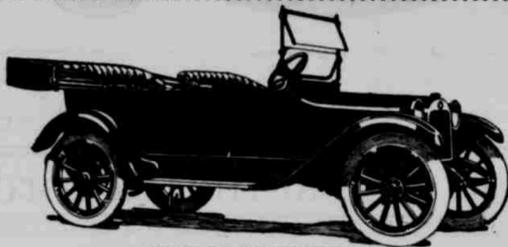


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**LOCAL NEWS**

Frank Barnes is spending a few days in Frankfort.

John Chick and Ralph Wheaton motored to Crystal Lake for the day, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kright of St. Louis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Hoyt.

F. L. McConkey and daughter Helen returned from a short trip to Hicksville, Ohio, Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Bright and son of Warren, Ohio, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wright.

Mrs. H. M. Dunham will leave next week for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Moore at Winona, Minn.

A number of the members of the St. John's club enjoyed Tuesday at Bass Lake. Rev. J. Frank Jackson and Mrs. Jackson chaperoned the group.

The Alma Music Store has just received a grand piano from the Lyon & Healy company. The instrument is a wonderful piece of art. Everyone is cordially invited to call and see the instrument.

Permission was given by the Township board, Saturday, to plat the Republic Heights Sub-division. Elmer Francis of Mt. Pleasant, who is secretary of the organization, went before the board in the interests of the new sub-division.

Lester VonThurn of Philadelphia, who has been spending the past two weeks at the home of his parents east of the city, returned to his work, Wednesday. Mr. VonThurn will spend a few days in Detroit and Cleveland on his return trip.

Half of the city spent Sunday in the nearby water places, Bass Lake and Crystal Lake being the favorite spots. It is stated that fifty machine loads went from this city to these two resorts alone. Many enjoyed the excursion south to Toledo.

**PLAN IS SUGGESTED**

Republic People Think Large Boarding Houses Will Solve Situation

The officials of the Republic Motor Truck company state the one thing in the way of the more rapid advancement of the truck business in this city is the lack of proper facilities for taking care of the workmen. The situation could be assisted greatly, the motor people think, by the erection of several boarding and rooming houses to take care of the unmarried men employed by the company. Such additions would assist materially and with the building of houses throughout the city, the problem of handling the men and their families would be made easy. The company anticipate making large additions to the present factory facilities, but feel that their troubles will increase unless some plan as suggested is followed out.

**PERSHING USES REPUBLIC**

Fleet of Republic Trucks Shipped to Various Points at Front

General Pershing, commanding the expeditionary troops in Mexico, employs a Republic truck for transferring his personal property along the front and in Mexican territory. He has the truck with him on the trip into the interior of Mexico.

A fleet of twenty Republic trucks to do service on the front were shipped from this city the first of the week. Ten trucks are for the maintenance department of the signal corps, three radio trucks were sent to Columbus, New Mexico; three to San Antonio, two to El Paso and two for general in the vicinity of the later city. The trucks are of the three-quarter ton model.

**APPORTIONED FUND**

Gratiot Gets \$65,237.20 From Primary School Interest Fund

The fifty-eighth annual apportionment of the primary school interest fund was apportioned by Fred L. Keeler, state superintendent of public instruction, Saturday, a total of \$6,485,763.99 among the various counties. This is based on a per capita of \$7.70 per child of school age in the state and represents 842,207 children. Gratiot county will receive \$65,237.20 for a school population of 8,732. Gratiot county is twenty-fourth in the list. Wayne is first, Kent, second and Saginaw third with \$1,293,161.10, \$344,174.80, \$214,383.40, respectively.

**COMBINE FORCES**

L. R. Perkins and Thomas Mays have combined their forces and are now prepared to handle all lines of tire work and shoe repairing in the shop at the rear of the State Savings Bank. Mr. Perkins has been in business for several months and announces that with Mr. Mays in the same shop they will be able to do the finest double treading work and vulcanizing in the city. If your tires need repairing or your shoes are growing thin in spots this firm will attend to your wants.

**CRYSTAL BOOMING**

The people who went to Crystal, Saturday night, were compelled to use most anything in the way of sleeping facilities. Every hotel in the town was crowded to its fullest capacity and many were forced to use improvised sleeping cots in the woods, along the beach and in automobiles. The crowd that visited Crystal Sunday was the largest in several years. The resort is becoming very attractive to families from Ohio, Indiana and New York.

**LELAND MEN CONFIDENT**

M. L. DeFoe, selected by Frank B. Leland to smooth the way leading to the governorship of the state by securing the Republican nomination at the August primaries, was in the city, Friday. Mr. DeFoe was very enthusiastic over the attitude of the voters in all parts of the state. So enthusiastic was Mr. DeFoe that he almost planned what Mr. Leland will do when he becomes governor. The management of the Leland forces are planning a few days campaigning in Gratiot county in the near future.

**CONLEY HAS BIRTHDAY**

Veteran Railroad Man 62 Monday—Tells of First Coupling

P. C. Conley, a veteran railroad man for many years in this state and also in Illinois, relates the following story of the first time he made a coupling down on the old Rockford, Rock Island and St. Louis railroad. Mr. Conley began his railroad career as a water boy. When he left the business he was superintendent over 750 miles of road on the Chicago & West Michigan. Mr. Conley was sixty-two Monday and enjoyed a birthday party at the Michigan Masonic home where he has been a resident for several years. Here is his story about the first coupling:

"It was back in '59 when I was a water boy on a construction train near Mammoth, Illinois. We were clearing a cut about 12 miles north of that city on the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis railroad.

"There were twenty cars on the job. Two of these had no brakes so when they were being filled we chucked blocks under the down grade wheels. The grade on which the cars were standing would carry a loaded car perhaps two miles at a terrific speed. The men filled the cars and the conductor was preparing to couple up the train and back them down the grade.

I had always been interested in making a coupling and I saw my chance. Throwing down my buckets I asked the conductor if I could make the coupling. He said, 'Yes, but if you miss you might as well tear for the high weeds and never show up.' He ordered the men to get ready for the start. The other cars came down the grade and I grabbed the coupling pin.

"I didn't realize that I had missed it until I saw the two cars without brakes tearing down the incline. I well remember the feeling I had when I thought of all those Swedes and Irishmen on those two cars. Of course they would have been safe, but it would have been a wild ride. Instead of sticking to the cars every last one of them began to jump into the muddy water that was ditched along each side of the track. As luck would have it no one was hurt. The boss said I could still have my job, but no more coupling business for me.

**WORD FROM THE BORDER**

Corporal Sanford Writes Letter to Relatives in City

Mrs. D. R. Damont of this city has just received a letter from her son, Corporal Leo Sanford of Company Y, Thirty-second Michigan Infantry, who is in active service on the border at El Paso. Recounting his impressions he says:

"El Paso city proper is a very beautiful place about the size of Grand Rapids, Michigan, but where the soldiers are camped Mexicans live entirely. They live in huts made out of clay mixed with water and dried in the sun. We miss the beautiful soft green grass of Michigan and often long to be back home rolling in it. All we see here is sand and clay for miles and miles. The only vegetation we have the pleasure of looking at is the cactus plants.

"The soldiers are quite contented with their surroundings, but are kept at work with drills and out-post duty. We don't know how long we are to remain here.

**ALMA SCHOOL OF METHODS**

Holds Third Annual Meeting at Alma College This Week

The third annual meeting of the Alma School of Methods is in session at Alma college this week with the largest enrollment of any year since it was founded three years ago, 96 being registered. The school is in charge of Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood of Lansing who is assisted by several well known Sunday school workers of the state and country. The graduation exercises will be held at the college Friday evening. Sixty-one International Sunday School Association certificates and fifty-one Denominational Teacher Training certificates will be granted at this time.

In connection with the school a safety and efficiency institute is being held. The Anti-Saloon League of Michigan is co-operating with Mr. Atwood in an effort to not only inform the members of the school but also the public on the liquor question. Public meetings are to be held down town Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER**

I wish to announce to the voters of Gratiot county that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Treasurer at the Primary election to be held in August 29th. If I have handled the work of this office, during the present term, in a manner satisfactory to you and meeting with your approval I will greatly appreciate your support at the coming Primary election. 49-11-p. Gaylord Nelson

**NORMAN GARDNER**

Following an operation for appendicitis, Friday, Norman Gardner died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner, 621 Hannah avenue, Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the home Wednesday and officiated over by Dr. W. H. Mason and Rev. J. W. Priest. Interment was made at Clare.

**STORES WILL CLOSE**

The business houses of the city have signed a petition circulated by the Civic League and will close their stores on Wednesday and Monday evenings, August 2 and August 7, when Hon. W. J. Bryan and Mme Julia Clausen are in the city.

**ANSPAUGH-FOLLOCK**

Miss Fannie Follock of this city and Mr. Alfred M. Anspaugh of Mt. Pleasant were married at the Methodist parsonage, Wednesday. Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Anspaugh will make their home in Mt. Pleasant.

**THE THEATRE**

**IDLEHOUR**

Friday's offering at the Idlehour is "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," Col. Heeza Liar at Bat" and "A Merry Chase," a high-class comedy program throughout. On Saturday a Paramount feature starring Laura Hope Crews in a powerful drama, "The Fighting Hope." This promises to be an attraction of unusual merit.

On Tuesday, August 1st, Lenore Ulrich will present "Kilmeny" a combination which has been described as a powerful story for a powerful personality, and a powerful personality for a powerful story. It is doubtful whether so big a role as the little rich girl abducted by north England gypsies at the age of six could have been "put over" by any less an actress than Laura Ulrich, who has been taking the country by storm in Oliver Morosco's masterpiece of old Hawaii, "The Bird of Paradise." Starring in this production the last two seasons, Laura Ulrich's success was so astounding that in practically every theatre where she played the orchestra had to be removed to make room for extra seats.

**VAUDETTE**

Vania Lazar (Theed Bara) is the beautiful daughter of a Russian serf. She lives with her parents in a small cottage close to the vast estates of the Grand Duke Valonoff. Valonoff, despite his title, is nothing more than a wealthy libertine. His one redeeming quality is the love he feels for his son, the Prince. The Grand Duke has practically forgotten the existence of Ivan Lazar, until one day he blunders on the Lazar cottage after he and his followers have lost their way during a wild boar hunt.

The Grand Duke sees for the first time Vania, who is in love with a young peasant. Valonoff is enraptured with her charms and decides that he will see her again. To further his purpose he leaves his gold cigarette case in the serf's cottage when taking his departure. The case is found by Ivan, who, fearing that he will be accused of theft, sends Vania to return it to its owner. The Grand Duke's plans have worked as he expected. Theda Bara will appear in "The Serpent" Monday night.

**BRYAN NIGHT**

Wednesday evening, August 3rd, at which time Hon. William J. Bryan will lecture at the chautauqua at 8:00 o'clock will be designated as "Bryan Night." Our honored guest will arrive from Saginaw at 7:20 and will be met at the station by Yerington's band and citizens of Gratiot county. We want every auto in the county to join in the parade. This is not a political demonstration but a community movement, welcoming one of this nation's greatest men and orators. Let us show our appreciation by turning out. Buy your season's ticket in advance.



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