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PINE STREET CONTRACT IS NOT AWARDED

THREE PRESENT AND THREE VOTES NEEDED, AND CREASER DIDN'T YIELD.

Wiggled Rapidly To Get Own Way

Tuesday evening bids for the paving of Pine street from Superior street to Walnut street were opened and although an apparently satisfactory low bid was received, which was made by the firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling of this city, the commission, with two members absent, was powerless to award the bid to the low bidder, Commissioner Creaser anticipating the method of securing the money for the work, made it plain that he would not furnish a vote to award the contract on the basis on which the commission expected to secure funds for the work. It needed the votes of Commissioners Archer, Chick and Creaser, who were present, to award the contract to the low bidder, this making a bare majority of the entire commission.

"Foxy Phil," as some one has dubbed him, although recently shown the procedure necessary to dispose of special assessment bond issues, through legal steps that the city took to dispose of the bonds for paving on Woodworth, Downie and West End streets, evidently does not agree that all of the legal steps that were taken then are necessary, as he expressed himself as "having my own opinion about that," and then sat tight and prevented the awarding of the contract.

Two bids were received for the paving on Pine street. The bid of Holmes, Crane & Bartling was \$8,911.60 and that of Straight & McNutt was \$9,432.84. Both bids were accompanied by certified checks of \$500.00, which because the matter was not disposed of, are still held by the city, regardless of the fact that there is a possibility that one or both of the firms might need the money.

After the bids were read, discussion started that waxed warm. Mr. Creaser soon gathered that the city expected to take the same legal steps for the disposing of the bonds for the work on Pine street that it had taken for the work on Woodworth, Downie and West End. These bonds were sold to the Detroit Trust Company, after its bond attorneys had passed favorably on the legality of the issue. Mr. Creaser objected to the method. It was pointed out to him that this was the one legal way to do the work.

Commissioner Creaser then proposed to the representative of Straight & McNutt that they take the bonds at 6 per cent for the work and said he was prepared to vote for that. This representative said he would do that at his bid. Commissioner Chick objected to this and said that the other bonds had been sold for 5 1/2 per cent and he would not vote to pay 6 per cent and make additional cost. It was then pointed out to Mr. Creaser that he had evidently confused the bids as he had made this proposition to the high bidder, whose bid was \$21,241 in excess of that of the other firm. He then informed the representative of Holmes, Crane & Bartling that he was ready to vote to give this firm the contract if it would take the bonds at 6 per cent. Again came the objection to paying 6 per cent on bonds similar to those recently sold for 5 1/2 per cent.

No bids had been received up to Tuesday evening for the bonds, although Mr. Reynolds had had a letter from the Detroit Trust Company, which informed the City manager that the Detroit home wanted the bonds. The majority of those present at the session desired, evidently, to award the contract to the low bidder, pending sale of the bonds. This would dispose of the matter, release the certified check of the unsuccessful bidder, and put Holmes, Crane & Bartling in a position where they would plan their future work. If the bonds were not sold no contract would be signed. It would, however, put the matter in such a shape that there would be no delay in getting the work started, when a market was secured for the bonds, and probably

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MEETING WEDNESDAY
A meeting of the guarantors and ticket sellers for the Chautauqua is called to be held at the City Hall next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Reports on the sale of the tickets will be made at that time and everyone is requested to be present.

Special this week—Cherry fruit nut ice cream, 40c per quart. DeLuxe Candy Co.—advertisement

BIG CROWD OUT

The crowd that attended the free vaudeville entertainment given Wednesday evening was probably the largest that has yet attended this weekly event. The people of this vicinity seem to appreciate the fact that they are certain of something different each week, which cannot be said of the ordinary band concert, and they are certainly rewarding the efforts of the people who are back of the enterprise by attending and giving the entertainments their close attention. The fact that the crowd was probably the largest that has yet attended one of these events was surprising in view of the fact that it had rained in the early evening and the weather continued somewhat threatening.

Three good acts were given during the evening in addition to the usual street dances following the entertainment. The first act was a trick roller skater, who was some skate on skates. He was well greeted by the crowd. A larkface comedian, with his fair aid, was the second of the attractions, and this was also well received. The final act of the evening was a good balancing and juggling act.

Another fine entertainment is being promised for next Wednesday evening, and it is certain that it will prove just as popular as have any of the previous entertainments if not more so.

GET CERTIFICATES VETERANS URGED

NEED OF CERTIFICATE OF INJURY POINTED OUT BY COL. FORBES.

There are a large number of veterans throughout the country, probably thousands of them, who have neglected to apply for a certificate of injury. The failure to obtain this certificate will militate against the veterans in making application for compensation under the Veterans' Bureau, in the event that he fails to apply for compensation within five years from date of discharge. There are many instances of this kind. Col. J. H. Forbes, of the United States Army, is urging the veterans to obtain their certificates of injury as soon as possible.

The certificate of injury must be obtained prior to August 9, 1922, as provided in Section 306 of the War Reliance Act, as amended. This section of the act gives the "beneficiaries" of the act the right to obtain compensation for a disability resulting from a disease or injury of service, unless the disease or injury has resulted in a disability within one year from date of discharge, or unless the discharged soldier or sailor can obtain from the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau a certificate of injury within one year from the date of separation from the service or prior to Aug. 9, 1922. The Director of the Veterans' Bureau desires to inform the persons who may have sustained an injury or disease in the service, likely to result in death or disability, as to their right to certificates of injury and also as to the limitations of the statute which make it imperative that they have such a certificate of compensation should be payable for disability resulting from such injury.

It is not necessary to file a claim for compensation or to take any formal action other than the writing of a letter to the Director, United States Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C., giving the name, rank, organization, date of enlistment and discharge and stating the circumstances under which the disease or injury in question was incurred.

Heretofore not very much emphasis has been placed in Section 306 of the Act, the reason being that the five years mentioned therein has not run for many of the discharged service men who desire to claim their right under this Act rather than under the Pension Law. Those who were discharged between April 6, 1917 and October 1917 have an optional right, that is they can either apply to the Pension Bureau or to the Veterans' Bureau if they apply within the statutory period, namely, within five years. Persons discharged after October 6, 1917, will have no right whatever unless they make claim five years from date of their discharge. An example of that is: "A man discharged from the Navy on a surgeon's certificate of disability December 1, 1917, files claim with the Veterans' Bureau at any one of the district offices on December 15, 1922. His claim must necessarily be disallowed because he has not applied for compensation within the five-year period unless he has a certificate of injury, which as stated above, he must obtain before August 9, 1922."

The above statement also relates to application for compensation because of service connected with deaths. Parents who are not receiving compensation must show dependency within five years after the death of

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WILL CONTINUE PARK SERVICES DURING AUGUST

COMMITTEE ARRANGES FOR SPEAKERS AT THE SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS.

Music to Be One of the Features

So successful have the Sunday evening services in Wright Park proven during the past month that the committee having the arrangement of these services in charge has announced that they will be continued in the park during the month of August instead of in the various churches as had been planned at first.

This past Sunday evening there was a fine attendance at the Union services. Rev. H. H. Anderson of the Christian Church was the speaker and presented a strong message, "Redemption Realized." Two solos were rendered by Miss Marion Grover, which were well appreciated.

The following services for the month of August have been arranged by the committee, which feels that they will be as popular, if not more so, than the services held during July:

August 6—Speaker—Captain Synmonds of the Salvation Army. The collection at this service will go to the Salvation Army.

August 13—Rev. J. W. Horton of St. Johns Episcopal Church.

August 20—Rev. Alex. Anderson, superintendent of community service in several states among which Michigan is included. This service will undoubtedly be held in the Chautauqua tent.

August 27—Rev. C. H. Hall of the United Brethren Church.

In case of rain any of these Sundays the services will be held in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Frank Smith has been prevailed upon by the committee to continue his good service in charge of the music. Mr. Willet has charge of the ushering at the meeting.

Livestock Breeders To Picnic at Ithaca

Plans are practically complete for the largest get-together of livestock men ever held in Gratiot county on Tuesday, August 8th, at Woodland Park, Ithaca. At that time the Live Stock Breeders' Picnic will be held.

Every person with their families and friends who likes good livestock, whether it be cattle, horses, sheep, swine or poultry, will find this picnic one that is being put on for their special interest, and one that will be long remembered.

The speaking program which will start at 1:30 p. m. is one which will not only interest livestock men but others will find very interesting as the following list of speakers will indicate.

Mr. A. V. Freeman, Animal Husbandry man from M. A. C., will talk on general livestock problems.

Prof. H. E. Dennison, Dairy Husbandry man from M. A. C., will discuss Cow Testing Associations and Dairying.

Hon. William M. Smith, St. Johns, will discuss National issues relating to agriculture.

If possible a representative of the Michigan Livestock exchange will be secured to present the marketing program.

The excitement will start at 10 a. m. Eastern time with a livestock judging contest. This will be conducted for the boys and girls under twenty and will no doubt prove most interesting to everyone as some of the boys and girl club members are becoming quite proficient in picking the winners.

The athletic program will follow and consist of sprints and other stunts which will help develop an appetite for lunch.

12:00 to 1:30 dinner. Bring the baskets and enjoy an outdoor picnic dinner with your friends.

A baseball game will follow the speaking program and negotiations are under way to secure a team which will give all fans a game worth seeing.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED
The resignation of Lieutenant Frank Kennedy of Troop C 106th Cavalry, Michigan National Guard, of this city, which was tendered some weeks ago to Adjutant General Bersey of Michigan, has been accepted. It is understood that the lieutenant will be held open for a few weeks in the hope that Mr. Kennedy may see his way clear to re-join the troop. He has been connected with Troop C 106th Cavalry since it was organized here a year ago last spring.

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ALMA'S POSTMASTER



FRANK O. PARKER

Parker on Job at Post Office

Tuesday morning Frank O. Parker became Alma's postmaster in fact as well as in name, he having been confirmed by the U. S. Senate somewhat over a month ago. That morning Parker walked into the post office, not for the mail from the First State Bank's box as has been his custom for some years, but to begin giving the orders that he will issue for the coming four year period.

When Parker walked into the private office of the postmaster he was greeted with a few bunches of pretty posies that some of his friends had left on the desk earlier in the morning. He had always associated flowers with marriages and other momentous events and it is very possible that they reminded him that he was taking another very important step in life in becoming a public servant under away of Uncle Sam.

During the day numerous friends, with stamps to buy or mail to secure, stopped long enough to greet the new P. M. and after extending best wishes on the new job, started him on the way with a few cheery words.

Mr. Parker was the choice for postmaster from six contestants for the office, and his past experience of nearly a decade in the post office, and his five years of experience at the First State Bank, have fitted him well for the work.

With the entry of Parker into the post office Tuesday as postmaster of a first class post office, as the one here now is, Ezra L. Smith, who has been guiding the destinies of the office since January as acting postmaster, retired to private life. He was appointed acting postmaster when V. P. Cash resigned at that time. Mr. Smith will continue his connection with the Ruggles Motor Truck Company of Saginaw, with which he has been associated since the concern was organized. He expects, however, to continue as a resident of this city, which he has made his home for years.

OLIN STARTS MALARIA WAR

ADVISES STEPS BE TAKEN TO DESTROY BREEDING PLACES OF MOSQUITOES.

Lansing, August 3.—A fight to prevent an increase of malaria which attacked more than 150 persons in Michigan last year has been instituted by Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner. It is feared that the dreaded anopheles mosquito, the female of which is the only medium transferring the comparatively mild malaria parasite from infected persons to healthy individuals and according to authorities can spread many cases in a day.

Last year an epidemic which was first discovered in Saginaw was spread to several counties. Investigation by health department representatives revealed that many of the cases were contracted from one having

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ERECTING NEW STRUCTURE
The DeRushia Storage Company, located on Grover avenue, has started the construction of a new two story warehouse, which is to be 160 feet in length by 30 feet in width, it was stated yesterday by Fred DeRushia of this company. The first story will be of reinforced concrete and brick construction and the second story of frame construction.

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DEMOCRATIC PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION

CANDIDATES TO FACE PRIMARY PICKED AT MEETING HELD MONDAY.

Select Almost a Complete Ticket

At a pre-primary convention or mass meeting held Monday evening at the City Hall here the Democrats of Gratiot county decided upon the candidates for which they will circulate petitions to get their names on the primary ballot September 12, and probably have decided on the strongest people that could be secured as candidates.

While the attendance was not extremely large, a good number of representatives were present from Ithaca, St. Louis and Alma and almost every section of the county was also represented at the meeting.

Petitions for candidates for every place on the county ticket will be circulated at once, except for coroner, no one being selected at the meeting for this place.

George Long of Pompeii, supervisor from Washington township, is the selection of this meeting as the candidate at the primary for state representative from this county.

Jacob D. Helman, of Alma, familiar to the voters of the county from previous campaigns, was prevailed upon to make the campaign for sheriff.

Carl Gallagher, former city clerk of Alma, was the selection as the primary candidate for the nomination for county clerk.

Miss Sarah Brodebeck, who two years ago made a good run on the county ticket, running ahead of the balance of the Democratic candidates, was the choice of the meeting as the primary candidate for register of deeds.

John T. Mathews of Ithaca was selected upon as the primary candidate for prosecuting attorney.

Ray McCall of Ithaca is to be a candidate for circuit court commissioner.

George Reed of North Star was picked by the Democrats as the man to make the race for primary nomination for drain commissioner.

The candidate for surveyor at the primary will be Frank Grover of Alma.

STRAND THEATRE

The Strand Theatre promises an unusual treat for followers of the silent drama in its offering, "The Silent Call," the H. O. Davis presentation of the Laurence Trimble-Jane Murfin production, which will be shown at the theatre, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 13 and 14.

Three factors stand out prominently to give this picture its unusual appeal. One is the beautiful outdoor scenery, all the scenes having been taken in the High Sierras of Northern California.

Another is the story, unique for its quick action and rapid succession of climaxes. It was filmed from Hal G. Everts' "The Cross Pull," which ran in The Saturday Evening Post. The story has its locale in the far West and centers around the rivalry of two men for leadership in their settlement and favor at the hands of the girl both court.

The third feature in the introduction of Strongheart, a Belgian police dog, as a star on the American screen. This canine, who was brought to the country by Miss Murfin for the special purpose of playing in "The Silent Call," is said to display remarkable acting ability and intelligence. He is said to be the first dog to hold a starring part on the American screen and his eminence in this respect is said to have been due entirely to his capability in measuring up to the role.

For this production which Laurence Trimble directed and for which Miss Murfin made the adaptation a notable cast has been collected. The names include: John Bowers, Kathryn McGuire, William J. Dyer, James Mason, Nelson McDowell, E. J. Brady and Robert Bolder.

LEAVE NEXT WEEK

Troop C 106th Cavalry, Michigan National Guard, will entrain the first of the week for Grayling, where the local unit in company with other units of the state will go into training for a few weeks. A number of the men are looking forward to the training camp with a good deal of interest and expect that the unit will receive considerable benefit from the camp.

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If you want good Tea & Coffee buy it at the Grand Union Tea Store—advertisement.

Water will turn to ice at 300,000 pounds pressure.

SHOULD FINISH TODAY

The expectation this morning was that with the force of workmen subjected to no delays during the day the work of laying the pavement on Woodworth avenue would be completed this evening. This morning only a half block of paving between Downie and Superior on this street remained to be put in.

It is expected that the concrete mixer will be moved Friday to Downie street, where pavement is to be laid on this street between State and Park. It is probable that work will be started on this street Saturday or Monday at the latest. It will be a matter of only about two or three days to lay the pavement on this street if there is no delay in getting cement. It will take about the same length of time to complete the work on West End street, after which the firm of Holmes, Crane & Bartling will be ready to start work on Pine street, if the tangle into Tuesday evening can be ironed out in time. If not the Alma firm will take its machinery to Chesaning and start work on a contract that it has in that city, which might cause a hold up on the Pine street paving until late in the fall.

HYDE REUNION HELD SATURDAY

MEMBERS OF FAMILY FROM MANY MICHIGAN CITIES WERE IN ALMA.

On Saturday, July 29, 1922 the eleventh Hyde Reunion was held at Wright Park, in this city and people from many places gathered to renew old acquaintances and enjoy another good feed. Sixty-five Hydes or Hyde relatives gathered together with well-filled lunch baskets and if the tables could talk they would have raised a loud protest at being laden so heavily with good things to satisfy the appetite. However, everyone had rather an early breakfast and the tables were soon relieved of their burdens.

Four new Hydes were invited to join the large family and meet with others from year to year. They were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hyde of Ovid. A letter was received from Mr. E. J. Hyde of Woodhaven, Long Island, N. Y., expressing his regrets that he was unable to attend.

Four generations of one family were represented. They were Mrs. Emma Hyde Miller, Lemuel Hyde, Mrs. Alice Lott and baby Barbara Lott. Late in the afternoon a short business meeting was held to elect new officers, but motions were made to retain present officers and Lemuel Hyde will hold office as president and Mildred Conlin as secretary for next year.

A short program was given by Raymond and Leo Hyde after which the meeting was adjourned and people wended their way homeward, tired but happy, promising to meet again next year in the same place.

Those present were Mrs. Emma Miller of Boyne City; Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hyde, Pansy, Helen, Raymond and Leo Hyde of Ashley; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hyde, Keith, Denneth, Merl and Wayne Hyde of Ithaca; Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hyde, Frances, Carl, Katie, Paul and Gerald Hyde of Grand Ledge; Mrs. Jane Hyde of Eureka; Mr. and Mrs. James Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Merlen and daughter Marguerite, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mesler, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hyde and son R. G., all of St. Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hyde and son Merle, Mr. and Mrs. Giles MacLaren, Hazel MacLaren of Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Freeman of Shepard; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hyde of Ovid; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnes, Mary, Howard and Hubert Barnes of Sumner; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cludy and daughter Elizabeth of Ithaca; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde S. Conlin, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacLaren, Margaret, Doris, Bernice, and Lawrence MacLaren, Goldie Wiser, Mrs. Lyle Wiser and daughter Gladys and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lott and daughter Barbara of Alma.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

By request of a large number of citizens and tax payers I announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Gratiot county on the Democrat ticket, subject to the primary, September 12.

J. D. HELMAN.

Water will turn to ice at 300,000 pounds pressure.

THE "MAN FROM MICHIGAN" GETS INTO CAMPAIGN

LINDQUIST OF MAIL ORDER FAME HAS PLATFORM USED A DECADE AGO.

Lash, of Saginaw Also a Candidate

Evidence is now being given that the congressional race in the eighth district is to be a three cornered affair between William M. Smith of St. Johns, Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw, and Francis O. Lindquist of Greenville, whose announcement was made in the Greenville Independent last week.

William Lash of Saginaw, chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen is also in the fight, but is not seriously regarded.

Just what complications the entry of Lindquist will make in the race is a question that political leaders in the Eighth, regardless of which of the other candidates they are backing, are concerned with.

Back in the days of the old "shoestring" district of which Gratiot and Montcalm counties were a part, Lindquist went into congressional scrap with a mail order campaign, and completely upset those when he copped off the honors and went to congress. At the last reapportionment Lindquist was thrown into Fordney's district and left out in the cold—a congressman without a district—and he was forced to quit.

He is back in the race again and again is without the support of the political leaders of the various counties of his district. And "The Man From Michigan" is back with his same old pure goods bill with which he mail-ordered himself to congress at that time.

Smith supporters, who were first in the field in getting the political leaders lined up, continue confident that the St. Johns man will land the place. They realize, of course, that it will be harder to win with Lindquist in the field, but doubt seriously if he can make headway with his old campaign cry which failed to show results when he was in congress before. Vincent supporters are more hopeful of landing the Saginaw man since Lindquist made his announcement, although they must now face a home fight with William Lash.

From now until the primary on September 12 the forces of the three camps will be pushing their campaigns in intensity, Smith and Vincent probably out stumping the district, the former certainly doing this, and Lindquist staying at home and in all probability conducting another of those "mail order" campaigns.

As was the case when Lindquist was a candidate before, he is not regarded as a possible winner. He does not even have any great political support in his home county, outside of Greenville political leaders, and certain it is that the political leaders in other counties, even if some remain who are not behind either Vincent or Smith, will be extremely loath to get behind the Greenville man.

While he is not regarded as being a possible winner the expectation is that he will force a tighter race between Smith, who has been the evident choice of political leaders of five counties, and Vincent, who carries the banner of Saginaw county into the congressional race.

SERIES OF BIBLE LECTURES

Rev. Edward E. Shouffer, pastor of the Baptist Church will close his work with the church here with a series of Sunday morning Bible lectures during the month of August. The general theme of the lectures is "The Christian's Bible." Few have stopped to consider the difficulties, the length of time and the varied experiences through which men have passed who have brought the Bible within the reach of everyone today. Rev. Shouffer has spent much time in the study of Biblical literature, the history and origin of ancient manuscripts and the various versions. He will have something to say concerning these things. The invitation to attend these Sunday morning lectures is extended to all regardless of denominational affiliation. Next Sunday morning the first lecture will be given. Among the topics to be discussed are The World Before the Bible or The Great Need of The Great Book, Human and Divine Elements in Producing a Bible, How We Got Our Bible, Do We Need Another Revelation. There will be special music for these services.

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