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PAYING DEAR

It's a good wind that blows no one ill. Tomorrow the It's a good wind that blows no one ill. Tomorrow the hunting season for deer opens and already the Upper Peninsula is flooded with enthusiastic lower Michigan hunters all anxious to bring hoose the bacon. Tomorrow many of the farmers and resident hunters of the Upper Peninsula will settle down for a period of staying indoors as a profession graphet stay bullets. Refere another week many of the farmers and resident numers of the Oper Peningula will settle down for a period of staying indoors as a protection against stray bullets. Before another week has passed papers throughout the state will contain news, items about the deaths of lower Michigan hunters accidentally shot by other lower Michigan hunters, and men who "didn't know their guns were loaded." In the newspapers will appear headlines such as "Shot Through Heart By Stray Bullet," "Detroit Man Accidentlly Killed While Hunting," and so forth. And all because of carelessness and unfamiliarity of so many of the title White Hunting is one of the oldest sports in the world but with the advent of the modern rifle which will shoot a half mile in a fraction of time it is not a sport for the careless. All the game shot during the hunting season is pretty dear when paid for by a human life. by a human life.

BRIDES AND GROOMS

Are people marrying younger today than did those of the last generation? The popular opinion seems to be that they are, but an investigation of the lages of 50 coples who recently applied for marriage licenses in Detroit, all of whom made their applications on one day, may offer an argument against this opinion. The average age of the 50 men who applied was a fraction over 20 years, while the average age of the women was a fraction over while the average age of the women was a fraction over 27.

Out of these 50 couples, there were eight in whom the man and woman were the same age. With all but six couple the men were either older than their chosen mate, or of the same age. The youngest man to apply for a license was 18, and his wife-to-be was of the same age. The oldest man of the 50 was 68 years old, and his sweetheart 62.

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Of course this census was taken with only 50 couples as a working basis, but there is no reason why they should not be a representative group. At any rate the figures tend to override the impression that so many of the popular novelists and reformers endeavor to create—that most of the present-day marriages are among boys and girls who are not old enough to know their own minds. It is always the case that the extremes are given the most prominence, and undoubtedly this accounts for the "playing up" of the "child-marriages," especially by the more promnence, and undoubtenty this accounts for the play-ing up" of the "child-marriages," especially by the more sensational newspapers. But our world may not be quite as bad off as some would endeavor to make out.

THEY HAD 25 KEGS ON TAP

Thursday night of last week "The Constables Club" of Detroit held a banquet in Dom Polski Hall. It was a momentous occasion—made so because, according to news dispatches, there were housed under one roof 25 kegs of beer and a great array of Detroit's officialdom. Among those present were Sheriff George L. Walters, L. Eugene Sharp and James M. Jeffries, justices of the peace; Councilmen John A. Kronk, John C. Nagel and Sherman Little-field. Athur Dingonan, several denuties a few assistant

eitmen John A. Kronk, John C. Nagei and Sherman Little-field; Arthur Dingeman, several deputies, a few assistant prosecutors, and over a thousand ordinary citizens. And, it is said, beer flowed freely and everybody knew it.

Just what right, for instance, Sheriff Walters had in allowing the place to stage such an affair is probably known only to him. Thus do we see how the Constitution of the Hurta States is lived up to be the men we alged or of the United States is lived up to by the men we elect or appoint to do so. Though it has been said that the Volstead Act "is a joke," we are of the opinion that the enforcers of it are even funnier.

GOOD FORCES AT WORK

Even though moths and rust are at work all the time destroying material things in this world, a kindly Providence is at the same time busy creating new life and new things. So it is in society.

Witness the recent dedication of the new Bell Island.

witness the recent dedication of the new bene like bridge: This structure was opened up to the public last week. It will afford a better means of entrance to the Isle during the hot summer months. Thousands of people in Detroit will have their summer brightened a bit more for this bridge. Yes, there are forces at work destroying some of the decent things in Detroit—but, as with Nature, good things come to the surface which counteract and repay. The world is getting better—merely because the people in it are better.

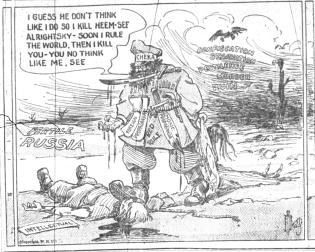
TREAT COUZENS' ATTACK LIGHTLY

A man who makes Detroit his voting headquarters last week can, out and bitterly attacked a citizen of Dearborn regarding the latter's various activities. No doubt there are hundreds of similar cases of such attack dound front page position in all the newspapers because the attacker was James S. Couzens and the other person

the attacker was James S. Couzens and the other person happened to be Henry Ford.

"It's a common trait of humanity to find fault with another. No doubt Mr. Ford has certain characteristics that are not altogether lovable—Mr. Couzens certainly is not free from at least a "five per cent" taint of unpopularity—but no one to date has ever brought undeniable charges against his honesty or conduct of the Ford Motor Co. While associated with Ford, Couzens was making more mency than he ever made before in his life. Under

Would You Recognize This as a Brother



ordinary circumstances Couzens should have remained as ordinary creamstances couzens should have remained as Vice-President and General Manager of the Ford Motor Co. He quit though, because, he says, "I could not agree with Ford on certain matters." Any wonder why he attacks Ford now that he can no longer make any money through him? Which shows us that a good deal of through him? Which shows us that a good deal of Couzens propaganda against Ford is tainted with bitterness, with unfriendliness and, perhaps, unfairness. Thought given words under such conditions should be treated lightly

PARENTS, READ THIS OVER!

Mothers and fathers of Birmingham boys and girls ought to be interested in what successful men have to say about the things necessary upon which to build a future life. The following ideas relative to the education of children were expressed by prominent businessmen in Chicago recently:

The fundamentals of a successful business life should "The fundamentals of a successful business life should not be measured in dollars and cents, but in achievements," said J. E. Gorman, president of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. "Honesty, loyalty and ambition may be stated as the basic principles. Personality sometimes goes a long way, but personality without the requisite knowledge does not carry a young man to that height that he would attain by a complete mastery of the subject in hand."

Cultivate and form the habit of trying to see the best side of your associates and fellow workers, avoid and suppress the habit of knocking and disparaging others; cultivate neatness, tidiness and cheerfulness, courtesy and respect for those in authority," says W. W. K. Sparrow.

respect for those in authority, says in the spatron, vice-president, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad.

"Take advantage of each opportunity that presents itself daily in your student associations; hold on to every problem until you get the solution; make the most of the opportunity and you can not fail to find a measure of success and satisfaction, limited only by the amount of intelligent effort which you put into your work," writes Albert R. Dyon, industrial relations branch, Western Electric Co.

"The gate of opportunity is wide open to every young person who is in real earnest and is in the line of work most interesting to him, executives are in constant search for steady-going young people with ideas and ability to demonstrate their value," Elbert G. Drew, secretary, Illinois Bell Telephone Co.

"High school training should give a discipline in orderly mental habits, in accuracy, dependability and a general attitude of alertness and eagerness to grow. general attitude of alertness and eagerness to grow. Business is looking for workers with just such qualifications. No amount of schooling can take the place of fundamental character and willingness to work/up from the bottom, but when combined these qualifications make it possible for the worthy high school gradulte to go far in business," says John G. Shedd, chairman of the board. Marshall Rield & Co.

"Choose a task that you can put your best efforts into and start without delay; what counts most is the vary you go about doing whatever you take up; getting on in busigo about doing whatever you take one, getting on a back-ness is much like climbing a rope hand over hand," ucius Teter, president Chicago Trust Co. , "Pay strict attention to those things for which you

attend school, learn as much as possible; do not dispanage the school with which you are connected. Give the lest you have and show loyalty. Seek to develop, besides excellence in studies, something which will train your bods and afford you pleasure," Belvin T. Trail, president First Trust & Savings Bank.

They were discussing Couzens and his five per cent beer. Finally, one of them said, "If he keeps it up his political standing will be about zero percent."

While most of Germany's inhabitants are near star-vation, France continues to keep them all fussed up. And Poincare, chief cook of France's boiling pot of armament, is telling his countrymen what a helluva great man he is— the reason being that another election will be held there in the spring. Poincare is a good politician-and a poorer . .

Local citizens who have ideas about a new Municipal Local citizens who have ideas about a new Municipal Building ought to impart them to the Village Commission. No one will deny that we need a decent edifice for carrying on Birmingham's business. People who pay taxes here should unload their thoughts—favorable—on their elective officials whenever necessary. "Two heads are better than one—consider the barrel."

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Died in Southfield on Sun Oct, 31, of hemorrhage of the lur Mrs. Hugh Purdy, Mrs. Purd-her husband were settlers

. McGAFFEY

LIVIN ROOM LYRICS

By CHARLES S. KINNISON of B

DUMB-BELL

DUMB-BEM.

I'd like to think, at least, that I
Was clever as the average giv—
I'd like to think my moodle, say.
Was pretty well equipped.
But I am forced heyewith, to tell
(And I am pained/and grigved, as well)
That auction bridge—confound it!—
Seems to have the soundly whipped.

Now I can write a rhyme or two, Now I can write a rhyme or two, A thing not dveryone can do, And I think/I'm pretty handy At takin' things apart. Two often fixed the phonograph, And I can make the baby laugh, But at Auction, I am fqarful.— I am anything but smart!

I am anything bus snake.

I'm very gpod at fixin' furhace fires.
As kell as startin' furhace fires.
The both of which. I'm certain,
You'll agree require some skill.
Veut also mow the grees.
Feut with Auction Brage.—alas!
I have not become sel skillful,
And I fear I never will. -- alas!--

Now I have played with lots of guys, I know, durn well, are none too wise, Except at playin' Auction, Where they re all too smart for me. And right away they start to grin When they behold me "sitting in.". As they lick their chops with gusto At the fun that's have a support to the start of As they lick their chops with gusto At the fun that's soon to be.

I'm sure they're nothin' else but dubs, But yet, by golly, jwith their clubs And hearts and spades and diamonds. They'd put Solomon to shame! But I don't care that I'm a hum At Auction Bridge—or that I'm dumb, For I'm only one for many. I'm dumb, Other dum-bells, I could name!

Anonymous the Nonsense

dispatch (from Berlin says 12, dispatch (from Berlin says) the Market (from Berlin says) the Market (from Berlin says) the Market (from Berlin says) 12. The young lady, just waking up in troops have been concentrated time to hear the number, yawned and see of peysible war with China said. The line is busy

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ast see now. How cold thy adenoid

id to him

of the oldest inhabitant, sir. Sha hundred and one today."
"Indeed! And may I ask who that little man with the dreadfus ad countenance, walking by the

lady's side?"
"Oh, that's the old lady's slaw, sir. He's been keeping't payments on her life-insurance the last thirty years?"

"You say that you want some name ngraved on this ring," said the eweler to the bashful young man. "Yes; I want the words 'George, o his dearest Alice' ongraved on the

rummer. She grummied at levery- have "George, to his dispatest 'Affect' with the stand that fleey will not cive them up without some equivalent. The trought of the standard of the street of the street of the standard of the street of

William Jennings Bryan was rently importuned by an enterpris

Housewives can save mon Alominumware Saturday, Nov. the one-day sale at the Birmi Hardware.

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excitement?" asked the stranger in the village.
"Certainly," replied the country-man, "We're celebrating the birthday hours to \$100 km. Royal Oak at \$2.50 km.