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Loses Right Arm.

E. A. Armstrong of this city, freight brakeman on the Ann Arbor Railroad, was injured Saturday in an accident at Ann Arbor, his right arm being so badly crushed that amputation at the shoulder was necessary. Mr. Armstrong resides on East Main street.

Goes to Minnesota Prison.

Walter A. Sadler, embezzler, forger, thief and former drunkard, who has been given much space in newspapers and accused of crimes here and there, and whom the county of Shiawassee has boarded for several weeks, has been taken back to Minnesota to serve the balance of nearly four years of an unexpired term in the state prison there. Sadler is a college graduate, had at one time a fortune, made in the Cobalt mining boom in 1905, and had ability in several lines but went wrong.

Owosso Moose Lodge Elect Officers.

The following officers have been elected by the Owosso lodge, Loyal Order of Moose:

- Dictator—C. Crandall.
- Vice Dictator—G. Drebenstedt.
- Prelate—B. Fouts.
- Secretary—Frank E. Schramm.
- Treasurer—Dan Smelser.
- Inner Guard—Dayton Moss.
- Outer Guard—Claude Ash.
- Trustee for three years—Sam Hoover.
- Delegate to state convention—D. Smelser.

Confirmation at Christ Church.

Right Rev. Charles D. Williams, bishop of the diocese of Michigan, made his annual visit to Christ Episcopal church Wednesday evening and confirmed a class consisting of Mrs. J. B. McIntosh, George Trager, Miss Adelaide Fauth, Gerald Fauth, Frederick Storer, Walter Gill, Edward Hoffman, Miss Edith Allen, Miss Laella McIntosh, Miss Evara Ockerman and Mrs. Carol Hutchings.

The service opened with a short informal evening prayer by the rector, Rev. W. H. Jordan, after which the class was confirmed and Bishop Williams preached a brilliant sermon appropriate to the occasion, taking his text from Galatians 3:17. "Three Grades of Men" was the theme.

The class presented the church with a pair of silver plated cruets and a bread box, to be used in Holy Communion when they take their first communion the first Sunday in April.

A large congregation witnessed the impressive service.

The vestry has not yet been called together to act on the resignation of Rev. William H. Jordan, which becomes effective the last Sunday in April.

HIGH WATER

No Great Damage But Much Inconvenience in Spring Break up.

The real starting of spring came Monday when the melting snow and ice and heavy rains filled the gutters and sewers, and then the creeks and rivers, the Shiawassee river gradually attaining the highest point in high water in twelve years, but as there was little ice the damage was small, mostly from goods in cellars of houses and buildings along the river bank. Plenty of time was given to make arrangements and few were unprepared. Residents of the third ward near the river are the worst sufferers, and several have been compelled to go back and forth from their houses in boats.

Alarm was created by the usual false newspaper scare that the water works might be unable to run, but as usual there was little damage and that has now entirely passed.

Ice jams were not serious although dynamiting was resorted to at Corunna and much fear was felt for the foot bridge to the Ann Arbor shops for a few hours, and Hawkins bridge south of Corunna was threatened, but all the ice was finally disposed of.

Many cellars, including the basement of the new Lincoln school and the Carnegie library had some water in them but little damage resulted.

The water was high at the brick plant at Kerby, Tuesday, and a slight further rise would have filled the workings at the coal mines and shale beds and stopped work for the season, but as with the many other might-have-beens the flood stopped in time.

L. A. Sanderhoff has been appointed general trustee in the Geo. N. Monroe bankruptcy matter and an order of sale will probably be made soon.

Mrs. W. V. Robinson entertained Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. A. Hieronymus of Chicago. Mrs. C. E. Rigney will be hostess on Friday evening, and Mrs. C. D. Bell entertained at tea Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Hieronymus.

Present Flag to Lincoln School.

The Woman's Relief Corps presented a beautiful American flag to the Lincoln school, Friday afternoon. The ladies and members of the G. A. R. were present when eight children from the several grades, with their teachers, preceded Boy Scout Gaylord Blair who carried the flag which Mrs. Sarah A. Wiley presented with an appropriate sentiment. Miss Kate Corlett principal of the school, received the flag, thanking the Corps. The W. R. C. salute was repeated, the Star Spangled Banner (and America sung, after which short talks were made by W. D. Whitehead of the school board and Comrade T. M. Wiley.

CELEBRATION INTERRUPTED

Foreigners Had Big Supply of Liquor and Started Fighting.

The arrival of the sixth child, a son, at the home of Joe Shevrenough an American Malleables moulder, was celebrated Saturday night at his home on Howard street. A keg of beer, two gallons of alcohol and brandy, and two quarts of wine was the supply that had been well sampled, when two outsiders interrupted and were thrown out. One reported to Prosecutor Pulver, who sent Deputy Sheriff Spronke, Constable Frank Forster and two policemen, who found six men gambling, three others in bed, all intoxicated. The liquor and gambling money was seized and Shevrenough arrested charged with violating the Pray law by storing liquor in a public place, his home being a boarding house.

Shevrenough was arraigned in the municipal court, Tuesday, and bound over to the circuit court for trial. Bail was furnished in the sum of \$300.

Death of Mrs. Dietrich Nickel.

Mrs. Dietrich Nickel, aged 68 years, passed away Saturday, following an operation Friday for kidney trouble. She had not been feeling well for the past year.

Miss Elizabeth Rathke was born in Germany, and after her marriage the family moved to the United States and settled in Owosso, where they have resided for the past 35 years. The deceased was a member of Salem's Lutheran church and was a regular attendant until ill health prevented.

She leaves besides her husband the following children, all of whom were at her bedside when she died: Mrs. B. J. Jackson of California; Mrs. E. F. Day of Garwin, Iowa; Mrs. E. Lenker and Miss Dora Nickel and Mrs. Henry York of Lansing, and Mrs. Roy Burbans of this city; William and Otto of Fenton, and Leo of Davenport, Iowa.

The funeral was held Monday at the Knapp & Smith undertaking parlors, Rev. T. G. Hahn officiating.

Death of Silas H. Alliton.

Silas H. Alliton, aged 73 years, died, Tuesday, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Parling, in Akron, Ohio. The funeral was held Thursday from the home of Arthur D. Alliton, North Water street in this city. Rev. J. Hartley Cansfield officiating.

Mr. Alliton was born in Monroe county, Michigan, April 5, 1842, and came to New Haven township, Shiawassee county early in life, making his home there until twenty years ago when he moved to this city, remaining here until the death of his wife six years ago, since which time he has spent the summers here and at M. Pleasant, and the winters in Akron, Ohio. Last fall he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis and has failed gradually since.

Deceased was a veteran of the civil war, a member of the G. A. R. and secretary for life of the Third Michigan Cavalry reunion organization. He was an active member until ill health prevented, of the First Methodist church, and a helpful citizen in all public matters.

Three children, Arthur Alliton of this city, Mrs. Ray Stinson of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. James Parling of Akron, Ohio, survive.

Leingsburg Business Men.

A business men's association has been formed at Leingsburg with the following directors and officers:

Seymour Platt, Martin Dix, R. W. Bailey, H. L. Anstin, Floyd Morgan, R. S. Hamilton and Emil Lee, who elected from their number R. W. Bailey president; R. S. Hamilton vice president, and Emil Lee secretary and treasurer. The directors will meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Thirty business and professional men have joined the organization which will make efforts to better Leingsburg commercially and in all matters helpful to the health and beauty of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor spent Wednesday in Detroit.

QUALIFIED WOMEN ELECTORS

Voters on Bonding Propositions—Must Have Property Assessed For Taxes and Must Be Registered.

The law governing the eligibility of women as voters upon the two bonding propositions—the new fire house and motor equipment and the purchase of the land adjoining the armory site for park purposes—provides that "At any election hereafter held in any village, township, city, county or school district at which any question involving the direct expenditure of public money or the issue of bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors, every woman, who possesses the qualifications of male electors and has property assessed for taxes in any part of the district or territory to be affected by the result of such election, shall be entitled to vote thereon." Another section which provides for the registration of women electors contains this clause, "Provided, That any woman who possesses the qualifications of male electors and owns property jointly with her husband or other person, or who owns property on contract, and pays the taxes thereon, shall be entitled to register and shall have the right to vote on all such propositions as are referred to in this act."

In other words, every woman 21 years of age or over, who is native-born or naturalized, who has resided in the state for six months and in the precinct where she wishes to vote for twenty days previous to election, and owns property, can register on Saturday next and vote on Monday next. Women not already registered can enroll on Saturday at the usual registration places between the hours of eight a. m. and eight p. m.

OWOSSO MANUFACTURES

Census Bureau's Summary for 1914.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—A preliminary statement of the results of the census of manufactures for Owosso, Mich., has been issued by Director Sam L. Rogers, of the bureau of the census, department of commerce.

The census excludes the hand trades, the building trades, and the neighborhood industries, and took account only of establishments conducted under the factory system. Statistics were not collected for establishments having products for the census year valued at less than \$500.

The reports were taken for the calendar year ending December 31, 1914.

Summary of Statistics.

The statistics represent the establishments located within the corporate limits of the city.

The capital invested was \$4,147,000.

The cost of materials used was \$1,851,000. In addition to the component materials which enter into the products of the establishment for the census year there are included the cost of fuel, mill supplies, and rent of power and heat. The cost of materials, however, does not include unused materials, and supplies bought either for speculation or for use during a subsequent period.

The value of products, which amounted to \$3,469,000, represents their selling value or price at the plants as actually turned out by the factories during the census year and does not necessarily have any relation to the amount of sales for that year. The values under this head also include amounts received for work done on materials furnished by others.

Summary for the City.

Number establishments	45
Persons engaged in mfgs	1,425
Props., firm members	35
Salaried employes	159
Wage earners (aver)	1,231
Primary horsepower	4,266
Capital	\$4,147,000
Services	\$80,000
Salaries	206,000
Wages	724,000
Cost of materials	1,851,000
Value of products	3,469,000
Value added by manufacturers (value of products less cost of materials)	1,618,000

Tramp to County Farm to be With Parents.

Two boys, Arthur and William Stebbins, aged 11 and 6 years, tramped from the Dorcas Home in this city, Saturday, to the county farm to be with their parents. The father, having suffered two strokes of paralysis and the mother being penniless, they were taken to the farm, Friday from Leingsburg, and the boys taken to the Dorcas Home. A longing for father and mother drove the boys to the hard task of walking to the farm. They were returned to the Home.

Refuses a Demurrer.

Judge Nelson Sharpe, who heard the argument for a demurrer in the case of F. J. Northway of Durand vs. The Union Telephone Co. in the Shiawassee circuit court some weeks ago, has refused to grant the demurrer and the case may now come to trial. Northway failed to pay his telephone rental until after the fifteenth of the first month of the quarter and then refused to pay the extra fifty cents charged in such cases and secured an injunction to prevent the company from taking out his telephone. The company asked a dissolution of the injunction, having previously filed a demurrer on the ground that there was no equity in Mr. Northway's bill, that he had an adequate remedy at law, and that the matter was under the jurisdiction of the state railroad commission; that the contract was not in writing and is not set forth by the plaintiff with sufficient particularity to recover; that the bill of complaint does not aver that the \$5.00 demanded was in excess of the franchise rate, but was an additional and reasonable charge for neglect to pay the telephone bill when due.

Judge Sharpe concedes that the case is similar to the case of the City of Owosso against the company which was decided by the supreme court in favor of the company; but states there are additional questions involved.

Spanish Vets Confer Degree.

The Order of the Red Cross was conferred upon Seth E. Beers of Durand, by Owosso Commandery Knights Templar last Thursday. The work was done by Spanish war veterans and militia men, some of whom served with Corporal Beers as members of Co. G of Owosso, and three, Lieutenant Lee H. Retan, Sergeant S. M. Campbell and Musician C. I. Schenck, took part in the notification by signal that the attack on the Spanish fleet should be begun. The others assisting in the commandery work were Capt. J. H. Steck, Private Starr Gruner, Captain F. E. Evans, Major A. M. Home, Capt. J. O. Parker, Privates George North and Fred H. Brown.

A supper with army grub, with a few delicacies added, was served by the ladies after which the "old soldiers" told their experiences including many incidents not written in the history of the war.

Private Starr Gruner, a Past Commander, and Hugh W. Clarke, Eminent Commander of Jacobs Commandery of Coldwater, and Fred H. Brown of Ann Arbor, came to Owosso to attend the convocation. Mr. Gruner, now a prosperous merchant of Coldwater, was refused admission to Coldwater company but was taken in by Co. G and made a good soldier. He had not seen his comrades in eighteen years and spent a happy day with them. Seth Beers becomes a member of Corunna Commandery, the work having been conferred at Corunna Commandery's request.

Advertising Committee's Work Helps

The work of this committee in investigating and passing on advertising soliciting in the city has saved every business man on the streets from \$25 to \$300 in cash each year besides endless amounts of time.

The change from the conditions that used to exist are noticeable and marked. Of course when an advertising solicitor comes to the city expecting to clean up a hundred dollars or so and is stopped by the committee, he expresses disapproval and sometimes says he will solicit without the card but he usually does not get very far. One of the business men was approached recently on an automobile scheme. The businessman did not want the scheme, thought it was an evil, but did not want his competitor to take it. The newspapers have discouraged advertising schemes that did not give the business man a fair return for the money and have been of material assistance in keeping undesirable propositions out.

Will Investigate Further.

The committee of the Improvement Association to which was referred the proposal of the M. P. M. Automobile Company of Mt. Pleasant to move to Owosso, reported Tuesday noon to give a chance for general discussion and little encouragement was received. The amount of capital asked (\$25,000) together with the company's present resources was not thought sufficient to make the venture successful. The company makes an eight cylinder car which sells for \$1095.

Representative A. W. Kean and Senator J. A. Damon were present and urged co-operation, presented the prospects most favorably, and both are believers that the company would ultimately be a big thing for Owosso.

Rev. Fr. P. J. Sine spent part of the week in Detroit on business.

EITHER HUGHES OR ROOSEVELT

That Is the Way Washington Observers See the Result of the Republican Convention.

[Washington Special to Chicago Tribune.]

Washington, D. C., March 25.—"It looks like either Hughes or Roosevelt."

That is the way Republican leaders are beginning to sum up the probabilities in regard to the selection of a Republican candidate for president at the Chicago convention next June.

Col. Roosevelt has returned from a vacation in the Antilles to find that in his absence the boom for Associate Justice Hughes of the Supreme court has been prodigious. He also finds that numerous aggregations of political persons want to know how he stands on the question of Hughes. Will the colonel endorse Hughes and thereby eliminate himself from consideration? is the question to which an answer from Mr. Roosevelt is fervently desired.

Altogether it is a novel situation in which the Republican party finds itself on the eve of the presidential campaign. On the one hand are the three big men of the party, Hughes, Roosevelt, and Root, all of whom are pre-eminently presidential caliber, but none of whom, so far as surface indications go, is seeking the nomination. On the other hand are numerous lesser leaders, all of whom are openly and eagerly manifesting their aspirations to the highest office in the gift of the people.

That Col. Roosevelt will take a hand in no uncertain manner in the selection of a candidate is regarded generally as a foregone conclusion. Those Republicans who look upon Hughes as the one big man in the party who can unite all factions and those Republicans who are chiefly interested in eliminating Roosevelt are hoping that the colonel will get into the Hughes band wagon.

These Republicans, however, are beset with fears that if Col. Roosevelt secretly desires the nomination his first move will be the delivery of an open endorsement of Hughes in the belief that the justice would be compelled to remove himself, for ethical reasons, from any possibility of consideration for the nomination. Such a result would leave Col. Roosevelt the most prominent possible nominee in the field.

The tremendous growth of the Hughes boom in the last few weeks is due almost entirely to the increasing belief of Republicans in all sections of the country that the justice, while unwilling to become a candidate for the honor, would accept the nomination if tendered to him by the convention.

This belief is founded entirely on the fact that Mr. Hughes has refrained from declaring that he would reject the nomination. The justice has written two letters on the subject of his candidacy in the last two months. Both letters have been made public, in each he said that he is out of politics, that he is not seeking the nomination, and that he repudiates any effort to obtain delegates to the Chicago convention in his behalf.

In neither letter, however, did he close the door completely by stating that he would not accept the nomination under any circumstances. This was regarded as extremely significant in view of previous reports that Mr. Hughes deemed it a scandal for any member of the Supreme court to permit himself to be considered for political preferment.

The inference drawn from Mr. Hughes' failure to close the door completely was that the justice conceived circumstances under which a member of the Supreme court might with propriety accept the nomination for president.

Thereupon Hughes' stock went upward with a bound. Everywhere Republicans began to express the conviction that Hughes would accept a nomination which came to him as the free will offering of the party and would immediately resign from the court. It became apparent that the fear Hughes would reject the nomination not only had held the Hughes boom in leash, but had been responsible for much of the acclaim of Roosevelt as the only available big man of the party.

The admirers of Hughes are hoping that this is the correct interpretation of the situation. They believe that if the assumption that the justice will not refuse the nomination is not disturbed the selection of Hughes by the convention soon will be a foregone conclusion.



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TO REPUBLICAN ELECTORS

To the Republican Electors of Shiawassee County:—

At the coming April election an opportunity will be given for you to express your preference as to who should be the candidate of the Republicans of Michigan for President this year. You will also be able to designate your choice for the Michigan member of the Republican National Committee and local officers are also to be elected. So in the election there are matters of importance at issue although state or county officers are not chosen, and we would respectfully urge every Republican to go to the polls and cast his vote upon the third of April next.

JOSEPH H. COLLINS,
Chairman of County Com.
ALBERT L. NICHOLS, Secretary.

TRADE AT HOME.

The Glenwood Opinions, published at Glenwood, Iowa, contains a flattering notice of the first prize won by Dr. H. L. Lyon in presenting 10 reasons why we should trade at home. The reasons are as follows:

- 1.—Because every dollar comes back to you quicker, thus paying interest. Not one cent is gained when the dollar leaves your city.
- 2.—If home merchants were sure of your trade, they could afford to carry larger and better supply.
- 3.—If you pay cash same as to mail order house, home merchants could sell on a closer margin.
- 4.—Because if bought at home you know exactly what you are buying, and if not satisfactory, home merchants will make it right.
- 5.—It makes the customer feel a keener interest in his home town when he once gets the habit of trading at home.
- 6.—Because we should help our friends, and our best friends are those who help us in times when we are out of work by extending credit—home merchants.
- 7.—It would increase the value of our property.
- 8.—It will enable all of us to pay our debts. You buy your next bill of goods at home, and the home merchant takes that money and pays the coal man, the coal man pays the butcher, the butcher pays the dentist, the dentist pays the rent, the landlord pays the doctor, and the doctor pays you for the cow he bargained for. When would your money have returned to you had you sent out of town for your goods? Not in a hundred years.
- 9.—It would stimulate better spirit in the community, and all would feel a merited pride in our city, and soon we would have a "Glenwood Beautiful" of which we would all be proud, because we started this movement of trade at home.
- 10.—Because it is a family affair, and no community can be at its best unless all the family pull together. Friends, trade at home, and you will think more of yourself, your neighbor, and be a bigger booster for your city.

Contest Will.

Mrs. Fred Sturgis of Owosso, through her attorney S. Q. Pulver, has begun a contest of the will of her father, the late William Bradley. The will was made during the past year and the daughter who was left but \$25 claims her father was not normal mentally, and undue influence was used by Byron Bradley. The hearing set for Monday was adjourned to April 8, and will probably be tried in the circuit court and no formal contest made in the probate court.