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PROHIBITION NOT FAILURE SAYS PASTOR

GREAT INCREASE IN CRIME HE POINTS OUT USING FIGURES TO SHOW THE RESULT.

Data Gathered Here By an Australian

That prohibition is not a failure but a good success was pointed out in a recent sermon given by Rev. W. L. Gelston, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, who based his address on data compiled by Gifford Gordon, secretary of the Victorian Anti Liquor League, following a study of conditions in this country. The address which follows is highly interesting to those who have been working from either angle in regard to prohibition:

"Rev. 3—Hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown."

"A statement which we frequently hear is that prohibition in America is a failure. It is made so often and in so many different forms that even those who believe heartily in the dry cause are prone to wonder if it may not be true. We forget that many such assertions are a part of a very carefully planned campaign of propaganda being worked out by the 'Wets,' and have a scant basis of truth in them.

"In view of this fact, I am happy to be able to give you today the results of prohibition in the United States, as found by Mr. Gifford Gordon, Secretary of the Victorian Anti Liquor League, of Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Gordon was sent here from Australia, a year ago to ascertain whether the prohibition law in the United States is a success. Upon his findings were the decisions of his own fellow Australian workers to be based. As an outsider he was in a position to come to us and render impartial judgment in regard to what he finds. He has now been at work a year, seeing all classes of people, in all sections of the land and as he leaves our country he states unhesitatingly his conviction as follows: "Now, after twelve months of thorough investigation I am convinced that prohibition in the United States has succeeded. Moreover, I have collected facts and statistics which support the verdict, and which I believe will be accepted as conclusive by any fair-minded, impartial judge."

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DEMOCRATS HAD BIG LOVE FEAST

ARMORY IN ITHACA SCENE OF A BIG JOLIFICATION AND CELEBRATION MONDAY.

Gratiot County Democrats, feeling the most enthused of any time in the history of the party in this county, as a result of the election in Gratiot, a week ago Tuesday, held a big lovefeast and joy festival at Ithaca in the Armory Monday evening, which was attended by all of the Democrats and guests that could be jammed into the building.

Three long tables, the entire length of the room were loaded down with things to eat, and at each place was a radiant, smiling figure, happy over the election results and cheerful over the possibilities that the future might hold. They certainly believed in celebrating when the celebrating is good and they did it good and plenty.

The Democratic county candidates were there. Their friends were there, and the directing heads of the Democratic party in Gratiot were there.

John T. Mathews of Ithaca, one of the well known Democrats of the county, was the toastmaster. He called on the candidates and they responded with well chosen words. W. A. Bahkne of Alma, Archie McCall and Ray McCall of Ithaca were other speakers. All in all it was a most enjoyable evening, in fact the most enjoyable that Gratiot Democrats have ever had. And why not, they had denied Gratiot Republicanism considerably, carrying the county for Ferris and Cummins, electing a member to the house of representatives in the state legislature and adding more by electing a sheriff. In addition they added insult to the injury that they had thus done the Republicans by a reduction of the Republican majorities for all of the county offices where there were contests.

Tractor School Soon at M. A. C.

The first of four special one month courses in Truck and Tractor operation will open at the Michigan Agricultural College on November 27, running until Dec. 22, according to announcement made by Ashley M. Berridge, assistant director of winter short course work at the college.

The truck and tractor courses, which give practical instruction in the care and operation of all forms of farm, gasoline power, have proved increasingly popular during recent years, drawing large enrollment from Michigan cities as well as from the rural sections of the state. The courses are open to all men of the state over sixteen years of age.

Information regarding the courses and admission may be had by writing to Director of Winter Courses, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing.

Four American college boys of good families worked their way across the Atlantic as ordinary sailors. At the end of the trip the captain gave to each an American cent as a reward for their good work.

MOINET GAVE A GOOD ADDRESS WAS SPEAKER AT BANQUET OF PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD HELD FRIDAY.

The first banquet of the fall and winter season of the Presbyterian Brotherhood was held in the Church basement Friday evening, at which the Honorable Edward J. Moinet, Judge of the Clinton-Gratiot circuit, was the speaker.

Judge Moinet's theme was an especially appropriate one on the eve of Armistice day, the subject being "Duties of Citizenship," in which he pointed out in no uncertain terms some of the responsibilities of the American people, among them being obedience to law, respect for the constitution, responsibility for the Americanization of the foreign element, etc.

Judge Moinet pointed out the grave dangers of the segregation of foreigners in our larger cities, with its greater possibilities of taking to L. W. W. propaganda and other un-American propaganda dangerous to constitutional liberty in America, and pointed out that it was the duty of every American to combat this propaganda and also to use his best efforts at the Americanization of the foreign element.

He pointed out the evident desire to shun jury duty, and the failure of the public to assist in gathering criminal evidence, in which respect the people are not practicing what they preach.

It was pointed out that we have plenty of missionary work to do at home in cultivating a respect for law and a respect for God. We must be right within, he said, before we can accomplish much good. To be a good citizen, he indicated, a man must have a respect for God, for government and for the laws of the country.

In closing he pointed out that there is plenty of constructive work for every loyal American in preserving our country from the disaster that inevitably follows lawlessness. American citizenship carries with it great privileges and great responsibilities, he stated.

Joseph Winslow, was the chairman of the meeting, which was favored with some charming musical selections rendered by Mrs. Harold Moore.

One of the features of the evening was the name of a song placed at each table, which those at the table were asked to sing during the course of the luncheon. Mayor Murphy's table is reported as having carried off the prize for the evening, no one at his table being able to respond with the song called for from his table.

PLAN FOR WINTER TRAVELERS
The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed in service the full winter schedule of "The Southland," its all-steel train with through sleeping cars and coaches from Chicago, Grand Rapids, Cleveland, Columbus and Indianapolis to Jacksonville. Beginning December 16, the Chicago sleeper will be operated through to St. Petersburg.

It is anticipated that the Florida travel this winter will be heavier than in any previous season. Florida hotels are preparing to entertain a large clientele who visit the peninsula regularly; also many others who will take a winter vacation in Florida for the first time.

DIED ON WEDNESDAY
Mrs. James Blackford, a well known resident of this city, passed away Wednesday morning, death being due to typhoid fever. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at the M. E. Church.

BEET DELIVERY TO ALMA PLANT IS VERY SLOW

INDICATIONS ARE THAT PRODUCTION OF BEET SUGAR WILL BE CURTAILED.

Railroad Cars Are Difficult to Get

The Alma Plant of the Michigan Sugar company is experiencing considerable trouble in securing beet deliveries so that the plant can operate and the probability is that the plant will not operate at more than half capacity during the balance of the run because of this fact. The past several days little has been done except in the receiving sheds because of the shortage of beets, but operations got under way again this morning.

A large part of the tonnage of the beets that the company has had under contract for the local plant this year has been at such a distance from the plant that it is necessary to ship the beets to the factory by train, and a great deal of difficulty is being experienced in securing a sufficient number of cars in which to ship beets to the factory from the various shipping points and weigh stations that the company maintains through the sugar beet growing district. It is understood that the greatest difficulty is being met in securing a sufficient number of cars from the Ann Arbor railroad.

Just what effect this is going to have on the operations at the plant is difficult to foretell at the present time but unless the beets come in much more rapidly than they have been coming it will be necessary to reduce the slicing to one-half capacity, working a hardship on the company because of the increased overhead cost of manufacture as a result.

Make Appeal for Refugee Garments

Gratiot County Chapter of American Red Cross has just received an urgent call for both new, and used clothing, for refugees who have fled from Smyrna and other parts of Asia Minor.

The call has come to every Chapter worker, both adult and Junior, in the American Red Cross, asking that clothing be sent at once to meet the appalling needs of the refugees in Greece. As these refugees speak the Greek language, they have been taken by British, American, French and Italian ships and put ashore either on the Greek mainland or the Greek Islands, of which many lie between Smyrna and Greece.

The able-bodied men among the Greeks have largely been seized and imprisoned, or have been driven into the interior of Asia Minor, the result being that the refugees for whom help is now required consist chiefly of women and children, with a small percentage of feeble and old men.

The types of clothing needed are all kinds of warm serviceable clothing, including coats, suits, dresses, underclothing, stockings, and shoes for men, women, and children.

Anyone having out-grown or used garments which can be contributed to help meet this emergency are requested to send them, or phone Red Cross Headquarters, 307, Ithaca, Michigan, and they will be shipped immediately, per instructions from the Division Office as the need is great.

OBITUARY
Mary Block was born at Stettin, Germany, Aug. 22, 1846 being one of a family of fifteen children. When fourteen years old, her family came to the United States, settling in Cassinovia, N. Y. At the age of twenty she was married to George M. Hutchinson. Four children were born to this union, two dying in early childhood.

The family came to Michigan in 1886 and settled in Alma which has since been her home with the exception of two years spent in Rochester, Indiana. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a woman whose beauty of character and Christian life will ever be a blessed memory, not only to her family, but to all who came in contact with her.

After an illness of several months she entered into rest, Nov. 8, 1922. Her husband passed away Jan. 4, 1919. Two children were left to mourn her loss, Mr. Louis Hutchinson and Mrs. Pearl Decker, also three grandchildren all of this city.

THE "FIGHTING" PARSON



REV. WILLIAMS COMES FRIDAY

"FIGHTING PARSON" OF CHICAGO TO BE SPEAKER AT PRESBYTERIAN MEETING.

Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams of Chicago will speak Friday evening in the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock, and those who heard him when he was here about a year ago will be delighted to have another opportunity of listening to him. He will be here Friday to address the students of the College and has consented to remain over the evening meeting at the Church.

Some years ago Rev. Williams earned the title of the "Fighting Parson" in Chicago because of his fearless attack upon corruption there. Recently he has been serving there as a speaker for the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association. He is certain to have a strong message Friday evening on civic righteousness and law enforcement.

PROMINENT ALMA WOMAN IS DEAD

MRS. R. J. FRAKER DIED SUNDAY AT HOME OF RELATIVE AT ROYAL OAK.

Mrs. Ransom J. Fraker, a highly respected resident of this city for many years, passed away Sunday, November 12, at the home of a relative at Royal Oak, where she and Mr. Fraker were visiting. Her death was unexpected and came as a big shock to her many friends in this city. Mrs. Fraker was 59 years and 11 months of age.

The body was brought to Alma from Royal Oak, and the funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Willis L. Gelson, officiating.

WAR STAMPS DUE JAN. 1
War Savings Stamps of the series of 1918 become due and payable on January 1, 1923. The people who bought these stamps will receive their full face value redemption and will find that the money they saved five years ago has earned every year about four per cent compounded interest. In order to afford holders of war savings stamps an opportunity to continue their investment in a safe government security the Treasury Department is offering an exchange of War Savings Stamps for Treasury Savings Certificates.

The certificates are issued in denominations of \$25, \$100 and \$1,000, maturity value, and sold for \$20.50, \$82 and \$820, respectively. Holders of War Savings Stamps can get them at these prices upon application through their own banks or their post offices. Exchanges will be made as of January 1, 1923, upon applications presented between November 15, 1922, and January 15, 1923. Immediate payment will be made in cash of any difference due the holder of War Savings Stamps if he takes the largest possible amount of Treasury Savings Certificates on the exchange.

The growing inclination of the people to save and their desire to find a safe reinvestment for their money leads Treasury officials to believe that a large part of the six hundred million dollars in War Savings Stamps soon to become due will be exchanged for Treasury Savings Certificates.

ATTENTION
I wish to thank everyone who in anyway assisted me in my candidacy for Register of Deeds. I appreciate the support that enabled me to carry 15 of the 29 precincts of the county.
Sara O. Brodebeck

It has been demonstrated that the larynx is capable of 16,000 adjustments of shape in voice productions.

ART CLUB WILL GIVE MUSICAL FOR A BENEFIT

LOCAL ARTISTS GIVE SERVICES FOR CONCERT TO BE GIVEN HERE NOVEMBER 24.

Proceeds Will Go To Welfare Association

The Alma Art Club, with the assistance of the best musical talent of both city and college, is planning a musical treat for the people of Alma and vicinity. The Club will give on the evening of Friday, Nov. 24, at the Presbyterian Church a charity concert, the entire proceeds of which will be turned over to the Alma Welfare Association to be used by that organization in their work this winter.

All the local artists to appear that evening are donating their services for the event and music lovers are assured of a program which will be very enjoyable and very much worth listening to. The program will be a mixed one and will consist of solos, a male quartette, organ numbers, trios, and readings. The Alma Art Club is planning to make this concert an annual event, one which music lovers may look forward to each year.

Do not forget the date—Friday evening, Nov. 24, at eight o'clock.

THE PROGRAM
Organ
Gavotte (from Mignon) Synes
Overture to Stradella Flo-Buch
Soprano Miss Grace Roberts
Vocal Solo
Wonderful World of Romance
In An Old Fashioned Town, W. H. Squire
Miss Marie Myers
Girls' Double Trio
Parade Gifford-Lynes
Rocking Time Knox
Helen Sharrah, Helen Ely, Horione
MacKenzie, Margaret Ely, Dorothy
Young, Beatrice Steyer
Vocal Solo
Selected Mr. Bonaming
Vocal Solo
Selected Fromilda Young
Reading
Selected Mr. Lee Sharrar
Male Quartette
Selected
Chapier Robinson, Lowell Hudson
Donald Smith, Julian Smith
Vocal Solo
The Cry of Rachel Mary Turner Salter
The Morning Wind Greta Brantcomb
Mrs. Ruth Palmer Moore
Art Club Trio
Cobwebs Gerritt Smith
Slumber Song Shesler
Mrs. Harold Davis, Mrs. Louise MacKenzie, Mrs. Mildred Sweet Young
Accompanist—Miss Grace Roberts, Miss Esther Zinn, Mrs. Lola Pringle, Mrs. Leath Mullin
Piano loaned by compliments of Sawkins Piano Co.

Michigan Cow Nears World's Record Mark

Producing 35,339.5 pounds of milk in one year, a Michigan cow has just broken all previous records and is said to have taken rank as the second highest producer in the world.

The new record holder is Kolrain Marion Finner, a Holstein-Friesian owned and developed by the Loeb Farms of Charlevoix. She was a seven years old last September, a month before completing her great record. Marion had already made very creditable figures at an earlier age, the recently announced yearly record mark being the culmination of her outstanding production achievements.

Supervision of the record made by the Charlevoix cow was handled by inspectors under the staff of the dairy division at the Michigan Agricultural College, and the official figures on her record was released this week by M. H. Gardner, of Delavan, Wisconsin, Superintendent of Advanced Registry for the United States.

Fat contained in the 35,339.5 pounds of milk produced in 365 days ending on October 26, 1922, totals 1,022.85 pounds. She freshened at the age of six years, one month, and eight days, at the beginning of the test. Twelve supervisors were employed in the conduct of the test, 275 days of which were "strictly official," with a supervisor constantly in attendance.

The record of Kolrain Marion Finner ranks her as one of the greatest milk cows of all time, and is considered as a distinct achievement for Michigan dairy interests.

WILL ACCEPT STAMPS NOW
Although 1918 War Savings Stamps do not mature until January 1st, 1923, Postmaster Frank O. Parker announces that he will accept them on and after November 15th in exchange for the new 5 per cent Treasury Savings Certificates.

Every 1918 Stamp presented now will be accepted at its maturity value of five dollars if used as part payment for one or more new certificates, dated January 1, 1923.

This opportunity should appeal to everyone who holds War Savings Stamps bought in 1918—whether he holds one stamp or two hundred.

Postmaster Parker is anxious to handle the bulk of these exchanges before the usual Christmas rush begins at the postoffice. All owners of 1918 War Savings Stamps should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Growers Win at The Potato Show

Potatoes growers of Michigan, exhibiting at the International Potato Show held at Duluth, Minnesota, last week, won unusually high honors, according to word just received from J. W. Weston, potato specialist at the Michigan Agricultural College who attended the big show.

Competing against entries from the leading potato growing sections of the entire continent, Michigan men managed to make a clean sweep of prizes in the Russet Rural class, and to score notable victories in other classes as well.

In the Russet Rural field, Ernest Pettifer of Gaylord, won first place; Brudy Brothers of Waverne, second; Frank Wyreek of Alanson, third; Lee Sneathen, of Charlevoix, fourth; and W. L. Thomas of Afton, fifth. In the certified seed exhibits, Bundy Brothers won second place with a variety competing, Joe Ycle of Sands, ranked tenth in the Green Mountain class which was the largest and most hotly contested group in the show.

CANCER CAUSED 3,304 DEATHS

WAS SECOND IN STATE IN THE CAUSE OF DEATHS DURING YEAR 1921.

Cancer, which killed 3,304 persons in Michigan in 1921 and which, up to October 1, this year, had claimed 2538 victims is second in the cause of deaths in this state according to figures given out today by Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner for use during National Cancer week which opened Monday, Nov. 13 and will continue throughout the week.

The number of deaths from cancer in 1921 exceeded 1922 by 195 and is equivalent to a rate of 86.5 per 100,000 population the highest in the history of the state. Figures show that cancer is not confined to any particular portion of the state but the rural districts show more deaths than the cities. Of the total cancer deaths 41.8 per cent occurred in rural districts, and the census shows that only 33 per cent of the population of the state is termed "rural."

"Any disease that causes 3,304 deaths in a year and sets up a death rate of 86.5 is exceedingly serious says Dr. Olin. "During the great war the United States lost about 80,000 soldiers. During the same two years 180,000 people died of cancer in this country. Cancer is now killing one out of every ten persons over 40 years of age.

"Many of these deaths are preventable" says Dr. Olin, "since cancer is frequently curable, if recognized and properly treated in its early stages."

Dr. Reuben A. Peterson, professor at the University of Michigan is state chairman of the Michigan branch of the American Society for the control of Cancer. Dr. Peterson has outlined a series of lectures all over the state for cancer week. District chairman appointed by Dr. Peterson are: Dr. B. H. VanVuren, Petoskey; Dr. James Bruce, Saginaw; Dr. B. W. Fraick, Maple City; Dr. Wm. J. Kay, Lapeer; Dr. Max Burnell, Flint; Dr. Francis Penoyer, St. Haven; Dr. Theodorus Squire, Battle Creek; Dr. W. K. West, Painsdale; Dr. Walter Vaughn, Detroit; Dr. F. C. Kinsey, Grand Rapids, and Dr. John Wessinger, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

WATER OF ALMA GIVEN AN 'O. K.'
STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FINDS THAT CITY'S WATER IS FREE OF GERMS.

William E. Reynolds, city manager, has recently received letters from Edward D. Rich, director of the bureau of engineering of the Michigan Department of Health at Lansing, following tests of the municipal water supply here, which shows that the city water is pure and safe.

Maragar Reynolds submitted the city water to the health department after it had been chlorinated just as it goes out through the mains for consumption in the city, and also the water from the city wells before it has been chlorinated. Tests reports accompanied the letters, and indicated that the chlorinated water was practically germ free, and that the water not chlorinated was nearly so. Both are reported as safe by the Michigan Department of Health, because of the excellent condition of the water.

The letters regarding the water are almost identical in form, and one of them follows: November 10, 1922.

Mr. W. E. Reynolds, Alma, Michigan.

Dear Sir—

The enclosed laboratory report on sample of water from your city supply shows no evidence of dangerous contamination.

Very truly yours
Bureau of Engineering
Edward D. Rich, Director.

VINCENT THE ARMISTICE DAY SPEAKER HERE

MADE PLEA FOR WORLD PEACE COMPARABLE WITH U. S.—CANADIAN BOUNDARY.

Race Cannot Stand Another Such War

Saying "The white race cannot stand another such holocaust if it is to maintain its supremacy in the world," Bird J. Vincent, congressman-elect of the Eighth Congressional District of Michigan, Saturday, speaking at the Armistice Day celebration here, sounded a note of warning to the countries of the world which are peopled by the white race, and he urged a peace throughout the world that was comparable with the United States-Canadian boundary situation, which rests on confidence, and not on armed force and armed vessels. His address was made here in response to an invitation extended to him in behalf of the George W. Myers Post No. 132 American Legion.

The Armistice Day celebration in this city opened just before 11 a. m. At 10:55 a firing squad began firing on Woodworth avenue and promptly at 11 a. m. Captain Hopkins of the 100th Cavalry Michigan National Guard gave the orders to cease firing. Then the parade formed on Superior street in front of the city hall.

in the following order: Alma College Band, Colma Troop C 106th Cavalry, George W. Myers Post No. 132 American Legion, Woman's Auxillary, and citizens. The parade marched west to State street, north on State to Downie, west on Downie to Park, south on Park to Superior and west on Superior to State. At this point the parade broke.

Speaking from the Cavalry unit truck, Commander R. C. Robinson of the local legion post asked for complete silence for one full minute as a mark of respect to the soldier dead in France. Commander Robinson then introduced Comrade Bird J. Vincent of the Saginaw Post as the speaker of the day.

In opening his address Congressman-elect Vincent asked his audience to pardon a personal word, and told of the pleasure that it gave him to come to Alma to speak—Alma an outpost during the primary campaign for himself.

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