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FORDNEY TO RETIRE FROM CONGRESS NEW INDUSTRY TO BE LOCATED IN THE BOLLSTROM FACTORY

NEW INDUSTRY TO LOCATE IN TRUCK PLANT

PAR-CAR COACH COMPANY OF
DETROIT TO START OPERA-
TIONS ON JULY 19.

Turns Out a High Class Traffic Bus

A new industry, the Par-Car Coach Company of Detroit, will be located in the Bollstrom Truck plant, and will be doing business on Monday, July 19, according to an announcement by a joint committee of the Alma Chamber of Commerce and the St. Louis Board of Trade, which have been co-operating with S. O. Burgdorf, receiver for the plant, in the securing of the new industry, which promises to be a fine thing for the two communities, as any industry which is of aid to one of the two communities, is just as certain to bring aid and comfort to the other, as their interests and ideals are one.

The Par-Car Coach Company is a comparatively new industry as industries go, but it has been in business in Detroit for a sufficient length of time to insure that it has passed the experimental stage, and that it has passed this business stage successfully. For a period of two years the concern was doing business in Detroit as a partnership. In May of this year the company was incorporated with a capitalization of \$60,000.

It is stated that the company now has orders on its books to the amount of \$225,000. Of this amount \$90,000 worth is subject to delivery by August 1, so it is assured that the company will be active from the very moment that the doors of the plant are opened on Monday, July 19.

The Par-Car Coach Company manufactures a passenger bus or coach, which contains 14 individual swing seats of the latest design. The entire coach, body and chassis is manufactured by the company.

The two organizations of St. Louis and Alma, which are known by different names, a board of trade and a chamber of commerce, but whose aims are the same, co-operating with S. O. Burgdorf, receiver of the Bollstrom plant, have made arrangements, whereby the company is to be located in the factory which has stood idle for some months, and once again the wheels of industry will turn at that location, and once again will the people of Alma and St. Louis have visions of the future, when the two cities, which are now realizing their common aims and working to achieve them, may grow to such an extent that one may drive from one city to the other, along a beautiful street completely built up.

On Friday of this week eighteen trucks will start from Detroit with materials and machinery for the Par-Car Coach Company, and the first of the week will see numerous signs of activity around the Bollstrom plant.

Following are the officers of the new Gratiot county industry: President, C. O. Westfall; vice president, J. E. Woodson; secretary, A. C. Carpenter; treasurer, G. A. Reem.

The officers of the company, manager and three or four of the principal department heads are moving their families to St. Louis, having already rented homes in the community.

The factory will open with 25 men, and will add more men to the payroll as rapidly as they are needed. Local help is to be employed, except for the department heads, which is another matter that will be highly pleasing to the residents of St. Louis and Alma.

FORMER ALMA MAN HONORED

Thomas E. Johnson, state superintendent of public instruction for Michigan, and a graduate of Alma College a few years ago, was highly honored last week by the Michigan State Normal of Ypsilanti, being awarded a degree of Master of Education at the commencement exercises of the Normal.

GOOD HEALTH MEETING

A meeting of the Gratiot County Good Health Society will be held Friday evening, June 30, in the city hall here. The meeting will be called at 7:45 o'clock. Directors and other members are urged to be present as some very important business is to be transacted.

BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS

The Vacation Bible School began Monday in the Presbyterian church has now an attendance of fifty to fifty-five, a number rather in excess of what was expected. The ages of the pupils run from four to fourteen.

Prior to the start of the school text books had been ordered for forty-five making it necessary now to send for more. Those who promoted the school thought that twenty-five pupils would be a fair start and to have twice that number now enrolled is exceedingly gratifying.

Due to the fact that the facilities in the Presbyterian church were not what might be desired for school purposes and due also to the farther fact that a number of denominations are represented in the school, application was made to the school board early in the week for use of the Lincoln school. This application was very graciously granted and all sessions will hereafter be held in that building.

Fine progress is already being made by some scholars in learning Bible passages and facts.

J. W. KELDER HAS RESIGNED

A. C. LUCHTMAN, PRINCIPAL, IS OFFERED SUPERINTENDENCY BY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Wednesday evening at a meeting of the school board J. W. Kelder, superintendent of the Alma Public Schools for the past three years, tendered his resignation to the board, and following its acceptance the board offered A. C. Luchtmann the position.

Mr. Luchtmann has been the principal of the Alma Public Schools for several years, and the school board has always reposed a great confidence in his ability. He is expected to prove an able successor to the retiring superintendent if he takes the place.

Mr. Kelder has purchased an interest in the Burgdorf Printing Company of Pontiac and plans on moving to that city to aid in the management of this business enterprise, within the next few weeks.

During the time that he has been connected with the Alma Public Schools, and in spite of the depression, which has had its effect on the population here, Superintendent Kelder has seen the school attendance records grow each year that he has been here, indicating very closely that the high standards of the local schools have attracted many from outside of Alma to the schools for their education.

Every effort has been bended during the three years to build up a strong teaching corps, until now the local schools can easily boast of the strongest corps of instructors that they have ever had. Teaching standards have raised correspondingly during the period. A much wider range of subjects is also being taught than formerly.

Annual Assembly Rock Lake Grounds

The Rock Lake Assembly of the Churches of Christ, of the 5th district, will be held this year from July 23, to August 6 inclusive. Following this date from August 7-11 will be held an interdenominational Y. P. S. C. E. Conference, making in all a three weeks program. Rev. C. A. Brady of Grand Rapids will be the principal speaker. He was formerly with the Church of Christ in Toronto, Canada, and for some time was state secretary of New York. He is described as a forceful eloquent speaker and a student of the Book. He will speak each evening. While the entire program is not completed it is known that Garry L. Cook, Miss Carmichael, O. B. Little and others will be present to assist in their special lines of work. Miss Sells and Mr. Clark who sang for a few days last year, have been engaged for the entire assembly.

Entertainments will be given on each Saturday evening by the combined talent. A complete program will be ready for publication within a very short time.

It is the plan of those in charge to provide entertainment during the hours that are not taken up with services, tennis tournaments, croquet and other such sports. This, to gether with boating and bathing will provide recreation and enjoyment.

Every time a man has his fortune told he gets rid of a small portion of it.

WILL CLINGH PLEDGES SAYS ALMA'S PREXY

\$625,000 NEEDED TO MAKE CERTAIN ALL CONDITIONAL PLEDGES.

Drive is to Come to an End Friday

"I feel certain that we will have a sufficient sum in pledges to make certain all of our conditional pledges," said President H. M. Crooks of Alma College yesterday, in discussing the college endowment campaign, which comes to a close Friday night, June 30.

Dr. Crooks pointed out that \$625,000 was needed by Friday night in pledges to make good all of the conditional pledges to the college, these including a conditional pledge from the Rockefeller Foundation for \$75,000 and one from the Carnegie Corporation for \$50,000.

Tuesday night when the last figures were given out at the college campaign office a total of \$571,000 had been pledged in the campaign, leaving nearly \$55,000 to be secured between then and Friday night to insure all conditional pledges.

President Crooks in explaining why he felt confident that all of the conditional pledges would be met, although \$55,000 was still needed, told of the campaign headquarters having sent out over 2,000 letters with "save the day for Alma" pledge cards to various residents of the state who are deeply interested in the campaign, and with results from these already coming in, he feels certain that a sufficient amount will be returned with pledges to insure the clinching of the conditional pledges.

He is hopeful, also, that this amount may possibly be surpassed and the end of the drive see the college approach somewhere near to the amount sought in the campaign, \$625,000. Some intensive work has been done in Detroit during the past few weeks by the committee in charge of the drive and it is expected that this work will bear considerable fruit before Friday night. While President Crooks returned to Alma from Detroit yesterday, after two weeks of hard campaigning in that city, his aids are still on the job there in the closing moments of the campaign, making every effort to secure as many large and small pledges as possible.

How much more than the money that is needed to make certain of the conditional pledges will be secured is dependent to a great extent on the response that is being made to the

"save the day for Alma" pledges. These were sent out a week ago and yesterday returns were beginning to be made on these. It is estimated that the few pledges that were returned yesterday totalled over \$2,000. President Crooks was also sending out a number of telegrams and special delivery letters to well known Michigan residents yesterday, who are deeply interested in the campaign, and he is expecting that the final response from these appeals will be a big aid in the campaign.

AUTO CRASH

Two automobiles came together on state street Thursday shortly after noon, both of the automobiles, one an Essex and one a Buick, were badly battered, but the occupants of the cars escaped without injury. Mrs. Bert Reynolds, driving one of the autos driving west to Superior on Downie street, met the Buick being driven by Donald Sullivan, who was driving north on State street. The car driven by Mrs. Reynolds lost one front wheel and was otherwise damaged. The Sullivan car was considerably more than a wreck. The rear wheels were broken off, as well as the fenders on one side of the car.

FAIR PLANS ARE NOW UNDER WAY

BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS AND FINE RACING BEING PROMISED.

August 29, 30, 31 and September 1 have been announced as the dates for the annual Gratiot County Fair by Archie McGrat of Ithaca, secretary of the fair association, and he is giving promise that the fair this year will exceed in brilliancy any fair that has been held in the past in the county.

Plans under way for the racing program and for the various exhibits indicate that these attractive features of the fair will be far better than any of recent years. This is certain to be especially true of the stock exhibit. The racing program will be a big one and will be a delight to lovers of horseflesh.

Numerous free attractions are being arranged for, including the famous Thearle-Duffield pyrotechnists. Thearle-Duffield are out this year with the most elaborate and sensational display of day and night fireworks that this well known company has ever attempted and this attraction promises to be one of the most interesting at the fair. Three big night spectacles are promised. On Wednesday evening will be seen the spectacle "The Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius," and "Thursday evening will be seen the "Scrapping of the Navy." On Friday evening another big special feature will be seen, "Huckleberry Finn."

WILL NOT SEEK RENOMINATION AT COMING PRIMARY ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WASHINGTON

Smith Will Run For Congress

William M. Smith, of St. Johns, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in the Eighth district to succeed Congressman Fordney, who voluntarily retired. Mr. Smith has had considerable experience in public life, and has done splendid constructive work in the positions he has held.

Working his way through school he became a successful teacher, studied law and was admitted to practice, was elected county clerk, which position he held for three terms, then elected prosecuting attorney for two terms, giving excellent satisfaction by the able manner in which he discharged the duties of those offices. Later he built up a large and successful law practice, was elected state senator and was one of the hardest working and strongest men in the senate. When Governor Sleeper was elected he appointed Mr. Smith chairman of the industrial accident board, which position he held for some time, greatly systematizing the work in that important department, codifying the decisions of the supreme court relating to the department, and giving such excellent satisfaction that when the public utilities board was created, he was appointed to that board and was chairman for two years. He is now on the last year of the four year term to which he was appointed. In all these positions Mr. Smith has made a fine record for hard, conscientious, constructive work.

Born and reared upon a farm, his whole life spent in an agricultural community, he is in close touch with the problems that confront us. He is an untiring worker, a giant in strength physically and mentally and would make a very strong congressman.

It has been a long time since Clinton county had a congressman—Gen. O. L. Spaulding was the last one and the only one this county has had. For many years the nomination has gone to Saginaw county, Horr, Bliss, Brucker, Tarsney, Youmans and for the past twenty-four years Joseph W. Fordney. Clinton county will urge its claim now that Mr. Fordney retires and do everything possible to nominate Mr. Smith.

Searl Declines To Be Candidate

Kelley S. Searl has declined to become a candidate for the nomination for congressman on the Republican ticket. The following communication to The Record sets forth his reasons: "Since the announcement of Congressman Fordney's retirement, I have received communications from many of my friends throughout the Eighth Congressional District with promises of support should I decide to become a candidate.

"While fully appreciating the efforts of my friends, I feel that I can not afford to enter the race as a congressional aspirant. Since retiring as Circuit Judge four years ago my law practice has had my entire attention, and if I should now enter the political field, I would be obliged to neglect important interests which have been entrusted to my care. More than that, while a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, a few years ago, I had the solid support of the delegations from all the counties in the Eighth Congressional District and it would be unfair for me now to enter this race against some of the more prominent of my supporters at that time.

"In the primaries I shall support the candidacy of Hon. William M. Smith of St. Johns, whom I regard as a man of ability to succeed Mr. Fordney, and whom I hope to see nominated, but whether he or some other good Republican is chosen, I shall support the Republican candidate.

Kelley S. Searl."

MARRIED SATURDAY

A quiet wedding was held at the Free Methodist parsonage on Philadelphia Avenue, Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Lyle Ball, was united in marriage to Miss Naomi Blackford. Rev. E. Mellott, pastor of the Free Methodist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

Motor vehicles contributed more than \$337,000,000 to good roads in the United States last year. They represent an investment of nearly \$9,000,000,000.

Early Announcement by "Joe" Leaves Field Open for All Comers to Jump into the Race with Plenty of Time for Petition Filing.

FLOCK OF CANDIDATES EXPECTED TO SEEK TOGA THAT FORDNEY WORE

A telegram, "I will not be a candidate for re-election," received Monday morning by the Saginaw News Courier, brought to the public the first idea that it had that the Honorable Joseph W. Fordney, congressman from the eighth district, would not be a candidate to succeed himself. The news created a real sensation throughout the entire congressional district, as the public generally had no idea that Mr. Fordney contemplated retirement from public life.

A few very close friends of Mr. Fordney had known for some weeks that he was very seriously considering the matter, and to these few the news did not come as a big surprise.

Mr. Fordney has realized the ambition of his life—one that he has cherished since his appointment to the ways and means committee in the national house by Joseph Cannon—that of being the author of a tariff bill.

It is probable that few people in the Eighth District fully realize how important has been the place of Mr. Fordney in the public life at Washington, especially during the past few years. Too well have the people of the district known "Joe" possibly to realize the national figure he has become from the small choreboy of years ago. As chairman of the ways and means committee, which he became May 19, 1919, when the sixty-sixth congress opened, he has been one of the most powerful political figures in the nation. Not a single appropriation of money can be made without the bill going through the hands of this committee, which makes it the most important in national life, and the chairman of that committee as a result yields a power that is probably secondary only to that of the President.

When Mr. Fordney closes his present term in congress he will have rounded out 24 full years in that body, during which time he has constantly been strengthening the position of the entire state in political Washington, where even his greatest political enemies were forced to pay him tribute as one who was always willing to battle to the limit for what he believed to be the right. During the past two years Mr. Fordney has been a storm center in congress, as the author of the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill and the bonus bill. He led the fight in the house for the adoption of both of these measures and in each case won a most notable political victory.

It is regarded as certain that Mr. Fordney sees a victory ahead for these bills in the senate, especially the tariff bill, or it is doubtful if he would voluntarily retire short of another term.

His act in retiring voluntarily at the very height of achieving his political ambition is regarded as being without a precedent in American history.

His announcement to the Saginaw newspaper of his retirement, and to one or two close friends in letters which they received Monday, does not assign any reasons for the retirement.

It has been no secret, however, that Mr. Fordney's family has been pressing him to retire and devote his remaining years to his family, and to his large business interests. He is rapidly ageing also, and there is a real desire in his heart, in all probability, to throw down the cares that he has shouldered so faithfully at Washington, for the people of his district and for the nation, and to thoroughly enjoy life in his declining years.

His retirement is not only a distinct loss to the district, but a distinct loss to the state and to the nation, which he has been faithfully serving over a long period of years.

Mr. Fordney in retiring can make one proud boast, he has never met defeat in a political election. Twice he was an alderman in Saginaw, winning the first time by thirty votes and the next time by 11 votes. In 1898 when he first ran for congress against Brucker he was elected by 1,000 votes, and from that time on his seat in congress was never in danger, with the possible exception of 1912 when with three candidates in the field as a result of the Republican split, he was elected by 1,622 votes. At the 1920 election he obtained the largest majority that was ever accorded him, a majority of 34,721 votes over Brown.

In a letter to John Baird of Saginaw, chairman of the Saginaw Republican committee Mr. Fordney pointed out that it was only fair that he should make the announcement at this time to leave the field open for any and all candidates who desired to

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"JOE" FORDNEY TO CEASE LABORS



When March 4, 1923, rolls around "Joe" Fordney, beloved by the people of the Eighth Congressional District, will cease his labors in congress, rounding out a period of 24 years in national service, and will retire to private life, at the height of his career. Michigan will lose prestige in congress when Fordney retires. He has been Michigan's strong man in the house for years.

Well Known Couple Married Wednesday

St. Mary's Church was the scene of the impressive nuptial mass Wednesday morning at 7:00 o'clock when Louise Anne McLaughlin spoke the vows which united her in marriage to William Denn of South Haven.

The bride was charming in a dainty gown of charmeuse satin and a drooping picture hat. She carried a bridal bouquet of white roses.

The Reverend John Muivey, officiated at the mass, assisted by Kenneth McLaughlin, a nephew of the bride. The nuptial music was played by Miss Evangeline Sawkins and the solos were sung by Agnes McLaughlin.

Following the ceremony a three course breakfast was served the bridal party at the home of the bride's father, James McLaughlin of Sumnerston.