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BOOST MICHIGAN

There is only so much money in Michigan and if the Michigan farmer, the Michigan lumberman, the Michigan miner, the Michigan manufacturer, the Michigan grocer, the Michigan clerk and the Michigan laborer...

Don't forget that. Think it over seriously.

On the other hand, if Michigan people could sell everything produced to outsiders and buy everything used in Michigan, Michigan would become immensely more prosperous.

Of course, neither proposition is practicable nor feasible, but

How about the balance of trade? When Michigan is producing more than she is buying Michigan is prosperous and progressive, but when Michigan buys more than she produces she is on the straight road to poverty.

Everybody knows when the balance of trade is largely in favor of Europe a shortage of money and hard times prevail in America, but when America is selling Europe more than she is buying from Europe, America is mightily prosperous.

Every citizen in Michigan understands and realizes the truth of this and the value of the principle, but a great many in every community fail to apply it to their own locality and yet grumble about their town not being progressive when as a matter of fact they are in a large measure responsible for its condition.

Keep the balance of trade in Michigan's favor and in your town's favor by spending your money in Michigan. It means greater prosperity for you.

Michigan Merchants and Michigan People Should Get Together—Boost Michigan.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The Republicans of Arcadia will meet in caucus at the townhall on Monday p. m. at 2:00 to select delegates to the county convention and the transaction of such business as may come before the caucus.

REPUBLICAN MASS CAUCUS

The Republicans of the city will meet in mass caucus at the City Hall, on Monday, April 17 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention to be held at Ithaca, Tuesday, April 18.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

To the Republican Electors of the County of Gratiot:

A County Convention of the Republicans of the County of Gratiot is hereby called to meet at the court house in the Village of Ithaca on Tuesday, the 18th day of April, 1916, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing nineteen delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Lansing, Wednesday, May 3rd, 1916, and for the election of nineteen delegates to the District Convention to be held in the City of Owosso on Friday the 28th day of April, 1916, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the convention.

The representatives of the various Townships and Wards in this convention were fixed by the following resolution adopted at the Republican County Convention held February 5th 1909.

Resolved: That the various townships and Wards of the County of Gratiot in future Republican Conventions be entitled respectively to representation therein by one delegate for each thirty-five votes cast at the last preceding general election for the Republican candidate for Secretary of State and one delegate for each moiety of eighteen thereof, and that the County committee be and is hereby instructed to follow this rule as a basis for the apportionment of delegates to future County Conventions.

Table with 2 columns: Township/Ward and Number of Delegates. Includes Arcadia, Bethany, Elba, Emerson, Fulton, Hamilton, Ithaca, Lafayette, Newark, New Haven, North Star, North Shade, Pine River, Sumner, Seville, Washington, Wheeler, Alma-First ward, Alma-Second ward, Alma-Third ward, Alma-Fourth ward, St. Louis-First ward, St. Louis-Second ward, St. Louis-Third ward, St. Louis-Fourth ward.

C. J. CHAMBERS, Chairman. MILES NELSON, Secretary.

Paul Austin of St. Louis was an Alma visitor on Saturday of last week.

The Parents' and Teachers' club will meet at the Junior high school building Friday, April 23rd. Rev. J. W. Priest will give a talk, subject, 'What to Do with Your Children on Sunday.'

AUTOISTS PLAN COMING YEAR

With more than \$2,000,000 worth of automobile insurance written since June, 1915, and all agents reporting increased business, the Inter-Insurance exchange of the Michigan Automobile Owners is looking forward to an unusually prosperous year and a further reduction to policy holders at the end of the first year, in addition to the 25 per cent. saving already afforded clients.

In addition the Inter-Insurance Exchange, the Michigan Automobile Owners' association is also progressing rapidly, both as to new members and the scope of its activities. Road signs are now being prepared for highways between Grand Rapids and Mackinac City and for the West Michigan pike. The association also plans issuing new tour maps and furnishing members with road information throughout the summer to aid in every way possible the interests of the automobile owner who is planning a summer tour. The \$25 reward which the organization offers for the return of cars owned by its members has proven an able thief catcher during the past year and the membership emblem supplied members has also been responsible for the return of lost cars.

Several laws, the adoption of which will better automobile conditions in this state, are being prepared by the association's legal department at present, and will be submitted at the next legislature, together with a strong indorsement from motorists throughout Michigan.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma Mich., April 10, 1916. Advertiser list for week ending April 10th, 1916.

- W. O. Ayling, Nora Cameron, James Fisher, H. F. Foster, Ambvor Hrdlovic, Max Hamilton, J. M. Haggard, William Hippolite, C. F. Hyde, Gravece Jaffery, Charley Jones, Alfred Laner, E. R. Lewis, Levi Lott, Horner McCantire, John Mosley, Ben Marshall, Leon Phillips, Frank L. Rydman, George A. Wilson, H. L. Whitford.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter office April 24th, 1916.

V. P. Cash, postmaster.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness at the time of the death of our husband and father and the beautiful floral offerings Rev. Dunbar for his words of comfort and the choir for the songs they sung.

- Mrs. Ella Bonesteel, Mrs. Alva Bonesteel, Mrs. Alta Hartzell, Mrs. Matie Allen.

CUT WITH AXE

Good Judgment and Intelligent Action Save Thumb

Some Michigan people know what to do when they get a cut or a bruise. Others are panic-stricken over external hurts which could be healed by a simple liniment, as in the case of Mr. L. H. Carpenter of Dryden, N. Y., who says: "Recently I cut my thumb with an axe so that it hung by only a little skin. I used nothing except Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh and saved my thumb. It is the best remedy I ever saw for cuts and wounds of any kind." Certainly, no family should be without this liniment of many uses. Your dealer has it.

MARKET REPORT

Table of market prices for various commodities like wheat, oats, beans, barley, rye, corn, etc.

CATTLE MARKET

Table of cattle market prices for fat cattle, calves, sheep, lambs, hogs, pigs, etc.

DANGERS OF DRAFT

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous and the result is Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles or sometimes an attack of Rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leaves. Those suffering from Neuralgia or Neuragic Headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for Neuritis too. Price 25c, at your Druggist adv.

HOW THIS MOTHER

Got Strength To Do Her Work. I'm Haven, Vt. "I was so nervous and lay down that I could not do my housework for my little family of three. I had doctor'd for nearly two years without help. One day I read about Vinol, and thanks to it, my health has been restored so I am doing all my housework once more. I am telling all my friends what Vinol has done for me." - Mrs. JAMES H. EBY. Vinol is a delicious cod liver and iron tonic which creates a healthy appetite, aids digestion and makes pure blood. Look-Paterson Drug Co., Alma, Mich.

County Correspondence

NEWARK.

Mrs. Cora Otto and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Frank Lawrence. Mrs. Chris Uitel of Harrison was seen visiting Newark relatives. Edwin Litwiler moved his family from his farm near Harrison to Hattie Litwiler's house.

Bernice Otto went to Ithaca Saturday where she has employment in Judge Stone's office.

Frank Moon spent Sunday in the John Bosley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meinet spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Probst.

Ruth Spurgeon spent Thursday with Katy and Georgia Wood.

Simon Beck of Sumner was in Newark on business Thursday.

Lillian Litwiler was a visitor at school in district four Friday.

The Misses Katy and Cecil Wood visited the Beechler school Wednesday.

Mrs. Chas. Wood visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Kashnieder Thursday.

Mrs. Gladys Spurgeon was in Alma Wednesday visiting her sister Mrs. R. W. Knight.

Mrs. William Probst spent Thursday with her sister Mrs. J. A. Probst.

Mrs. Lydia Wood and Mrs. Gladys Spurgeon attended the Helping Hand club which met Thursday with Mrs. Chas. Wood. Miss Belle Wood and Miss Cecil Wood each rendered an instrumental selection, which were greatly enjoyed. Twenty-six numbers were for lunch. The next meeting will be held in two weeks with Mrs. Nettie Naldrett. Division one to furnish lunch.

Word has been received that Mrs. Wilson Yaeger of Eaton Rapids, formerly Miss Ethel Lawrence of Newark, is very ill of pneumonia. Her friends here hope for her speedy recovery.

SUMNER.

Mr. Skidmore, of Vestaburg was a Summer caller Wednesday.

Mrs. Nettie Murvaugh, of Grand Rapids, spent part of last week with her mother, Mrs. Hulda Mangor.

Frank Hicks went to Ithaca Thursday, after his furniture. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks will live on the farm west of town.

T. A. Spencer is caring for Charlie Griffin, who is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Mulford spent the week end with their son Arthur and family at Maple Rapids.

Mrs. Ella Hicks and Alma Hicks were guests of the latter's father, Mrs. Naffziger, near Elwell Thursday.

Loyal Woodard and family of Riverdale were calling on friends Sunday.

J. F. Tucker was in Saginaw Monday and Tuesday.

George Lynch is on the sick list. Neola Wesel, who is working in Alma, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mudge.

Mrs. Billy DuVell and daughter Helen, spent Thursday with her father Charlie Button and wife of Alma.

Mrs. W. C. Fowles left for Vernon Friday to visit an aunt and will meet her son Clinton and bring him home. Clinton has been in the hospital at Ann Arbor the past two weeks.

Ruben Harrington of Riverdale was a Summer caller Friday.

Elsie Stearns, of Stanton is the guest of her sister Mrs. Frank Black.

Mrs. William Phillips, was a guest of her daughter Mrs. Cecil Gee near Elwell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lang celebrated their second wedding anniversary Sunday. They entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dave Renford and daughter Lettie and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lang and family.

William Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mrs. R. Forquer and Mrs. Charter attended the F. M. district meeting at St. Louis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulford left Monday for Twodot Montana, where they will make their home for the present. They and their son Merl will have charge of a ranch there.

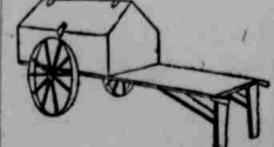
Adalia Vanorum is working for Charlie Booth this year.

AROUND THE DAIRY.

- When cream is not ripened evenly the full amount of butter is not recovered from it. Every community should form a co-operative dairy test association and make a start for more enthusiasm and success. If a separator is used do not let the cream stand around just anywhere to absorb all sorts of odors. Cream should be kept at a uniform temperature and stirred at least twice each day. The average calf that is raised from her early calfhood to maturity with the one aim for which she is intended.

Repair Outfits on Wheels.

In doing small carpenter and repair jobs about the farm a lot of time is lost in hunting up mislaid tools, collecting materials and the like. It is quite easy to make a portable repair shop in which all kinds of tools, bolts, nuts, washers, wire and innumerable other things are kept. It also



includes a work bench. The wheels are from an old cultivator and any blacksmith can cut down an old buggy axle to suit the width desired. Fasten the frame to the axle with U bolts. Make the work bench any length desired and have the handles and legs at the end. The tool box has a roof over it, both sides being hinged.—Farm Progress.

CLAIMED THE SHIP

Maro Thought He Was Eligible to Command a Cruiser.

AN OLD TIME NAVAL PRANK.

The Shabby Trick That Was Played Upon a Patriotic Greek Boilermaker by Some of Uncle Sam's Sailors With Whom He Had Shipped.

"A number of years ago the cruiser on which I was serving shipped a boilermaker while we were on the Mediterranean station," said a retired petty officer of the navy. "Our former boilermaker's true expired while we were at Gibraltar, and as he was not in good physical shape he wasn't re-enlisted, but took his discharge and returned to the United States by mail steamer. So the ship was shy a boilermaker, a very important and necessary petty officer down below in the engineer's department, and when the ship pulled into Naples harbor the chief engineer went ashore to see if he couldn't dig up a boilermaker.

"There was a clause in the enlistment regulations permitting commanding officers to ship necessary men on foreign stations in short handed emergencies. The chief engineer brought back to the ship a Greek named Charlie Maro. The man couldn't speak any English to speak of, but he was a good man at the boilermaking business, and he was duly shipped aboard of us for three years. He was a wild, hairy looking lot. Maro was, and he got a good deal of a laugh at the hands of the crew, especially the younger fellows, from the time he first came over the side.

"Maro thought that there wasn't any other country on the map except Greece, and after he got hold of enough English to make himself understood he used to take some of the young apprentice boys up into the eyes of the ship and tell them, with many postulations and furious words, of the different kinds of tar Greece could knock out of Turkey.

"The ship was around on the Pacific when the war broke out between Greece and Turkey. When the news of the outbreak of the war got to Maro, our boilermaker, he nearly had heart disease and a whole lot of other sudden things from pure excitement. He just couldn't hold himself in, he looked so tickled.

"Da Greek man willa bina, bim, bim, da Taurka man," was Charlie Maro's way of putting it, and he didn't see that the Turk had a ghost of a show. All hands forward encouraged him in the belief. They all acquiesced in expressing the belief to Maro that Greece would simply eat Turkey up. Then a woman's mate who knew how to crack the most impossible jokes with a force as solemn and wooden as an Indian's took Charlie in hand and told him some things. He told Maro that the United States was so much in sympathy with Greece in the struggle with Turkey that the navy department had decided to turn over all of the ships of the American navy to Greek commanders.

"Here's a chance for you, Maro," the woman's mate told Maro. "You just want to work your edge. Here you are already shipped on this cruiser, and it's dollars to doughnuts that if you ask for the command of this ship in order to take her over to Greece to mix it up with the Turks you'll get it handed down. Better try it on."

"That idea impressed Maro a heap. He asked the woman's mate whom he'd have to apply to to get command of the cruiser.

"Why, to the commanding officer, of course," was the reply. Maro was tremendously important for a day or so while he let this huge idea grow within him, and he bullied the men detailed to work with him down below in the boiler room a good deal. The woman's mate kept working him up to it, and finally Maro appeared on deck one morning togged out in his very best mustering suit of bluejacket clothes and went up to the officer of the deck and asked permission to see the commanding officer at the mast. The officer of the deck was rather surprised to see the man all done up in his mustering togs when all hands were at work; but, as he is obliged to do when an enlisted man requests permission to see the commanding officer, he sent word to the skipper, who soon emerged from his cabin and appeared at the stick.

"Well, my man?" said the skipper to Maro, who stood bolt upright and saluted with a flourish.

"Sare," said Maro to the skipper. "I have da honor to hera-by taka da command of da ship."

"Hey?" said the commanding officer, putting his hand to his ear and looking as if he hadn't heard aright.

"Da ship," repeated Maro. "Fora da navee of a Hellas—de Greeka navee—I have da honor to taka da command."

"All hands among the enlisted men were up on the to'gallant fo'c'sle taking the thing in, and they broke into a roar that you could have heard five cable lengths' distance. Maro heard it and, suspecting that his confidence had been abused, got red and flabbergasted. He suddenly bolted for the engine room hatch and made his way below, and it took three marines to drag him aft to the sick bay, where the surgeon, at the skipper's examination as to his sanity, Maro was game enough to decline to give the name of the enlisted man who had told him he was eligible for the command of the ship upon his being 'turned into the navy of Greece,' but the thrashing he gave that woman's mate when he got him 'on the bench' was certainly savage."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surface of the System. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Farm Buildings of Hollow Tile. Permanent fireproof, sanitary farm buildings constructed of hollow tile at no greater expense than for wooden buildings are becoming very popular in many farming sections. In addition to strength and cheapness, a hollow tile building is dry and sanitary, says the American Farming, and therefore healthy for the live stock. The cells provide an air space that acts as insulation, making the building warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

Shortage of Seed in Kansas. Kansas farmers are advised to test their oats at once in order to avoid crop failure next season. Much grain stood in a wet condition in the shock last year, and this is unfit for seed.

"A general shortage of good seed in the state is anticipated," says S. C. Salmon, associate professor of farm crops at the Kansas State Agricultural college, "and many growers will have to send elsewhere for their seed."

Welsh Rabbit. Cut one or two slices of white bread about a quarter of an inch thick, toast on both sides and butter well. Take half a pound of cheddar cheese, grate it and put it into a small pan with two tablespoonfuls of cream, a teaspoonful of mustard, a dust of pepper, and stir these all together over the fire till the mixture is like cream. Cut the toast into square pieces and place them on a hot dish. Pour the cheese mixture over them and serve at once.

Club Sandwiches. On a slice of bread put a lettuce leaf, next slices of thin crisp bacon, next slices of chicken and mayonnaise; then cover with a slice of bread and toast lightly on either side.

Sharrar & Wheeler

Farm and City Property Bought, Sold and Exchanged. LOANS AND INSURANCE.

80 Acres in Emerson township, one of the best fenced farms in Gratiot county, good buildings, 72 acres cleared, 8 acres timber, excellent sugar beet land. This farm for sale cheap or will exchange for Alma property. Stock and tools on farm.

BARBER SHOP in one of the best towns in Gratiot county, for sale. GOOD DRAY line for sale doing good business. This is a bargain.

ONE SMALL House and full lot for sale. \$200 down balance on easy terms.

TWO NEW HOUSES for sale near the Republic Motor Truck Co.

ONE HOUSE and lot for sale, \$750. Small payment down, balance like rent.

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