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## ASK RAISE FOR ELECTRIC RATES

The Consumers Power Co. has served notice on the city commission that it will forthwith file a petition with the Michigan public utilities commission, for an increase in rates in this city. Under the franchise granted the company some years ago, either party can petition the commission every ten years for a readjustment of rates if those in force are not satisfactory to them. The notice to the city commission states that the present rates are unsatisfactory.

## ALLEN-CRAWFORD

A quiet though pretty wedding occurred Saturday evening, May 29, at the home of the bride, when Miss Lizzie Evorah Allen, daughter of the late G. W. Allen, became the bride of William Crawford of Detroit. Rev. J. W. Koyle officiated.

Mrs. Crawford has lived here nearly all her life and has a host of friends. Mr. Crawford has had charge of the plumbing for the Grand Trunk railroad in Detroit. They will make their home at 304 Oakwood avenue.

## NO MORE SIGNS ON HIGHWAYS

County Road Commissioner Bailey has received notice from the state highway commissioner that all advertising signs must be removed from the trunk highways throughout the state. In the future all signs must be on private property if they are put up at all.

The trunk highways have been indicated by signs on the telephone poles, and later suitable markers of a permanent nature will be put up. All trunk highways are to be known by number.

## HETTINGER-MILLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hettinger Tuesday evening June first, when their daughter, Lulu V., was united in marriage to Mr. Chas. L. Mills by Rev. J. W. Koyle of the Cornuna avenue M. E. church.

They were attended by the groom's sister, Marjorie Mills, and the bride's brother, Harold Hettinger. The house was prettily decorated in blue and white. Ferns were also used with beautiful effect.

## ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL RECEPTION

On Tuesday evening at the K. of C. home on Michigan avenue the juniors of St. Paul's school gave their annual reception to the seniors, which proved to be a most delightful function. There were about forty young people present, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dowling acting as chaperons. The evening was spent in dancing after which a delicious supper was served. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the senior colors, gold and blue being used in the hall and those of the juniors, green and white, in the dining room.

## THREE PLEAD GUILTY

Placed of guilty were entered by three men in circuit court late Tuesday afternoon and all will be sentenced Monday.

Lawrence Lytle, of Kerby, admitted his guilt of stealing \$360 from Melbourne Rose of Owosso. Lewta King pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the prohibition law and Henry Beardsley, an aged Laingsburg resident, admitted taking indecent liberties with a child of tender years.

King was released on bail in the sum of \$500 but the other two are still in jail.

## CORUNNA MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hundreds of Corunna people Monday turned out to do homage to the nation's hero dead, when impressive exercises were held in observance of Memorial day. A procession, memorial service at the bridge, decoration of graves and exercises at the casino, were the features of the program.

At 9 o'clock Monday morning Henry F. Wallace post of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. assembled at their rooms in the court house and marched to the school house where the parade was formed under the direction of Marshal William Cornford. The program was given at McCurdy Park where Rev. F. D. Draper of Owosso gave a fine Memorial address.

Members of the County Road Commission are in Detroit attending a meeting of the county road commissioners of the state, with State Highway Commissioner Rogers. On Saturday the commission will hold its weekly meeting. Thereafter the weekly meetings will be held Friday afternoons.

The following marriage licenses have been issued: George C. Frederick, Owosso, Bertha Wiesenberger, Louisville, Ky.; Harold Long and Bernice Neff, Caledonia; Henry Huber, Flint, Helen Webber, Owosso; Charles Miller, Owosso, Lulu Hettinger, Owosso; Raymond Ward, Owosso, Vivian Tooker,

## MEMORIAL DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

The annual services and parade in honor of the nation's soldier dead held in every community in the country Monday were made more solemn and came closer to the people as a whole this year than ever before. As the ranks of the veterans of the Civil War thin almost to nought there is added the dead of the Cuban and World wars and the marching veterans of these wars with scouts in khaki and the civilian organizations bring to all the recollection of brave deeds and hard battles.

It was a beautiful Memorial day, warm, almost too warm for comfort, and during the morning, the roads leading to Oak Hill cemetery in this city were alive with automobiles, and pedestrians, flower laden, going to the city of the dead to lay floral emblems tenderly upon the last resting places of their loved ones. Soon afternoon, the ramory became the mecca of all and at 1:30 the hour at which the exercises were to start, the spacious building was crowded, with exception of space allotted to and reserved for the G. A. R., W. R. C. and American Legion. The rostrum had been prettily decorated, flags, greenery and flowers transforming it into a bower of beauty. On the platform were Mayor A. T. Wright; president of the day, Rev. Carlos H. Hanks, of Newark, Ohio, and Rev. H. A. Waite and others who were to take part in the program. The choir of the First M. E. church, was also on the platform.

Escorted by Patterson-Dawson Post American Legion and Company 22, Michigan State Troops and the Owosso City band and led by Dr. A. G. Cowles band of Durand, members of Quackenbush post, G. A. R. and W. R. C. marched from their hall on East Main street to the armory, soon after 1:30, and the audience arose in respect to them as they entered and took their seats.

The Owosso City band rendered a selection that was much appreciated, following which Mayor Wright opened the program with a few remarks, in which he paid tribute to the veterans of the three wars and to the auxiliary organizations of women affiliated with them. The impressive public service of the G. A. R. including the reading of Memorial orders and salute to the dead was carried out, following which the First M. E. church choir sang, "God Save America." The W. R. C. public service, and the reading of the memorial address, were listened to intently after which Rev. H. A. Waite pronounced invocation. Gov. Sleeper's Memorial Day proclamation was read by Donald Cook. Mrs. Lillian Vogel Harding rendered in most pleasing manner, "The Story of Old Glory," and Mrs. Agnes Wiley, past department commander, Women's Relief Corps, read the immortal Gettysburg address of President Lincoln. General Logan's first Memorial Day proclamation was read by Miss Mabie Smithgall.

Rev. C. H. Hanks of Norwalk, Ohio, formerly of Owosso, delivered a most excellent memorial address, paying high tribute to the men who offered up their lives for their country, and expressed gratitude that instead of decaying and declining as an institution, Memorial day has become more deeply rooted in the affections of the people. He took occasion to mention the ungrateful alien, who finds asylum on our shores and who repays America for her kindness by seeking to incite revolution and destroy our government.

Every man, woman and child in the audience, raised their voices in singing America as the closing number of the program, after which Rev. F. D. Draper pronounced benediction.

Immediately following the exercises at the armory, parade was formed on West Exchange street under the direction of Captain Oscar J. Reynolds, marshal of the day and his aides, Lieut. Lawrence and Sergeant Claud Cope, and passed through streets banked with people.

Leading the procession came the Owosso City Band, playing a funeral dirge; then the Boy Scouts, trudging along and exuding the spirit that makes the heroes to whom tribute was being paid. Company No. 22, Michigan State troops in command of Lieut. Byran Thompson marched next with a steady tread, and soldierly bearing, Owosso Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar, in command of Fred Randolph, eminent commander and John H. Steck, captain general, followed, with plumes flying and swords glistening. The drill team of Owosso Aerie of Eagles attired in natty uniforms of blue trimmed with white followed in command of Earl Whiteherse. Owosso Canton, I. O. O. F. commanded by Wilson Brooks came next, wearing their gold trimmed uniforms and plumed chapeau.

The Bohemian band of 20 pieces, led by members of the Bohemian Patriotic society, each member of which carried the flag to which he had sworn allegiance.

Marching with an easy swing that became theirs in "hiking" mile after mile through the mud of France, came

the boys in khaki, the men who fought militarism that freedom might survive. They were in command of Lieut. Chas. Lahman. The speakers came followed by automobiles carrying the veterans of '61, who although still young in spirit, no more attempt the long march to the cemetery. Following them came the cars carrying members of the W. R. C. and of the auxiliary to Patterson-Dawson post. Several hundred school children waving flags and wearing smiles on their faces, marched behind a serious faced youngster who beat a small drum, with all the vigor of a crack drummer.

Arriving at the little lake that nestles in the hills of the burying ground, the parade ceased, and memorial services were held for the sailor dead. A small boat, flower laden, was anchored in the center of the lake, symbolizing the burial of the dead at sea. Mrs. Charles F. Lahman sang most beautifully a memorial hymn.

Proceeding to the soldiers' monument, the G. A. R. service was held and a large wreath, bearing the names of 29 Shiawassee county boys who are today sleeping under the white wooden crosses in France, was laid on the monument. Twenty-nine flags, one for each of these martyrs, were fastened in the wreath. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, witnessed by hundreds, a firing squad stepped from the ranks of Company 22, and awakened the echoes with three volleys. Then the sweet sad notes of taps were wafted from the bugle and the dead were left to sleep on.

## ORION SEASON OPENS MAY 29

The season at the Lake Orion resort opened Saturday, May 29, with three days of special events to mark the opening. Great improvements have been made during the Winter and Spring. Park Island has been the scene of great activity. The Park has been leased to Thomas M. Reid of Jackson, Mich. A large restaurant and coliseum building has been erected; soft drink stands, bowling alleys, skee ball outfit and other attractive games have been installed. A new high circle swing has been placed on the lake front and at night this will be brilliantly illuminated. The dance hall has been remodelled. In addition to dancing there will be cabaret specialties by entertainers every night except Sundays, until Labor Day. Bellevue Hotel is now open for guests with Mr. and Mrs. John C. Tompkins as managers. The large fleet of passenger boats, launches, row boats and canoes are all refitted and ready for the opening day. Nearly all of the cottages are rented and inquiries for accommodations indicate that Lake Orion will have the biggest season in its history.

## Co-Operative Marketing Successful

During the first 100 days of 1920, 68 cooperative carloads of hogs were shipped from 22 Arkansas counties. The 6,480 hogs in the cars were owned by 700 different farmers, or an average of more than 10 shippers to each carload. Returns totalling \$127,590.52 were received for these hogs at the central markets. The average cost of shipping was only 94.3 cents per hundredweight. The amount made above the highest price offered locally, where there was a local market, amounted to \$260 per car, or a total saving of more than \$17,500 on all shipments.

The season for shipping Arkansas cattle has not started; but in 1919 cattle shipments from that State exceeded the cooperative shipments of hogs, and indications this year are that almost all the Arkansas cattle will be shipped cooperatively.

The cooperative shipping of live stock by the method advocated by the United States Department of Agriculture has been found practicable and profitable in all sections of the country where live stock is produced in connection with general or specialized systems of farming.

## MIX-WOOD

On Saturday afternoon at the church of Christ parsonage, Miss Helen Mix and Roy Wood were united in marriage by Rev. F. D. Draper. They were attended by Miss Bertha Fricke and Will Leitch, of this city. Miss Mix is the daughter of Mrs. Chas. Mix, of Thompsonville but for the past year has made her home with her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Hickey, Pine street, and has been employed in the Colonial tea room. The groom has a position as foreman at the American Malleables. After a week's motor trip to Thompsonville they will be at home to their friends at 612 Dewey street.

## Sugar Company Declares First Dividends.

Local stockholders of Owosso Sugar Co. have received their first dividends from the company, despite the fact that the company was organized 20 years ago. The dividend is one of three per cent. one and one-half per cent payable now and the other one and one-half in September.

## MR. FORDNEY AND THE TARIFF

Bro. Forest Lord of Michigan Business Farmer and the Herald have been having quite an animated exchange of views in regard to Congressman Fordney and a Protective Tariff. We do not desire to protract these articles and wear out the patience of Herald readers, but inasmuch as we asked Bro. Lord for a direct expression of his views on Protection, it seems but fair to him that we should give publication to his letter.

As some clauses in Bro. Lord's letter seem to call for comment and this is to be the last of the series, we will reply clause by clause.

May 1, 1920.

Mr. J. N. McCall, Editor.  
Griatiot County Herald,  
Ithaca, Michigan.  
Dear Mr. McCall:

You need not pause long for a reply to the concluding query in your editorial of April 29th, "Is the Michigan Business Farmer in favor of an out and out general protection policy such as has always been advocated by the Republican party?" For in answer hereto, I can say freely and truthfully that the Business Farmer IS in favor of a general protection policy. I know of no reason aside from your preconceived and unsupported notion that this publication is dominated by partisan Democratic influences, why you should question our attitude on protection. I am sure that none of our Griatiot County subscribers would think of asking such a question. Whether this protection policy to which we subscribe is the same policy, "that has always been advocated by the Republican party," I cannot say, for the simple reason that the various factions of the Republican party do not all recommend the same brand of protection.

We are glad to note that the Business Farmer IS in favor of a general protection policy. As Bro. Lord is well aware, while there may be individual members of the Republican party who are a little shaky in their protection ideas, they constitute as small a minority in the Republican party as the "out and out protectionists" do in the Democratic party. The platform utterances of the Republican party and the laws enacted in conformity therewith, such as the Morrill law, the McKinley law, the Dingley law constitute the Republican party's declaration of principles as opposed to the Morrison Horizontal cut law, the Wilson law which precluded the panic of 1893 and the present law advocated by Woodrow Wilson, passed by a Democratic congress which puts a tariff of 25c a bushel on beans and other farm products in about the same proportion. We take it, then, as a fair inference, that the Michigan Business Farmer, favors such a general protection policy as is advocated by the only party of protection in the United States, the Republican party and of which policy Joseph W. Fordney is the foremost exponent.

There are high protectionists and low protectionists. There are some who believe the higher you build your tariff walls the greater will be the prosperity of the country. The Business Farmer is not that kind of a protectionist, for the Business Farmer realizes that some kind of a balance must be maintained between export and import trade. The export trade of the nation has been enormous and is one of the greatest factors in the prosperity of the nation. But this export trade and this prosperity cannot continue unless we buy some things of Europe to offset our export business. Never in the history of the nation was the truth of this statement more evident than it is today. The excess of our exports over imports has drained Europe of its gold and depleted its credit. As a result Europe is not buying one-half the goods it needs and would buy had we returned some of her coin by the purchase of imports. Europe is therefore going without or else encouraging her people to develop manufacturing to produce things which she might under more favorable conditions purchase from the United States. So there is as much danger in a tariff that shuts out all European goods as there is in a tariff that floods our markets with foreign goods to the detriment of our domestic industry. Both are extremes to be avoided.

Mr. Lord, in this paragraph, seems to oppose a high protective tariff because "the excess of our exports over our imports has drained Europe of its gold and depleted its credit." Later on, he concludes, "So there is as much danger in a tariff that shuts out all European goods as there is in a tariff that floods our markets with foreign goods." Granted. Of course there is a limit to how high a protective tariff should be, but certainly Bro. Lord does not intimate that the present enormous balance of trade in our favor and the depletion of European gold is in any sense due to a high protective tariff. Prior to the war, the balance of trade was becoming more and more against us. Certainly Bro. Lord is too intelligent and too honest to attempt to lead readers of this ar-

ticle to believe that the present Democratic tariff is in any sense responsible for present conditions as to European trade balances, or depreciation of securities. The fact is, as HE would doubtless say, that present conditions generally speaking are due wholly to the war and not in any big sense due to the tariff or lack of it.

The Business Farmer advocates a tariff on all agricultural and manufactured goods high enough to raise the wholesale price at seaboard of foreign-produced goods to the level of the wholesale price of domestic goods. This would give the foreign producer no advantage over the home producer. This principle is embodied in Congressman Fordney's "anti-dumping" bill, now before the Senate.

With this cause the Herald is in hearty accord. It is, we believe, a sound protection policy. The only possible exception would be when by giving a little better margin, we might encourage and build up some industry which would otherwise not attract capital to its establishment. But when established, this too, should be governed by the same law.

The tariff is an inexhaustible subject and it is needless to discuss it further here. I apprehend, however, that the protection policy of the Michigan Business Farmer will satisfy the majority of the Republicans and spare us from the imputation of being a "Free Trade Democrat."

We congratulate the Business Farmer on its definite declaration of policy.

Answering your criticism that we "dodged" the general question on a protective tariff, I desire to say that this is not correct. Your original inquiry did not have to do with a "general" protective tariff. You asked "Have you ever seen a single editorial in this paper advocating a protective tariff," and I specified the proposed bean tariff as a particular instance of our advocating a protective tariff.

On this clause we are willing to let by-gones be by-gones except to say that we did not say "A" protective policy, but "a protective policy" which we do not believe in any fair construction of language is at all different from A GENERAL protection policy. A protection policy is not made up of a schedule here or a schedule there, but of a system. Hence when Bro. Lord specified specific schedules we saw in this no advocacy of a protection policy. As he well knows, an editorial in favor of a tariff on one or two articles no more makes a protection policy than a single swallow makes a summer.

You are in great error to assume that the criticisms published in the Business Farmer were for the purpose of discrediting Mr. Fordney or causing his defeat at the next election. As we have already pointed out in the statements leading up to this discussion first appeared not in the Business Farmer, but in the Detroit Free Press, a strong Fordney supporter. Our attention was first called to them by a number of irate subscribers who sent us the clipping with some pointed remarks to the effect that "it looks as if Mr. Fordney were laying down on the job." I wired Mr. Fordney asking him if he had been correctly quoted. Ten days later I received his reply, but not before, after waiting a reasonable length of time, I had laid the facts before our subscribers.

Again we congratulate the Business Farmer when it asserts that its criticisms "were NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCREDITING MR. FORDNEY or causing HIS DEFEAT AT THE NEXT ELECTION." We can readily understand how those interested in an increased bean tariff, might NOT understand why this legislation might not be enacted right off the reel and why they might be somewhat impatient and critical toward Mr. Fordney because it was not done, but it did not seem to the Herald fair to Mr. Fordney, on the evidence of a Texas Democratic Free Trader to assume or "surmise" that Mr. Fordney was not doing all in his power for the farmers of the eighth district, who constitute the large majority of his constituents, when Congressman Osborne, who was watching his bill with the utmost interest and very desirous of having it passed, bears direct testimony to the devotion of Mr. Fordney to the cause of the bean growers.

Neither did it seem fair to intimate that "others can get all they want" when it is not true that either the dye stuff, nor pearl buttons, nor any other special bill has been passed by congress nor received the approval of President Wilson, nor will any of them be passed.

The fact is, except in war emergencies, it is practically impossible to pass any SPECIAL bill. Place the Republican party in complete control with a Republican president, senate and house, and with Joe Fordney at the head of the Ways and Means committee see how soon, not only this bean legislation but all other farm legislation needed will be enacted into law.

I have no interest in Mr. Fordney (Continued on page four)

## PROCLAMATION FOR FLAG DAY

In paying homage to the flag of our country we honor not merely a piece of bunting but those things for which the flag stands, liberty, justice, equality. The flag of the United States symbolizes the national ideals for which our fathers were willing to give their lives, and in our day their sons have proved that they too are ready to defend to the uttermost "Our great, free institutions which are the hope of the home as well as the nation."

It is proposed this year to celebrate in conjunction with Flag Day, June 12th, as Neighbors' Day to promote nation-wide neighborliness, and June 13th as Community Sunday to impress men and women of all faiths with the spiritualizing influence on the individual of unified neighborhood service.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do issue this my proclamation, and urgently request that Monday, the 14th day of June, 1920, be observed as Flag Day.

I further suggest, in compliance with the request of the National Neighbor's Day committee, that Saturday, June 12th, and Sunday, June 13th, be observed respectively as Neighbors' day and Community Sunday.

On these three days let flags be displayed on both public and private buildings.

Let us honor the flag. Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State this first day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and of the Commonwealth the eighty-fourth.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER,  
Governor.

## NORTH NEWBURG FARMERS' CLUB

The North Newburg Farmers' Club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison on the evening of June 10th.

The following program has been arranged: Roll call, answered by news items by the ladies; "Investigations," John Smith, personal anecdotes, E. Hoisington; reading, Mrs. N. W. West; "Having a Boil on the Other Fellow," W. C. Onyon; "A Cure for the Blues," Walter Hulbert; reading, Mrs. R. C. Hoisington; committees.

The county road commission will begin on Friday, June 11 to hold its weekly meetings Friday afternoons instead of Saturday mornings. On Saturday of this week the commission will attend a meeting in Detroit called by the state-highway department, for the purpose of discussing whether or not the building of gravel roads shall continue, or hard surfaced roads shall be built. The steadily increasing truck traffic over the country roads is proving very hard on the gravel roads and it is becoming a question as to whether or not it pays to build them.

## Tiott-Hunt.

The marriage of Mrs. Pearl Tiott of this city, and William J. Hunt of Durand, was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of the groom's brother, Gilbert Hunt, 401 Maple avenue, Rev. J. W. Koyle of the Cornuna Avenue M. E. church officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will reside on a fruit farm near Durand.

## King's Daughters Convention.

The twenty-second annual convention of the Shiawassee County Branch of the Michigan Branch of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, will be held in Byron, Tuesday, June 8th.

The House of Representatives on Saturday last passed the soldiers bonus bill introduced by Congressman Fordney, and for which he worked with untiring vigor. The vote was 289 yeas to 93 nays. The no vote largely came from the south.

Congressman Fordney presented a favorable report in the House the last of the week on a bill introduced by Congressman Osborne of California, placing a tariff of two cents per pound on beans. There is little hope of its passage with the present occupant of the white house ready to veto it.

During the months of June, July and August, the dentists offices of Owosso will remain open Friday and close Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. M. S. Angell, North Water street, went to Holly, Thursday, to visit her son, O. R. Angell.

John Blanchard, a prominent resident of Perry, died suddenly Wednesday evening as he was about to retire. Death was due to heart failure. He had been in poor health for two years. Mr. Blanchard was 60 years of age, and had been engaged in the drug business for 40 years previous to his retirement when his health failed. He is survived by his wife and one son, Wayne, of Lansing.