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Conference to be Held in Owosso.

The Apostolic Holiness conference of the state of Michigan will be held at the A. H. church of Owosso, March 23 to 28 inclusive. Revival services every afternoon and evening. All are invited.

Dr. Hume Selected by Ferris.

Dr. A. M. Hume of this city was appointed by Governor Ferris on Wednesday as a member of the state board of registration in medicine for the term of four years ending Sept. 30, 1919.

Moose Elect Officers.

The Owosso Moose lodge elected officers Thursday evening as follows: Past Dictator—Ami Nelson. Dictator—Charles Crandall. Vice Dictator—John S. Rice. Prefate—Byron Foote. Treasurer—Daniel Smelser. Inner Guard—Dayton Moss. Outer Guard—William Raymond. Trustee—Fred Sutfin.

Estate Settled.

The contest by Claude Badgero of the will of his father, Cyrus Badgero of Burns township, has been settled by the widow taking the personal property to pay the claims and accepting a dower interest in the real estate of \$300, the remainder to go to the son, Claude. The estate was valued at \$5,000, and the will was void because Mr. Badgero attempted to control the real estate beyond the duration of two lives.

Death of Mrs. Herman Miller.

Mrs. Caroline L. Miller, wife of Herman Miller, died Sunday morning at her home, 850 Scribner avenue, Grand Rapids. Funeral services were held at the home, Tuesday.

Mrs. Miller, who was 36 years of age, formerly made her home in this city. Besides a husband and a daughter, deceased is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Lewis of this city, a brother, William Lewis of Detroit, and two sisters, Mrs. Harry Loch of Pontiac and Mrs. William Foote of Virginia.

Plumbing for Bryant School.

A contract for the purchase and installation of the toilet fixtures at the Bryant school has been awarded A. F. Hollis by the board of education. Mr. Hollis' bid was \$1,797. A contract for tiling the floors of the four toilet rooms was awarded Kelley & Douglas. Their bid for the work was \$310.

When the school building was erected the building was so constructed that the toilets could be installed as soon as a sewer could be secured. The sewer was secured a few weeks ago. The work will be begun immediately.

Re-Engage Superintendent.

The Corunna board of education at a meeting Monday evening, entered into a contract with Charles E. Johnson as superintendent of the Corunna school for another year at a salary of \$1,500. This salary is \$100 in excess of the amount he is receiving this year and is the largest amount that has ever been paid a superintendent of the local schools. An effort was made to secure a two-year contract at this salary, but Mr. Johnson refused to enter into an agreement for longer than one year.

Friday Afternoon Club.

Thirty-four members of the Friday Afternoon club of Corunna, were entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. D. Smith. Papers were read by Mrs. J. H. Collins and Mrs. Elton Pond. The following officers, with the exception of secretary, were re-elected: President, Mrs. Chalmers Bilhimer; vice president, Mrs. Fred Sanders; secretary, Mrs. Elton Pond, and treasurer, Mrs. Vernon Royce.

Bankers Favor Agricultural Advisor.

Seven of the banks of the county were represented at a meeting of the Shiawassee County Bankers' association at the post office Tuesday afternoon. A committee consisting of E. O. Dewey and W. F. Gallagher of Owosso, A. L. Board of Morris, F. N. Conn of Durand, and J. A. VanAlstine of Byron, was appointed by President A. D. Whipple to co-operate with the farmers' clubs and granges in the county in an effort to secure an agricultural advisor for the county.

Hairs Settle Contest.

The suit begun by Viola G. and Frances E. Black of Chicago, against their brother, Elmer Black and his wife of Bennington, to collect their lawful interest in their father's estate was settled Saturday, by the payment to them of \$1,000 for their interest in the estate. The estate included a 135 acre farm which was mortgaged, and the defendants failed to raise sufficient produce to pay the interest and the farm was sold. Later Mr. and Mrs. Black bought the farm on a contract from M. D. Corey. The sisters claimed Mr. Black did not properly protect their interest.

Oakley Post Office Robbed.

The safe in the post office at Oakley was blown open last night and a quantity of postage stamps, some money and blank money order forms from number 21078 to 21900 stolen. The public is warned not to accept money orders covered by the numbers stated.

Y. W. C. A. Girls Picnic Indoors.

The gymnasium room of the Y. W. C. A. was the scene of a gay woodland picnic last evening, when about 25 young ladies, dressed as little boys and girls, brought their baskets filled with "goodies" and enjoyed an old fashioned picnic, and red lemonade included. The room had been transformed with small trees and branches and represented a forest. Signs of "no hunting allowed" and "no trespassing on these grounds," were conspicuously placed and the floor was littered with twigs. Following the supper, such games as "drop the handkerchief" and "tag" formed the amusements of the evening and a flashlight picture was taken.

Estate \$10,000 Instead of \$300.

Mrs. Emma C. Thompson died in Corunna Jan. 9, intestate, leaving, as her sister, Mrs. Ella Perrin of Detroit, supposed, an estate worth a few hundred dollars. It now appears that Mrs. Thompson had owned \$9,000 of Union Telephone Co. stock, but had given H. G. Parker of Owosso, Bates C. Tears of Charlotte, and Arthur Benson of Minneapolis, Minn., 350 shares of it to be delivered at her death. Mr. Tears has sold his stock to W. J. Melchers of Owosso, and now the administrator, F. H. Rusch, has begun suit through J. T. McCurdy, to compel the surrender of the stock, and an order that it be issued to the estate. A temporary injunction has been issued restraining the sale of the stock or the use of dividends by the defendants, William Baker of Louisiana, Mrs. Ella Perrin of Detroit, Vere B. Perrin of Detroit, Inez P. Day of New York, Arthur Benson of Minneapolis, H. G. Parker and W. J. Melchers and the Union Telephone Co.

Excellent Concert.

The Spanish Company of the Best Artist series gave a highly satisfactory musical program at the Congregational church Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Owosso Choral Union. The attendance being larger than at any previous concert and gratifying to the officers of the Choral Union who have made strenuous efforts to please the people and secure attendance. Miss Desmond the pianist, is a Chicago young lady whose playing approached perfection and held rapt attention. M. Emile Follmer the tenor, sang with clearness and with sweet and sympathetic tones and was heartily encored.

Senior Antonio Sala a nineteen year old Spaniard justified the special exemption from military service given him by King Alfonso by his wonderful playing of the violin, the audience repeatedly encooring his clever and masterful playing. Mrs. Helen Watson Powers, soprano, became a favorite with the singing of her first selection and was recalled with enthusiasm. On April 20th the Choral Union will give a final chorus concert for the year.

Another Perry Fire Verdict.

After being out from 11:30 a. m. Saturday to 4:30 p. m. the jury in the case of Hiram and James Stoddard of Perry, against the Grand Trunk railway company, returned a verdict of \$4,571.96 for the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs sued for \$6,000.

The Stoddard Brothers conducted a general store in Perry previous to the big fire there two years ago. Their store and entire stock was wiped out and the suit followed.

This is the third suit growing out of the big fire that has been tried in the circuit court, and the third to result victoriously for the plaintiffs.

All three cases will undoubtedly go to the supreme court. There are eleven more Perry fire cases on the court docket.

Court was adjourned Saturday until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock when pro confesso cases were taken up. On Wednesday morning the trial of the case of the Detroit Trust Co. vs. the Fenton Light and Power Co., was started. This case was brought to this county on a change of venue from Genesee county for trial.

A bowling team from the Independent Stove factory took three straight games from a team composed of employees at the American Malleables company's plant at the Brunswick alleys Wednesday evening. The winners will play a team from the Owosso Manufacturing company's factory next Wednesday evening.

A. Fortman has moved from Toledo, O., to N. Hickory street, on the farm he purchased from F. B. Holman.

UNION TELEPHONE CO.

Business Steadily Increasing—Annual Meeting—Officers Re-Elected.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Union Telephone Co. was held Wednesday at Alma. The report of Secretary L. L. Conn was the best ever presented, showing the affairs of the Company to be on a very sound basis and the business steadily expanding. The report was the subject of many favorable comments on the part of those present.

The directors were all re-elected as follows: J. B. Crawford, Ithaca; W. A. Bahke, Alma; J. H. Fildew, Pontiac; J. E. Gerow, Ovid; C. E. Babcock, J. T. Millman, St. Johns; F. G. Thiers, Mt. Pleasant; Tod Kincaid, Cleveland, Ohio; J. H. Whitney, St. Louis; A. M. Bentley, E. O. Dewey, Owosso; J. B. Chapin of St. Johns, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. E. S. Wagar. The board re-elected the old officers: C. T. Babcock, President; A. M. Bentley, vice president; L. L. Conn, secretary; W. J. Melchers, assistant secretary and general manager; E. O. Dewey, treasurer.

School Officers Instructed.

Corunna, March 18.—More than one hundred fifty school officers of the various districts of Shiawassee county attended the annual meeting held at the court house, Monday. Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction George N. Otwell was present and answered the usual perplexing questions confronting the rural school boards.

The morning meeting was devoted mainly to discussion of school law. The meeting was presided over by Chairman C. S. Baldwin of Bennington township.

In the afternoon Mr. Otwell talked on the subject of "Standard Schools" giving particular attention to sanitation; heating, lighting and construction of the rural school. Quoting from Gov. Ferris' message to the legislature he made a strong appeal for larger, better lighted, heated and ventilated school buildings for the rural pupils. The most important feature of the meeting was the announcement of Mr. Otwell that he would visit the schools of the county April 22 and 23.

Accompanied by Commissioner Slocum on those dates he will visit as many schools as possible in the county for the purpose of taking up with the boards the problems of schoolhouse improvement, to give them counsel and advice to assist them in the practical advancement of school work. This announcement met with general enthusiasm among the officers, many of them making special requests for attention to their own districts.

Miss Elizabeth Burns instructor of the Owosso Normal was present with about a dozen members of her class. Miss Burns gave a short talk in which she outlined the work of the Normal classes. She urged the officers to hire teachers who had received practical training in school teaching whenever it was possible for them to do so, and requested that the Normal be given an opportunity to assist them in placing trained teachers in their schools.

Ex-Senator A. B. Cook was chosen chairman for the next annual meeting.

Capacity of Water Works Pumps is Increased.

At an expenditure of but \$400, the capacity of the big Snow high duty pump at the water works has been increased three quarters of a million gallons of water daily. John Rosevear, commissioner of public utilities completed the work of installing the new water barrels in this pump last week and the total capacity of the pump is now two million and a quarter gallons daily. Besides this amount, the two Gordon Duplex pumps each have a capacity of a million gallons daily.

Felkins-Roak.

At 8 o'clock at the Congregational parsonage Thursday evening occurred the marriage of Francis E. Roark and Miss Emma K. Felkins. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. H. Hanks, and the couple were attended by F. M. Roark and Miss Emma Sיעוד. The groom is employed as a bricklayer in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Roark went at once to their home on North Park street which had been previously furnished.

Taxes Unpaid.

City Treasurer A. T. Wright settled with County Treasurer Richardson, Wednesday, returning unpaid \$7,281.70, \$6,374.90 of this was tax on real estate. Besides this amount a large number of special assessments were unpaid, and these will be included in the summer taxes. The amount returned is larger than usual as many people were out of work during the winter.

Divorces Granted.

Corunna, March 17.—Tuesday being ex-parte day in Judge Miner's court, his honor was busily engaged the greater portion of the day listening to the oft-repeated troubles and domestic incompatibilities of the divorce seekers.

Decrees for divorce were granted in the following cases: Lillie M. vs. Calvin A. Crandell, Durand; Anna vs. Charles Downing, Owosso; Edna M. vs. William D. Eames, Owosso; Herman vs. Carrie Giffel, Owosso; Amelia vs. Frank Erickson, Owosso; Julia M. vs. William H. Buchele, of Fairfield; Mary vs. Garfield Peltier, Bennington; Eval vs. Philip Bingham, Rush.

The cases of John vs. Jennie Stegall and Hugo vs. Ruth Mueller were deferred to next Monday when the defendants in the cases will be brought into court and examined relative to the custody of the children in the cases.

A judgment on default for the sum of \$1,245.17, in favor of the plaintiff, was granted A. Harvey Sons company of Detroit against Lamont & Doody of Owosso.

Accidentally Shot.

Despite the fact that a 22 caliber bullet entered his body, passing through the edge of the right lung, through the liver and down through the large intestine, Milton Barwell, the thirteen-year-old son of Mrs. Leona Burwell, employed at Tannehill's bakery, will live. The boy is in the hospital as a result of the accident, which occurred Sunday afternoon.

The wounded boy, with his mother and brother Orville, went Sunday to the home of Mrs. Burwell's sister, Mrs. Bernice Howell at Pittsburg corners. During the afternoon, the two boys, with their cousin, Oral Howell, went out to play, and found Mr. Howell's rifle. They later found a number of cartridges on a beam high up in the barn, and started shooting at a target. According to the injured lad, he held a single up and his brother shot at it. This practice was continued for a time, until one of the cartridges failed to explode. The boys gathered around the gun, examining the cartridge, and a moment later the gun went off. The younger brother says he pulled the trigger accidentally, while his brother was standing in front of the gun.

The bullet penetrated the boy's body on the right side, just above the last rib and took the course described above. The little fellows quickly informed their parents of what had happened and the wounded youth was carried into the house. An automobile was passing and Howell explained the situation to the driver who gladly volunteered the use of his machine and the boy was rushed to a physician's office. From there he was taken to the hospital and operated on at once. The physicians did not attempt to take out the bullet.

Death of Mrs. J. D. Leland.

Mrs. J. D. Leland, one of the county's best known pioneer residents, died at her home in Corunna, Friday evening at 7:40 o'clock, after two years' illness. During that time she had been afflicted with blood pressure on the brain but March 1 she suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. She had been confined to her bed only since Monday. The funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment made in Pine Tree cemetery, Rev. W. H. Jordan of Owosso, officiating.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Cordelia Hascall, was a daughter of Dr. Jeremiah Hascall, one of the county's earliest physicians, and was born in Adrian, October 3, 1841. With her parents she moved to Corunna when she was about eight years of age. Before coming to Corunna she attended the district schools in Lenawee county, and after her parents came to Corunna, she went to Ann Arbor where she attended Mrs. Clark's private school for girls. Later she was a student at the Corunna high school.

She was married June 22, 1870, to J. D. Leland, of Corunna. In 1889 the couple moved to Saginaw, where Mr. Leland was engaged as assistant cashier in the bank of Saginaw. They remained there about 10 years and then moved to Durand where Mr. Leland was for 10 years connected with a banking business. When he severed his relations there, they moved again to Corunna.

Mrs. Leland was a charter member of Corunna Chapter, O. E. S., and also a charter member of Durand chapter. She was a prominent member of the Shiawassee County Pioneer Society; she took an active interest in the work of the church. Surviving are the husband and one daughter, Mrs. Irene Nothnagel, of Menominee, Wis.

MONTHLY INSPECTION

Co. H Divided into Platoons and Squads for Work in Making it More Efficient.

Captain J. O. Parker has inaugurated a new system of drill and instruction for the officers and men of Company H, M. N. G., in compliance with orders from the military department. Two weeks ago the company was divided into squads with a corporal and a sergeant in charge of each squad. The non-commissioned officers were made responsible for the attendance at drill of every man assigned to the squad. This action, it is thought, will secure a larger per centage of men at drill.

A new course of instruction was introduced this week. The non-commissioned officers were placed in charge of their squads for instruction purposes and these officers will become responsible for the training and discipline of the men. This course will be continued during the summer. The company has been divided into two platoons with First Lieutenant Charles Labman in charge of the first platoon and Second Lieutenant Earl Whiteherst in charge of the second.

Every month Captain J. O. Parker will hold an inspection of the company. It was announced that the first inspection would be held on the corner of Washington and Main streets as soon as the weather permitted.

St. Patrick's Day Banquet.

More than 350 people were entertained at Knights of Columbus hall on Michigan avenue Wednesday evening at the St. Patrick's Day banquet and program given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Owosso Council. A supper and a list of toasts equally good divided the attention of the guests from seven o'clock to eleven, and there were card games and billiards to fill in the chinks.

The time, thought and labor expended by the ladies was reflected in the excellent meal and perfect arrangements for caring for the crowds. The lodge room on the second floor was decorated with green bunting, American flags and bunting, a large picture of Columbus and another of St. Patrick.

Representatives of practically all the warring nations were represented on the program. Francis Mitchell an Englishman, was toastmaster. Former Mayor John H. Brandel, who was introduced as being the "husband of an Irish lady, the father-in-law of an Irishman and the grandfather of another Irishman," looked after the interests of the "Deutschland uber alles," and Major M. J. Phillips and Neil R. Walsh took care of the Irish. All the toasts were overflowing with good, neutral American sentiment.

Mr. Mitchell toasted the Irish in his introductory remarks for their loyalty to their adopted country, the United States, and their faithfulness to their church. Mr. Brandel sketched the history of Ireland and was heartily applauded when he predicted that freedom would soon come for the Emerald Isle.

Mr. Walsh spoke for the Knights of Columbus and pointed out to the members that the opinion which they deserved is the opinion which would be given them. "If we are honest, truthful, upright and law-abiding; if we do not use profanity; if we are tolerant and broad minded toward people of other religions, adopting the attitude of live and let live, we will continue to merit the good reputation which we now enjoy. Just so far as we fall short of our ideals will we be subject to just criticism."

Major Phillips was introduced as a "modest young man of literary fame," and in responding requested that the toastmaster put the statement in writing for future use. "The spirit of neutrality so admirably displayed here," he said, "is but an example of the similar feeling of the entire country. How much of our neutrality is due to consideration for the rights of the warring countries, and how much to a craven fear of war? We all know that war is a terrible thing. If it could be wiped out, all National Guardsmen would be glad to lay away their uniforms forever. And yet, let us guard our moral fiber so that it will not weaken and soften until we become easy prey to any pirate nation which may decide to attack us."

An orchestra rendered music during dinner and also gave selections as part of the program. A quartette sang "Come Back to Erin" and "It's a Long way to Tipperary" and were heartily applauded. Clever folk dances were interpreted by Mr. Howard, Mrs. Hengesbaugh and Mrs. Gadola and were greatly appreciated.

Fred Rogers of Lansing, grand secretary of the I. O. O. F. was the guest of E. G. Osborn, Thursday, en route to Montcalm county.

"My Auto, 'Tis of Thee."

My auto, 'tis of thee, short cut to poverty—of thee I chant. I blew a pile of dough on you two years ago, and now you quite refuse to go, or won't or can't. Through town and countryside, you were my joy and pride; a happy day. I loved thy gandy hue, thy nice white tires so new, but now you're down and out for true, in every way, to thee, old rattle box, came many bumps and knocks; for thee I grieve. Badly the top is torn, frayed are thy seats and worn; the whooping cough effects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze while good folks choke and wheeze, as we pass by. I paid for thee a price, 'twould buy a mansion twice, now everybody's yelling "ice"—I wonder why? Thy motor has the gripe, thy spark plug has the pip and woe is thine. I too have suffered chills, ague and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills since thou wert mine. Gone is my bank roll now, no more 'twould choke the cow, as once before. Yet, if I had the moon, so help me John—amen, I'd buy myself a car again and speed some more.—Ex.

Let the Pigs Grunt.

Let the pigs do the grunting. There is better work ahead for us. Grunting never lessened the burden of a load, never pulled a community out of a rut, never added a dollar to any man's bank account.

Grunting makes pessimists, and pessimists have bad livers, and poor digestions, and sour countenances, and are general nuisances all around.

And pessimists are always grunting about something.

They grunt if things are bad; they grunt because they are not better when they are good; they grunt over their meals, and over politics, and religion, and anything else that offers a chance to grunt.

And they grunt because there is nothing left to grunt about.

Nothing is so dear to their hearts as a great big unadulterated grunt.

Many of us grunt a part of the time, but some folks grunt all of the time.

Now let's quit grunting.

Let's get down to hard tacks and dig a lot of wealth out of this community. It's here, but grunting won't do the digging.

Let's make this the greatest productive year in local history.

Let's get out and hustle—let's find the opportunities, or make them where none exist.

The soil is as rich today as it was a year ago, and it will produce as much and the products will sell for more money.

There is nothing produced in this community but has a market waiting for it. If we don't see the market, let's get out and find it. Time is too short for it to hunt us.

Let's not sit on dry goods boxes and wait for the world to come to our feet. We will die grunting if we do.

There's a great big place for us in the world. Let's fill it—let's do something—let's let the rest of the world know that we are alive, that we are producers, that we are something more than grunters.

Let's be optimists—for optimists do things, and never grunt.

Let the pigs do the grunting.

There are better times and more congenial work ahead for us.

Let's all get busy and whoop it up.

Gilbert Anniversary Shoot.

Under conditions that were highly unfavorable to good scores, the Owosso Gun club Wednesday held Fred Gilbert twentieth anniversary shoot at the range west of the sugar factory. William Demuth won the trophy cup, with a score of 83 out of a possible 100.

The winner, Mr. Demuth, gets the silver trophy cup awarded by the Du Pont Powder Co. The cup is prettily engraved.

Following are the scores of Wednesday's shoot.

William Demuth	83
M. F. Blair	80
B. S. Gaylord	79
J. R. Parker	78
J. Rosevear	78
J. McDonald	77
F. J. Douglas	76
T. Parker	71
C. Bentley	69
L. Murphy	68
L. Bensinger	67
Wm. Jopling	64
T. A. Swarthout	63
George Sackrider	61
J. Hobson	61
C. D. Bell	59
A. Crane	59
P. Quinn	58
Charles Sackrider	57

Mrs. F. S. Dean is in Cochoctah where she went to care for her daughter, Mrs. Earl Tree, who is ill with pneumonia.