

# Royal Oak

## Latest From Our Sister Village

Thomas Linn has moved to Detroit.

A. A. Parisian left Monday for Seattle, Wash.

Louis Erb was home from Owasos over Saturday, and Sunday.

Miss Amanda Keller spent a few days in Detroit the past week.

Phillip Dennen spent a week with his daughter in Detroit recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Weindt spent Saturday and Sunday at Center Line.

Fred Langerman, of Detroit, called at the home of Fred Esemann last Sunday.

Edgar B. Phelps, of New York City, visited his aunt, Mrs. Anselmy Smith last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Rowbar ran a rusty nail in her foot one day last week and has been unable to walk since.

A great many young people were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Helavicus Monday night.

Mrs. Stowell, of Dundee, is making an extended visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Curtis.

Miss Ella Gilmer, of Shreveport, La., is making an extended visit at the home of Miss Jennie Osgood.

George Dway is having his house reshingled and a new porch put on which adds very much to the beauty of the house.

Several members of the local union attended the W. C. T. U. convention held at Milford Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. J. W. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson visited relatives near Simons, Ont., last week and report a most enjoyable time.

Dr. Crippen has it over us in one way, for he don't have to worry about his coal bill or where he will get his Thanksgiving turkey.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson, of Grayling, and Miss Elizabeth Harvey, of the Thyns Training school of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mrs. L. Fournier.

The announcement in last week's issue of the sewing circle should have been that they met with Mrs. E. Loueks instead of Mrs. E. Lamb.

Several members of the Woman's Study club attended the meeting of the Oakland County Federation held at Birmingham last week Thursday.

The funeral of Albert Wangler was held at St. Mary's church Oct. 23 and the remains deposited in the Royal Oak cemetery. Mr. Wangler was 69 years old.

Elma Marshall has sold her property on Main street to Joseph Barnowski and has purchased one of the new dwellings being erected by A. Chilcott on Washington avenue. Mrs. Marshall will move into her new home as soon as completed.

The committee is now ready to take care of the old newspapers, magazines, etc. Anyone having old papers that they wish to get rid of, will please notify Mrs. W. D. Curtis, phone 55-3; Mrs. T. Bell, phone 39 or Mrs. Blair, phone 37-L.

Royal Oak Baptist church, Rev. John Matthews, pastor. Morning service at 10 o'clock. Subject, "The Religion of Song." Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Conference meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant meeting Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Special music every Sunday.

Some miscreants threw red paint all over the large front windows of Harry Smith's residence Monday evening. The usual number of Halloween pranks were indulged in, but no particular damage was done. It was certainly a mean trick that was perpetrated on Mr. Smith and the ones that did it should be punished.

### UP AS REPLY

To Sheriff Harris, and Gives Very Interesting Facts And Figures.

At the outset allow me to say that in my interview published in the Press-Gazette, referred to by Sheriff Harris, I stated nothing that was not absolutely true, and without noting which I knew that in fairness ought to have been stated. The public is entitled to know the facts, and the statement of facts. Sheriff Harris has not publicly denied, and cannot truthfully deny, the absolute accuracy of the statement I then made in a way he claims that it was unfair to him and to his campaign for re-election, and at Milford last Saturday night he called it mud-slinging. To enable the voters to analyze and judge more correctly the relative merits and demerits of Sheriff Harris' contention and my own, a summary of the facts of the campaign, my interview of October 17 may be here repeated.

When Sheriff Harris presented his bill to the Board of Supervisors on October 11, it was published on the same date in the Press-Gazette and in the Detroit Free Press. The "bill" for the conduct of the office of sheriff for the past year was \$5,675.38. That statement was untrue, and Sheriff Harris knew it was untrue; for that bill only included the first eight months of the year. The rest of the year, which was published in the newspapers, had it not been discovered and exposed, would have been to deceive the people into the belief that Sheriff Harris' charges against Oakland county for a year's service were seven thousand dollars, and that he would ally with it at the close of the year and thereby aid him in his fight for re-election. Sheriff Harris was the expected beneficiary of that misstatement, and he allowed it to stand in both newspapers without correction! After waiting about a week I gave the interview which was published in the Press-Gazette, and which is absolutely true in every particular. I believed then, and I believe now, that I was justified in informing the public of the facts in order that people might know the truth, especially where there was no likelihood of Sheriff Harris doing so. I further stated in that interview that Sheriff Harris had left out of his bill his charges against Oakland county for the month of September, intending to present his bill for that month at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors at its January session, after the election. I also said no Sheriff of Oakland county ever attempted to perpetrate anything of that character before, and that its effect had not been known to the public. He would have been to mislead and deceive the people as to the total amount of his charges until after the election. These statements were also published in the Press-Gazette and the Detroit Free Press.

When Sheriff Harris' bill for the month of September was discovered by chance, a day or two afterward I gave out the interview of October 17, published in the Press-Gazette, in which the figures were given showing that Sheriff Harris' bill for the first eight months was over \$1,200 more than the largest bill of his immediate predecessors in the Sheriff's office for the first nine months' service of their second year's incumbency of the office. His statements were true. Why should not the public be informed of the facts?

Sheriff Harris does not in his published statement deny any of the statements made by me, but attempts some explanation of the omission of his charges for September in his bill, and indirectly surreptitiously in the comparison of former sheriff's bills with his own. As to the attempted deception in allowing it to stand published in the Press-Gazette and the Detroit News, that his bill of \$5,675.38 was the amount of his charges against Oakland "for a year," when it was for the first eight months of the year only, he is silent. As to the omission in his bill of his charges for the month of September he makes no excuse. First, he was ready by him; secondly, he was too busy to have it ready when the Board of Supervisors convened on the 3rd of October. It is true Sheriff Harris swore to the correctness of his bill, but that was in a "charge" made to the committee of August, of \$10.70 for 2 days' board of one person. On the last day of the session, October 22, the Board of Supervisors recalled the bill and cut out \$9.70 overcharge, leaving the item \$1.00 as shown in the Press-Gazette.

If Harris didn't notice that overcharge in his bill or he would not have sworn to its correctness. I mention it to show he was not sufficiently careful to ascertain whether his bill was correct or not before swearing to it. Now, was he too busy to prepare his September bill before the Board of Supervisors convened on the 3rd of October, as Sheriff Harris states? That excuse seems to lack sincerity. The Board of Supervisors did not convene until October 10, and there was ample time to include in his account the month of September, as all sheriffs had done before, if he had not designed to leave it out. When certain Republican Supervisors advised him to do

### LESSONS OF THE TELEPHONE

As Taught to an Apartment House Mailbox and to a Quick-Tempered Man.

"One thing the telephone has taught me," said a quick-tempered man, "is patience and I think that may say a lot, and I don't doubt that in that way, quite apart from its actual usefulness, the telephone has been a world-wide benefactor. I used to fume and storm when using it, but now I keep calm. I've been fairly worn down or rather ironed smooth by the exchange in my story, but I'm contented. In the face of that I'm ashamed to rage and I don't say more at the telephone, but the really great thing about this is the influence it has exerted upon me in other directions. Compelled to be calm at the telephone, I find myself more and more inclined to keep cool away from it, less inclined to fly off the handle, more likely in all situations to keep my head on and to be patient and courteous."

"I suppose," said an apartment house hallway who had been chided for his slowness in answering the telephone, "I suppose I must have got it wrong. I'll tell you about the first call I ever answered when I got my job. I was coming down from the top floor with the telephone when I heard the telephone bell on the ground floor begin to ring; and it kept on ringing and ringing until I thought the house must be afire or that the baby had fallen out of the window. When the elevator hit the ground floor I swung back to the switchboard and slammed in the plug on the ringing number and put the receiver to my ear, and what do you suppose I saw?"

"William," came down in a slow and easy drawl, "what time is it?"

"That, you know, coming so on the start didn't give me a very lively idea of telephone call importance, and I'm afraid I've been a little slow in answering ever since."

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Now, about the average cost per arrest which he showed. He says the number of arrests in the last nine months was 524. That includes the arrests made throughout the county by city police, village marshals, constables and deputy sheriffs other than the principal deputy. Everybody knows that the cost of arrests made by these officers are not included in the sheriff's bill. Take out the arrests improperly included in his number, 524, and his average cost per arrest would greatly exceed what he states, and up to the county of Pontiac and the increase of her police force from two to eight men! The city of Pontiac pays its policemen and their compensation is no part of Sheriff Harris' bill.

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He departed this life October 1, at the age of 73 years, 10 months and 14 days, leaving to mourn three sisters, Mrs. Martha Halsey, of Owasos; Mrs. Elvira Sperry, of North Dakota; and Mrs. Peck, of Warren, besides those with whom he lived, W. L. Cole and daughter, and a number of friends.

The funeral was held from the M. E. church at 2:30, Rev. Cross officiating.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the neighbors who so kindly assisted in the last sickness and death of our dear brother and uncle, also thank our friends, neighbors and to Mrs. E. Hearn for her kindness, furnishing flowers for the funeral, also Rev. Cross.

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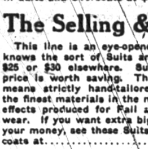
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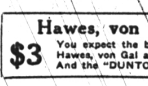
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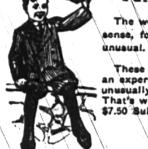
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