

**First State Bank**  
(Suc. to W. S. Turek & Co. Banker)  
ALMA, MICHIGAN.

Capital \$10,000.00  
Surplus \$9,000.00

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ALMA, MICH.  
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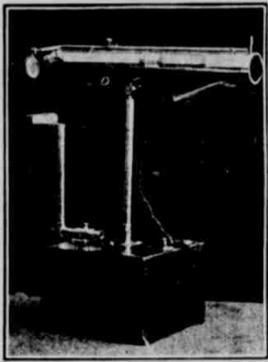
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**NEW MANAGER AN EXPERIENCED MAN.**

C. H. LaFlamboy Succeeds F. W. Brown as Manager of Central Mich. Produce Co.

**CHANGE TAKES PLACE THE FIRST OF JANUARY.**

Mr. Brown Resigns on Account of the Pressure of Other Business Interests.

The first of January, Charles H. LaFlamboy, of St. Louis, will succeed F. W. Brown as manager of the Central Michigan Produce Co., he having accepted the position resigned by Mr. Brown the first of the week. Mr. Brown's resignation is caused by the pressure of his other business interests and he expects to return to Ithaca the first of the year after his successor is fully conversant with the details of the business.



SENATOR CHAS. H. LAFLAMBOY.  
Recently Selected as Manager for the Central Michigan Produce Co.

Mr. LaFlamboy is well known throughout the state as a progressive and energetic business man and comes to the position well qualified to accept the management of the concern. His former home was at McBrides, in Montcalm county, where his property was destroyed by fire last year. He is well known as the popular senator from the 18th district, comprising Montcalm and Ionia counties. He moved to St. Louis during the past year to look after his interests in the chemical plant at that place, he having considerable money invested in that concern and holding the position of secretary and treasurer of the company. Mr. LaFlamboy expects to reside in St. Louis for the present although his entire time will be devoted to the work of the Central Michigan Produce Company, and later in the year he will undoubtedly move his family here.

**A NEW TELEGRAPH CO.**  
Several Young Men in Alma Have Organized a Club for the Study of Telegraphy.

During the past week several young men in Alma have banded together and organized a club for the study of telegraphy with a view of mastering the art, and to further assist the members, wires have been strung, connecting their various residences. The total length of wires owned by the club is about one and one-half miles, all equipped with suitable instruments and batteries. The present membership numbers ten and as soon as possible officers will be elected and the business managed on the same plan as the larger companies.

Without question, the best medicine of modern times is Major's New-Ral Pills, the new discovery for neuralgia of the stomach and all forms of dyspepsia. New-Ral Pills have mere cures to their credit than any known remedy. Bivins & Rhoads cordially invite all to call at their store and see the guarantee.

**HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR NEW QUARTERS.**

Produce Co. Occupy One of the Best Equipped Cold Storage Plants in the Country.

**TRANSFER COMPLETED TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK.**

Over 8,000 Feet of Iron Piping in Cold Storage Plant Fed by Compressor Equal to 50 Tons of Ice Daily.

On Tuesday of this week a transfer of the Central Michigan Produce Co.'s place of business was made from the old wooden building near the Stock-bridge Company's elevator to the well equipped and commodious quarters of the new cold storage plant. The business of the company can now be carried on upon a more extensive scale and with convenience and methods that are strictly up to date. The office room is well arranged so that the force of bookkeepers and the manager can work to a much better advantage and at the same time be away from the noise and smell of the slaughter house where the poultry is cared for.

The main building is three stories high and conceded to be one of the finest and best equipped buildings for the purpose in the country. Hardwood floors run the entire length of the building on every story, and between the ceiling and each floor there are three layers of insulating paper and then a pine floor between the air space and more insulating paper with another hardwood partition while between the joists is packed ground cork. The total floor space in each story is 60 x 140 feet.

This plant was built according to the plans of Fred Wolfe Co., of Chicago, and the piping of the cold storage was put in by C. P. Sample, directing engineer for this company, with the assistance of Perry Lash, one of the company's expert employees. The work is done in the very best possible manner, all the joints of the pipes being first screwed on and then shrunk and soldered in place so that it is utterly impossible for any leakage to occur when the ammonia gas is forced through them. The total length of the pipe used in the different rooms is 8,000 feet with 350 feet of double line.

In order to properly care for the produce and poultry stored in this plant, it is necessary to keep the different rooms at a temperature, according to the nature of articles, therefore rooms are provided with cooling or freezing surface of pipes in accordance. For instance there is a room where the temperature is at zero, three at 10 degrees above, the butter room at 30 degrees above zero, just two degrees below freezing point, while there are two rooms for chilling the poultry at 25 degrees above zero.

The refrigerating plant used is the best known system in use today. Formerly ammonia gas was used to chill brine to as low a temperature as possible and then the brine was forced through the pipes in this condition. Now the gas itself, after being compressed by a powerful engine, and made into a liquid form is forced through these same pipes, a considerable saving in waste. The compressor for this plant is what is known as a 50-ton machine. To be more explicit it would take 50 tons of ice daily to furnish the same amount of cooling power. The compressor is driven by a 96 horse power engine of the latest pattern which receives steam from the boilers of the Alma Manufacturing Co., and is located in their building, the liquid ammonia gas being forced through a long pipe to the cold storage building and another pipe bringing the used gas back to the compressor to work over again.

**MRS. L. D. KINCH DEAD.**  
Passed Away at Her Childhood Home Near Lucknow, Can., Last Week.

It has been known for some time that Mrs. L. D. Kinch could not live for long as she was in the last stages of that dread disease, consumption, with which she had been afflicted for some time, therefore it was no surprise to learn that she passed away on Tuesday of last week at the home of relatives in Lucknow, Can., where she went a few weeks ago with the expectation of passing her last hours near the scenes of her childhood days. She was in her 42 year at the time when death relieved her sufferings. Interment was made at that place on Thursday of last week and her husband and little daughter returned to Alma Friday night.

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The new Styles and coloring in Ladies' and Children's **Sweaters and Sweaterets**,

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**Fine Silk Umbrellas**, black and colors,  
**Nice Wrist Bags, Purses and Belts,**  
**Beautiful Fans,**  
**Infant's Warm Bonnets and Booties,**  
**Ladies' Wool Opera Shawls,**  
**Fancy Hose Supporters,**  
**Men's, Women's and Children's Finest Shoes,**  
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**Overgaiters and Leggings for all,**  
**Fancy and Stylish Slippers for the Holiday Trade,**  
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