

Schools Closed Friday.

The city schools will be closed Friday to give the children an opportunity to enjoy the full day's program of the harvest festival.

Big Squash.

What is believed to be the largest squash grown in Shiawassee county is on exhibition at the Wear-U-Well Shoe store. It measures 59 inches one way and 66 inches the other and weighs 91 lbs. It was grown by Wm. G. White, at Ovid.

Divorce Denied.

Judge Miner has dismissed the case of Mrs. Electa Willett who asked for a divorce from Henry Willett, both of Shiawassee township, who had been married twenty-five years. The woman claimed non-support. The couple settled their financial affairs by the payment of \$250 to the woman for her interest in the family home.

Lose to Saginaw.

Owosso high school football team was defeated by the Arthur Hill school at Saginaw, Saturday, 40 to 0. Owosso was minus the Chapmans and Robert Storrer, and did not expect to make much of a showing, but are highly pleased with their fight against one of the strongest teams in the state.

Son Deeds Farm Back.

Frank Payne deeded his farm in Bennington to his son, Harry, with a life lease, a \$1000 mortgage being given to Harry's sister Margaret. Later, Harry married, and still later the father became dissatisfied and began suit to have the farm deeded back. The case was settled Tuesday, the farm going back to the father, and the son, Harry, paid for his work.

Will Not Discharge Policeman.

Mayor J. H. Brandel has decided that although Policeman Harvey Thomas did use bad language while talking to Henry LeCreux about hitching his horse on the wrong side of the street, he need not be discharged, but must be more careful in future. He considers Thomas a good officer and says even an officer is liable to lose his temper some times.

Asks Writ of Mandamus.

The Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Michigan, which failed to pay Wm. M. Kilpatrick's loss on his farm in Gladwin county and after being beaten in the circuit court and a judgment against it of \$1,453.89 given, failed to appeal on time, is now asking the supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge S. S. Miner to grant an extension of time in which the company may file a bill of exceptions.

Athletics World's Champions.

The Philadelphia American League base ball team is the champion of the world for 1913, having won four games from the New York Giants, leaders in the National League. The fourth game played Friday resulted in a victory for Philadelphia 6 to 5, at Philadelphia, in the presence of twenty thousand spectators, and Saturday's game was also won by the Athletics 3 to 1 at New York in the presence of thirty thousand people.

Owosso Knights Celebrate Columbus Day.

Owosso Council Knights of Columbus, celebrated Columbus day at its hall on North Washington street, Sunday. Visiting Knights from Pontiac, Lansing, Saginaw and Flint were present. A luncheon was served at 5 o'clock followed by the initiation of a class of candidates. Rev. Father Malin, assistant pastor of the Lansing Catholic church gave a splendid talk and several other speeches were enjoyed.

Save Burned Arm.

By skin grafting the left arm of Charles Jenkins will be saved for him. He was badly burned at the Consumers' Power Co. plant in this city several weeks ago by lightning, and at first his life was despaired of. Later it was thought he would live, but must lose both arms. One arm was taken off but the other will be saved by skin grafting. Mrs. Jenkins and Dr. Harold Hume furnished the skin used at the first operation Friday.

Imported Horses For Prairie Farm.

A consignment of 20 Belgian mares, about 18 months old, and one stallion were received by express at Chesaning a few days ago for the Owosso Sugar Sugar Co., and were taken to the Prairie Farm. These horses were purchased in Belgium by Jacob de Gnes, manager of the farm, and are said to be not only well bred but very choice individuals. They stood the long journey well and were full of life when unloaded.

Dorcas Society Officers.

The annual meeting of the Dorcas Society was held at the Dorcas Home Friday. The reports of the several officers show that the affairs of the society are in a good condition.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. M. Hume; vice president, Mrs. F. E. Kohler; secretary, Mrs. J. T. Walsh; financial secretary, Mrs. Floyd Calkins; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Denamore; directors, Mesdames J. B. Hurst, Niles Wiggins, A. L. Nichols E. Burch and W. A. Seegmiller.

New Trustee for Fox & Mason Co.

L. A. Sanderhoff of Owosso, was elected trustee to represent the creditors of the Fox & Mason Co. at a meeting Friday, and has filed a \$10,000 bond. The final accounting of the Security Trust Co. must be accepted before it will be discharged.

A committee of Frank Gale of Corunna, Geo. Cook of Flint and Clarence Tinker of Fenton, will audit the company's books. The examination of the officials of the company has been set for Oct. 27.

LIVES LOST AT SEA.

Big Steamship Burns in Mid-Ocean. Wireless Makes Possible Saving of 500 Passengers.

The steamship Volturno on its way to America with over 600 passengers took fire, Thursday, and was practically destroyed. By use of the wireless telegraphy other ships were notified and twelve came to the rescue, but on account of the storm were unable to get alongside the burning ship, but by the use of small boats over 500 of the 600 people on board were saved.

Young Horse Thieves.

Roy Kidd aged 11, and his brother aged 8, are Shiawassee county's youngest horse thieves and from the escapades of the past few weeks the older boy is the prize tough of this section of the state. Sunday they nabbed a farm team of Clyde horses at the Catholic church belonging to Joseph Powers, and left the city driving toward Carland. As soon as the team was missed police and the sheriff were notified, and the team and boys were located near Carland and brought back to Owosso. The youngsters were taken to the Dorcas home and locked up and a hearing on complaints against them was set for Thursday in the probate court.

Board of Supervisors.

Chairman O. L. Sprague called the October session of the board of supervisors of Shiawassee county to order Monday, with every member present. Reports of the purchasing agent, county treasurer and sheriff were submitted and referred to committees.

The important matters to come before the board aside from the regular matters, are the appropriations for the armory at Owosso, McCurdy park appropriation and the question of building a county hospital. The amount to be raised for good roads, especially for the trunk line, will be a fighting subject and there will undoubtedly be a strong sentiment against raising much tax when the state tax is higher than at any time in the state's history.

Death of William Burbank.

William B. Burbank, aged 75 years, died, Saturday, at the home of Henry Lyon, Alger avenue in this city, after a short illness of heart trouble. Mr. Burbank came to Owosso in 1896 from Rochester, Mich., and had made his home with Mr. Lyon since the death of his wife three years ago. The funeral was held Monday, Rev. C. H. Hanks officiating. Mr. Burbank is survived by one son George, of Chicago, who was here to attend the funeral. Deceased was a brother of the famous California naturalist, Luther Burbank, but had never made known that relationship to his friends in this city.

Death of Mrs. Violet Hammond.

The death of Mrs. Violet Hammond, aged eighty-one years occurred Wednesday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of her son, Thomas Hammond, two miles north of the city. The funeral service will be held at the home on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. E. C. Dewey will officiate. Interment at Oak Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hammond was born in Ireland and when quite young went to New York to reside. For the past forty-eight years she had made her home in Michigan. Infirmities of old age caused death.

Besides her son, Thomas, deceased is survived by two other sons, Archie of Owosso township, and John of this city. A daughter, Mrs. Alexander Crane, north of the city also survives.

Fayette Square.

The action of the council in voting \$125 for the improvement of Fayette Square will meet with the general approval of all citizens. While this sum is small it is sufficient to make a start in the way of planting trees and shrubs and with a similar appropriation a year hence it is probable that the plan prepared for the improvement of the square could be entirely carried out. It is, however, possible that before that time the funds needed may be secured in some other manner and the work completed in the spring. The plan contemplates some changes in two of the present walks and the laying of an additional walk from the southeast corner of the property to join the line of the two walks which would be changed about midway between Oliver street and the church property. With the walks laid in this manner the appearance of the property would be greatly improved, while the planting of the trees and the placing of the shrubs will make a real park-like appearance.

Kinkert-Sweetland.

Miss Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Kinkert, West King street, was married to Lewis Sweetland, of Caledonia township at the First Congregational church parsonage Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Rev. C. H. Hanks. The ceremony was witnessed by the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweetland who have the hearty congratulations of many friends, will reside on the groom's farm in Caledonia.

Mrs. Sweetland, who has made her home in this city practically all of her life graduated from the local high school with the class of 1909 and the following year graduated from the Shiawassee county normal. After finishing her school work here she taught for one year after which she studied for a year at the normal in Ypsilanti. Later she taught school in the Flint school. She is a member of the Congregational church and choir.

The groom is a prosperous and prominent farmer and has been a resident of Caledonia all of his life.

Death of T. J. Hicks.

Theodore J. Hicks passed away Saturday night at his home in Bennington township as a result of a second stroke of paralysis, the first having been suffered two years ago, from which he never fully recovered.

Mr. Hicks was born in Lodi, Michigan, fifty-eight years ago, coming to Shiawassee county thirty years ago and had since resided in Bennington township. He was married in March, 1886, to Miss Amy Byerly. Deceased was a very well known and highly respected citizen, being active in all that was for the betterment of the community, the township and the county, although always quiet and never obtrusive. He had served his township as supervisor very acceptably, and held several township offices. He was much interested in the Shiawassee Mutual Fire Insurance Co. being president at the time of his first sickness, and was a member of Owosso lodges of Masons and Elks, and also a member of the Gleaners, Grangers and Maccabees.

Mr. Hicks is survived by his widow, one daughter, Miss Alene, four sisters, Mrs. Ella Detarr of Boone, Mrs. B. H. Taylor and Mrs. J. J. Perkins of Owosso, Mrs. W. H. Kline of Bennington, and a brother, C. B. Hicks of Alpena.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home, conducted by Rev. C. H. Hanks, and was largely attended by people from all over the county. The board of supervisors attended in a body and Owosso lodge of Masons was represented by many members, and the officers of the lodge conducted the last services at the grave in Oak Hill cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful, and testified to the love of the many friends.

Mrs. Lenora Dunham of Dansville, is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Edward Rourke, Ada street, entertained the Merry Twelve club, Friday. An elaborate dinner was served and games were enjoyed. Mrs. Jay Sherman, who was recently married, was presented with a pretty lunch cloth.

Team No. 5 won two out of three games from team No. 7 in the city bowling league contest Monday evening and team No. 8 took two out of three from team No. 6. High scores were made by L. C. Hall, 168 and Geo. Eddy, 192.

J. C. Holden has bought an interest in the cement block factory established here sometime ago by A. M. Olds of Jackson. They will make cement blocks of all kinds and tile and will increase the force in the early spring and cover a large territory through representatives.

GIFT TO CITY OF PARK

A. M. Bentley Donates Eight Acres—Improvements to Begin at Once.

It has long been the desire of many citizens to have land for park sites in different parts of the city secured while the same was yet available so that the city could gradually develop parks which would be an ornament to the city and afford pleasure to all who might wish to visit them. Financial problems which the city has had to meet has prevented any action along this line to date and may for some time to come, although with the growing interest which is manifested some plan may be suggested by which options can be taken on the sites desired.

Through the generosity of A. M. Bentley, the city is to receive as a gift one site of eight acres, the land being deeded with the understanding that it shall be used perpetually for park purposes. This land is a part of the old J. & H. Frieske brick yard at the corner of Stewart and Shiawassee streets, extending 400 feet north from Stewart and 838 feet east from Shiawassee to Green street. Mr. Bentley proposes to have the site graded and the necessary tilling done to provide ample drainage before deeding the property to the city so that at a comparatively small expense the land can be seeded and the necessary trees and shrubs provided to beautify the spot, which Prof. Aubrey Tesdli of the U. of M. landscape department declared could be quickly developed into a beautiful spot.

The action of Mr. Bentley is appreciated by all of our citizens and this feeling will be still greater as the improvements are made which will transform what is now an unsightly place into one of sightliness and beauty.

Organize Boys' Brigade.

Company A, First Regiment of Michigan, of the Boys' Brigade, an organization similar to the Boy Scouts, was organized Tuesday at the Church of Christ with a charter membership of 22. The commandant, W. P. Pearson, installed the following officers: Captain, Victor Hollis; first lieutenant, Dewey Hobart; second lieutenant, Theodore Streicher; sergeant, Donald McKinnon; corporal, Glen Wilkie.

A large audience attended the installation and enjoyed a program. Justice G. F. Friegel gave the opening address, which was both entertaining and instructive. W. P. Pearson administered the oath of office to all of the boys. Dr. Walter Malisley sang and the Turner orchestra rendered selections. A military drill of great merit was given by the company and after the singing of America, the program was closed with a prayer by Rev. C. R. Wolford. The motto of the company is "Sure and Steadfast."

Haley-Dignan.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Haley of Flint and Herman Dignan of this city, took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Flint. They will reside in this city after a short wedding trip. Mr. Dignan has been employed in the Arthur Ward store for some time. The bride has been a frequent Owosso visitor and the young couple have a wide circle of friends here who extend congratulations.

Boy Killed While Hunting.

Hazen Shaft, 15 year old son of Mrs. Edward Harvey, of Shaftsbury, was found dead, Monday, near the Looking Glass river. He had been hunting and evidently had caught the trigger in climbing a fence and the gun was discharged in his breast. A jury decided it to be a case of accidental death. The boy is survived by his mother and two sisters, Mrs. Truman Franks and Mrs. Ford Franks and a brother Gilmore Shaft.

D. Morris, who lives south of Owosso, has a freak bull, a fifth leg growing out of the right shoulder. The leg does not touch the ground.

Mrs. Orrin Jennings, Misses Bessie Forrester and Gertrude Hahn attended the Epworth League district meeting at Lapeer, this week. Miss Forrester being on the program.

Petitions asking the submission of the local option question were filed this week with the county clerk and turned over to the board of supervisors and have been referred to a special committee.

The marriage of Miss Belle Garden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Garden, Stewart street, Owosso and Edward Skinner was solemnized at the bride's home Wednesday evening, Rev. J. P. Cooper officiating. They were attended by Miss Ina Nelson and Irwin Dickinson. Mr. Skinner is an employee of the Independent Stove Co.

THE STATE ARMOY

Whether It Shall be a Creditable or Just an Ordinary Building Depends on Action of Officials

We have no hesitancy in expressing the belief that the people of Shiawassee county would like to see an armory erected in Owosso which will be a credit to the county as well as to the city. This can be readily done if the supervisors are willing to act under the authority given them by the state law and either order a portion of the expense spread in the county tax this year or issue bonds covering the amount to be paid later on.

The State has appropriated \$15,000 and the money is available at any time previous to July 1st next, before which time the contract for the building must be let or the opportunity to secure the money will be lost for three years. Owosso city and citizens have already expended more than \$4,000 for a site and without question the council on Monday evening next will vote \$4,500 more, making \$8,500 provided by Owosso to ensure the kind of a building needed to properly care for the needs of Company H and to furnish a suitable auditorium for large public gatherings, such as conventions, meetings of farmers' clubs and granges, lectures, banquets and social affairs, as well as a suitable hall for the Grand Army Post—the latter being called for by the state law. Spread upon the tax rolls in one year and especially in a year like this when the state tax is larger than ever before, the sum of \$8,500 would be a rather heavy burden; spread over a period of four or five years scarcely a tax payer in the county would realize that he had paid anything toward providing a building which has long been needed in the county. The supervisors can well afford to be generous toward Owosso, as a structure costing \$28,000 situated on the river bank at the head of Exchange street would be an ornament to the city of it is about all they will ever have in their power to do toward giving the city a building which will serve all the people of the county.

Lansburg

Mr and Mrs Wm Rowley are visiting relatives at Cleveland for a few days—Joseph Watters made a business trip to Bay City and Saginaw, the last of the week—Mr and Mrs Chas Seargeant went to Marion, Thursday, for a few days' visit with their son. They were accompanied by the latter's brother, D. C. Bowen, of Grand Rapids—Dr Tolls of Lansing, assisted by Dr D B Wade of this place, performed an operation on the knee of Mrs Geo Lefler, for bone infection, Tuesday—Mesdames George McCarty, M W Drake and A Van Burger attended the district convention of the WCTU at Chesaning, last week—Mrs Bennet of Litchfield, is the guest of her sister, Mrs C Nelson—Mr and Mrs J B Lockwood left Thursday for California, where they will spend the winter. They expect to make most of the trip in their automobile—Mrs F M Dodge of Fergus, spent several days last week with her brother, E E Bixby and family—Chas Knight of Detroit, was the guest of Mand Card over Sunday—Mrs Lindsey of Bath, came Friday night for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs Scott Woodruff—Mr and Mrs George Dibble visited relatives at Fowlerville last week—Rev and Mrs J L Hutchinson and son, Willie, are visiting friends at Flat Rock.

Shiawassee Battalion.

Corunna, Oct. 15.—What is termed by many of the scores of veterans who attended the annual gathering of the Shiawassee County battalion at the court house Tuesday, as the most brilliant speech they had heard in years, was delivered by Gen. Washington Gardner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. The distinguished head of the Civil war veterans talked for over an hour in a manner that held his hearers spell bound.

Frank R. Chase, of Belding, department commander, was also present and spoke briefly, telling of the work of the G. A. R. and what it is doing for the old soldiers. Rev. Carlos H. Hanks, colonel of the battalion, who presided over the meeting, also spoke briefly.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Colonel—Phillip Cline, Vernon. Lieut. Col.—H. Alexander, Owosso.

Major—Charles Freeman, Owosso. Chaplain—Rev. C. H. Hanks, of Owosso.

Quartermaster—W. R. Smith. Drum Major—Dr. Cowles, Durand. Adjutant—J. W. Smith, Owosso.

Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McDonald, Mason street, a son.

WANT BIG APPROPRIATION

County Road Commissioners Would Expend \$63,000 Next Year.

Corunna, Oct. 15.—A recommendation that the county build state reward roads, totalling 26 1/4 miles during the coming year, has been made by the county highway commissioners to the board of supervisors. The recommendation, together with the description of the roads which the commissioners advocate building, was referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

It is estimated that it will cost the city around \$63,000 to build the roads, but this expense would be covered by levying a tax of two mills on each dollar of valuation, and by the state reward.

Following is the list of roads, with the estimated cost of each, Hazelton township, between sections 3 and 10, 1 mile, \$2,000.

Townships of Rush and New Haven, trunk line between Owosso and Saginaw, about two and one-half miles, \$8,200.

Rush township between sections 13 and 24, 1 mile, \$1,200.

Township of Fairfield, Carland road, 1 mile, between sections 25 and 26, \$2,000.

Middlebury, Owosso and St. Johns trunk road, one mile on section 24, \$2,600.

Owosso township, Owosso and St. Johns trunk road, commencing at five points, run 1 mile west, \$3,000.

Caledonia township, Owosso and Flint trunk road, 3/4 mile between Owosso and Corunna, \$2,300.

Octagon road, 1 mile on section 31, \$2,000.

Kerby road, across section 13, Caledonia township and section 7, Venice township, 2 1/4 miles, \$4,500.

Venice township, Owosso and Flint trunk road, between sections 30 and 31, 1 mile, \$3,200.

Commencing at town line in Lenonville village, running on angling road sw 1 mile, \$3,200.

Vernon township, between sections 3 and 4, 3/4 mile, \$1,800. Between sections 5 and 8, 3/4 mile, \$1,800.

About 160 rods running west and north from Vernon village to center of section 1, Shiawassee twp, \$1,300.

Shiawassee Twp., Durand road 1 1/4 miles on quarter line of sections 1 and 2, \$2,800.

Grand River road, sections 21, 22 and 27 on angling road, 3/4 mile, \$1,800.

Bennington Twp. between sections 13 and 14, 1 mile, \$2,500.

Between sections 27 and 28, 1 mile, \$2,000.

Sciota Twp. on section 23, 1 mile, \$2,000.

Commencing center sections 23 and 24 north between sections 23, 24 13 and 14, 1 mile, \$2,200.

Woodhull Twp., between sections 23 and 24, north, 1/2 mile, \$700.

Between sections 24 and 25, west, 1/2 mile, \$800.

Perry Twp. commencing at town line between sections 1 and 2, south, 1 mile, \$2,500.

Antrim Twp. between sections 11 and 12, 1 mile, \$2,000.

Burns Twp. angling road south on sections 7 and 18, 1 mile, \$2,000.

New Haven Twp. commencing at north side of section 23 running through section 28, 1 mile, \$2,800.

Real Estate Transfers.

A. Hartshorn and wife to J. Kidd and wife pt sw 1/4 and pt se 1/4, sec 24, Owosso, \$5,000.

A. Linabury to F. B. & C. Day 7 a on nw 1/4 sec 21 Corunna \$1,700.

N. Runyon to B. Joy and wife pt ne 1/4 sec 23 Owosso \$1,500.

C. Locke to R. Acker and wife lot 6 blk 10 A. W. Calkins add, Perry, \$800.

J. Snyder to M. DeGraff lot 9 and w 1/2 of lot 7 blk 7 C. H. Calkins' add Perry \$500.

F. Featherly to S. Rouse lots 12, 13 and 14 blk 2 Fauts' 2d add Durand \$150.

G. Reynolds to C. Haviland lots 4 and 5 blk 86 Byron \$80.

C. Kapp to E. Plunkett lots 13 and 14 blk 2 Russell's 3d add Durand \$338.

Lyon & Taylor to Odell Chapman pt nw 1/4 and pt ne 1/4 sec 20 Rush \$1,800.

The condemnation proceedings to extend Ball street from Jeanette street to Galusha street which were to have been heard in the circuit court Wednesday have been postponed until Dec. 1. The postponement was made necessary because notice had to be served on the guardians of several children who are interested in the property condemned.

The divorce case of Willis against Gladys Hulbert of Owosso, has been heard by Judge Miner. Hulbert is an Ann Arbor railroad fireman. Their property matters were adjusted out of court. The case of Lydia against John Freeman has been heard.