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PEACE FOR PEACE

Rev. F. F. Kraft Presents Prayer for Peace. Use in Family prayers or in Your Own Solitude. Try It.

The following prayer, suitable for use in family prayers or individual worship is published at the request of Rev. F. F. Kraft, rector of St. James Episcopal church: "O God, Who has made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, who in Thy Holy Word hast taught us that one is our Father, even God, and that all we are brethren. We pray Thee in this dark hour of international strife that Thou wilt open the eyes of the people and those who in Thy name are entrusted with the authority of governance to see and understand their right and their relation to Thee, and through Thee, to one another. Teach them Thy Spirit that hatred and violence are not strength but weakness, that the true safeguarding of a nation is not to be found in the weapons of war, but in those moral principles which make for righteousness and truth and brotherhood and peace. "Give to those who shall suffer in the war public is raging now the consolation of Thy grace, heal the sick, comfort the wounded, minister to the dying and bid the broken heart bring, we pray Thee, to a speedy end this international strife and hasten the time when peace shall flourish on the earth and all shall dwell together in unity and love, and shall be no more. We ask in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen."

FALL AND WINTER STYLES.

Now is the time to select your fall suit. Following is the fall and winter announcement of Charles Peck, the tailor: "The very latest fabrics and fashions have arrived this opening season. A cordial welcome is extended to the public to call and review the complete assortment of imported and domestic woolsens.

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LYNCH-SEAMAN.

A pretty wedding ceremony was so solemnized at St. Mary's Catholic church, Royal Oak, September 2.

The bride was Miss Edna May Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Lynch and Mr. Vernon H. Seaman, of Detroit.

The nuptial mass was sung by Father John F. Needham and was followed by a breakfast of three courses, daintily served at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride was dressed in white silk and white satin with lace. The bridal couple was attended by Miss Isabel Kelly, of Clifford, Mich., as bridesmaid and Miss Beatrice Houston, of Detroit as maid-of-honor.

Miss Kelly's dress was Nile-green crepe de chine; Miss Houston's dress was of embroidered white voile.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Charles L. Seaman.

Avenue Theater.

Bunco in Arizona.

With every accessory known to the dramatist, Miss Lillian Mortimer, author of "Bunco in Arizona," the play which will be presented at the Avenue Theater next week, has skillfully brought out the many incidents of the play which is located in the mining regions of the great southwest. This play will follow "Ten Nights in a Barren"

The last act of this four act comedy-drama discloses a typical rancher's house and its generally hospitable surroundings. "Bunco," a play, adopted by Jim B. Unit, a mine owner, is engaged to Dick Goddard. Through an aunt who is visiting her, she learns that she is an heiress. The aunt wishes to take her back to England to be educated in a manner befitting her future life. An unprincipled cousin has made several ineffectual attempts on the life of Dick in order to win "Bunco" and her inheritance. True to her promise "Bunco" returns from England and marries Dick. On the eve of the celebration miners, cowboys, Indians and other well wishers are at Jim's ranch house toasting the happy couple, when the villainous cousin appears at the window and shoots Dick. The shot fails to take effect.

One of the big scenes in an Indian ghost dance with full ritual, preparatory to a scalping, has been given. Matinees will be given Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Disbrow Will Race at State Fair



LOUIS DISBROW, champion track driver of the world and possessor of one of the most daring racing pilots in America, is coming to the State Fair, Sept. 7-18. He will meet Iob Burman, Public Health and speed marvels in what promises to be the greatest dirt track race that ever has been run. He is not a stranger to Michigan, having raced here several times, and it is seldom that he does not take down a good share of the money.

PEEVED READER

A Patron of Baldwin Public Library Wants to Know Why New Books Cannot be Read While New. We received the following letter from a citizen and patron of the library who desires his name be withheld. If the conditions are true we suggest they be remedied at once and if not, the library board should correct the impression existing among many patrons.

Birmingham, September 4th, 1914. "I notice from time to time you announce the arrival of new books. I am very much interested in the arrangement and appearance of Baldwin Public Library. This has been true and is a splendid thing for the citizens. It is my honest opinion that many more people would make use of the library if only the books were available. This is the almost absolute impossibility for one to procure a new book. New books are announced on the bulletin board as having been published and when one is sought for, the answer is always "square deal" for all. I have tried again and again to get a new book and this is always the result. "Some quiet sleuthing on my part has led me to believe this—either members of the board or the new books around until they are as old as a 38 cent copy of a 'best-seller' or else the books are never returned to the library. If books are allowed to pass from patron to patron without being returned to the library then, I say, it is time a change took place. The librarian should not tell any member who asks for a book who has been checked out. The great demand for a book then let there be a waiting list. If we have a public library, let us have a "square deal" for all. Very truly yours, IMA READER."

Miles Theatre.

In one of the prettiest settings imaginable, a company of ten young men and women will offer a notable theatrical repertoire as the outstanding feature of next week's bill of variety at the Miles theatre, Detroit. The act is pleasantly remembered by Miles regulars, and is called "The Bower of Melody," and is presented by Frank Bohm, who has established a reputation as a producer of musical note. One of the members of the company is said to be a vocalist of exceptional attainment.

Welcome contributors to the galaxy of the occasion will be Jack Princeton and Agnes Yale with their "Page from the Dictionary of Amity." They are pleasantly remembered by Miles regulars, and is called "The Bower of Melody," and is presented by Frank Bohm, who has established a reputation as a producer of musical note. One of the members of the company is said to be a vocalist of exceptional attainment.

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A Citizen Asks That a Statement of Village Accounts be Published.

I regret that I cannot head this article "Our Annual Village Statement" for might I do so there would be far less reason for a general criticism of our village accounting. As citizens and taxpayers we should be interested in seeing upon the close of each fiscal year, three statements, first because it is the most important statement showing the actual financial position of our village; secondly, a statement of our assets and liabilities, and last an abstract of receipts and disbursements. The statement which is published at the Centric the latter part of February, while meant as a statement of receipts and disbursements of all funds, was in reality a statement of receipts and bank balances for the disbursements were not shown. It is true the transfer from the general fund to the highway and water works funds and the totals of vouchers cancelled were a part of this statement, but for what purpose their monies were disbursed to one could tell from this statement. We know where the money came from for the receipts are shown by the various revenue accounts; in other words we have before us one-half the information we are interested in seeing. How much we all would have known where the money came from if amounts disbursed for salaries, on village property, law costs interest, printing and advertising, sidewalks, etc. etc. were very few of the items content without such a statement of disbursements in our individual enterprise.

The statement which I mentioned above as being of most interest to us as taxpayers is a statement which would show the excess of available assets over current liabilities or the reverse. This statement would show cash as available assets, cash in the hands of village treasurer and clerk and in the banks; arrears of personal and sidewalk taxes and water rates; accounts receivable if any such, that is sales of village equipment or improvements, and accounts payable or due, etc. and as current liabilities, accounts payable and warrants out for the overpayment of taxes, etc. Such a statement would show the financial position of the village and would be the first thing to take with consideration upon making up a budget of expenses for the coming year.

The difference between the above statement and one showing assets and liabilities is that the latter would include as assets, our investment in water works plant, real estate, library building, fire apparatus, road scraper and equipment, etc. and deferred local improvements such as are covered by bonded indebtedness, and as a liability our bonded indebtedness. A statement of our financial position at the end of each fiscal year can be prepared under our present system of accounting, but the latter statement I am sorry to say, is something our councilmen have evidently overlooked for it could not be made up without going over the books. I believe a period of about twenty-five years.

The fixed and passive assets of our village should appear on our books and some action should be taken by either the present council or the citizens toward making such changes in our system of accounting as will allow of this idea being carried out. L. HALBERT.

Amusing to those who know and understand them, it fills their friends with admiration for them. They know that they owe their well being to the public, but they mean to pay it back. They intend to make their place in the world and best and providing for themselves, they all hope to do some work for the common good.

A Lame Back—Kidney Trouble Causes It. And it will give you even worse if not checked. Mrs. H. T. Strangue, Gainesville, Georgia, was fairly down on her back with kidney trouble and bladder trouble. She says: "I took Foley Kidney Pills and now my back is stronger than in years, and both kidney and bladder troubles are entirely gone." For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH. Members of the Sunday school auxiliary wish to remind parents that the summer vacation is over and urge them to see that the children leave in time for Sunday school, at 9:45 o'clock. The Rector expects to speak on the school and home life at the morning service, 10:45 o'clock.

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THE OAKLAND REALTY CO. Reports that the Lake Oakland Hills beautiful lots now on record, and has sold the following with actual lake frontage to the following purchasers: Alexander Naiman, of Detroit, lots 14 and 15; Speaker & Balsman Co., of Detroit, part of Maple Island and lot 10; Charles Schermerhorn, of Detroit, lot 21; Cinghamham Trading, of Detroit, and Francis Signigo, of Birmingham, joint, lots 11, 12 and 13; F. L. Shore, of Detroit, lots 2 and 19; Birmingham purchasers are: Dr. Hilly, lot 22; J. Bert Peabody, lot 27 and half of 22 and 2; Guy L. Watkins, lot 23; Edwin Hancock, lots 24, 25 and 16; Thad E. Leland, lots 34 and 14, block 1; Martha Allen, lot 29 and part of 28; Dr. Shattuck, of Los Angeles, lot 20. Also four lots in block 1 to Inglewood Land Co. their recent sale. To access on Woodward—Mr. Earl; Mrs. Clarissa Alger's home on Brown and Daines Streets to Morris Levinson; Fred Goodwin's house and lot on Bates to George Hurib, et, and a Detroit lot for Mrs. Mary Adma.

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