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County Farmers' Club Meeting.
Our readers are urged not to forget the annual meeting of the County Association of Farmers' Clubs to be held in the M. E. church, Corunna, on Friday, next, the morning session opening at 10 o'clock. An excellent program has been arranged, covering a variety of farm topics.

Corunna Furniture Factories United.

Announcement was made last week that the capital stock of the Fox & Mason Furniture Co. of Corunna, had been increased to \$260,000. This increase was made to permit the purchase of the factory and business of the Corunna Furniture Co., the stockholders of the two concerns having agreed upon a basis of sale. Officers of the new company have been chosen as follows: President, C. I. Fox, Arcadia; vice presidents, E. L. Mason, A. W. Green, Corunna; secretary and treasurer, Geo. D. Mason, Corunna; directors, the above gentlemen and S. C. Brown of Lapeer. The new company has every prospect of success and it is believed the consolidation will prove beneficial to the citizens of Corunna.

Creditors Meet.

A meeting of the creditors of the Owosso Paint & Wall Paper Co. which closed its doors a few weeks ago, was held at the office of Warren Pierpont Tuesday morning. L. A. Sanderhoff was appointed trustee and was ordered to dispose of the stock as soon as possible. The liabilities of the company were shown to be \$2,600, with assets amounting to about \$1,400.

There are several creditors, Mrs. C. H. Strahler, whose husband was at the head of the company, being the largest. She holds a mortgage for \$940, which amount she put into the business when it was first started. S. A. Maxwell & Co. of Chicago, who have a claim for something like \$400, filed the petition to have the company declared bankrupt.

Reciprocity Bill Passes House.

The Canadian reciprocity bill was favorably reported to the house of representatives on Saturday by a vote of twelve to seven in the ways and means committee. The seven votes in opposition were given by Congressman Fordney of Michigan, Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Dwight of New York, Calderhead of Kansas, Gaines of West Virginia, Ellis of Oregon, Republicans, and Broussard of Louisiana, Democrat. The bill was taken up for discussion on Monday by a vote which indicated its passage and after a debate covering two days it passed the house Tuesday evening by a vote of 221 to 92. The Republican vote was 87 votes against the bill and 78 for it; the Democrat vote, 143 yes, 5 no. But five Michigan members were present when the vote was taken and they voted as follows. Against the bill, Fordney, Dodds, McLaughlin; for it, Denby and Young. The bill is now in the senate and its fate is uncertain. President Taft will use every power in his control to have favorable action taken, while its opponents insist that it shall not pass at this session.

Death of Mrs. G. W. Clark.

Myrtle A., wife of Alderman George W. Clark, died at the family home on East Mason street early Tuesday morning. Mrs. Clark had been in poor health for a year and a half, following a severe sickness, but had been able to be about her home until Saturday last. Death was due to heart trouble and dropsy. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Hanks officiating. Many friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to one whom they loved and to manifest their sympathy for the bereaved members of the household. The floral tributes were beautiful, including pieces from several branches of the city government, three of the Masonic bodies and from many neighbors and friends.

Myrtle A. Pearce was born in Fairfield township March 11, 1870, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pearce, was married to George W. Clark, June 15, 1892, and to them were born four daughters, Misses Neva and Doris, and twin daughters who died in infancy. The family resided in Fairfield township until their removal to Owosso in 1900. Since coming to the city Mrs. Clark had been an active worker in the Congregational church and the Eastern Star and had endeared herself to the members of both organizations.

Besides her husband and daughters, the deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pearce of Fairfield township, three brothers, Elwin of Brokenridge, C. R. and George of Fairfield, four sisters, Mrs. Chas. Clark of Fairfield, Mrs. Geo. Bates of Elm, Mrs. Frank Marvin of Owosso, and Mrs. Bertha Shickle of Portland, Oregon.

Judge Miner Unopposed For Re-Nomination.

The time for filing primary petitions for judicial nominations expired on Tuesday and the only petition in this judicial circuit was for Judge Selden S. Miner of this city. Judge Miner will thus be unopposed for re-nomination and there is some doubt as to whether the Democrats will make any nomination against him.

Grand Army Arranges for Celebration.

An open meeting of Quackenbush Post G. A. R. was held on Wednesday evening to arrange a celebration to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the first meeting called in this city to enlist volunteers for the civil war, the date being April 19th. A committee consisting of Mayor Burke, Rev. C. H. Hanks, James Osburn, W. E. Hanson, E. H. Cherry, George Brock and D. C. Cooper was named to have in charge the arrangements for the event.

Morrice.

Mrs. Emily Fishell of Lapeer is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Bridger—Mr and Mrs. Walter Hodges are moving their household goods to Owosso, where they will reside—Mrs. Emma Brown has gone to Cloverdale to visit her daughter, Mrs. Delbert Payne—Mr and Mrs. Charles Prior of Durand, are guests of Mr and Mrs. Edwin Hankinson the latter part of the week—Mr and Mrs. Samuel Barrett of Laingsburg, are spending a few days at the homes of their daughters here—Mrs. Abbie LaFlamboy, who went from here to Oregon about six weeks ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Chester Hipp, writes that they have all gone to Los Angeles, Cal., to remain in hopes that the change will prove beneficial to Mr. Hipp, who has asthmatic trouble. They are residing near the son and brother, Ralph LaFlamboy—Charles Handy of Caro came here Monday to take up work on the Lansing and Northeastern—Mr and Mrs. Volney Hankinson and baby are all ill with the grip—Albert Howard is seriously ill with throat trouble—The surveyors have returned home from taking the survey for the Lansing and Northeastern electric line near Saginaw. The offices of the Northern Construction Co. here will be moved to Owosso in a few days as the main portion of the work in this vicinity is completed—Mr and Mrs. N. B. Atwood and Mr and Mrs. E. W. McDermott accompanied their guests, Mr and Mrs. Steven Edmunds and Mr and Mrs. Martenius, to their homes in Caro, Saturday, remaining until Monday—Mrs. Fannie Hill entertained the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church at her home Tuesday afternoon.

New Lothrop.

Claud Beatty of Owosso, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Geo. Beatty—Prin. Floyd Curtis spent Sunday and Monday with his parents at Shaftsbury—Miss Ada Lewis of Flashing, spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Gorham—Mr and Mrs. Alfred Pardonette of Corunna, spent Sunday and Monday in town—Frank Hess of Flint, and Miss Ruth Bow of Saginaw, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr and Mrs. A. J. Hess—A birthday party was given Mrs. Orange Brown Thursday, Feb. 9. Dinner was served to about thirty guests. An enjoyable time was reported by all—Mr. Sanborn's Sunday school class of the M. P. church held their usual meeting at the home of Mr and Mrs. A. J. Hess Friday evening, Feb. 10. Refreshments were served; an enjoyable evening was reported by all present—E. O. Smith is making improvements on his confectionery store—The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mr and Mrs. Jno. Northwood on Thursday afternoon Feb. 23. The following program is being prepared: Singing, Blest be the tie that binds, Select reading, Mrs. Mae Burpee. Recitation, Mrs. Ellen Mitchell. Solo, Rev. U. G. Ostrander. Select reading, Mrs. Mertie Shippy. Recitation, Mrs. Ada Baird. Solo, Mrs. Blanch Dain. Remarks, Revs. Doty and Ostrander—Miss Iva Ryan of Flashing, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Eva Wood—Mrs. E. E. Beemish and Mrs. Monroe Amidon are visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mich.—Thomas Snyder of Flint, was in town Friday and Saturday—Revival meetings are in progress at the M. E. church—A number of Miss Grace Fen's girl friends gathered at her home Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 14, in honor of her tenth birthday. Refreshments were served—Mrs. Geo. Hawkins of Saginaw, spent Monday with Mrs. Hagar Russell—Mrs. Thomas McGraw is on the sick list—The funeral services of Mrs. Nancy Prouty were held at the M. E. church Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

Attorney John T. McCurdy Home With an Ohio Bride.

Married, at the home of the bride in Jackson, Ohio, on Tuesday, John T. McCurdy of Corunna, and Miss Kate, youngest daughter of James Chestnut, Rev. W. D. Cherington of Chillicothe, Ohio, district superintendent and a cousin of the bride officiating, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy left for Columbus, Ohio, where a reception was tendered them in the evening. They arrived in Corunna, Thursday.

Mrs. McCurdy is a daughter of a retired banker, and comes of a family which is related to many of prominent social and political families of Ohio. U. S. Senator Joseph B. Foraker is her uncle; and the Taft brothers were represented by gifts or in person at the ceremony.

Mrs. McCurdy has a remarkable musical talent. With her sister, Miss Jeanette, she has collaborated in a comic opera, "Polaxie," which has been promised a production on Broadway by Klaw & Erlanger, the famous New York impresarios. Mrs. McCurdy wrote the score, her sister the libretto.

Curiously enough the former cannot read a note of music. She plays the airs which occur to her in the presence of a musical stenographer, who transcribes them as they are sounded.

Mrs. McCurdy will be a decided acquisition to musical circles of Corunna and will be given a cordial welcome to her new home.

The groom is well known throughout Shiawassee county, as well as central Michigan. He has for years been a member of the Shiawassee county bar, and has amassed a fortune and made a reputation as a clever and aggressive lawyer.

Death of Charles D. Irwin.

The remains of Charles D. Irwin, who died on Saturday, were brought to this city Wednesday morning by his nephew, Charles H. Gould of Chicago, and brief services were conducted in the afternoon by Rev. C. H. Hanks at the undertaking parlors of the Jennings-Foster Co. The interment was at Oakhill, the body being laid at rest beside those of his wife and daughter.

Mr. Irwin was born January 24, 1842, at Dresden, Muskingum Co., Ohio, moving with his parents at the age of seven years to Lafayette, Indiana, where he grew to young manhood, serving as a messenger boy for a telegraph company until the call for troops came in the civil war when he enlisted in the 15th Ind. Regiment and served for three years with great credit. At the close of the war he became a skillful telegraph operator, working at the same desk with the famous inventor, Thomas A. Edison, in Fort Wayne, Ind. The friendship there formed was greatly cherished by Mr. Irwin and the men remained fast friends thereafter. On Nov. 15, 1875, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage with Mary Shattuck of this city, a sister of the late C. E. Shattuck and Mrs. Nancy Gould of this city. One daughter was born to them, but she with the mother passed away several years ago. The death of Mrs. Irwin seemed to break Mr. Irwin's spirit and from that time on it was hard for him to have the old-time cheerfulness.

After giving up work as an operator Mr. Irwin came to Owosso and engaged in stationery and news business, being located on Main street in the building with the Osborn Bros. drug store. For several years he had lived with the Misses Burgess near Duncan Falls, Ohio, not far from the place of his birth, and the funeral services were conducted from their home. He is survived by one brother residing at Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Irwin was well known and highly respected by many of the older residents of Owosso.

Stock Notes.

C. E. Winnie of Adrian, purchased a car load of registered and grade Holstein cows near Byron last week, paying good prices for the same.

Calkins & Angsbury, the horse dealers, have purchased the Rivet hotel property in Durand and will soon begin the erection of a large barn to care for their increasing business. They have been located in Byron but better shipping facilities are secured at Durand.

SUNDAY CLOSING OF POST OFFICE.

Is Asked For By Almost a Unanimous Vote—Closing Authorized by Department.

The carrier windows and possibly the general delivery window of the Owosso post office are to be closed on Sunday beginning with the first Sunday in March. This announcement is made possible by the vote of nearly 2000 citizens, men and women of Owosso, who signed card petitions asking that Sunday work at the office be dispensed with as far as possible. The date is fixed for the first Sunday in next month so that all may have ample notice of the change and if they wish can notify correspondents of the same.

The surprisingly large vote of 1956 yes, to seven no, has been received at the post office up to last evening. Of the yes votes 203 were cast by the business and professional men of the city, while but two business men voted in opposition. The total number of votes will probably be considerably increased before the end of the week as the cards are being received at the office constantly and it will not be surprising if the total reaches 2500, with three fifths or more from voters.

The claim that the traveling men and the doctors would oppose the change is not borne out by the vote as but two traveling men have voted against the plan and seven votes have been received from doctors approving it.

Owosso will thus fall in line with cities like Detroit, Grand Rapids, Bay City, Niles, Toledo, Ohio, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Colorado Springs, Colo., and many others. Flint, Hastings, Cadillac and other Michigan cities are almost a unit on the proposition and their windows will soon be closed on Sundays, in fact the movement is becoming general and the extension is approved by the Post Office Department at Washington.

In reply to an inquiry as to how the change was working in Detroit, Postmaster Homer Warren makes this statement:

The closing of the postoffice Sundays in Detroit has met with the warmest commendation. I have had numberless men who have been in the habit of getting their Sunday mail thank me for my action, and say that they realize now what an extremely bad habit it was. Mr. Spietz, of Spietz & Worch, spoke enthusiastically in the presence of a Washington official who was here visiting, saying that he had been in the habit for years of getting his Sunday mail, and often found something troublesome therein, which he would worry about all day, but now he had a complete rest on Sunday and felt full of life on Monday morning.

In Detroit I appealed to the spirit of fair play, which is so eminently characteristic of the American people, called their attention to the necessity of one day of rest for all of us. Our people recognized the justice of the argument, and even the infinitesimal fraction who were somewhat inconvenienced, think gladly coincided, feeling the great injustice done to the employees of the postoffice in denying them what all roles of health demand, namely, one day for relaxation and recuperation for the next week's duties.

I am sure if your citizens will think the matter over, and repeat to themselves the Golden Rule, they will see how eminently fair this proposition is. I believe that everywhere, not only in the United States, but all over the world, there is beginning to be a greater stirring of the spirit of the common brotherhood of man, and we are all of us turning our faces to the light which is to make of this world the really beautiful place the Creator intended it to be.

Auction Sales.

Frank Serr has sold his farm, one and one-half miles north of Vernon, and will sell a large number of farm implements, some good cows and horses and almost every other thing needed on a farm, at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday, February 27. A lunch will be served at noon.

Wm. Edgar has sold his farm two miles north and two miles east of Owosso, and will sell at public auction beginning at 12 o'clock noon, on Friday, February 24, some stock, good farm implements, and a variety of small articles.

Monday, March 6, live stock, horses, cattle, sheep and farm tools; on the John Y. Martin farm 34 miles east of Corunna on Flint road. John Crans, Prop.; E. H. Stiles, Auctioneer. Lunch at noon. Sale commences at 10 o'clock. Watch large bills for itemized list.

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State Farmers' Institute.

The State Farmers' Institute held at Perry last week was a success throughout. The attendance good and the state speakers delivered splendid addresses.

The evening meeting was the banner meeting, over 400 being in attendance. Mr. Voorheis opened the meeting with the address "Count Your Blessings." The speech was excellent.

The address by President Snyder, of the M. A. C., was particularly strong, his subject, "Our Democracy." He took a rather pessimistic view of the future food production. He thought that the increase in population, if continued in the future, as in the past, would make it a problem to feed the people. The result would be that our democracy would be broken on food lines.

He condemned the reciprocity bill of Canada. Pres. Snyder said he would not object to absolute free trade with Canada, but thought it unjust and unfair to ask the farmers of the United States or that they should be compelled to sell their products on a free trade market, and have to buy their necessities in a protected market.

The balance of the program was very pleasing to the audience. The singing of the Ladies' quartette, the St. Cecilia orchestra, the reading by Miss Grace Snyder, were all enthusiastically received.

At the last session the business meeting was held. Mr. Britton Mattoon of Corunna, was elected president; Leo Reynolds of Owosso, vice president and Howard Slocum of Corunna, secretary. Corunna was chosen for the next place of meeting.

The following committees were appointed: Wm. Morrice, James N. McBride and Clayton Cook; nominations: Leslie Clark, Wm. Rothney and Gaylord Colby.

The following report was presented by the committee on resolutions: The Shiawassee County Institute Society wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to President Burkhart, Secretary Winegar, and First Vice President Stevens for their efforts in making this meeting so interesting and beneficial as it has been.

Also to the ladies and officials of the M. E. church for their excellent meals and the use of the building.

Also to those who assisted with recitations and music.

Resolved, by the members of the Shiawassee County convention assembled, that we are not in favor of the proposed township unit system, and we request our legislators at Lansing to use their influence against the proposed bill forcing this unit system on the people out of Michigan.

Whereas, the local option has been and is in our opinion a success, and we are told that conditions would arise under this law that did not exist before, but have not as yet become apparent, therefore we favor a continuation of this policy.

Resolved that we are strongly op-

posed to the Canadian Reciprocity treaty. That we repudiate the idea that the farmer is receiving an unjustly high price for his products, and declare if the consumer is paying an exorbitant high price for his products, the government will do well to investigate the manipulation of combines and trusts, through whose hands the products pass between the producer and consumer. We protest that it is extremely unjust to compel the farmer to sell his produce on a free trade basis and buy his supplies on a protective basis. We call attention of our members of congress to the fact that agriculture is the great basic industry of our country, and if it suffers all will eventually suffer.

Therefore we ask these members to do all in their power to prevent the ratification of said treaty, at least until such a time as will enable the National Tariff commission which has been created to investigate all tariff matters to report on this subject as has been proposed by Congressman Fordney of this district.

Shiawassee Pomona Grange.

The Shiawassee Pomona Grange will be held in Bennington, Feb. 28, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The grange will open in the 5th degree. After transacting the usual business, the session will be closed and then opened in the 4th degree.

After dinner an open meeting will be held with the following program:

Music, Bennington Grange.

"Greeting," Master of Bennington grange.

"Response," Master of Pomona grange, S. Strehl.

"Agriculture the Basis of Prosperity," and "How can the Farmer get his Share?" P. P. Bishop and F. S. Love.

Music, Owosso grange.

Selection, Myra Stone.

"Inspiration, Aspiration and Opportunity," G. A. Young, Secy. Y. M. C. A. Owosso.

Music, Ada Bishop.

Selection, Nettie Burgess.

"The Value of Appearances," Eva Cook.

Music, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Curtis.

"Dairying," Elmer Bowers, J. Hubert Brown.

"Agriculture of Tomorrow," Chas. Cook, Earl Stone.

Music, Miss Rood.

Supper will then be served and at 7:30 an open session with the program in charge of the lecturer of Bennington grange, will be held.

Conferring of Pomona degree will follow.

Rilla M. Williamson,
Pomona Lecturer.

Meets at Teachers' Home

The Berean class of the Church of Christ met at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Arthur Burhans, Wednesday evening, for the regular monthly business meeting. After routine business had been transacted, an interesting program was carried out.

Miss Bertha Lecureaux, in behalf of the class, presented Mrs. Burhans with a beautiful berry spoon, the occasion being the hostess birthday.

After supper had been served, the members of the class repaired to their homes, wishing their teacher many more happy birthdays.