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### Y. M. C. A.

Tickets for the Star Course are now on sale and are in great demand. The sale will be a large one, and it ought to be, as the course is an exceptionally good one, and the price of tickets is exceeding low.

Last Sunday Rev. W. S. Ament gave an earnest, helpful talk on "Courage." It was a service full of interest. Mr. Ament always has something practical to offer, and is ever ready to aid the young men. Every one in the city should be interested in these services and the attendance of men should be large.

The evening class work will open next week. The class in mechanical drawing will meet on Monday night, when arrangements will be made for the class in arithmetic and work in physics. The class in penmanship will meet on Wednesday night. Prof. Cadman will take charge of this class. Young men who desire such work as the association offers should see Secretary Van Ness at once.

The gymnasium classes are getting into working trim. There was a good attendance at the class Tuesday night and the work is opening with a good interest. The instruction is thorough and practical, and a fine opportunity is offered young men for body development. Other classes will be arranged as there is demand. See physical director Crawford.

Next Sunday is designated by the International Committee as a day of prayer for young men and is so observed throughout the world. The plan includes an observance of the week of Nov. 14-21 as a week of special prayer for this work for young men. The Owosso association has arranged to hold meetings for prayer and meditation each evening next week from 8 to 9 o'clock. Rev. W. S. Ament will have charge of the work, and the earnest hope is that lasting good may result from it. The topics for the week are as follows:

Sunday—"Helps and hindrances to spiritual life and development."

Monday—"The relationship of the Word of God to my spiritual life and activity."

Tuesday—"My prayer life."

Wednesday—"The Holy Spirit in my life."

Thursday—Mid-week prayer meetings in churches.

Ask pastors to present the topic, "Spiritual life." "What is it?" "How is it obtained?" "What is its purpose or expression?" and to make young men and the Young Men's Christian Association the object of special prayer.

Friday—"The Lord Jesus Christ. What is he to me?"

Saturday—Prayer for local, state, international work, including that in mission lands.

The annual election of directors will occur next Tuesday, Nov. 16. Those whose terms expire are D. M. Christian, J. C. Shattuck, E. M. Miller, C. S. Ensminger, and H. Kirk White. The polls will be open from 5 to 8 o'clock. Howard Crawford, H. L. Crosby, and W. L. Kinney are tellers, and L. E. Gould judge of the election. A large vote will be polled.

The regular meeting of the board of directors was held Tuesday evening. A number of new members were received into the association and other business transacted. A committee consisting of Messrs. Shattuck, Dewey, Ensminger, and Van Ness was appointed to look after the matter of a public anniversary meeting next month.

### BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.

On Wednesday evening the tenth anniversary of the organization of the Association was observed. The rooms were quite well filled, many of the older workers being present. The informal program of the evening commenced at 8:30, when E. O. Dewey called the assemblage to order, and after the singing of a hymn, C. S. Ensminger read the minutes of the first meeting held in the Congregational chapel, Nov. 11th, 1887, when the following young men organized the Association: C. S. Ensminger, F. H. Clark, John Brooks, T. Middleton, Rev. Geo. H. Wilson, G. H. Hicks, Rev. C. DeW. Brower, E. O. Dewey, C. E. Rigley, C. O. Bates, Louis Flickinger and Mr. Hibbard. The officers elected were: President, E. O. Dewey; first vice president, Louis Flickinger; second vice president, John Brooks; secretary, Fred H. Clark; treasurer, C. S. Ensminger. The charter members present, Messrs. Ensminger, Brooks, Middleton and Dewey, recalled some of the earlier history of the work, the discouragements met with, the successes scored and expressed their pleasure with the continued growth and usefulness of the association. Letters were read from Rev. Geo. H. Wilson, Louis Flickinger and Prof. C. O. Bates, regretting their inability to be present and expressing their joy that the work had been prospered and blessed.

The presence of E. E. Lohnes, Geo. T. Campbell and E. C. Van Ness, the three gentlemen who have filled the position of general secretary during the history of the association, added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. Messrs. Lohnes and Campbell gave very interesting talks concerning the work of the past, Mr. Van Ness of the present and future. Remarks were also made by J. B. Woodin, H. K. White, A. H. Mosher, and Dr. B. S. Knapp, the latter stirring up considerable merriment as well as enthusiasm for the work. During the evening Mr. Lohnes favored the audience with two splendidly rendered solos. Taken altogether it was a most enjoyable party and if the spirit expressed, not alone by the speakers but by all present, permeates the work of the next ten years the association will prosper as it never has and an association home will be assured.

After the serving of coffee and doughnuts by a committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary, those present spent an hour pleasantly in a social way.

### A Grand Praise Service.

The service at the Congregational church last Sunday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock, was proof positive of the power which song has over the American people, freeing their minds entirely from the cares and anxieties of business and social life and giving them an idea of the great value of their life, and, perhaps an illumination of the reward in the future for well spent time on earth. While it would hardly be possible nor entirely the best plan to change the regular exercises of churches to a service similar to this one, yet a more frequent varying to an hour of song would make a decided increase in the congregations and lead to a regular attendance. This would have a powerful influence on the lives of those of the church is not reaching at present.

Through the kind assistance of about twenty of Owosso's best trained and most popular singers, A. E. Ferry, leader of the church choir, had prepared, and most excellently in every detail, for the rendering of the sacred cantata "The Holy City," by Gaul. At 5 o'clock every seat was occupied and every aisle filled, and a more thoroughly satisfied audience never left the church.

Pastor J. C. Cromer read the 42d Psalm and offered prayer, and after the introductory on the organ by Miss Helen Duff, the chorus in full began the cantata, which is a most glorious one in every way. Taken from the Bible the words had the power which no human composition can equal and then with the peculiar adaptation of the parts to the voices, it had an effect that could not fail to be inspiring. The work of the individuals was equally good, and while each of the soloists has his or her admirers, no criticism was heard for any.

It would be time and money, if necessary, well spent for the people to join in making a regular feature of the sacred services of the city the rendering of such musical productions. Owosso is behind no city in the state in the amount and quality of its talent, never behind in its appreciation of the work of home or foreign artists, and with this first success as a standard and a criterion, the good work will undoubtedly go on.

The success of the hour was in no small measure due to the splendid work of Miss Duff at the pipe organ. Her skill in registration was remarkable, notably in the introduction as well as in the accompaniments to the different soloists. Then again in the last chorus, the very sudden changes from the delicate accompaniment to the four lady soloists, to the full organ at the outburst of the chorus with the words "Marvelous are thy works, Lord God," exhibited rare skill in managing the great instrument, which required also much physical strength.

Mr. Ferry is entitled to great credit and the united thanks of the community for his unflinching efforts, and more so in face of the fact that he is not as so many must be in order to secure them help, rewarded in a pecuniary way for the pleasure he gives the people of this city. Music is to many the first element that touches their better natures, and no chance should be lost to bring these people to their better selves.

For the people we thank all who took part and trust that they will feel that their efforts are fully appreciated.

### Congregational Social Union.

The Congregational Social Union is now fully organized and ready for the year's work. The society is divided into five divisions, each with a chairman and each being asked to raise fifty dollars in a special line of work during the year. Mrs. C. D. Stewart has charge of the supper; Mrs. R. E. Travis, of musicals; Mrs. Albert Todd, of literary entertainments; Mrs. T. M. Wiley, of afternoon teas; Miss Mae Webster, of summer entertainments.

The first of a series of social musicals will be given next Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 8 p. m., at the residence of Rev. J. C. Cromer. The following excellent program will be presented:

1. Song—Quartet, Messrs. Stevens, Reynolds, Knapp, and Roth.
2. Mandolin Club—Misses Gates and Conant, Mrs. Hoyer, Messrs. Stevens, and Tubbs.
3. Vocal Solo—Miss Evora Robbins.
4. Piano Duet—Miss Duff.
5. Mandolin Club.
6. Piano Solo, by Miss Gregory.
7. Male Quartet.

The public is given a cordial invitation to be present. Admission, 10 cents.

### County Sunday School Convention.

The annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Sunday School Association, which closed at Corunna late yesterday afternoon, was, as have been the previous annual gatherings of the association, a success. The papers, addresses and discussions were all of great interest and no one in attendance failed to profit thereby. Neither time nor space will allow of a full report in this issue. The officers elect are:

- President, Rev. O. J. Roberts, Morrice.  
Vice " M. H. Reynolds, Owosso.  
Sec'y, Miss Maud Harper, Shattsburg.  
Treas., D. D. Dunning, Perry.  
Pres. N. W. Dist., M. H. Reynolds, Owosso;  
Pres. N. E. Dist., H. W. Spitzer, Easton;  
Pres. S. E. Dist., John Kirker, Bancroft;  
Pres. S. W. Dist., M. S. Dunning, Perry.

A good house, barn, and lot for sale or exchange for land (wild or partly improved). In Saginaw, half mile from factories, two blocks from street cars, on Grand street. Terms easy. Geo. H. Johnson, 613 Webster street, Saginaw, W. S., Mich.

WANTED—1000 tons timothy hay, for which I will pay the highest market price. A. TODD.

### Board of Health Salary Grab.

EDITOR TIMES:—I noticed in the various city papers during the past three week severe editorial strictures on the doings of our city council. In the main I agree with the position taken by the city editors. The council has no right to pay aldermen for superintending the construction of sewers, or any work other than that provided in the charter. They have laid sewers and done a large amount of public work in direct violation of the provisions of the city charter, and thus continue to impose a burdensome and illegal tax upon the people. For all this there is no doubt they could be indicted, and they certainly should be. It is time they should be made to respect the law and their oath of office.

But while all this is so, the arraignment comes with very poor grace from the board of health. They took office at a fixed salary, knowing full well its amount and taking their chances on the amount of work to be done. But in order to get that extra fifty dollars each from the public treasury, is it not true that they set deliberately to work and created a scare, a public excitement, the like of which we never had in Owosso before? It reached to such a degree that even yet all over the state we are regarded as a plague-stricken city. Our schools were broken up (the pay of the teachers going on meantime) and thousands of dollars worth of trade has been driven from the city to other towns. The whole management of this matter is, in the opinion of the thinking community, one of the biggest outrages ever perpetrated upon our people. The animus of the whole matter is easily seen when they come before the council demanding more pay. Being twice refused they then have the gall to say to the aldermen "then you shall not draw money illegally from the treasury, either." Like the neighbor boy who said to the other who stole the apples, "If you don't give me some I'll tell, and don't you forget it."

This big scare was entirely unnecessary and uncalled for, in short, a public outrage. If the health officer had gone quietly about his business and quarantined those who actually had the disease, as has often been done heretofore, there would be no more spread of it—no more deaths than there have been—our schools would have gone on unimpaired, and our merchants would have reaped the benefit of the trade which has gone to other towns. But of course that would preclude the getting of that extra fifty dollars, and the parading of the "Big Indian," and, too, it would prevent exhibiting the loyal sacrifice made in the interests of the dear people, of twenty-four dollars a day. Oh, dear! what a farce!

### GYM WOCHER.

#### An Honored Citizen.

Among the pioneers of Shiawassee county who will long be remembered for their sterling honesty, industry, and heroic work in making the county one of the finest in the State, but few have done their part better than S. A. Yerkes, of Bennington, who settled on his present farm, comprising nearly 240 acres in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Yerkes are both well known and highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances.

Their friends will be pleased to know that Mr. Yerkes reached the 70th milestone in his life on Monday and that the event was happily commemorated by a family gathering. The congratulations to Mr. Yerkes were hearty and genuine, the wish being expressed by all that his life might be spared for years to come. In honor of the occasion a flag staff was raised, from which floats a streamer with the figures 1827—1897 thereon. Later on a fine U. S. flag, the gift of the friends present, will grace the staff.

Among those present were Mrs. A. M. Hume, city; Mrs. Louis Wolf, of Philadelphia; H. C. McCarty, Junction City, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Lyman McCarty, and Mr. and Mrs. W. McCarty, of New York City.

#### To Continue Business.

The many warm friends of J. J. Davis throughout the county will be pleased to learn that he is to continue in business at his old stand. The sale of his stock of goods under the chattle mortgage occurred Wednesday morning. The bids started at \$5,900 and quickly ran up to \$7,500, at which figure the sale was made to Mr. Davis' brother, A. M. Davis, of Howell.

This result was not unexpected, still on the announcement of the sale, satisfaction was expressed on all sides, the clerks in the store expressing themselves by a round of applause. It is to be hoped that Mr. Davis will soon be enabled to regain his former large trade and to establish himself as one of the reliable business men of the city.

On Wednesday evening the clerks in Mr. Davis' employ banquetted Mr. and Mrs. Davis at McNally's cafe.

#### A Clever Trick

It certainly looks like, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at Will E. Collins and J. S. Haggart drug stores.

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### Bancroft Will Keep Up Its Fair.

Wednesday the leading citizens and old stockholders of the Union Market Fair met and re-organized with the following officers: President, T. M. Euler; vice president, B. D. Black; secretary, W. E. Watson; treasurer, E. P. Sherman; directors, I. L. Mills, F. A. Braden, E. O. Byam, O. Sugden, J. C. Simonson, C. A. Bradley, W. H. Payne, C. B. Simonson, John Driscoll, Frank Whelan. The new company will pay up all indebtedness of the Union Market Fair and of the old Bancroft driving club and take possession of the grounds, and all equipments thereof, put them in first-class shape and build up a fair and driving association with a solid footing.

### Primary School Money.

The semi-annual apportionment of primary school money is unusually large this year, amounting to 90 cents per capita for children of school age. The number of children in the county is 9,255, the amount of money divided \$8,203.50, as follows:

No. Children	Amt
Antrim	266 839 40
Bennington	275 247 50
Burns	380 342 00
Caledonia	323 290 70
Fairfield	302 271 70
Hazelton	564 507 00
Madison	173 153 70
New Haven	357 405 00
Owosso	843 368 70
Perry	564 507 00
Rush	401 441 99
Scio	409 368 10
Shiawassee	614 622 00
Venue	336 344 70
Vernon	748 673 30
Woodhull	950 325 00
Owosso City	2223 2000 70
Corunna	367 339 80
Total	9255 82,502 50

### Langsburg.

Thompson Swartout and Orson Leland were the last of the hunters to leave this place. They started Thursday morning and will bring back venison and bear meat—The first man to report killing a deer this season is Frank Rohrabacher, who went north with the John Sweatt company. Frank is to be congratulated on his success. This is his maiden trip—Jordan & Joyce have opened a harness shop in the McCarter block. They came here from Lansing and appear to be hustlers—At a special meeting of the council last week John W. Powell was appointed village marshal in place of G. J. McClintock, resigned—Dr. R. H. Scott is putting a furnace into his dwelling for heating purposes—Frederick Lee, an old resident living one mile northeast, celebrated his 77th birthday anniversary Nov. 10th. He took dinner with his son, J. F. Lee, of our village, and is hale and hearty. He came to his present farm from Germany thirty-six years ago. He has been an honest, industrious farmer, and has accumulated a good property and gained the respect of all his neighbors. We hope he may live to enjoy many more returns of his anniversary—Emma J., wife of Rev. A. G. Blood, who has been sick for some weeks with malarial fever, died on Sunday evening, Nov. 7th. She was about 50 years of age and had been totally blind for the past two years. Beside her husband, she leaves one son and two daughters, one sister and brother, to mourn her departure. She was an earnest Christian and had been a member of the M. E. church for thirty-eight years. Her funeral was held in the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon. Presiding Elder Wm. Dave preached the sermon. The other pastors assisting were Rev. J. A. Rowe, Rev. F. M. Codington, of the Congregational church, Rev. F. L. Allen, of the Baptist church, Rev. F. Strong, of Bennington, and Rev. Hill, of Owosso. Burial in Langsburg cemetery.

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