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of the pressure of the Near Eastern question there has been less fluctuation in the grain and cotton markets and prices have generally held firm. The foreign exchanges also have been somewhat stronger, with the exception of German marks, which during the week reached a new low level. More seasonable weather has proved a stimulus to retail trade. Money rates meanwhile have shown a tendency to harden with the seasonal demand from the interior for funds. Seasonal influences also are reflected in the weekly report of the Federal Reserve banks, whose combined ratio of reserve to note and deposit liabilities dropped from 77.4 to 75.7, while the total note circulation increased $\$ 45,500,000$ and the discounts for members banks gained $\$ 14,600,000$.

## CORSET SALES IMPROVE.

There is now evident a better feeling among manufacturers, for what appears to be a reaction from the corsetless period is now setting in. This is evidenced by the better enquiries from retailers for merchandise for the fall. Retailers, both large and small, have had better sales of this class of goods than for a considerable time past, and the prediction is made that this improvement will continue.
There has always been a certain class of women who have continued to wear corsets despite the almost general relinquishing of this article. These women have provided the bulk of the business and they are, of course, continuing to purchase. A change is now taking placee, however, in that some of those who discarded corsets are coming back into the ranks of purchasers. They have found that they are getting too stout without stays and want to retain their figures. There is also somewhat of a better response from the strictly athletic type of girl.
The big thing that will make for improvement, manufacturers say, will be a change from the clinging garment styles now in vogue, but they frankly admit there are no definite signs of this apparent now. For spring, however, the suit is expected to lead, and this may benefit corset sales.

## HIGHER RUBBER PRICES.

During the current year there hav been several efforts on the part of British rubber concerns to reach an agreement with Dutch interests that would result in curtailing the output of the rubber plantations in the East Indies, and thus relieve the industry of the depression that has followed the precipitous decline in prices of the raw material. The Dutch producers, however, have objected to any programme of artificial restriction, claiming that the output of the Dutch colonies since 1920 has not been increas-
ing, while that of the British dependencies has increased. Failing to obtain the co-operation of their Dutch competitors, the British are planning to go ahead independently and restrict the output in their own colonies. The Colonial Office Committee in London is reported to have recommended a scheme of export duties, designed to curtail output and keep up prices. The plan will require the assent of the legislative bodies or other authorities in Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, and the Federated Malay States, and its adoption is for this reason uncertain. Nevertheless, on the strength of these reports of restrictive measures prices of crude rubber advanced last week about 20 per cent.

## Stock

Fire Insurance Constiracy Meets Humiliating Defeat.
When the Grand Rapids Dry Goods Co. installed its automatic sprinkling system, about four years ago, application was made in due time and in the proper manner for a reduction in the

The local branch of the Michigan Inspection Bureau :ooked the risk over and stated that the rate would be 16 c on the building and 25 c on the stack. Of course, such a rate was prohibitive and not in keeping with the rates other insurers were paying in this and other cities and state. An effort was made to secure a concession and after long and diligent effort the guessers finally reduced the rate to 13 c and 22 c , respectively. Because this rate was also not in harmony with the rates paid by other wholesale dry goods dealers, the comrany began an agitaton for a rate more in keeping with the character of the risk. In other words. it asked that the rate be made 10 c and $12 \mathrm{c}-10 \mathrm{c}$ on the building and 12 c on the stock. It now transpires that several stock company officials in Chicago and elsewhere looked into the matter carefully, or had it looked into by their engineering forces and recommended that the rate be reduced to 12 c and 15 c . A creature by the name of Cleveland who is in charge of the Michigan Rating Bureau at Detroit, came to Grand Rapids and offered the writer to make the rate 12 c and 15 c , conditional on all the mutual insurance carried ty the company being cancelled and only stock insurance carried thereafter. This offer was, of course, spurned, because the writer has the utmost contempt for stock insurance methods, which forty years' experience have found to be detestable and execrable. The matter was then given a public hearing in Lansing and the attempted bribery of the creature Cleveland was embodied in an affidavit and rresented to the commission at the rublic hearing. No denia! was made of the statement, from which the inference is drawn that no proof could be produced to the con-
trary, even if the chief malefactor undertook to repudiate his criminal proposition. Realizing that no justice could be obtained from the Michigan Rating Bureau-which, in the meantime, had been suspended by the State -appeal was made to the State Insurance Commissioner and a public hearing was held in his office on Oct. 10. The rate requested was 10 c and 12 c . The Insurance Commissioner nearly met the request of the dry goods company by establishing the rate at 10 c and 15 c and issued an official order to that effect. The order has now been in the hands of the Michigan Rating Bureau for some days, but that organization refuses to recognize it, holding itself above the State and above the law and above all moral and legal obligations. Of course such an arrogant and contemptible sfirit must be properly rebuked and will be rebuked, in all probability, by the coming session of the Legislature, which will, undoubtedly, abolish the Michigan Rating Bureau and put out of business all the crooked crowd that has been connected with it. Unless this is done, there is no hope for Michigan insurers to receive decent treatment so long as they confine their dealings to stock companies. The on y way they can obtain justice and fairness is to refuse to accept a single policy from a stock company and confine their dealings altogether with mutual companies.
Experience of a Woman Blacksmith. Grant, Oct. 17-When Mr. Harris and myself were married I was lonesome in the home, and he could not hire a man who knew anything about smithing. So I would go to the shop smithing. So I would go to the shop and take out bolts from buggy wheels, and when he set the tire I replaced the bolts and looked after any machinery that came in for repair. I would take the article to pieces and when my husband made the repairs, I would put the parts back.
In a short time I saw that I was doing some good; and so gradually I did more and more more and more
I commenced to practice the swing of the s edge and in a short time I could do that so well that my husband would not let anybody else do it for him. Then he taught me how to weld, so when he had anything farticular to weld he let me help him. Then he taught me to put in spokes and felloes in buggy and wagon wheels and set the tire. Then I kept on learning all kinds of repair work.
Fina ly I learned horseshoeing and in a year after I started to work I could do anything to be done in a common shop. As I always had excellent health. I enjoyed the shop work.
I retired from that work some time ago, as my husband's health failed. and we decided it would not pay us to keep a hired man to run the shop. because if we did not get a good man. he and myself could not keep the work up. So we retired. Mary Harris.
"Take it or leave it" salespeople develop the "I'll come in later" kind of customers.
ere and no mistake will
homey atmosphere and no mistake will be made in patronizing any of them. At Onaway a neat hotel of forty rooms is the Chandler, conducted by Mrs. Conover. The rooms are cozy and comfortabe and the cooking is the real home style.
Mrs. Conover charges $\$ 3$ per day$\$ 1$ for room, 50 cents for breakfast and 75 c each for dinner and supper. She enjoys the friendship of the traveling men because she has a real home to offer them and has, in consequence, many boosters.
In my recent articles on improvements which the Stearns, at Ludington, is undergoing, the intelligent compositor speaks of Mr. Ekstrom, as Mr Elkstrom. Just at present I am out of reach, but I shudder for the future The paper napkin is in evidence in the Wenonah cafeteria at Bay City as well as the New Cheboygan, at Cheboygan. Utterly inexcusable, should say.
A great many of the restaurants and some of the hotels I know of serve an abominable cup of coffee. In most other respects their meals are beyond criticism and they suprly their chefs with a good artic e of coffee but it is spoiled in the making. Starting the day wrong, for many people, is chargeable to this one misfit-poor coffee. With proper attention to this one detail, many a gloomy day for patrons would be eliminated.
The most primary need of human beings is three meals a day and a good bed to rest in. That, with an occasional smile and kind word, is the hote business in a nut shell.
It may also be said that in too many homes the man does not get the right kind of food properly cooked, which is due to many causes, but in a hote worthy of the name where a charge is made for bed and board, these statements should not be true.
Whether the food and bed are pain or elaborate, they should be healthful and comfortable and provide rest and recreation for the man who pays for them.
The American Hotel Association is going at it to find out why these conditions cannot be improved. The real idea is to place the hotel on a standardized basis, so that operators will not be encouraged to run their institutions on the catch-as-catch-can plan. This is going to mean profit and prosperity for the hotel men who are really perity these who ought not to be in the business of taking other peof ie's money ness of tak pretenses
under false pretenses. Frank S. Verbeck.
Plan To Found Egg City.
Toronto, Ontario, Oct. 17-An "Egg City" which eventually will accommodate 100000 layers is to be established North of Toronto. The community wil be 500 acres in extent and will be subdivided into seventy-five poultry plants, each owned independently but worked on a semi-coorerative basis. One hundred cases of eggs a day, it is estimated. will be produced when the city is fully developed.

The plan of the promoters is to develop the community along the lines used in establishing the City of Petaluma, $\mathrm{Ca}: .$. which was organized and built on the production of white leghorns. This city has grown from a handful of people to a population of more than 6000 . There are more than $6,000,000$ hens in the district, and 400 cars of eggs are shipfed out annually. Ontario is the leading poultry province of Canada, followed closely by Saskatchewan. During 1921 the poultry in the province numbered 11,438206 , compared with 9554,009 in Saskatchewan. In competition with poultry producers in other parts of the Dominion and the United States, Ontario has been for years a consistent winner of championshirs.

Shall a business man retire to decline or decline to retire?

## They Live By Their Wits

There are in business to-day a considerable number of men who are trying to devise new schemes and ways for doing business.

It is always their intention to make these schemes look like improvements on old methods of doing business, or to do something that is impossible in business.

There are improvements in business, but they are not radical and they are not unreasonable.

But there is no schemer so smart that he can put more than one hundred cents in the dollar, more than sixteen ounces to the pound or more than twelve to the dozen, and live.

## Beware of tricksters.

Beware of the something for nothing artist.
Beware of the "friend" who sells you goods at cost.

And just as truly, beware of the competitor who does any of these things because all must come to some bad end.

Worden Grocer Company

Grand Rapids<br>Kalamazoo-Lansing-Battle Creek

The Prompt Shippers.

Tomato Pack Is Lowest in Years. The United States Defartment of Agriculture has issued its estimate of the canned tomato pack for 1922 as fo.lows:
"More than $1,000,000$ tons of tomatoes this year will go into cans and be used in various manufactured products such as catsup, pork and beans, and the like, according to estimates made by the United States Department of Agriculture. The figure, $1,001,010$ tons, is 132 per cent. more than the quantity used last year, which was 432,756 tons.
Acreage producing the tomato crop for manufacture is estimated at 215684 acres, compared with the final estimate of 87,933 acres in 1921. Estimated yield is 4.6 tons per acre, compared with 4.9 tons last year. Reports to the department indicate that 9,335 ,000 cases of No. 3 cans will be packed this year, compared with $5,050,000$ cases in 1921.

In volume of production for manufacture, Indiana leads all States with 271,534 tons. California has 173,786 tons Maryland 111,510, New Jersey 81,398, New York, 63,245, Ohio, 56,847, Missouri, 37,163, De aware, 31,712, Utah, 30,387 , and other states smaller quantities.

There is an important difference between an estimate of tonnage of tomatoes produced and the output of tomatoes in tin cans and it must be remembered that a large part of the tonnage will go into the by-products of tomatoes as catsup, puree, soups, sauces, etc., but even if the figures of the deparatment are approximately correct it should be remembered that the annual consumftion of tomatoes in the United States is twelve million cases or about one million cases a month. For ten years past the pack of tomatoes figured in No. 3 cans has been as fol:ows:
1912 ------------------------14,022,000
1913 ------------------------14,206,000 1914 -.----------------------15,222,000 1915 ------------------------- 8,-469,000 1916 -------------------------13,142,000 1917 ------------------------15,076074 1918 --------------------------15,882,372 1919 -.-----------------------10,809,660 1920 --------------------------11,368,000


Total 10 years 121,204 106.
Average annual, 12,120,410.
From this ten year average it will be seen that even if the output of canned tomatoes is as great as the estimate there would still be a shortage of two and a half billion cases in the supply for 1922, based upon the annual consumption for ten years past as it has averaged.
It is very evident therefore that all the canned tomatoes for 1922 will be needed and more, for there was no carry over of any consequence.
The articie was mailed out to the daily papers all over the country headed "A Big Tomato Pack This Year." This should not have been done as it was a misleading statement to the detriment of all canner's of tomatoes for even if the quantity estimated was packed, it is the smallest except two packed in ten years, and is a short tomato pack.

There will not be a pack of $9,335,000$ cases of canned tomatoes as estimated
by the United States Department of Agriculture, and I doubt if the pack will be more than 8,000000 cases. The Department should have its statisticians confer with practical people before issuing impractical statements. John A. Lee.

## Coal Problem Not Settled.

The clashes of opinion between union and non-union coal operators attending the American Mining Congress at Cleveland and the prediction that the coal-mining industry was facing another strike next April came just at the time when the President was appointing the Fact-Finding Commission authorized at the last session of Congress, and served to emphasize the need of an impartial investigation to find out what is the matter with one of the country's most essential industries. These debates at Cleveland should prove useful to the new commission not on:y by defining more clearly some of the issues with which it will have to deal later, but also by showing the fublic that the
fuel troubles of past months are not definitely over and that there is need of enlightened opinion behind the contemplated investigation, so that it may attain some constructive results. The divisions among the operators are in contrast with the united front which leaders of the mine workers have presented to the country. The union leaders would undoubted $y$ welcome any movement that would tend towards a nationalization of the mines, and one of the coal operators warned his colleagues that another shutdown of the mines next spring might drive the country into a nationalization programme as the lesser of two evils.
Payment of Our Foreign War Debt. Detroit, Oct. 17-Although the practice of payment of interest on money loaned has always had its adherents and sponsors through the fast several thousand years, it is only within the last few centuries that it has been recognized as necessary to the development of trade and commerce Further, although legitimate and proper for one friend to demand in every year loans amounting to mil-
lions of dollars are made between friends without interest, the lender in many instances having the satisfaction of knowing that he has assisted in putting a friend on his feet and stil has his capital intact.
As a solution of the foreign war debt problem let us as a Nation show the same spirit towards Europe as an average American citizen would show towards a friend in a bad hole. Let us say to England, France, Belgium, Italy, et al., We will compute your war debt and interest to date and accept from you in full payment non-interestbearing bonds for the entire amount, to be amortized by equal annual instalments over a reriod of 100 years. Any one of our debtors shou:d be glad to sette on this basis. for at no time would the burden be onerous. As the entire debt and interest to date mav be referred to for illustration as $\$ 12000,000000$ in round figures. we would by this method receive $\$ 120$, 000000 a year for Government uses, against which in emergency certificates could be issued in anticipation of payments to become due in one or more years Samuel Swett

Remember that it is better to sell to one customer twice than to two customers once.

## THREE-FAT-ACES



Spread them out! Here they areKELLOGG'S Corn Flakes, KELLOGG'S Bran, and KELLOGG'S whole-wheat Krumbles! "Read'em!" No draw has ever sent them to the discard weeping!


Nab it right off the bat-sizzling with speed-that never before in the food business has such a winning combination been uncorked -each an original KELLOGG product that has the quality that cannot be imitated!


Plav KELLOGG Aces against the "just-as-goods" and the birds who fly low trying to follow the ideas of the leader!

KELLOGG'S enormous sales increases show which way the Trade Winds Blow!

MOVEMENT OF MERCHANTS. Saginaw-J. D. Kellar has engaged in the shoe business.
Deckerville-Elmer Flanagan has engaged in the shoe business.

Lake Odessa-The Vetter Hardware Co. is succeeded by La Due \& Snyder.
Marquette-The J. C. Penney Co. has added a shoe stock to its department store.
Bear Lake-Miss Winifred Collins will open a dry goods store in the Masonic building.
Detroit-The Detroit Conn Co., musical instruments, has changed its name to the Conn Detroit Co.

Lansing-The Lambertson Bootery has opened a shoe store in the basement of the City National Bank.
Kalamazoo-Johnson \& Manning have rurchased the grocery stock of Miss Vera Wheeler, 727 North Park street.

Detroit-The Adolph Enggass Jewelry Co., 1218 Randolph street, has changed its name to the Enggass Jeweiry Co.
DeWitt-Mrs. Burton Boone has sold her restaurant and bakery to Mrs. Robert Norris, who has taken possession.

Kalamazoo-M. R. Jackson has ofened the Petite Shoppe, women's wearing apparel, in the New Burdick hotel building.

Detroit-The Western Bond \& Mortgage Co., 517 Hammond building has increased its capital stock from $\$ 100,000$ to $\$ 300.000$.
St. Johns-Frank Coykendall has leased the Merrill store building and will occupy it with a stock of boots and shoes about Oct. 28.

Allen-J. H. Greenhoe is opening a meat market in the rear of his general store which will be under the management of Frank Hicks.

Jackson-Thieves entered the warehouse of the W. R. Spencer Grocer Co., 517 Liberty street and stock to the amount of about $\$ 400$ taken.

Lansing-M. C. \& E. V. Goossen have removed their grocery stock to their new store building on East Ka amazoo street, which has just been completed.

Kalamazoo-Frank Ehrman, proprietor of the Columbia hotel will erect an addition to the hotel, five stories high, fire-proof and modern in every detail.
Trufant-The Trufant Exchange Bank has been merged into a state bank under the style of the Trufant State Bank, with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 20000$.
St. Louis-McFarland \& Ryan, of Merrill, have leased the buildings of Bad Axe Elevator Co. which were not destroyed by fire a year ago and will buy hay grain and beans.
South Rockwood-Eder Christopher, dealer in general merchandise here for the past 24 years, died at his home, Oct. 10, as the result of an attack of bronchial pneumonia.
Kalamazoo-F. C. Wagner has sold the South Side Garage at 1319 Portage treet to L. B. Dobson, recently of Lawrence, who will continue the business under the same style.
Detroit-The Sterling Furniture Co., 1133 Washington boulevard thas been incorporated with an authorized cap-
ital stock of $\$ 5,000, \$ 1,000$ of which has been subscribed and paid in in cash. Detroit-The Gray Shop, Stroh building, has been incorporated to deal in wearing apparel, with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 20,000, \$ 10,000$ of which has been subscribed and paid in in cash.
Ithaca-A. Woodhams has sold his grocery stock and store fixtures to George Cashmore, who has taken possession. Mr. Woodhams has removed to the farm near St. Johns, which he recently purchased.
Lansing-Vern W. Foote has removed the stock of Foote's Candy Shop to the Strand Arcade, where he wil: manufacture a complete line of candies for his trade in addition to the boxed candy he sells.
Lansing-The United Produce \& Storage Co., recently organized, will erect a complete dry and refrigerating storage plant with an ice plant which will enable the company to cater to Central Michigan business.
Kalamazoo-C. C. Whitcomb, grocer at 538 Portage street, has purchased the grocery stock of Lemuel Calkins, 424 North Burdick street, and will continue the business under the management of D. E. McDowall.
Lansing-Jacob Stahl, pioneer hardware merchant, died at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, Oct. 13. All of the Lansing hardware stores closed during the funeral, which was held on the 16 th, from his home, 211 South Walnut street.
Schoolcraft-H. Hinkley has sold his hardware stock to Leo Long, who has been connected with the sporting goods department of the Michigan Hardware Co., Grand Rapids. Mr. Hinkley proposes to take up his residence in the West.
Reading-Herbert Zolman has sold his stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., to E. B. Lockhart, his son, E. C. Lockhart, of Homer and W. C. Brooks of Colon, who have taken fossession and will continue the business under the style of Lockhart \& Brooks.

Bad Axe-The Standard Supply Co. has merged its grocery business into a stock company under the same style with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 25,000$, of which amount $\$ 9000$ has been subscribed and paid in, $\$ 1,500$ in cash and $\$ 7,500$ in property.
Detroit-The Coal Operators Sales Co., with business offices at 606 Mc Kerchy building, has been incorporated with an authorized carital stock of $\$ 1,000$ common and 2.500 shares at $\$ 1$ per share, of which amount $\$ 1,000$ has been subscribed and paid in in cash.
Belding-Edwin Webster has purchased the grocery stock of F. H. Hudson and will continue the business in the same store in which Mr. Hudson has been located for the past thirty-one years. Mr. Webster was a member of the firm of Waite \& Webster, grocers in the East end who recent y sold their stock to Case Bros.

## Manufacturing Matters.

Lansing-The Ha: Lumber Co. has erected and equipped an interior finish mill.
Monroe-The Starr-Thornberry Co. has increased its capital stock from $\$ 50,000$ to $\$ 100,000$.

Lansing-The Lansing Cast Stone Co. has voted to increase its capital stock from $\$ 50000$ to $\$ 150,000$.
Kalamazoo-The Kalamazoo Creamery Co. will discontinue its cheese factory owing to the high price charged for milk.
Lansing-William Renaud has so d his interest in the stock of the Capitol City Candy Co. to Daniel Hasbrouck and will remove to Detroit.
Detroit-The Whirlwind Vaporizer Corporation, Ltd., has been incorporated with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 1,000, \$ 300$ of which has been subscribed and paid in in cash.
Detroit-The Art Paper Bead Co., 1572 Elm street, has been incorporated with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 25,000$, all of which has been subscribed and $\$ 5,462.50$ paid in in cash.
Grand Rapids-The Gray-Starr Furniture $C o$. has been incorporated to manufacture and sell furniture, with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 25,000$, $\$ 10,000$ of which has been subscribed and paid in in property.
Detroit-The Automobile Heater Corporation, with business offices at 819 Majestic building, has been incorporated with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 60,000, \$ 1000$ of which has been subscribed and paid in in cash.
South Haven-The Natic nal Motor Castings Co. has merged its business into a stock company und.cr the same style with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 250,000$, of which ar unt $\$ 127,455$ has been subscribed a d raid in in property.
Detroit-The Stew irt Hardware Manufacturing Co., 2162 East Larned street, has been inco:porated with an authorized capital stcck of $\$ 20,000$, of which amount $\$ 18,00$ has been subscribed and paid in, $\$ 1,041.16$ in cash and $\$ 16,95884$ in property.

Detroit-The Rowe Sanitary Manufacturing Co., 508 West Congress street, has been inco: orated to manufacture toilet fixti.rs, oil burners. stove supplies, etc., with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 5, C, 3$, all of which has been subscribed a.:d paid in in property.

Fremont-The Fremont Canning Co. has made plans for a large bean elevator to be ut into operation as soon as the nec issary capital is available. The company now has the various machines which it would use in cleaning, assorting and separating the various classes of dry beans.
Detroit-The Garman Manufacturing Co., 609 Harding avenue, has been incorporated to manufacture drag links and auto accessories, with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 15,000$ common and $\$ 10000$ freferred, of which amount $\$ 13,800$ has been subscribed and $\$ 2,630.61$ paid in in property.
Detroit-The Detroit Table \& Nevelties Co. 234 East Forest avenue, has merged its business into a stock company under the style of the Detroit Table \& Novelty Co., Inc., with an authorized capital stock of $\$ 25,000$ preferred and 25,000 shares at $\$ 1$ per share, of which amount $\$ 5,000$ and 10 ,000 shares has been subscribed and paid in, $\$ 7,000$ in cash and $\$ 8,000$ in property.
Wheat and Flour in Strong Position. Written fór the Tradesman.
Wheat during the past week has
advanced approximately 7c per bushel for both cash and futures. This has resulted, of course, in higher priced flour, althugh part of the advance in wheat has been offset by quite a marked advance in the price of mill feed.

After an advance of this kind, it would not be surprising to see some reaction, although wheat is undoubtedly in a strong position and present prices will very likely be maintained as an average for ninety days; in fact, we wouldn't be surprised to see them advanced somewhat from this basis, and it appears advisable to buy flour in fair volume on all reactions. It is reported on excellent authority that Canada sold for export during the month of September $95,000,000$ bushels of wheat. This is a tremendous quantity and would like to have the figures verified by the Cartadian Official Report.

It has been intimated, however, for some time there was considerable more wheat being sold for export than was actually reported.
Undoubtedly a large quantity of wheat is going out of the country and will continue to move abroad. This is going to be a bullish factor right along.
The car shortage is also a factor and will continue to be for two or three months longer.

Another thing, general business conditions are improving. There is a better undertone; bonds have advanced materially during the past six to eight months, even commercial stocks are showing a much better tone, so that in many lines the price situation has changed from the declining tendency to the advancing one, and still another factor, which must not be overlooked, is the farmer has been selling wheat for the past five or six months at less than the cost of production.

Taking everything into consideration, we are convinced that wheat and flour are both in a good healthy condition as far as price is concerned. We look for well maintained values, possibly somewhat higher. Lloyd E. Smith.


The campfire's glow, the open sky
A bed beneath the trees.
The solitude when embers die,
A wooded lake, a towering crag,
A runter's kit and boat.
The drinking place of the lordly stag.
Wild geese and ducks afloat. The deep, dark woods, where woodfolk
dwell,
Where rivers dash and foam-
The outdoors holds me in its spell,
And there I feel at. home!
Cecil D. Basham.
W. J. Klein, who has represented the Michigan Hardware Co. in Southern Michigan territory for the past four years, has retired from the road to take an active part in the management of the Kendall Hardware Co., Battle Creek, in which house he has long been interested. His territory will be divided between Walter Graham and Louls Taytor.

Essential Features of the Grocery Staples.
Sugar-The market continues to strengthen. New York refiners ho.d granulated at 6.90 c . Local jobbers hold granulated at 7.55 c .

Tea-The market has shown a moderate demand during the week without anything ssecial in any phase of the situation. Prices remain unchanged, the undertone being still strong. In the primary markets the situation is very firm, with prices constantly tending upward. Tea is undoubtedly good property at present prices.
Coffee-The week has brought some increased firmness in the coffee markets in Brazil and the result is that a: 1 grades of Rio and Santos can be quoted probably $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ higher, speaking of green coffee sold in a large way. No change has occurred in the jobbing market for roasted coffee. The demand is fair. Prices of milds show no change for the week; situation is steady and the demand moderate.
Canned Fruits-Canned pinapple packed in Hawaii is now the "most in demand" article in the canned food line, and resales of second-hand holdings are frequently heard of. The canners delivered short on their contracts for sliced Hawaiian pineapple, but delivered in full of the grated style. The increase of the production of pineapple each year, as more fields are brought under cultivation, does not seem adequate to keep pace with consumers' demands. Several large canning corporations have leased and purchased considerable additional land on the islands in the Hawaiian group, for the purpose of planting large fields of pineapple. It will be several years, however, before these fields arrive at good bearing. The sale of canned sliced grape fruit is increasing rapidly. It is another article which is in greater demand than can be supplied. Some predict that the sale of canned sliced grapefruit will some day be equal to that of Hawaiian pineapple, but this is hardly probable as the taste for grapefruit, which is a sour or bitter fruit naturally, must be acquired, while the pineapple is naturally sweet and palatable and needs no education of the taste to ensure its use. Peaches gained in strength last week and standards showed advances. The best that can be done on clings is $\$ 2.05$ f. a. s. San Francisco, with many of the larger canners holding for $\$ 2.10$ on the inside. Choice and fancy lines are not freely offered, although there is bidding for both kinds. Pears are firm as are the better grades of apricots. Cherries now in second hands are taken as they are needed. Apples are quiet. Jobbers are slow to contract ahead as they intend to buy in the open market at going prices when they need the goods.
Canned Vegetables-As to tomatoes, the situation remains about unchanged. The trade generally believe that there will be a shortage of Eastern tomatoes, but that this will very largely be made up by large facks from the West. The present situation in Eastern tomatoes, meaning those packed in New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, is strong and the demand excellent. Corn is selling to some ex-
tent at unchanged price. The pack of Maine corn, according to the packers, was short again this year and there will be very little surplus after contracts are filled. It looks, however, as if Minnesota corn, a comparatively new product, would be quite a factor this season. Peas are firm throughout the list on account of the general expectation of shortage.
Canned Fish-Columbia River salmon in pounds are about out except small resales from jobbers. Halves are almost in the same position. Outside of this line salmon is quiet. There is a relatively better demand for Alaska chums than the other grades as that line is scarce and jobbers are not so inclined to take Puget Sound packs. Pinks are in indifferent demand because many traders think that they are quoted too high. The same applies to reds. Maine sardines are in nominal demand. The market shows a better tone with less price cutting but jobbers want to see a more permanent set of quotations before stocking up ahead of their present wants. Other fish were quiet all of the week.
Dried Fruits-Prunes and raisins are moving and the volume will increase from now on. Spot prunes are held firmer due to light arrivals of new fruit and a cleanup of old goods. On the Coast the market has been firmer in both California and the Northwest. As reported, 30 s and the smaller sizes are not showing up well in packing house gradings. Raisins are firm in all lines with Sultanas and Thompsons eading. There is not so much speculative demand now as legitimate buying ahead. Apricots rule firm on the better grades with quiet trading in the average offerings. Peaches are quiet. Currants are in short supply and favor the seller.
Syrup and Molasses-Compound syrup is selling rather active $y$, but in small orders. Prices remain unchanged, the market being fairly steady. As to sugar syrups, they continue steady, with some export demand to Europe. Prices are steady and unchanged. Molasses is firm on account of the scarcity of good stocks.

Cheese-The market is firm at 1c per pound advanace over a week ago, with a fair consumptive demand. The make of cheese is lighter than usual for the season owing to the dry weather in the producing sections. We look for an increase as the weather gets coo:er and we commence to have more rains.

Nuts-The nut line is not as active as normally at this season, although of late the cooler weather has had a stimulating effect. Brazil nuts are held with more confidence by importers who look for general advances. Pecans are sti. 1 firm in all quarters. Filberts continue to sell well. California walnuts are selling at premiums of $2 @ 3 c$ over opening. The strength of domestic nuts has affected foreign stocks. Almonds are about steady.
Beans-Michigan buyers are paying the farmers $\$ 5$ rer 100 lbs . on a hand picked basis. The quality is reported good in all sections of the State. California limas advanced during the week about 50 points, and pea beans showed an advance of about $25 \%$ points.

Other lines of beans are steady to firm, but without change.
Peas-Green and Scotch are firm at a slight advance; demand fair.
Provisions-The consumptive demand for smoked meats is fairly good. The market has reacted from its sharp decline about $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per found on all smoked meats. Pure lard and lard substitutes have advanced about $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per pound. Canned meats, dried beef and barreled pork are steady, with a light demand at unchanged prices.
Salt Fish-The buying of mackerel has improved during the week, as buyers are beginning to take stock for the fall trade. The situation is steady to firm.

Review of the Produce Market.
Apples - Tallman Sweets, Wolf River and Wealthy command 75 c per bu.; Maiden Blush, Kings, Shiawassee Beauties, Sfys and Baldwins fetch \$1@\$1.25 per bu.
Bananas-8c per lb .
Beets-\$1 per bu.
Butter-The market is firm at prices ranging about 2 c higher than a week ago, with a good consumptive demand. Owing to the dry weather conditions the make of butter has fallen off to a considerable extent and we look for a continued good market at prices ranging as they are until weather conditions get more favorable and the make of butter increases. Local jobbers hold extra at 42 c and fancy at 41 c in 63 lb . tubs; fancy in 30 ob . tubs, 43 c ; prints, 44 c . They pay 22c for packing stock.

Cabbage-60c per bu.; red, 75c per bu.

## Carrots-75c per bu.

Cauliflower- $\$ 2.50$ per dozen heads.
Ce.ery- 35 c per bunch; extra jumbo, 50c.

## Cocoanuts- $\$ 8$ per sack of 100.

Cranberries-Cape Cod are now in market, commanding $\$ 5.75$ per $1 / 2$ (Philadelphia) barrel box.
Cucumbers-Illinois hot house, $\$ 2.25$ fer doz.
Eggs-The market on fresh has advanced 3 c per dozen during the past week Stocks of storage eggs are large and the market is ruling steady at 1 c decline from week ago. With better weather condition we are likely to have a better supply, as well as a better consumption. We do not look for much change from the present basis of quotations. Local jobbers pay 40 c for candled, cases included. Cold storage operators are feeding out their supplies as follows:
Firsts 31c
Seconds 28c
Checks 24 c
Egg Plant-\$1.50 per doz.
Grapes- 4 lb . baskets sell by the dozen as follows:

Niagaras
Delawares 3.25

Bulk grapes command $\$ 1.90$ per bu. Green Corn-20c per doz.
Green Onions-Silverskins, 25c per doz. bunches.
Honey-32c for comb; 25c for strained.
Honey Dew Melons- $\$ 2.25$ per crate of 6 to 8 .
Lemons-Sunkist have advanced an other $\$ 1$ per box on account of scar
city. Present prices are now as follows:

360 size per box ----------.-. 12.00

240 size, yer box -.-.-.-.-.-.-. 11.50
Lettuce-Hot house :eaf, 20 c per lb .; head, $\$ 2$ per crate; Iceberg from California, $\$ 7.50$ per case.
Onions-Home grown, $\$ 1.50$ per 100 lb. sack.
Oranges-Fancy Sunkist Valencias have declined 50 c per box to the following basis:

| 100 | \$10.50 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 126 | 10.50 |
| 150, 176 and 200 | 10.50 |
| 216 | -10.50 |
| 252 | 8.50 |
| 288 | 7.00 |
| 324 | 4.00 |

Choice, 50c per box .ess.
Parsley-50c per doz. bunches.
Pears- $\$ 1.25$ per bu. for Clapp's Favorite; $\$ 1.50$ for Anjous; $\$ 1$ for Kiefers.
Pepters- $\$ 2.25$ per bu. for green; 30 c per doz. for red.
Pickling Stock-White onions, $\$ 1.25$ per 20 lb . box.
Poultry-The market is a little stronger than a week ago. Local buyers now pay as follows for live: Light fowls $-13 \mathrm{c}$ Heavy fowls

18@19c
Roosters, 4 lbs . and up .-.-.-.-.-. 20 c
Cox and Stags .-.-.-............... 10c
Yotatoes-Home grown, Suc per bu. Pumpkins-20@<sc apiece.

Radishes-2uc per doz. bunches.
Squash-\$1 per bu. for Hubbard.
Sweet Potatoes-Virginia command
$\$ 1$ per hamper and $\$ 2 . / 5$ per bbl.
Tokay Grates- $\$ 3.50$ per crate.
Tomatoes-6 lb . basket of California \$1.

## Turnips-75c per bu.

Wax Beans- $\$ 1.50$ per bu. for home grown.
A prominent manufacturer who while the 1920 boom was at its height began to get ready for the reaction and thus succeeded in avoiding many of the troubles that befell other producers with less foresight, says that he got his first warning by watching the women buyers. When they began to shop around and curtail their purchases he saw that price levels were overtaking purchasing power and that the merry dance of post-war prosperity had about run its course. He is probably still watching the women buyers for indications of trade expansion in the recovery phase of the business cycle. Moreover, reports from several sources indicate that women shoppers have more speriding money and are offering less "consumer resistance" now than at any time during the last two years. This is to be expected first in the East, where purchasing power has been increasing more rapidly than in other sections of the country. At any rate, the advice of this manufacturer to watch the women buyers while making plans for future business may be an especially good tip just at this time.
If we should all stop to thing before we sceak, what a painful silence would fil the universe.

Interstate Commerce Commission Considering New Mileage Book.
Arguments for the issuance of mileage books, as contemplated by a law enacted by Congress soon before adjournment, were recently submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission by David K. Clink, treasurer and chairman of the Railroad Committee of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers' Organizations, and Aaron M. Loeb, president of the National Council of Traveling Men's Associations.
"The traveling salesman is one of the most important factors, if not the most important factor, in the distribution of the great bulk of products of the Nation's industries," the Commission was told. "Upon his activity depends largely the economical functioning of our manufacturing and mercantile interests, and it must be remembered that they in turn, through the stimulation of new business, will be in a rosition to give employment to vast numbers of workers throughout the country; and it must not be forgotten that one of the outstanding reasons why the railroads have been suffering a decrease in passenger mi.es is the fact that a large percentage of the people of our country have been out of employment and unable to enjoy the opportunity of ordinary travel both because of their unemployment and because of the unreasonably high cost of travel." It was recommended that the scrip coupon tickets be issued in denominations of $\$ 100$ gross. It was pointed out that the average commercial traveler spends nine months of the year on the road, as against one day of the year on the fart of the ordinary citizen, and it would seem just and reasonable to grant the traveling salesman this concession. The proposed discount would apply only to the proposed denomination of ticket, it being pointed out that this would protect the local revenues of the carriers. It was recommended that the tickets should be available at all principal ticket offices of what is termed Class One railroads.
In response to a request for suggestions as to the rules and regulations which would govern the sale and use of such tickets it was recommended that the scrip tickets should be good for tassage by the original purchaser for one year from date of purchase. In the event of death or business emergencies requiring its redemption, and proof justifying such redemption, acceptable to the issuing company, the redemption in cash equal to the unused portion of the scrip shou d be available for the amount acceptable for the purchase of another ticket.
"In summing up the situation," declared Mr . Clink in behalf of the travelers, "business, which includes the carriers, requires a stimulant, and the carriers no doubt are afpreciative of that fact as brought home to them from a sadly diminished revenue in their passenger department, have sought to apply the remedy by a radical reduction in passenger rates to far off points, summer and winter resorts which no doubt had the desired effect to a limited extent. The carriers, imbued with the idea that the
commercial traveler was a dependable, fixed and reliab:e revenue producer by virtue of his calling and in consequence entitled to no consideration, but subject to any extortionate rate imposed upon them, seemed to forget that the commercial traveler had been able, up to the beginning of the kaiser's war, to purchase mileage books, interchangeable and otherwise at reduced rates. They afpear to have overlooked or ignored the fact that excessive rates exacted were driving thousands of commercial travelers, particularly those selling on commission, into id eness, the employers of those on a fixed salary reduced to the lowest minimum their selling forces and many employers have supplied their traveling men with automobiles in an effort to escape excessive railroad fare as a matter of economy.
"A reduction in rates would re-employ thousands now idle and add additional thousands to the ranks of the traveling fraternity. The commercial traveler and emp.oyers ask no special privileges, nor do they expect something for nothing. They do expect and should receive consideration commensurate with their enormous fatronage, their indispensable activities of lasting benefit to the Nation and its people."
The statements of the traveling men that the business stagnation of 1920, was, in a measure, due to the high passenger fares which prevented the mercantile interests from sending their men on the road, was combated by witnesses for the railroads who declared that the true cause for the falling-off in the total volume of passenger traffic was due to the fact that while the carriers share, with other industries, the effect of general business conditions, whether favorable or unfavorabe, the most direct cause for the falling off in passenger traffic has been due to the new and growing competition of hundreds of bus lines which have been built up in every state of the Union, and the millions of privately-owned automobiles. It was declared that in every state practically, there are now long-distance bus lines which are a controlling factor in handling the shorthaul traffic for the reason they pick up and de:iver passengers, taking them from the main streets of the originating points to the main streets at destinations, and the service is so frequent that it diverts traffic from the rail carriers Millions of individually owned motor cars also make inroads on traffic of the carriers.
One hundred and sixteen railroads were represented at the hearing and seventy-five electric lines and other short lines. The railroads first presented their side.
The traveling men demanded:

1. That the rate be reduced $33 \mathrm{t} / 3$ per cent. on a 1 roads with right to use in various parts of the country.
2. That the price of this ticket book be $\$ 100$ gross with $331 / 3$ per cent., reduction, so that book would cost \$66.66 net.
3. That these books be available at all first class ticket offices and personal ticket stations.
4. That these coupon books bear
the signature of the original purchaser.
5. That these coupons be nontransferable.
6. That these coupons be accepted for all mileage charges, and baggage charges, including excess baggage, and transfers at terminal foints.
The railroads asked that the book be a $\$ 200$ book gross; that the photograph and signature be attached to each coupon. Also that these coupons be exchanged at the ticket office, and that these tickets be limited to 100 pounds without any other privileges.

From all appearances the rai:roads were favorable to reduction in the present rates, but at the request of Mr. Buckley a delay until Nov. 1 was granted for the furpose of forwarding their rebuttals, with the understanding that these would be presented to the commission prior to Nov. 1, and that the traveling fraternities were to be notified to co-operate with the Commission and railroads for the preparation of regulations for the use of the script coupon books.

"The Flour the Best Cooks Use"


A GOOD RECIPE FOR WAFFLES
11/2 cups Lily White Flour. 2 teasyoons baking powder. ${ }_{2}$ teassoons baking powder. or fat, $1 / 4$ cup of corn starch, 1 cup rich milk, 3 beaten eggs. Sift dry ingrcdients together. Beat eggs, add milk together. Beat eggs, ada milk Cook in hot greased irons and serve.

## Our Guarantee

 Will Guarante your will like Li $y$ WhiteFlour, best cooks use" better than any flour yòu ever used for every requirement of home baking. If for any reason whatsoever you do nor, your dealer wi $l$ refund the purchase price...-He's so instructed.

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There is a difference in waffles just as there is a difference in breads, because there is a difference in flours. Waffles made with Lily White Flour are crisp, tender, wholesome and delicious. But when a flour of quality such as Lily White is used for all general bread-making, baking successes are not accidents. The results of one trial will convince you of its superiority.
Why You Should Use Lily White reason No. 8
Cleaned, Washed and Scoured Eight Times, Absolutely Pure.
When a flour is milled from the choicest portions of the wheat berry of the finest grain grown in America, its goodness is only increased by perfect milling and absolute cleanliness in preparation. Lily White is cleaned, washed and scoured eight times and milled by the six break system. Every process in the making of Lily White is done to produce a better flour. Phone Your Grocer NOW:

## VALLEY CITY MILLING COMPANY GRAND RAPIDS, MICHGAN <br> "Millers for Sixty Years"

> Ads like these are being run regularly and continuously tn the principal papers throughout Michigan. You will proft by carrying Lily White Flour in stock at all times, thereby
being placed in position to supply the demand we are helpbeing placed in position to supply,

Items From the Cloverland of Michi-

## gan.

Sault Ste. Marie, Oct. 17-The sale of the Dixie garage business, on Ar lington street, conducted by Bainbridge \& Lipsett, to Fred Taylor, of Spruce street, owner of the Taylor agency, is announced this week. Mr. Taylor is the exclusive local dealer in Maxwells, Chalmers Oldsmobiles and Wills-St. Clair cars and he will aiso retain his undertaking establishment and farm implement agency on Spruce street, as well as the branch at Pickford.
Rye \& Lavender's battery shop, of this city, will make a sfecialty this winter of storing and charging batteries. The establishment is thoroughly equipped to handle ali kinds of battery work and has been successfui since its organization.
Following the arrival in the city of D. E. Hollister, director of production for the Pyramid Film Company, of Dayton, Ohio, several local places of business have been listed as scenes for movie sketches, which are now being filmed and which will be shown at the Strand theater shortly. The first "shooting" was done at the Savoy restaurant Thursday during the noon day rush.
"Hunt the bright side. If skirts keep getting longer we won't have to sweep the sidewalks."
The ford touring car beonging to J. Winegar, of the Cadillac Chemical Works, was badly damaged Sunday afternoon when struck by a street car. Mr. Winegar sustained a slight scratch on the right arm, but escaped injuries otherwise. The ford truck belonging to John Marchetti proprietor of the Italian bottling works, caught fire in front of the Soo hardware store one day last week. No damage was done to the car, however, owing to the quick work of the fire department, which rushed a fire extinguisher to the scene.
The mill of the Shepherd-Parrish Co., at Hulbert, was burned to the ground last Friday night. The fire started at 10:30 and burned virtually all night. The structure was entire y of wood and burned fiercely. Loss is estimated in the neighborhood of $\$ 40$,000 , Iart of which is covered by insurance.
The partridge season has started with a rush and partridge dirners are now in order. Herb. Fletcher, one of our local sports enthusiasts, was successful in getting four partridge before breakfast early this week.
The new method laundry under the management of James Robertson reports a heavy increase in business. This is due largely to the experience Mr . Robertson received in the technial part of the work while at Ann Arbor.
Nov. 11 (Armistice day) is to mark nother big celebration here this year Fred E. Neely, general chairman of the Legion, is preparing an elaborate program of events and promises "something doing every minute."
Sauit Ste. Marie like many of the arger cities throughout the country, larger cities throughout soon boast of a radio broadcastwill soon boast of a racio a meeting held this week by public sfirited men who are supporting the enterprise. The station will be known as the Soo Times Broadcasting Station and every Times will be made to give the public up-to-the-minute programs.
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William G.
Tapert.

## Keeping Step With Time.

South Bend. Oct. 17-Is life naturalIf selfish? Most people contend that y selfish? Most people contend. That it is. Desire in life is to live well. This is a primal inheritance, for those who have not lived well have died. A few thousand years ago it was realized that by co-operation one could live well. This is what we call civilization. Several things have assisted the advancement of this co-operation to a remarkable extent. They are religion, education and science. Several hings have helped to hold bation. They also
ment of this co-operation.
are religion, education and science, or Whe absence of them.
What is the answer? It is this: You may have all the religion and science in the universe, but to better co-operation you must have with these requiites a heart. We dance through life to a tune played by Father Time. The hythm of this tune is that of the heart The old musician is temperamental. When his dancers are keeping in time (co-olerating) and are enjoying themselves, he is inspired to play snappier tunes. the dances are prolonged and he delights in encores. He does not object to the introduction of new dances provided they are not obscene. He becomes provoked when some well-known fool attempts a new dance. which he knows nothing about, in the middle of the crowded floor. It may be a very good dance if proper:y learned in the corner of the hall where there is not such a crowd and then introduced in its most simple and refined form. In this manner other peofle who imitate it are not so liable to lose step with the music. The change is thus made gradually without loss of harmony provided that the new dance becomes popular. The well-known fool, however, is so afraid that he will not gain the credit of this apparently new creation that he is perfectly willing to temporarily disrupt the harmony and befuddle the rhythm. The old musician is temperamental. He can play beautiful dance music. but if the dancers do not keep in rhythm he becomes disgusted and his music is only moderate to foor. The dancers get so out of sten that they trip and fall over one another.
Is life natura ly selfish? Well, that depends on the number of popular fools. Thorne E. Lloyd.

Retires on Account of Imfending Blindness.
Hon. Suel A. Sheldon, who has been connected with the subscription department of the Tradesman off and on for the past forty years, has been compelled to relinquish his visits to the trade on account of impending blindness. He submitted to an examination of his eyes by an expert ocu ist at Ann Arbor last week. The result was that he was advised to abstain from all labor in the hope that by so doing he might be able to retain the impaired eyesight he now enjoys.

Mr. Sheldon covered Michigan, both Upper and Lower Peninsulas, and easily doubled the numerical strength of the Tradesman in every important city in the State. He probably has as wide an acquaintance with Michigan merchants as any man in the country. He was always a welcome visitor, because he always had a cheery word and a bright smile for everyone. Readers of the Tradesman in every city and town in the State will miss his visits and will join with the Tradesman in the hofe that nature and repose may do what medical science cannot accomplish for his eyes.

## Beating the Strikes.

"How on earth are you folks going to keep warm this winter, after this coal strike?"
"Well, you see, when the strike first came on I began begging the minutes of each conference that was held between the miners and the operators, and between the Government and the various bodies representing both sides of the controversy. In that way I have accumulated enough paper to keep my fire going for the whole winter."

# Del Monte Canned Fruits 

To make appetites glad every day in the year.

A variety for every menu need.

## JUDSON GROCER CO. GRAND RAPIDS, <br> MICHIGAN



TROTTER CASE APPEALED.
The conspirators who concocted the charges against M. E. Trotter and against whom Judge Dunham pointed the finger of scorn have evidently decided to prolong the controversy which should have been forever silenced by the sweeping decision and complete vindication of the defendant by the trial judge. At the conclusion of the trial, the Tradesman made the following editorial statement:

Judge Dunham has conducted the case with fidelity of purpose and great patience. He has been equal to every emergency and has handed out his rulings with a degree of promptness and accuracy which no judge
who is less familiar with the law who is less familiar with the law
could possibly have done. Because could possibly have done. Because he has given both sides great latitude in the introduction of testimony, it goes without saying that if either side takes an appeal from this decision to a higher court, such action will be due solely to a spirit of bitter vindictiveness and to pile up attorney fees and court expenses to such an enormous amount as to absorb practically the entire possessions of the defendant. No matter what the side which suffers defeat may do in its humiliation, people generally will approve of Judge Dunham's findings and feel thankul to him for handling the case in such a manner as to give the least possible publicity to the disgusting details presented by the prosecution.
These words are as true Oct. 18 as they were when they were uttered Aug. 2-three weeks before Judge Dunham handed down his masterly review of the nasty mess hatched up by the enemies of good morals and good manners in a dastardly attempt to assassinate the character of a man who has done more to overcome the cohorts of $\sin$ and selfishness than any other man who ever crossed the threshold of Grand Rapids.

The appeal to a higher court is not due to the belief that the complainant did not have a fair trial, because every person in this community who is not hampered with a distorted mind believes that Judge Dunham accorded the conspirators all the rope that any decent judge could permit and dealt out even handed justice with a firm and kindly hand. The conspirators availed themselves of the generosity of Judge Dunham to such an extent that they literally tangled themselves up in such a manner that they could not work their way out. If they had ordinary horse sense, they would realize that they were extremely fortunate that they did not land in prison as the penalty of their conspiracy to build up a frame work on their illy founded claims and flimsy pretexts. Possibly they have resorted to the appeal to a higher court in order to postpone the time when they must settle-and settle right-for the injury they have done the cause of Christ in this community and the humiliation and pain they have caused Mr. Trotter for the charges they made against him which they were utterly unable to sustain, because they were based solely on fraud and vindictiveness.

TWO BRITISH STATESMEN.
Edmund Burke and James Bryce were rightly selected by the British people for memorials in Washington,
unveiled last week, because they combine two eminent positions in our regard. America has had champions before the British public, like Chatham and John Bright, whom it holds in equal gratitude, and it has had British political teachers, like Hume and Mill, to whom it owes as much; but no other men have been both champions and teachers like these two. There is hardly a high school in the country which does not study Burke's "Speech on Conciliation" and hardly a college where Bryce's "American Commonwealth" is not used. Of our own accord we raise statues to the greatest British writers, who are ours as much as England's; Bryce and Burke also we can call our own in a peculiar sense.
But the fact that Burke and Bryce were both Irish born ought not to escape notice, for their memorials help to commemorate the year in which Anglo-Irish difficulties ceased forever-as we hope-to poison An-glo-American relations. The lifetime of these two men covered a century and a half in which that poison was always active. Secretary Weeks rightly said that both had an unusual understanding of America and its aspirations, and with this their Irish birth had something to do. Burke sympathized with the American patriots the more because he had intimately observed Tory misgovernment in Ireland, and Bryce knew us the better because of the Belfast liberalism in which he grew up. Both regarded themselves as Britons, not as Irishmen, and both had the same passionate desire for cordial relations between Britain and Ireland and Britain and America. Their memorials are set up at a time when that cordiality seems more certain and enduring than ever before.

THE WOOL SITUATION.
The prediction that after the passage of the new tariff bill there would be heavy withdrawals of wool from bonded warehouses, with a consequent softening of prices, has not been borne out by recent developments. Stocks of wool in bond are estimated as high as $100,000,000$ pounds, but the dealers are showing a disposition to "sit tight" and not throw these on the market fast enough to weaken prices. In fact, the wool market has been showing increasing strength, and such statistics of consumption as are available, show gains since the spring and early summer. The British wool market, which does not have the tariff as a complicating factor, has also been strong and active, although the supplies in that market are said to be increasing, and the pressing of the new Australian clip may cause prices to soften. Already there is a fear that the advance in that market may have been overdone, and that a reaction may ensue. How far that could affect the domestic market with present tariff restrictions would be difficult to say. In spite of the large stocks of wool in bond in this country there is a scarcity of the finer grades which are just now in most active demand.

The worst people in the world live in cities.

PRICES MAY GO HIGHER.
Generally speaking, there appears to be no indication of a reaction in commodity prices in the immediate future, except perhaps in the case of bituminous coal, which is now being mined in ample quantities and may continue somewhat further its recession of the past week. Some grain traders also expect to see a temporary softening of wheat prices if transportation facilities improve and expedite the movement of grain from the farms. On the other hand, those who take the long-run view of the wheat market believe that in spite of the large yields in our spring wheat belt and in Canada the European requirements will eventually absorb all our exportable surplus, and that the statistical position of this commodity points to prices eventually higher than those that have lately prevailed. The "war scare" in the Near East has played an important part in the recent fluctuations in the wheat market. From present indications the prices of iron and steel products should hold steady at their present level, which represents an advance over that prevailing before the coal and rail strikes. Prices of raw cotton and wool show a tendency towards greater firmness, and with the short supply of the former and the high tariff on the latter the present tendency should continue. The effect should be further reflected in the case of textiles, and in fact it is already apparent in this field. These conclusions do not justify any predictions of a rise in basic commodities sufficient to be classed as inflation, but there is no evidence at hand pointing to any check to the gradual advance in the near future.

## CANNED FOODS SITUATION.

 Two phases of the canned food market are favorable to distributors. There is nothing to worry about in the way of carry overs and the moderate packs of most commodities have already caused advances and a better feeling. Buying on a declining market is always minimized; the jobber who stocks up ahead and faces a shrinkage in values cuts down his orders to day to day requirements, but when the price tendency is upward it is another story. Some conspicuous examp es are to be found among canned foods of an upward reaction, such as peas, Columbia River salmon, pineafple, tomatoes, to mention a few. Tomatoes and peas may affect corn, which is an example of the other extreme of the market, while peaches are taking care of themselves. The most unpromising line is salmon and sardines, which, however, are not so much affected by the score of supply as by lack of demand. Jobbing attention would easily take care of them. The main thing in the canned food market is to widen the distributing outlet and to get out of the rut of nominal purchasing in minimum lots. An advancing market will tend to widen jobbing activity and that in turn is affected by supplies and by financial conditions. All three tendencies seem to indicate a better market during the remainder of the year. This is the season when the jobber istaking care of his contract foods, and he normally has deals enough to swing to tie up his ready funds. Notwithstanding this handicap, there is a larger demand for most foods.

## REMARKABLE RECORD.

When Secretary Mellon commenced to reduce the enormous war debt piled up by the Wilson administration in April, 1921, the total gross debt amounted to some $\$ 24,000,000,000$, of which $\$ 7,500,000,000$ was to mature in the ensuing two years. At the end of last month the gross debt had been reduced approximately $\$ 1,200,000,000$ and the early maturities had been reduced about $\$ 4,000,000,000$. In accomplishing the latter reduction, the Treasury at first resorted to the use of certificates of indebtedness, and later to notes of from one to four years' duration. There remained to be met before next July $\$ 1,100,000,000$ in Treasury certificates, $\$ 625,000,000$ in War Saving certificates, and \$1,$800,000,000$ in Victory notes. The Secretary now hopes to be able to convert the War Savings certificates into a similar form of new paper, and counts on tax collections to take care of the greater part of the Treasury certificates. As to the Victory notes, the present offering, which is for $\$ 500,000,000$ "or thereabouts" is to be followed, to quote the Secretary, by other "issues of refunding securities, properly adjusted to market condiions."
The country is to be congratulated upon the skill with which the Treasury has succeeded in handling its huge refunding operations without disturbing the market for other securities and without imposing any appreciable strain upon our banking system.

## COTTON GINNING REPORT.

On the same day that the Department of Agriculture issued its estimate indicating a reduction of 440,000 bales from its earlier forecast the Census Bureau published its ginning figures showing that ginning operations were about 719,000 bales ahead of the same date last year. At first sight there appears to be some inconsistency in the two reports. It will be recalled that last year a ginning report late in the season showed that there was actually more cotton ginned than the Department of Agriculture had estimated for the entire crop. It later developed that the estimate was some $1,500,000$ bales too low. The question has been raised whether the large ginnings to date during the present season do not also point to a yield somewhat in excess of the Government estimate. The Department of Agriculture has shown, however, that the crop this year is being gathered under unusual conditions. As a result of almost continuous drought in August and September very little cotton of late growth has appeared, and the earlier growth has matured very rapidly in the dry, hot weather. As the crop is unusually early the ginning report, it is stated, should show operations much ahead of those of last year, and this is what it has done.

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Returned Goods and Allowances in the Shoe Trade.
Claims for allowances for poor wear or for new pairs of shoes is recognized as one of the hardest problems with which the shoe merchant has to contend. The percentage of real and just claims is small and they are easy to adjust. It is the imaginary or unjust claims, sometimes honestly made by customers, and often dishonestly, that are the source of rea: trouble and big loss to the merchant.
Shoe retailers have always blamed department store managers for creating a good part of the evil in their policy of liberality in adjusting claims. If an unjust claim is combatted in the shoe section of a department store, the customer goes upstairs to the adjustment department and usually gets what she asks for
Because of the frequent reiteration of its policy as to adjusting claims satisfactorily many exferts believe that the department stores have piled up a lot of trouble for themselves and this would seem to be borne out by the figures given in the bulletin recently issued by the Harvard Bureau of Business Research relative to department store operations.

Of 129 department stores reporting to the Bureau, the largest single group or thirty-five'stores, made allowances amounting to 7.5 per cent., or more of their gross sales. Think of it-a figure almost equal to the actual selling expense of the store, nearly equal to the combined percentage of rent, buying and advertising. Twenty firms made a lowances of 5 per cent. to 7.4 fer cent., twenty-eight firms of 2.5 per cent. to 4.9 per cent., twenty-nine firms of 1 per cent. to 2.4 per cent., and only seveneteen firms the smallest number of all, whose allowance item was under 1 per cent. This is an item that should be called to the attention of Wm. G. Shepard, who practically advised his readers in Collier's that onethird of the people of the country had the opportunity to buy their goods in most efficient y conducted department stores, scientifically managed. Now hold your breath! One department store in the group paid back to its customers in allowances and returns in 1921 just 27.7 per cent. of its gross sales. An amount nearly equal to the cost of doing business, and also an amount nearly equal to the gross margin of profit of all retail stores.
Of course, this instance is a ridiculous exception but the fact that thirtyfive of the stores, the largest group, had an alowance figure of 7.5 per cent. and over, represents a bit of competition that is unfair to other merchants and can be attacked as a difinonest practice by which the con-
sumer at large pays for the privilege of trading at department stores.
The gross profit rate of shoe stores in 1921 was 25.9 rer cent. of sales. The gross margin for department stores was 28.7 per cent. of sales. Adding the claims for allowances which, of course, were deducted from the original markup to determine the gross margin of 28.7 per cent., it would seem that department stores must be the most expensive place to trade.
The facts on their face should interest every independent merchant, and afford an opportunity for local Chambers of Commerce and retail trade boards. local and the National associations of shoe retailers to get together and combat a retail trade evil that is uneconomic, unethical and unfair to the mass of consumers.
Seven and one-half per cent. of gross sales paid back in allowances is something that must be fought.-Shoe Retailer.

A Convincing Demonstration.
Do you carry a sectional view of the shoes you advertise and sell? If not ask the manufacturer to send you one. Leback's, Nashville, Tenn., is using this manner of selling with very good success. A customer calls for a fair of shoes, complaining that she purchased a pair from a competitive concern not long ago and the heel came off. This is the salesman's cue to show her a sectional view of a shoe in stock, guaranteed against just this happening. The customer is given an inside view as to how that shoe is made, together with a guarantee to replace same if it does not hold up.
It is Mr. Hill's idea (the buyer) to instruct his salesmen in selling shoes on the points that sold the shoe to him. This idea is also passed on to the advertising department and finds its way into the advertisements. He knows why he buys one shoe over another. It may be style. It may be frice and it may be quality. Whatever it is, the public is acquainted with it through the sa:esmen and through advertising.

## Trouble in Delivery.

The telephone in the queensware store rang vigorously, and a salesman answered.
"This Brown's china store?"
"Yes ma'am."
"Did you send a fifty-piece table set to Mrs. Rosen's, 1222 Steenth street this afternoon?"
"I believe so, madam."
"Well, there's been a mistake. Your de ivery wagon was hit by a street car and when the set got here there were more pieces than we bought. We've counted 827 now and there's another dustpan full we haven't begun on yet."

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Little To Be Expected From Securities Commission.
Mackinac Island, Oct. 16-It is estimated that more real money has been invested in oil stocks than has been realized from the sale of oil produced.
Oil stocks have more recently appea.ed to the cupidity of the inexperienced investor than eny other form of security notwithstanding the enactment, in many states, of "blue sky" laws and legally organized so-called security commissions.
Such states as have security commissions to examine into the actual facts behind stock issues and the methods of their disposal do not seem to have produced benefits commensurate with their cost and importance. Even in Michigan, where safeguards are supposed to have been thrown around the unwary, the results have been far from satisfactory, except to the promoters, who seem to have secured ample receipts on much questionable stock. About the most satisfactory showing made by one Commission was in the nature of admonition to secure the advice of a lawyer, such suggestions being forthcoming such suggestions being forthcoming mitted or the promoter has flown.
I have watched the progress of suc unlawful transactions and have faiied mlawful transactions and have fai.ed to notice any progress by the Commission in the shape of prosecutions or other tangible results. In fact. the authority necessary to the issuing of these questionable stocks has been easily secured and the public's only recourse has been in some few trivial transactions to begin actions for misepresentation or the obtaining of cash under fatse representation
It is, of course, hardly feasible for the Commission to prevent the gullible public from investing in schemes which fail of materia iization, but it does seem as though the stamp of approval might be withheld from many of the wild cat schemes which are constantly afloat.
Not only should the operations of the frincipals be carefully investigated, but the methods of stock salesmen should invoke rigid scrutiny. In fact, the principals should bear the responsibility for the acts of their agents. It is of well authenticated knowiedge that millions of dollars have been extracted from the pockets of small investors, where the securities in a way were legitimate, but the promise of quick and substantial benefits have been a matter of misrepresentation and deception. Possibly the duties of the various commissions. manifold in character, are too multitudinous to warrant their carrying on a campaign of education, but it does seem as though an example could be made of some of these offenders and publicity given exposures of these breakers of law so far reaching that the abuse coud be reduced to a minimum. This subject is at least of sufficient importance to warrant the careful attention of the Securities Commission
Sfeaking of oil stocks. we are reminded of oil and that an auto expert says the carburetor of ten years ago wouid not work if fed by the gasoline used to-day and that it keeps mechanics busy to devise improvements to meet the declining quality of gas. In fact, everyone knows who uses the In fact, everyone knows who uses the
article to any extent that the gasoline article to any extent that the gasoline
of to-day is much inferior in quality to that supplied a decade ago. Also everyone knows that in spite of such everyone knows that in spite of such decline in quality the price is constantly increasing. Except for a slight fluctuation at all times the price of times as great as it was eight years times
ago.
ago. 1914 the price of crude oil was $\$ 2$ per barrel and gasoline sold for $\$ 2$ per barre and gith crude oil at 10 cents. In 1919 with crude a 27 cents. Now, with oil at its low value of $\$ 1.25$ fer barrel, gasoline costs 22 cents. To be exact, the price of the
crude article has been reduced 60 per
cent. in six years, while the finished produce has come down about 16 per

Evidently the law of supply is not being considered, but the law of demand rules the day.
Col. MacNider, National Commander of the American Legion, seems to have revised the very extravagant ideas he once entertained regarding the subject of the bonus. He now says: "We are going to see that the maimed men get a square deal from the country for which they fought."
Col. MacNider, for the first time since he achieved public prominence, is on the right track.
Compensation and relief for those who were disabled in the kaiser's war is most desirab:e and commendable and there will be very little opposition to the procosal. It ought to receive proper consideration from Congress will its next session and undoubted well meaning if some mistaken though well meaning enthusiasts do not handicap the issue by placing an intolerable burden on those who have to foot the Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, Secretary of War under Wilson and now engaged in the pracice of law in the city mentioned, cer ainly hit the naii on the head when, in a recent public statement, he defined the open shop from the view oint of the public. To quote from his own words, which antagonized labor eaders, but won public approbation:
The term "open shop" as used in the labor policy outlined usually is, unfortunately, confused with the term "closed non-union shop." It is, therefore, necessary to understand what the true meaning of that phrase is. It describes a labor relation in which workers are wholly free to join or not to join unions, in which the principle of collective bargaining is recognized as sound and just and in which the workers, when unable to agree with their emrloyers, have a right to be represented by representations of their wn choice in wage and other employ ment negotiations. In such en "open shop" no man is to be discriminated against because he holds a union card and, correspondingly, no man is to be discriminated against because he does not hold such a card. In every labor question there are really three parties. The public has an interest too little recognized and rarely represented I think all wiil aree with me that in he last ten years the principle of trade unionism has made little or no trade way. Temporary raises in wages have it is true ben obtained but here, is a widesrread public sentiment against labor unions The continued existence of trades unions is endaner ed by the prowing realization on the part of the public that the practices followed are a hurfful limitation upon production and a danserous limitation of economic freedom for American citizens.
Secretary Baker only expresses the sentiment of every fair minded Amerian citizen. Voluntary savery and servitude are inevitable for the individual who places his welfare in the ands of unprincipled and unscrupuous leaders and grafters to become he objects of barter and sale.
The two recent gigantic failures suffered by trade unions this year have more than undone the grand total of advancement for that cause in fifty years; and the end is not yet.
Thinking workers are begining to realize that they have been duped and are making heroic efforts to discard their shackles.
The question of an amendment to he Federal constitution which will authorize Congress to enact laws penaaizing the employers of child la Coupled with attention very soon pulsory with provisions for compurpred mployed it will add much to the equit able disposition of the child labor problem.


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Twenty-six years later no one speaks of horseless carriages, but our rural mail routes are still horse-drawn. "horse-drawn," that is, in the eyes of the law. Actually 70 to 80 per cent. of them are handled by automobiles. What makes this curious situation? Perhaps the answer is to be found in these two sentences used by United States Senator Bryan of Florida in a debate on the floor of Congress in 1916:
"The trouble with the postoffice bill is always this: Congress itself does not look at it in a business way but in a political way. It is regarded here not by what it costs, not by the service to be rendered but by the wishes of interested farties."
The senator was speaking in a debate on the automobile and rural free delivery, and it was then that the law was passed which makes the R. F. D. still in theory the same horse-drawn affair that it was in 1896. The law provides that no route can be "motorized" except on a petition signed by a majority of heads of families served by that route. Then the law goes on to say that nothing shall be done that prohibits or even tends to prohibit the use of motor vehicles in carrying the R. F. D. mails on "horse-drawn" routes.
Before explaining the subt'eties of that legislation, it may be well to note its results in three particulars

1. Though motor cars actually are used during all or the greater part of the year in handling the mails on 75 per cent. or more of the $44,203 \mathrm{R}$. F. D. routes now in operation, the law holds that all these save 853 are "horse-drawn." That is to say, they are aid out and money is rrovided for them on the assumption that only horse-drawn vehicles are and can be used by the carriers in covering them.
2. Though transportation equipment has been revolutionized since the R. F. D. system was created, virtually no improvement is being made in the equipment for handling rural mailsbarring of course the star routes which largely have been motorized-except at discretion of the carriers.
3. Critics of the law say that not less than $\$ 45,000,000$ a year is wasted on the expenses of the rural free delivery branch of the postal service.
"No one can object to any expenditure necessary to supplying rural residents with adequate mail facilities," says Congressman M. Clyde Kelly a member of the postoffice and postroads, committee of the House of Represen-
tatives. "But when half what is spent is wasted-and I am sure such is easily the fact-and what is wasted might be used in providing rural residents with a real as against a mere make-shift mail service, there is plenty of room for complaint.
"And I don't hesitate to say that Congress is to blame for most of it. For years Congress has been prone to deal with the R. F. D. mails with the carriers' interests in view and not the patron's or the treasury's. Everybody knows why: In a majority of rural districts, the R. F. D. carriers for their numbers can be most potent factors in congressional campaigns. They come in contact with a majority of voters almost every day. And they are splendid men, too. The influence they have is no reflection on them; as men it is creditabe to them. That influence is so great that for years virtually no legislation not approved by them as an organized body has been enacted with regard to the R. F. D. system." While a majority of the carriers favor the use of and actually do use motor vehicles in covering their routes they so far have shown strong opposition towards all movements in the direction of legal motorizing of the R. F. D. mails.

When the carriers were not looking or perhaps before they realized fully what motorization meant to many of them, Congress, in 1915, authorized the Postoffice Department to take cognizance of the motor age of transportation in operating the rural free delivery as with other branches of the mails service.
In less than a year's time the department established more than 800 R . F. D. routes that were officially covered by automobiles. It was done, in the main, by consolidating horsedrawn routes into longer ones that were to be served regularly by motor. Sometimes two horse-drawn routes were made into one, sometimes three into two, sometimes five into four.
Sometimes the change involved the abandonment of a postoffice, or the cutting down of the business, and consequently the postmaster's salary, at some office. This, of course, was protested.
Voicing that farticular form of protest, a Congressman said, when the subject came up for general discussion in 1916:
"I believe every American citizen shouid have the absolute right to say where he shall have his mail addressed."
The point involved was the discontinuance of a village postoffice through the establishment of a motor route out of a larger town in Florida.
Occasionally, the change cut a fam-

## Three View points

THREE men who named a trust company as executor and trustee were each asked the principal reason for so doing.
"Efficiency," answered the first. "I know that my affairs will be handled with good business judgment after I am gone."
"Economy," said the seçond. "I am confident that the trust company, because it makes a business of handling estates, will serve mine to the best advantage."
"To have my wishes carried out," replied the third man. "My will has been carefully drawn by my attorney with every wish well defined, and I know that my dependents will be cared for in accordance with my desires."

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ily entirely off from service although always the total number of families served was increased. Frequently, the change lowered the time of day when many families got their mail. No doubt in its zeal for economy the department sometimes set up motor routes when the character of the roads did not justify the change. Frequently, there was protest from patrons even when the roads were perfect.
"In one county of my State," said a Senator when all the protests came up for airing in Congress, "where the roads are as smooth as they are in this city, they protested against the combining of two 24 -mile routes into one motor route, thus dispensing with one man."

The protest clearly was on behalf of the carrier, not against the service by motor. It is generally true that patrons of the R. F. D. will petition for anything the carriers want. Anyway, the department's motorization policy overwhelmed Congress with protests from patrons as well as carriers.

Thus when the postoffice department appropriation bill came up in 1916, there was tremendous Congressional demand that a brake be applied. The House committee turned it down but it was revived on the floor and in the end was granted. This bill, when enacted, scarried the proviso that the department shoult set up no motor route unless petitioned for by a majority of the heads of families to be served by it. Since then there has been only slight increase in the number of motor routes.
While about it Congress made 24 miles the standard for horse-drawn routes and decreed that none should be longer than 36 miles. It provided that no motor route should be less than 50 miles long. Thus since then no R. F. D. route of any kind having a length of between 36 and 50 miles has been in operation or can now be established. Congress also decreed that the department should do nothing to prevent the use of motor vehicles on horse-drawn routes. All this legislation was embodied in a rider known as the Hardwick amendment.
"It was what the carriers wanted and the service needed at that time," says Wisdom D. Brown, Washington representative of the carriers' National organization. "In fact, I drew the amendment.'
Why the antagonism to motorization?" he was asked.
"It was demoralizing the rural mails, for it was inefficient. The defartment was going ahead helter-skeiter often without any reason at all for making the changes other than ill-advised economy. We decided to stop it and we did. I know of one case where five routes were reorganized into two." A carrier factor other than the
threat of lost jobs enters into the equation. It is time.
The horse-drawn route presumes an eight-hour day's work with an oldfashioned team. With a motor car such a route frequently can be made in two or three hours. In 1916, the department found that nearly 5,000 carriers devoted less than four hours a day to covering their routes. Mr Brown tells me that the average time in summer, for all carriers on stand-ard-length horse-drawn routes on which automobiles are used is two and one-half to three hours.

He says that those who use motors -and he estimates that 80 per cent. do so for at least eight months of the year-have 60 per cent. of their working time free and may devote it to work other than that for which they are paid by the Government. A Congressional enquiry in 1920 developed the fact that 60 per cent. of the carriers do other wage earning work. The pay for the Government's work averages $\$ 1,850$ a year per carrier who of course must provide and take care of his equipment. It is basically the same for those who, helfed by good roads and light business can cover their routes in an hour or two, and for those who take from ten to twelve hours time, as is the case on many routes. It is the same for the carrier who has to provide equipment for handling a thousand or more pounds of mail a day and for the one-and there are many of them-who handle less than 100 pounds. Thus, there is provided no money incentive to build up business. This perhaps is one reason why the parcel post has been of little relative benefit to the farmers. The spare time the average carrier of a horse-drawn route now has offset the increased pay-about $\$ 700$ a year-which is given those who oferate motor routes. The motor routes, running from 50 to 75 miles in length, general:y require from 50 to 75 miles in length, generally require about all of the carriers' time and, of course, additional equipment expense.
Complete motorization of the R. F. D.s would reduce the number of carriers approximately one-half and the total expense, on the existing pay basis at least 40 per cent. Complete motorization, however, is impossible on account of road and weather conditions. But it is an odd commentary on the law that several of the States that have the best roads in the country are absolutely without legally motorized R. F. D. routes. Among those are Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York.
Congressman Kelly, whom I have already quoted, declares that a reorganization of the R. F. D. system on a strictly efficiency basis could cut its present cost one-half without reduc-

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The appropriation for rural free delivery for the next fiscal year is approximately $\$ 88,000,000$, which next to that of railroad transportation, is the largest single item of cost connected with the postal service.
The last collected figures-for July, 1920-show that postage collected on all mail going to and arising from the R. F. D. routes is approximate:y $\$ 51$,$502,330.80$. This would show a deficit of more than $\$ 35000,000$. The deficit, however, is much greater, for a large part-some say three-fourthsof the postal revenues collected on account of the R. F. D. mails must go for services not rendered on the routes. Aaron H. Ulm.
Getting the Doctor in Pioneer Days. Grandville, Oct. 17-In pioneer days doctors were few and far between.
It was no easy stunt to "go for the doctor in those days, when that doctor was anywhere from twenty to thirty miles away and the road to be traversed was through an unbroken forest.
Telephones, teegraph wires, even railroads, were non-existent then. A boy on horseback was the usual messenger after the doctor. Small ills were never considered because of medical aid
A young man, dying with a severe attack of crous, seemed in a hopeless condition, with no time to get a physician. An old logger was called in, who administered several doses of strong tincture of lobelia. This had the desired result. An emetic threw off the phiegm and saved the man's life.
Cold water compresses and tincture of lobelia were sovereign remedies for coughs, colds and the usual throat and lung troubles. Dr. Trall's Hydropathic Encyclopedia was in many of the homes of the settlers, from which remedies were obtained that saved doctor bills and not unfrequently served the purpose ful.y as well.
I call to mind a horseback trip of forty miles after a doctor. It was supposed to be an emergency case and I lost no time in covering the twenty miles to the doc's office, returning the same night. I had worked all day (twelve hours) and set out at 6 p . m., covering the score of miles in something over two hours. The return trip was a more leisurely one, so that it was rast midnight when I stabled Old Barney at the home barn
The nearest doctor lived at one time thirty-five miles away. Nevertheless when any severe i.lness assailed a citizen of the woods some one volunteered to make the long trip. Most of the old-time physicians were ready to answer calls at a moment's notice.
On one occasion two messengers entered the doctor's yard at the same time. Each made a sprint for the door, one a little in advance of the other. The one in advance got the doctor, the other messenger who came from an opposite direction, was forced to return without the man of medicine. He found an old Indian medicine man
who went, however, and saved his patient.
Lung fevers, now known as pneumonia, largely prevailed at certain seasons of the year, and many early settlers succumbed to that disease. Pills made from blue mass and rank tasting bitters usually constituted the larger part of the doctor's case.
Bleeding was also one form of treatment.
Many of the early physicians found a place in the volunteer regiments sent out to put down the slaveholders' rebellion. Many an after-the-war surgeon froudly claimed apprenticeship and graduation from the army hospitals. It was a distinct feather in the doctor's cap who could claim a long army service
Doctors are born, not made
This is a truism as pertinent to-day as it was sixty years ago. One of the handicaps medical men of an ear: $y$ day labored under was the habit of intemperance. Scarcely a doctor in all the perance. Scarcely a doctor in all the
wildwoods country but indulged in the flowing bowl at some time in his caflowing bowl at some time in his career. Some of these were considered he very best when not in liquor. Nobody really seemed to think it improper for a doctor to visit a patient with his tongue too thick to enunciate plainly.
There were, of course, exceptions to all rules, some of the medical profession being strict.y non-alcoholic in their habits, and these were in great demand during the most of their waking hours.
Calomel and quinine were the great remedies on nearly all occasions. A doctor who did not swear by these would have been considered a freak.
In later years Doctor Chase's Receipt Book came to fill a long-felt want in the wilderness. There were many valuable receipts for the cure of human ailments between the covers of that little book-and, of course, some that weren't so good.
A man bad:y bruised-in fact, hopelessly crushed-on a rollway was rushed in a lumber wagon to Muskegon for surgical aid. The man died soon after reaching the Sawdust City. There were numerous accidents of this sort every scring along the river where numerous rollways, piled with pine logs, were "broken" for the freshet which soon followed the going out of the ice.
Roused from sleep at midnight to "go for the doctor" was not an uncommon occurrence. On one such occasion I made the ride into the back country, some ten miles, routed out the man of pills, who, on learning that a woman was very ill, promised to at once hasten to the rescue. I rode leisurely home, left word at the sick home and retired to finish the night in sleep. What was my indignation in sleep. What was my indignation summoned did not put in an appearsummoned did not put in an appear-
ance until the next day in the afterance until the next day in the afternoon, when he drove into town at a leisurely gait.
The sick woman recovered, however, no thanks to the tardy Esculapius.
Pills and powders constituted the stock in trade of these early practitioners. They earned their wage all right, being called ufon at all hours of the day and night, having many times to traverse long, rutty forest roads through an uninhabited woods.

DETROIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
"THE COMPANY OF SERVICE"
M. E. O'BRIEN, President

Opportunities for agents with this Progressive Company. Write the Home Office.

Some of the best physicians of that day made their trips on horseback. This was, in fact, the most expeditious manner of travel because of the sometimes almost impassible forest roads. Road making had not fully developed at that stage of our civilization.

Old Timer.

## Business Opportunity

BINKRUPT SALE
St. Louis Tile Company, Bankrupt.
Notice Is Hereby Given: That on the 27th day of October, 1922, at Two o'clock, P. M., Central Standard T.me, or Three o'clock P. M. Eastern Time, at the plant of the Bankrupt, in St. Louis, Michigan, the Trustee in Bankruptcy, will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder the entire property of said Bankrupt, consisting of about thirty acres of land, upon which is located a plant and equipment used in the manufacture of tile and other clay products; consisting of five kilns, office building, tile manufacturing buildings, driers, tools and equipment, the appraised value of said property above described being $\$ 12,400.00$; also a quantity of brick, tile and building blocks, of the appraised value of, to-wit; $\$ 6,000.00$, sale subject to confirmation by Referee in Bankruptcy.
For information write Trustee.
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## False Doctrines in Business.

 Written for the Tradesman.A false doctrine in business may be likened to a weed in a field of grain. A weed takes the space that a plant should occupy. It uses up soil fertility, absorbs moisture and heat which through the plant would yield grain, the basis of food. The weed is not on:y a thief, taking away benefits, but it may give forth poison and cause death to men and animals.
A noxious weed may become entrenched in land so that much labor is required to eradicate it. Sometimes fields are given up as useless and all effort to destroy the weed is abandoned.

A false doctrine which seems widespread and of unknown age is frequently encountered in business. It may be illustrated by this incident: An industrious young man goes into a store and buys useful and necessary goods. He is particular about quality and compares prices with his estimate of value-service. He buys not one cent's worth of confectionery, tobacco or non-essentials. After he leaves the store, some lounger remarks: "When that fellow gets hold of a dollar it goes out of circulation." They do not refer to the money he faid out to the merchant, because his needs only required one-fourth, one-fifth or a less proportion of his earnings. In reality, the onlooker declared that that young man's savings were kept out of circulation. He was an enemy to business prosperity. He should at least have treated the crowd to cigars to show a neighborly spirit. These spendthrifts justify their own wasteful expenditures on the ground that they are helping business by keeping their earnings in circulation.
These dry goods box philosophers are mostly farrots. They simply repeat what they have heard. And they heard it preached in the saloon and other places where the proprietor secures all his profits from a business which was a non-essential, if not worse.
Eventually every dollar saved by prudent people goes into circulation. It helps business far more if paid out for necessities than if frittered away. It helps surport workers who return to the community full value for their wages. It encourages and maintains public enterprises of benefit to all, instead of supporting men who cater to those who squander their earnings or their incomes.
There is another false doctrine which many merchants seem to hold, for they resort to schemes to deceive purchasers into buying goods which are not worth the price paid for them. They are not content with the profit from selling goods at a fair value. They believe dishonesty brings them greater success. In fact, some claim that a strictly honest man can not succeed as a merchant.

People of sense and experience know the falsity of such a claim. The honest merchant becomes established and continues year after year, while the tricksters soon move to other fields or become bankrupts.

Many a business man scouts the idea that friendship is a business asset. No sir: it's dollars; it's the bargains,
the service, the dependability of the firm and so forth. That is one extreme and the other is that one must expend a lot of effort to make ac-quaintances-form friendships-to secure customers.
How many of us would continue trading with a merchant who has no fraternal feeling, no neighborly spirit, no interest in the good of the community, no interest except making money if we can buy elsewhere?
And again, if we discover that a man is active in society, in church, in fraternal organizations only to help his business, we despise him, even if necessity compels us to deal with him. It seems to us that if a man is sound -if his character is founded in right-eousness-he will adopt only right princip.es in business and will discover
and reject every false doctrine as quickly and surely as the gardener eliminates every weed.
E. E. Whitney.

Uses Bait Advertising To Attract PurNew York, Oct. 17-The Grocery Club, 639 Buchanan Place, West New York N. J., is using deceptive bait advertising to get one dolar memberships from housewives.
They advertise "Tremendous Bargains in Groceries" and offer the following:

Sugar, 1c per 1 b
Uneeda Biscuits, 1c per box
Flour, 2c per 1b.
100 bars Fairy soap, $\$ 2$
The reader learns from their followup literature that the articles above cannot be furchased separately at the prices quoted but must be secured in are much higher in price. The addi-
tional articles which the buyer is forced to take are not well known or standard brands of groceries. It is apparent that the a leged saving on the advertised leaders is more than offset by the prices placed on the more obscure articles in the combination.
scure arcicitions should refuse to accept bait advertising of this character which is highly destructive of confidence.

National Vigilance Committee.
You have to give space now and then to posters and hangers advertising local celebrations and events, but you do not have to leave those advertisements up after the events are over.

No matter how many show cards you have up in the store, there are probably places where others could be used and rrobably some that are dirty and should be replaced.

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At $\mathbf{9 . 8 5}$ to net $\mathbf{7 . 1 0} \%$
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Neither of these offerings are new issues, but are a part of the present outstanding capitalization.

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7\% Cumulative Preferred Stock
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7\% Cumulative Preferred Stock
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These offerings are prime preferred stocks. We recommend their purchase to those who desire to invest a portion of their funds in stocks.

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310 Ford Building Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Pratt Presented With a Nash Car El Cajon, Calif., Oct. 10-Two weeks ago Cecil Gibson, an old bicycle friend, of Indianapolis, Ind., drove in to my place with a new seven passenger Nash Six, which he presented to me as a token of esteem and good will from some of my old bicycle and automobile friends, with whom I have been associated during the last thirty years of my activity in those industries.
This car came to me on the twentieth anniversary of my first sale of an automobile and almost to a day the thirty-fifth anniversary sale I made of a high wheel bicycle to Harry Bridgman, of Fiint, in whose father's store I was then clerking. If the car had come a few days later it would have reached me on my 61st birthday The machine came fully equipped even to insurance policies, license extra tires, etc. Mr. Gibson remained a week with us and taught the older members of my family to drive the car
The list of names who made this comfort and pleasure possible for me to enjoy contains two with whom I was associated while in the Clipper Bicycle Co., H. J. Hayes, President of the Hayes-Ionia $\mathrm{Co}_{4}$ of Grand Rapids, and A. G. Southworth, now manager of the New York branch of the Buick Company, which he joined when I was active in that organization, neariy fifteen years ago. The list also includes the following: Charlie Howard -whom I've not seen since I appointed him Coast distributor for the Buick fourteen or fifteen years ago-who was another Buick helper; W. E. Metzger, an old high wheel rider of boyhood days and later my chief in the first years of the Cadillac's career, now an executive of the Columbia Motors, of Detroit; Colonel Charles Clifton, President of the Automobile Chamber of Commerce, with whom I was associated during my long connection with the Pierce-Arrow. This latter company is represented by three of its oldest and largest distributors and two ex-distributors: J. W. Maguire, of Boston, Archie E. Hughes, an old-time bicycle friend, now of FossHughes, Philadelphia; Henry Paulman, an old timer, of H. Paulman Co., Chicago; Tom Botterill, of Denver, a well-known and prosperous dealer, now distributing Hudson products in the inter-mountain territory, a successful bicycle dealer of early days and one of my most valued Pierce helpers for many years; Frank Botterill, chief executive of the Tom Botterill Co., of Salt Lake City and a partner of his brother Tom; R. V. Law, of the R. V. Law Co., distributor of Hudson products for Indiana, formeriy my chief helper in the PierceArrow; Cecil E. Gibson, formerly the sole owner of the largest accessory business in the world, located at Indianapolis, Ind., but now of Los Angeles.
The list comprises an even dozen high grade business men, none of
whom I have known less than fifteen years, and some have been friends for more than a third of a century, scattered over this counttry from the Atlantic to the Golden Gate, including the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Buffa:o, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Chicago, Indianapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Franacisco and Los Angeles. Every man in this list has borne a life-long reputation for square dealing along the Golden Rule line. I have had business dealings with every one and at times when conditions tried the souls of men, but never have I known of a single unfair transaction with their trade.
It was men of this type who were the pioneers of our great industry. They made it possibie in the days when our banks and financial institutions discriminated against the struggling maker and his field helpers. when we had to do a strictly cash on delivery or cash in advance business, These men, without an exception, have known what it was to do business without capital and to live as frugally as the common laborer. It is a source of great satisfaction to me to know of their prosperity. I am proud to have been associated with them and to be able to number them among the friends of a lifetime.
Little do most of them realize the comfort and p.easure this vehicle of transportation will render one who has been confined to the limits of a wheel chair for several years. The pleasantest and, perhals, the most difficult task of my life will be to properly express my feelings to these generous and thoughtful old timers and associates of former days. May they "live long and prosper," as old Rip said when he toasted his friends. J. Elmer Pratt.

## The Parson's Apology.

The old parson, appalled by the evil rampant in his flock, shouted out in a loud voice:
"Ah sees befo' me ten chicken thieves, includin' Barber White."
Now Brother White was very influential in the church, and with a shocked moan he rose and rushed out. Afterwards he began to pull all sorts of strings to make the old preacher eat his words. The old parson, to get a little peace, finally promised to apologize the following Sunday. So the next Sunday before the sermon he rose and said:
"Ah desires to retract mah last Sunday night's remark dat Ah sees before me ten chicken thieves, includin' Barber White. What Ah should have said, dear bredern and sistern, was dat Ah sees befo' me nine chicken thieves, not including' Barber White."

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## Piece Goods Sales Big.

Despite the belief held in some quarters that home dressmaking would not be as widespread this Fall as it was last, sales of piece goods for this purpose are recorted to be very heavy. The piece goods buyers of several large local retail stores say their sales are well over those of last Fall, one of them calculating the increase at more than 33 per cent. There is said to be a notable demand for the higher grade coatings, suitings and dress fabrics.

Among the reasons advanced for the greater activity in fabric saies directly to the consumer are the general acceptance of longer and fuller skirts, more interest in the higher-grade novelty woolens on the part of consumers of limited income and the wider use of patterns for home dressmaking in order to utilize these fabrics. Added to these is the reported increased purchase this Fall of suitings for tailoring by dressmakers with a middle class clientele.
Regarding the types of fabrics being purchased, a buyer for the woolens department of a wel-known store said yesterday: "Since the close of the war the interest in high-priced novelty woolen fabrics has induced the making of clothes at home in families well above the average. Last year these woolens become a dominant factor in the designing of fashions for all types of consumers. In fact, Rodler's high-est-priced coatings and suitings were the first of our imported woolen collections to be sold.
"This year the condition is exactly the same, with the demand for these noveity fabrics stronger, if anything. In advertising our opening of the fabrics favored by the great Paris dressmaking houses we announced a series of lessons in dressmaking, for a fee of $\$ 12$, and prepared for a class of 300 . On the opening day more than 1,000 women applied for the course. The majority were well dressed, and bought fabrics up to $\$ 17.50$ per yard.
Most of the piece goods buyers report the strongest demand is centered on the higher quality fabrics. One store is now entirely sold out of jacquette novelty cloths. There is also reported a steady call for the best one and two-tone duvetyns, velours de laine, drop stitch velours, etc. There is also good request for imported fabric broadtail, made of Turkish mohair and notable for its light weight, luster and beautiful markings.

Another factor that must be taken into consideration with regard to the increase in yardage sales is the longer and fuller skirt. A pattern authority estimates that the average increase in the amount of fabric used over the requirements for last year's short skirt will be from $13 / 4$ to $21 / 2$ yards per pattern.
"The actual end of the short skirt period was reached in June, according to our charts," continued this authority. "Fashion writers, having for months persisted in their predictions of longer dress styles began to confirm the rumors originating in France by reproductions of photographs of fashionable Americans in dresses which reached to the ankles.
"At this point the buying of fabrics slowed down, the siump beginning in the latter part of June. Until the early Fall pattern books were received by the department stores throughout the country and the illustrations with the yardage requirements were understood, there was marked uncertainty. But the decision apparently was made to discard short dresses, as they offered small hope of remodelling, and active buying of the newer fabrics was begun."

The man who is his own ideal in business management or advertising is a man without much to look up to.

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Singles, assorted patterns in Blue-Pink-Tan and Grey Size $60 \times 80 \$ 1.10$ each Size $64 \times 76 \$ 1.20$ each Size $72 \times 84 \$ 1.45$ each 36 in i iaht nirtinas. A medium weight in snappy patterns. Full pleces or 100 yard bundles of $10 / 20$ yd. pcs. ...................... $161 / 2 \mathrm{C}$
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1 Blue Border, Special at, per yard All Wool Auto Robe, size $54 \times 72$ weight $41 / 2$ pounds. A beautiful Plaid
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An extra special at, each $5 / 4$ White Table Oil Cloth. This is a special, furnished us by the Mer. itas Manufacturers and is not a second quality. In White only. Fancy Turkish Towels. We have a quantity of these Towels size
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Dress Goods. ${ }_{32} \mathrm{in}$. Wool Mixed Storm Serge 44 in . All Wool Storm Serge 50 in . All Wool Storm Serge --...
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White Goods.
All widths and both finishes of Indian

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Turkeys Scarce As Price Mounts.
Washington, Oct. 17-Despite steady increase in the price producer have received for turkeys since 1915 production has steadily decreased, according to figures published by the United States Department of Agricul ture. The average price received during the four months October to Jan uary, 1915-1916, was 15 cents a pound The average price received during the corresponding feriod in 1920-1921 was 32 cents a pound. In 1900 the census figures showed $6,594,695$ turkeys on farms in the United States, while in 1910 there were only $3,688,708$, and in 1920 there were 3,627028 .
During the past six years the price of turkeys has increased to the producer more than 100 per cent., while during the past twenty years the number of turkeys produced has de neased about 50 per cent the depart ment states.
It is common knowledge that turkeys are not easily handled, for by nature they are wanderers, and they nature they are wanderers, and they asually give considerable concern to those whose duty it is to keep them on the home premises. The almost inconquerable inclination of turkeys wafter caused strained feelings, and has often caused strained feelings, and many owners of flocks have abandoned the business of raising turkeys on that account. Turkeys are also eriously aflicted by a disease, known as blackhead, which has caused heavy osses, and in some instances the business has been given up entirely or this reason. These causes of loss, ogether with the frequent ravage f wild animals, including dogs and rats, have all tended to discourage development of the industry.
The raising of turkeys may be a very profitable occupation where there is an abundance of range, ample feed and reasonable freedom from preying animals, the department states. Even for those who have a limited range there are opportunities for raising a few turkeys each year if proper time and attention are devoted to it The department points out, however the desirability of a thorough study of all the phases of the business.
It is very difficult to ship turkeys alive to market since the shrinkage is very heavy. Ordinarily turkeys do not eat very much when confined, and therefore they are usually killed and dressed locally and then shipped to market, packed in barrels or boxes. Turkeys, like chickens, may be either Turkeys, like chickens, may be either scalded or dry picked, but the dry markets because they keep better and markets because they keep better and there are no losses of their substance by reason of a great deal of the soluble substance being removed by soaking in water or by packing in ice. There ar conditions, of course, where there is no alternative but to pack the birds in ce and ship them in barrels. The objection to scalded-dressed birds does the birds are dressed and sold imme he birds are dressed and sold imme diately to the consumer.

Turkeys mature and fleshen very much better in the fall, when the at mosphere is crisp and fairly cold, such as prevails for some weeks preceding the holiday season. During this season the birds are in greatest demand although the cold storage product may be had at all seasons. Warm weathe during the week preceding the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays has a marked effect on demand, and other conditions being equal, the qual ity of dressed turkeys for the holiday market may be predicted to a great degree by weather conditions during the fall season.

## Meat From the North.

Would you like a reindeer steak, or a yak chop or a buffalo hump or a little fricassed musk ox, for dinner? Within a few years it is quite possibie that all these will be available in Michigan. Reindeer meat was sold in small quantities to clubs and hotels two winters ago. There are now more than 200,000 reindeer in Alaska; their meat has been familiar in Seattle and other Pa cific cities for years and the herds are said by Stefansson to double in number every three years. A corporation subsidiary to the Hudson's Bay Company, under a special arrangement with the Canadian government, is trying to develop a similar reindeer industry in Northern Canada. As for buffalo, the famous Alberta herd belonging to the Dominion is reported this year to be 6000 in strength, and they are increasing so rapidly that they are expected to number 50,000 in 1924 and $3,000,000$ in 1937. They are being successfully crossed with the yak and with common cattle. The buffalo, like the reindeer, caribou and musk ox, can winter in the ofen at a latitude where the ordinary steer, unless sheltered and fed, will quickly perish. Hence the plans for covering broad subArctic areas with these animals.
Both those who complain of our restricted list of meats, longing for fresh flavors, and those who fear that meat production cannot keep pace with consumption, will regard hopefully these Northern experiments.. If the buffalo or the cattalo-as the hybrid between a buffalo bull and an ordinary cow is called-or the reindeer can be made to pay in competition with our present stock industry, the growth of the new herds may take us by surprise. A heated controversy is raging over the question whether the high North is really inclement or not, and these shaggy beasts may decide it

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Wild Blackberries Have a Flavor All Their Own.
Grandville, Oct. 10-Blackberrying in early lumbering days was an enjoyment and source of profit not met with to-day
The wild black berries were a side line which aided the housewife very materiaily in making up her winter's store of canned goods for the year. And they were so plentiful especially in our little settlement, that for a number of years large numbers of Indians made it a point for encampment and the gathering of the fruit for market.
That market was at Muskegon.
Mackinac boats were used for shipping the berries to the mouth of the river, Indian braves manning the boats while their squaws remained behind to fick the berries. The buck Indian was averse to labor of any sort and it was no uncommon sight in those days to see Indians astride fonies riding leisurely along the road, while behind trudged the squaws, bearing their load of baskets.
Even the civilized Mr. Troutier, who so long flourished on the river as one of its leading merchants, always occupied the wagon seat alone when he and his wife were out riding, she squatted down behind in the bottom of the box. That was an Indian custom which even the white blood of the halfbreed refused to overrule.
The redmen pitched their tents on the river flat at the opening of the berry season and remained until the last picking. The time for the harvest usually extended through several weeks.
It was the habit of the boys and girls of the village to visit the Indian camp evenings to note the habits and curiosities of the place. The harvested berries netted a nice sum for the redmen, hundreds of bushels being gathered each season.
A miliowner who had a store in connection with the mill business often bought berries of the Indians which he manufactured into wine. I distinctly remember one season when this man put out nearly 40 barrels of 40 gallons each of this wine. He paid 3 c per quart for the berries, paying therefor out of his store at exorbitant prices, so that the wine cost him very little, aside from the labor of making, the juice doing the most of the working. Sometimes a little tobacco juice or cheap alcohol hastened the ripening of cheap ancoh
Every quart of this brew fetched the maker $\$ 1$ so that the enterprise was maker to soezed that was in the not to be sneezed at. That was in the was a dead letter on the Michigan was a dead
statute book.
Those days are gone forever and we may well rejoice that it is so.
The blacberries, however, were a fine and wholesome fruit and for many years grew in abundance throughout the lumber country. After the fire


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blackberry bushes came up in profu sion, and hundreds of acres were in evidence within a few miles of our little village.
Very few whites made a business of gathering the berries for selling. The boys and girls of the place often formed berry parties and had a jolly time blackberrying Saturday afternoons. Schools had half a day every Saturday so that half Saturdays and Sundays were the times the youngsters got out after fruit for their mothers' pantry.
There were rollways, high hills which were every year surmounted with blackberry patches. Several canoes would pull out for these of a Sunday, loaded with boys and girls for the cicking. The climb of a hundred feet and more up the steep b.uffs was enjoyed to the limit. Going down with filled pails was sometimes hazard ous unless great care was used in the descent.
Oft times we would run upon flock of quail or partridge, these birds being so tame as to hardly try to get from under foot.

During none of these berry parties did we ever encounter a bear or wolf. The nearest adventure was when a bear crashed down to the river bank on the side opposite our rollway, givon the side opposite our rollway, givover, then turning and disappearing over, then turning and disappearing .into the thicket.

Snakes were encountered and the girls were like those of to-day, ready to shriek with alarm at sight of them Rattlesnakes, however, were confined to the marshes farther back and seldom met with near the river.

The blackcap raspberry grew wiid in sonie parts of the cutover lands. Usually these were in patches by themselves, seldom mingling with the hardier blackberry.
There were no raspberry parties when this berry was made the piece de resistence, and no blackberrys were gathered. We had to go to a different part of the woods for the different sorts of berries. Blackberries were the preference because of the quicker filling of the pails.

The raspberries coming in advance of the more luscious blackberry was fully appreciated and gathered into the larder of the thrifty housewife.
In those days canoeing on the river was a srort quite freely indulged. A1most every family owned a canoe. Many times has the writer taken the school ma'am and some of the girls for a canoe ride, paddling far up the stream, until the shades of night began to fall, then let the canoe float down the stream to the tune of pleasant songs from the occupants of the boat.
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From the farmer's viewpoint the sugar beet crop, in its early days, had one great drawback-it called for more labor proportionately than most farm crops. In one locality where a better sugar factory was being established, farmers were reluctant to sign contracts for this reason.
Among the farmers who liked the crop as a prospective profit-maker was one who instantly thought of the possibilities of labor-saving machinery. He went straightway to the leading implement dealer in his town.
"I don't suppose you carry any sugar beet machinery," he suggested negatively.
"No. We don't bother with it at all. In fact, I don't know of any. This beet business is all an experiment." The dealer, like many of the farmers to whom he had catered for years, shied at "experiments." He was as closely wedded to his grain harvesting machinery as the od-time farmers were to their grain crops.
"I am going to try beets." said this farmer determinedly, "but I'd like to get a line on some machinery."
He next went to a hardware dealer who handled implementst as a side line. "I don't suppose you carry any beet machinery?" he again suggested.
"We haven't got any in yet," returned the canny dealer. "What do you want? I am pretty sure we can get it for you."
"I don't know but I was thinking-" "Just sit down a minute," flashed the dealer. He stefped into his office and telephoned the office of the sugar company. Then he consulted his file of catalogs and price lists. He came back in a few minutes bristling with information. There was machinery on which he was able to quote specific prices; and other machinery on which he would be giad to get prices. Whatever the farmer wanted he could order. He showed some of the catalog illustrations and booked an order for one item on the spot, with a request to get further information regarding others.
"If you see anybody else who has signed up for beets," concluded the dealer, "tell them I am getting a line on all the newest machinery and will get them anything they want."
Here was exemplified two methods of meeting a new situation- or rather, one method of sidestepping it, and another method of meeting it squareiy and profitably. That farticular dealer supplies four-fifths of the beet machinery used in his locality, just because he was willing to dig up the facts regarding new and untried lines.
If there had been in the locality no dealer with sufficient enterprise to render this service to the farmers, the latter would still have had two aiternatives. In the one case they could probably have secured their machinery in co-operation with the sugar company, which would have been impelled to such a policy by the sheer necssity of securing acreage. This would have taken the business for years, if not forever, out of the regular channels of trade.
In the other alterpative the farmers would have dug up their mail order
catalogs and ordered from out-of-town houses, to the still greater detriment of the business community.
Possibly some did in any event, discouraged by the first rebuff from the local dealers; but the enterprise of this one hardware dealer not merely kept a lot of trade in town, where it belonged, but gave timely encouragement to a worth while farm industry. For of all forms of encouragement to farming, the providing of labor-saving facilities is the most vital and effective.
The tendency of the farming community to shop by mail is quite strong enough without the local merchant encouraging it by passing up such opportunities to serve his customers. This instance of beet machinery is merely typical of a wide variety of incidents that crop up continually in the implement trade. Few dealers carry in stock every article for which their customers call. Indeed, there are many articles which it would not pay the dealer to stock. Yet occasional calls for such articles are bound to come, and often they come from other than regular customers, who go from one dealer to another in search of what they want. These calls represent opportunities which the dealer can grasp or can refuse, just as he is enterprising or otherwise.
It is true, that in some instances the effort to give service is unproductive of results. I have known dealers to write away for and to secure information and the farmer at whose behest it is secured has never come back to take advantage of it. That is, however, just one of the inevitable phases of the game. It is just as inevitable as the refusal of other farmers to buy stafle implements for which they are persistently canvassed.
But in the majority of instances, the dea:er's proffer of his services in securing information will produce immediate returns in the way of business. In addition to that, the policy of service, if steadily persisted in, will help get the farmer into the habit of taking his problems to the local implement dealer instead of flying into the arms of the distant catalog house.
The situation presented by these unsolicited orders is a business one, to be met in a business way. "We don't handle it at all" isn't a business man's answer. Because an impiement is not on the floor of the show room is no reason why you shouldn't sell it and secure the profit, and, more than that, keep the business in your home town.
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bodied in the slogan of a great commercial house:
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"We'll get it promptly" is the policy that keeps business in the home town. I know from actual experience and a close study of some habitual mail order buyers that price alone isn't the cause which lures a lot of people into buying by mail in preference to patronizing local merchants. "You can get such beautiful things in Detroit and Chicago" says the woman in the small Michigan town. "There is nothing like them in the stores here." And a great share of the implement business which goes to mail order firms is business to which local dealers cater only in an indecisive, ineffective way.
"We'll get it promptly" should mean just what the phrase imp.ies. It isn't enough to say that you'll find out the price or get information or order the goods and then go about it in a pottering, slow-moving way. The local dealer's service to be effective, must be prompt.
This means that he must keep in touch with sources of supply, with new lines manufactured, and be able to quote prices and secure goods on almost a moment's notice. Service as. frompt as this may not in every instance be necessary, but it is the sort of service the local dealer should aim to give his patrons.
There are many lines which it will not pay the average sma. 1 town hardware implement dealer to carry continuously in his show rooms. The iocal possibilities of these lines may be limited. There may be other lines which pay better for pushing and will better justify the investment of the dealer's time and effort. Yet the service which is able to give attention to the line only now and then called for will add considerable to the bulk of the year's business and proportionately more to the year's profits.
For this business is of a kind that does not require the tying up of capital. What the dealer sells is, not goods he has bought, but information he has secured. He makes connections with manufacturing and jobbing houses, he keeps the latest frice lists and catalogs on file, and he has this phase of the business so systematized that at a moment's notice he can find the article to meet any specified need or quote the price on any article asked for that is not in stack. He does not need to buy the article until he has sold it and is reasonably sure of his money. The quick turnover of goods, so essential to profitable business in any line, is here demonstrated in its neatest and most satisfying form.
This policy has been employed by one implement dealer of $m y$ acquaintance in developing tractor business. He is an Ontario man, operating in a section of the province where farms are comparatively small, and where consequently the tractor does not normally fit into farming as it does in the extensive grain growing areas of the prairies. The war, however, resuited in a pronounced labor scarcity. The tractor was the one solution of the labor problem. Yet even then the
initial investment represented an outlay that made the cautious farmers shrink from what was, at that time, to them, still an untried experiment.
The implement dealer singled out two brothers who owned large and adjacent farms as his most likely prospects. He picked as his line a comparatively small tractor.

Then the dealer commenced to hold tractor demonstrations. Part of his agreement was that he should have the privilege of demonstrating the tractor he had just sold to all comers, on the farms operated by the purchasers. Commencing with the 1915 fall plowing, and following up with various farm operations all through 1916, that first tractor while doing the farm work for Smith Bros. was simuitaneously making more tractor sales for the dealer. Hundreds of farmers attended the advertised demonstrations at various seasons of the year. They saw the "experiment" engaged in practical farm work, turning a cleaner furrow than the champion of the oldfashioned plowing match ever could. A good many of them bought. A dozen or more sales were made in the first year; and all on an original investment of less than 25 cents in stamps, which was the dealer's entire cash outlay before his first sale was made.
Of course in districts normaly suited to tractor farming the dealer finds it advantageous to have the goods on the ground. But here the experiment under the peculiar circumstances existing had to be worked out along different lines. The instance illustrates, not how the tractor should be handled under all circumstances (far from it) but how any apparently experimental line can be introduced with little risk to the dealer.
In any event, the new implement, whatever it may be, in practical use is the most convincing advertisement the dealer can have. It is one thing to explain the machinery in the show room or at the fall fair, and it is another and more effective thing to say: "Farmer Smith is using this right along and if you come out to his farm with me, you can see just how it works and find out just what he thinks of it." In that way, even if he doesn't carry an article regularly in stock, a shrewd dealer can make every satisfied customer a regular demonstrator for him.
True, the staple implements must be carried and shown on the floor, and to them the dealer must give most of his time and selling effort. But he must get rid of the idea that because he doesn't carry a certain artic.e readily he hasn't any right to sell it. "Sell anything that carries a profit and gives good satisfaction" is a good motto for the wide-awake dealer. If you can't sell from the floor, sell from a catalog; but above all things, sell and give service.
This is a sort of folicy that will do a lot toward keeping trade in your community and inducing people to deal through the local dealer rather than by mail. The farmer is merely human; and though he likes a good bargain, he appreciates a palpable desire on the dealer's part to meet his needs and solve his difficulties.

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Gabby Gleanings From Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids, Oct. 17-You can say what you please, the cost of selling the goods is the biggest expense in business and always will be in cases where salesmen are used. This especially atplies to jobbers who sell over a wide territory. A few such get along without salesmen and succeed. Their customers come in and buy from price lists. But this necessarily limits the business and always will. Statistics show that tea and coffee jobbers pay as much as 10 per cent. of their sales for salesmen. Jobbers in spices, baking powder and other grocery sundries in addition to tea and coffee, sometimes pay as high as 14 per cent. General wholesale grocers pay the least-from 2.7 per cent. to 5 , with an average of 3.3 per cent. In the wholesale grocery business the cost of salesmen is likely to increase rather than decrease, first., because wages generally are increasing. and so is the demand for salesmen; and second, because the business of the average wholesale grocer, for various reasons, is shrinking.
Chase R. Moore, who was formerly with H. F. Malott, of Chicago, and with Pingree, of Detroit, will represent the Rich Shoe Co. in Indiana. He has been traveling Middle Western states for a number of years, and is well known in the trade.
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A sense of hospitality should enter into the make-up of a good retail clerk, to aid in making a customer feel at home in the store, more especially in the smaller towns. For the reason that when the folks come to town to buy, the first question upon arrival is, "Well, where shall we go? What shall we do?" If a hearty welcome and
grasp of the hand await them close to the front door of the store where one works, the long chances are that what merchandise the folks buy when they come to town will bear the label of come to town windshake. Welcome \& Co.. dealers in Hospitality as well as General Merchandise.
The dealer cannot expect to increase sales and meet competition at home from catalogue houses if he does no have the stock. It is not always the price that sells the goods or establishes the reputation. If you have taught the public to say, "You will find it at Blank's your business is on Easy street. Always keep in mind to mark goods at what they will bring regardless of the percentage of profit. No more serious mistake can be made than to decide that this line must carry this percentage of profit and that line another. Goods should be marked as soon as opened and then place the cost and selling price on every item,
even to every pocket-knife.
A reasonable course to pursue is to abide by an agreement strictly until you receive positive proof that the other fellow has broken faith, and then to act quickly in protecting your interest without any formal notification. To our minds, a breach of good faith in itself nullifies an agreement.
One of the most successful business men of America has laid down these rules for business: "Capital can do nothing without brains to direct it?"
"No general can fight his battles alone. He must depend upon his lieutenants, and his success depends upon his ability to select the right men for the right place." Good men are for cheap." "Most men talk too much. Much of my success has been due to keeping my mouth shut."
keeping my mouth shut." the Hotel Belding has not improved either the cuisine or the service, as it was naturally expected he would do. The poralions are still wretchedly small, the "sirloin" steak is still tough and the waiters still lack the careful training which they should have to render a which they should have to render a used to be in the days of W. P. Hetherington, of blessed memory! Instead erington, of blessed memory! Instead to the comfort and satisfaction of guests it is like pulling teeth to secure a second helping of butter or a second a second helping of water. Instead of serving each guest an individual pitcher of cream with tea and coffee, all are supcream with tea and coffee, all are sup-
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A. W. Paris, pioneer candy manufacturer, died at his home at Minnfapolis, Oct. 8. He had been engaged in the candy business there for thirty years. He was Vice-President of the National Candy Co., of St. Louis, Mo. and at one time President of the National Confectioners Association of the United States. A widow and two ing to Minneapolis, Mr. Paris was a ing to Minneapolis, Mr. Paris was a resident of Grand Rapids and superintendent of Putnam \& Brooks candy factory, 63 and Monroe avenue) one door North of where the Heyman stores now are. Al was a frequent visitor to Grand Rapids and always had a glad hand
Rev. G. P. T. Sargent says that a traveling salesman's hife is one of service and that service is the "plus" service and that service is the plus rests with the little wife back in his own home town
I. H. Coffin, representing Lee, Cady \& Co., wholesale grocers, of Detroit, Mas in for Monday for twenty-two years with casion he was a day late. No reason given.

William G. Tapert, the long-time Soo correspondent for the Tradesman was in Gtand Rapids from Saturday until Tuesday, visiting relatives and taking in the many points of interest in and about the city. Mr. Tapert and toring to Bay City and Detroit and putting in several days at each place. He left Grand Rapids via the Mack naw Trail and Fife Lake, taking in Traverse City en route and proceeding to Levering via M 11, thence to Cheboygan en route to Mackinaw City, St. Ignace and home. Mr Tafert says he finds a most remark able improvement in the auto roads every where he goes. This is the longest vacation Mr. Tapert has taken since he has been connected with the
Plans are under way for a five-story addition to the Columbia Hotel, Ka:amazoo. The dining room is to be made larger and three private dining rooms added. It is expected that work on the new addition will begin by Nov. 15.
That which was lacking in attendance at the last U. C. T. meeting was made up in enthusiasm on the part of those present. A. F. Rockwell asked for the privilege of operating the new addressograph. R. V. Pilkinton of ered his services in connection with the multigraph. J. B. Olney asked to be placed on the printing and publicity committee. It was unanimously agreed that all would attend the You-See-Tea at the Pantlind next Saturday afternoon.
Some time ago the Drug Trade Weekly offered $\$ 1,000$ in frizes for
the best window decorations. Of the en winning hundred dollar prizes only one displayed drugs. There were thirty prizes of $\$ 10$ each, twenty-three of which were for merchandise consisting of soaps, toilet articles and fountain pens. Truly the present day irug store is but a department store under another name.
Twenty-seven salesmen of the Chicago Paper Company spent two days last week among the paper mills of
Kalamazoo. Every state West of the Mississifpi was represented.
Have you noticed the absence of soap in original wrappers since the hotel men's annua! meeting in ", "attie bars are to be found in most rooms bars are to be found in most rooms
where rates are under $\$ 2.50$. Supposedly a disinfectant soap may har-
bor certain disease cerms. It is a good plan to carry a small bar of your own selection. Manv travelers are doing this.

The first dancing party of the season given by the United Commercial Travelers will be on Saturday evening, Oct. 28, It will be in the form of a Hallow een party, with appror riate decorations and special features. 1 he place se ected is the $\begin{aligned} & \text {. } . \text {. hall in }\end{aligned}$ The Knights of Columbus builing. The Roseland Melody six-piece orchestra will furnish music. Further members of the dance committee, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kaser, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stevens, Mr. and Mr . and Clyde Hart. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mrs. Clyde Hart. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lypps, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel $\mathrm{gever}, \mathrm{Mr}$. and Mrs. Ray Bentley.
James H. Bolen, presiding officer of Grand Rapids Council, played to hard luck last week. A friend asked him to ride from Ga:esburg to Kalamazoo. In some manner Jim's yersonal grip slipped out of the car and with it Jim's shaving brush, his "nighty" and everything. The loss liberal reward is offered. Eevery policeman and commercial traveler in policeman and commercial traveler in
that locality is on the lookout for the that locality
missing grip.

## missing grip.

About thirty members of the You-See-Tea Club, several accompanied by their wives, attended the weekly the Pantind Saturday noon. There was instrumental music and communwas instrumental music and commun-
ity songs. Business matters were quickly disposed of and a very enj̣oyable and interesting address was given by one of the membership Rev. G. P. T. Sargent, of Grace church. oldest ind a salesman. His line is the oldest and best known in all the world. To quote his own words, "It is something that everyone should have and something everybody wants when they, are once able to appreciate its value." At that. Mr. Sargent says there are
times when he has trouble in "putting times when he has trouble in "putting it across." He spoke of the traveling salesman and his influence in the community, mentioning some of the fleasures and some of the obstacles that beset the trave.er. His tribute to the traveling man's wife was beautiful and most pleasing to the ladies of his audience. In commenting on Mr. Sargent's address one of the old-timers said: "No matter where he is or what the occasion may be, Brother Sargent never forgets that he is a minister of
the gospel." No higher compliment the gospel." No higher compliment
could be paid than this. A membercould be paid than this. A membership committee consisting of Bliss. N. Burgess, W. Solen was appointed by President Lawton, at the suggestion of Rev. Sargent, who reminded all that "every day was lidies' day at the You-See-Tea." A larger attendance is expected on next Saturday. The program committee has promised another treat and special music. If you are a traveler there is an invitation extended to be present at the next meeting. Strangers visiting our city on that day are esrecially invited.
Joseph P. Lynch has returned from Utica, N. Y., where he conducted a nine day sale for the J. B. Wells \& Son Co. department store, which carried stock to the amount of $\$ 197,000$. The sales for the nine days aggregated over $\$ 80,000$, the sales the opening day aggregating $\$ 21,789$. The larges day the store ever had before was The new fireproof nine-story Hotel Rowe, which is now under construc tion here, will be open the latter part of December. The hotel will have 310 rooms, a: 1 equipped with circulating ice water. lavatory and toilet, about 250 of which will have baths. The total cost of the Hotel Rowe in cluding furnishings, will run a little better than a million and a quarter C. L. Holden, the Manager of the Holden Hotel Co., operator of the Hotel Rowe, will make his permanen headquarters in Grand Rapids afte
ment and furnishings and get his organization together freparatory to the opening. The building of the Hote Rowe in its location is going to materially affect business conditions in that part of Monroe avenue. As the hotel nears completion, many comments are heard that it is a much more beautiful hotel than the public had ex pected and this is equally true of the hotel respect, that when it is opened on Jan. 1 , it will be filled to capacity for at least thirty days during the furniture season.
E. S. Calkins has sold his interest in the Calkins House, at Shepherd, and taken a lease of the Manchester Hotel at Manchester.
There is a wide difference between he practical hotel land ord and the amateur or self-centered chap who knows it all. The former welcomes criticism, because he knows ther must be some basis for fault finding or complaints would not be registered Instead of flying into a passion and damning the guest who makes sug gestions for the good of the establish ment, the practical landlord sets about to remedy the defects and thanks the guest who goes out of his way to point out weak features in the man-
agement. Another tyre of alleged land ord hastens to a lawyer's office and threatens the man who gives publicity to weak features with a damage suit. Such a man has no place in the realm of hotel keepers and will neve be anything but a cheap joke and The man who writes Mr. Statler about defects in any of his hotels receives defects in any of his hotels receives
in reply a well-worded personal letter in reply a well-worded personal letter, expressing gratitude for the pointer
and so.iciting further suggestions any time anything goes wrong. He is also requested to take notice the next time he visits the hotel and carefully observe whether the defect has not been eliminated. Why is this? Because
Mr. Statler is a real landlord and Mr . Statler is a real landlord and
realizes that suggestions made in good faith are a most valuable adjunct to the successful conduct of his hotels. The same spirit is always manifested
by E. R. Swett, landlord of the Occidenta: Hotel Muskegon. Mr. Swett invariably welcomes suggestions when
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The Best Place in Michigan To Make Things.
Boyne City, Oct. 17-F. O. Barden \& Son are building a lumber shed and
wood working plant at the corner of wood working plant at the corner of
Ray street and South East street. This Ray street and South East st. S. Miles lumber yard last year. They will move the yard to the East street location, so
that they may be on the railroad. The thailding of the new warehouse made it necessary to tear down one of the o.dest residences, built when it was on the edge of the forest. Barden \& Son are
banking on the rapid development of banking on the rapid development the past five years give promise that their foundation is good.
The local Chamber of Commerce began its sixth year with a dinner at
the Wolverine Hotel. One hundred men and women assisted at the birthday celebration. We had the promise of two big guns from Grand Rapids and one from the Highway department to make the occasion a notable one. At the last minute we were told that Bearce could not be with us and the Highway Department man just did not come. However, we had a good time and, with the help of Hugh Gray, made a very creditable showing of Harris, was the master of ceremonies We were favored by Judge Mayne, of Charlevoix, and a fioneer of this county, Mr. Teachout, of Waloon Lake. The outstanding address of the evening however, was a talk that for clarity of thought, logical arrangement of ideas and forceful oratory has
never been excelled by any speake we have had. Mr. Fucher, the superintendent of our schools, gave us, almost impromptu, his conception of our duty to the children, especially those just entering the 'teen age. It was a catagorical answer to that moot quesion, "What shall we do with our girls?" His ta.k laid the guilt of the uvenile delinquent right at the door of the home and made the lack of community interest one of the prime factors, the meat of the talk being Give the children something to do and not always something to don't. Judge Mayne told us that Charlevoix county was equipped with talent that is second o none in the State and our busted-up program was a good illustration o ur ability to go it alone. Hugh Grav closed the obsequies in one of his always welcome taks about sesern Michigan, the beautiful, the sublime and how his heart burns with the de ermination to go out and compe nd drink their fill of the to come nd drink Wee fil of the aforesaid eauties. We all with our tummies full of Mie's pood food our heads full of Marie's good food, our heads rowded filled with a determination make the coming year count in the make the coming year
history of Boyne City.
The tourist who fled with the Sep mber frost misse the greatest show on earth-the dying summer season and val eys are a blaze of glory. Not the pale pinks and dead browns of socalled more fortunate latitudes, but the crimson and gold shot through he crimson and gold shot through with the dark greens of the conifers These bare lags bar a decided discomfort, but a drive in any direction is a source of
we don't have any mud.

And Do not forget that Boyne City things.

Deflation in the Sugar Industry.
The Census Bureau's report on the sugar refining industry for 1921, with comparative figures for 1919, throws ome interesting light on the effects price deflation on manufacturing nterprises. The output of the reporting refineries, in actual tonnage, was per cent greater in 1921 than in ar declined 35 per the refined suthere was an evident attempt to bring down operating costs, for the average number of wage-earners was re duced 14 per cent. This smaller labor force, it will be noted, actually produced more sugar in 1921 than the larger force did in 1919. The cost of materials was also reduced 35 per cent., but it is impossible to judge from the figures how much of this was due to the general decline in prices and how much to greater economy in the use of materials. It is probable, however, that both factors ayed their part. It is interesting to observe that costs of materials were
cut down in exactly the same proportion as the market value of the product. If all other expenses had been reduced correspondingly the industry would have not been adversely affectthe rub. In spite of the reduction in the number of wage-earners and salaried employes, the total payments of salaries and wages was reduced only 9.9 per cent. This is just one more illustration of the greater sensitiveness of who esale prices than of wages to economic changes.

Play is often hard work, but hard work is seldom play.


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Muskegon Director of Drugs and Drug Stores-
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Why One Druggist Sells More Goods.
As one druggist remarked some time ago: "Many a sale is never made in our field because we do not a:ways take the necessary time to demonstrate our goods. To be sure, we could easily make for more sales, if we only made up our minds to get the interest of the people."

Now crops up the question: "Just how can the druggist develop more sales for himself." We all know the druggist, when he operates a one-man store, is often quite busy in waiting upon the customers. Yet there are always occasions that might be utilized in telling prospects a little more of the goods, and this even if the possibility for a sale is slight.

There will be some druggists who will exert no effort whatever to interest a prospect in more of his merchandise. Often, it must be borne in mind, sales later result simply because the foresighted druggist had taken the time to explain the merits of his goods. Let us show how this sometimes works out.

Sometimes two or more persons wili enter your establishment, to help in the selection of some suitable merchandise. There is the case of the two women who entered one drug store to purchase some rubber goods, the woman who was to pay for the goods not having much know.edge as to what to buy, her companion of course offering to assist her in choosing desirable articles.
The two women therefore looked over some hot water bottles and some fountain syringes. The woman who knew something about the rubber goods was largely instrumental in coming to a quick decision, buying almost immediately, and the alert druggist realized that this woman was the means for the trasactions coming to such a quick termination. Following the sales he therefore offered to show more of the rubber goods to this second woman. He was free at the time and felt he would not be wasting his efforts.

But the woman desisted at first, saying she was not in the market herself
for any of the rubber goods. "That is a 1 right!" the druggist waved the objection aside; "I merely want to show you a few more of the hot water bottles and syringes. You need not buy at all."
Why did the druggist go to this trouble. Surely there was no immediate sale in sight. But he reasoned as suggested, that his time would be put to good use. And so it wasl A few weeks later another woman came into his store and asked immediately anent a certain water bottle and fountain syringe. The druggist brought forth the hot water bottle specified, also the syringe. He never made two easier sales!

When the woman had completed these two Iurchases she explained just why she had asked for the two articles, a though this druggist had had them in stock but a short time. She had been directed to his establishment by that second woman who a short time previous had accompanied the prospect to buy some of the rubber goods. The druggist's time after all had not been wasted.

This illustrates amply how the progressive druggist places himself in the way of added sales, sales that normally would be made at a competitor's, if not in another field.

Frank V. Faulhaber.
What, Is a Neighboring Store?
"Why don't you patronize the neighboring stores?" asked the business ethics shark.
"Tell you why," said the wise bird. "I remember the Bible's query about who is my neighbor, and how it was answered. I do patronize every neighboring store I can. But not all the stores in a fellow's own neighborhood are neighboring stores. Some of them two miles away are more inclined to neighbor than those in the next block. If a fellow wants to chuck a store into my vicinity, in the residence district and charge me so much that I could pay carfare downtown and buy the same article and save money by it, and still expects me to patronize him because he is in the same geographical vicinity, that baby is kidding himself and not me. Wherever I find a storekeeper willing to neighbor, I am there with the neighborliness, all right. But when he presumes too much on the mere map to decide who is a neighbor and who isn't and expects me to pay his rent for him every time I buy two tubes of toothpaste or a peck of turnips, neighborliness is just as absent on my part as on his."

Save your hard luck stories to write in your diary. Your customers know nothing and care nothing about them.

## Is Advertising an Expense or Invest-

 ment?Advertising lies on the hazy borderline between expense and investment. Like extra rent for a choice location, it should be curtailed with great care, for more may be lost through reduced turnover than is saved. Consider the department store and the grocer. The grocers of the country average an expenditure of one-tenth of 1 per cent. on sales, the department store advertising runs ten to eleven times the grocery average. The usual grocer, when asked why he does not advertise, will answer that he "has nothing special to advertise," or he "doesn't know how to put things into print." Advertising is simply saying in quiet, plain, sincere good English what you have to offer. And it is not a bit necessary that you have anything the other stores have not. Reproduced is a garage advertisement which has been regarded as almost perfect by one advertising authority. Its straightforwardness could be copied by any dealer:
"My pumps give exact measure. They are inspected regularly. Run by electric power, they do not get tired and short-gauge you. I have two good gasolines, expert test, 32 c ; and dry test 29 c ."
And that is absolutely all! There is not a word about offering better service, quality, price or measure than any other dealer, nor anything fantastic or flamboyant about it. It is just a plain sta'ement of what one can expect to get at Nicholas'
To spend 1 per cent. of sales in intelligent advertising will be good business for any grocer. But advertising can go no further than bringing the customer to the goods. It is up to the grocer to see that his clerks know what he has advertised. It is not a bad plan for the clerks to be posted on what is going on in other departments as well as their own.

The man who is a fai.ure as an employe cannot expect to become a success as an employer without learning something more.

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This Summer's Harvest-Was It Worth Storing?
Written f
A month after the young folks have gone back to school and college, have they caught up with themselves and recovered from the effects of the summer vacation? Any teacher can tell you that it takes weeks to get really under way with the average girl or boy who has spent the summer in idleness.
Are you satisfied with the way in which your sons and daughters spent their summer? Are they richer in body and mind for the break in their work?
First, of course, we want these young peorle to be strong and healthy, ready for the year's work, ready to study hard and bear the confinement of school and college. That is the most important thing. Did they get that? Or did they wear themselves out still more by a frantic round of dances, late hours, miscellaneous eating, and generally highpressure living? Weren't they really more tired and over-strained than when they left it last June?
And what of their mental state? Did their minds simply grow weeds, like a neglected garden, during the summer? There is always something growing in the human mind. Nature leaves no soil unoccupied, even in the field of psychology.

I know one father who for several years has forbidden his boys and girls to open a book during the summer. It always struck me as a queer ideathat their minds should stop working just because school was out! The mind gains something, to be sure, from other sources than books; but this father was doing all he could to make his children feel that reading was an irksome business, and that the school was a sort of prison whose tasks should be evaded at every opportunity. One of his daughters broke away this summer and spent several weeks at a summer school. She told me the other day that she never had so enjoyed a summer.
"It wasn't a total waste, like other summers," she said; "and, besides, I enjoyed every minute of it and now I am not going to have to lose several weeks getting back, into the way of study again."
One boy whom I met this summer was working steadily through a list of books concerned with his Egnlish course in college. He sfent hours in sailing his boat, fishing, horseback riding, and dancing in the eventngs, but he set aside every day a certain time for reading. I noticed that he wrote in the flyleaf of each book every word that he did not fully un-
derstand and looked up each in the dictionary.
To increase my vocabulary," he said when I laughingly asked him if he took the dictionary to bed with him.
"Every day I see more clearly," he added, "how much there is that haven't read-that I never sha: have time to read. Why didn't my parents teach me years ago to read good things in the time when I was reading all sorts of trash? Every summer until now I have read a lot of piffling novels or not read at all. Now I am doing my best to catch up, but it makes me sick to think of all the summers I have wasted just doing nothing."
I am far from meaning that young folks should not have the best possible time in the summer vacations. Soon enough they will be confronted by the hard tasks and high pressures of life; of anxieties, griefs, hard work in the hurly-buriy of the world. I have no love for the solemn "grind" who never takes time for fun and even for mere relaxing idleness- 1 in reasonable moderation. But I see al! around me every summer the demoralizing effects of continuous waste of time and opportunity on the part of young people-and of their parents,

Even the good times of the holiday are the more enjoyed if they are flanned-and balanced against a reasonably managed programme of useful work. Mental stability is just as important as physical health, and a three months' diet of lolly-pops, of trashy novels and aimless chatter is just as sure to produce mental indigestion as a similar diet is to demoralize the physical stomach.
The work of the whole term in school and college is affected by the way in which the young people spent

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Blended For Family Use The Quality is Standard and the

Genuine Buckwheat Flour
Graham and Corn Meal

## J. F. Eesley Milling Co. <br> The Sunshine Mills <br> PLAINWELL. MICHIGAN

their summer. Many a boy or girl takes weeks to get over the physical stress of a badly managed vacation; sti.l more of them take even longer to get their minds in working order again. Those three months are just as important in the year for the cultivation of self-control, unselfishness, furposefulness; and orderly conduct of life as any others-perhaps more so. What was the harvest of the summer in your family? Was it worth storing up for the winter-for all the years to come? Prudence Bradish. (Copyrighted, 1922.)
Proceedings in Giand Rapids Bankruptcy Court.
Grand Rapids, Oct. 13 - On this day was held the final meeting of creditors in the
matter of John Mulholland, Bankrupt No.
年 2103. The bankrupt was not present or
represented by attorney. The trustee was represented by attorney. The trustee was
present in person. No creditors were present or represented: Additional claims were proved and allowe.. The trustees
final report and account was approved final report and account was approved payment of administration expenses and payment or aramition and payment of a
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final dividend herein. The first meeting was then adjourned. Thithout date. This
case will now be closed and returned to the district court.
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will be held at the office of the referee
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ig will be held at the referee's office In the matter of John Van Andel, Bankrupt No. 2160 , the first meeting of cred-
itors has ben called for Oct. 24.
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Cliff Pant, Bankrupts No. 2 Io5, an ofer
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settlement of any and all clains of the estate and the trustee thereof asaine ing in their individual names to thlrd
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sumated before the filing of the pet.tion sumated before the filing of the petition
in bankruptey. Aeting of creditors in this matter. will meenld at the otrice
of the referee Oct. 25 to determine whether or not such offer of compromise shall Oct. 16 . On this day was held the
final meeting of creditors in the matter
of Hielkema of Hielkema \& Co., Bankrupt No. ${ }^{2142}$.
The bankrupt was not represented by
attorney or present in person. The trustee was or prent. Additional. claime trus- were
proved and allowe. The trustee's final proved and allowed. The trustee's final
revort and account was approved and allowed. An order was made for the
payment of administration expenses there being insumficient funds for the to creditors. There were no objections to the discharge of the bankrupt. The
first meeting was then adjourned no On this day also was held the first
meeting of creditors in the matter of George R. Chubb, Bankrupt No. 2150. The
bankrupt was present in person and by ley, Linsey osterhous \& Balgooyeresent creditors. claims were proved and ar-
lowed against the estate of the bankrupt. The bankrupt was then sworn and exwas made that no trustee be made and that no further meeting of creditors be tained no aspets excent the estate con the bankrupt. The meeting was then ad journed without date. This case will
now be closed and returned to the disOn this day also was held the first
meeting of creditors in the matter of Bankrupt No. 2145 . The bankrure Co. present in person and by attorney. Bolt wood \& Boltwood and Homer Freeland were present for creditors. Claims were allowed against the estate of the bank-
rupt. Frank $V$. Blakely was elected truss tee and the amount of his bond fixed by the referee at $\$ 5,000$. The bankrupt was then sworn and examined without a rejourned without date. schedules, order of reference and adjudication in bankruptey in the matter of The matter has been referred to $\mathrm{B}^{\circ} \mathrm{n}$. M. Corwin as referee in bankruptcy. The bankrupt is a resident of Big Rapids and
has conducted a confectionery store at such city. The schedules of the bankrupt list assets in the sum of $\$ 990.50$ and lia-
bilities in the sum of $\$ 862.11$. The bankrupt claims exemptions in the sum of the assets not claimed as exempt are of doubtful value, therefore the court has
written for funds for the conduct of the the first meeting will be called and note


The Trend in Men's Clothing.
There seem not to be enough weeks to go around, so that every drive to promote a good cause cannot get a whole week to itself. For instance, this is both Accident Prevention Week and Demonstration Week for the Better Homes in America movement, and it also develops that some hat manufacturers in New York have made this a Derby Week as part of the campaign to bring about a bit more of spruceneses in the sartorial habits of the male of the species. It is their purfose to rescue the derby hat from the state of innocuous desuetude into which it has fallen of late. Along with other things in men's wear that smack somewhat of the stiff and formal this type of headgear has been brought dangerous $y$ near that limbo whither the dodo and the dinosaurus have already wended their way. Like the high silk hat, the stiff collar, and the tailed coat, the derby has lost greatly in popular favor and inasmuch as it occupies a kind of halfway ground between formal and informal garb, it is believed that its revival might prove the first step in effecting a return to the wider use of habiliments endowed with a bit more of ceremony and dignity. Meanwhile, the National Association of Merchant Taiors, which for a time frowned on the encroachment of the dinner jacket upon the domain that was once wholly pre-empted by the "swallow tail," has accepted the facts of the situation and admitted that the former is quite the correct garb for evening wear except on such occasions as weddings, diflomatic receptions, grand opera box parties, and the like. Evidently the consumer in this case is having his own way about it.

## What Is a Thorn Apple?

Kalamazoo, Oct. 17-Under the caption "Seasonal Poisons" you say that the thorn apple is a poison, and that the supposed tree is not a tree but a rank weed. I must confess that this is news, for in my younger days I used to gather thorn apples in the Chicago rarks and eat them with great deal of pleasure. This year, on a visit to Chicago I noticed some of these trees, and although the app es were not entirely ripe I could not resist the temptation to eat a few. As I never felt any bad effects from them and never heard before that they were not entirely wholesome. I am wondering if what you call the thorn apple and what we called the thorn apple are the same thing. What I refer to is a small apple about the size of a cherry, with fairly arge seeds. It is red in color and does not in the
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { least resemble a nut. } & \text { D. A. Morris. }\end{array}$

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Advertisements Inserted under thls head for five cents a word the first Insertion and four cents a word for each subsequent continuous insertion.
if set in capital letters, double price. No charge less than 50 cents. Smail display advertisements in this department, $\$ 3$ per inch. Payment with order is required, as amounts are too small to open accounts.

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citz. 62374
Grand Rapids, Mich.

FOR SALF-Manufacturing business wonderful possibilities. Machinery, pat-
For Sale-Building, garage, fixtures an stock of groceries, soft drinks, and con-
fectionery. Tobacco. Light lunches. Good business, good location. Only store near depot and factories. Population 25.000 . Address No. 942, care Michigan Tradesman.
For Sale-Good clean hardware stock n live town in Southern Michigan. Stoc on for selling, other business. Hammond Brothers, Vermontville. Mich. 943
For Sale-Stock and fixtures $\$ 4.000$. Thickly populated farming community.
Town of 800 . Good schools and churches Fireproof brick building $80 \times 25$. Modern six-room apartment on second tional opportunity. Address Sands Cash Store, Atwater, Minn.
FOR SALE-ON ACCOUNT OF SER IOUS asthma affliction I must dispose of my stock of general merchandise. Has been established twenty-five years, and
always a money maker. Address $\mathrm{E}_{\mathbf{9 4 5}}$ E. always a money maker.
Johnson, La Hogue, Ill.
For Sale-Cash registers and store fixtures. Agency for Standard computing
scales. Dickry Dick, Muskegon, Mich.
$\mathbf{6 4 3}$

Pay spot cash for clothing and furnishHancock, Detroit.

Bell Phone 596 Citz. Phone 61366 JOHN L. LYNCH SALES CO. SPECIAL SALE EXPERTS Expert Advertising
209-210-211 Murray Bld GRAND RAPIDS, Murray Bldg.

| 1000 letterheads or envelopes $\$ 3.75$. |
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| Copper. Journal, Hancock, Mich. |
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Will pay cash for whole stores or part
stocks of merchandise.. Louis Levingohn, Saginaw. Mich.

Want whole or part stocks shoes, men's
wear or general mdse. E. C. Greene \& wear or general mdse. E. C. Greene 887
Co., Jackson, Mich.
For Sale- ${ }^{2,500}$ gum vending machines for sale or to trade for something of equa value. First class, and money makers
Geo. H. Holzbog, Jeffersonville, Ind. 923
Plumbers and Tinsmiths Looking for Good Location-Store to rent $21 \times 100$, at
South Park, between Port Huron and South Park, between Port Hury No opposition. Factory district, formerly occupied by Barton Bros., Plumbers. Address
Waddell Bros. Hardware, 2412 Connor
St, Port Huron, Mich.

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Spectalties. 122 N . Washington, SAGINAW, Mich. ${ }_{\text {Repairs and suphes }}^{122} \mathrm{~N}$. Wupplies for all makes.

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A Sacrifice-Clean stock general merchandise, invoicing 86.50 can be bought
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profit it brings, but also because it results in increased patronage. There Van Duzer Extract Co. siew York. No ${ }^{\text {s. }}$.


NewPerfection Flour
Packed In SAXOLIN Paper-lined Cotton, Santary Sacks

## GRAND RAPIDS SAFE CO.



Dealer in

## Fire and Burglar Proof Safes

Vault Doors and Time Locks
Largest Stock in the State
Grand Rapids Safe Co.
Grand Rapids, Mich.

# IN THE REALM OF RASCALITY. 

## Cheats and Swindles Merchants Should Carefully Avoid.

Hastings, Oct. 11-I am very anxious to know about the Ad-O Lite Advertising Association and will you please advise me regarding the mat ter?
I have a small grocery in Hastings
and an agent from this Association has put this proposition to me. He is to place in my store twenty signs for the National advertising of staple goods such as P. \& G. soap, Campbell's soups, Rumford baking powder etc. These signs have an electric light back of them and I simply furnish back of them and ighmply furnish certain number of hours each day or night for, which I am to receive a rental of $\$ 1$ per sign every month,
making a monthly payment to me of $\$ 20$ for twenty signs. We pay $\$ 10$ when we give the order and $\$ 20$ more when they place the electric fixtures in our store. The address in the apin our store. The address in the application blank is, Ad-O-Lite Adver-
tising Association, Inc., 1471-1473 tising Association, Inc., 1471-1473
Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.,
Can you advise me if this is a good Can you advise me if
investment or a fake?
investment or a fake
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into it, but we are doubtful ant into it, but we are doubtful about it.
On receipt of the above letter, the Tradesman communicated with the three manufacturers named, with the following resuit:
Providence, R. I., Oct. 15-We have your letter and are much surprised to learn that a concern known as the Ad-O-Lite Advertising Association, of Buffalo, N. Y., is selling a lighting device and representing to their customers that this company will pay the retailer introducing the lighting device $\$ 1$ per month on account of the advertising value of the device.
We assure you that we have made no arrangement with the Ad-O-Lite Advertising Association and, in fact, never heard of it before. Any statement it is making to the effect that we are connected with it is utterly false, and we desire very much to write them, and will do so at once. If it is making any such statements, they must be stopped.
Can you advise us of any retailer who has been led to believe that we are connected with them? We would like to quote specifically in our letter to the Ad-O-Lite Advertising Association.
We happen to know that you were instrumental in having a York, Pa.,
concern indicted on a similar propoconcern indicted on a similar proposition. We think this is the concern
that used our name in connection with signs they were selling to the retailer, which was wholly unjustified. We again thank you for bringing his matter to our attention, and beg to remain,

Rumford Chemical Works.
In the light of this information the Tradesman feels no hesitation in pronouncing the Ad-O-Lite concern as an arrant fraud, and it warns every merchant who is approached by the representatives of the concern to show them the door with the least possible cemermony.
A similar institution which undertook to do business from York, Penn., came under the scrutiny of the Post Office Department and the parties were indicted for fraud.

Cincinnati, Oct. $15-$ We have to advise in reply to your letter that we have absolutely no connection whatAssociation the Ad-O-Lite Advertising we do not believe we ever had any we do not believe we ever Procter $\&$ Gamble Co.
Camden, N. J., Oct. 16-Replying
to your letter of October 5, any statement which representatives of the Ad-O-Lite Advertising Association have made indicating a connection between their service and our company has been unwarranted.

We have no contract with these people, nor are we contemplating any arrangements of any kind with them. with believe if you will communicate with the Association of National Advertisers, 17 West 46 th St., New York City, they will give you copies of this concernce they have had with will be interesting to you.

Joseph Campbell Company.

## Beware of Bad Check Operator.

A bad check passer with a full bag of tricks is now in this State trying to "work" retail stores. One of the references he gives is an army officer at a Weštern post. Enquiry made of this officer brought out the fact that the man in question is a plain crook, made more than ordinarily dangerous by the number of schemes he works. In some instances he wears an army uniform and talks about being gassed in France, etc, although never in the service. He is said to have expressed his desire to enlist, but to have disappeared before he could be sworn in. At times he presents as identification a forged paper purporting to be a notice of furlough.

Another Bad Check Artist.
Another instance of crooked work reported to the Tradesman concerns a man from one of the smaller Ohio cities. The man buys goods and then tries to pay for them with checks drawn on a bank in that city. There is no bank in the place of the name of the one on which these checks are drawn. His game is to identify himself with credentials purporting to show membership in several prominent fraternal organizations.

When a representative of the Tradesman was in New Richmond a couple of months ago, he was informed by Jacob Rusticus, a merchant at that place, that he had purchased a lighting system from a man by the name of H. J. Boone at Holland, but that he had been utterly unable to obtain information in regard thereto and that the people who secured his order did not answer his letters or pay any attention to his entreaties. On his return to Grand Rapids the representative wrote to Mr . Boone regarding the matter, but received no reply. A day or two ago the following letter came in from Mr. Rusticus:
About three months ago I bought a lighting system from the Bright Sunshine Lighting Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. The company is composed of H. J. Boone, Holland, and E. J. Steeby, 22 Ionia avenue, Grand Rapids. They promised to deliver the light ing system the following week, but to the present time I haven't received it. I signed a note at the time, which is due the 19 th of this month. Would you advise me to pay this note, since I haven't received anything for the same? They sold this note to John Sommer, banker at Dorr. Kindly answer by return mail, and oblige.

On looking up the matter it is found the Bright Sunshine Lighting Co. had been located at 22 Ionia avenue; that H. J. Boone was President, E. A Haskins, Secretary and Edwin J.

Steeby was Manager. Enquiry at 22 Ionia street disclosed the fact that the company was no longer in business and that the National Distributing Sales Agency, which was conducted by the same people, was also out of business. Neither Boone nor Has kins could be located, but Steeby was found at his residence, 555 Woodlawn street. He stated that the company had sold about twenty-five acetylene lighting outfits which it purchased in Owensboro, Kentucky, and that the lighting system which was sold to Mr. Rusticus was a second-hand hollow wire gasoline system which it purchased in Dover, Mich. He was very sure the lighting plant had been shipped from Holland, where it was sent to be repaired. He stated that the company was forced to retire from business because the company could not do business except by taking notes, which it obtained from the people who gave their orders before the goods were shipped, and that the only place it could discount these notes was with John Sommer, of Dorr, who took so large a bonus and shaved the notes so unmercifully that there was nothing left for the salesmen in the way of profits.
How any merchant will sign a note for property he has not received, and which he may never receive in dealing with irresponsible people, is more than the Tradesman can understand and in the light of the above disclosures it is very evident that H. J. Boone, of Holland, E. A. Haskins and E. J. Steeby, of Grand Rapids, are not very reliable people to do business with, because they do not fill their orders promptly, although they take notes in advance and discount the notes at a heavy shave with a country bank which enjoys an unenviable reputation.

## Late Mercantile News From Michi-

 gan's Metrorolis.Detroit, Oct. 17-Work on the new ten story building now being erected on the site of the old Pullman Cafe. Grand River avenue, between Woodward and Griswold, has been progres-
sing slowly. This has hampered the sing slowly. This has hampered the removal of the A. E. Burns Co., which is at present located on the first and
second floors of the Holden bui ding. This company was expected to be in its new home on the main floors and basement of the new building by September 1 Present indications are
that it will be at least Dec. 15 before that it will be at least Dec. 15 before
its removal becomes an accomplished fact
The LeFevre-Seiss Co. has been engaged in making extensive alterations in its store at 6525 Fourteenth avenue. The salesroom has been greatly en-
larged by moving back the shelving. larged by moving back the shelving,
which permits of greater seating cawhich permits of greater seating ca-
pacity. Additional shelving has been pacity. Additional shelving has been added to carry stock needed to meet
the increasing demand. Alterations the increasing demand. Alterations
will be under way for some little time. will be under way for some little time. J. P. Lorey is representing the and has moved his family to Indianafolis where he will make his home. W. M. Parker. manager of the Ground Gripper Shoe Stores, in Detroit. is receiving the congratulations of friends and associates on the arrival of a baby daughter at his home. Owing to the fact that W. E. Standart has been in poor health for the last two months and consequently has not been able to devote the time to the Wholesale Merchants Bureau that he felt the bureau was entit ed to, he resigned last week as vice-chairman of the organization and also as chairman
of the Trade Promotion Committee o the bureau. Mr. Standart's resigna A. H. Williepted with much regret Radiator Co has been Anerican Radecter Co. has been unanimously elected vice-chairman of the Bureau and chairman of the Trade Promotion
In line with the efforts. Standart.
In line with the efforts of the Retail Merchants Bureau of the Detroit Board of Commerce to provide better business education for the vast number retail sales people in the city, a night school course covering various subjects of interest to those in selling positions was started last Wednesday evening, at Cass Technical High schoo, under the supervision of the Board of Education. A four year course in Retail Selling education wa added to the curriculum of Cass Technical High school at the beginning of the present term at the request of the Retail Merchants Bureau. This course was outlined by an educational committee com: osed of Oscar Webber, C
A. Newcomb, Jr., W. P. Emery Ernst Kern and Z. Himelhoch. Among the subjects offered at the night school in Cass Technical High school are Store Organization. Beginning Merchandising, Advanced Merchandising. Advertising, Retail Buying, Principles of Salesmanship, English, Drug Se. 1 ing, and Salesmanship for Beginning Salespeople. Other subjects will be added if sufficiently large groups request them. Members of the Retail the night school wore co-operating in the night school work by furnishing teachers for the various subiects from their executive personnel. These people who whil act as teachers are men of women who have had the benefil cal side of the was and cal side or the work and who will be able to give valuable assistance to the fublic school authorities.

## Saginaw Council To Initiate Class Saturday.

Saginaw, Oct. 17-With the initiation of a big class of candidates, and other important features, including a banquet for members, their ladies, and the candidates, Saginaw Council plans to make its October meeting, to be he d next Saturday, Oct. 21, one of the best in its histor
The day's events will start with a business meeting at the Elks' temple Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at
which candidates' petitions will be voted uゃon. At 6:30 o'clock the banquet will be served at the Bancroft Hotel, the candidates being guests the Council. At 8 o'clock the initiation will take $t$ lace at the Elks' temp.e.
This meeting will be marked by th presence of three high officers of th order. Supreme Secretary Walter D Murphy of Columbus; Grand Counci) lor H. D. Bullen. of Lansing and

## Corporations Wound Up.

The following Michigan corpora tions have recently filed notices of dissolution with the Secretary of State:
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## ids. Univer Rapids. <br> Grand Rapids Co. Gapids Magnetic Mineral Rapids.

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