

The Alma Record.

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The sinking of the Cunard Liner, Lusitania is the worst marine disaster since the loss of the Titanic, and is one of the most terrible in the history of ocean navigation. But the Titanic wreck was due to natural and probably unavoidable causes; that of the Lusitania, was the deliberate work of human hands. There have been far greater tragedies in the present war, there have been battles in which the loss of life was infinitely more serious than in the present instance, but no disaster in which the number of non-combatants, of innocent men, women and children whose lives have been taken approached this. It is easily one of the most sensational events of the war.

It may prove in its effect to be highly important also. It serves as a terrible warning to the world that the Germans are in grim seriousness in their efforts to blockade the waters about England and Ireland. What the effect upon shipping will be remains to be shown.

Certainly confidence has been considerably shaken and unless some further protection can be given against submarines it may be that the owners of vessels may hesitate about risking them in the prescribed water. It is not likely however that the interference with shipping will be so serious and will so far handicap the allies as to have an important effect upon the outcome of the war.

If the Governor signs House bill No. 364, women workers in restaurants and stenographers in offices could not be compelled to work on an average of more than 9 hours a day or 54 hours a week, and in no one day could they be compelled to work more than ten hours.

It is estimated that the revenue from motor car licenses in 1916 under the Newell Smith horsepower and weight tax bill will be more than \$700,000. This year it is expected to reach \$900,000 at a flat rate of \$3. Experts figure that many motor car owners will be required to pay \$7 for licenses next year under the Newell Smith law, which provides for the payment of 25 cents per horsepower aside from the weight provision.

With the return of spring days we have the return of spring solicitors and hawkers, and often times these two classes may be placed under the head of grafters. Why are these men permitted to roam our streets, take money from our town and often times rob the people at will. Why not license them? Business men in town pay taxes, support our institutions and boost continually for Alma. Outsiders do none of these and yet come in this city and work on an unsuspecting people.

The bill known as the Newell Smith—Auto bill, presented by Representative Newell Smith of this county, providing for a motor vehicle tax on the basis of horsepower was finally passed and is now up to the governor for his signature. The bill is a good one and Mr. Smith should be congratulated on his success.

A very commendable plan is being advanced by the Cemetery Committee to provide for a fixed appropriation from the city to keep up the expense and care for Riverside Cemetery. The proposition is to spread about \$1200 on the tax roll each year which would be a tax of four cents on a thousand dollar assessment. It is a very popular move and one that should be carried out. At the present time the expense is being cared for by sale of lots and donations of \$1.00 from parties who desire to have their lots cared for, which is very uncertain and inadequate to keep up the grounds in a manner in keeping with Alma. This proposition is being adopted by other cities.

From The Leader, St. Louis—Through the untiring efforts of Gratiot county's Representative in the State Legislature, the state of Michigan has an auto tax law which is considered fair and just and St. Louis has been chosen as one of the three additional cities in Michigan to have a Free State Labor Employment Bureau.

A dispatch from Lansing sent out May 3, is as follows: "As the result of a bill that slipped through almost unnoticed during the closing hours of the legislature Thursday, free employment bureaus will be established at Lansing, St. Louis and Bad Axe."

The original bill was introduced in the upper house by Senator Woodworth, of Cassville, providing for the establishment of a free employment bureau at Bad Axe. When the bill reached the house, practically every representative tried to amend it so as to provide for an employment bureau in one of the towns of his district. Representative Person, of Lansing and Representative Newell Smith, of Gratiot, were the only ones to succeed in hitching amendments to the bill. The amended measure was returned to the senate, and during the hilarious hours last Thursday, it went through unnoticed.

Until today apparently no one except the clerical force of the house and senate knew that the bill had passed."

The Hon. Newell Smith in his first speech before the House on the selection of St. Louis as one of the places to establish the Employment Bureau brought out the fact that this city was in the heart of the sugar beet section of Michigan and that farmers as well as manufacturers in this part of the

state were entitled to this service. Two free bureaus such as will be established here have been successfully operated by the state, one at Detroit and one at Saginaw and they have placed many idle men at work. It will be up to the Governor to appoint the various managers of the new bureaus and in all probability it will be a local democrat. The position it is understood will pay about \$1200 per year and will be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Labor.

The legislature at this session made numerous changes in the game and fish laws. This summary was compiled by the state game and fish wardens department.

The Senator Odell bill consolidates all the laws in our general law and repeals all other laws, whether local or general which conflict with it. The laws which it has consolidated are the present general inland fishing law; the general law permitting spearing through the ice; the general law permitting the use of certain kinds of apparatus for taking fish in the inland lakes and the general law relative to the protection of bass.

SET LINES PROHIBITED

The new features of this bill provide that a hook and line shall be construed to be a single line and single hooks or hooks attached, while held in the hand or under immediate control; it shortens the season for taking suckers, mullet, red-sides and grass-pike with spear and dip-net in the inland streams two months, but permits their use during March and April in each year; it cuts out the use of all kinds of set lines, except that five lines, to be termed "ice lines," may be used for the purpose of taking all kinds of fish except brook trout and bass through the ice during January and February for all kinds of fish except trout and bass. It provides however, that any local acts which prevent spearing of fish during any season of the year are exempt from the provisions of this act.

It changes the close of the season on brook trout back to Sept. 1, as it was prior to 1913; it provides that brook trout shall include all the different kinds of trout found in our inland waters without regard to the technical description or scientific name of the species.

It provides that blue gills, sun fish, rock bass, white bass, calico bass, perch, wall eyed pike and crappies shall be regulated by length as follows: Blue gills and sunfish, five inches; rock bass, white bass and calico bass six inches; perch and crappies, five inches; wall eyed pike 10 inches. Only 25 of any of the different species can be taken in one day, and no fish from the inland waters can be sold or offered for sale. It prevents the possession of any kind of a net, except dipnets, for the purpose of taking fish and no person can have any net, except dip net, jack or artificial light of any kind, dynamite, gaff, powder or any explosive substance or combination of substances, within one-half mile of an inland lake or stream; and make it prima facie evidence of a violation of the law for any person to have any such contrivance for the purpose of taking fish within such limit.

CLOSED SEASON ON QUAIL

Amendments to the general game law, being the Senator Hilsendegen bill, prohibits spring shooting of all kinds of wild water fowl. Hunting partridge or other game birds or animals with automobiles is prohibited. The number of deer that can be shot during the annual hunting season is cut to one. The opening of the rabbit hunting season is changed from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 to conform to the opening of the bird season. Squirrels and quail are protected until 1920. Wood duck are protected until 1918. Shell-drake, mergansers, heron and tern may be killed by a permit of the state game warden when it is known that they are destroying fish in inland waters.

One other bill amends the hunters license act by providing that all persons, except farmers while hunting on their own lands must have a license from the state game warden, costing \$1.

PREMIUMS FOR CORN

Detroit Financial Institutions Offer Cash Prizes for Michigan-Grown Yellow Dent Corn.

Three Detroit institutions—the Union Trust Company, The Peoples State Bank and the First & Old Detroit National Bank—have provided a fund from which will be paid a first premium of ten dollars (\$10.00) and a second premium of five dollars (\$5.00) to the Michigan farmer of each of the following counties exhibiting the first and second best bushel of Yellow Dent corn at the State Fair this fall, the awards to be made by the State Fair Judges. The following are the counties: Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Genesee, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Ingham, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton.

George Lawson and W. T. Bradford members of the Committee of Agricultural Development, State Bankers Association, Michigan.

WEATHER SUMMARY

For April 1915
Temperature
Mean Maximum 64
Mean Minimum 40
Mean 52
Maximum 89 on 26th.
Minimum 20 on 4th.
Precipitation
Total 2.06 inches
Greatest in 24 hours .92 on 11h.
No. of days on which .01 or more precipitation fell 7
No. of clear days 12
No. of partly cloudy 11
No. of cloudy 7
Thunder Storms 11th, 19th.
Total snow fall
P. M. Smith, Local Observer

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ESTATE OF MARY A. MORSE

Hearing Claims
State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot
At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 4th day of May, 1915.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.
In the matter of the Estate of MARY A. MORSE, Deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to Probate and James G. Kress of Alma, Michigan appointed Executor thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Saturday the 4th day of September, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county.

J. Lee Potts
Judge of Probate

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Belle Jenne
Clerk of Probate.
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ST. JOHNS VESTRY MEETS

The Vestry of St. Johns Church, met on Monday evening and organized for the coming year. The present members are, Messrs. G. W. Puffrey, J. M. Montigel, A. A. Chick, A. L. Hutchinson, C. A. Hicks, W. F. Hooper, W. Constable, G. S. Ward and L. Montigel. Messrs G. W. Puffrey and L. Montigel were elected Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. The present treasurer G. W. Puffrey, was elected for the ensuing year. The office of secretary was held open, and the rector has asked to assume the duties for the time being. Mr. L. Montigel was appointed delegate to the convention of the diocese in Detroit, May 18th.

BAPTIST CHURCH

J. W. Priest, Pastor—Residence 802 Gratiot.
Sunday morning service—10 a.m.
Sunday School—11:30 a.m., an Anti-Saloon League Representative will speak at Sunday School.
B. Y. P. U. Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Topic: The Bible, the world's supreme book. Leader: Hazel Shankel.
Evening service—7:30, Sermon by the Pastor.
Thursday night Prayer Meeting—7:50.
All are cordially invited to these services.

METHODIST NOTES

First Methodist, Episcopal church; Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, Minister.
Parsonage, 724 State St., Union phone No. 43
Sunday 10 a.m., Preaching topic "The Veteran Preacher"
Bible School—11:30 a.m.
Junior Epworth League—3 p.m.
Epworth League—6:30 p.m.
Preaching topic Anniversary services, special sermon to the "Standard Bearers".
Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Dennis Hawes of Sumner was in Alma, Monday, visiting friends.

The Alma Chautauqua will begin Monday August 10th, this year and will continue until the following Monday, August 18th. The best program ever offered will feature this summer's Chautauqua with Alice Nielson the famous prima donna as the headliner. No Sunday programs will be given so that the chautauqua people will be compelled to remain in Alma for eight days giving their final day's program on Monday.

Miss Bessie Seaver of Ithaca was granted the University of Michigan fellowship by the college faculty last week. She graduated from Alma College in 1911 with high standings and was given the honor over several other applicants.

L. A. Sharp left this afternoon for the Pacific coast. He will visit the Panama-Pacific Exposition and points in California. Later he will attend the North Baptist Convention in Los Angeles. Before returning he will travel in the Northwest of Canada expecting to return to Alma within a month.

A. J. Williams of Riverdale was taken dangerously ill at the home of V. P. Cash on West Centre St. several weeks ago, but has nearly recovered and will soon be able to be removed to his home in Riverdale. He has been suffering from apoplexy.

NOTICE

All parties indebted to the City for Cemetery lots are requested to call on the City Clerk and make settlement on or before June 1st, or accounts will be put in the hands of the City Attorney for collection.

By Order Com.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION

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SAD DEATH

Mrs. Harriet Parks Weber, twenty years old, daughter of Marion Parks, died at her home on Grant Ave., Sunday, following a lingering illness of over a year's duration with tuberculosis. Her husband had left her a few days before, sending a misleading letter to her from Ludington suggesting that he might commit suicide. This is believed to be a cowardly fake.

Funeral services were held at the home of the deceased with Captain Lamont of the Salvation Army officiating. The body was taken to Shepherd for burial. The deceased came from Shepherd where she was born and raised, to Alma with her husband a little over a year ago following her marriage. She has suffered from her illness for over a year but bore up bravely in an effort to overcome it. Burial services were held in the M. E. church of Shepherd.

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