought which the orientals held that they could whip the Americans out of hand. Gen. Chaffee was in command of the expedition which went to the relief of the beleaguered embassies at Peking. Japanese officers and men saw him there. The general won a fame in China which is not confined to the American continent.

The generals of Europe have given testimony that Adna R. Chaffee is a great soldier. Orders to take command of the Chinese expedition reached Gen. Chaffee while he was at Nagasaki on board a steamer which was to take him to the Philippines. The order was unexpected, and the general had practically no chance for campaign preparations. He was to go into a strange land, to lead an expedition against a strange people, and not only was it expected of him that he be successful, but that success be won quickly, for the lives of many Americans were in danger within sight of the walls of the "Forbidden City."

The general arrived at Tien-tsin too late to take part in the battle in which the brave Maj. Liscum of the Ninth infantry lost his life. Not only was the American soldier spurred to quick marching action by the knowledge of the imminent peril of the Americans at Peking, but he was spurred by the knowledge that the soldiers of other nations were to take part in the relief expedition, and he wished the men of his own country to show themselves worthy in the sight of the men of other countries.

They did show themselves worthy, and they responded to the call of their commander with an alacrity that made the American leaders instead of followers in that march beset with difficulties and dangers almost unparalleled in modern warfare.

There are men in the army to-day who firmly believe that Gen. Chaffee did not sleep an hour during the march to Peking. The soldiers who made the march declare that the nights in China are black; that it is impossible to see anything at all without the aid of artificial light, and these in the bivouacs of the soldiers were forbidden for precautionary reasons. There was no definite knowledge of the forces that might be in the path of the expedition, and no one knew what surprises the night might cover. Gen. Chaffee, his soldiers say, constituted himself a sentinel who refused to be relieved from guard, and through the nights he was alert and watching, and through the days he was alert and marching.

There are stories by the scores of men who are supposed to bear charmed lives. The hero of the book of fiction sheds bullets as a slate roof sheds rain, and in the reading of it one finds it hard to believe that any truth could be stranger than this fiction. If Gen. Chaffee doesn't bear a charmed life he has the largest allowance of luck that has fallen to any one man.

Gen. Chaffee has been four times brevetted for bravery. Two of the brevet commissions came to him for gallantry in the civil war service, and two for gallantry in battles with the Indians. He once led a cavalry charge over rough and precipitous bluffs, where a cavalry charge was thought to be a feat well-nigh impossible.

He rode at the head of his men straight into a body of armed Indians, scattering them, but not until they had poured volley after volley into Chaffee's oncoming command. That charge gave the soldier his brevet commission as a lieutenant colonel.

When the Spanish-American war broke out Chaffee was made a brigadier general of volunteers. He was in the very thick of the fighting in front of Santiago. Capt. Arthur Lee, a British army officer detailed by his government to watch the field operations in Cuba, attached himself to the headquarters of Gen. Chaffee. Capt. Lee wrote a story about the campaign in which he paid to Gen. Chaffee the highest tribute that it is possible for one soldier to pay to another.

IMMENSE SAVING TO FARMER

Good Roads Would Mean Added Profit of a Quarter of a Billion Dollars a Year.

The office of public roads under the direction of Mr. Logan Waller Page, has assembled some significant facts. Only about 150,000 of the 2,100,000 miles of roads in the United States have been in any degree improved. Almost 93 per cent. of our public roads may be said to be in a state of nature. This statement in itself is not necessarily startling. A man, even a congressman, might make the laconic rejoinder: "Well, what of it?" Just this—if our public highways were as good as those of France the gain to America producers would exceed a quarter of a billion dollars annually.

The average cost of hauling produce in this country is 25 cents a mile per ton. In France it is 12 cents a mile per ton. Were our roads, then, equal to those of France, there would be a gain to our farmers of 13 cents a mile per ton. During the crop year 1905-06 our more important farm products, which were hauled from the places where they originated to shipping points, weighed in the aggregate 85,487,000 pounds. The average length of haul of farm products in the United States is 9.4 miles. Hence, a saving of 14 cents a mile per ton would have meant to our farmers a gain of $58,900,000 on their more important crops during the single crop year 1905-06. According to the freight figures of the interstate commerce commission about 250,000,000 tons are now annually hauled to points of shipment. Were our roads equal to those of France the annual gain in hauling, based on these figures, would be $395,000,000.—Outlook.

Rather, Away from It.

You cannot lead men into truth by tricks.—Aesop

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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 feet deep on Maple Ave., Lot 8 (half an acre). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace heat, closets, etc. Can be bought for what the buildings cost. Will exchange for improved citizenproperty for portion of the purchase price

55

Village lots on Woodward Avenue bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D., G. H. & M. R'y, south by Bower-street; west by Woodward Avenue, 165 feet front on Woodward avenue, 178 feet deep on north side and 148 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

77

One set on Bastow street, just south of Maple owned by John Germain, 66 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 ½ of s e ¼ of section 32; 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer.) Three acres of good orchard, house of 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 9 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road passes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means ¼ acres in s w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 34, township of Troy, house 5 rooms, barn in good shape, well at both barn and house, never dry. ¼ mile east of Rochester Electric fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. all mail and no grumbling will buy it at $750 Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 80 or 40 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ Sec. 11, Troy township; three building thereon at $8,000 (assured for $7,000); flowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairying; 1½ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where there are good schools and churches. Fare 15c to Detroit. Price $9,000

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, Kindicott, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 41 acres nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little branch of River Rouge runs over dry runs through the property; fine old elms and oaks overhanging. Wants gilt edged buyer; fine orchard of 4 acres. Price is low, but you have the dream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 66 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, and that's all we ask for it. City water, inside shed, cellar, all ordinary conveniences. One of the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

Farm in Avon township; 35 acres of good clay loam, all cleared; small orchard; no buildings; small amount down. For sale or exchange for small farm.

188

One of the well-arranged and comfortable 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, bottom floor; 2 buildings, fine orchard; 150 feet on Maple, 420 feet deep; plenty of room for children and garden; good barn, fine workshop. Buy! What else do you want? We will sell house and 82 feet front by 150 feet deep for $5,800. One of our best bargains.

193

Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings, insured for $1,100. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and dark loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 11 bushels strawberries, 40 tons hay, and a gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustible supply of gravel, is worth alone 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 Bay Stock Farm; 8 buildings, good orchard, cement barn, plenty of small fruit, orchard of 600 trees, 2½ miles from Detroit, Division St. R. F. D. 1 mile and fine spring. Price $6,000.

196

Fifteen acres in Township of Royal Oak; no buildings; small grove of maples in a pretty location; part sandy loam, clay bottom, fine for top soil; corner of the 9½-mile road and Campbell road, ¼ mile east of Royal Oak electric; ½ mile to Hudson and Duffield tracts, which are held at $600.00 per acre; 1¼ miles north of State Fair grounds. Price $300 per acre; will exchange for Detroit property.

198

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200

One hundred and twenty-six acres near Birmingham; good buildings, well fenced, fine orchard, 2 flowing wells; Pontiac Little River runs through the farm; 1½ mile from Birmingham village; 1½ miles from Pontiac to see it any day. Oh, yes; the price is $10,000. Farms not as good as this have sold within the past year for double that price. Price $80 per acre. Let us take you to see it. It will please you, and if you don't buy we don't grumble.

201

Fine 2-story residence on Maple Avenue, corner of High Street; 10 rooms, 2 bath, 2 toilet, hot water heater, hot and cold baths, toilet, fine city water; every convenience found in the best class of first residences. Cement walk (cost $300) and best neighborhood in town. House would cost at least $8,000 to build to-day. Can you build it for less and see what they say. You can build this beautiful home for $7,800, and we'll own way about payments. Ask the man at the bank.

216

A new, modern dwelling, constructed by a well-known builder for his own use, from best concrete blocks, hollow walls, 12 courses high, and is the best location in our village; lot 82x100 feet; 8 large sized rooms, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, sewer, open-pool, hot-air furnace, 9 rooms beautifully finished; hard wood floors throughout, large attic. Ready for occupancy selling. Price $8,500. Let us go in to see any day—any time.

219

Tidy little place for some one with moderate means. Corner Chestnut and Palm, Campbell Addition. Lot worth at least $600, and the house is insured for $1,700. Lot is 60 feet front and 132 deep. Chicken and duck houses and yards all fenced in. Fruit trees and berries, all of bearing age. Price $2,200. Terms, $500 cash, balance $25 per month and interest. Worth looking at.

222

Two-story tenement or terrace, on the east side of Woodward Avenue, in Detroit, 2 miles north of Jefferson. Furnace, water-closet, bath, hot and cold water, city water and gas; each tenement of other apartments rents for $17 per month each. Forty dollars per year will pay you 6 per cent. on the investment. Rents for all time to come, and the lot is 70 feet front on the best frontage on Woodward, and 186 feet deep. Room for nice garden; can live in one apartment and have a steady income from the other. This is something to ponder over. Come and see us before you sleep. Always at your service. If you can't call, write.

227

Two acres just outside of the corporation limits of Pontiac, on the Pontiac electric line, on Orchard Lake Avenue, on the Pontiac and Orchard Lake road, 1½ miles from the court house; 2 miles from the Village of Birmingham; 1½ miles from the Village of Farmington; beautiful location for a home; 1 mile from electric line. Price $1,000. Terms, $100 cash, balance $10 per month and interest. Worth looking at.

229

A place that will satisfy farmer of 71 acres in Wayne county, 6 miles from Detroit, 2 miles from Plymouth, 2 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 2 buildings worth $6,000, and the price is $5,000, and it is worth it. Soil sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

232

Farm of 97½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; 32 feet to Detroit, half-hour service; land all cleared but 4 acres; four buildings, all in good condition. Near open meadow 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 66x150; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $5,000, and that's all we ask for the premises. Well worth looking at.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 2 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 4 miles of active coal mines, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 4 miles to Chesaning; 16 miles to Owosso; 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 newest 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.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $8,000, 125 acres of timber, 2 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marsh land in the place; 1½ miles from electric; 4 wells, 2 good houses, 3 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only 4 miles from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $5,000 cash. Better see this. 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 Maple 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.

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 the price is bought for $1,800. Why not? Well, just come and look it over with us; and after that 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 westerly side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmcrest." Two wells, bath, toilet, two cellars, furnace room, good hot-air furnace, two graded and macadamized walks, one of the best equipped lot of buildings in the village; city water, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; 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 location and the best lot of buildings on our st, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, city and cistern water in the kitchen, fine veranda on front and side, cherries, peaches, pears, crab apples all bearing; and in excellent condition. $1,400 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 as No. 1 sandy soil;" no buildings, 15 acres oak timber; price $6 per acre. Won't need 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. Is in the Township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And that we have 160 more acres in the same township, with 5 buildings, 25 acres of orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber at $10 per acre. We'll just dare you to dig into this proposition and you know whatour opinion used to be at school regarding any "feller" that wouldn't "take a dare."

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 equipped and finest homes in the village. Buildings would cost $2,500 to build today (house is 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.

257

Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a minute or you'll lose it. Five house and barn, with 8 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit; buildings insured for $2,800; 11 acres of excellent land, ½ mile from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $6,500; terms easy. Half mile east to school, church 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, $25 cash; balance on contract.

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 26, town 7 n, r 7 w. Nice buildings; insured for $2,250; mortgage of $2,500, which can run; price $2,500. Will exchange for $2,000 equity. 2 miles from Ionia; 9-room white brick house; all kinds of fruit; good for 30 days only, so you'd better get busy.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property. Lot 108x297; house 6 rooms, small barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,800; buildings are insured for $600.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 2-story frame cottage, cement-block foundation, 8 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue $1,800; 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.

273

New cement house, one block from Woodward Avenue, 5 bedrooms, bath, toilet, cement on second floor. 4 rooms downstairs; large veranda, hot-air furnace, hot and cold water, hard-wood floors, good barn large enough for horse or auto; cement walks, cistern, etc. Well worth looking at; is worth more money than we ask for it, but we will let it for $3,800 on easy terms.

274

Nice little country place for some one of small means. House, barn, and all necessary outbuildings with 7 acres of excellent land; buildings insured for $725; cistern, good location, 2½ miles from Clawson on the Flint electric line; $900; terms easy.

275

Fine new house and 102 acres of good land on west side of Woodward, about 1 mile near Pontiac; 18 acres timber, 5 acres orchard; 2 buildings, valued at $7,000; holland cold soil drainage, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water closet; grapes, peaches and apples in abundance; nice 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; 16 acres orchard, 30 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the country. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

267

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy township. Excellent clay loam; never-failing water, and the pleasantest location for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of $1,000 cash, and we'll 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.

277

Farm of 160 acres in Southfield; gravelly loam and clay; 4 good buildings, 4 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from cheese factory and Village of Franklin; 9½ miles from capitol; rural 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 25 see it any time.

278

How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan? 440 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared, 3 acres orchard, 3 buildings valued at $2,500; good house 8 rods from the river; abundance of game and fish, fine climate, pure air, and the finest section in the northern part of Michigan. Better investigate. Only four miles to the township; ideal place for club building. Terms for handling 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.

Many Tons in Seam of Coal.

A four-foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons an acre.

280

Farm of 223 acres in Troy—18 acres oak and maple timber, 70 acres orchard, 2 new cement silos; buildings valued at $4,000, insured for $2,500; 40 acres under tile, 160 rods fence; flowing wells; tank and tank house; buildings fair; one mile from Rochester electric; 8-room house with good cellar; basement cellar; 200 rods of cedar rail posts for fence. $85 per acre will buy it, and the terms are easy at low rate of interest.

281

Two very desirable lots in the Buell Addition that can be bought for $325 on account of the owner moving town. Beyond boy go south, as some class of lots in the neighborhood are selling for twice the money.

282

Lot 6 in Block 7, Campbell's Subdivision; good house insured for $650; fine location; price $1,000. Nice easy little home for some one who can spend cash to make a small first payment.

283

Lots 23 and 24, Buell's Addition; one of the best locations in the whole plat; can be bought for $400, and you can get them by paying only $25, and the balance on land contract with easy payments.

284

House, barn, and 1¼ acres of excellent land, with plenty of fruit; 6-room house, good barn with cement floor; fine location on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Electric Park; good drainage, cement walks. Price $2,800.

285

Two-story cottage with wing, 2 lots 82x130, good barn and woodshed, cement walk; fine location on south side of Merrill Street; good neighborhood, two blocks from Woodward Avenue; cellar, cistern, city water, 8 rooms. Price $1,800.

286

Fine farm of 55 acres on Franklin Road, 1¼ miles from Court House in Pontiac. No buildings; good well and new windmill; 40 acres land, well fenced, nice grove of 3 acres on west end, new gravel State road to the city limits; 1½ miles from electric; fine view; farm well fenced. Price $6,000; enough cash to secure, balance on long time at 6 per cent.

287

Eight acres, 2-story dwelling, 10 rooms, 366 feet front on Southfield Avenue, in village; city water and barn, chicken house, woodshed, cement walks, buildings valued at $3,000, an acre of orchard, all kinds of fruit. Price $4,500; terms easy. Anxious to sell.

288

Acreage, 16 acres one block from Woodward Avenue on west side, excellent soil and well drained; just the thing for platting. Price $4,000. Terms, $2,000 cash and balance on mortgage; easy terms.

289

Two-story frame house, practically new; 10 rooms, good furnace, nice barn and carriage house, 120 feet frontage on south side of Townsend-street, two blocks from electric, cement walks—everything in excellent condition; city water, all conveniences, and will be sold for $3,000 cash, enough to secure and balance on easy terms. One of the best bargains on the list. Come and see it.

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One of the best equipped and loveliest little farms on our list. 47 acres, new stone house, 10 rooms, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, city water, ½ acre beautiful grove of native trees, 16 acres of best cultivated land, good barn and all kinds of fruit, fine hip-roof carriage house just outside of village limits; 20 rods to electric; no waste land; prettiest location in the country. Owner has business which takes him to other parts and will sell at a great sacrifice. Fine price and terms call at the Exchange Bank, and if you want something better than the ordinary at almost your own price you will go with the man and look it over. Any time—any day.

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Forty acres good farming land suitable for setting up in lots or parcels for building to suit purchaser; on line of D., G. H. & M. R., 18 miles from Detroit. No nonsense. No building. No trade. Price $2,160. Let's go and see it.

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ACREAGE—32 acres, high and dry, in the village of Birmingham, suitable for platting for factories. Street on two sides and through the middle. One block from Woodward Avenue. Price low; terms easy. $3,000 will handle it. R. E. Dep't Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Michigan.

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Nice little Chicken Farm on the Rochester electric line, 7½ acres, 5-room house with furnace, bath and toilet, flowing well, barn and chicken house, all new; buildings and fixings complete. Owner going South on account of health. Can be bought for what the buildings cost, and all the cash you need to secure the bargain. Electric, which can continue. Worth looking into. You can't help liking it, and we will show you the premises any day, without expense to you.

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Nice 8-room house, built last year in Village of Royal Oak, one block from both electric railways —cellar, cistern, lot 50 feet front and 120 feet deep. Cost owner $2,800, but will sell for $2,100.

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Without exception, the finest farm for stock raising or high-class farming in the county. On the line of the Rochester electric, 16 miles from Detroit, 2 flowing wells, good for nearly 30 acres of pure spring water furnishing an abundance of pure clear water for stock and dairy. Barn 70x40, accommodation for 30 heads of cattle in cement-floor stable, 1000 bushels of grain, 20 acres of fine timber, 245 rods new wire fence with cedar posts, 142 acres of best cultivated land, and not a lot of waste land; pretty little creek runs through farm. Nothing finer on our list, and less than $100 per acre will buy it on easy terms. There!

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House, barn, wagon shop, blacksmith shop, two lumber sheds, tools and stock; all in good repair; 2½ miles from electric, in Village of Franklin, prettiest village in Michigan. All ready for an enterprising blacksmith and wagonmaker to make a good living in a prosperous farming community. Reasons for selling, and $2,000 cash will buy it right off the bat.

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FOR SALE—80 acre farm all under cultivation; good buildings; on rural mail route and telephone line. Four miles from Birmingham, in well-settled country, and ½ mile from a proposed railroad from Grand Rapids to Ludington, which is sure to be constructed within two years. The farm is all No. 1 black soil, the very best for corn, hay, oats, timothy and peppermint. A good dwelling and boiler to go with the farm. One-half mile to school and church. This farm is well worth $4,000.00, but to make a quick sale will take $2,500 —$1,500 cash and the balance on time.

Beliefs of Gamblers.

Many people, especially among those who gamble, have a profound belief in lucky and unlucky numbers. An old Italian woman at Nice was an inveterate player at the "lotto" stakes, which is decided by numbers. She had no system properly so-called, but wherever she went she kept her eyes open for numbers, and whether it was on a tramway car or a steamer, a sack of coals or a matchbox, she used to regard the numbers she collected in this haphazard way as good for her "petits billets."

The Old Man and Death.

An old man that had traveled a long way with a great bundle of faggots found himself so weary that he flung it down, and called upon death to deliver him from his most miserable existence. Death came straightway at his call and asked him what he wanted. "Pray, good sir," said the old man, "just do me the favor to help me up with my bundle of faggots."—Aesop.

Milk as a Bathing Fluid.

Milk was highly prized as a bathing fluid by the ancients. The women of Nero's household performed their ablutions in asses' milk, and this valued promoter of beautiful complexions was always used by the lovely Empress Popaea. Nowadays milk is too expensive to waste in the bath-tub, and modern beauties content themselves with a teacupful in a basin wherein their faces may be laved.