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PIONEERING

Smug and comfortable in our centers of population, how little, after all, do we dare the ruggedness of Nature to obtain an existence. We may risk famine or failure in our social interchange of wares; we may run the risk of losing our lives in congested traffic; but how few of us ever really run the danger that marks the footsteps of pioneers!

A few evenings ago we witnessed the screening of "The Covered Wagon." It vividly depicts the struggle of a caravan of men, women, children, and animals, in a successful attempt to "Go West" in "The days of '49." Their final arrival in Oregon, as shown on the silver sheet, is more than enough to thrill the heart of every American who holds dear the early history of his country. Over uncharted areas, defeating Indians, conquering human hardships, this band of pioneers wrote one of the sublimest chapters of American history.

You have seen a caterpillar trying to cross a concrete pavement, as you were driving about the country. We watched one the other day on West Maple avenue; numerous automobiles passed along the way, but the furry little centipede kept right on going—and finally reached a place of security in the grass next to the pavement. There really is no reason why the caterpillar should not cross the road in safety; perhaps all caterpillars know this—and this knowledge keeps them going across hazardous thoroughfares.

Indeed, pioneering of every kind is hazardous. That is one of the reasons Jesus was crucified. Though we may not cut a path through a continent, or even try to cross a concrete pavement, we can (most of us) do a little pioneering in the direction of real Christianity.

The difficulties, hardships, and trials of life, the obstacles one encounters on the road to fortune, are positive blessings. They knit the muscles more firmly, and teach self-reliance. Peril is the element in which power is developed.—W. Mathews.

WE SHALL HAVE MORE WARS

All the volumes that have been written, all the orations that have been made, against the business of WAR, are just feeble attempts to tell the people of the earth that HUMAN LIFE is the world's richest possession. Many people—even those who severally govern the nations of the earth—will admit this truth. But, it seems, many generations will have come even yet before the plowshare really supplants the sword as an instrument of progress.

Last week a woman spoke before the League of Nations in Geneva. It was the first time that a representative of Motherhood had ever had a seat in the League. And this woman, whose name is Mrs. Helen Swanwick, of Great Britain, said in a few words all that had been said before. She simply asked those assembled to "Remember that when you take up arms against one another, my brothers, that the first victim is always a little child." Mrs. Swanwick also truthfully said, "You must act for the dumb millions of the world. You must see to it that the security that has been promised in the past will this time be different."

Of course there will be future wars—many of them; we do not believe, however, that the time will come when ALL the nations of the earth will be wiped out in a single conflict; this would be in contradiction of the example of Nature. As long as a majority of human beings are selfish, lustful, sinful and brutal, we shall have armed conflicts.

War will become obsolete when a majority of the leaders of men are servants of a Thing greater than themselves. War will become obsolete when man looks upon his kind with the same love and helpfulness that he extends to a tiny babe.

SERVICE! What a real philosophy of life is contained in the word. The desire to SERVE another—be it in the sale of merchandise or bits of kindness strewn along the way. What a wonderful, world-wide homage is paid to SERVICE; did not the greatest MAN who ever lived lay simple claim to the word "SERVANT"? To serve mankind well is to serve God better.—G. R. A.

WE WOULD HAVE THEM UNDERSTAND

We would have our son or daughter enter into the sphere of worldly things with a full knowledge of the plot of life. We would have them know that the only real wealth is wrapped up in the fragile bindings of love and friendship; that all the gold ever dug from the bowels of the earth is only hard and indigestible, and will not, in itself, sustain life; that there is a time to laugh and play, cry and work; that an unbounded, though indescribable, faith in God is the foundation of Christian fraternalism—and the best thing for a human to strive for. We would have our son and daughter UNDERSTAND and APPLY the simple teachings of Jesus Christ. We could then trust them without limitations to play as characters upon the stage of life.

The green leaves will soon turn to red and gold. After a service to mankind through the summer months, the foliage of trees shall fall to the earth to mingle with the dust of ages. How like human life are the leaves! Yet how wonderful if man, in the autumn of his life, might present to view a character picture as glorious as that of autumn leaves.—G. R. A.

A FEW YEARS HENCE—

We were rolling north on Southfield avenue in an automobile; before us and behind us were hundreds of other automobiles—for we live in a gasoline age. At our left was a large field, and upon it, near the road, were a half dozen aeroplanes. Suddenly, the line ahead slowed up, for there seemed to be something in the way of fast traffic. We came upon it a little later—it was, indeed, a strange sight.

The vehicle had four large wheels; instead of being covered with large rubber tires, thin iron bands encircled the wabbling wheels. It had no light at the rear, or even in front; where the hood should have been could be seen the dangling legs of a man who, stranger yet, was holding on to a pair of lines that stretched before him to some kind of quadruped animal; the animal seemed to be pulling the vehicle behind him, and was not going very rapidly. It took us but a few seconds to pass this queer sight.

Our children asked us what kind of automobile it was; we were unable to tell them, but upon arriving home we took down an encyclopedia and learned that the object we had passed was a "Horse and wagon." Our children were greatly impressed with the knowledge.

Did you do something kind today? Did you look beyond the confines of your own personal affairs and render a service to another? Did you bring a smile where there was a frown? Did you turn a cry into a smile? Wherever you are, in the haunts of organized society, these acts you may do; and YOU will be happiest in doing them.—G. R. A.

A 15-year-old Saginaw girl, recovering from an operation which removed about 1200 metallic objects from her stomach, has taken to eating pages from a book furnished her for reading purposes. This young woman certainly has a rugged constitution. Somebody ought to give her a couple of books on hygiene and she might get well.

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"I see by the automobiles that both Martin and Bowles are running for Mayor of Detroit," remarked Bill Splivens to Hiram Hogwallow here yesterday. "Between the candidates' labels and the pictures of the bathing females, I don't see how the mortality rate of motorists keeps so low."

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A robber stole $183 from the office of a judge in Three Rivers, Michigan, last week. The account did not state whether he broke out of the jail just across the road from the judge's office.

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Many newspapers and magazines are conducting straw votes on the presidential candidates. Sort of separating the wheat from the chaff.

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An old dam at Bellefonte, Pa., needed repairs. The farmers procrastinated; but a colony of beavers got busy and completed the job. "I'll be——, why, look—the thing is fixed!" exclaimed one of the farmers when they went down to fix the dam a few weeks later.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago.

Coal is high.

Plenty of wet this week.

Our town was filled to overflowing with drummers, Monday.

Tie up your "Keow" after Nov. 1, if not, into the pound she goeth.

Certainly. Of course, we will take wood on subscription. Bring it along.

There's just one thing about it. These dog fights will end in blood, one that bids men despise himself; yet——

Nother cold wave on Monday. last. That north wind was a search- er to ride against.

J. R. Logan has purchased a lot on Stanley street and will erect a substantial house thereon this fall.

Mrs. A. Muldraugh of Southfield took the first premium for the best stock of butter at the Farmington Fair.

Last week wasn't a potato week. but Wm. Hanna of Southfield dug up 75 bushels in two and one-half hours, and doesn't brag about it one bit either.

Cold winter is approaching and goose pimples chase each other up our back while we wait for that wood to be brought in—on subscription.

Married: Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 1881, at Farmington, Mr. N. T. McHenry and Miss Flora Adams, all of Bloomfield. Our best wishes go to the newly wedded pair for a long and happy life.

It wasn't much of a pistol, either, but it went off and made an elegant little hole in his hand. The happenstance occurred in the bakery on Monday, last, and the hand was attached to Will Smith of Stanley street.

A shooting gallery has been opened up in the old tin shop in the Stanley & North Block. A. Burns wields the ramrod and the crack of the target gun is heard from early morn till dewey eve.

Our thanks are due Frank W. Phelps for a jug of nice sweet cider, or "the devil's kindling wood", as it is sometimes called. Anyway, it all went down and the jug would have gone also, if some careful bystander hadn't choked Whitehead off.

Mrs. Lucy Sturgis has made complaint against Mrs. Shannahan for using indecent language to her, and calling her naughty names. A warrant was issued by Squire Bodine and placed in the hands of officer James O. Beattie, and the naughty Jane is probably in "limbo" ere this.

The curiosities for the past week have been: A branch of raspberry bush with ripe luscious fruit thereon, which grew in the garden of our friend J. P. Frederick. Then came some small pebble like quartz or crystal from the drive well on Frank Ford's place in Troy. It is very heavy, and contains a bright silvery metal which withstands the action of the most powerful acid.

The dance at the hall last Thursday night was a "crowded success", 127 couples participating in the jam.

25 Years Ago.

Welcome, Indian summer.

The world has outgrown a religion that bids men despise himself.

Dame rumor says that Miss Lizzie R. Mansfield of Birmingham, has been united in marriage to a Mr. Frankforth of Detroit.

The L. L. C. spent a delightful evening at their last meeting. Several invited guests were present and the interesting "Klondike" talk given by Tom Hanna was the important feature of the evening.

It was a great time in Chicago this week Monday for was not Ed. K. Smith of our city there with President McKinley, and these two gents up To Buckets in two and one-half hours and doesn't brag about it one bit either. Ring, ring, ring, and all had a merry time at Chicago's festival. The sight, Ed. Smith says, will be a life time, and was a grand affair.

Our Baptist friends intend holding a supper and oyster social Saturday of this week, served cold at about 8. Price of supper without oysters, 15c; oysters alone, 15c; supper including oysters, 25c. Each and a dish and a dish of oysters-10c.

Beautiful mild October (so far) seems to be doing her prettiest for the departing, sad eyed, cold hearted September. The beauties of nature are beyond expression, and this little globe which we call Birmingham abounds in picturesque scenery.

A fine Portland cement pavement in front of Dan Johnson's residence has added the finishing touch to his attractive looking premises. This portion of pavement makes a continuous cement walk on both sides of Maple avenue east from the railroad track to Frank Ford's residence.

Just 21 days ago today, Officer Fay stepped off a D. & P. car and started up town pretty fast as it was raining very hard, and, catching foot on a cord stretched across the street, he fell "to beat the band" and lay motionless for a moment. Spectators hastened to his assistance but George rallied enough to arise and move away alone. His revolver flew one way into the mud, his handcuffs went just as fast in another direction, and his injuries were at first feared to be very serious. However, he is around again nearly as usual but Attorney James H. Lynch will look for damages from the ones responsible for Fay's injuries.

Another Birmingham young man has entered in his studies at the Pontiac business college and is very much satisfied with his prospects. We refer to Clarence Heth, son of John Heth of Southfield.

George McStay is a soldier of the U. S. and on his way to the Philippines. We hope he won't get a scratch and return home all right.

Forty acres of Troy land sold at auction on Monday last by M. H. Blunt as actioneer for $2,800. August Wegner was the lucky bidder and the property was the old Peter L. Sullivan farm near John Buttolph's in the best township in Michigan. We always knew that Aug. Wegner knew a good thing when he saw it and has the courage to take it in.

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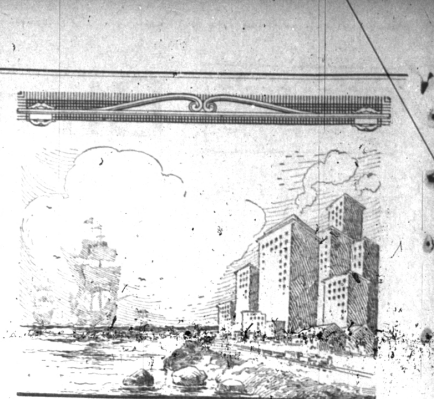

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. No. 7918. Charles Edwin Jones, Plaintiff and Cross-Defendant, vs. A. Jerome Hall Real Estate Co., a Michigan Corporation, and C. C. Battelle, Defendants, and Cross-Plaintiffs.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a writ of fieri facias, dated the twenty-fifth day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, issued out of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in favor of H. C. Jones Real Estate Company, a Michigan Corporation, and C. C. Battelle, defendants and cross-plaintiffs, against the goods, chattels and lands of Charles Edwin Jones, plaintiff and cross-defendant, to me directed and delivered, I did on the 13th day of A. D. 1921 levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of the said Charles Edwin Jones, of, to and in the following described real estate, situated in the Village of Birmingham, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, to-wit: Lots 57, 58 and 59, Oakland Subdivision of the Village of Birmingham, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Mich., in Liber No. 25 of Plats, on Page 45. Also Lots 53 and 54 of Reuben Pierce's Subdivision of the Village of Birmingham, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, in Liber 25 of Plats, on Page 76. Also Lots 55 and 56 of Reuben Pierce's Subdivision of Lot 1 of Block 8 South inclusive, in the Village of Birmingham, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, in Liber 25 of Plats, on Page 76. All of which I shall expose for sale at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, on Monday, the 6th day of October, A. D. 1924, next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, said Court House being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, and that I shall apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of said writ of fieri facias and all legal costs, charges and expenses of said sale.

JAMES S. BUTLER,
Sheriff of Oakland County, Mich.

Dated the 15th day of August, A. D. 1924.
RAY T. HAMAN & ALLEN,
Attorneys for Defendants and Cross-Plaintiffs.
1726 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above described sale has been adjourned from Monday, the 6th day of October, 1924, to Monday, the 13th day of October, 1924, at the same time and place specified in the foregoing notice.

JAMES S. BUTLER,
Sheriff of Oakland County, Michigan.

Dated October 6, 1924.
RAY T. HAMAN and ALLEN,
Attorneys for Defendants and Cross-Plaintiffs.
1726 Dime Bank Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. 25

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by E. Ellsworth Ward and Estella E. Ward, husband and wife, dated the 11th day of July, 1923 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan on the 31st day of July, 1923, in Liber 306 of Mortgages on Page 143, and said mortgages by reason of said default having declared said mortgage with interest at the rate of seven per cent (7%) per annum, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit:

Lot No. Fifty-six (56) of Bloomfield High Point Subdivision, of Lot ninety-four (94) of East Bloomfield Highlands Subdivision of parts of Sections Three (3) and Four (4) Town 2 North, Range Ten (10) East, according to a Plat thereof recorded in Liber 14 of Plats on Page 11 as recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for said Oakland County.

Dated September 18, 1924.
WALTER G. BURKE,
Mortgagee.
A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Business Address:
Pontiac, Michigan. 23-35

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by the Industrial Construction Company of Detroit, Wayne County, State of Michigan, to the First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 24th day of October, A. D. 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 8th day of November, 1923, in Liber 318 of mortgages on page 126, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-five and 53/100 (3145.53) Dollars, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1924, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage with interest as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with interest at the rate of seven per cent (7%) per annum, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit:

Lot number six hundred thirty-five (635) of Huntington Woods Subdivision of that part of section 31, T. 2 N., R. 11 E., lying west of Woodward Avenue, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 16 of plats on page 34, Oakland County records.

Dated: Royal Oak, Michigan, July 14, 1924.
FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN.
Mortgagee.
GEORGE B. HARTRICK,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Business Address, 204-7 New Royal Oak Savings Bank, Royal Oak, Michigan. 13-25

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, Minnie Phelps, made and executed a certain mortgage bearing date the ninth day of April, A. D. 1921, to the Birmingham Lumber Company of Birmingham, Mich., which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Oakland on the fifth day of May, A. D. 1921, in Liber 287 of Mortgages on Page 59; and

AND WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage, including interest at the date of this notice is the sum of Six Hundred Forty-three Dollars and Seventy-three Cents ($643.73), including principal and interest, and the undersigned may pay up to and including the date of foreclosure of the mortgage; and an Attorney fee of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) as provided for by said mortgage; and no suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured thereby or any part thereof; and

AND WHEREAS, default has been made in the payments of the money secured by said mortgage, whereby the power of the sale contained therein has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance thereof and of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, at public vendue to the highest bidder at the East Entrance of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in the County of Oakland, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in said County on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1924, at twelve o'clock noon, Central Standard Time, the description of which said premises contained in said Mortgage is as follows:

Land and property situated in the Township of West Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, as follows:

Lot One Hundred Seventy Five (171) except Forty (40) feet off the East end of said Lot of Keego Harbor Plat, being a part of the West one-half (½) of the Southwest quarter (¼) of Section One (1), and part of the East One-half (½) of the Southeast quarter (¼) of Section Two (2), Township Two (2) North, Range Nine (9) East, according to the recorded plat thereof.

BIRMINGHAM LUMBER COMPANY,
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