

Classified Ads. FOR SALE—Good house with modern conveniences on State street. Reasonable terms. Inquire of P. W. Cresser. 41-tf

FOR RENT—Rooms, 415 Maple avenue. 48-c

FOR SALE—Light roadster car in good running order. Frank F. Smith, Alma Music Store. 50-tf

WANTED—Men's old clothing. Fair prices. J. Barney, 215 W. Superior street, Alma, Mich. 54-tf

FOR SALE—Five passenger Studebaker auto, electric lights and starter. Like new. Terms, Frank S. Roberts, farm, Bell phone 84-R4. 55-31-c

FOR SALE—Pair heavy work horses, weight 3000 pounds, harness wagon and dump-board for \$300.00. Will sell on time with good security. Vern Colburn, on Angling road between Alma and St. Louis. 56-41-c

WANTED—Chicken pickers and tipsters. Steady work. Swift & Co. 56-41-c

FOR SALE—Pair of geldings, weight 1700 pounds each. Matched for work and size. Five and six years old. W. H. Parr, Alma, Michigan. Union phone. 56-41-c

FOR RENT—Desirable living rooms over brick stores in St. Louis. Rent reasonable. For further particulars inquire of Jas. Klein, St. Louis, Mich. 57-31-c

FOR SALE—One Round Oak hard coal stove, nearly new. Have purchased furnace and have no use for stove. Inquire of Howard C. Lake, 412 Euclid Ave. 57-41-c

TO EXCHANGE—A pair of mares 10 and 11 years old, in foal, weight 1300 each, to exchange for pair of geldings, 1300 or 1400 pounds. Enquire of C. F. Brown. 57-41-c

FOR RENT—Front room, furnished, all modern conveniences. Inquire at Record office. 57-41-c

FOR SALE—Seven-horse stationary gasoline engine. Inquire at this office. 57-41-c

FOR SALE—Hardman piano. In splendid condition, a bargain at \$130.00. Sawkins Piano Company. 57-41-c

FOR SALE—One bay mare, 4 years old. Excellent driver. Inquire Ivan Brown. 57-41-c

FOR RENT—Three or four furnished rooms, either single rooms or all to one party. 527 Wright ave. 57-41-c

FOR SALE—Prest-O-Lite gas tank, 32x3 1/2 clincher tire, number of 32x 3 1/2 and 30x3 1/2 inner tubes, Overland radiator, wind shield, front springs, Shesler carburetor, front axle, head lamps, and many other things useful for the auto at less than half their cost. Two good second-hand organs, one good used piano at a bargain. Frank F. Smith of Alma Music Store. 58

LOST—Last Friday night, between Union school building and my farm, a red and black striped horse blanket. Reward for return to Fred Durkee. 58-tf-c

FOR SALE—Cheap, 40 acre farm. Good garden of sugar beet land 1 1/2 miles from Alma. Enquire at Record Office. 58

FOR SALE—Plate kodak. Inquire at this office.

Record Want Ads for Results

WANTED—A married man to work on farm by the year. Enquire of J. W. Morton, Bell phone line 41-21-15. 59-11-p

FOR RENT—Rooms at 631 Gratiot avenue. 59-11-p

SCAVENGER WORK—Parties wishing any of the work done should call on L. E. VanHorn, Alma. 59-21-p

FOR SALE—A good cook stove. Cheap if taken at once. 422 Pine. 59

FOR SALE—Overland front axle, windshield, Shesler carburetor, 32x3 1/2 clincher tire and tubes, Klaxon horn, Overland pistons, complete, at great savings prices. Two good used organs, and piano, also Oak music cabinet, very cheap. Frank F. Smith, Alma Music Store. 59-11-c

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms at 803 Pine street. 59-11-c

ROOMS TO RENT—Parlor with bedroom and bath and two single rooms. Inquire Mrs. E. L. Brown, 712 Woodworth avenue. 59-11-c

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade in short time, mailed free. Write Moler Barber College, 105 S. 5th, Ave. Chicago. 59-21-p

FOR RENT—Furnished house. Inquire of Dan Kennedy, St. Louis. 59-11-p

FOR RENT—A very desirable house 7 rooms, all conveniences. Inquire of Dan Kennedy St. Louis.

LOST—Suit case last Friday. Finder please return to Elmer Holland, 714 River avenue. 59

FOR SALE—Seven-room house, with modern conveniences. Will be sold at a bargain if taken at once. Inquire at 218 E. Center st. 59-11-c

FOR RENT—Three suites of rooms for light housekeeping, terms \$3.00 per week. 502 Park Ave. 59-11-p

FOR SALE—Good Durham cow with calf by side. Extra good cow. Inquire of J. C. Witt, Forest Hill. 59-11-c

FOR RENT—One room. Inquire Mrs. Butler. 59-c

NOTICE—If you are interested in buying a house or selling a house. See V. H. Shepard, the real estate man at 318 Woodworth avenue. Both phones. 59

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms at 109 W. Downey street. 59-11-c

FOR RENT—Single room at 527 Wright avenue. 59

Record Wants Ads for Results

HE WHO WROTE IT

The Man Who Penned the Declaration of Independence.

WORK OF TIMOTHY MATLACK.

He Was a Clerk in the Continental Congress When That Immortal Document Was Adopted and Was Also the Finest Writer in the Country.

Who wrote the Declaration of Independence? Thomas Jefferson, of course; every one knows that. But who held the pen and formed the letters on the great piece of parchment that the members of the Continental congress signed? It is one of the largest official papers in existence—some six of parchment nearly three feet long and more than two feet wide. The writing is nearly twice the normal size and is unusually handsome and clear.

The secretary who was ordered to promulgate the work was Charles Thomson, a man of high character, who had been the principal of a school at New Castle, Del., and an active patriot. The first congress chose him as secretary in 1774, and he held the office until the Continental congress passed out of existence on March 2, 1789. During all those fifteen years it was only on rare occasions that any other hand than his wrote in the journal.

One of the clerks in Thomson's office in 1775 and 1776 was Timothy Matlack, who died at Holmesburg, Pa., in 1829, when he was ninety-nine years of age.

To carry out the order of the congress that the Declaration be proclaimed, Thomson needed more than a score of copies, for he had to send it to every one of the states and to the army. So, to save time, he did not attempt to have any copies written off with the pen, but sent the original draft, which the congress had passed, to the official printer, John Dunlap. The following morning the printed copies were in Thomson's hands. They were printed on one side of the paper on large sheets eighteen inches long and fourteen and a half inches wide in the form known as broadsides.

It was from one of these copies that Philadelphia first heard the Declaration read, and it was one of them that became the official copy, for Thomson had not copied the Declaration, even into the journal of the congress before he gave it to the printer, but when he wrote the journal for July 4 he left a blank space for the Declaration, and the next day, with two wafers of red wax, he fastened in the printed broadside.

I have said that sometimes an entry was made in the journal of the congress by another hand than Thomson's. The first of those occasions was on June 12, 1775, when Timothy Matlack recorded a resolution to set aside a day for fasting and prayer to avert the disastrous calamities that seemed to be impending. Matlack had been appointed a clerk in Thomson's office on May 15, and five days later, on May 20, he wrote out the most important document that the congress had issued up to that time—the commission to George Washington to be commander in chief of the American army. The identification of the penmanship of the commission with that of the entry in the Journal and of both with an autograph letter of Matlack's that is among the papers of the Continental congress is certain.

Probably there was not at that time a man in the country who was Matlack, as a penman. Fortunately, Matlack was still a clerk in Thomson's office when the Declaration of Independence was ordered to be engraved for final signature, and the task of copying it was assigned to him. He copied from the printed broadside, that is clearly shown by the heading of the broadside. "In Congress, July 4, 1776," which is reproduced in the written Declaration to the same form of lettering.

A few years ago some of the officials in the library of congress, who knew that Matlack was the best penman employed by Thomson, made a comparison of General Washington's commission, which was known to have been written by him, with the Declaration. The first peculiar letter in the commission is the capital "N" in New Hampshire, and we find its counterpart in "Nature's" in the second line of the body of the Declaration. The graceful flourish at the top of the "T" in the word "To" in the commission is repeated in the second of the sentences beginning "That" in the Declaration. In the word "offer" in the commission there is a marked peculiarity in the double "r" of the first "r." It is made like the old-fashioned long "r." It appears in the word "offer" in the Declaration, then in "suffer" and "sufferable." That is the most noteworthy peculiarity in Matlack's writing. The capital "D" in the commission and in the last line of the Declaration, the capital "B" in the commission and in the word "British" in the Declaration, the whole word "Congress" in both documents—those and other details established beyond a doubt that the writer of the great Declaration was Timothy Matlack.

In 1824, when John Quincy Adams was secretary of state, a skilled engraver, William J. Stone, made a complete facsimile of the Declaration. That is the only one that has ever been made. It was distributed by order of congress and is familiar to us all. It is a perfect reproduction in every particular of the original document and is a fine specimen of the engraver's art. Galliard Hunt in Youth's Companion.

HE LOST HIS FRECKLES.

James Whitcomb Riley's Tale of How the Trick Was Turned.

As a youth James Whitcomb Riley was burdened with freckles. Always sensitive regarding anything reflecting upon him personally, he grieved over what he considered an insupportable misfortune. He told of his effort at emancipation:

"One day I saw in a drug store window what was said to be a sure cure for moth, tan, freckles, etc. I pondered possession of a bottle, but—50 cents! Of course I could never buy it. Why, I didn't get 50 pennies in a whole year."

But he managed to finance himself by manipulation of the market money when doing errands for his parents and he bought a bottle of the magic stuff. He ran with it to the haymow and rubbed it all over his face, then raced off to school to make up the time he had lost.

"When I stepped inside the door all the school started to laugh at me," he says. "The teacher asked me what I meant by coming to school in such a condition. Bewildered and ignorant of what it all meant, I followed her out the door. She showed me my face by a mirror, and it was like a yellow plaster egg. The directions had said to rub it off immediately with salt water and while of an egg, all of which I had misread. To get the stain off my face had to be rubbed until the skin left it. But when it was all over the freckles were actually gone and never came back."

MILITARY MARCHING.

The Pace Varies With the Quality and Size of the Command.

The "Army Drill Book" tells that trained and hardened infantry men cover from twenty to twenty-five miles a day when in small bodies. As the size of the command increases the distance covered becomes less, as the rate is lowered and time is needed to get all the units into and out of camp.

With a regiment or less of average troops—regulars—marching over average roads the rate should be from 250 and three-quarters to three miles an hour. Large bodies will travel from two to two and a half miles an hour, while a division cannot be expected to accomplish more than twelve and one-half miles a day.

Of course all these figures will vary with different conditions of roads and weather. Untrained troops could not approach them until hardened. Though they might do better for a day or two they could not keep up the steady pace of the seasoned regulars for long distances.

Marching with full equipment is hard physical work and, like every other form of labor, requires a proper period of training. The seasoned force will keep up a steady pace with ten minute halts every hour, a fifteen minute stop being made at the end of the first half or three-quarters of an hour. Green troops are apt to struggle badly.—Outing.

An Anecdote of Handel.

On one occasion Handel was caught in a shower of rain and was obliged to seek shelter in a blacksmith's forge. Either Handel was in a slight mood or else the blacksmith showed a conventional sympathy for a little while, the latter idea prevailing, as at his own, accompanying his work with a song. Handel was listening all the time to the strokes of the hammering on the anvil, which, by producing two harmonic sounds, according to time and tune with the tune the pug pug, formed a bass accompaniment. Handel, on reaching home, remembered the air and the hammer accompaniment. He wrote down both, and so we owe to a shower of rain the composition known as "The Harmonious Blacksmith."

Withering.

Enoch Eastman, an old time Iowa lawyer, on one occasion appeared before a young judge and to enforce a point he desired to make brought with him and attempted to read Blackstone to the court, whereupon the young judge, after moving uneasily about in his seat for awhile, said, "Mr. Eastman, I've read Blackstone."

"Oh, hey, hey!" responded Enoch, looking at the judge over the top of his spectacles with an air of surprise.

Concealing.

"What did you say your age was?" he remarked between dances. "Well, I didn't say," smartly returned the girl, "but I've just reached twenty-one."

Black Opals.

The gem most sought after is the Australian black opal, which is found nowhere else in the world. It appears in limited quantities in the matrix of ironstone and sandstone in the Lightning Ridge district of New South Wales.

Deinty.

Bobbs—What a deinty little handkerchief she carries. It looks like a colweb. Sibs—Yes, a thing like that isn't to be sneezed at.—Philadelphia Record.

Facial Adornment.

First Maid—Does your mistress wear much jewelry? Second Maid—No; she has only rings under her eyes.—Boston Transcript.

Lame, but Good.

Cumso—Why didn't you come last week as you promised? Fangle—I sprained my ankle. Cumso—A lame excuse.

Why Elephants Fear Mice.

It seems almost incredible that so small and harmless an animal as a mouse is able to frighten an elephant almost out of his senses, yet one little mouse in the hay on which they are feeding will stampede an entire herd. In the elephants' native land there are little animals known as chacannas, which feed on a small sort berry of which elephants are very fond.

They live in settlements, something after the manner of prairie dogs, under the berry bushes, and sometimes, when feeding, the elephants trample upon the little towns, and the chacannas in their fright frequently run up the tubes of the elephants' trunks.

Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh, and they cannot be ejected. The more violently the monster blows through its trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh, and in frustration and death are the result. In captivity, therefore, the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacannas when they see a mouse and show signs of great fear.

More Labor Than You Thought.

To write a single letter of the alphabet, it is roughly estimated, requires from 200,000 to 300,000 distinct processes, all of which are controlled and directed by the mind. To make the letter O, for instance, takes but a second, yet if all the mental processes involved had to be performed consciously years would be consumed in the performance. First, the making of the O is willed in the brain, setting in motion the activities of thousands of cells in the hearing areas, the seeing areas, the speech motor areas and the muscular motor areas. Hundreds of nerve threads connecting these cells with various cells and nerve threads in the brain are set to work to organize the movement, while other nerve centers attend to the business of furnishing the requisite amount of blood. As a result, the spinal centers are actuated and finally the smaller nerves in the fingers direct the forming of the O.

Discovering a Star.

Long hair had wrapped her at a distance, but his styness prevented him from proposing.

Then one evening, for the sweet sake of clarity, a theatrical performance took place in which the charmer was leading lady and more adorable than ever. Afterward the shy admirer drew near, his love made valiant by the sight of her beauty.

"You are the star of the evening," he said as they stood alone in a corner. "You are the first to tell me so," said the damsel, with a happy blush.

"Then," he retorted promptly, "may I claim my reward as an astronomer?" The lady looked puzzled.

"What reward?" she asked. "Why, the right to give my name to the star I have discovered," said the young man, speaking boldly at last.—Chicago News.

The King's Way.

It was characteristic of the late King Edward VII. that he never showed too much or too little courtesy, but just enough to maintain his reputation of being the most gracious gentleman of Europe. Some years ago, according to the author of "The People's King," his majesty visited Aberdeen and knighted the lord provost. At the luncheon which followed the king sat next to Mrs. Lyon, the wife of the lord provost, and pulled on the table the card denoting her place.

"I must alter this," the king said, smiling on the lady.

With his pencil he effaced the word Mrs. and in its place substituted Lady and graciously handed the card to her newly made ladyship.

Family Harmony.

"I am very easy on my shoes," said the stout lady complacently. "Look at this pair, I've worn them three years, and they're still as good as new. I'm easy on clothes too. There's my tweed—just as fresh as the day I bought it, seven years ago. And hats, gloves, stockings—in fact, I'm easy on everything."

"Except father, eh?" said her daughter quietly, without looking up from her book.

That Settled It.

She—You remind me so much of my brother. He—Indeed! In what way? She—Well, Harry seems a awful fond of me, yet he never offers to kiss me.

After that it was quite unnecessary for her to ring in any of her relatives.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Early Astronomy.

Anaxagoras, a distinguished Athenian, in 525 B. C. taught that the sun was not a deity, but an incandescent fiery mass. He also suggested that the moon shone by reflected light and correctly explained solar and lunar eclipses.

Masked Balls.

Henry VIII. introduced the ball masque into England. As this form of amusement gradually spread the people began to hire balls and charge admission fees, and the rooms of the court were initiated by the circles of the nob.

Postal Savings Banks.

All the money the postal savings banks receive they immediately redeposit in national reserve banks and so keep it in circulation instead of allowing it to remain hoarded and hidden.

Of all our infirmities, vanity is the dearest to us. A man will starve his other vices to keep that alive. Franklin.

Oysterettes—the oyster cracker. Just the right size and shape. Serve with oysters, soups, salads, chowders, etc. Always fresh. At your grocer's. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY. 5c. INER SEAL TRADE MARK Oysterette

BUY AT HOME DEPARTMENT

WHEN YOU BUY FROM US YOU are sure of getting the best in meats of all kinds. We make our own sausage. Boost for Home Trade. Brewer's Market.

BRING YOUR GROCERY ORDERS to us, get our prices, then your money will stay in Alma. A full line of Staple and Fancy groceries. Come in and Boost for Home Trading. Anderson & Hauck.

NEVER BUY JEWELRY FROM a picture book it is all alike. Deal with your home responsible merchants then you take no chances. We do your watch repairing too. A. B. Scattergood, Jeweler.

MAKE UP YOUR GROCERY order but don't send it to a mail order house bring it to us we can beat them, please make us prove it. Miller Bros. Grocery.

LOOK UP YOUR LAST SUMMER suit and send it to us and have it cleaned and pressed. If you do you can trust it will be done right. The Sanitary Dry Cleaners. 117 1/2 Superior street.

FORTINO BROTHERS FOR FANCY fruit, cigars and tobacco. See Fortino Bros, Alma, Mich., Carload buyers. Get a Fly Slapper.

WHEN IT COMES TO SHOES Our line will suit you. We carry only the best grades and our prices are right. We are boosters for Alma and Home Trading. A. R. Smith, Shoes Store.

FOR SALE—HAZELMAN & CO. piano in good shape for \$50.00. Call and see this bargain at C. A. Sawkins Piano Co.

BARTLEY'S MARKET BUYS live stock, poultry, butter, eggs, fruits and vegetables; sells meats, groceries and provisions.

WE HAVE A FULL LINE OF granite ware and a complete stock of dishes on hand all the time. Why send to wholesale houses. Buy it at Welch's Bazaar.

HOW ABOUT YOUR NEXT SUIT don't forget that we handle Headlight overalls, Stetson Hats, Pifform clothing and do merchant tailoring. We are boosters for Alma and Home Trading. Slater & Goodes.

DON'T BE A RAINBOW CHASER when in need of anything for the farm. You know our fair treatment and large store of farming implements settles the where question at once. J. M. Montgrel.

ALWAYS DEAL WITH YOUR responsible merchant for dry goods we can compete under anyone any where and we stand back of all goods everytime. Boost for Home Trade. D. W. Robinson, Dry Goods.

DO YOU KNOW THAT EVERY pair of shoes that you buy out of town costs you, you can do better at home with your shoe dealers—think it over. Reamony Shoes Store.

OUR LARGE CAPITAL AND resources are at your command we do all kinds of legitimate banking and pay four per cent on savings accounts. Come in and let us get acquainted and all boost for Alma and Home Trading. Alma State Savings Bank.

JUST SIMPLY INSIST ON HAVING your bread come from a home bakery. It will keep money at home and help to build up the town, try our bread—you will like it. Smith Bakery, Alma, Michigan.

DO YOU COOK BY GAS? IT IS cleaner and cheaper. See our large line of Gas Stoves and Ranges, water Heaters, Wellsbach light, Reading lamps, etc. Gratiot County Gas Co.

COFFEE—YES WE BUY IT AT Crampton's, when it is always fresh roasted.

OUR MOTTO IS TO LIVE AND let live. Our fair treatment will hold your trade. Get our prices first for Hardware and your money will stay in Alma. Sanderhoff & Glass.

LOCAL PAPER AS HOME CHAMPION

Great Aid in Fighting Mail Order Houses.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS

What Gunpowder Did For War the Printing Press Can Do For Home Merchants—How to Make the Best Use of a Very Efficient Weapon in Fight For the Home Market.

In former days superstitious rites were used to exorcise evil spirits, but in our times the same effect is attained and beyond comparison more effectively by the newspapers. Before the trillium ghosts, rampires, witches and all their kindred tribes are driven from the land, never to return. Nothing is so amenable to them as the smell of printing ink.

What gunpowder did for war the printing press can do for the local merchant who are competing with the retail mail order houses, but the first step toward enlisting the aid and friendship of the editor is to understand that he is ready to boost his home town all the time and that every dollar expended with him for advertising will return a dollar's worth of benefit or more. He asks no favors of any one, he has a dollar's worth to sell and he can deliver the goods every time.

Not infrequently are the editors themselves to blame for the general impression that the chief value of a local paper is an evidence that the town is fully alive and fully up to date.

The publisher's stock in trade is the white space in his paper which he has to sell, the value of which the merchant can determine by his efforts to make good use of it, not by a little four or six inch ad, once a month, but by a good, large, well prepared ad running week after week.

The best merchants and townspeople who are fighting the retail mail order houses can find no more valuable aid than the local editor.

The local merchant can do business on a smaller margin of profit than the mail order house, as his expenses are less. He does not need to carry such a large stock, as he knows his people and their desires, and he knows and can prove that he can sell better goods for the money than the other fellow.

How to Get Results. No doubt the principle reason why a few merchants say that advertising in local papers does not pay is because they themselves make small use of the space they buy. This is the day of bargains, and consequently the space in the paper attracts attention. Give a little time and thought to the preparation of your ads. The merchant who will do this will get results and will no longer have cause to complain of the local press being no good as a drawing medium.

How many of them employ modern, up to date methods in the conduct of their business? Do they advertise intelligently and consistently, telling the public what they have for sale and at what price? When there is a slight business depression in their town do they increase their advertising or do they bury to the local newspaper and cut out their ad?

He Wouldn't Advertise. By constant and liberal use of the advertising columns of the local press the merchants encourage the editors to greater effort in providing more and better local reading matter, and in this way the advertising worth of the paper is materially increased, as the arrival of a paper worth while is always awaited in the homes of our consumers.

GET THE TRADE AT HOME spirit for all kinds of Hardware, Stoves, Builders tools, Household goods. See us first, we will sell you close prices. Boost for Home Trade. Earl C. Clapp.

COME IN AND BE CONVINCED. Let us show you where One Dollar will buy more and better merchandise than from any mail order house. G. J. Maier & Co., Clothing and Shoes, Alma, Mich.

DON'T RELY ON PHOTOGRAPHS of Furniture. See the real thing before you buy. Our prices and fair treatment will keep your money in town that will help some. G. V. Wright.

YES, WE DO SHEET METAL work. Install Furnaces and do Plumbing and Heating. We pride ourselves on doing our work right at right prices. Call us up. Brown & Hubbard.

DO YOU KNOW THE SANTA Home Cigar is a product of Alma? Is made right here and sells for 7, 7 and 8 cents? It is clear Havana Boost for Home Trade. McKeele Bros., Mfg.

GIVE US A CHANCE FIRST. We can save you money on your Impementents. We buy Beans, Grain, Hay, Seeds, Wool. "Buy at Home" is our motto. Alma Elevator Co.

ALMA MERCHANTS—I HAVE on hand a car each of Quaker Oat meal, salmon, Kirk's Plate soap and Fat milk. Why buy out of town? We will meet any price of Grand Rapids and Saginaw, and save your freight. We handle a car of sugar a week. Redman's Wholesale Grocery.

IF YOU START TO BUILD GET our estimates on Lumber and Building material. We carry a big stock and can make prompt delivery and treat you right. Home Lumber & Fuel Co.

DO YOU NEED A HOME MARKET? Would you want your home market eliminated entirely? Did you ever need a little accommodation like credit? Is it worth anything to you to see the goods you buy before you pay for them? Think it over. Cushing & Benedict. "Where you do the best."

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE—JAS. Redman is in the market to buy all farm produce at warehouse on East Superior street. Call over either phone, Bell 288, Union 96, James Redman of Wholesale Grocer Co.

ALMA ROLLER MILLS. "Millers of High Grade Flours." We endeavor to mill a flour that will ensure repeat orders, and judging from the business we are receiving in Alma our endeavors are well repaid.

THE RECALL STORE ARE ALWAYS reliable and carry the best in all kinds of drugs and medicines. See our large line of wall paper. Our prices will please you. Look-Paterson Drug Co., The Recall Store.

WE USE NO CHEMICALS OR acids in our Laundry, nothing but pure soap and water. We guarantee our work everytime. Family-washing a speciality. Give us a trial, we will please you. Alma City Laundry.

BRING YOUR CAR TROUBLES to us we can repair any make of auto carry a big line of accessories, Firestone tires, agents for Studebaker and Dort machines. Boost for home trade. M. L. Perrigo, Alma, Mich.

THE BIG FURNITURE STORE IS here to stay and we stand back of our goods, you take no chance. See us for any kind of furniture. Crandell & Scott.

DR. HESS' FLY CHASER WILL keep flies off from cattle and horses. Cows will give 20 per cent more milk. If they are not bothered with flies. Brunner's Drug Store.

WHY PATRONIZE OUTSIDERS they add nothing to your progressivity city? You have the largest, finest exclusive Music Establishment in Gratiot county, the Alma Music Store—a city store with city prices. Smith & Money, Props