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Fire at Episcopal Rectory.

The fire department was called to the Episcopal rectory Monday afternoon by a fire which had gained a good headway and required lively work on the part of the firemen to subdue. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Holland in a bedroom over the kitchen soon after a fire had been started in the kitchen stove, presumably taking from a defective chimney. The loss to the house and contents will amount to nearly \$175, and is covered by insurance.

Death of Mrs. Jane Smith.

The death of Mrs. Jane Smith occurred Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Howe, Mulberry street, resulting from paralysis. She suffered two strokes of paralysis, the first about eight weeks ago, the second a week before her death. After the first stroke Mrs. Smith was able to get about the house with the aid of a cane but after the second stroke she was not able to leave her bed and gradually failed to the end. Her age was 84 years. Mrs. Smith came to Shiawassee county from the state of New York in 1854, the family settling in Rush township. A number of years ago Mrs. Smith and her husband, the late Major A. Smith, removed to Owosso where Mr. Smith died eleven years ago. The deceased had been a member of the First M. E. church for years and she was also active in the work of the W. R. C. Surviving her are one sister, Mrs. Matilda Boyce, her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Howe and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Steinger officiating.

Will Insist Upon More Money for Beets.

More than 100 representative farmers were present Saturday at the meeting of the Shiawassee County Beet Growers' Association held in Corunna. There was but one sentiment expressed, viz., that the beet grower is entitled to and should receive more money for the beets. The meeting was presided over by J. N. McBride and the discussion led by A. B. Cook, A. Wrigley, J. D. Leland, H. H. Hubbard, Frank Clark, and Grant Slocum, the latter of Detroit and at the head of the Gleaner organization of the state. A resolution, introduced by J. D. Leland, was adopted demanding one dollar more per ton for all beets whether grown on the flat rate or test. The farmers were also urged not to sign contracts until the demand was agreed to.

The matter of forming a state association was considered and the following delegates elected to attend a state meeting to be held in Bay City, Dec. 15: J. N. McBride, A. B. Cook, P. B. Reynolds, J. D. Leland, A. Wrigley and Frank Clark.

Congregational Brotherhood.

The men of the Congregational church completed the organization of a Brotherhood at a meeting held Sunday afternoon, a large number being present and assisting in the work. The organization is upon the same lines as the national and state organizations with which it will affiliate. The interest manifested at this meeting and the one previously held would seem to assure success from the start. After the adoption of a constitution and the fixing of the nights for meetings on the first and third Monday evening of each month, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. O. Parker; vice president, S. B. Miner; secretary, G. E. Pardee; treasurer, W. F. Whittemore. Those present signed the charter enrollment and an invitation is given all the men of the church and congregation to become members.

The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 5 in the parlors of the church and is to be a social session.

Marriage Licenses.

Ernest J. Ketchum, Lennon	19
Vera M. Adams, Lennon	18
George H. Tooley, Owosso	53
Minnie Lingo, Caledonia	46
June J. Armstrong, Burns	23
Margaret Lewis, Burns	22
Phillip Shapto, Owosso	22
Esther Labasky, Owosso	20
Charley E. Bromfield, Durand	21
Essie A. Kentner, Durand	21
Hugh L. Amos, New Haven	23
Martha M. Haber, New Haven	22
Clyde McDonough, Byron	22
Isabel Douglass, Scotland	24
Claude J. Watson, Owosso	25
Sadie Pearl Wright, Owosso	22
George T. Turner, Durand	21
Minnie B. Hicks, Durand	21
Clyde J. Douglass, Hazelton	20
Bertha A. Morse, Burt, Mich.	17
Edward P. Murey, Owosso	24
Josephine Pekarek, Owosso	24

FARMERS—Sell your poultry of all kinds to Hall & Carr, 110 S. Washington street, Owosso. Fancy prices for fancy stock. Union telephone 182.

HITCHCOCK TO URGE THE PARCELS POST

Will Ask Congress to Initiate Limited Service on Rural Mail Routes.

With the flattering and encouraging assurance that the postoffice department will be on a self-sustaining basis in the next fiscal year, a determined movement will be inaugurated this winter for the establishment of a parcels post system. Postmaster General Hitchcock, who has been strong for it in the past, will renew his recommendation in his forthcoming annual report. It is proposed to initiate the system with a limited service on rural mail routes.

It is announced that the complications that have delayed the work of organization for the installation of the postal savings bank system now have been practically removed, so that actual operations soon will be started in the offices designated for the preliminary test. After these operations are started it is expected extension of the service will be a matter of speedy accomplishment. The postmaster general argues that as soon as the postal bank system is thoroughly organized the postoffice department should be prepared to establish throughout the country a general parcels post. In other words one is the complement of the other.

UP TO ELEVEN POUNDS

In a statement made today it is announced that the postmaster general hopes, as a preliminary step in the development of such a service, that congress will authorize the delivery on rural routes of parcels weighing as high as eleven pounds, which is the weight limit for the international parcels post. "This form of service," it is declared, "can be conducted with little, if any, additional expense to the government. It will not require the appointment of more carriers, for those already employed have the necessary equipment in the way of horses and wagons to distribute the parcel as well as the ordinary mail. Rarely is the latter of sufficient volume to take up more than a small portion of the mail space in the carrier's wagon. A rural parcels post of the kind proposed, if successfully conducted, would probably lead to a more general system."

The postmaster general believes, however, that before the parcel service is extended to the whole country definite information should be obtained as to the nature and volume of the business to be handled. He accordingly urges that in conjunction with the experiment on rural routes a further inquiry be authorized by congress in order that the department may be in a better position to develop the system on conservative lines. He recommends that a special appropriation for the inquiry be granted at the coming session.

BUSINESS MEN FAVOR IT

That business men throughout the country will join in a movement for speedy action in the parcels post matter is indicated by the impetus already given to it in some of the larger cities. A few days ago representatives of New York department stores came out in force with expressions of hope that the agitation of the subject would be productive of action by congress at the coming session. All the merchants whose views were asked were emphatic in urging the need of the parcels post. It has been pointed out that foreign countries are years ahead of us in this respect, while treaties enable citizens of the United States to send heavy packages abroad by mail more cheaply than they can ship the same packages between Chicago and New York by express. That the powerful express companies have been the chief foes of this postal reform in America has been recalled by many merchants and other shippers of small packages, who have remarked upon the helplessness of the mercantile community when transportation is tied up, as, for instance, by an express strike.

EXPRESS COMPANY EXTORTIONS

An important element for consideration, also, is the recent crusade against the alleged extortionate charges of the express companies. The action taken with regard to express rates in Illinois has been followed by a concerted move to have the interstate commerce commission give attention to the interstate phase of the express question, and there are to be important hearings in the matter in the near future. Public dissatisfaction with the express companies has led to radical suggestions in the line of remedy for existing evils, among them being that the government assume in their entirety the functions now performed by private corporations of this character. There is no doubt that the complaints as to express service have given a tremen-

dous impetus to the parcels post movement.

In connection with the frequently heard objection that a parcels post would insure to the harm of shop owners in small towns, the consensus of opinion among business men in the larger cities seems to be that such injury would be more than overbalanced by the advantages derived by these lesser storekeepers.

WOULD WIPE OUT DEFICIT

Some of the enthusiasts among business men contend that the parcels post would hasten the day when the government could run the postoffice department at a profit instead of a deficit. It is declared to have been demonstrated that the government with its wonderful system of postoffices, together with its rural delivery service, can handle an immense quantity of additional business at practically small additional cost to the government.

An additional argument advanced in favor of the reform is that, since we have the rural free delivery, many wagons traveling half empty will be sent over their routes with the efficiency and promptness that only the government can guarantee, delivering merchandise to the farmers and picking up other parcels. In this way the wagons would always be of real use.

The strike question has had much to do with accentuating interest in the parcels post, especially in the cities affected by the recent troubles between express companies and their employees. A prominent New York merchant has called attention to the matter in this way:

WOULD GIVE RESERVE FORCE

"The banks of the country are the reserve we depend upon in time of financial stress. The national guard is the reserve we depend upon in time of war. Every man who has been a soldier knows the importance of having men at hand to take the place of those disabled. It is one of the first lessons in military tactics, and it is applicable to anything else beside soldiering.

"And yet we have no carriers at hand to fall back upon when express companies fail us. Between the companies and their employees we are gripped tight by the throat. If they don't want to haul our goods what can we do? If they want our men to strike what can we do? For one thing we are obliged to compel our customers to carry home a great number of parcels they are not accustomed to handling, to their inconvenience, and; incidentally, ours, because it hurts trade to disoblige customers. If we had had the parcels post at the time of the recent strike I would simply have sent down word to the mailing room to split all packages into weights in conformity with the law and ship by United States mail."

Circuit Court.

The trial of the slander case of Wm. Martin of Corunna vs Wm. McAvoy of New Haven township, for \$5,000 damages resulted in a verdict for \$10, which carries with it judgment for costs of like amount.

Judge Miner has ordered a dividend of twenty per cent to be paid at once to the creditors of the defunct private bank at Vernon. The first dividend was thirty per cent and it is hoped that a third one of 15 per cent may be paid, making a total of 65 per cent. Receiver McLaughlin hopes to get the matter closed within a short time.

The discontinuance of the damage case of Mrs. Nellie Greenman against Frank and Frances Greenman for the alleged alienation of the affections of the former's husband, was announced Tuesday. It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. Louis Greenman have settled their differences and will again live together. Mr. Greenman has been residing in Florida a year or more. The parties are all well known in Owosso.

A verdict for \$200 damages was given the plaintiff in the case of Arthur McGuer vs Charles Bossardet, the suit growing out of a horse trade in which the plaintiff proved to the satisfaction of the jury that the team he received was not as represented.

Wants Farm Back.

Corunna, Dec. 1.—Through his attorney A. E. Richards, Josiah Pugsley has started proceedings before Circuit Court Commissioner R. R. Durham to remove Mr. Pugsley's son-in-law, Thomas Hoskings, from the farm which he bought from Mr. Pugsley on contract some time ago. It is declared by the plaintiff that the farm was bought on a contract for \$8,000. Mr. Hoskings was to pay \$1,000 down and \$300 per year. He declared that Hoskings has not yet paid the \$1,000.

The Great men and Famous Women's club will give a picnic dinner at Mrs. Charles Harnack's, Mulberry street, Friday afternoon, in honor of their president, Mrs. Janette, who soon leaves for Detroit.

Danley-Geeck

A pretty wedding of much interest was solemnized Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Geeck, 523 Ada street, when their only daughter, Miss Edna May was given in marriage to Glen B. Danley of St. Johns. Rev. A. J. Holland performed the ceremony in the presence of only immediate relatives of the contracting parties. There were no attendants and the event was simple and impressive. The Episcopal ring service was used in uniting the couple.

The bride was handsomely attired in a rich marquisette over pink messaline trimmed with pearl and bead ornaments. The house throughout was profusely decorated with greenery, white snow drops and pink cut flowers. The color scheme, pink and white, being artistically wrought.

An elaborate four-course dinner was served after the ceremony. Here the color scheme again predominated in the favors, which were handsome willow baskets trimmed with pink and white flowers and filled with after-dinner mints. The young ladies who served were prettily gowned. Miss Elsie Whipple in pink and Miss Rizpah Terbush in white.

A valuable collection of wedding gifts was on display, including cut glass, china, furniture, silver, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Danley are popular young people and have figured prominently in social circles both in St. Johns and this city. Mrs. Danley graduated from the Owosso high school in 1909 and is a favored member in the Lambda Rho Tau sorority. She is a member of Christ Episcopal church and the church auxiliaries, the Girl's Friendly and the St. Agnes Guild.

Mr. Danley is a merchant of fine business attributes and sterling character. After finishing his high school work in St. Johns, he attended the Lansing Business University from which place he graduated in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Danley will leave Thursday evening for St. Johns where they will be pleased to welcome friends at their own home, 109 Ottawa street.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Danley and son, Gerald, parents and brother of the groom of St. Johns, were the out-of-town guests.

The Press-American joins with the many friends in extending congratulations.

Chase-Smith

A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Laughton, when Miss Elsie May Smith, sister of Mrs. Laughton, was united in marriage to Rolland L. Chase of this city. Rev. Mr. Laughton performed the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The short form of the Episcopal ring service was used.

The bride was handsomely attired in a gown of cream crepe de chene, entrain trimmed in delicate lace of the same shade over silver cloth, and the young couple took their places unattended under an arbor of palms and smilax.

The room was prettily decorated for the occasion, the prevailing colors throughout being green and white.

Immediately following the ceremony, dinner was served. Mr. and Mrs. Chase will reside at 417 Saginaw street.

Miss Smith has resided in this city for only a short time, comparatively, but has made a host of friends here. Mr. Chase is a prosperous and energetic young business man of the city. He is a member of various local lodges and like his bride has many friends who join with the Press-American in extending heartiest congratulations.

Shier-Schroeder

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Congregational parsonage, Rev. Carlos H. Hanks united in marriage, Miss Katherine Shier and Otto W. Schroeder, both of this city. They were attended by the bride's brother, August Shier and Miss Marguerite E. Fuller.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder are well known young people. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and until recently of Company H and of the city fire department. He is now employed at the casket factory. They will reside temporarily with Mr. Schroeder's mother on Clinton street.

Lemunyon-Sanders

The marriage of Miss Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Sanders, and Burt Lemunyon took place Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, at the home of A. L. Chandler, Goodhue street. Rev. J. S. Steinger officiated.

Following the ceremony a dainty wedding luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Lemunyon will make their home in New Haven township.

Elks Memorial Day Services.

The Elks Memorial Day committee has been fortunate in securing Shirley Stewart of Port Huron to deliver the general eulogy at the annual services to be held Sunday afternoon at the Temple.

Mr. Stewart who is assistant attorney of St. Clair county, is one of the best known of the younger Elks of the state. He was esquire of the Port Huron lodge when that organization secured the state trophy at Kalamazoo for excellence in ritualistic work.

Mr. Stewart accompanied Owosso lodge to Calumet in June 1910, and during the journey by boat, was of material assistance in preparing the team to duplicate the feat which his own team had performed—procuring the state championship.

The memorial services will be held in the lodge room of the temple at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, and is a public function. Not only Elks and their families, but their friends as well, are cordially invited to attend. The special eulogy on the members of Owosso lodge who died during the year, will be delivered by Seth Q. Pulver of this city. Appropriate music will be furnished.

The Morse Case.

Corunna, Dec. 1.—Attorney Odell Chapman of Owosso is in Lansing, where he will again try the damage case brought against the Grand Trunk railroad company by Glen Morse of Corunna a few years ago. Mr. Morse's son, about two years old ran away from his mother and was killed by a train. Morse contends that the engineer had time to stop his train, but took a chance and did not do it. He was given a verdict for nearly \$5,000 in this circuit once and the supreme court reversed the case, because some of the jurymen had looked over the scene of the accident.

The company then asked for a change of venue and the same was granted, the suit having been transferred to Ingham county where it will be tried this week. A number of Corunna citizens are in Lansing as witnesses in the case.

Local News.

The Michigan Central road issued a new time card Sunday. The changes on the line running through this city affect but two trains, the one south at noon now leaving at 12:17 and the first evening train south at 7:30.

Mrs. J. H. Fairman returned to her home in Alma Wednesday after caring for her mother, Mrs. Grace Skinner, who is ill at her home, Comstock street. Mrs. Fairman was accompanied to Alma by her brothers, Lloyd and Lawrence.

December 31, 1910, has been fixed as the last day on which suspended members can reinstatement in the L. O. T. M. M. It is understood that officers of the local hives have been in receipt of important information for all members, but what it is could not be ascertained.

The annual report of the Michigan commissioner of insurance shows that 27,105 insurance policies for a total of \$40,840,325 were written in the state during the year 1909. This department, like the oil inspection, turns into the state treasury a snug sum each year in excess of its expenses.

The Willing Workers of the Church of Christ were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Babcock, east of the city, Wednesday. In spite of the unpleasant weather there was a large attendance. All reported a very pleasant time. A sumptuous chicken pie dinner was served to fifty persons.

There were ninety ladies and gentlemen at the charity card party which was given Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pardee, 603 North Ball street. Over \$26.00 were realized which will be used for the benefit of the Visiting Nurse's association. Refreshments were served.

The Improvement Association at its meeting Tuesday noon extended a vote of thanks to the board of health, mayor and council for the precautions taken to prevent an outbreak of smallpox in the city, incidentally congratulating the citizens for providing against such an epidemic by quiting a general vaccination.

Miss Clara Byrnes, of Detroit, formerly a resident of this city, is one of the contestants in a subscription contest given by Detroit Saturday Night with a trip of sixteen days to New Orleans and a five days ocean trip to New York to the winners. She has asked many of her Owosso friends to assist her in the contest.

Roy M. Chrouch of the Pulver law offices, went to Lansing Wednesday to appear in supreme court in the appeal of the case of E. M. Rohrbacher, relator, vs. A. L. Nichols, county clerk. The case is in connection with the city of Owosso being forced to pay jurors' fees in the condemnation proceedings of property in the East Exchange street opening.



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Y. M. C. A. Notes

Prof. W. E. Hanson will speak at the Sunday meeting.

The pop was a success in spite of the bad weather.

The song service next Sunday afternoon will be a rousing one. Just one more meeting of the Business Men's Improvement Association this year. Mrs. Breckin promises them an excellent farewell lunch. All members of the association should endeavor to be present.

Much interest has been manifested in chess during the last few days. Several players have been contesting and the plays have been very even in results. A. Gluck, a recent member seems to be in the lead just at present. Phillips had been leading in games won until Mr. Gluck appeared. Now we are looking for someone to trim Gluck. Chess players come up.

\$615 for Plaintiff.

Corunna, Nov. 30.—The jury in the case of Eliza Leonard of Vernon township vs. James Brooks of this city, returned a judgment of \$615.00 against the defendant, Wednesday.

It was claimed that Brooks purchased Leonard's farm in Vernon for \$3,200, and paid only \$4,500, he claiming that the price named in the deed was only put there at the expressed wish of Mrs. Leonard.

The case attracted considerable attention and much evidence concerning the valuation of the farm was introduced.

Court adjourned until Monday morning when Judge Miner will hear chancery cases.

The committee named by the Owosso Improvement Association to re-arrange the question of closing a portion of Elm street to permit the erection of an addition to the Woodard Furniture Co.'s factory met Friday evening and selected H. B. Sturtevant as the fifth member and on Saturday viewed the premises and heard the statements of the parties interested. One meeting has since been held with the prospect that a satisfactory solution will be arrived at in time to report to the council on Monday evening next.

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty-acre farm half a mile south, three quarters of a mile west of BURTON; fair buildings. \$4,700. CHRIS. ANDERSON.

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