

**Classified Ads**

Minimum charge of 15c, or five cents a line, counting five words to the line. Positively no ads will be taken for this column without cash in advance, as items are too small to take the trouble to enter charge accounts.

**FOR SALE—RESIDENCE PROPERTY**

**FOR SALE CHEAP**—A pleasant home adjoining the city limits on the east of St. Louis, Mich., consisting of a 12-room house, electric lights, a good cellar, two good wells, a cistern, 10 acres of land, a good orchard, barn, pig pen, corn crib, garage, cattle shed and hen house. Call at this place for further information. H. C. Wilkinson, St. Louis, Mich. 18-1f-c

**FOR SALE**—Very desirable lots near truck plant, \$2 down, \$2 per week. If party dies before lot is half paid for, a warrant deed will be given to your estate free. Inquire of Wallace D. Smith, 620 N. State st. 20-3-c

**FOR SALE**—Prize-winning barred rock cockerel and pullets. Inquire A. R. Smith, Alma, Mich. 20-1-c  
**FOR SALE**—Wood. Call Bell phone 290-F31, Union phone 91-31-38. 20-1f-c

**TO RENT—ROOMS**

**FOR RENT**—Rooms, storing furniture, also one store. Inquire Hotel Arcadia, Geo. W. Palfrey. 20-1f-c  
**FOR RENT**—Nine-room house with garage on North State st. Wallace D. Smith, Union phone 462. 20-1-c

**FOR RENT**—Two or three modern furnished rooms with board at 305 Woodworth ave. Union phone 359. 20-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Two suites furnished, heated rooms, close in. Inquire at 502 Park ave. 20-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. 506 College st. 20-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Furnished room on first floor, one block from postoffice. Inquire at 236 Woodworth ave. 20-1-p

**FOR RENT**—Four rooms, partly furnished. Inquire 314 Grant st. 20-1-c

**FOR RENT**—One furnished room for light housekeeping. Inquire 422 E. Downey st. 20-1-p

**FOR RENT**—One furnished room on first floor, \$4 per week, one furnished room on second floor, \$2 per week; all modern conveniences. Mrs. J. J. Seibel, 525 West Superior st. 20-1-c

**BOARD AND ROOM** for two gentlemen or young married couple. 721 Second ave. Union phone 455-2R. 20-1-p

**TO RENT—HOUSES**

**FOR RENT**—Six-room house on Prospect st. Inquire of S. Messinger. 19-1-c

**FOR RENT**—Eight-room house, furnished, modern conveniences. Inquire at house Saturday, 529 Gratiot ave. 20-1-c

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—A new seven-room house on Grace ave. Inquire Wm. Klatt, 32 Court ave. 20-1f-1

**FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS**

**FOR SALE**—White leghorn cockerels. Inquire of Otto Hawley, 315 Gratiot ave. 19-1f-c

**FOR SALE**—11 head of horses, consisting of 6 mares, 3 and 5 years old; 2 sucking colts, 1 old and 2 young geldings; also cows and heifers. Gust E. Hieding, 2 miles south and 1 mile east of Cedar Lake, or 5 miles west of Riverdale. 18-1-c

**FOR SALE**—A quantity of shock corn; very good cow feed. Inquire Bartley's Market. 16-1f-c

**A SPECIAL SALE** on sewing machines, Saturday, November 2, at the Singer Sewing Machine store, Alma. A large number of used machines. Prices to suit customer. Come in. W. H. Lawrence, Mgr. 15-1f-c

**HELP WANTED**

**WANTED**—Competent girl for general housework; four in family; steady position. Apply Albert Frevert. 20-1-c

**WANTED**—Girl between 12 and 16 years of age for office errands. Must be neat and clean. Apply Stenographic dept., Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc. 20-1-c

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—Lady's black leather purse containing receipts and small amount of money. Reward given if returned to Mrs. Gaffney's store with contents intact. 20-1-c

**LOST**—Brown and black spotted hound male dog. Inquire Paul Meenroe, R. F. D. No. 1, two miles south of cemetery. 20-1-p

**LOST**—Dec. 5th, bill book containing \$25.00, between postoffice and Gratiot ave. Reward for return to Wallace Hill, 310 Gratiot ave. 20-1-p

**LOST**—Pocketbook, name Lynes H. Kull inside; contains money. Return to P. M. freight office. Reward. 20-1-p

**WANTED—TO RENT**

**NOTICE**—Houses for sale or rent. Rooms for rent, light housekeeping or single. Welfare Dept. Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc. 98-wt-c

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**WANTED**—One bushel 1916 "rat tail," Tom Thumb or egg popcorn. 14-1-N

**TO EXCHANGE**—Auto, in first-class condition, to exchange for house and lot in Alma or farm team and tools. Inquire at this office. 13-1f-c

**COUNTY MAPS**—The Record has a few Gratiot County Maps left. Parties wishing to purchase same may do so by calling at this office. 70-1f

**EXCHANGE**—Will exchange Chicago brick residence for farm near Alma or Ithaca. Joseph Maher, 7533 Normal ave., Chicago, Ill.

**EXCHANGE**—Property renting for \$444 cash yearly in Mishawaka, Ind., to exchange for Alma real estate. Inquire of Wallace D. Smith, N. State st., Alma, Mich. 20-3-c

**HELP** the Salvation Army to give Christmas dinner to the poor by giving canned fruit and vegetables. 20-3-x

**WANTED**—Live stock, poultry, eggs and butter. Bartley's Market. 20-1f-c

**WANTED**—P. T. Banghart wants to buy a good mare, 1,300 to 1,550, black or bay; must be well broke single, 5 years old. 413 Gratiot ave., Alma, Mich. 20-2-p

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**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 5th day of December, 1917.  
Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.  
In the matter of the estate of Martha J. Frevert, Deceased.  
The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Philip W. Creasey 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 shall be heard by said court on Saturday, the 6th day of April 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,  
A true copy. Albert Frevert, Judge of Probate.  
WALDE E. BARNES,  
Register of Probate. 20-1f

**I. O. O. F. RESOLUTIONS.**

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Oscar F. Parker, and, whereas, we wish to express our sincere regret and sorrow at the loss of our friend and brother, therefore be it resolved by the officers and members of Alma lodge, No. 238, I. O. O. F., that we most deeply feel the loss of our brother, and extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour.  
And be it further resolved, that as an expression of our regard for our departed brother, these resolutions shall be inscribed in our records and the charter draped for thirty days.  
B. L. Walker,  
H. A. Becker,  
J. G. Walker,  
Committee.

**WEST PINE RIVER**

Hugh Bartley of Lansing was home Thanksgiving.  
C. D. Johnson spent Sunday with his brother, D. L. Johnson at Alma.  
Ray Plowman and wife of Alma ate Thanksgiving dinner at A. Wilbur's.  
There was no school in the Wright Dist. last Friday.  
Dell Wright is on the sick list.  
Earl Cox is working in the St. Louis sugar factory.  
Wm. Bartley and family entertained company from Alma Thanksgiving.  
Mae Kees is working for Cushing & Benedict in Alma until after the holidays.  
Jerome Barry is working in Illinois.

**COMPETENT** girl for general housework; four in family; steady position. Apply Albert Frevert, Alma, Mich.

**AUCTION SALES.**

**Alex. Pelky.**  
Alex Pelky will sell at the Polasky farm 3.1-2 miles north of the Republic plant, on Monday, December 10, at 12:30, his horses, cattle, farm tools and implements at public auction.  
**Mrs. John Apple.**  
Mrs. John Apple will sell on her premises, five miles west and one-half miles north of Alma, on Friday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 o'clock, her stock, farm tools, implements, farm product and household goods at public auction.

Douglas Fairbanks, in "Double Trouble," Idlehour, Tuesday.—Adv.

**Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.**  
"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.

**NOTICE TO ARCADE TAXPAYERS**  
I will be at the Commercial National Bank of Ithaca, Mich., Thursday, Dec. 13, 20 and 27, 1917, and Jan. 3, 1918, at Alma State Savings Bank, Alma, Mich., Saturday, Dec. 15, 22, 29, 1917, and Jan. 5, 8 and 9, 1918, for the purpose of taking taxes for Arcade township.  
Dated Dec. 3, 1917.  
B. F. CLINE,  
Treasurer of Arcade Township. 20-1f-c

**Marking Time.**  
Recruit (nervously)—Shall I mark time with my feet, sir? Lieutenant (sarcastically)—My dear fellow, did you ever hear of marking time with the hands? Recruit—Yes, sir. Clocks do it.—Pack.

**KING OF YEGGMEN**

**Title Won by Old Bob as Result of Clever Tricks.**

**Expert Criminal Fooled Jailers by Carrying Saws in What Appeared to Be Pocket Pieces.**

In the underworld the yegg was an expert. Old Bob, king of yeggs, invented, it is said, the pocket piece method of carrying saws. It was a clever trick when he first brought it into existence, writes Melville D. Post in the Saturday Evening Post. When the authorities at a local prison, a county jail or station house searched the prisoner they would find an old trade dollar or a worn five-franc piece in his possession. The criminal would ask the authorities to permit him to keep it because it belonged to some member of his family—his mother, his father or some imaginary child that had cut his teeth on the metal edge in some imaginary former happy home. It was a line of what the underworld calls soft stuff, and the prisoner was usually able to put it over at the country jail. He was allowed to take the coin into the cell with him; what danger could there be in a worn pocket piece treasured for its memories?  
There were all kinds of dangers in it. The faces of the coin screwed together on delicate threads, and the interior was filled with tiny saws of the best material. For a long time through this device the clever criminal was able to get about with a fair equipment of saws always in his possession. It was for no slight accomplishments that this man was known to the suburban world as the king of the yeggs. It was Old Bob, we are told, who invented the system of planting saws about in the various prisons that he might again be unfortunate enough to enter. His method was clever and ingenious. Kindly religious people endeavor to reform criminals by sending tracts and literature to the local prison. The yegg inaugurated the habit of pasting these moral dissertations on the wall of the cell. The custom pleased the well-meaning people and it could not be very well objected to by the prison authorities. It was also useful to the yeggmans!  
The little sermons were glued to the wall with sirup, usually a staple of the prisoner's diet. A thin saw of the best quality was thereby held in place for the benefit of the yeggmans if he should ever by chance return that way, or for the benefit of any member of the gang who might happen to be picked up by the police. It was a long time before the authorities discovered this trick, and then they found the local prisons of the country to be caked with the handy burglar tool.

**Crusaders' Doctrine.**  
There is an old story of the Methodist chaplain of an Ohio regiment in the Civil war who was accounted a deadly rifle shot, and who gloried in his prowess. The men who fought behind him told that, after he had pulled the trigger, he always muttered while reloading, "May the Lord have mercy on your soul." A chaplain such as he must necessarily have deserved the respect of those to whose spiritual needs he ministered. One cannot question that he was popular with his fellows.

Now comes an Indiana chaplain with his bid for fame. "I won't force religion on my boys when we get to France," he said when he was sworn in. "It's all up to them. If they can fight Germans and get away with it, that will cover a multitude of sins." Here is the church militant with a vengeance.

There is no doctrine older than that preached by this Indiana clergyman. Save for his modern turn of speech, the words might have come from the lips of Peter the Hermit or Bernard of Clairvaux. It is good crusading doctrine, no matter which side you take. And the war is truly a crusade.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**New Window Glass.**  
An English inventor has perfected a new window glass to keep out cold in winter and heat in summer. The new glass is based on the well-known principle that any gas is a poor conductor of heat or cold. The ideal window glass to resist heat or cold would be a double pane, with a vacuum between, as in a thermos bottle. But the vacuum makes the glass so easily breakable that this is not practical. So the inventor has designed a double pane, with a space between the halves, smoothly welded at all the edges. The space within is pumped full of carbon dioxide or some similar inert gas. If the pressure of the gas within is equal to the air pressure without the pane is no more breakable than an ordinary one, and it resists the passage of heat or cold much longer.

**A Gloomy Future.**  
"This raising of the price of bread by the bakers strikes me something nerve!"  
"Oh, I guess you can stand it."  
"Yes, I know. But I was talking to my wife about it this morning, and she said to never mind; she would bake our own bread hereafter!"—Browning's Magazine.

**Set in His Ways.**  
"Why doesn't Mr. Cobbles use a tractor on his farm?"  
"He says he has spent forty years studying the temperament of mules and he isn't going to throw away the knowledge gained in that time for every new-fangled contrivance that comes along."

**The Essential Invention.**  
"What shall we invent?" inquired the eminent scientist.  
"The first thing," replied the chairman of the meeting, "is to invent some way of keeping a secret."—Washington Star.

**His Slow Car.**  
Redd—I don't know where all my money goes to.  
Greene—You've got an automobile, haven't you?  
"Oh, yes, but it goes faster than that!"—Lamb.

# WANTED!

## 5000 Xmas Shoppers

### To Visit

# PROUD'S DEPT. STORE

**This Is a Season of Useful Gifts— Do Your Christmas Shopping Early**

Economy demands that you give sensible things this year—presents that are useful as well as ornamental. Economy insists that you take advantage of War-time Reduced Prices at Proud's.

**A Big Special in Fine Silk Blouses**



Hand-made tilet lace trimmed Georgette Blouses that formerly sold up to \$6.50 and \$8.00 are offered at

**\$3.98 \$4.49 and \$5.59**

You must see them.

**A Wonderful Offering of Children's and Misses' Winter Hats**



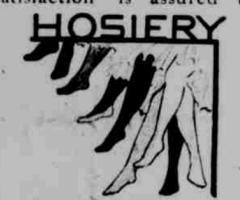
And Tams. Our entire line, that means everything in Children's and Misses' Hats at

Beautiful velvet, corduroy and fur trimmed, assortment.

**Silk Hosiery Sale WOMEN'S HOSE**

If you have gifts to buy or for personal use, complete satisfaction is assured by

**HOSIERY**



purchasing this brand of hose. We have sold for two years.

\$1.00 Silk Hosiery	75c
\$1.00 Fancy Silk Hosiery	59c
75c Silk Hosiery	49c

**A Complete Line of Colors Men's Fine Silk Socks**

\$1.00 Silk Socks	59c
50c Silk Socks	39c

**Good Heart Gifts of TABLE LINEN For Very Intimate Friends**

What could be more acceptable than a Fine Linen Table Cloth?



12-inch all-Linen with large daisy pattern. Special per yard **\$2.25**

70-inch all-Linen Damask with wide stripe pattern, beautiful quality. Special yd. **\$1.89**

68-inch pure Linen Tablecloth with clover leaf design good value Special **\$1.79**

68-inch all-Linen Damask with dotted center, very Special, yard **\$1.69**

**Ribbons To Make Gifts, or To Give**

Ribbons to make things such as bags, hair receivers, handkerchief pockets. Then there's the Lingerie

**RIBBONS**



Ribbon and the Hair-Bo Ribbon, in original designs and beautiful colorings. Prices from 18c to 39c yd.

**Welcome Gifts Handkerchiefs**

All in readiness, fresh and crisp by the hundreds; bought at just the right time, before the prices went skyward.

Women's Sheer Linen Handkerchiefs hem-stitched, at

**15c 19c 25c up to 50c**

**Hosts of New Xmas Slippers**

Women's black felt Slippers at **\$1.45** and Comfy's in blue, old rose, gray and fawn at **\$1.19**



Children's felt Comfy Slippers in oxford, old rose, blue and red; soft padded soles at **69c and 98c**

Infants' High Top Felt Boots, fur trimmed, pink and light blue, **75c** Just the thing for baby

**Interest—Women**



**LADIES MUSLIN UNDERWEAR**

**Aprons** of every description, beautiful material

**Boudoir Caps** Attractively trimmed with Laces

**Warm Bed Blankets**

For the cold winter nights. We bought a lot, months ago, so that you could buy them when you wanted them, at the price you wanted to pay. A large assortment to pick from, fancy plaids and plain with colored borders. The best quality.



Such a Satisfactory Planket!

66x80 Down Nap	\$2.59
64x76 Cadillac Brand	\$2.85
60x76 Near Wool	\$2.59
50x72 Near Wool	\$1.98

**GIFTS FOR THE MEN**

Look this list over. Men's Fine Silk Mufflers, Beautiful Neckwear, shirts, Hosiery of all kinds, Army Sweaters without sleeves, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, House Slippers, Etc.



**MEN'S SWEATER COATS**

Rope stitch, roll collar, 2 pockets, light and dark gray, \$1.50 value. Special **98c**

Men's Heavy Fleeced Underwear, shirts and drawers only. 75c value. Special **59c**

**MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS** Hallmark Brand, \$1.50 value at **\$1.29**

**MEN'S WORK SHIRTS** Heavy Blue Chambray Shirts, 75c value, Special **69c**

Men's Wool Flannel Army Shirts, \$2.50 value, at **\$1.75**

