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## POSTMASTER V. P. CASH WILL QUIT HIS JOB

HAS TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AND WANTS IT GIVEN IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

## Headed Office Here For Seven Years

Alma business people were given a surprise Saturday when it became known that Vincent P. Cash, who for the past seven years has been the postmaster here, had tendered his resignation to the post office department to take immediate effect.

The resignation of Mr. Cash, who was appointed to the office under the recent Democratic administration, in that his term had a year yet to run, came not only as a surprise, but makes it very probable that a temporary postmaster will be appointed pending the selection of a permanent postmaster, which will probably take some little time.

Mr. Cash stated Saturday that he had received flattering offers of late, among them one from a brokerage concern in Detroit and another from a seed company in Toledo. He is undecided at the present time just what he will do, but the expectation is that he will take a few months rest before he again plunges into work.

Mr. Cash has proven an efficient postmaster. During the war when handicapped by a scarcity of help, and with a heavy amount of business, the office under his management was run with the normal number of deliveries. When he took over the post office seven years ago, it was numbered among the second class offices and during the time that he has been in charge the business of the office increased to such an extent that three years ago the office was among the first class offices of the state.

Two years ago, the office dropped slightly under the \$40,000 receipts required of a first class office, this being due to the business depression that hit the country during the course of that year.

This year just closed has seen the receipts of the local office go bounding back over the \$40,000 mark and hence the office jumps back into the list of first class offices where it will be when the new ratings are made July 1. Thus Mr. Cash in relinquishing the reins at the local postoffice with his resignation made at the close of the year, turns over to his successor a first class post office.

## GOOD ATTRACTION TUESDAY EVENING

M. BERYL BUCKLEY APPEARS HERE AS THIRD NUMBER ON THE LYCEUM COURSE.

The third number on the Alma Lyceum Course for the season will be held in the Alma High School auditorium Tuesday evening, January 10, when M. Beryl Buckley, dramatic interpreter, appears here with a program that is expected to consist of two one-act plays, one humorous and one dramatic.

Beryl Buckley, the popular dramatic interpreter, reproduces an entire play or novel with remarkable skill. She shades the moods and emotions of each character with amazing accuracy and vivid delineation. She includes in her program countless, distinctive and picturesque types, among them the western mountaineer in his uncouth vigor, the child in his naive innocence and the Italian with his fire and spontaneous loveliness.

Announcement has also been made that as the fourth number on the Lyceum Course comes on January 18, when Robert McGowan appears here, that the reservations of reserved seats for the last three numbers on the course will be started on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Murphy's drug store. Those who appear first to make their reservations will, of course, get the first opportunity to pick the best seats.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Having resigned from The Davis Beauty Shop, I will conduct a similar business at my new location, 217 State street (The E. Lewis Beauty Stand), beginning January 7th, 1922. Hours 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Evenings by appointment.

Yours for service,  
Winifred Nelson Allen.

C. H. Goggin was in Ithaca on business Wednesday.

## Counties Must Pay in Advance

The highway department of Michigan will build no more trunk lines hereafter until the counties through which they are to run have advanced the county's share of the cost of construction, according to announcement made by Frank F. Rogers, highway commissioner.

The department finished the year 1921 owing approximately \$2,000,000 to contractors and not having the money with which to pay it, while the counties owe the department \$2,400,000. If this money had been paid in advance, as the new rule contemplates, the department would be able to pay all contractors immediately instead of waiting until federal aid state tax money and other funds are received.

Many of the contractors are in debt to private concerns for materials and to their workers for labor, and are in urgent need of the money that the state is not able to pay. By extending temporary aid to the highway department on the more urgent contracts, O. B. Fuller, auditor general, has been able to prevent some of the contractors from very serious difficulties due to the state's failure to pay immediately.

## GARAGE NOW IN NEW LOCATION

SHREEVE & BUCCANNING GARAGE NOW NICELY LOCATED IN NEW HOME.

The Chevrolet Garage conducted by Shreeve & Buccanning, which moved last week from its location on the south side of Superior street to the Thompson Garage at the corner of Park and Superior, is now nicely located in its new home and has far more room in which to conduct the rapidly growing business of the company.

It was the need for more room than the small garage gave that caused the owners of the garage to seek the larger quarters, which will provide for a still greater expansion of the business of the concern.

Considerable remodeling has been done to the building to make it suitable for the garage. A large display window has replaced one of the smaller windows, which provides plenty of room for the display of parts and sundries which are carried in stock.

A new door has been cut through the front of the building, which opens into the garage proper, so that there will be no need of going through the office in the future to get into the garage.

The lighting facilities of the place have been made much better in the rear room of the garage, which will prove a big benefit to the employees engaged in repair work in this room, which is being used as the repair shop.

The heating arrangement of the place has been changed by the installation of a furnace so that the entire building can be heated, which has not been possible in the past.

## Elks Abandon Old Customs

One of the most important reforms to be inaugurated this season is the determination of the Elks to discontinue several loose practices heretofore permitted in the club rooms, and make the order what it was intended to be—a truly fraternal and charitable organization. The Elks lodge is distinctly American. The American flag drapes the altar, and "Americanism" is one of the order's chief tenets. This being true, it follows that the 18th constitutional amendment must be patriotically upheld, and the order has been issued from headquarters that any lodge which permits the violation of that amendment will lose its charter.

Elks are a sociable, friendly bunch, who say that the initials—B. P. O. E.—stand for "Best People on Earth," and in the past they have probably been justly criticised for some things that would better have been left undone. But a change has come. Lodges, like all other organizations, need an occasional housecleaning, and the Elks are going to do a thorough job.

### MOVE THEIR OFFICES

The firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling, contractors, who have had their offices in the Creaser block on Superior street, have moved to rooms in the Opera House block formerly occupied by H. M. Page, where they are now nicely located. Holmes, Crane & Bartling are well known contractors in this section of the state, and during the past summer had contracts for a large amount of paving on state trunk lines in Gratiot and adjoining counties.

## REPUBLIC SHOWS BUSINESS MEN THE COMPANY'S NEW MODELS



Alma business men, who have naturally had the welfare of The Republic Motor Truck Company's factory here at heart, but who have not been in close touch with it and for the greater part have been prone to just regard it as Alma's largest institution, were given a real surprise Friday when, as guests of the company, they were shown a large number of the various models of trucks, including various styles of bodies, and were then taken through the service department and shown the simple, yet labor-saving way in which the company ships tons of parts each month with the minimum possibility of error. Following the invitation extended Friday morning by C. G. Rhodes in behalf of the management about a hundred business men of Alma gathered at the offices of the company soon after luncheon. When they had gathered there the men were conducted by Col. Frank E. Smith, first vice president and general manager, and Mr. Rhodes, down through the plant to the place where the display of trucks was being held, trucks being lined down both sides of the room for display.

On one side the display consisted entirely of Republic Rapid Transits, as model number 75 is known. This is the new Republic speed truck, of 3-ton capacity, which is attracting wide attention throughout the motor truck world. There were thirteen Republic Transits in the display, each and every one with a body different from the others. These thirteen trucks seemed to cover the entire range of the light delivery business ranging from the ordinary standard body to a bus body of very neat design, which contained a number of cane seats, with backs of the same material. This particular bus with a seating capacity of about twenty, went into service Monday between St. Louis and Alma. While it seemed as if these thirteen bodies would cover the entire range of the light delivery field, the business men were told that there are numerous other bodies for the Republic Rapid Transit, which make it more adaptable yet for various haulage problems.

Of the other heavier types of trucks in the other line, the one that attracted the widest attention, was an armor-plated bus, with a capacity of about thirty people. This bus, Knight-motored, was the experimental job in this particular field that the Republic has entered of late months, and proved a revelation to practically all of the businessmen. Although the bus had been overland to Atlantic City and had been demonstrated at various places, it looked to the business men, untrained in the truck world, like a new bus. In the explanations regarding this type of bus, it was learned that some of them are now in use in Baltimore and other eastern cities. It was said that in one eastern city in which the buses make nine miles on a gallon of gasoline. The business men were given a ride through the city in this bus and also in the Rapid Transit bus, the latter of which is well adaptable for certain lines of work. The business men, as a whole, however, were of the opinion that the heavier type of bus, with its small operating cost, was the coming type of bus for work in the larger cities, and especially was this true, after they had ridden in it and compared its riding qualities with the riding qualities of various street cars that they have ridden in. A bus of this type, now being used in the city of Baltimore, is shown in the accompanying cut.

Other types of heavier duty trucks, including various style dump-bodies, were located in the display on the other side of the room. Two of these trucks equipped with dump-bodies are to be shown at a contractors convention to be held soon in Chicago. There were other heavy duty trucks for almost every kind of business. After viewing this display in plant one, the business men were loaded into the two buses and driven to Plant two, which is now the home of the service department.

The service department, which is under the able management of Gordon Cameron, was a revelation to all of the business men, many of whom have studied delivery problems considerably. With the arrangement of bins for storing parts, wrapping and shipping can be handled with the least possible delay and with the least possible chance for error.

Hundreds of bins arranged in rows, with alleys between them wide enough to allow plenty of freedom of movement, are arranged at one side of the room. On each side of each alley the bins are marked with even numbers and on the other side with odd numbers, so that a workman knows immediately which side of an alley a part will be located on. Parts

being numbered to correspond with the bin number, it becomes an easy matter to locate the part. The alleys are marked with letters, which naturally further aids in facilitating the movement of a part after an order has been received.

The wrapping bench is divided into three parts, one for express shipments, one for freight shipments and one for speed orders. Each of these sections is divided for the various individual orders. Mr. Cameron explained that under this system all orders received up until well after 5:00 p. m. each day were shipped the same day as received, the company believing that one of the big features of a service department is speedy delivery. He also stated that it was by this method of handling service parts that the department was able to handle 55 tons of freight shipments per month and an equal amount of express shipments with a minimum of error.

The handling of the extremely small parts, which might get lost in a large bin, and the large parts, which cannot be readily handled in bins, was also explained. The method of handling them is much the same. The small parts, under an inch in length, are kept in drawers, which can be made into any number of sections up to eight, accommodating easily the number of parts of a kind that might be on hand at a time. The larger parts are piled after the same manner that the other parts are placed in bins.

The manner in which the parts are wrapped and put in packages, and how the heavier parts are boxed to insure against claims in shipment were explained, by Mr. Cameron, and proved an interesting feature to the business men who frequently have claims because of poor packaging of shipments that they receive.

The trip of the business men to the plant made them more certain than ever of the future of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., has opened their eyes to the possibilities which this great company offers to Alma with its wonderful manufacturing facilities, and with the management which has been sparing no pains to eliminate all possible waste effort in the effort to bring the great factory to its highest point of efficiency. It has made a loyal bunch of Alma business men into still better boosters for Republic products, through a better understanding that they have of Republic efforts and Republic aims.

At the meeting he pledged himself to good roads.

## SEEKS SENATE TOGA



NEWELL SMITH

dent of St. Louis for years, an attorney of ability and experience, was Gratiot county's last representative in the upper house of the state legislature.

During his address he called attention to the automobile license law the state now has, which brought to the state over \$6,000,000 this past

## C. E. Pettyjohn Severely Injured

Charles E. Pettyjohn, clerk in the J. A. Bartley meat market and grocery on East Superior street, suffered from a badly fractured left leg, while at work in the store Saturday afternoon, the limb being broken in three places.

Pettyjohn was on a ladder in the rear of the store after some goods, when the accident took place. The room has a concrete floor and is put to various uses. A can of oysters had just recently been packed in the room and a few small pieces of ice were laying upon the floor, and one of them played a part in the accident.

Pettyjohn, who was on the ladder, started to slip, and fearful of the injuries that he might sustain if he fell back on the concrete floor, jumped backwards with the expectation of landing on his feet, which he did. One foot, however, struck on one of the small pieces of ice, and threw him in such a position that as he fell, his weight came on the left leg, causing it to break.

He was quickly taken to his home on Rockingham avenue, and is now reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

## ERECT MEMORIAL TO AMMI WRIGHT

CITY COMMISSION DECIDES TO BUILD MONUMENT TO BENEFACTOR IN PARK.

The city commission Tuesday evening voted favorably on a plan to erect in Wright Park a monument as a memorial to the late Ammi W. Wright, benefactor of the City of Alma in its earlier days, and who did much to make possible the Alma of today.

The memorial monument is to be constructed of granite field stone of different colors, and will be about five feet square at the base and from ten to twelve feet in height. Lights will be placed on each side of the monument, and a bronze tablet of suitable design will be placed on the monument. It will contain an inscription relative to Ammi's late benefactor. A drinking fountain will also be one of the features of the monument.

It is planned to erect the monument in the center of the park, near the bandstand, and just north of the fountain. Walks, which are to be built from Orchard street and from other entrances to the park, will wind through the park to the center, circling around the fountain, and past the monument.

Farmers and others who have various colored field stone on their farms and land, and who have in the past been aided in any way by Mr. Wright, will soon be asked to aid in making the monument possible by bringing to the city the stones of this kind that they may have.

## Get License Before Driving Say Officers

Seen yesterday both Sheriff Alfred T. Willert and Chief of Police James Campbell were emphatic in their statements in regard to the use of license numbers of last year on automobiles now. Both pointed out that the law says that the new licenses must be on the automobiles after January 1, and that they have no other course open than to see that the law is obeyed by one and all.

Sheriff Willert stated that the law provides that the licenses must be obtained and be on the automobiles and trucks when they are put in use this year, and that he has no power of any kind to alter or change the law or to make any rulings in favor of anyone who has not yet procured a license. He made it plain that the letter of the law will be followed by the sheriff's department of the county.

James Campbell, chief of police, is equally certain that the law does not give officers any leeway to grant automobile drivers any time after the first of the year in which to use their cars without obtaining the necessary license. He then pointed out that the police department has no other power than that given in the law and this makes it necessary for autoists to have their auto licenses before using their cars this year.

Neither Sheriff Willert or Chief Campbell believe that anyone can find fault with their departments if the officers of these departments follow the letter of the law, as the public is well aware of what the law has to say in regard to automobile licenses.

S. P. McConkey is holding a sale of registered Spotted Poland China hogs on Saturday, Jan. 14. See his ad. on another page of this issue.

Forest Smith of Saginaw, a former resident of this city, visited with Alma friends Thursday afternoon.

## ROAD MEETING INTERESTING TO EVERYONE

PLANS FOR PROCURING FUNDS FOR TRUNK LINE WORK WERE DISCUSSED.

## Good Resolution For Supervisors

Without a doubt the most successful meeting that has yet been held which had for its purpose a means of solving Gratiot county's road problem, which consists of ways and means of securing for the county its proportionate share of the \$50,000,000 good roads bond issue of the state, was held in the city hall yesterday noon. The meeting followed the luncheon, at which the supervisors of the county and their friends were guests of the Alma organization.

No decision as to the best method to take was arrived at, and none was attempted, as it was the intention of the Chamber of Commerce to simply go over all phases of the question with the supervisors and the farmers of the county and if possible bring forth the relative merits of the various suggestions so that the supervisors will be better able to arrive at a solution of the problem at their meeting at Ithaca next week.

Albert P. Cook, as chairman, opened the meeting, calling attention to the desire of the County for more and better roads, and with a thorough understanding throughout the county to go forward with that which is best for the county. He asked for a free exchange of opinions that a good understanding might be secured.

The meeting was turned over to J. E. Fuller, and he introduced Mr. Wm. A. Bahkke. Mr. Bahkke in turn introduced Frank E. Rogers, state highway commissioner, who spoke of the plans of the department for 1922, calling attention to the fact that the five miles of road west from Alma and 1 1/2 miles in Washington township near Bridgeville, are on the 1922 program. He also stated that the road from Lansing to St. Johns in Clinton County, was to be paved this coming year.

Mr. Rogers called attention to the fact that the bond issue was being used at the rate of \$10,000,000 per year and would be exhausted at the end of 1924. He then said that if certain counties did not use their quota of the fund other counties would get (Continued on page two)

## BABY WAS GIVEN IMPROPER FOOD

HEALTH DEPARTMENT POINTS OUT THAT SOME MOTHERS LACK RIGHT KNOWLEDGE.

"The baby had no chance until his mother died."

This terrible sentence is hard to believe, but it is literally true. Terrible because normally it is considered a baby's misfortune to lose its mother. But the doctor who wrote this sentence was more humane than the average and still it was necessary for him to pen the words. They represented the exact truth.

It was a familiar story unearthed by the traveling clinic of the Michigan Department of Health, similar to ones that have often been uncovered by the workers of the Michigan Tuberculosis association. The Smith baby and his parents lived in the county seat of a central Michigan county, and so far as health is concerned the baby never had a chance until the death of his mother.

He was examined in the traveling clinic shortly after her death and found to be nearly 20 per cent underweight. When young he drank milk that was produced by non-tuberculin tested cattle. The hours he kept were irregular. The sleep he got was insufficient. The food he ate was what an artificial-created appetite called for—and all this in spite of the fact that his parents possessed every means that should have worked for his health and comfort. Knowledge of what to do was all they lacked. After the mother's death this child was put under a physician's and a nurse's care.

Ignorance as to the care of these little children is still extremely great in many places, and this ignorance plays a great part in increasing the army of the tuberculous in Michigan every year. The Michigan Tuberculosis association is engaged in the work of spreading knowledge in the care of children, so that it will no longer be possible to say of any baby in Michigan, "He had no chance until his mother died."

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