



HAVE MONEY!
JOIN OUR
Christmas Club

INCREASING CLUBS

1 cent CLUB PAYS	\$12.75
2 cent CLUB PAYS	\$25.50
5 cent CLUB PAYS	\$63.75
10 cent CLUB PAYS	\$127.50

DECREASING CLUBS
You may begin with the largest amount and DECREASE your deposit each week—a very popular plan!

Join Our
CHRISTMAS CLUB
You Can Start With

5¢ OR 10¢
AND HAVE NEXT XMAS
\$3.75 OR \$127.50

SPECIAL INVITATION

Our Bank extends to every man, woman and child in our Village and community, a special invitation to come in and join our new **CHRISTMAS CLUB**.

This is the most popular plan ever devised for having money next Christmas and enables those of small means, those in moderate circumstances and also business men to lay aside money by systematic deposits each week.

It is a Sure Way to HAVE MONEY For Next Christmas

FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK
Birmingham Michigan

BE A "SAVER"—NOT A "SPENDER"
It is part of our business to encourage thrift and to teach economy. In no better way can we render service to all of the people of this Village and community than by giving them a definite plan for saving their money. Our Christmas Club is just such a plan.
JOIN TO-DAY!

CHRISTMAS PLAN—THE BEST PLAN
No better plan has ever been devised for systematically depositing money than our Christmas Club. It gives old and young, the wage earner and the business man a definite plan for accumulating money for Christmas needs, or for other purposes, such as Taxes, Insurance, or for profitable investment. Every business man knows "Ready Money" is a very useful thing to have.

We Pay 4% Interest on Christmas Club Accounts

SPECIAL CLUBS FOR BIG MONEY EARNERS BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN

Join Our
CHRISTMAS CLUB
You Can Start With

\$1 OR \$2
AND HAVE NEXT XMAS
\$50 OR \$100

EVEN PAYMENT CLUBS

25c CLUB PAYS	\$12.50
50c CLUB PAYS	\$25
\$1.00 CLUB PAYS	\$50
\$2.00 CLUB PAYS	\$100
\$5.00 CLUB PAYS	\$250
\$10.00 CLUB PAYS	\$500
\$20.00 CLUB PAYS	\$1,000

Join Our
CHRISTMAS CLUB
You Can Start With

\$5 OR \$10
AND HAVE NEXT XMAS
\$250 OR \$500

Gifts That Will Say Merry Christmas To All

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS TOUCHES EVERYONE'S HEART! We think of Christmas in terms of "Giving." We know that in giving we receive our happiness. This is the true Spirit of Christmas well learned by all. Below we list a few of the many items we have on display in our store for your inspection:

- Fountain Pens ... Military Sets
- ... Cigars in Christmas Boxes ...
- Pipes ... Gold or Silver Pencils
- ... Toilet Sets ... Ivory Sets ...
- Bill Folds ... Manicure Rolls
- ... Fine Quality Stationery ...
- ... Perfumes ...



OUR NEW FREE DELIVERY TRUCK

Victrolas at a greatly reduced price, with terms to suit your convenience.

Very Beautiful Line of Christmas Cards on Display. And too, we have Candy, Candy and More Candy. All we ask is that you visit our store and inspect our offerings.

BREAK THE JOY RECORDS WITH

Our Records
IF YOU WANT gift appreciation—just try some of these Records on the family Phonograph Christmas Day.



Kelsey's Pharmacy



The Groesbeck Regime

BY FRANK M. SPARKS
(In Detroit Saturday Night)

(This is the third of a series of articles on the Groesbeck regime in Michigan, by Mr. Sparks, associate editor of the "Grand Rapids Herald," and for 20 years its legislative correspondent of Lansing.—THE EDITOR.)

NOT that the members need it, but because it has become usage, perhaps, the legislature of Michigan accustomed to give its daily session with prayer offered by the various pastors of Lansing! During the 1923 session a reverend gentleman prayed fervently that the blessing of God might rest upon the people of the Kingdom of Michigan.

Not long ago an alien seeking his citizenship papers in a Grand Rapids court was asked the question: "Who is Alex J. Groesbeck?" To many of the questions asked him, the alien had presented a puzzled countenance and stumbled in his answers. To this question, however, the answer came quickly and positively: "Alex J. Groesbeck is a king."

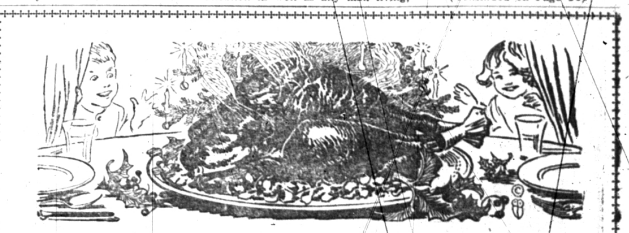
Then, too, we have frequently heard about the "king's highway" in Michigan. It was used in connection with the proposed legislation having to do with the licensing and control of bus and truck traffic. It is used habitually when referring to that portion of M-16 between Portland and Grand Rapids.

Alex J. Groesbeck entered the office of governor in 1921 on a greater wave of personal popularity than any governor in many years. What had he done in two years to cause a minister of the gospel to pray for the people of the Kingdom of Michigan? What was it that had brought to the mind of the alien the thought that Groesbeck was a king? To give the specific reasons is not so easy. It really takes contact to understand the arbitrary methods, the atmosphere of autocracy which pervades the state government, and so find the reason for the charge so frequently made that Groesbeck is a czar in Michigan. Some concrete incidents are, however, available and an attempt will be made to point out a few of them.

Sec. 21 of article VI of the constitution of Michigan says: "The governor and attorney general shall each receive an annual salary of \$5,000. The secretary of state, state treasurer and auditor general shall each receive an annual salary of \$2,500. They shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with the office. It shall not be competent for the legislature to increase the salaries herein provided."

That language, and the intent of that language, seems perfectly plain. The administrative board set, drawn by the governor and put through the legislature at his request provided for salaries of \$2,500 for the secretary of state, the state

treasurer and the auditor general for their services on the administrative board. Auditor General Fuller declared this in contravention of the constitution and refused to sign the warrants for the additional pay for those officials whose salaries are fixed by the constitution. The supreme court decided in favor of the additional pay. Now it doesn't make any difference what the supreme court decided, and it doesn't make any difference that it is a lamentable fact that public officials are generally greatly under-paid, there can be no question but that the intent of the delegates to the constitutional convention was to limit the remuneration which these state officials might receive from the public treasury. But Alex J. Groesbeck can read the constitution as well as any man living.



CHOICE POULTRY

For Your Christmas Dinner

SUPPOSE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER—AND picturing yourself gathering 'round that great spread, with everything looking so inviting. The kiddies, perhaps, shouting with glee as they watch father-carving knife in hand—ready to serve the crisp, brown, juicy Turkey!

If the Turkey's from us, you're going to enjoy the Christmas dinner of a lifetime. For, we've got one of the finest lots of young, tender select birds we ever were able to secure.

Also a Choice Array of—
GEESE - DUCKS - CHICKENS

PHONES 24 and 25

SCHLAACK & SONS MARKET

The Reliable Market on the Corner—East Maple and Woodward

of the finer shades of meaning in the English language, so he was able in this case as in many others to evade the spirit of the constitution by arguing that work performed by the secretary of state as a member of the administrative board was not duties connected with the office, which is the exact language of the constitution. On this theory, duties would be entirely possible, should the governor so desire, to create a lot more boards with salaries at (Continued on Page 14)