

# STRICTLY CASH BASIS

## Alma Hardwares Change Policy June 1, 1918

Present Conditions Warrant Our Decision as a Measure of Protection and Economy in This Great Crisis of the World's History. Our Nation's Thrift and Our Mutual Savings Prompts the Move, and Many Other Reasons Force the Issue.

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### Mutual Benefits

THE mutual benefits to be derived from the change to a strictly cash basis, are easily discernible. When you buy for cash, you are not going to over-buy, nor are you apt to make idle and unnecessary purchases. You will use judgment and intelligence, thereby saving your money and conserving the National Resource.

We will receive cash for the goods we sell, a condition which heretofore has not been general, and which will allow us to pay our creditors promptly. We are compelled to pay for our goods in a very few days' time, since manufacturers everywhere are going on a cash basis. It also means a saving to us since we will be able to take advantage of discounts, and at the same time will have no money tied up in poor and uncollectable accounts.

### The Logical Move

THERE are many reasons why it is necessary for us to sell our merchandise upon a strictly cash basis, reasons which might also be applied to all branches of business. Foremost among them all, however, is the fact that cash business makes for economy, saving and conservation of the country's resources. Cash exchange also stabilizes the industry and business of the country, and makes for a more rapid progress in preparing the Nation to meet any crisis which may come.

We will place the Hardware business on a cash basis in order that we may protect ourselves against the unnecessary investment and possible loss of our capital. Receiving cash for our merchandise will enable us to operate our stores with less capital and will allow the freed money to go into channels where it will be of greater benefit to our Government.

Your welfare is taken into consideration as well, for in compelling you to wait until you have the cash before you are allowed to make a purchase, we free you from a debt you might assume, a debt which may later become irksome or even impossible to pay.

Our interests as business men and your interests as the consumer, are alike best served when the strictly cash basis of buying is established, and it may be added that proper treatment of our individual resource is the only patriotic way to serve our country.

### Special Terms

IN placing the Hardware business upon a strictly cash basis, we are compelled to make a concession to the Contractors and Builders, who in many instances are not free to make their many purchases in person, and must send an employee or messenger after innumerable articles which must be bought as needs arise while the building is in the process of construction.

To meet the above conditions and treat the contractor and builder with the proper consideration, we have decided to allow them until the first of every month on incidental purchases. This rule will be strictly regarded, and the above consideration will meet with the limited extension of credit.

This decision will be made for business reasons only, and absolutely no partiality will be shown.

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#### LIFE SENTENCE GIVEN EICHORN

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first. Then a meeting of a number of supervisors was held at the Wright House, at which Ora L. Smith asked for the services of three trained detectives, which was supported by the supervisors. The Halloran agency of Grand Rapids was put in charge of the case but seemed to make little headway, although John Halloran, who has made a good record in recent years, was positive that he had located his people. He failed, however, in the three weeks that he was on the case to secure evidence which would warrant the holding of the parties for trial. He told the writer at the time that the work on the case was being made more difficult for his men and himself, through what he termed as the misdirected zeal of some of the county officers.

It was only a short time before Halloran's agency was done with the case and it seemed that it might never be cleared up. Then came the offer of \$2,000 reward from the board of supervisors for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers. But still no results were forthcoming.

Finally about the middle of September public was put on the case by the Republic company and he worked faithfully, and soon joined hands with David Beaudry, the local French-Canadian, with whom Mr. Epler had pleaded to see if he could not do something. Undersheriff Murphy took up a thread of the case, working in harmony with Powers, but on a different lead than the one which Beaudry was following.

Finally about the middle of September word was flashed over the county that a confession had been obtained by Beaudry and Powers from Mrs. Hiram Gilson. A net was quickly spread. Mrs. Johnson was arrested at her home here and taken to St. Johns, where she was confined in the Clinton county jail, pending the hearing. Eichorn was arrested in Saginaw and just a few hours after, officers arrested John F. Brennan in Flint.

Still later Arthur Murphy located Dorsey Bush at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and he was placed under arrest on a murder charge.

It then became known that the confession of Mrs. Gilson had told of a party at her home on the night of the murder, of the presence of Beatrice Epler, Mrs. Inez Johnson, John F. Brennan, Albert Eichorn and Dorsey Bush and a woman whose identity is still unknown, and of the advances which were made to Beatrice Epler, of their scornful rejection and of the fact the prosecution fought their respect her honor.

At the hearings they were bound

over to the circuit court to stand trial on charges of murder.

The attorneys for both the defense and the prosecution rought their respective sides of the case hard, making it marked as one of the hardest fought cases in the annals of the county. Ora L. Smith, prosecutor, and Kelly S. Searl, special prosecutor, were particularly outstanding features of the case. Attorney Goggin of this city worked hard and faithfully in company with Attorney Stone of Ithaca, William Smith of St. Johns and Purcell & Travers of Saginaw, but their fight was of no avail, partly because of lack of good matter to offset the evidence submitted by the prosecution and partly because of the character of some of the witnesses which the defense was forced to use. No efforts on the part of the defense were too great and everything possible was done for Eichorn but the evidence against him was too plain to admit of anything else but a conviction when the case went to the jury.

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J. H. Dodds, of the State Mutual Cyclone Insurance company of Lapeer is now in this vicinity adjusting the losses which many suffered in the recent storm. There are nearly two hundred such losses in this vicinity and it will take some time to get around to all of them, and it is asked that those who have insurance use a little patience as it may be several days before Mr. Dodds gets to you. The losses will be adjusted just as rapidly as he can make the rounds of those who have suffered.—adv.

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