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"Long may it wave o'er the land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

RED CROSS WORK Gratiot county is doing a wonderful part in the great work of the American Red Cross, when Gratiot as a whole is considered, but many in the county have still done nothing to help in this great work, and no matter how much Gratiot county raises, the campaign will not truly be counted a success until everyone "does his bit."

Reports up to Tuesday indicated that Gratiot county had exceeded her apportionment by about three thousand dollars, over ten thousand dollars having been donated to this great cause up to this time, which is indeed a fine showing for the county.

When Gratiot county is congratulating its self on the splendid showing, however, it should remember that it is not the county as a whole which is to be congratulated on this showing, but rather a group of ladies, that Gratiot cannot honor too highly for their faithful and untiring efforts, and the American manhood and womanhood in Gratiot county, who have answered to this great appeal—not to those who have yet to answer to their call to duty—one as patriotic, yes, more so than buying Liberty bonds, as this money is a gift to the welfare of America.

Those of the county who have not yet harkened to the call are being called to aid in this great work. Gratiot should not stop at her apportionment, or twice that sum, but rather triple it, if possible.

These thousands of dollars will go to aid in saving the life of wounded American soldiers, fighting your battles and ours. They believe that they have our support. Your few dollars may save the life of some brave American hero; your few cents will help, if you cannot spare more. Donate today to this great cause, and aid your country in winning in this great war in behalf of humanity and democracy.

July 4th, this year, should become a day of thoughtful prayer with the American people, a day of new resolves that will aid the United States and her allies on the field to be victorious in the great world struggle.

It should be a day of patriotic duty, and one of sacrifice to the country of which we are citizens.

It should not be a day of waste by fireworks, and loud celebrations, with their wastefulness of money, which may better find avenues in other channels more beneficial to the people of the United States and to their government. Far better, that each and every one give the dollars and the pennies that they are contemplating spending for fireworks, etc., to the Red Cross, and thereby aid in saving a soldier's life to his country, a far more worthy cause.

NEAT COMBINATION OF BED AND TENT HAS MANY USES

The problems of camping are greatly simplified for the motorist, canoeist, hunter, or boy scout by means of a new combination tent and bed in which a number of good features are united. The outfit requires no tent stakes or ropes and is provided with a light folding frame so that it can be erected in a few minutes. At either end of the tent are screened ventilators and the walls are provided with supplementary flaps that keep out mosquitoes, flies, etc. Rolled up, the entire outfit forms a bundle only eight inches in diameter and four and a half feet long.—From the July Popular Mechanics Magazine.

NOXIOUS WEEDS NOTICE To owners, possessors or occupants of land, or any person or persons, firm or corporation, having charge of lands in this state:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the city of Alma, county of Gratiot, or within the limits of any highway passing by or through such lands must be cut down and destroyed on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1917.

Failure to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned or within ten days thereafter shall make the parties failing liable for the costs of cutting same and an additional levy of ten per cent of such costs, to be levied and collected against the property in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected.

THE CHURCHES

United Brethren Church Rev. A. B. Bowman, Pastor Residence, 119 Hastings St. Sunday 10:00 a. m.—Sermon by the pastor. 11:00 a. m.—Sunday school. 7:30 p. m.—Union service.

The Church of Christ, Scientist Knights of Pythias Hall Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Subject for July 1st, "Christian Science." Reading room open Saturday afternoon from 2 till 4.

Free Methodist Church M. L. Gay, Pastor Residence, 222 Philadelphia Ave. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching school at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

St. John's Episcopal Church Holy communion 10:30 a. m. Subject, "The Religious Power of the Church." Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Union service in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ Pine Street J. S. Raum, Minister 10:00 a. m.—Worship and sermon. Subject, "The Open Door." 11:15 a. m.—Bible school. 6:15 p. m.—Y. P. S. C. E. rally. 7:30 p. m.—Song service and sermon. Subject, "An Ideal Wife." Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Sunday evening services will be continued throughout the summer.

Baptist Church J. W. Priest, Pastor Residence, 802 Gratiot Ave. Sunday morning service 10 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. The Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school 11:15. B. Y. P. U. meeting 6:30. Topic, "The Little Things that Make or Mar." 7:30 Union service in the Presbyterian church. J. W. Priest will preach. Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30.

Union Meetings The Presbyterian, Episcopal, United Brethren and Baptist churches will hold union meetings on Sunday nights during July and August. On Sunday night, July 1st, Rev. J. W. Priest will preach in the Presbyterian church. Sermon, "A Great Nation."

DAVIS DISTRICT Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Beard spent Sunday with friends in Alma. Fred Houser was married Monday, the 25th, to Miss Mary Depore of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. E. P. Felch returned to Grand Rapids Friday, after a week's visit with her parents. John and Arthur DeGroot and Mrs. Elmer Brown visited relatives in St. Louis Sunday.

Fred Neuhardt visited friend in Grand Rapids over Sunday. Mrs. Emma Casler of Eaton Rapids visited the past week at the home of her brother, S. Witherell.

EAST SEVILLE Henry Mapes and daughter, Mrs. Rogers, visited at Anson Wilbur's Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fenster, who recently lost their home by fire, are comfortably settled in the tenant house of Mr. Wilbur.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend of Iowa were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Schiff.

The storm of Monday night did much damage throughout the country, the nearest done here was Charles Sander's house which was damaged somewhat.

Anson Wilbur raised a large addition to his barn Monday. There were about sixty present and the old fashioned barn raising dinner and social time was enjoyed.

William Schiff is so far recovered from his recent accident to be about without crutches.

Harry Rockwell of Alma is erecting a new barn on his farm, occupied by Frank Loukes.

Raymond Wilcox gave a talk in the F. W.ell church on Red Cross work Sunday night.

RESULTS THAT REMAIN Are Appreciated by Alma People. Thousands who suffer from backache and kidney complaint have tried one remedy after another, finding only temporary benefit. This is discouraging, but there is one kidney medicine that has earned a reputation for lasting results and there is plenty of proof of its merit right here in Alma.

Here is the testimony of an Alma man who used Doan's Kidney Pills years ago, and now makes his testimony even stronger.

Erns Robinson, 113 Grant Ave., says: "I have the greatest confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills. I suffered greatly with a lame back and from other symptoms of kidney trouble, I tried many medicines, but found no relief until I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Rhodes Drug Store. They strengthened my kidneys and relieved the lameness in my back, benefiting me generally."

A Second Statement. OVER THREE YEARS LATER, Mr. Robinson said: "Doan's Kidney Pills completely rid me of kidney trouble and I am glad to recommend them."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney medicine—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Robinson has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Roumanian Courtesy.

The Roumanians are among the handsomest races in Europe, but that, says a correspondent of the London Telegraph, is only a part of their fascination. Some enthusiasts has said that the ladies of Bukharest "combine the beauty of the Hungarian, the grace of the Austrian and the wit and style of the Parisian." But still we have not all the truth. It is the distinction and kindness of the manners of Bukharest which mark it out among the cities of the world. No one ever found there anything but courtesy. Many have pronounced the people the politest on earth, and the politeness is not a matter of civility or readiness to oblige, but a high bred distinction of manner.

Right Back at Her.

"Does your husband allow you to have things charged at the stores?" "Oh, I think he would, but"— "But the stores wouldn't. Is that what you were going to add?" "Oh, no. I was going to say that he gives me plenty of money with which to pay cash. Does yours?"—Buffalo Express.

"What's your missus kicking about?" inquired the housemaid from next door.

"This is her night out, but I told her I had an engagement meself."—Kansas City Journal.

Dutch children often use their wooden shoes as toy boats.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised list for week ending June 25, 1917: Rev. and Mrs. B. L. Bergstraum. Miss Crystie Boody. C. Douglas. Mr. Fred Foot. Ora Hulwick. Edward Huber. Mr. William J. Kelly. Miss Helen Kelly. Miss Gertrude Lewis (two). L. E. Lowsey. Mrs. Ruth Morrow. Mr. Wendel McCall. Miss Bessie Owen. Mr. Clarence D. Parker. E. E. Patterson. Mr. D. M. Robinson. Mr. G. W. Stanley. W. E. Wrege (three). Mrs. E. Wood. Guy Welch.

The above, if not called for, will be sent to the Dead Letter office July 9, 1917.

V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

MARKET REPORT

Following are the prices paid by the Alma Grain & Lumber Company mill June 28, 1917:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Red wheat, White wheat, Oats, Beans, Barley, Eye, Shelled corn, Ear corn, Buckwheat, Clover seed.

CATTLE MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Fat cattle, Common cattle, Fat calves, Fat lambs, Sheep, Prime hogs, Pigs, Dressed hogs, Heavy hogs, Light chickens, Wool, Beef hides.

Sour Stomach.

This is a mild form of indigestion. It is usually brought on by eating too rapidly or too much, or of food not suited to your digestive organs. If you will eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, eat but little meat and none at all for supper, you will more than likely avoid the sour stomach without taking any medicine whatever. When you have sour stomach take one of Chamberlain's Tablets to aid digestion.

Croup, Whooping-Cough Relieved

Children's diseases demand preparation. When the child wakes you at night, gasping and struggling for breath, how thankful you are to have Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey at hand. This effective remedy loosens the mucus and permits free and natural breathing. Its soothing balsams heal the irritated membrane and arrests further inflammation. Pleasant to take. Keep Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey in the house for all colds and bronchial troubles. At your druggist, 25c.—Adv. 1.

SWEET CORN PESTS.

The Cutworm.—This pest can be quickly controlled by the use of poison bran mash or by hand collecting. Use plenty of seed, so that there will be enough plants left after the cutworms have completed their injury. The Earworm.—This pest is difficult to reach, but the turning of the soil in the fall or winter will reduce the number of moths which appear the next spring to lay eggs on the silks of the shooting corn. The planting of the corn early will often enable the gardener to mature an early crop before the severest work of the worms appears. Late corn always suffers more than early sweet corn. These are the more important pests which the gardener will meet in his spring and summer work, though they do not include anything like all of the immense number of garden insects. Many other forms will be found attacking the crop mentioned above, as well as onions, celery, asparagus and other vegetables.

RAISE MORE GRAIN.

Practical Suggestions by Pennsylvania Official to Dairy Farmers.

With milk bringing practically the same price that it did fifteen years ago and butter costing on an average 30 cents a pound to produce on the farm under present conditions it is readily seen that the farmer who owns a herd of dairy cows, gets up at 4 o'clock in the morning to milk and has to haul it to his market or churn it into butter gets nothing out of his investment except what goes for the soil, says James Foust, dairy and food commissioner, in speaking of conditions in the state of Pennsylvania. These conditions are practically the same in many other states.

What the farmer must do is to assume modern farming methods and raise twice as much grain and feed to an acre as he does now and then raise more dairy cows to keep his farm productive.

The foreign farmer understands this, and by the production and use of fertilizers produces from two to two and one-half times as much of anything from the soil as the average American farmer. In 1911 statistics showed that Belgian farmers used 448 pounds to the acre, Germany 214 pounds, Great Britain 152 pounds and the United States 28 pounds. Yet that little twenty-eight pounds, adds Mr. Foust, meant the consumption of 6,800,970 tons in 1913, for which the American farmer paid \$170,000,000, more than one-fourth of it going to foreign countries. The assumption of the commissioner is that by intelligent dairying and other stocking of the farm this money might nearly all have been kept at home, to say nothing of adding to the outflow of luscious milk.

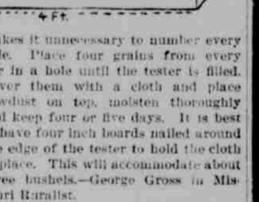
Ordinary Whitewash.

This is made by slacking about ten pounds of quicklime with two gallons of water. The lime is placed in a pail and the water poured over it, after which the pail is covered with an old piece of carpet or cloth and allowed to stand about an hour.

With an insufficient amount of water the lime is "scorched" and not converted into hydrate. On the other hand, too much water retards the slacking by lowering the heat. "Scorched" lime is generally lumpy and transparent, hence the use of the proper amount of water for slacking and after addition of water to bring it to a brush consistency.

Seed Corn Tester Made at Home.

The drawing shows a good seed corn tester that is easy to make and very convenient. Take a two inch plank, four feet long and one foot wide, and in it bore holes one inch in diameter and one-quarter inch deep. Make ten holes crosswise of the plank. This makes it unnecessary to number every hole. Place four grains from every ear in a hole until the tester is filled. Cover them with a cloth and place sawdust on top, moisten thoroughly and keep four or five days. It is best to have four inch boards nailed around the edge of the tester to hold the cloth in place. This will accommodate about three bushels.—George Gross in Missouri Ruralist.



Beginning at the Proud Store, Thursday, the 28th Most Important Shoe Sale! You Can See by Looking at These Prices!

\$4.00 White Canvas 8-inch Lace Boots. A Shoe that cannot be duplicated for less than \$4.00. SALE PRICE \$2.98

\$2.25 and \$2.50 White Pumps and Colonials. Wood covered Louis heels and hand-turned soles, new models and beautiful fitting. SALE PRICE \$1.49

\$2.50 Men's White Canvas Oxfords. English last, rubber soles, good lookers. SALE PRICE \$1.39

Boys' and Girls' White and Black Tennis Shoes, all sizes. SALE PRICE 59c SPECIAL

White and Colored Wash Fabrics. Fine White Voiles 40-inch wide; very fine and soft; a yd. 29c. Kane-Koo Kloth 36-inch wide; tan body with very smart sport designs. Only 39c. Fancy White Skirting 29 to 59c a Yd. Gaberdines, Basket Weaves, Striped Poplins and Novelty Weaves. Sheer Colored Voiles 36 to 40-inch wide, dainty colorings in stripe, dots and figured effects; a yd. 35c.

On Entire Line of Children's and Ladies' Hats. CORSET COVERS, lace and embroidered trimmed. Special 29c. NIGHTIES, fine Nainsook, or of Cambric. Special. 69c. FINE PETTICOATS, white Cambric, with embroidered flounce. Special. 98c.

Men's Furnishings. \$1.25 Blue Denim Overalls Special, pair. 98c. 75c blue Chambray Work Shirts. Special. 49c. 35c Men's Balbriggan Underwear, cream and gray. Special. 24c. 75c Men's B. V. D. Union Suits, white muslin; Special. 59c. \$1.00 Men's Soft Dress Shirts. Special. 69c. 15c Sox, fine Lisle, black, grey or tan. Special. 2 for. 25c.

Proud's for Service Proud's You Can Find It at Proud's

Announcement to Patrons! We are making arrangements to correct the unsatisfactory delivery which both out patrons and ourselves have been subject to. At the same time we are endeavoring to induce our patrons to place larger orders. So, to give better service in delivering, and to have the larger orders, all orders of fifty cents or over will be delivered free, while a charge of five cents will be made for smaller orders. Remember, we can fill both grocery and meat orders for you, and give you service.

J. A. Bartley Grocery and Meat Market