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Additional Local

E. Smith & Co. says they have put "Pants prices this week where a pile of pennies will reach them." Stack up, gentlemen.

Births and Deaths.

Following is a tabulated report of the births and deaths in Van Buren county during 1896, as returned by the various supervisors:

Townships.	Births.	Deaths.
Almena	14	9
Decatur	40	37
Bloomingdale	24	11
Lawrence	23	33
Columbia	26	16
Keeler	9	5
Pine Grove	38	22
Antwerp	21	25
Geneva	31	10
Hartford	30	27
Arlington	18	13
Hamilton	13	11
Bangor	14	13
Covert	15	8
Paw Paw	32	25
Porter	26	14
South Haven	66	25
Waverly	17	5
Total	455	309

There were 90 deaths of persons over 70 years old, 55 under 5 and 38 under 1, including still births. The two oldest persons who died in the county during the year were Betsey Kidder of Paw Paw, aged 92½, and Ambrose Horsford of South Haven, aged 91.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

Programs of the Various Exercises of the Closing of the School Year.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The exercises will be at the rink, Wednesday evening, June 23, commencing at 8 o'clock, with the following program:

Selection.....Orchestra
Invocation.....Rev. H. W. Harvey
Selection.....Orchestra
Oration, "Michigan,".....F. Phillip Seabury
Essay, "Youth and the World's Activities,"
Agnes B. Morrison
Oration, "The Present Indications of Our Country's Future,".....Edgar M. Snow Jr.
Selection.....Orchestra
Oration, "Life's Object,".....Earl D. Glidden
Essay, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy,"
Agnes E. Wiley
Selection.....Orchestra
Essay, "The Educative Value of Pictures,"
Agnes W. Dillon
"Our Past,".....Samuel T. Jordan
Oration, "The Power of the Press,"
Mabelie Clair McLeod
Essay, "Shakespeare's Women,"
Cleo L. Stevens
Giftorian.....Myrtle Lydia O'Dell
"Our Future,".....L. Viola Salisbury
Selection.....Orchestra
Oration, "Niagara Harnessed,"....Leigh Stevens
Recitation, selected.....Jane Broughton
Essay, "Harriet Beecher Stowe,"
Mary A. Morrison
Selection.....Orchestra
Oration, "Mission of Young America,",
Beatrice M. Graine
Poem, "Glimpses of Life,"
Lillian Isabelle O'Dell
Concerto 1st, "Movement Kullak," Orchestral accompaniment.....Floy Gertrude Snow
Oration, "Should Young Men Enter Politics?"
Edmund S. Harrison
Class Address.....Fred Anderson Webb
Conferring Diplomas.....O. W. Rowland
Benediction.....Rev. Ross Matthews
Selection.....Orchestra

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

The graduation exercises from the grammar school will be held at the opera house, Thursday evening at 7:30. Following is the program:

Instrumental solo, "Tarantella," (*Lange.*)
Gail Parks
Invocation.....Rev. H. W. Harvey
Salutatory.....Daisy Lord
Duet, "Song of the Birds," (*Rubinstein.*)
Mrs. E. H. Harvey, Miss Rae Showerman
Recitation, "Air Castles,".....Nina Waters
Quartet,...Messrs. Reynolds, Snow, Pepper, More
Essay, "Purposes,".....Beryl Gilman
Recitation, "Home,".....Neita Foster
Solo, "Nocturne," (*Denza.*).....Rae Showerman
Class History.....Mabel Stephens
Class Prophecy.....Leon Monroe
Valedictory.....Ila Jacobs
Presentation of Diplomas.....O. W. Rowland
Quartet,...Messrs. Reynolds, Snow, Pepper, More
Operetta.

The following is a list of the members of the class:

Eddie Davis, Frank Nash, Daisy Lord, Frank Sanger, Ray Pugsley, Frank Lake, Leon Monroe, Mabel Showerman, Beryl Gilman, Fred Foster, Nina Waters, Carl Buskirk, Guy Warner, Cora Hurd, Glen Warner, John Wilson, E. O. Hawley, Bessie Harrison, Neita Foster, Vinnie Holt, Leon Douglass, Harry Pepper, Paul Hutchins, Eddie Hollenbeck, Clyde Bassett, Fred Stevens, Mabel Stephens, Grace Walker, Eddie Beatty, Lottie Hanson, Ethel Walker, Ila Jacobs, Willie Snow, Harry Folsom, Paul Broughton, Gail Parks.

THE ALUMNI.

The annual alumni reunion will occur Friday evening. At 8 o'clock there will be a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Broughton; followed by a banquet at the opera house. Following is the literary program, in which special music will be interspersed:

President's Address.....G. Frank Young, '94
Essay.....Ann R. Dillon, '95
Oration.....Harry S. Myers, '88

BANQUET.

"All human history attests
That happiness for man—the hungry sinner—
Since Eve ate apples, must depend on dinner."
—*Byron*

Welcome to Class of '97.....Pauline Lyle Buckhout
"Fate's dark recesses we can never find,
But Fortune at some hour to all is kind;
The lucky have whole days which still they choose;
The unlucky have but hours, and those they lose."
—*Dryden*

Response.....Edgar M. Snow, Jr., '97
Our Public Schools.....Charles N. Roach '92
"The clouds may drop down titles and estates;
Wealth may seek us, but wisdom must be sought."
—*Young*

Expectation.....Charles M. Waters, '96
"'Tis expectation makes a blessing dear."
—*Herrick*

Music.....Mamie Rowland Shaefer, '81
"The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils."
—*Shakespeare*

A Modern Instance.....Thomas Dorgan, '80
"And what are past or future joys?
The present is our own."
—*Heber*

PAW PAW BICYCLISTS.

Men and Women Who Enjoy Life Awheel.

Following is the list of the wheelmen and wheelwomen in Paw Paw and vicinity up to date, as revealed by the Northerner's register, showing a considerable increase over a year ago:

Allen, M. P.....Crescent
Allen, Gail.....New Brunswick
Avery, Frank.....Monarch
Allen, Reuben.....Crescent
Allen, Mrs. M. P.....Tricycle
Allen, Clare.....Spaulding
Allen, Mrs. Clare.....Crescent
Allen, John.....Crescent
Bennett, Chas.....Crescent
Broughton, Ross.....American Scorcher
Broughton, Vivian.....Club
Broughton, Paul.....Meachum
Buskirk, Roy.....Hilsendegen
Buskirk, Carl.....Hilsendegen
Brown, Jesse.....Duke
Buskirk, Caryl.....
Blake, Grace.....Butler
Bilsborrow, Chas.....Gladiator
Bartram, Ward.....Elgin
Bierce, Amos.....Columbus
Beals, Sherman.....Columbia
Cooper, Ira.....Duchess
Cooper, Mr.....Duke
Coulson, Frank.....Crescent
Chandler, J. E.....Royal Flush
Crawford, Mr.....Rob Roy
Chapman, John.....Izzer
Cumings, Clyde.....Columbia
Cole, Bert.....Gladiator
Cleveland, Roy.....Halliday
Clement, Grove.....Crescent
Drew, Fern.....Crawford
DeGraff, Murray.....Columbia
Dillon, Anna.....Crescent
Eilert, E. F.....Club
Fish, Mason.....United States
Fowler, Jeannette.....Royal
Foster, Mrs. E. A.....Duchess
Foster Fred and Nita.....Special
Folsom, Harry.....Palmer
Fish, Zora.....United States
Gillespie, Mr.....Courier
Gage, John.....Special
Grimes, Charley.....Special
Gorton, Will.....Gladiator
Green, David.....Crescent
Hayes, A. F.....Monarch
Hamilton, J. D.....Fox
Hamilton, Mrs. J. D.....Fox
Horton, J. D.....Crescent
Horton, J. S.....Crescent
Hall, E. H.....Clipper
Huey, Roy.....Hartford
Hinckley, Jay.....Crescent
Haggart, Pearl.....Homer
Harvey, Zella.....Clipper
Hulbert, I. W.....Crescent
Hulbert, Mrs. I. W.....Gladiator
Hymes, Julius.....Columbia
Harrington, Fred.....Phoenix
Killefer, Ola.....Pickwick
Killefer, Wade.....Pickwick
Killefer, Willie.....Crescent
Kirkwood, W. M.....Special
Kessler, Mrs. George.....Heloise
Klive, Joe.....
Loveland, Herbert.....Clipper
Loveland, R. D.....Gladiator
Labadie, Jesse.....Ariel
Lane, Dave.....Victor
Landgraff, Paul.....Electric
Lyle, J.....Crescent
Lyle, Edith.....Homer
Miller, Rose.....Clipper
Mason, Sarah.....Kenwood
Mason, Xenia.....Patee
Mason, Fred.....Waverley
McLeod, Bert.....Gladiator
More, Herbert.....Rambler
McNeil, H. L.....Crawford
Marshall, Austin.....Crescent
Mitchelson, Delos.....Rambler
Marshall, Henry.....Waverley
Maynard, C. S.....Columbia
Martin, A. C.....Columbia
Martin, Mrs. A. C.....Columbia
Matthews, Ross.....Humber
Mather, Chas.....Butler
Moon, Minnie.....Crescent
Munger, Nora.....Duchess
Norwood, Alva.....Crescent
Nelson, Frank.....Crown King
Orr, Daisy.....Crawford
O'Grady Ed.....Gladiator
Packer, Lowell.....Gladiator
Pugsley, Frank.....Crescent
Powell, Wm.....Hartford
Parks, Gail.....Lindsley
Prater, Germain.....S. & B.
Phillips, Duane.....New Brunswick
Rowland, O. W.....Keating
Roach, C. N.....Rambler
Redmond, John.....Duke
Roper, Geo.....Gladiator
Rogers, Elton.....Phoenix
Salsbury, Harry.....Columbus
Sutton, Ed.....Big Four
Squier, H. E.....Lindsley
Scott, Mrs. C. H.....America
Salsbury, Viola.....Princeton
Sherrod, Ada.....Columbia
Snow, Mrs. Ed.....Peerless No. 2
Titus, Guy L.....Thistle
Titus, Albion B.....Westminister
Turrell, Jas.....Crescent
Thomas, E. E.....Warwick
Thompson, Althea.....Gladiator
Tuttle, Roy.....Waverley
Travis, Miss.....Crescent
Van Auken, Wilbur.....Monarch
Warner, Leo.....Hennecky
Woodman, Ed.....Elgin
Warner, Glen.....Crown King
Wise, Anna.....Crescent
Wilkinson, Harley.....Waverley
Whitman, Elizabeth.....Phoenix
Waters, H. C.....Crescent
Wilson, H. C.....Waverley
White, Frank.....Duke

County Christian Endeavor Convention.

The annual convention of the Van Buren County Christian Endeavor union will be held at the Presbyterian church, Decatur, Wednesday and Thursday, June 30 and July 1. Following is the program:

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30—Song and Devotional,
Miss Mabel Lindsley, Decatur
3:00—Address of Welcome,
Miss Winnifred Copley, Decatur
—Response and President's Address,
Mr. M. O. Rowland, Paw Paw
3:30—Christian Endeavor's Social Side,
—(*a*)—In the Society,
Miss Bessie L. Siggins, G'd Junction
—(*b*)—In Entertainments,
Miss Erma Phillips, Corwin
—(*c*)—As an Aid to Spirituality,
Rev. M. S. Waller, Paw Paw
—Question Box on Sociability,
Miss Grace Burlington, Porter
—Appointment of Committees.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

7:30—Song and Devotional.
7:45—Address, "Practical County Saving,"
Rev. C. De W. Brower, South Haven
8:10—Address, Rev. E. R. Black, Buchanan

THURSDAY MORNING.

6:00—Sunrise Prayer Meeting.
9:00—Song Service and Devotional,
Mr. A. M. Harvey, Mattawan
9:30—Reports of Secretary, Treasurer, Local Societies and Committees—Election of Officers.
10:30—Relief Committee,
Miss Ida Trowbridge, Decatur
—Sunshine Committee,
Miss Ethel Cornwell, Lawrence
—Christian Citizenship,
Miss Nellie Jillson, South Haven
—Golden Rule Mission Clubs,
Mr. Harry Spicer, Paw Paw
11:00—Committee Conference.—"What are Your Committees Doing?"
Miss Josephine Lang, Covert

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:45—Song Service and Devotional,
Miss Lillie Adams, Marcellus
2:00—Junior Work,
Miss Cora Hamilton, Decatur
—Talk on Junior Work,
Miss Lizzie Eager, Allegan
—My Juniors, Miss Celia McNeil, Decatur
2:45—A Year in the Black Belt,
Miss Dora Delamere, South Haven
3:10—Systematic Bible Study,
Mr. A. E. Prior, Hopkins Station
—Recitation—"The Martyred Mother," (Temperance.)
Miss Ethel Maynard, Lawrence
3:45—Endeavorers and the Sunday School,
Mr. C. E. Lewis, Lawton

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:30—Song and Devotional,
Miss Mina M. Allen, Bangor
8:00—Presentation of County Banner.
8:10—Address, Rev. E. J. Bulgin, Three Rivers
—Consecration Service.

Special music will be interspersed. Decatur societies will furnish entertainment to those attending the convention. Societies and individuals are requested to bring C. E. edition of Gospel Hymns. R. E. Jennings, musical director.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Brodhead Post, G. A. R., at its last session:

Resolved—That the thanks of this post are hereby extended to Rev. Mrs. J. J. Woodman for her able address and to all who assisted to make Memorial Sunday a memorable day in the annals of this post.

Resolved—That we also tender thanks to Rev. E. H. Harvey for his interesting address on Memorial day, to the teachers and pupils of the public school and to the singers and musicians who contributed so largely toward making the occasion one of the most successful Memorial days ever celebrated in this place.

Resolved—That we are not forgetful of the generosity of the common council in making a liberal appropriation in aid of the commemoration of the day; to them, and to all the citizens who interested themselves in the occasion by contributing flowers, and otherwise assisting in the memorial services, we extend our sincere thanks

H. A. Chapin,
J. F. Bullard, } Committee.
Jesse Brown.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

GUARDIAN SALE.—In the matter of the estate of Vera Carby and Goldie Carby, minors. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue and authority of a license granted to me by the probate court for the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, I will sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder, at the premises on the 17th day of August, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest of said minors in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number eleven (11), in block number four (4) in the village of Lawrence, Van Buren County, Michigan.

HORATIO N. CARBY,
Guardian of said Minors.

Dated, June 22d, 1897. 2203t7o2211

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas default having been made in the conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 7th day of March, A. D. 1879, made and executed by Charles H. Teachout of Covert, Van Buren County Michigan, to Francis W. Sellick of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Van Buren county, state of Michigan, on the 7th day of March, A. D., 1879, in liber 15 of mortgages, on page 271, on which mortgage there is now due and unpaid the sum of one hundred and eighty-eight and 78-100 dollars, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the amount now due and secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof: Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that on Thursday, the 16th day of September, A. D., 1897, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the court house in the village of Paw Paw, Van Buren county, state of Michigan, (that being the place of holding the circuit court in and for the said county of Van Buren), by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as is necessary to satisfy the amount due thereon as aforesaid, with interest hereafter to accrue thereon, and the costs and charges of such sale and the attorney fee provided by law, the premises described in said mortgage being as follows: The east thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) acres of the north half of the south-east quarter, and six and two-thirds (6⅔) acres on the south end of the east sixty-six and two-thirds (66⅔) acres of the north-east quarter of section seventeen (17), town two (2) south, of range seventeen (17) west, in Van Buren county, state of Michigan. 2205t13o3217

Dated June 23, 1897.

FRANCIS W. SELLICK,
Mortgagee.

Wm. H. Mason, Att'y for Mortgagee.

CHANCERY SALE.—In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Van Buren, in Chancery, in the state of Michigan, made and dated on the eighth day of February, A. D. 1897, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Dwight A. Harrison is complainant and Amabel Breck, Margaret H. Breck, George W. Longwell, as administrator of the estate of George E. Breck, deceased, Olof Dennison, Francis Bacon and Dora Richardson, as administratrix of the estate of Milan U. Richardson, deceased, are defendants.

Notice is hereby given, that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house, in the village of Paw Paw, county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, (said court house being the place for holding the circuit court for said county,) on Thursday, the 15th day of July, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, of said day, all or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise the amount due on a certain mortgage mentioned in said decree as belonging to the defendant, Francis Bacon, of the following described premises, to-wit: Lots five and eight in block three of the village of Paw Paw.

Dated Paw Paw, Mich., June 1, A. D. 1897.

ORAN W. ROWLAND,
Circuit Court Commissioner in and for Van Buren County, Michigan. [2202t7o2208
Benj. F. Heckert,
Solicitor for Def't, Francis Bacon.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas, default having been made in the conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 18th day of April, A. D. 1890, made, executed and delivered by George H. Reeve and Anna M. Reeve, his wife, of Geneva Van Buren county, Michigan, to E. A. Crane, which said mortgage was, on the 22d day of April, A. D. 1890, filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, and by said register duly recorded in liber 43 of mortgages on pages 192 and 193.

Which said mortgage was afterwards and on the 1st day of May, A.D. 1890, by said E. A. Crane, duly assigned to Charles E. Smith, which said assignment was afterwards and on the 3d day of May, A. D. 1890, filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, and by said register duly recorded in liber 42 of mortgages on page 170.

On which said mortgage there is now claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of $686.94 and the legal cost of this proceeding, and no suit at law or proceeding in equity having been instituted to recover said amount due on said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and of the statutes in such cases made and provided, I shall, on Saturday, the 17th day of July, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the north front door of the court house for Van Buren county, Michigan, in the village of Paw Paw, (that being the place for holding the circuit court for said county of Van Buren), sell to the highest bidder the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due thereon and the legal costs of this proceeding and of said sale.

The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold is known and described as that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Geneva, county of Van Buren, and state of Michigan, to-wit:

The west half of the east half of the north-west quarter of section twenty-two (22), town one (1), south of range sixteen (16) west, county and state last aforesaid, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated, this 19th day of April, A. D. 1897.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
Mortgagee by Assignment.

E. A. & Robert B. Crane,
Chase Block, Kalamazoo, Mich,
96t13o2208] Attorneys for Mortgagee.

LEGAL NOTICES.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas default having been made in the conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 6th day of January, A. D., 1893, executed and delivered by H. Elmer White and Ella A. White, his wife, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Silas Hubbard of Kalamazoo, Michigan, which said mortgage was on the 9th day of January, A. D., 1893, filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, and by said register duly recorded in liber 43 of mortgages, on page 402, and afterwards and on the 26th day of October, A. D., 1894, said mortgage was duly assigned by Henry B. Hoyt as executor of the will and estate of Silas Hubbard, deceased, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, to Mary H. Hoyt, which said assignment was afterwards and on the 25th day of March, A. D., 1897, duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Van Buren county, Michigan, in liber 58 of mortgages, on page 217. And whereas, by the terms and provisions of said mortgage, it is agreed that should default be made in the payment of the interest to become due thereon, or any part thereof on any date whereon the same was made payable and should the same remain due, unpaid and in arrear for the space of thirty (30) days, the whole principal sum of said mortgage at the option of said mortgagee or his assigns, might by him or them be declared to be due and payable immediately, and whereas $84 of the interest accrued on said mortgage and was due and payable thereon by the terms thereof, on the 6th day of January, A. D., 1897, and said amount still remains due, unpaid and in arrear, and more than thirty days have elapsed since the same so became due, payable and in arrear.

Now, therefore, said Mary H. Hoyt, the owner of said mortgage, has elected to declare and has and does declare the whole amount of said mortgage, with accrued interest to be due and payable immediately. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due on said mortgage $1608.02, and no suit at law or proceedings in chancery having been instituted to recover the amount due on said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the statutes in such cases made and provided, I shall, on Saturday, the 26th day of June, A. D., 1897 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the north front door of the court house for Van Buren county, Michigan, in the village of Paw Paw, Michigan, (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county of Van Buren), sell to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due thereon and the legal costs of this proceeding and of said sale. The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold, are all those certain lands and premises situate and being in the township of Almena, county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, known and described as the south half of the south-west quarter of section twenty-nine (29), and that part of the east half of the north-west quarter of section thirty-two (32), lying and being north of the center of the highway running north-east and south-west through the same, all in town two (2) south, of range thirteen (13) west, together with the tenements and hereditaments thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated, this 26th day of March, A. D., 1897.

219t3o2205 MARY H. HOYT,
Mortgagee by Assignment.

E. A. & Robert B. Crane, Chase Block, Kalamazoo, Mich., Attorneys for Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas default having been made in the conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 12th day of December, A. D. 1891, executed and delivered by George Leaver, a single man, of Arlington, Van Buren county, Michigan, to Edwin F. Abbott, which said mortgage was, on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1891, filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, and by said register duly recorded in liber 43 of mortgages on page 604; and whereas said Edwin F. Abbott afterwards and on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1891, assigned and delivered said mortgage to Cecelia E. Buckhout, which said assignment was afterwards and on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1894, duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds in and for Van Buren county, Michigan, in volume 52 of mortgages on page 241; on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of $494.93 and the legal costs of this proceeding, and no suit at law or proceeding in equity having been instituted to recover the amount due on said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and the statutes in such cases made and provided, I shall, on Saturday, the 24th day of July, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the north front door of the court house in the village of Paw Paw, Van Buren County, Michigan, (that being the place for holding the circuit court for said Van Buren county,) sell to the highest bidder the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due thereon with the legal costs of this proceeding and of said sale.

The premises described in said mortgage and so to be sold is all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the township of Arlington, in the county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the east half of the south-east quarter of section three (3) town two (2) south of range fifteen (15) west, county and state last aforesaid, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Dated this 26th day of April, A. D. 1897.

CECELIA E. BUCKHOUT,
Mortgagee by Assignment.

E. A. & Robert B. Crane,
Chase Block, Kalamazoo, Michigan,
97t13o2209] Attorneys for Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF DRAIN LETTING.—Notice is hereby given, that I, M. E. Masten, township Drain Commissioner of the township of Almena, county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, will, on the eighth day of July, A. D. 1897, at the dwelling house of John Ulam, in said township of Almena, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the deepening and widening of a certain drain located and established in the said township of Almena, county and state aforesaid, known and designated as "The Watkins and Whiskey Run Drain."

Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet will be let first, and the remaining sections up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, in the office of the township clerk, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given, that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the said drain commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessment for the benefits and the lands comprised within the "Watkins and Whiskey Run Drain Special Assessment District," will be subect to review.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the special assessment district of said drain, viz:

The w 50 a of the s ½ of the n w ¼ of sec. 15, town 2 s, range 13 w;
The w ½ of the n w ¼ of s w ¼ of sec 15, town 2 s, range 13 w;
The e ½ of n w ¼ of s w ¼ of sec. 15, town 2 s, range 13 w;
The n e ¼ of the s w ¼ of sec. 15, town 2 s, range 13 w;
Five a in n e cor of n e ¼ of s e ¼ sec 16, town 2 s, range 13 w.
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Dated this 21st day of June, A. D. 1897.

M. E. MASTEN,
Township Drain Commissioner of the Township of Almena.

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ORDER FOR HEARING CLAIMS.—State of Michigan, County of Van Buren.—ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the probate court for the county of Van Buren, made on the 15th day of June, A. D. 1897, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of C. T. Norton, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said probate court, at the probate office in the village of Paw Paw, for examination and allowance, on or before the 20th day of December next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Monday, the 20th day of September, and on Monday, the 20th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated June 15, A. D. 1897. [2204t5o2208

JAMES H. JOHNSON,
Judge of Probate.

ORDER FOR HEARING CLAIMS.—State of Michigan, County of Van Buren—ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Van Buren, made on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1897, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of Albert Harrison, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said probate court, at the probate office, in the village of Paw Paw, for examination and allowance, on or before the 13th day of December next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Monday, the 13th day of September, and on Monday, the 13th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of those days.

Dated, June 11th, A. D., 1897. 2204t5o2208

JAMES H. JOHNSON, Judge of Probate.

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