

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

OPPOSES C. P. A.

To the Editor: The long argument put up by the so-called "Citizens' Protective Association" seems very alarming as it reads. The only trouble with it is that it is not true, which somewhat impairs its value as an intelligent guide in voting.

It recalls a story told of Lincoln, who, after listening to a long, fervid, eloquent and jury-moving plea by the counsel of the other side, for a time was nonplussed, and thought his case lost. He slowly arose, faced the judge and jury, saying: "Four hours, we have listened to the long and impassioned argument of my opponent, which seems so convincing. I need not attempt to answer it, however. It reminds me of a little steambot on the Sangamon River with a very small boiler and a very loud siren. So large indeed was the whistle that every time the captain blew it, the engine stopped. Now the noise of this whistle could be likened to the attorney's long harangue and engine to the driving power behind it. I have noticed that every time our friend blows his whistle his brain stops working. The only way to find with all he says is that it is not true."

Lincoln won his case. Let us on voting day use our common sense (at times the most uncommon of the senses) and heed some of the insight and wisdom of our great president and not be carried away by mere verbiage. It is always better to be carried by our own intellect than guided by our emotions.

Dr. A. W. Ives, (Member of Village Planning Commission.) P. S. I am forced to believe, knowing him, what I have heard, that the article referred to was not written but simply signed by Mr. McBride. I hope so.—A. W. I.

Birmingham Realtor Opens New Offices

Malcolm Hunt, Realtor, of 20 South Woodward avenue, announces the opening of a new office which will be located in the O'Neal building, 102 Woodward avenue, after today.

Due to such a large and steady increase of business he has found it necessary to acquire larger offices. Mr. Hunt has been in the real estate business for the past three years, both in Birmingham and Detroit, and his business has grown so large that it has necessitated his engaging a new larger quarters he will have here he says. Mr. Hunt has steadily increased his sales organization.

Optimism is the keynote of Mr. Hunt's attitude toward the future of Birmingham. "Its growth has been steady and rapid and there is every indication that it will continue. Persons realize that this is one of the most ideal places in which to build their homes," he said.

He plans to announce the opening of a new subdivision east of the village within a short time.

Doris Holmes, 16-year-old talented musician of Davonport, managed to give up her career because she had an arm badly crushed while saving her cat from being struck by an automobile.

F. L. Mersham of Glencoe, Ill., after being awakened by a parrot, found that his house had been robbed by two thieves, but police captured them later.

Dr. R. C. Duke of Band University at Capetown, reports the discovery in Northern Rhodesia of a tribe in which the mother-in-law is head of all family life.

Florida Storm Recalls Galveston Disaster to Birmingham Man

By Edward Saville.

The recent disaster in Florida brings to my mind the suggestion of Galveston (the chief seaport of Texas) in the fall of 1900, when one-third of the city was washed away in the raging storm. This in answer to questions asked by many friends who knew myself and family were in the stricken city on that awful night.

Every minute from 4 o'clock Saturday up to 4 o'clock Sunday morning we expected to be killed by flying bricks, glass and slate or drowned in the waves that submerged the inflated city.

The following is a brief description of these destructive storms and what occurred in the pride of Texas, on the night of Sept. 8th, 1900. Called Cyclones.

The West India hurricane is also called a cyclone, meaning a "circular storm." The particular storm that I remember so well was estimated by experienced coast men to be 160 miles wide. The entire body traveling less than 20 miles an hour. While its circular motion (its destructive feature) caused it to rotate its center showing a velocity of 120 miles.

A line drawn from the Canal Zone across the island of Martinique will be very close to the birthplace of these devastating storms west of the islands following the Yucatan channel on their way north crossing the Gulf of Mexico, and striking the west coast of Texas or Louisiana. Less often a disturbance will rise east of the island, swing around Bermuda, devastate the Bahama Islands and strike the low coasts of Florida. That is what occurred in southeast Florida a few days ago.

30 Miles Long. The city of Galveston is built on an island of varying width and 30 miles long. A shallow bay 2 miles wide connects with the mainland. Before the storm there were four railroad bridges built on piling and one copy bridge more substantially constructed.

On the 6th of September word came from Key West ordering storm warnings up all along the Texas coast. By Friday noon the jetties running into the Gulf nine miles were under water, and the docks on the Bay side of the city were being covered. Timid people were crowding trains for the mainland. Very soon box and flat cars were at a premium and as long as the bridges were intact the mad exodus continued.

Saturday noon the government weatherman reported a velocity of 96 miles. As most of the damage was done after the instruments were blown away, the velocity must have reached 118 or 120 miles. Freighters Break.

At 3 p. m. Saturday two ocean freighters broke away from their moorings in the channel and crashed through all five bridges, also wrecking the water mains, and stopping all further flight of the terrified people. And the fury of the storm increased. By this time all houses in the first block facing the Gulf were gone. The people had taken refuge in the next block of buildings and were packed like sardines. Terror and confusion reigned.

By midnight this block and the third were completely destroyed. All public buildings and the stronger business houses were filled with suffering humanity. Many were crushed to death and many died from exposure.

On Sunday morning the sun in a clear sky looked upon a scene of destruction and misery beyond belief. Then those who were spared began the work of rescue. Bravery and self-sacrifice were seen on every hand. Martial law was declared. Means were adopted to prevent an epidemic. The Red Cross appeared.

Houston Helps.

Houston, the nearest city, though badly hit, was the first to send relief. Fast steamers came from New Orleans. Relief trains were made up

In all the large cities and had the right of way over everything. Today Galveston is protected by four miles of sea wall the city has been raised 16 feet on the exposed side, and is one of the safest places on the coast and is an example of what faith and pluck will accomplish.

Theaters

CASS.

The last two weeks of the round-the-wheel of a thread of a plot to hold "Queen High" starts Sunday evening at the Cass Theatre.

Not in several years has a musical comedy been seen and heard in Detroit that has met with such universal approval as has this delightful play of music, comedy and dancing. Most musical comedies has just enough of a thread of a plot to hold together, but with "Queen High," the story is based on that well-remembered farce of a decade ago, "A Pair of Sixes," which tells a highly hilarious tale of two quarrelling partners in business who finally agree to a truce and to settle who shall be the dominant factor in their business; they play a game war, the victor to run the business for a year and the loser to become the lackey for a like period.

Lewis Gensler, the composer of "Queen High" has written a most judicious score and Sammy Lee, who staged such successes as "The Music Box Revue" and "The Cocoanuts," has done an excellent job in staging the dancing and ensemble numbers. "Queen High" goes direct to Chicago for the balance of the season and will not be seen in any other Michigan city.

SHUBERT-LAFAYETTE.

"The Big Parade," the stirring motion picture of the A. E. F. in France during the world war, written by Laurence Stallings, former officer of Marines, is playing a return engagement at the Shubert-Lafayette theatre, Detroit, giving two performances daily at 2:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m. Crowds are so great that the interest in this film continues unabated. The story, in parts, tells of the experience of three soldiers in service overseas. One is a wealthy young man, one an ex-steel worker and the third a former bartender in a New York saloon. Their experiences include the lines and in combat with the Germans are narrated with impressive fidelity to conditions as they actually existed during the war.

The cast is splendid. John Gilbert acts the young soldier of gentle breeding who falls in love with a French girl, played by Renée Adoree; Karl Dane is Slim, who chews tobacco and goes to his death with equal nonchalance, and Tom O'Brien is Bill, as valiant as he is hard-boiled. Saturday night, Oct. 23, the final performance will be given.

GARRICK.

If you enjoy laughing; the real hearty brand that shakes one's frame to the extent of throwing off all thought of care or worry, then by all means visit the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, and witness a performance of "Abie's Irish Rose" which will enter its second and final week beginning Sunday night.

You will be delighted with the unusually clever cast of players that Miss Anne Nichols has provided. Quite a little success of the piece can be attributed to their efforts, not only for their determination to make the most of their re-

pective roles, but because they are well seasoned and capable players who possess the necessary talent to portray the various characters as intended by the author.

REALTORS FAVOR ZONE MEASURE, DECLARES WALSH

Proposed Ordinance Would Protect Owners of Homes Throughout Village, He Thinks.

"Principal real estate development companies in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills district are strongly in favor of the zoning ordinance," says James A. Walsh, of the real estate firm of Walsh, James & Wasey. "Among these firms are some of the largest suburban developers in Michigan."

"The building and use conditions of the subdivision developments, or these companies are not in need of zoning, but what zoning is needed, subdivisions in Birmingham with little or no building and use restrictions."

And Mr. Walsh says, many home builders have put all their money in these subdivisions, not realizing that without zoning they had no building use or neighborhood protection against the unscrupulous landowner or builder, whose thoughts are on dollars and not on community development.

"It seems to me," Mr. Walsh continues, "that the homeowners in these semi-restricted or totally unrestricted sections of Birmingham who are seemingly not in favor of zoning should take time and look to the true facts, because, without zoning, home owners in many such districts of Birmingham are going to suffer a loss in both property values and type of neighborhood."

"It is an old story in many sections where they have no zoning ordinance. "Birmingham is growing rapidly, and unless we have a zoning ordinance the village will soon have the same spotted neighborhoods" as our

neighboring towns. In fact, it has already started in some sections of Birmingham. It should be stopped."

LAY PLANK SIDEWALKS ON MADISON STREET

Installation of about 4500 feet of planks along the west side of Madison street, from Ruffner to Bird, to relieve temporarily bad walking conditions for children going to the Pierce school, started this morning. Considerable improvement in the sidewalks has been made by the village in the section about the school since this subdivision was annexed.

BEGINS COLLECTIONS.

Collection at homes where George Scott, garbage collector has no agreement have been started by J. F. Summers recently awarded the contract. By the end of the month it is expected the new man will have taken over all of the work. In an effort to secure collection at as many homes as possible a canvass of the village is being made by Mr. Summers.

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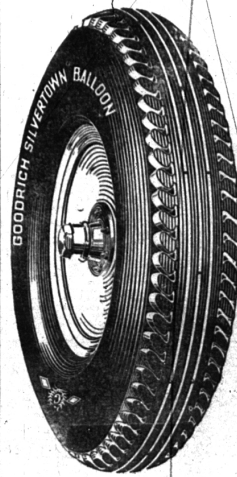
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