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Reception for Rev. Wolford.

The members of the church of Christ will tender a reception to their new pastor, Rev. B. R. Wolford, at the church this evening. A general invitation is extended to the public to be present.

Convicted of Stealing Turkeys.

James McNeal of Ruah township, was convicted in Justice Friegel's court the last of the week on a charge of stealing 18 turkeys—showing that he was not superstitious at that time—from Frank Crane, a neighbor, afterward selling them to a dealer in this city. A fine of \$50 was imposed and paid. McNeal will hereafter go a bit shy on 13.

Bishop Williams Here Tonight.

Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams of Detroit, bishop of the diocese of eastern Michigan, will be here this evening to address the Men's Club of Christ Episcopal church. All men of the parish and their friends are cordially invited to take supper with the club at 6:30 at the parish house, West Mason street, and listen to a stirring address by the bishop.

sidewalk Tax Roll Less Than Usual.

The report of Street Commissioner Brewer to the council shows a total of \$3,290 in sidewalk tax to be spread on the winter roll for walks built this year. This is considerably less than for some years and the amount will continue to decrease as the streets in the residence and business portions are well cared for with cement walks. The walks put down this year are uniformly good and have cost the city less than heretofore, as better facilities for doing the work were provided.

The Registry Stamp.

The new ten cent registry stamp will be issued by the Postoffice Department for use within a short time. It is light blue with the design of a spread eagle. For registry purposes it is possible to use the regular stamps, but it will be advisable to affix the special stamp instead as there is less likelihood of its being overlooked, and with the letter or package marked "registered" this will call double attention to the fact. This also applies to special delivery letters for which the regular stamps may be used, but it is better to have the special delivery stamp instead.

Dr. Fred Brown Dead.

Messrs. W. H. and R. P. Bigelow received a telegram Thursday announcing the death of their nephew, Dr. Fred Brown at Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Brown was a resident of this city until a few years ago, going to Ohio after he graduated from the dental department of the U. of M. The news of his death came as a surprise to relatives and friends here as it was not known that he was sick. His age was 31 years. The remains will be brought here this afternoon and interred in Oak Hill cemetery, Rev. C. H. Hanks conducting a prayer service.

Arrested on Adultery Charge.

On complaint of Harry Ketchum of this city, John Keating of Lansing, and Mrs. Harry Ketchum were arraigned before Justice Friegel, Tuesday, on a charge of adultery. Their examination was set for this morning, pending which the couple is in jail in default of bail in the sum of \$500 for Keating and \$800 for Mrs. Ketchum. Keating is a single man, 25 years of age and is said to have met Mrs. Ketchum, 20 years old when she was visiting in Lansing some time ago. It is understood that the parties will waive examination and plead guilty to the charge when arraigned in the circuit court. Ketchum has also brought suit against Keating for damages to the extent of \$5,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections.

Postal Savings Bonds.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has issued for distribution to depositors in postal savings banks a circular calling attention to the postal savings bonds which are offered in June and December of each year.

Depositors of the postal savings system may exchange the whole or part of their deposits on January 1, 1912, for United States registered or coupon bonds in denominations of \$30, \$100 and \$500, bearing interest at the rate of two and a half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. These bonds are exempt from all taxes and duties, and applications for conversion of deposits into bonds on January 1, must be received before December 15, 1911. Postal savings deposits converted into bonds are not counted as a part of the maximum of \$500 allowed one depositor, and there is no limitation on the amount of available postal savings bonds which may be acquired.

Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Hume Martin, a daughter.

Lot Sale in Terbush Park.

Beginning at 10 a. m. and at 1 p. m. on Saturday, 75 lots in Terbush Park are to be offered for sale at auction, with F. B. Bannister as sales manager. The property is well located, of easy access to the business and factory sections of the city, near the two street car lines, adjacent to the Washington school, and desirable for residences. The terms of payment will be made easy and with the present prospects for the continued growth of the city the purchase of the lots as an investment should prove profitable, while for building purposes it is an opportunity which will not be offered again as there are few lots so centrally located which are vacant.

Death of Mrs. Sarah J. Phelps.

Mrs. Sarah J. Phelps, aged 72 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. G. Tannehill, Friday afternoon at 1:30. Mrs. Phelps, leaves besides her daughter, one son, William Phelps of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Gale of Fowlerville. Mrs. Phelps was a resident of Corunna for many years coming to that city when she was twelve years old, but for the past year has lived with her daughter in this city. Deceased was a member of the Corunna M. E. church from which the funeral services were held Monday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Steininger assisted by Rev. Edward of Corunna, officiating. Interment was made in Pine Tree cemetery.

D. J. GEROW RETIRES.

Gerow Implement Co. Passes to Control of Lee Crowe.

Saturday morning D. J. Gerow sold his 500 shares of stock in the Gerow Implement Co., Inc., to E. M. Crowe of this city and is out of the business. The management of the company is now in the hands of Lee Crowe, who, with Mrs. D. J. Gerow, were the other stockholders. Mr. Crowe has been with the company since it incorporated and for years previously was employed by A. E. Hartshorn. He was at one time associated with W. E. Payne in the implement business and probably understands the business as well and knows as many farmers as any man in the county, so that there is no reason why the concern should not continue to enjoy as large a trade as in the past.

W. D. Burke Purchases Sullivan Clothing Business.

On Saturday Wallace D. Burke became the proprietor of the J. B. Sullivan clothing and furnishing goods business on Main street west, with which he has been connected as manager for a year. The business was conducted for several years under the firm name of Roth & Sullivan and later by the late J. B. Sullivan, Mrs. Sullivan having conducted the business during the long sickness and since the death of Mr. Sullivan. The year's experience in the management of the store, to which he has given close attention, convinced ex-Mayor Burke that he could successfully engage in the business on his own account and there is no doubt in the minds of any of his friends but that he will hold and increase the trade which the store has enjoyed for so many years. The line of goods carried has always been of the best and this will continue to be the policy of the new proprietor.

Life Crushed Out.

By the caving in of one of the banks of the sewer being laid on Hickory street north about noon Saturday, Peter Deik, a Roumanian laborer, lost his life. Although warned by his fellow-laborers that the sides of the trench were soft and in a dangerous condition, Deik evidently thought it was safe to proceed with his work of placing the tile without bracing the sides and had just leaned over to place the first tile when one bank slid in and caught him in such a manner as to crush his side, break his collar bone and tear several ribs loose. Other employees dug him out as quickly as possible but the man breathed his last in a moment or two after being lifted to the ground. Coroner Cole and Dr. W. E. Ward were called and after an examination was made by the latter Mr. Cole decided an inquest was unnecessary. Mr. Deik was about 35 years of age, had been in the employ of E. M. Scheffow, the contractor, for several years and was regarded as a good workman. He resided with his brother at the corner of Shiawassee and Cass streets. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Monday morning and the interment made in the Catholic cemetery. No blame can attach to the contractor or any of the employees for the accident.

Geo. Valentine of Detroit, formerly with the Reliance Truck Co. of this city, was a business visitor here this week.

Commissioner Doyle Closes First Commercial & State Savings Bank at Durand—Officers Declare the Bank Solvent.

By order of Banking Commissioner Doyle the doors of the First Commercial & State Savings Bank at Durand, were closed Thursday and a representative of the State Banking Department is in charge. But little information is obtainable from the Commissioner, except that the last examination showed certain conditions which were not satisfactory. It is said that loans amounting to \$30,000 made to parties in Ann Arbor and Detroit were sharply criticised and form the basis for the order to close. Of this amount \$5,500 was paid in after the bank doors were closed and the directors claim that within a week the balance can be had. The bank was organized about three years ago with a capital of \$25,000 to succeed the First National Bank, had a surplus of \$5,000 and deposits to the amount of \$150,000. The officers and directors, men in whom Durand people have confidence, maintain their ability to pay every depositor every dollar due.

Durand, Mich., November 9—Interviewed tonight concerning the closing of the First Commercial & Savings Bank by Banking Commissioner Doyle, Cashier Harry A. Simpson said:

"The officers of the bank do not know what the banking commissioner means by the term 'irregularities' in connection with the business of the bank. The bank is solvent and the depositors will be paid every cent due them. We were temporarily pressed but help was on the road. Had the banking commissioner given us a week of grace, as he had promised to do, we would have had clear sailing. We have done nothing underhanded and court thorough investigation."

Dr. Carney, a director of the bank, refused to talk any further than to say the depositors would get all that is due them and that it had not yet been determined just what the banking commissioner meant by "irregularities."

Cashier Harry A. Simpson is 40 years old and has a family. He came to Durand three years ago. Previously, in Bad Axe, he was associated four years with F. W. Hubbard, who established a string of private banks in the Thumb district.

Eleven stockholders brought suit 18 months ago against the individual officers of the old bank and against the new bank as a corporation, claiming to have been frozen out when the old bank went into liquidation. They allege ill-advised loans had caused its liabilities to equal its assets. Liquidation followed a 40 per cent assessment on stock, they say, to put the national bank on a firmer base and came as a complete surprise to them. Judge Peter F. Dodds of Mt. Pleasant, sitting at Corunna, recently heard this case, which involves about \$25,000. He has not as yet announced his findings.

Congregational Brotherhood.

To a representative gathering of citizens representing the several churches, the business, professional and manufacturing interests, the wage-earner and the farmer, ex-Lieut. Gov. P. H. Kelly gave a most interesting address on Monday evening under the auspices of the Congregational Brotherhood in the Sunday school room of the church on the work of the State Commission which is investigating the question of taxation and is expected to fix upon some plan which will be enacted into law and by which all property in the state will be taxed at its cash value. The talk of Mr. Kelly followed along lines of the report already made by the commission to Gov. Osborn and which was reviewed in our columns at the time it was made public, going, however, more into detail and presenting facts and figures which held the undivided attention of his hearers. At the conclusion of his address a hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Kelly. President J. O. Barker presided over the gathering in a most happy manner. Earl McGee opened the meeting with a piano solo, and LeValley Dimmick gave a vocal solo at the conclusion of the discussion which followed the address of the evening. A committee of the Brotherhood then served a fine lunch to the members and its guests.

At the business session, Leon F. Miser was elected president for the ensuing year; E. O. Dewey, vice president; A. L. Nichols, secretary; W. F. Whittemore, treasurer. The next meeting will be held the first Monday evening in December.

Mrs. Susan Winans of Lansing, a sister of Lester J. Kinney former county clerk, is reported seriously sick at her home in Lansing. Mrs. Winans has many warm friends in this county.

REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS.

For 1912 Improve as Result of State Elections—New York and New Jersey Again in Line—Maryland Elects Republican Governor for Second Time in Half a Century.

The elections held Tuesday in a number of states show results which are both satisfactory and encouraging to the Republicans and on which renewed belief in the success of the party in the national election, now less than a year off, can safely be based. While there were losses to the party in some sections locally and total defeat in Kentucky, gains were made elsewhere which more than offset these minor defeats. A year ago New York went overwhelmingly Democratic, while on Tuesday the Republicans elected a very large majority in the assembly thus checking the power of Tammany to dominate state affairs, while in New York City the control of the board of aldermen was taken from Tammany and a part of its ticket defeated. New Jersey, which gave Gov. Wilson 50,000 majority, now shows a Republican legislature by a popular majority of 10,000. Maryland defeated by a decisive vote the Democratic plan to disfranchise the negroes and elected a Republican governor for the second time since the civil war. Massachusetts re-elected Gov. Foss by a greatly reduced majority, the other state officers chosen and the legislature being Republican. Rhode Island on a tariff fight re-elected the Republican ticket by an increased majority. In Nebraska the Republicans made unexpected gains. New Mexico held its first state election, with the Democrats successful on the state ticket but a Republican majority in the legislature will elect two U. S. senators. The Socialist party made great gains in the larger cities where ever elections were held and in Mississippi came within three or four thousand votes of electing a state officer.

MEN AND RELIGION.

Challenge of the Church to the Men and Religion Forward Movement.

BY JOHN McDOWELL.
The challenge of the Church to the Men and Religion Forward Movement is inspired by the responsibilities and possibilities of the hour—the responsibilities relate to the church, the possibilities to the movement. Were the church to allow this opportunity to go by without a direct challenge in behalf of Jesus Christ and His kingdom here on earth, it would be guilty of unpardonable neglect and recreant to a most sacred duty. What then is the challenge the church has to make to the Men and Religion Forward Movement? The church's challenge is fivefold.

First. The church challenges the movement to affirm that religion is the fundamental necessity of life.

Second. The church challenges the movement to maintain the reliabilities of the scriptures as a revelation of God's will for man and all of his obligations. This is a call to stand for the supremacy of the bible, not as a book of science, though it contains science, philosophy, literature, ethics, character, etc. The bible men Luther, Knox, Gladstone, a great statesman and our immortal Lincoln. The church calls us to stand for the supremacy of the bible as an organization builder.

Third. The church challenges the movement to assert unqualifiedly the sufficiency of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to fill the needs of the twentieth century. Certain critics are telling us that Christ and His Gospel are not equal to the problems of the twentieth century. They teach that the gospel is played out. They write and talk as if Jesus Christ was still in Joseph's tomb. He is here and His gospel is not played out. It is just beginning to be played in. All sorts of substitutes and supplements are offered today for the gospel.

Fourth. The church challenges the movement to maintain the adaptability of the church as an agency for applying the gospel of Christ to the needs of the world. Men inside and outside of the church are given to criticizing the church frequently and freely in these days.

Fifth. The church challenges the movement to make religion attractive and effective. First, they must champion the cause of justice. What the world is discussing today is not justification, but justice. The things which are burning in the hearts of men today are the things which pertain to the questions of right, and the questions of justice. Our business is to build society on the mind of Christ, and to do this we must champion the cause of justice. If religion is to be made attractive and

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Local News.

Mrs. Jay Stinson of Mt. Pleasant formerly of this city, is a guest of relatives here.

A son was born Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson, south of the city.

A daughter was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sackrider, 610 South Cedar street.

Mrs. C. H. James has returned to her home in Detroit after a visit with relatives in Owosso township.

Fred Wightman left Wednesday morning for a week's visit with friends in Buckley and Traverse City.

Miss Lucy Bates returned to her home in Jackson Thursday after a few days visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. H. T. Trowbridge has returned to her home in Hillsdale after a visit with relatives in this city for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Henry Beebler returned to her home in Pontiac Tuesday, after a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sackner, Glenwood avenue.

Mrs. D. E. Adams returned to her home in Holland Monday after a several days' visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. Glen McKenzie and daughter, Miss Eleanor, returned to their home in Detroit Wednesday morning after a two weeks' visit with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cook have purchased the Farnsworth property on North Ball street and have moved over their farm near Oakley to their new home in this city.

The football team representing the seventh grade of St. Paul's Catholic school, was defeated by the second high team of the high school, 17 to 2 at Athletic Park Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Malinda Angus has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Darling of North Star. Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Darling and three children returned with Mrs. Angus and will spend a week here.

Henry C. Waldron of Bancroft and Miss Florence E. Dorn of Perry were united in marriage Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock by Rev. J. S. Steininger at the parsonage of the First Methodist church.

At the regular business meeting of the Philathea class of the Baptist Sunday school, held with Mrs. C. Rentschler, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Ruth Benoy; vice president, Miss Elizabeth Galusha; secretary, Miss Helen Gibson; treasurer, Miss Sara McCracken. Refreshments were served and Mrs. Rentschler favored the company with several vocal solos.

Several college students stole a bag containing two bushels of hickory nuts from an Owosso car Sunday and just escaped facing a criminal charge by their frank confession of the theft and the explanation that the nuts were taken as a joke, as they believed they were the property of other students who were on the car at the time. The man who owned the nuts reported his loss to Marshal Noah Snyder of East Lansing, and the latter located the stolen property. The owner will be reimbursed or have the nuts returned to him and no complaint will be made.—Lansing State Journal.

Fred Marriott Dead.

Fred Marriott, proprietor of "The Rosary" floral store and greenhouse, died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at his home on North Main street after a long illness with stomach trouble.

Deceased was 38 years old and has lived in this city for several weeks at a time for a number of years. He was a member of the Methodist church at Guelph, Ont., his former home city. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marriott of Guelph and three brothers and three sisters who also reside there, besides his widow and young son in this city.

Mr. Marriott established his floral business in the Laverock block, on North Washington street, a few weeks ago, but has been unable to devote his attention to the business.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of L. S. Goodale.

Gute—Conger.

Miss Sophia H. Gute, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gute, 201 Chestnut street and Roy Conger, bookkeeper at the Citizens' Savings Bank, were quietly married at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening in the home of Rev. C. M. Keene by the minister. They were attended by Miss Dora Gute, sister of the bride and Charles Conger, the groom's brother.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party went to the home of the bride's parents where a wedding supper was served.

Mrs. Conger is a well known and highly respected young lady. She has lived in Owosso all of her life and has a host of friends in this city. She is a member of the Church of Christ and a teacher in the Sunday school.

The groom is a graduate of the Owosso Business College and has been employed in the bank for some time. He is considered careful and efficient by his employers. He is also a member of the Church of Christ.

Lewis—Rowell.

The marriage of Miss Thella K. Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lewis and George A. Rowell was solemnized at the home of the bride on South Shiawassee street, just beyond the city limits at 2:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Charles H. Hanks of the Congregational church performed the ceremony in the presence of sixty relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Miss Lewis was attired in an attractive gown of blue messaline, while Mr. Rowell wore the conventional black. They were unattended. The house was artistically decorated with smilax and pink and white decorations.

Following the wedding ceremony, a two-course luncheon was served by four young lady friends of the bride, Misses Mabel Launstein, Ruth Benoy, Mabel Wallace and Katherine Bartlett.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rowell are well known and popular young people and have the best wishes of a host of friends. They will reside on the groom's farm in Bennington township, five miles from Owosso.