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OUR FLAG TAG DAY

Saturday October 20, For The Benefit of The Michigan Children's Home Society at St. Joseph.

The citizens of Birmingham are responding splendidly to the various war-time appeals and every one is glad for the support we are giving to the Red Cross, the Belgian Relief and the Liberty Loan. We would not do less, we wish we could do more. Our duty is to support those who go on with the colors, but that is not enough.



We have another obligation at home, one which we have always had and which the war makes greater. There must not be a break-down of the work for the child and the home. War will take the nation's best. Extra care must be given the children, that they may fill the places of those who cannot come back. This is home defense.

For 25 years the Michigan Children's Home Society, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Michigan, has been caring for homeless dependent and orphaned children of the state. Just at this time when charitable people are giving so generously to war relief, the society is finding serious difficulty in meeting its increasing expenses, because of two things: more children are coming under its care, and the financial support is less. More than 150 children are being cared for at this time. The work is absolutely non-sacrificial and is supported entirely by charity. Over 50 children have been cared for in Oakland County, and to help meet the situation which is facing the society, the Birmingham Auxiliary of the M. C. H. S. will conduct a flag tag sale here Saturday October 20, to which our citizens are asked to respond as generously as possible.

The officers of the local society with Mrs. V. M. Bristol, State Representative, Mrs. W. T. Bradford, Mrs. Chas. Wilson and Mrs. J. L. Todd, will have charge of this flag sale, with headquarters at the Birmingham Club. Misses Katharine Leland, Harriet Field and Rachel Elwood will captain the companies of salesmen.

The Whole Neighborhood Knows. Mrs. Anna Peizer, 2526 Jefferson Street, South Omaha, Nebraska, writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar cured my daughter of a bad cold. My neighbor, Mrs. Benson, cured herself and family with Foley's Honey and Tar, and in fact almost everyone in our neighborhood speaks highly of it as a good remedy for coughs and colds. Sold everywhere.—Adv."

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership existing between R. J. Powell and Alpha G. Brace, under the firm name of R. J. Powell Company and doing business at Birmingham, Michigan, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Alpha G. Brace has retired from said firm and business. The said R. J. Powell will continue the business at the same place and under the name of R. J. Powell.

Dated this 20th day of August, 1917.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham, Michigan Postoffice on October 13.

Clawson, Freeman
Daniel, Frank
Hackett, Guy
Moore, Myrtle
Nimmo, Louis
Peters, Miss Cynthia Emeline
Smith, Mrs. Alice E.
Sutherland, Mrs.
Smith, Joseph, Mgr. City Club
Weldon, Jerry

POST CARD
Bernette, W. M.
Barton, Miss Sarah
McGood, Miss Clara
Persons, Miss for any of the above letters will please say "advertise."—GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

FIFTH AND WILLIAMS, ROYAL OAK.

German and English services every Sunday.

German, 10:30 a. m.
English, 11:30 a. m.
English Sunday School, 12:30 p. m.
German service every Tuesday during Lent at 8 p. m.
Everybody welcome.

The World's Best Investment Uncle Sam says:

"I want to see a Liberty Bond in every American home."

"Liberty Bonds" is just a name for United States Government Bonds issued during our fight for Liberty.

We must remember this: Soldiers win battles; wealth wins wars. The success of a Government loan during war times means more than a victory on a 20-mile front.

All Patriots Must Help

Are you going to ask your friend if he has bought a Liberty-Loan Bond?

Or are you going to wait until he asks you?

Are you going to lead or lag?

Buy a Liberty Bond

Do it because you're an American, heart and soul.

RED CROSS WORK.

Meetings held at the Birmingham Club on the following days: Monday evening, Tuesday morning, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Note the change from Saturday afternoon to Friday.

A new class in Surgical Dressings started this week under the supervision of Mrs. W. C. Harris.

A story is being circulated to the effect that swearer, socks and other articles knitted for the Red Cross are being sold to the public in stores or direct to the soldiers. Harvey D. Gibson, General Manager, American Red Cross has directed us to issue this notice, denying this story viciously. No articles whatever, either knitted or otherwise, made by Red Cross workers, turned in to the Red Cross, Chapter, Branch or to Auxiliaries, or to any Red Cross Supply Warehouse, are sold either to soldiers or to any shops.

Should it transpire that any actual instance of the above character occurred wherein an individual sold articles after they having been turned in to the Red Cross, such action would be clearly in violation of the fundamental law of the Red Cross, and we would take vigorous steps to prosecute the offender.

Worth Their Weight in Gold.

No man can go on his best when suffering from backache, rheumatism, pain, swollen joints or sore muscles. J. H. Stone, 840 North Second Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, writes: "For months I was unable to attend to business. I used Foley's Kidney Pills and soon the pains and aches were gone. They are worth their weight in gold to me." Sold everywhere.—Adv."

A Dead Ordeal.

The Rev. Mr. Inch of Dunbarston told how on one occasion in his old church in Dundee a brother minister had preached a rather long sermon, and he (Mr. Inch) had occasion a few minutes later to enter the pulpit to make an interruption, whereupon a "wee Macgregor," who was in the gallery with his mother and the rest of the family, took fright and exclaimed very loudly: "Come awa', man. There's aither his man gae the leg!"—Glasgow Times.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

EARL R. RICE, P. D., PASTOR.

The regular services of this church for Sunday October 21, will be as follows:

Public worship at 10:30, with sermon from the subject, "Strength in Unity." The Sunday School at 12 noon, with classes for all. Epworth League at 6:30. Class meeting at 6:45. Public worship at 7:30, subject for the evening—sermon will be "The Best Church in Town." The new pastor preaches both morning and evening.

The new pastor and family moved into the parsonage on Thursday last week. Extensive repairs have been made in the house and it has been tastefully decorated throughout.

CITIZEN'S MEETING.

Birmingham citizens seem to care mighty little about the new charter revision. On October 5, two separate meetings held at same hour had a total of 36 present, and October 9, just 38. In Germany the people don't dare inquire even about what is going on among the ruling lords, but in the U. S. every man has rights and he should use them.

The revised charter contains many good things and some very bad things. The people should earn about this fully before voting. We may wish to refer this charter and have it corrected, and bring it on again for adoption in February.

This Friday night at High School for 90 minutes the citizens will give this revision the "once over." Every voter is expected.

W. D. CLIZBE, President.

Get to the Front.

Here's an adage as old as Adam, but not as old as the sun: "The wise old birds don't gather in herds, but they come by one." The motive of this is certain as the moral of it is true: If you would succeed you must take the lead, and leave the crowd to follow you.

GOOD WAR STORY

Composed and Read by J. A. Bigelow at Convention Mich. Cavalry Brigade, at Battle Creek.

Mr. President, my dear old comrades and all.

It's a long long road to Tipperary, and it's a long long time to remember, what the Michigan Cavalry Brigade did in 1863 about October 9, between Robison River and the Rappahannock River.

Now when Comrade Hill, your good Secretary, wrote and asked me to write up about fifteen minutes worth of time, and incorporate my recollections of Brandy Station Vaudeville performance when Gen. Lee was prompter on one side, and Gen. Pleasanton on the other, it revived a volcano of memories, and twins to a million goose pimples.

Analogies are frivolous, they consume time, annoy the comrades, hence they may be dispensed with until after taps. Just here a mistake was made, as the evening paper was handed to me, and I stopped to read how the World Wide War was progressing, and what was read made me so mad, that only Kuss words came to the surface. Not only the Germans, but the slackers, who in the days when you and I wore the army blue were dubbed "Copper-heads."

Now let me tell you old comrades and friends, you all know, that there is not a man or woman living, that wanted war. But you know that our American citizens were killed, our Government was insultingly told, that one day in the week we might send one vessel across the ocean; provided we kept in a path which the German Emperor had mapped out, and a 1,000 or more outrages committed. And yet we were not permitted, and all by the German Government.

But finally there was pricked a bubble in President Wilson, and red blood was found. And now when any person in these grand United States, who ask and claim the protection of our government, and when that government asks their help, they turn and revile the hand that feeds and cares for them, "Mans Land" and say comrades, they are going to be mighty ashamed of it some day not far off, and some of the men in our Congress will no doubt do as Benedict Arnold did, flee into the country where cause they espoused, and like him, die, and die despised even by those they try to help. And I believe another thing, that every blessed one of you old Koffee Koulers would enlist if the government would take you.

Now let's get back to Brandy Station, October 9, 1863. When the men in the rear rank could have played checkers on our coat tails half the time. The Cavalry of the army of the Potomac was then commanded by Gen. Alfred Pleasanton, Kilpatrick commanded the Division, and Gen. Custer our Brigade of the 1st, 5th and 7th Michigan Cavalry. There were other Cavalry organizations around us, there were Cavalry regiments around us, there was Battery M of the Regulars, Lieut. Pennington in command, and say comrades that was just as good as a battery as we were a brigade.

Now from the time the Battle of Gettysburg had been fought, and Lee had gone back into Virginia, Gen. Meade had constantly pushed him along and the Cavalry had been mighty busy hurrying Lee's army towards Richmond, and as a general thing, the Cavalry had been pretty close to Lee's army from the word go.

But just at this time we were very quiet, we had bivouac around a Hamlet called James City, and James City had six buildings all cold. Thoroughfare Mountain was south of the city about a mile, Robinson River ran around the south side of the mountain, and Robinson River was our picket line.

Comrade Pleasanton had been alerted as for a few days, now what is meant by idleness is that we had not had very much severe fighting, and time hung heavy on the Cavalry, so some racing was again revived, as it had its inception at Fairfax where the brigade was formed.

One day Gen. Kilpatrick said he had a mule at his headquarters that could out run any mule in the army, and challenged Gen. Davies to a jack pot race, which meant that any one who wanted to put a dollar in the pot, could enter his chosen mule.

There were seven mules that had been lined up to run, which meant that there were seven dollars in the pot for the winner. A pretty fair start was made, and when about half way over the course, the mule that Billy Bone was riding was ahead, and Billy to make sure things of it, spurred his mule a little too sharp, and that Pleasanton animal immediately bucked and Billy went sailing in the air and over the head of his mount.

Now I was shocked and stunned, and lay quivering on the ground, when General Kilpatrick rode out and yelling to some troopers said, "Get him out of the way, get him in the corner of the fence and send for Joe Hooker, as he says he never saw a dead Cavalryman." But

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Billy Bone was not dead, he lived to kill three Johnnies in one day, and he is a good husky farmer today, living in the town of White Lake in Oakland County.

Another incident of racing was one of my own. I was running a race with a man belonging in the 5th New York Cavalry, and from the looks of things I was going to win, when he began whipping my horse over the head with a whip, trying to drive me into the fence and brush which lined the road. I told him to stop, it was not fair but he kept on, and I kicked him on his shin with the heel of my heavy Cavalry boot, and then went on and won the race and a dollar.

After the racing was over and I was caring for my horse, an orderly came from the Surgeon of the 5th New York Cavalry, say that they wanted me over at the Hospital tent. Going over, was shown a man on a cot, under a blanket, and there he lay on a cot smiling, and reaching out his hand he said, "I want to thank you for giving me a furlough, for when you kicked me on the leg you broke a bone, and the surgeon says I'll have six weeks furlough."

Here is another incident which I cannot resist relating. Zeke Morse a member of the 5th Michigan, was boss of a table, which made it quite awkward when a couple of 5th New York troopers came strolling by. They stopped and watched the game awhile, when one of them bet 25 cents on Zeke, and the other on the table, and then he bet a dollar, and lost. Turning to his companion he said, "lend me \$20?" I won't do it I answered his chum. Stopping over he pulled off his Cavalry boot, rolled down his army sock, unbuttoned a cloth and took out a \$30 bill, placed it on the same duce, shook his dice, turned the box, and had two duces, which meant that he had won \$40. Picking up the money, he said to Zeke, "good day my friend." And if you turned Zeke, come again some day, all right, and away they went. Soldiers in those days were reckless with their money, for Uncle Sam paid us \$13 per month.

Now maybe you think it's time to get down to Brandy Station and brass tacks, so here goes.

The 7th Cavalry was out on picket, and when the line was Robison River, not far from the bridge, they were there and can tell you. But this is the way the day opened. Quite early in the morning of October 9, a strong skirmish line of rebels attacked them, in fact so strong that they paid but little attention to the picket line of pickets.

(To be continued next week.)

Women Have Their Troubles.

Not a week goes by without women, of younger ones, too, suffer from headache, pains in back, swollen ankles, rheumatic, rheumatic pains, and kindred ailments, without knowing that these are most often the result of deranged or overworked kidneys. Foley's Kidney Pills are good medicine for kidney trouble. Sold everywhere.—Adv."

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