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Grim-visaged War has all Europe in his grasp, paralyzing all productive industry, thus affecting prices. Already the prices of the products we handle, of foreign or domestic production, with scarcely an exception—justifiably or due to man's natural avarice—have advanced from 10 per cent up to 100 per cent of some articles. As distributors we must follow the market price—up or down. We are powerless to control the world's market, and should continued conflict in Europe make the commodities we deal in very much higher than today, please remember "this is not our war, and we deplore the war and its many evil effects. We promise you to hold the scales fairly under these unparalleled world conditions, and ask our friends and customers to be as considerate as their temperaments will permit. If they feel that they must "cuss" their grocer, it is useless effort, as he is damned already or he wouldn't be in the business. P. S.—Our line of edibles is still complete.

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For a limited time only, admission tickets to Michigan's Greatest Fair will be sold at this office at cut-rate prices. Buy NOW while the supply is good. Remember, you can buy a

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"TEMPUS FUGIT" Miles Theatre.

These Items Appeared in the Eccentric 33 Years Ago This Week. How Tempus Does Fugit on.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Levi Allen, a daughter.

Mrs. W. H. Ward, of Pontiac, is the guest of T. A. Ward.

L. W. Woodward, of Pontiac, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Lamb.

Pinder Worth, of Troy, gathered in second premium on fat sheep at the county fair.

Ned Daines got a little bouncing up by his horse, "Handy Andy" lately, raising Dr. Royale to take a few stitches in his lip.

Charlie Davis, oldest son of Ebenezer Davis, has secured a respectable position at Fort Collins, Col., professor of chemistry at \$4,000 per annum.

Uncle John Pones, 75, visited Chas. Bradley, 81, of Warren. They had not seen each other in 15 years.

Mrs. Cronch and Mrs. C. Utter are visiting in Thorold, Ont.

C. A. Brash will teach in the Franklin school.

Chaunauqua Literary and Scientific circle will be formed at the home of Mrs. C. Utter.

When in Detroit and in want of a good meal, call at Rice's Temperance House.

James R. Dermont tells of fires at Bad Axe and Sand Beach in a letter. Dermont says the bodies of 15 victims of the fire.

Summer Constipation Dangerous.

Constipation in summer time is more dangerous than in the fall, winter or spring. The food you eat is often contaminated and is more likely to ferment in your stomach. Then you are apt to drink much cold water during the hot weather, thus injuring your stomach.

Colic, fever, ptomaine poisoning and other ills are natural results. Pe-Do-Lax will keep you regular. It cleanses the bile, the natural laxative, which rides the bowels of the congested poisonous waste. Pe-Do-Lax will make you feel better. Pleasant and effective. Take a dose tonight. 50c at your druggist's.—Adv.

Broadway Theatre

"The Spoilers," which is perhaps the most human, the most dramatic and the most intensely interesting motion picture drama which has ever been offered in Detroit, will be continued at the Broadway theatre for another week.

The story of "The Spoilers" is familiar. It tells of an ambitious but weak attempt of a corrupt body of Puget Sound politicians, in conjunction with a judge of the superior court, to oust all the miners who have come from their claims. Glenister and Dexter, partners in the Midas mine, come out of Seattle for the winter. Alex McNamara, the genius of the conspiracy, goes to Nome, imports his judge, institutes proceedings to get the Midas mine into his hands through a court injunction. Helen Chester, niece of the judge, and Chas. Mack, young woman of Nome, play important parts in the development of the story.

Glenister is a fighter and McNamara is no less fearless, though far less honorable. It is a struggle to the death in a country where vital questions are settled by the barrel of a revolver, and where trashy vulgar conception have scant courtesy.

The scenes from the pier at Seattle to the final one of rightful restitution in Nome are all faithfully depicted. It is a wonderful chapter in the history of a wonderful country. Its most vital and dramatic period. It requires two hours and thirty minutes of continuous action to show the picture.

It is action from start to the final beautiful presentation of Helen Chester, folded in the mighty arms of the man who bravely advanced the onward march of civilization, Roy Glenister.

A correct definition of vacation—Just one mosquito bite after another.

WHY TAX IS HIGH

A genuine surprise awaits Miles patrons next week for the management has booked as a special feature attraction Earl B. Hough's Detroit Auto orchestra, the only instrument of its kind in the world. Also operated by one person, it produces all the effects of a full symphony orchestra and also imitates the human voice to perfection.

From a musical standpoint it is a revelation, its possibilities are almost unlimited. The instrument was manufactured in Detroit and has been thoroughly tried out in Hough's factory on Shelby street, behind lock doors.

The act will introduce Miss Helen Casper, female baritone, whose voice is said to be really phenomenal; Arthur Windsor, operator, and Reese LeRoy, cellist. All are Detroiters and are known as accomplished artists. An added attraction will be a comedy playlet, "Wifey," presented by Roland West.

Other acts include Purcella brothers, the Jimmy Valentine twins; Holmes and Riley, an operatic singing offering; Burke and Burke, in "Eighteen Minutes in a Laugh Factory"; and Willson Brothers, German comedians.

JENKS REUNION.

The Jenks family held their annual reunion day, the second Sunday in August, this the fourth reunion being August 8th, 1914, at the home of Arlington Jenks in Southfield. The company comprises the descendants of Iaban and Prudence Jenks. There were five of their children's families represented at this reunion, as follows:

1. Their son Morris by his daughter, Mrs. Esther Jenks Lee, his wife, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leman, and Mrs. Oliver Jenks, and by 44 grand-children, all of whom were present. By their daughter Polly Jenks Case, her son Oliver Torrey Case and wife of Lansing. Their son William's, granddaughter, Mrs. Miss Jessie Jenks, and their daughter's Prudence Jenks Herrick, whose son Arthur Herrick Mudge, all of Birmingham.

The company numbered 62, there being several visitors. A number of families were detained by sickness, among them our reunion president, Mr. Franklin W. Thayer, of Artville.

Three generations were represented as follows: to the first generation of Iaban and Prudence Jenks, Mrs. Esther Jenks Lee, 82, and Oliver T. Case, 73, their three granddaughters by marriage, Mrs. Leman Jenks, 72, Mrs. Oliver Case, 74, and Mrs. Oliver T. Jenks, 62.

The great-grandchildren (by birth and marriage) numbered 25, the great-grandchildren of the last reunion of the third generation were our reunion babies, Esther Wright, Amy Leavelle and Marjorie. The meeting was called to order by Arlington Jenks followed by the secretary's report, roll call and the reading of a resolution. A short history of "Aunt Amy" wife of the late William Jenks, who was herself a direct descendant of the Jenks family, and other historic notes by the historian Mrs. Eva Jenks, viewing of old papers, one the Lieutenant's Commission of Iaban Jenks, bearing date of 1805; another, his appointment as justice of the peace signed by Lewis Cass, governor of Michigan in 1828. He also had a land grant written of parchment signed by James Monroe, fifth president of the United States.

The following officers were held with the following result: President, Arlington Jenks; vice president, Willie Leavelle; entertainers, committee named as before; secretary, Mrs. George Jenks, re-elected for the term of her natural life. Cate recitations by three little misses, Harriet Jenks, Lorena Jenks, and Marian Jenks. And the historian's review of the last reunion ended the meeting. After facing the camera, feasting on ice cream, cake and coffee, the company sailing from Lansing, Pontiac, Birmingham, Detroit, Redford, Ortonville and Southfield adjourned to meet at Robert and Myra Churches the second Saturday in August, 1915.

Eva Seymour Jenks, historian.

EX-TERMINATOR

Ex-Terminator George E. Daines Tells of the Other Side and Defends His Administration.

The reason why the tax should not have been \$1.35 per \$1000 higher in 1914 than in 1913, is that the article published in the Eccentric of July 24th, explaining why the tax rate was \$1.35 higher per \$1000 and why it was necessary to raise \$10,000 extra to pay the bills contracted for by the board in 1913.

You are aware the financial conditions governing a village are very similar to most any kind of business, no matter how small. Your bills are never all paid or your collections exist in this village. For illustration, I will cite you the conditions of this village since March 1909 to March 1914.

At the commencement of the year 1909, the financial condition showed the amount of money in the treasurer's hands to be \$398.02. The amount of money in the hands of the village at this time was \$1,110,800, total of \$1,508,822. The amount raised by the village in 1909 was \$1,109,530. The amount of taxes raised was \$2,797.54. The financial condition being about the same as the previous year, bills of \$100,000 were paid and one of \$100,000 was collected, leaving a balance of \$100,000. In 1910 the assessment roll was \$1,153,380, the amount raised by tax was \$9,088.67. The tax rate being \$1.00 on new bonds. During the year our water works bond of \$200,000, \$1500 for five new wells at the pumping station, \$4000 for a gravel pit was paid. In 1912 the assessment roll was \$1,064,200, a loss of \$89,180, on the water works bond. Here is where the real mortgage owner comes in for his share and the amount raised by tax was \$1,014,337. The tax rate was a trifle less than 10 mills. One of the water works bond of \$200,000 was paid. In 1913 the assessment roll was \$1,134,400; the amount raised by tax was \$10,861.50, the rate being 10.45 mills. During the year one water works bond of \$200,000 was paid, \$1500 for setting of new pumps, \$1500 for setting of pump and connections, foundations, \$4000 for the gravel pit, \$4000 for the purchase price of pumps and \$500 for pumping station improvement at the water works. The amount raised by tax was \$11,351.68, making a total of \$9,351.68.

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THE AVENUE.

With a company considerably retined, the Permanent Players of the Avenue theatre, Detroit, will open the 1914-15 season of stock with "Under Two Flags," the play in which Blanche Bates scored such a distinct success in the early days of theatrical career.

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