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# HOLLAND CITY NEWS.

VOLUME 40

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 1911

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### Local News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arndshorst, Monday—a girl.

Sheriff Andre has purchased a 58 acre orange grove at Winnie, Texas.

Rev. Henry J. Veldman of this city is one of a trio from which the Second Reformed church will select a pastor.

Wm. O. Van Eyck and C. Ver Schure were in Chicago Tuesday delivering the 50,000 bonus bonds.

Little Irene Van Zanten fell on the sidewalk Saturday fracturing her elbow.

Lambert, the eight year old son of Fred Beeuwkes sustained a dislocated shoulder while playing the favorite game of "pullaway" with his companions on the school grounds.

Rev. R. L. Haan, pastor of the Central Avenue Christian Reformed church, has declined a call to the Oakdale Park church of that denomination in Grand Rapids.

While roller skating down Seminary hill Catherine the seven years old daughter of City Attorney Arthur Van Duren, fell upon the pavement and broke her arm.

Robin stories of early spring are afloat, but Marshal William H. Ross of East Grand Rapids takes the head of the class by the exhibition of a butterfly which he makes affidavit he caught near his home Saturday.

Vroon and Koeman have opened up a bakery shop at 28 East Eighth street next to John Vander Sluis' dry goods emporium. It will go under the name of "The City Confection Bakery."

John Fliehman who was arrested last week charged with breaking into and entering a dwelling house at night will have his examination in Justice Miles' court tomorrow afternoon. Fliehman protests his innocence and believes he can establish an alibi.

Marinus Vander Wall, a farmer near Baer, fell from a load of gravel he was hauling between Zeeland and Bauer and both legs were broken in two places by one of the wheels passing over them. As he is 62 years of age his recovery is doubtful. Dr. T. G. Huizenga of Zeeland is attending him.

Henry Van Eyck, who will represent Hope College in the annual state oratorical contest at Ypsilanti next Friday, will have a big delegation of Hope students to cheer him on. His subject is "America in the Van of the Nations."

R. H. Post, state-wide known real estate dealer, who failed two years ago and left for Monterey, Mexico, had his examination before Justice Miles Friday. He was bound over to the Ottawa county circuit court, March term, and his bail fixed at \$10,000. He preferred to be locked up in the county jail until his trial, however.

Henry Laborn, a tramp, sustained a broken leg and nine box cars were dented when two sections of a broken Pere Marquette freight train crashed together near Waverly. Laborn was asleep in a box car and was thrown through the door upon a straw pile 20 feet away. Dr. Cook had charge of the case and the patient is doing nicely.

A. J. Ward has moved into his new residence corner of Lafayette and Fourth streets. Mr. Ward's residence which has just been completed is one of the finest and most convenient homes in that section of the city.—Grand Haven Tribune.

Treasurer Schaefer of Chester township is in receipt of a check for \$916 for payment of State reward on the permanent roads builded during the past year, and had the commissioner been able to have finished two miles the township would have received \$1,000.

In keeping with the general growth of the St. Francis church in this city a choir is being organized there and all the musical talent of the church is being pressed into service to make it a success. R. F. Scofield, manager of the Bell Telephone company, is the leader of the choir and is making every effort to organize one that will be a credit to the church.

C. Ver Schure, Arthur Van Duren, George E. Kollen and Henry Brusse are the men who have been directly engaged in the sale of the park bonds for the development of Holland.

The Catholics of Allegan will build a church in that city. The work will be under the direction of Father O'Neil of Otsego. It will be one of the most beautiful of Allegan's buildings.

The children's dancing class will give a party Saturday afternoon, Mar. 4 at I. O. O. F. hall, at which their friends are invited. Their will be fancy dancing and regular school work.

Charles P. Lambert, proprietor of the Limbert Furniture company of this city sailed Saturday from New York on the steamer Lopland for the Netherlands where he will remain about two months studying the styles of manufacture there and in sightseeing.

Leonard Schadalee is back in the grocery business. He has opened the store next to Lage's Drug store on West Thirteenth street and is already doing business. Mr. Schadalee has had 12 years experience in the grocery business and will carry an up-to-date line of goods. He formerly conducted a grocery business on Sixteenth street.

Wm. Orr left for Lansing Wednesday morning to attend a state convention of county fairs. Mr. Orr who was chosen vice president of the South Ottawa and West Allegan county fair will represent the interests of that association. The Holland man went to Lansing at the request of Governor Osborn and Representative Charles H. McBride.

The Graham & Morton steamer "City of Traverse" will be carrying freight from this port within the next week. She will leave Benton Harbor Saturday for Chicago and will arrive here next Monday. The company aims to have the boat make three round trips each week in order to handle the great amount of freight that goes through this port.

Prof. M. Kohn of the Western Theological seminary formerly pastor of one of the Reformed churches in Grand Rapids and well known in this city, has received an invitation to go to the Netherlands next summer to preach for the Americans who visit in The Hague and Scheveningen. This will not interfere with his duties here as the seminary is closed at that time therefore it is likely that he may accept the invitation.

Henry Luidens who presides at the cashier's window in the First State Bank, has served that institution now twenty years, and celebrated the event on Washington's birthday. It is a good thing for Henry that he was not in the same boat as his side partner Henry Geerlings, whose face appears at the collectors window. Geerlings was born on a leap year and gets only one birthday every four years. In that event Luidens would have served but five years, and his salary figuratively speaking, would have been divided by four, and would have added materially to the banks undivided profits. But that is only figuratively speaking for which he has reasons to be thankful.

But you ought to hear the coy costumed College Singing girls in Carnegie Hall tomorrow, March 3. Music and action. Seats at Hardies.

### Closing The Postoffice

The closing of the postoffice on Sundays, if it is to be closed, will not mean that the doors will be locked and that all activity behind them will cease for 24 hours. It will mean simply that the carriers' windows will not be opened on that day, the money order and registry departments and the general delivery will not be in operation, but behind the screens there will be certain hours of the day a busy force of clerks disposing of the incoming and outgoing mails. It would not do to hold until Monday matter deposited on Sunday for mailing nor to permit incoming matter to wait until Monday for distribution. The mail for the carriers must be on their cases ready for routing Monday morning and the box mail must be distributed, as that is a special service for which patrons pay in order that they may get their mail at any time regardless of the schedule of the free delivery service.—Lansing Republican.

### Ottawa Co. Man Wants to Whip Johnson

Ottawa County has a white man's hope who is anxious to wrest the laurels from Jack Johnson the worlds champion boxer. William Jonker, the Ferrysburg heavyweight who won the Ottawa county heavyweight wrestling title, is a brother of Philip Jonker, graduate of Hope college and former editor of the Anchor. He has gone into the boxing game under the tender care of Gilmore, famous Chicago boxing promoter. Jonker is a big fellow with a lot of ambition. He has been hammering away for a long time taking his raps patiently with one idea in view, that of becoming a champion wrestler or boxer, the latter preferred. In an interview Mr. Jonker says:

"I would like to get on over there. I am ready and willing to box or wrestle anybody in Ottawa county, if they can get anybody to meet me in that territory and if they can't I will meet anybody they put up against me. I hold the county heavyweight wrestling championship and I now claim the boxing title as well, even if I haven't won that title in the ring. I claim it anyway and would like to have somebody try to cause me to disclaim it.

I am in fine shape now and weigh 185 pounds in ring form stripped. Gilmore says I am now down to fighting weight and if anybody meets me in the next few months they can figure on meeting a 185 lb man in fine condition, not a 196 pounder with 10 or 15 pounds of over weight and no wind.

If I am matched in Grand Haven or Holland, the fans can figure on seeing as fast a boxing match as has been pulled off there these past few years. Not that I want to boast of my own ability but I have seen the best matches and have a good idea of what I can do if evenly matched. Here are my measurements: height 6 ft. 4 inches neck, 16 1/2 inches, reach 78 1/2 inches, chest 41 1/2 inches, waist 34 inches, thigh 21 inch, calf 14 inch.

Jonker at present is in Chicago and his challenge is sweeping, in the hope that it may arouse the ambition of some husky young boxers in this section.

### Shot and Killed a Chicken Thief

William A. Kieft recently shot and killed a chicken thief on his premises on the Sheldon road. On several occasions he had noticed his coops had been invaded and his fowls stolen. Sunday night he took his stand at the barn door and lay in wait for the thief. At shortly after eleven o'clock Mr. Kieft was rewarded for his vigil. The gun popped and a great owl fell to the ground. The bird fell on its back, but sprang up again nearly four feet in an effort to attack his slayer. But Mr. Kieft dispatched the wounded bird with a club and now the chicken thief is being mounted. The owl was a monster, measuring four feet from tip to tip. Some idea of its strength can be obtained by the fact that on the night before it met its death, it carried away a drake weighing nearly twelve pounds.—Grand Haven Tribune.

FOR SALE—An established bakery business, centrally located in the city of Benton Harbor, Mich. Doing a good business. Good oven, good location, cheap fuel. Write or call on Geo. Anderson, 107 Territorial St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

### Orien Cross Wins

Orien S. Cross was victorious in his fight at the primaries for circuit judge of Ottawa and Allegan county and won over Judge Padgham by a vote of 500 in the two counties.

Holland stood by Cross with a majority of 75; Grand Haven gave Padgham a majority of 72; Allendale gave Cross majority of 44, Chester 6. Crookery, 28, Georgetown 19, Holland town 4, Jamestown 10, Polkton 92, Talmadge stood 12 and 12, Wright 15, Zeeland 52. Padg-



ham received majorities in Robinson 5, Springlake 33, Olive 25, Saugatuck 50, Fillmore 22, Laketown 28.

All precincts have not yet been heard from in Ottawa but the Cross majority will be approximately 300. Allegan returns are complete giving Cross 188 majority of which Allegan city furnishes 178 majority giving Cross only 10 majority in the county outside of his home town.

The vote in Holland was as follows:

1st Padgham, 96;	Cross, 52.
2nd	21;
3rd	98;
4th	52;
5th	63;

Making it a Cross majority of 75.

### Sports

In a fast and errorless game the Olympic Athletic club players defeated the Interurban indoor team at Grand Rapids Thursday night. Both teams played great ball but Peterson of the Interurbans was unfortunate in having hits bunched on him. The final score was 6 to 3. Smith for the Olympics started making many sensational slides for bases.

Last Thursday evening the Zeeland High basketball team lost to the C.C.'s of the Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. at Zeeland. The Zeelanders were greatly outweighed and handicapped because the size of the visiting team but put up a good game losing by the score of 24 to 18.

Neal Ball of Cleveland Americans, Holland's pride was sold to Baltimore club for the Eastern League, who paid \$2,500 for him.

The boy's basketball team of the high school defeated the Cemicals 29 to 18 in the game preliminary to the Hope-Hull House game last Saturday evening.

Hope College lost the basketball game last Saturday night to the Hull House team of Chicago by the score of 23 to 21. The game was fast and interesting at all times but a majority of the spectators would rather see Hope lose playing a good clean game than come out victors in an exhibition of rough housing and dirty playing, such as the vists put up. This loss will not affect Hope's chances in the play for the state championship.

Next Monday night the D. A. C. of Detroit will play Hope at the Carnegie Gym. This will be the star game of the season as the D. A. C. team won the state A. A. M. championship last season and have a clean record so far this winter. Johnny LeVan, star forward for Hope last year is playing with the D. A. C. team and will be here Monday night.

Those College Singing Girls at Carnegie Hall tomorrow evening, Friday, March 3. Music, elation and action. Seats at Hardies.

### Kills a Murderer

A merciless murderer is Appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Chills, etc at Walsh Drug Co., H. R. Doesburg, Geo. L. Lage.

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## Zeeland

Peter Steen of Overisel, D. M. Wyngaarden and John Meengs of Vriesland, G. Veenboer of Jamestown were here on business the latter part of the week.

John Harterink and Thomas Keppel are auditing the city books. Magdalena Bekhuis of Beaverdam was married to Nicholas Elzinga of Blendon, Thursday, Rev. Vander Meer officiated at the wedding.

Miss Margaret Keppel is teaching temporarily in the Zeeland schools owing to the illness of Miss Green.

A happy family reunion took place at the home of Mrs. G. Oetman in Zeeland in honor of her 71st birthday anniversary. All her sons were present: Gilbert of Filmore, Albert and Hendrik of East Saugatuck and several grandchildren. Mrs. Oetman, born in Ambt, Asschersdorf, Prov. Hannover, Germany came to this community 50 years ago and settled in Graafschap, later in Filmore and for 17 years she has resided in this city.

Mrs. Rev. H. V. S. Peeke, wife of the missionary of Japan was a visitor in Zeeland the past week. She was accompanied by her four children, and called upon Mr. and Mrs. G. Keppel at their home on Central Ave.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kuizenga was badly scalded about the face Tuesday morning. She may be scarred for life. Dr. Masselink attended her.

Several farmers in this vicinity are looking for farm hands.

R. VanderHulst has bought a fine residence on Colonial avenue from C. D. Schilleman for \$1200 and expects to move into it soon.

Rev. C. C. A. L. John conducted the afternoon services and the pastor Rev. P. P. Cheff, the English service in the evening at the First Reformed church Sunday.

Rev. Bruinooze of Hudsonville conducted the services at the First Christian Reformed church Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Nortbuis—a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nykamp, formerly of Holland—a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alderink moved today to Graafschap, Mich.

John Jager, and J. Bakker of Beaverdam were in the city Tuesday.

The high school pupils were given a treat to hear some vocal selections Tuesday rendered by Prof. A. M. Fletcher of Chicago.

After an illness of two days with pneumonia, Klaas Mast, aged 66, died at his home in Gitchel. He is survived by a widow and four children. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock at the home and at 1:30 from the Reformed church at Forest Grove. Rev. P. P. Cheff, pastor of the First Reformed church of Zeeland will officiate.

Rev. G. J. Hekhuis, pastor of the Reformed church in Overisel, has declined the call extended to him by the Second Reformed church in Muskegon.

A meeting took place at the First Reformed church in this city where Superintendent G. W. Morrow of Detroit made an address on "The Saloon a Social Sapprophyte and the Monstrosity of Civilization." He was introduced by Rev. P. P. Cheff, pastor of the church. Prof. A. M. Thatcher of Chicago sang several selections especially appropriate. The meeting was well attended.

Rev. P. P. Cheff and C. D. Schilleman were in Holland and Mr. and Mrs. H. Brouwers and P. F. Schulmeyer were in Grand Rapids Friday.

J. Vander Pels and H. Derks who attended the cement show at Chicago have returned with a number of new ideas in cement usage.

Thodore Borst is home from the Michigan Agricultural college where he has been taking a course.

J. Rookes has sold his garage on East Main street to Wm. Lamer who will convert it into a machine shop.

Johannes Huizer has the distinction of being the oldest resident of this city. He has reached the age of 92 years. Mr. Huizer walks several miles every day about the city and performs tasks that often tax the vitality of much younger men. The most exacting task of those he has undertaken recently was that of repairing three mantle clocks. He took all three clocks

apart in one day, tinkered with them until he had put them into the right shape, put them together again, so that they were in good running order. And all this was done by the old gentleman without the use of glasses.

## Drenthe

A. Palmboos of Vriesland has purchased the 130 acres farm of G. Lubbers and expects to occupy it in the fall when Mr. Lubbers will take possession of the DePree farm near Zeeland.

John Van Rhee, aged 93 and his wife aged 76, bear the honor of being the oldest wedded couple in Drenthe.

Mr. Van Rhee was born in Zind Laren, Province of Drenthe, the Netherlands, November 6, 1817, and came to this country with his parents in 1847. Mrs. Van Rhee's maiden name was Martha Vogel, was married to Van Rhee 44 years ago. They are the parents of two children, Mrs. Steel of Drenthe and Mrs. Kuipers of Oakland. They also have several grandchildren. Both Mr. and Mrs. V. Rhee are enjoying the best of health and both are very active. Even at his advanced age, Mr. Van Rhee is able to read without glasses and he gets around as nimbly as most men at half his age.

At the annual meeting of the Drenthe creamery which took place in that village the stockholders elected the following officers: L. Van Haitsma, president; Peter Tel, vice-president; D. DeKleine, treasurer; Johannes Upholt, secretary. D. Hunderman was elected manager and the report shows a better year than the previous one and a five per cent dividend has been declared. The meeting was well attended.

## Borculo

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vruwink at East Holland—a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Schuring at Borculo—a daughter.

Ben Schnut is hauling material for the new Borculo Independent Telephone Co.

The Vollink Bros. have exchanged their farm for the stock and fixtures in the store of Ed. Nagelkerk in Borculo where they will continue to do business.

Miss Anna Beukema of Lucas, Mich., has been a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lokerse.

Gerrit Gibbin and J. Kraai have traded horses with John Bouma.

The farmers of Borculo are hauling gravel from Zeeland for the purpose of building a large cement sidewalk to be placed in front of the Christian Reformed church here.

## Vriesland

Student Haverkamp of the Theological Seminary of Holland conducted services at the Reformed church in Vriesland last Sunday.

Scarlet fever has run its course in this village, the quarantine has been lifted from the homes of J. Meengs, jr. and B. Kroodsma and no new cases have been reported.

After a long illness as a result of a stroke of apoplexy John Ver Hage, sr., died Monday morning at his home on the Vriesland road at the age of 83 years. The deceased who was born in Ouddorp, Island Flakkee, Prov. Zeeland, Netherlands, came to America in 1840, one year after the arrival of Rev. Van Raalte and Rev. Vander Meulen. He was then a boy of 11 years. He resided at the farm till his death. Two years ago he celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in the presence of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The deceased is survived by a widow and 11 children: Mrs. A. Kraay of Harbey, Ill., Peter Ver Aage of Zeeland; Mrs. J. Dunnink of Vriesland; Harry at home; John Ver Hage of Zeeland; Mary and Lena at home; Mrs. J. Dyke and Mrs. J. Bakker of Olive Center; Dick Ver Hage of Vriesland and Mrs. J. Vander Poppen of North Holland; also several grandchildren.

The deceased was a member of the Old Settlers association. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home and at 1:30 from the Reformed church at Vriesland. Rev. G. DeJonge pastor of the church will officiate. Interment at the Vriesland cemetery.

## Zutphen

Miss Ella Beek, daughter of Mrs. A. Beek of Zutphen and George Kalman of Zeeland were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Christian Reformed church at Zutphen. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives by Rev. Van der Werp, pastor of the church. The young people will make their home at the groom's farm near Forest Grove.

## Jamestown

Rev. Wm. Moerdyk, D. D. pastor of the Second Reformed church at Zeeland has declined the call to the Reformed church at Jamestown but that he had accepted the call extended to him by the Reformed church at Grandville. When Rev. Moerdyk will give his farewell sermon will be announced later.

A wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. VanRhee at Jamestown when their daughter Hattie was united in marriage to A. Vander Molen of Grand Rapids. The ceremony which was performed by Rev. H. Bakker, pastor of the Christian Reformed church at Jamestown was witnessed by many relatives and friends. The young couple will make their home in Grand Rapids.

## West Olive

Louis Brown who was injured recently in the Pere Marquette wreck near West Olive has been taken to the U. B. A. hospital in Grand Rapids. Brown's condition is not critical, but it was supposed that there would be no necessity of taking him to the hospital but it was finally decided that that would be the wiser course.

Marcus L. Joyclyn of West Olive was nominated school commissioner at the Democratic convention held in the court house in Grand Haven Saturday. Al E. Toppen of Holland acted as secretary and William Hanna of Berlin was secretary.

## Saugatuck

Wm. Stow has returned from Grand Rapids where he went in the interests of his new spraying pole and nozzle. He has spent a great deal of time in perfecting his invention, and now believes that he has it in shape to do all he claims for it. The pole and nozzle are both in the same piece and about three feet long. The different streams can be governed at will by the hand from the lower end of the pole thus allowing the operator to throw a straight stream one second and change it to a fine spray the next. Mr. Stow will go to Lansing soon to exhibit his invention at the Agricultural College.

W. R. Takken was seen on Butler St. the other day with the old army rifle formerly used by the late L. W. Grant in the army. He tells us that he is going to send it to Vern Grant for a keepsake but his friends think he is on his way to Mexico to join the insurgents.

The people of Saugatuck were greatly interested in a letter received last week from R. H. L'Hommedieu, general manager of the Michigan Central railway, telling them that his company will consider the proposition of extending their line from Allegan to Saugatuck as soon as the financial condition of the company improves. In other words, he told them not to strain their ears listening for the toot of the engine.—Allegan Gazette.

## Oakland

Frank Broekhuis who was kicked by his horse and was for hours unconscious is improving. He received a big gash on his upper lip and forehead. Dr. Brouwer of Drenthe was summoned to attend him. For some time his life was despaired of.

## Laketown

B. Riksen, of Holland, who took the contract for making the road through Kelley's lake, Castle Park, has been working at it for six weeks and expects to finish it within six weeks. He took the job for \$1500.

P. DeWitt sold his farm to J. Alderink, consideration \$2700.

Albert Alferdick bought a valuable cow for \$30 and Fred Bouwman bought a horse for \$1.25, so horses must be cheap.

D. Vander Kamp is taking contracts for sugar beets in Filmore township, and D. H. Clark, of Holland is soliciting for pickle contracts.

Miss Agnes Ostema is working for A. Alferink.

D. DeWitt bought a team of horses from Henry Elders for \$240. Ed. Lubbers of South Dakota has been visiting relatives here.

## East Holland

Rev. P. G. Meengs of Ebenezer was in the city Tuesday.

Jacob Schaap the milkman, expects to move to the Ellen farm on Thirty-second street, Holland, Mich.

R. Van Eyck of East Holland was in Holland Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Geerlings of Chicago are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Schaap.

O. J. Schaap was in Holland Tuesday.

## A Few FARMS for SALE

## At Very Reasonable Prices

**80 ACRES** 1 mile sw from Fellows station, 1 mile to school, 1 1/4 to creamery, 4 to a Holland church, and in a fine neighborhood. This farm is all improved, lays nice and level, and all good sandy loam and black soil, with some clay subsoil, and raises heavy crops of all kinds of farm or garden crops. It has a fine well painted 8-room house, with large cellar and a wood shed. A barn of about 40x70 on 18 ft. posts. The outbuildings are all fine and large and nearly new. There is plenty of good water. About 2 acres of good orchard. There are now 12 acres in wheat, 7 in rye, about 25 in meadow and 11 plowed for spring crops. It is the best farm in that location, but the owner wants to go south and will sell cheap. Price \$4,700. If cash buyer takes it at once will give discount of \$200.

**80 ACRES**, a mile nw of Fellows station, almost similar to the above with good buildings but not quite so expensive as the other, same distance from school and creamery, but a little nearer to a church. Also a fine level farm, and all in good condition, with seven acres wheat and 12 rye, large pasture and meadow, \$4,000. For this one we could take a house and lot at reasonable price.

**120 ACRES**, 2 miles west of Olive Center, and known as the Jessie Guiles Farm. This place has about 100 acres improved, has some river bottom and about 10 acres of timber. This place is known as the best farm for rye, corn and pasture in that vicinity. The most of the soil is sandy, it has never failed to produce good crops especially on the low land, and it always affords fine pasture, and has running water. A good 6-room house, a basement barn, good granary, hen house and other outbuildings. A fine large orchard of nearly all kinds of fruit, also small fruit, \$3,000.

**70 ACRES**, near Laketown crossing, on car line from Holland to Saugatuck. Nearly all improved good sandy loam and black soil, and a little high sand. Well drained and tile drained, and raises splendid crops of corn, potatoes, oats, pickles, etc. A good 5-room house with cellar and woodshed. Fine large barn with manure shed and a silo. Good outbuildings, good orchard. Some small fruit, as strawberries and raspberries. There are now 3 acres of wheat and 15 acres of rye. Price only \$4,000. This is a good productive farm, and should not be compared with some other farms in this neighborhood. Will take house in trade. If preferred 4 head of horses, 11 head of cattle, several hogs, 100 chickens, about 250 baskets of corn, all fodder on hand, and full set of farm tools and machinery, can be bought cheap with it.

**80 ACRES**, 9 miles nw of Holland, or about 1 mile from Port Sheldon, known as the Schroder farm. Fairly good sandy loam soil, and raises good corn, rye, potatoes, pickles, etc. It is nearly all improved and the balance is easy to clear, but affords good pasture. A good house with ten rooms and cellar, barn 50x64 and other outbuildings. 25 acres in rye and 25 in meadow. A good large orchard and lots of shade trees. Plenty of good water. Price \$3,600. For this we could also take a house and lot in Holland in exchange.

**120 ACRES**, 5 miles nw of Holland, or 2 miles NE of Alpena Beach; near school, and 1 mile from two churches; about half high sandy loam soil, and half low level black sandy loam. Well drained, well fenced and cross fenced. A good painted 8-roomed house, barn 40x60 feet, silo 12x30, and other good outbuildings. Good water both in the house and barn. 5 acres in orchard, and plenty of small fruit for family use. Will trade for a house. Price \$4,500.

**100 ACRES**, 4 miles from Wayland, nearly all improved, near school, and 2 miles from a church, good sandy loam and some black muck. One set of good buildings, and one set of poorer ones. A nice large orchard, and good water, with one windmill. Price only \$5,000.

We have farms in almost every location, near schools, churches, railroad stations creameries, and on good roads with telephone lines

We also have a complete list of medium priced houses in this city, and several in Zeeland, which we desire to trade off for Farms

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# A Departmental Case

By O. HENRY

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IN Texas you may travel a thousand miles in a straight line. If your course is a crooked one, it is likely that both the distance and your rate of speed may be vastly increased. Clouds there sail serenely against the wind. The whip-poor-will delivers its disconsolate cry with the notes exactly reversed from those of his northern brother. Given a drought and a subsequent lively rain, and lo! from a glazed and stony soil will spring in a single night blossomed lilies, miraculously fair. Tom Green county was once the standard of measurement. I have forgotten how many New Jerseys and Rhode Islands it was that could have been stowed away and lost in its chaparral. But the legislative ax has slashed Tom Green into a handful of counties hardly larger than European kingdoms. The legislature convenes at Austin, near the center of the state; and, while the representative from the Rio Grande country is gathering his palm-leaf fan and his linen duster to set out for the capital, the Panhandle solon winds his muffler above his well-buttoned overcoat and kicks the snow from his well-greased boots ready for the same journey. All this merely to hint that the big ex-republic of the southwest forms a sizable star on the flag, and to prepare for the corollary that things sometimes happen there uncut to pattern and unfettered by metes and bounds.

The commissioner of insurance, statistics and history of the state of Texas was an official of no very great or very small importance. The past tense is used, for he is commissioner of insurance alone. Statistics and history are no longer proper nouns in the government records.

In the year 188— the governor appointed Luke Coonrod Standifer to be head of this department. Standifer was then fifty-five years of age, and a Texan to the core. His father had been one of the state's earliest settlers and pioneers. Standifer himself had served the commonwealth as Indian fighter, soldier, ranger and legislator. Much learning he did not claim, but he had drank pretty deep of the spring of experience.

If other grounds were less abundant, Texas should be well up in the lists of glory as the grateful republic. For both as republic and state, it has busily heaped honors and solid rewards upon its sons who rescued it from the wilderness.

Wherefore and therefore, Luke Coonrod Standifer, son of Ezra Standifer, ex-Terry ranger, simon-pure Democrat, and lucky dweller in an unrepresented portion of the politico-geographical map, was appointed commissioner of insurance, statistics and history.

Standifer accepted the honor with some doubt as to the nature of the office he was to fill and his capacity for filling it—but he accepted, and by wire. He immediately set out from the little country town where he maintained (and was scarcely maintained by) a somnolent and unfruitful office of surveying and map-drawing. Before departing, he had looked up under the I's, S's and H's in the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" what information and preparation toward his official duties that those weighty volumes afforded.

A few weeks of incumbency diminished the new commissioner's awe of the great and important office he had been called upon to conduct. An increasing familiarity with its workings soon restored him to his accustomed placid course of life. In his office was an old, spectacled clerk—a consecrated, informed, able machine, who held his desk regardless of changes of administrative heads. Old Kauffman instructed his new chief gradually in the knowledge of the department without seeming to do so, and kept the wheels revolving without the slip of a cog.

Indeed, the department of insurance, statistics and history carried no great heft of the burden of state. Its main work was the regulating of the business done in the state by foreign insurance companies, and the letter of the law was to guide. As for statistics—well, you wrote letters to county officers, and scissored other people's reports, and each year you got out a report of your own about the corn crop and the cotton crop and pecans and pigs and black and white population, and a great many columns of figures headed "bushels" and "acres" and "square miles," etc.—and there you were. History? The branch was purely a receptive one. Old ladies interested in the science bothered you some with long reports of proceedings of their historical societies. Some twenty or thirty people would write you each year that they had secured Sam Houston's pocket knife or Santa Ana's whisky-flask or Davy Crockett's rifle—all absolutely authenticated—and demanded legislative appropriation to purchase. Most of the work in the history branch went into pigeon-holes.

One sizzling August afternoon the commissioner reclined in his office chair, with his feet upon the long, official table covered with green billiard cloth. The commissioner was smoking a cigar, and dreamily regarding the quivering landscape framed by the window that looked upon the treeless capitol grounds. Perhaps he was thinking of the rough and ready life he had led, of the old days of breathless adventure and movement, of the com-

rades who now trod other paths or had ceased to tread any, of the changes civilization and peace had brought, and, maybe, complacently, of the snug and comfortable camp pitched for him under the dome of the capitol of the state that had not forgotten his services.

The business of the department was lax. Insurance was easy. Statistics were not in demand. History was dead. Old Kauffman, the efficient and perpetual clerk, had requested an infrequent half-holiday, incited to the unusual dissipation by the joy of having successfully twisted the tail of a Connecticut insurance company that was trying to do business contrary to the edicts of the great Lone Star state.

The office was very still. A few subdued noises trickled in through the open door from the other departments—a dull, tinkling crash from the treasurer's office adjoining, as a clerk tossed a bag of silver to the floor of the vault—the vague, intermittent clatter of a dilatory typewriter—a dull tapping from the state geologist's quarters as if some woodpecker had flown in to bore for his prey in the cool of the massive building—and then a faint rustle and the light shuffling of the well-worn shoes along the hall, the sounds ceasing at the door toward which the commissioner's lethargic back was presented. Following this, the sound of a gentle voice speaking words unintelligible to the commissioner's somewhat dormant comprehension, but giving evidence of bewilderment and hesitation.

The voice was feminine; the commissioner was of the race of cavaliers who make salams before the trail of a skirt without considering the quality of its cloth.

There stood in the door a faded woman, one of the numerous sisterhood of the unhappy. She dressed all in black—poverty's perpetual mourning for lost joys. Her face had the contours of twenty and the lines of forty. She may have lived that intervening score of years in a twelve-month. There was about her yet an aurn of indignant, unappeased, protesting youth that shone faintly through the premature veil of unearned decline.

"I beg your pardon, ma'am," said the commissioner, gaining his feet to the accompaniment of a great creaking and sliding of his chair.

"Are you the governor, sir?" asked the vision of melancholy.

The commissioner hesitated at the end of his best bow, with his hand in the bosom of his double-breasted "frock." Truth at last conquered.

"Well, no, ma'am. I am not the governor. I have the honor to be commissioner of insurance, statistics and history. Is there anything ma'am, I can do for you? Won't you have a chair, ma'am?"

The lady subsided into the chair handed her, probably from purely physical reasons. She wielded a cheap fan—last token of gentility to be abandoned. Her clothing seemed to indicate a reduction almost to extreme poverty. She looked at the man who was not the governor, and saw kindness and simplicity and a rugged, unadorned courtliness emanating from a countenance tanned and toughened by forty years of out of doors. Also, she saw that his eyes were clear and strong and blue. Just so they had been when he used them to skim the horizon for raiding Kiowas and Sioux. His mouth was as set and firm as it had been on that day when he bearded the old lion Sam Houston himself, and defied him during that season when secession was the theme. Now, in bearing and dress, Luke Coonrod Standifer endeavored to do credit to the important arts and sciences of insurance, statistics and history. He had abandoned the careless dress of his country home. Now, his broad-brimmed black slouch hat, and his long-tailed "frock" made him not the least imposing of the official family, even if his office was reckoned to stand at the tail of the list.

"You wanted to see the governor, ma'am?" asked the commissioner, with the deferential manner he always used toward the fair sex.

"I hardly know," said the lady hesitatingly. "I suppose so." And then, suddenly drawn by the sympathetic look of the other, she poured forth the story of her need.

It was a story so common that the public has come to look at its monotony instead of its pity. The old tale of an unhappy married life—made so by a brutal, conscienceless husband, a robber, a spendthrift, a moral coward, and a bully, who failed to provide even the means of the barest existence. Yes, he had come down in the scale so low as to strike her. It happened only the day before—there was the bruise on one temple—she had offended his highness by asking for a little money to live on. And yet she must needs, woman-like, append a plea for her tyrant—he was drinking; he had rarely abused her thus when sober.

"I thought," murmured this pale sister of sorrow, "that maybe the state might be willing to give me some relief. I've heard of such things being done for the families of old settlers. I've heard tell that the state used to give land to the men who fought for it against Mexico, and settled up the country, and helped drive out the Indians. My father did all of that, and

he never received anything. He never would take it. I thought the governor would be the one to see, and that's why I came. If father was entitled to anything, they might let it come to me."

"It's possible, ma'am," said Standifer, "that such might be the case. But most all the old veterans and settlers got their land certificates issued, and located long ago. Still, we can look that up in the land office, and be sure. Your father's name, now, was—"

"Amos Colvin, sir."

"Good Lord!" exclaimed Standifer, rising and unbuttoning his tight coat, excitedly. "Are you Amos Colvin's daughter? Why, ma'am, Amos Colvin and me were thicker than two hoss thieves for more than ten years! We fought Kiowas, drove cattle and ranged side by side nearly all over Texas. I remember seeing you once before, now. You were a kid, about seven, a-riding a little yellow pony up and down. Amos and me stopped at your home for a little grub when we were trailing that band of Mexican cattle thieves down through Karnes and Bee. Great tarantulas! and you're Amos Colvin's little girl! Did you ever hear your father mention Luke Standifer—just kind of casually—as if he'd met me once or twice?"

A little pale smile flitted across the lady's white face.

"It seems to me," she said, "that I don't remember hearing him talk about much else. Every day there was some story he had to tell about what he and you had done. Mighty near the last thing I heard him tell was about the time when the Indians wounded him, and you crawled out to him through the grass, with a canteen of water, while they—"

"Yes, yes—well—oh, that wasn't anything," said Standifer, "hemming" loudly and buttoning his coat again, briskly. "And now, ma'am, who was the infernal skunk—I beg your pardon, ma'am—who was the gentleman you married?"

"Benton Sharp."

The commissioner plumped down again into his chair, with a groan. This gentle, sad little woman, in the rusty black gown, the daughter of his oldest friend, the wife of Benton Sharp! Benton Sharp, one of the most

that there was some land, or a pension, coming to him from the state that he never would ask for."

Luke Standifer rose to his feet, and pushed his chair back. He looked rather perplexedly around the big office, with its handsome furniture.

"It's a long trail to follow," he said, slowly, "trying to get back dues from the government. There's red tape and lawyers and rulings and evidence and courts to keep you waiting. I'm not certain," continued the commissioner, with a profoundly meditative frown, "whether this department that I'm the boss of has any jurisdiction or not. It's my insurance, statistics and history ma'am, and it don't sound as if it could cover the case. But sometimes a saddle blanket can be made to stretch. You keep your seat, just for a few minutes, ma'am, till I step into the next room and see about it."

The state treasurer was seated within his massive, complicated railings, reading a newspaper. Business for the day was about over. The clerks lolled at their desks, awaiting the closing hour. The commissioner of insurance, statistics and history entered, and leaned in at the window.

The treasurer, a little, brjck, old man, with snow-white mustache and beard, jumped up youthfully and came forward to greet Standifer. They were friends of old.

"Uncle Frank," said the commissioner, using the familiar name by which the historic treasurer was addressed by every Texan, "how much money have you got on hand?"

The treasurer named the sum of the last balance down to the odd cents—something more than a million dollars. The commissioner whistled lowly, and his eyes grew hopefully bright.

"You know, or else you've heard of, Amos Colvin, Uncle Frank?"

"Knew him well," said the treasurer, promptly. "A good man. A valuable citizen. One of the first settlers in the southwest."

"His daughter," said Standifer, "is sitting in my office. She's penniless. She's married to Benton Sharp, a coyote and a murderer. He's reduced her to want, and broken her heart. Her father helped build up this state, and it's the state's turn to help his child. A couple of thousand dollars will buy

but shocked. The commissioner's voice had grown louder as he rounded off the sentences that, however praiseworthy they might be in sentiment, reflected somewhat upon the capacity of the head of a more or less important department of state. The clerks were beginning to listen.

"Now, Standifer," said the treasurer, soothingly, "you know I'd like to help in this matter, but stop and think a moment, please. Every cent in the treasury is expended only by appropriation made by the legislature, and drawn out by checks issued by the comptroller. I can't control the use of a cent of it. Neither can you. Your department isn't disburseive—it isn't even administrative—it's purely clerical. The only way for the lady to obtain relief is to petition the legislature, and—"

"To the devil with the legislature," said Standifer, turning away.

The treasurer called him back.

"I'd be glad, Standifer, to contribute a hundred dollars personally toward the immediate expenses of Colvin's daughter." He reached for his pocket-book.

"Never mind, Uncle Frank," said the commissioner, in a softer tone. "There's no need of that. She hasn't asked for anything of that sort yet. Besides, her case is in my hands. I see now what a little, rag-tag, bobtail, gotch-eared department I've been put in charge of. It seems to be about as important as an almanac or a hotel register. But while I'm running it, it won't turn away any daughters of Amos Colvin without stretching its jurisdiction to cover, if possible. You want to keep your eye on the department of insurance, statistics and history."

The commissioner returned to his office, looking thoughtful. He opened and closed an inkstand on his desk many times with extreme and undue attention before he spoke.

"Why don't you get a divorce?" he asked, suddenly.

"I haven't the money to pay for it," answered the lady.

"Just at present," announced the commissioner, in a formal tone, "the powers of my department appear to be considerably string-halted. Statistics seem to be overdrawn at the bank, and history isn't good for a square meal. But you've come to the right place, ma'am. The department will see you through. Where did you say your husband is, ma'am?"

"He was in San Antonio yesterday. He is living there now."

Suddenly the commissioner abandoned his official air. He took the faded little woman's hands in his, and spoke in the old voice he used on the trail and around campfires.

"Your name's Amanda, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought so. I've heard your dad say it often enough. Well, Amanda, here's your father's best friend, the head of a big office in the state government, that's going to help you out of your troubles. And then here's the old bushwhacker and cowpuncher that your father has helped out of scrapes time and time again wants to ask you a question. Amanda, have you got money enough to run you for the next two or three days?"

Mrs. Sharp's white face flushed the least bit.

"Plenty, sir—for a few days."

"All right, then, ma'am. Now you go back where you are stopping here, and you come to the office again the day after tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon. Very likely by that time there will be something definite to report to you." The commissioner hesitated, and looked a trifle embarrassed. "You said your husband had insured his life for \$5,000. Do you know whether the premiums have been kept paid upon it or not?"

"He paid for a whole year in advance about five months ago," said Mrs. Sharp. "I have the policy and receipts in my trunk."

Mrs. Sharp departed, and soon afterward Luke Standifer went down to the little hotel where he boarded and looked up the railroad time table in the daily paper. Half an hour later he removed his coat and vest, and strapped a peculiarly constructed pistol holster across his shoulders, leaving the receptacle close under his left armpit. Into the holster he shoved a short-barreled 44-caliber revolver. Putting on his clothes again, he strolled down to the station and caught the five-fifteen afternoon train for San Antonio.

The San Antonio Express of the following morning contained this sensational piece of news:

## BENTON SHARP MEETS HIS MATCH

The Most Noted Desperado in Southwest Texas Shot to Death in the Gold Front Restaurant—Prominent State Official Successfully Defends Himself Against the Noted Bully—Magnificent Exhibition of Quick Gun Play.

Last night about eleven o'clock Benton Sharp, with two other men, entered the Gold Front restaurant and seated themselves at a table. Sharp had been drinking, and was loud and boisterous, as he always was when under the influence of liquor. Five minutes after the party was seated a tall, well-dressed elderly gentleman entered the restaurant. Few present recognized the Hon. Luke Standifer, the recently appointed commissioner of insurance, statistics and history.

Going over to the same side where Sharp was, Mr. Standifer prepared to take a seat at the next table. In hanging his hat upon one of the hooks along the wall he let it fall upon Sharp's head. Sharp turned, being in an especially ugly humor, and cursed the other roundly. Mr. Standifer apologized calmly for the accident. Mr. Standifer was observed to draw near and speak a few sentences to the des-

perado in so low a tone that no one else caught the words. Sharp sprang up, wild with rage. In the meantime Mr. Standifer had stepped some yards away, and was standing quietly with his arms folded across the breast of his loosely hanging coat.

With that impetuous and deadly rapidity that made Sharp so dreaded, he reached for the gun he carried in his hip pocket—a movement that has preceded the death of at least a dozen men at his hands. Quick as the motion was, the bystanders assert that it was met by the most beautiful exhibition of lightning gun-pulling ever witnessed in the southwest. As Sharp's pistol was being raised—and the act was really quicker than the eye could follow—a glittering 44 appeared as if by some conjuring trick in the right hand of Mr. Standifer, who without a perceptible movement of his arm, shot Benton Sharp through the heart. It seems that the new commissioner of insurance, statistics and history has been an old-time Indian fighter and ranger for many years, which accounts for the happy knack he has of handling a 44.

It is not believed that Mr. Standifer will be put to any inconvenience beyond a necessary formal hearing to-day, as all the witnesses who were present unite in declaring that the deed was done in self-defense.

When Mrs. Sharp appeared at the office of the commissioner, according to appointment, she found that gentleman calmly eating a golden russet apple. He greeted her without embarrassment and without hesitation at approaching the subject that was the topic of the day.

"I had to do it, ma'am," he said, simply, "or get it myself. Mr. Kauffman," he added, turning to the old clerk, "please look up the records of the Security Life Insurance company and see if they are all right."

"No need to look," grunted Kauffman, who had everything in his head. "It's all O. K. They pay all losses within ten days."

Mrs. Sharp soon rose to depart. She had arranged to remain in town until the policy was paid. The commissioner did not detain her. She was a woman, and he did not know just what to say to her at present. Rest and time would bring her what she needed.

But, as she was leaving, Luke Standifer indulged himself in an official remark.

"The department of insurance, statistics and history, ma'am, has done the best it could with your case. 'Twas a case hard to cover according to red tape. Statistics failed, and history missed fire, but, if I may be permitted to say it, we came out particularly strong on insurance."

## COSTS SOME MONEY TO FLY.

An Outlay of Many Thousands Necessary if One Would Become Proficient.

Aeroplanes are still beyond the reach of the middle class, for it takes both money and leisure to own and operate one. To be strictly correct, if you are going to use a foreign machine you must attend an aviation school abroad. This course will cost, including passage to and from Europe and a month on the other side, not less than \$1,000, for the course at the school is \$500. The cost of a machine is from \$5,000 to \$7,000, and you are likely to smash up one or two at least before you become proficient. "Experience is the only way to learn in aviation," declared Count de Lesseps. "The instructor may explain, but you must actually do the work yourself." "You may break a few of these blooming buses," said Mr. Radley, the original English aviator, who always speaks of his machine as a "bus," "but if you try you will learn, and it's jolly good sport, you know."

The cost of gasoline is another item in the flying game. A Curtiss biplane requires six gallons to keep it in the air an hour. The French models require even more. Some machines, especially the French, are not so quick in leaving the ground and require considerable space in landing, which must consist of level ground—a long stretch—so the value of such a piece of land must be added to the cost of aeroplaning.

Which type of machine is the safer and better flyer is a matter of opinion, as each aviator is loyal to his own car. They all agree, however, that in order to be successful a man must know and trust his aircraft, being free from fear and nervousness, and that he must not have a nervous, jerky touch, as a quick jerk to aeroplane machinery is likely to have serious results. Above all, he must attend strictly to business while he is in the air, for eternal vigilance is the price of safety when visiting cloudland—Mrs. C. R. Miller in Leslie's.

Somewhat Similar. Mr. Motorton and his small son were in the natural history museum gazing at a skeleton of a chimpanzee. "Gee, pop," exclaimed the boy, "we humans are certainly built on a similar chassis, aren't we?"

Touche! Rankin—If I had your mop of hair I'd keep it cut short. Fyle—You'd make a mistake if you did. It would show the shape of your head.

Chinese Business Hurt. Collapse of many rubber companies in which Chinese capitalists speculated has interfered with business in China.

Plenty of Occupation. No man who minds his own business ever complains of having nothing to do.



"ARE YOU AMOS COLVIN'S DAUGHTER?"

noted "bad" men in that part of the state—a man who had been a cattle thief, an outlaw, a desperado, and was now a gambler, a swaggering bully, who plied his trade in the larger frontier towns, relying upon his record and the quickness of his gun play to maintain his supremacy. Seldom did anyone take the risk of going "up against" Benton Sharp. Even the law officers were content to let him make his own terms of peace. Sharp was a ready and an accurate shot, and as lucky as a brand-new penny at coming clear from his scrapes. Standifer wondered how this pillaging eagle ever came to be mated with Amos Colvin's little dove, and expressed his wonder.

Mrs. Sharp sighed. "You see, Mr. Standifer, we didn't know anything about him, and he can be very pleasant and kind when he wants to. We lived down in the little town of Gollad. Benton came riding down that way, and stopped there a while. I reckon I was some better looking then than I am now. He was good to me for a whole year after we were married. He insured his life for me for five thousand dollars. But for the last six months he has done everything but kill me. I often wish he had done that, too. He got out of money for a while, and abused me shamefully for not having anything he could spend. Then father died, and left me the little home in Gollad. My husband made me sell that, and turned me out into the world. I've barely been able to live, for I'm not strong enough to work. Lately, I heard he was making money in San Antonio, so I went there, and found him, and asked for a little help. This," touching the livid bruise on her temple, "is what he gave me. So I came on to Austin to see the governor. I once heard father say

back home and let her live in peace. The state of Texas can't afford to refuse it. Give me the money, Uncle Frank, and I'll give it to her right away. We'll fix up the red-tape business afterward."

The treasurer looked a little bewildered.

"Why, Standifer," he said, "you know I can't pay a cent out of the treasury without a warrant from the comptroller. I can't disburse a dollar without a voucher to show for it."

The commissioner betrayed a slight impatience.

"I'll give you a voucher," he declared. "What's this job they've given me for? Am I just a knot on a mesquite stump? Can't my office stand for it? Charge it up to insurance and the other two sideshows. Don't statistics show that Amos Colvin came to this state when it was in the hands of Greasers and rattlesnakes and Comanches, and fought day and night to make a white man's country of it? Don't they show that Amos Colvin's daughter is brought to ruin by a villain who's trying to pull down what you and I and all old Texans shed our blood to build up? Don't history show that the Lone Star state never yet failed to grant relief to the suffering and oppressed children of the men who made her the grandest commonwealth in the Union? If statistics and history don't bear out the claim of Amos Colvin's child I'll ask the next legislature to abolish my office. Come, now, Uncle Frank, let her have the money. I'll sign the papers officially if you say so; and then if the governor or the comptroller or the janitor or anybody else makes a kick, by the Lord I'll refer the matter to the people, and see if they won't indorse the act!"

The treasurer looked sympathetic

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## The 50,000 Bonus Fund

After a year of delay and disappointments; of fallen plans and futile dealings with timid bond buyers; the \$50,000 bonus bonds, to be used for the development of our city have at last been sold and the money is available.

There were only a few hours of grace remaining we were told as at 12 o'clock Tuesday night the statue of limitation would have been reached and in that case Holland would have been without the where with, as legally the whole bonding deal would have fallen through and the only alternative left would be to submit the question to the people for a second time. However, "All is well that ends well" and "a miss of an inch is as good as a mile", they say, therefore, the News is glad that the deal is consummated.

But now that we have this \$50,000, how are we going to spend it?

In the first place there should be no over zealous haste in selecting new business institutions, and in their selections the best obtainable are the too good. Besides, care should be taken before extending inducements to them, that a rigid investigation be made before aid is given.

It would also be wise to select the smaller institutions. A small industry as a rule will pay on the average a higher wage, and generally develops into a larger concern. Besides at the outset the bonus demanded would be commensurate to the size of the plant to be installed.

That this is true we have only to point to the Holland Shoe Co., Holland Furnace Co. and the H. J. Heinz & Co., who from small beginnings have developed into enormous institutions.

Then, too, it is a good plan to get diversified industries. Do not, for instance, make the town purely furniture. The greater the variety of industries, the more uniform will be the number of men employed the year around and the more evenly will the volume of money in pay envelopes be forth coming. Then again, one particular kind of industry would be governed by the rule of supply and demand, incident to that particular manufactured line. For example if furniture is dull, furniture workers would be idle. But it is not likely that several different lines of trade would be dull at the same time. It would be more likely that one would have a tendency to stimulate the other.

Now, how fast to spend the money seems to be a question of great importance. Of course this cannot always be governed or measured out, so to speak, but it should be so spent that a growing town can keep pace with it.

A serious trouble in other towns has been in getting industries too quickly. In Flint, for example, rents have gone sky high, price of real estate has attained artificial proportions, and even then the sales were few considering, and the people were poorly housed. We hold that a new factory coming to town should bring with it, figuratively speaking, suitable dwellings for new arrivals. Dwellings that can be called a home and that without bleeding them with exorbitant rents brought about by limited housing facilities.

Up to the present time Holland has been exceptionally free of this high hand procedure. The News feels that the owners of dwelling houses in Holland receive no more than a fair return on their investment and sometimes not that. This cannot be said of other 'boom' towns such as Flint and other towns we might mention. Right there is a difficulty we want to avoid.

Don't make this a "boom" town. Better keep it as it is.

Don't get a large institution to

Holland when we know there is no place to put the people that come with it.

Wise judgement in this will do more toward Holland's development than any one thing. What we want is a gradual healthy growth. Therefore the time worn saying applies here, "Make haste slowly."

We learn as we go to press that there were still a few days of grace left to sell the bonds although we had been informed differently. This however does not alter the intent of this editorial.

The ground hog and the March, lion "nothing doing."

Baseball talk has moved on from portmanteaus to forecasts.

Haven't heard any crocuses croak yet; have you?

The coal bin is the best thermometer at this time of year, and is anxiously read twice a day.

Why do our local attorneys look so glum this morning? A little Cross, eh!

Whether the robin is a greater bird than the holiday turkey depends on the season.

The Hull House-Hope basket ball game was won by the "hull hog or nones." But Ikey will object to the second word in the new name from an epicurian standpoint.

According to the last census the per capita wealth of the United States is \$34.43. A lot of people will be convinced by this that there is something coming to them.

Some queer bad-fellows on this reciprocity business. It looks as if there had been a shuffle of latch keys and no one able to find his own house.

Chief Kamferbeek will stand for no more scratching of matches on newly painted store fronts. The chief thinks there are other and more convenient places to strike matches—one's shoe for instance.

At a meeting of the State Thrashers Association held in Lansing Monday it was resolved to raise the price of thrashing. The resolution has not yet been adopted by our public schools.

## No April Fool

It will be no April Fools' Day with the citizens of Holland when taking the completion of the City Hall into consideration. April first has been designated as the formal opening day for our City Hall and those who are fortunate enough to attend on that day will be happily surprised at the beauty of the interior finishings. Frank Dyke and Bert Slagh, respectively had the contracts for finishing the interior and that they have done their work in a first class manner goes without saying.

The job on the City Hall is first class in all respects both outside and inside with the possible exception of a little tin cornice noticeable to a few of the most exacting but which can be replaced at any time with either stone or copper. The job is not only a credit to the City Hall building committee alone but the building could not be duplicated again at the price paid for it. Our citizens will realize this when they take a peep on April 1.

## Alumni to Stage a Play

The Alumni association of the local high school is making arrangements to stage a play sometime during the latter part of May, and practice on the production will be begun in the near future. The play to be selected is to be along the lines of one of the recent hits such as "The Thief" or "The Wolf." There is a good deal of talent among the members of the association and by the time the cast has been trained the new Knickerbocker theatre will be ready so that they will have all the necessary accommodations to make it a success.

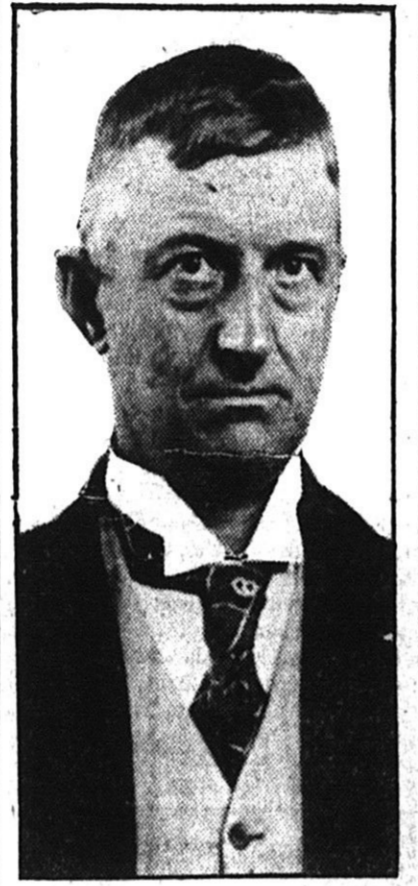
In order to make the venture financially possible and also in order to catch up with some past debts the officers of the association are making efforts to get all the dues collected and to induce graduates of the high school to remit as soon as possible. An attempt will be made to get all the dues collected before April 1. They have issued membership cards that will be handed to the Alumni when they pay the dues. The cards can be secured at the Model Drug Store, Brouwers' Furniture Store, Coester Photo Supply Co., and from Hoyt G. Post.

## Death of Tieman Slagh

Tieman Slagh, part owner of the new Knickerbocker theatre now about completed, was almost instantly killed last Saturday morning when he dropped to the sidewalk from a height of 28 feet with a large electric sign on which he had been working. Slagh was engaged with Conrad Smith in putting electric bulbs in the sign when a link in the main chain supporting it parted hurling Mr. Slagh forcibly to the walk below. He landed nearly flat on his back on the cement walk, the fall snapping the spinal cord and causing almost immediate death. Smith, who had been helping Mr. Slagh, was struck by the sign as it swung against the building and had the index finger of one hand crushed.

Drs Thomas, Cook and Yonkers were summoned immediately but the injured man had breathed his last before their arrival.

The body was picked up and carried into the store of his brother



Bert Slagh and then removed to his own home. An examination of the body showed no bruises or broken bones with the exception that the man's back was broken.

The victim was 44 years of age and is survived by a widow and eight children whose names are Henrietta, Geneva, Gilbert, Charles, Harold, Mildred, Florence and Earl.

Deceased was married 22 years ago to Miss Alice Boyenga. His father and mother died within a month of one another about a year ago.

The funeral which was held Tuesday afternoon from the home, corner Colleg avenue and 14th street and from the Third Reformed church was one of the largest that has been held in Holland for years. The members of the Eagle and Elk lodges attended in a body and the large church was crowded with friends who came to honor the dead. Rev. J. H. Blekkink and Rev. H. J. Veldman officiated. After the services the funeral cortege wended its way to Pilgrims Home cemetery where interment took place. The four brothers of the deceased John, Conrad, Bert and Dick Slagh, Jacob Wabeke and John Boyenga acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Slagh was one of Holland's representative citizens being engaged for a number of years as a contractor and builder and manager of the Idea theatre. Last fall in conjunction with Arend Smith he began the construction of the Knickerbocker theatre and had been engaged in this the greater part of the winter. He took great pride in the building and had made plans for its completion and opening when death cut short his work.

In the death of Tieman Slagh the city loses a valuable citizen. The News can say this in the broadest sense of the word. Holland can thank Mr. Slagh for the up-building of the business end of East 8th St. where he constructed a row of some of the most handsome buildings in our city. It took nerve to extend Holland's commercial interests so far from the business center but Tieman Slagh believed that the section could be made as good as any and with the grit he possessed he built four of the handsomest business blocks that ornament our public streets.

The putting up of the Keickerbocker theatre which is the 5th large building in that section of the city was also an enterprise that required nerve and that he has lived up to every part of his agreement with the Board of Trade up to the time of his sudden death is self-evident as an examination of this beautiful play house will verify.

The city loses in the death of Tieman Slagh.

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**\$4600**—60 acres, located about 4 miles from Holland; near school and creamery; good roads; about 10 acres of pasture, 15 meadow, 10 wheat; soil being all a good black sandy loam, near level; 3 good drive wells; fruit for family use; barn 48x74 in good shape; also silo 12x26 and other necessary outbuildings; fairly good 6 room house. Terms part cash, balance time.

**\$9500**—100 acres located about 5 miles southeast from Holland near railroad station, church, school and creamery; land all under cultivation; 20 acres in pasture, 20 acres wheat and 20 acres meadow; land already plowed for oats. Being a very good clay loam adapted to raise all crops. Gently rolling; good water supplied by mill to house and barn; running stream thru pasture; orchard for family use. Large first class barn; excellent hen house, and other outbuildings; very good 1 1/2 story 10 room house, with plenty of shade. Terms part cash, balance time. This is an ideal farm in a very good location.

**\$2200**—30 acres about 3 miles northwest from Holland on the Alpena Beach road. Soil being mostly a black sandy loam, nearly level. Best adapted for truck farming; 2 houses in fairly good shape; good barn; good water supplied by a drive well. \$825 cash down requires balance long time at 6 per cent, or will include 40 acres more partly improved and partly timber land for \$800 more. With this place all stock, tools and implements can be bought for \$600 more.

**\$7500**—150 acres located south from Hamilton near railroad station, schools and stores, good roads; about 100 acres under cultivation, 50 in pasture; 30 acres of wheat, 12 rye and 12 meadow; some second growth timber for fire wood. Soil being a gravel and sandy loam, adapted to raise all crops. Fruit for family use; barn 50x70; good hen house and other outbuildings; fairly good 9 room house. Terms about \$3500 cash, time on balance. Or will consider good house in exchange.

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**\$4200**—120 acres about 11 miles north and east from Holland, 3 1/2 miles from railroad station. 105 acres under cultivation, about 30 in pasture, 16 meadow; 12 wheat; 6 rye and 8 or 10 acres of ash, maple and elm timber; soil a black sandy loam and gravel, nearly level; good water and good orchard for family use. Very good barn 44x56 with concrete foundation; also good outbuildings; 2 story house consisting of 9 rooms; everything in first class shape. Terms about \$1800 down, balance long time. Stock and tools and implements can be bought with this place at a very reasonable figure.

**\$8000**—100 acres located about 2 1/2 miles from Wayland, in the eastern part of Allegan county. About 70 acres under cultivation, balance pasture, 18 acres of meadow, 12 of wheat and about 4 of timber; soil is a clay sandy loam, gently rolling. Good water supplied by a mill; fruit for family use. Good barn 36x60 with stone basement; silo 14x30 and other outbuildings; good 8 room house. A very good farm for the money. Terms part cash, balance time.

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## IN SOCIETY

Edward Steketee is visiting his brother Rev. John Steketee in Raritan, Ill.

Miss Ida Tanis is in Chicago attending her sick sister.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Altman are visiting friends in Toledo.

Dr. G. J. Kollen president of Hope College has returned from the East.

Louis Bos is building a fine house near the fair grounds.

Chas. A. Floyd and Con De Pree returned Monday from a shooting and fishing trip to the Gulf of Mexico.

Misses Henrietta Bloemendahl and Kathryn R. Kollen were in Grand Rapids Monday.

Rev. George Hankamp, pastor of the Reformed church of Hamilton, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Ellis return to Chicago today after spending a week with Mrs. J. E. Jacobson, West Seventh street.

Ed. Vaupell, the ex-sheriff was married to Miss Catherine Pellegrom of Grand Rapids Thursday.

The Epworth League of M. E. church held a business meeting in the church parlors Monday evening. The Society has a membership of 120 and is a flourishing condition.

Miss Sarah Manting of this city and Louis Noordhouse of Grand Haven were married at Grand Haven, on Washington birthday, Rev. J. Vander Meulen performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. DeVries recently married in New York City have been the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. DeVries, East Twelfth street. Dr. Bernie DeVries of Ann Arbor was also at home this week.

A marriage took place at the parsonage of the Methodist church at ten o'clock yesterday morning when Miss Alice M. Tasker became the bride of Reuben T. Winslow. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. E. Whitman, pastor of the church. The young couple were attended by Mrs. Tasker and Roy Wilson. They will make their home in this city.

Today Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Mulder are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with a family reunion at their home, 117 West 15th street. They have four children, 26 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Mulder are respectively seventy-seven and eighty-four years old and are in fairly good health. Both have been married previously and the present union was solemnized in 1861 at Devensport, Netherlands. They came to America in 1883 and with the exception of two years in Grand Rapids have resided here.

Mrs. T. Vander Ploeg, 331 College avenue, celebrated her 83rd birthday anniversary last Monday. Mrs. Vander Ploeg has lived in this city for the last quarter of a century and during that time has taken an active interest in the work of the First Reformed church.

### Matson-Landwehr

The marriage of Miss Ellen Matson and Gustave Landwehr was solemnized at the home of the bride in Michigan City, Ind. yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The wedding was a very quiet home affair and was performed by the pastor of the M. E. church of that city. The bride wore a very beautiful white gown and carried white roses. The bridal couple were attended by sisters of the bride. Miss Clara Matson as bridesmaid and Miss Anna Matson as maid of honor and Fred Andersen and Edgar Landwehr as groomsmen, the later being the brother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Landwehr left on a tour the same evening and will make Holland a visit on their bridal tour enroute, to their future home.

They will arrive here on the four o'clock train tomorrow afternoon, and in the evening at eight o'clock a reception will be given in their honor, by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nyström at their home, 377 Lincoln ave. Mr. Gustave Landwehr is a brother of Mr. A. H. Landwehr, the General manager of the Holland Furnace Co.

The Quarterly meeting of the teachers of the Third Reformed Sunday school was held last Friday evening at the home of Henry Pelgrim, sr. Thirty nine teachers were present. The evening was spent in helpful discussions and refreshments were served.

## DEATHS

The funeral of Mrs. Nick Van Slooten took place Monday afternoon at the Wesleyan Methodist church. Rev. Baeder officiating. Deceased was 21 years of age.

Anthony J. Van Raalte, 52 years of age, died Tuesday night after an illness with typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Van Raalte was a painter and decorator by trade and was a resident of this city for many years. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house 143 W. Eleventh St. Deceased is survived by a wife and three children, Minnie, Lena and Anthony. The funeral will be private.

Frank Ossignac, who was well known here, died at his home in Benton Harbor after an extended illness with tuberculosis. Deceased was 22 years of age and is survived by his parents one sister and two brothers; one of whom is William of this city. The remains were brought to Grand Haven for burial and the services were held at the St. Patrick's church Wednesday morning.

After a long illness with tuberculosis, Miss Anna Sterken, aged 18 years, died at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Sterken at Gregory crossing. The deceased was well known here and besides her parents is survived by four brothers. The funeral services were held yesterday from the home and from the Christian Reformed church at Zutphen. Rev. H. Vander Werp officiated.

Mrs. H. Vandenberg died at the home of her son about one mile east of this city Tuesday morning. Deceased was 89 years old and had lived in Holland for about half a century. She came to America 54 years ago when she went to her son's home east of the city where she has been living since. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from the home. Rev. R. L. Haan will officiate.

Henry Koenigsberg, one of Holland's oldest residents died at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids Tuesday evening at about 7 o'clock, aged 78 years. Death was due to the weakness of old age. Deceased is survived by two sons, Charlie of this city and Henry of Seattle. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Nibbelink's undertaking parlors under the auspices of the masonic lodge of this Rev. Grannis of Grace Episcopal church will be the officiating clergyman. The Masons will meet the Interurban car at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon on which the body will be brought and conduct it to Nibbelink's parlors.

Mrs. J. P. Wade, aged 78 died at her farm home near Fenville Monday of paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. Wade recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She is survived by the husband and seven children.

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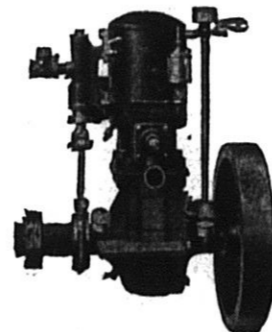
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# Good Roads

## The County Road System for Ottawa County

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In order to improve on this system, it will be readily seen that a larger unit of control must be obtained. Hence, the district system was devised, but this system is a small, if any improvement over the already existing township system and has met with little favor. From the experience of the various counties already under the county system in Michigan, and those under the county system in other states, it seems that the control and supervision of road construction is best when administered by county officials.

Under the present law in any county adopting the system for building permanent roads, a board of three commissioners is in the first instance appointed by the board of supervisors or elected at a special or a general election called for that purpose, but, if appointed, they shall hold office until the first day of May next following their appointment. All commissioners must be regularly elected in the spring following the regular sessions of the legislature and shall be elected for a term of two, four and six years respectively, and at the spring election one commissioner shall be elected every two years for the full term of six years.

Each year these commissioners must make their report on the work already accomplished to the board of supervisors and make their estimates of the amount of money necessary to complete proposed work on the new roads and the amount of money necessary for the care and maintenance of roads already built. The amount of tax to be raised for these purposes is allowed by the board of supervisors, which in Ottawa county cannot be

larger than a two mill tax, and is collected in the same manner as other taxes, the county commissioners cannot contract indebtedness in excess of taxes levied for county road purposes.

If Ottawa county will raise money enough to build twenty miles of gravel road, the state will give you money enough to build at least five miles more. If you will raise money enough to build twenty miles of macadam road, the state will give you money enough to build approximately five miles more.

The board of county road commissioners take over certain roads, which are to be improved under the county system. These roads are, as long as they are county roads, improved and maintained by the county, thus relieving the township of the care of their trunk line roads, for this is the great object of the county system, to build trunk line roads between market towns and between the principal cities and villages; that is, to permanently improve the main thoroughfares of travel, gradually extending the system from these main lines to those of lesser importance until the whole county is covered with a network of improved highways.

Townships, in counties under the county system, may still build improved roads the same as now. The county system in no way interferes with that which an individual township may do.

Good roads are cheaper than bad ones. Last year \$3,756,321.57 was spent on the wagon roads of this state, and it is a safe estimate that seventy-five per cent was spent on repairs on our common earth roads. Compare this with the work done by the thirty-two counties now under the county system. \$746,039.88 was raised in 1909, and it is estimated that ninety-five per cent of it was used for permanent improvement and only five per cent for maintenance. Which system is the better, the one in which nearly all the money is used for repairs, or the county system, by which nearly all the money raised by taxes is spent for permanent roads by competent men and the whole people of a county benefited. From which class of road will the average farmer, the city man, everybody receive the greatest benefit, the permanently improved good road all the year round under the county system, or the patchwork road as the average dirt road that now exists?

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This meeting is called by order of the board of directors of said company.

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LIFTED BY WHIRLWIND OUT OF SIGHT

Experiences of Elijah the Prophet  
II Kings 2:1-11—March 5  
"Elijah walked with God and he was not."  
Genesis 5:24.

THE Bible tells of three notable men who disappeared—God took them. One of these, Enoch, we are told, did not die. Another of them, Moses, we are told, died and was buried. Of the third one, the special subject of our lesson, it is not stated whether he died or not. But it is our understanding that he did die.

The heaven to which Elijah was taken by a whirlwind was the aerial heaven, in which the birds fly. His taking away after this manner was in order to complete the typical features of his life, as we shall see. That neither he nor Enoch went to heaven, in the sense of passing into the heavenly or spiritual state and into the presence of God, is clearly testified to by Jesus, who declared, "No man hath ascended up to heaven, save he who came down from heaven, even the Son of man." (John 3:13.) Although of Enoch it is declared that he was translated that he should not see death, it is not stated that he was translated to heaven. Where he now is no man knows.

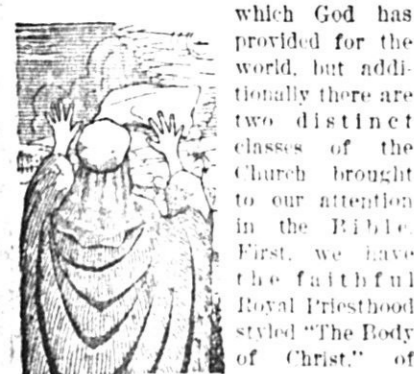
The object served in the translation of Enoch probably is to show by and by that it was quite possible for God to have maintained our race in life perpetually—that only because of sin was it necessary for Adam and his family to die; that when sin and death shall be abolished by Messiah during his Kingdom, and when the willing and obedient of mankind shall have been brought to human perfection again, they will never need to die.



"Tarry here, I pray thee."

**Elijah a Type of the Church**  
As Melchisedec (a King and Priest at the time) represented or typified the Church in glory, so Bible students understand that Elijah, the Prophet, typified or represented the Church in the flesh—this side the veil—from Jesus to the present. Thus, long after Elijah's death God, through the Prophet, declared to Israel, Behold, I send you Elijah the Prophet before the great and notable day of the Lord, and if he do not turn the hearts of the Fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, then the earth shall be smitten with a curse—a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.—Malachi 4:5, 6.  
John the Baptist, as the forerunner of Jesus in the flesh, typified this greater Elijah (the Church in the flesh), the forerunner of the Messiah of glory. As John the Baptist did not succeed in bringing the people into harmony with the fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, etc.), so likewise the Church in the flesh, as God foresaw, has not been successful in bringing peace to the world.  
As John the Baptist's failure with Israel was followed by the overthrow of their national polity in A. D. 70, so we believe, the failure of his antitype, the Church in the flesh, to bring in harmony and righteousness, is by Divine intention to be followed by the world-wide trouble which will humble man and prepare the way for the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

**Caught Up In a Whirlwind**  
Many Christians have not noticed that there is not only a difference between the heavenly salvation, which God has provided for the Church, and the earthly restitution (Acts 3:19-21) which God has provided for the world, but additionally there are two distinct classes of the Church brought to our attention in the Bible. First, we have the faithful Royal Priesthood styled "The Body of Christ," of which Jesus is the Head. These have the promise that they shall sit with Christ in his throne and be judges of the world during the Messianic Kingdom. The other class of saved ones on the spirit plane the Scriptures designate a "great company, whose number no one knows." (Rev. 7:9.) These will serve before the Throne.



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**Chariots and Horsemen of Fire**  
Having located Elijah as the type of the "elect" class, Bible Students are inclined to consider Elisha as probably a typical character; also a representative of the greater spiritual class, the antitypical Levites.

The various instances in which Elijah suggested to Elisha that he should tarry behind are supposed to represent the trials and difficulties in the pathway of the Church here, which will suggest to the "great company," the Elisha class, that they continue not to follow their more zealous brethren of the Elijah class.

## WHAT YOU SAW IN THIS PAPER WHAT YOU SAW 35 YEARS AGO

Marine items will be next in order now. Black Lake is cleared of all ice, and several of our vessels that were anchored out in the bay during the winter have been hauled to the docks for fitting up.

The stove factory of Messrs. E. Vander Veen & Co., will resume a week from next Monday, giving employment to at least thirty hands.

Brick, field-stone and all kinds of building material is being hauled on the grounds for the new brick blocks to be put up during the coming season.

Mrs. Margaret Boggs, celebrated the hundredth anniversary of her birthday recently in Germantown, near Philadelphia. Her maiden name was Donaldson, and she was married eighty-three years ago. She danced a minute with George Washington when she was eighteen and he was sixty-two years of age.

## WHAT YOU SAW 30 YEARS AGO

The first anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Reformed Churches of Holland, Michigan, will be held in the First Reformed Church of this place on Tuesday evening next, March 1st. Interesting exercises may be expected.

The latest news of the forgery case is this: Jas. P. Dougherty was arrested at Windsor, Canada, at the Beeman House, on Saturday night last. On Tuesday last we were telegraphed for to testify in the extradition case, now being tried in that city, but in our absence the sheriff took our foreman—Will H. Rogers—who identified the man and the notes we printed for him. It seems that this extradition don't go so easy. The crime, or some crime, has got to be proven there, before the stipulations of the extradition treaty can apply, and this trial is causing the delay. It appears, however, at the trial that these same fellows have fleeced the bank at Allegan, also the bank at Plainwell, and also one at Martin Corners, all for about the same amount, estimated in the sum total at nearly \$4,000. We give great credit to Sheriff Vaupell for getting his hands on him at all. The culprits had a long start of him.

## WHAT YOU SAW 25 YEARS AGO

The Life Saving Station at our harbor is nearly completed. The boats will arrive and the crew go on duty about the middle of May.

M. Notter has purchased the site for his creamery. It is the same as we mentioned in our last issue, the lot just east of the Water Works Pump house on Fish street. Ice houses are being erected and filled with ice and the work will be pushed rapidly forward.

## WHAT YOU SAW 20 YEARS AGO

Ground was broken this week for Chas. Harmon's brick building, on Eighth street, James G. Boyce took the job of excavating.

Mrs. M. Van Regenmorter—nee Kleyn, wife of the lighthouse keeper, died Thursday morning, from cancer in the breast, after a lingering attack of several months. She will be buried Monday, in the Lake Shore Cemetery. Funeral services at the residence at the harbor at 10 o'clock, a. m., and at the Dutch church at noon. Those desiring to attend the funeral will drive to Ouke Bosman's place or the hotel Ottawa, on the north side, from where they will be conveyed across the channel by boat.

Sjoert Jonker, of Holland town, who two years ago accidentally received a charge of small shot in the head, by the bursting of a gun, died of brain fever, Thursday, aged 25 years.

Married, by Rev. E. Bos, on Thursday, Henry Kampen and Miss Annie, daughter of M. DeFeyer—both of this city.

The rebuilding of the Grondwet News printing office has been let to John R. Kleyn, of this city, and work commenced Monday. The walls will be carried up two feet higher, which additional space will be added to the second story. The first floor will be fitted up with roomy offices for the publisher and the several editors of the two papers. The contract calls for the completion of the work by the 1st of May.

## WHAT YOU SAW 15 YEARS AGO

While two men were sawing down a tree in southern Cheboygan county their saw struck an obstruction, and on investigation they found a hatchet embedded in the wood, the trunk of the tree having grown completely around it. On the hatchet was the name of Robert LaSalle, the famous French explorer, and the date 1655, probably the date of its manufacture, as LaSalle was only 12 years old then. The blade also bore the inscription "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam," the motto of the Jesuits, to which order LaSalle belonged.

J. Toppen, who lives on the old Nienhuis place, two miles north of the city, lost his dwelling by fire

Thursday afternoon. It is supposed to have started from a defective chimney. Only a small part of the contents were saved. Loss \$600, partly covered by insurance.

## WHAT YOU SAW 10 YEARS AGO

The death of John Vanden Beldt occurred last Saturday at his home in Filmore township as the result of an accident which happened last week while he was operating a hay press. He was struck on the head by a piece of iron and died from the effects of the wound. Mr. Vanden Beldt was 43 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Ebenezer church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Blair, 219 West Ninth street, Saturday—a son.

A pioneer of Western Michigan, one of the sturdy Hollanders who helped to transform Ottawa county from a primeval wilderness into a productive cultivated civilized land, passed away last Friday when William R. Flietstra died at the home of his daughter and grandchildren, 317 Plainfield avenue, Grand Rapids. He was one of the founders of Holland, but had spent the past decade of his life in Grand Rapids. He was 90 years old.

T. Dykema died Saturday at his home 4 miles north of the city at the age of 72. Mr. Dykema was one of the pioneers of this section. He was a brother of Supervisor John Dykema and Cornelius Dykema. He is survived by a wife and four children. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the First Reformed church.

Henry D. Bosman, of New Holland left yesterday for Washington, D. C. to attend the inauguration of President McKinley. While in Washington he will be the guest of M. C. Burch, of the department of justice.

## "Dr. Miles' Nervine Completely Cured Our Little Boy of Fits."

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## UNCLE HIRAM TO HIS NEPHEW

On Something Important for Him to Realize in His Relations With Men.

"Stevey, my boy," said Uncle Hiram to his hopeful young nephew, "you may not be old enough yet fully to understand or at least fully to realize what I am about to say to you, but I'd better say it now for I might forget to say it later, and some day, and perhaps to your advantage, you will recall it, the thing I would now say to you being this:

"Other people think of us what we think of them.

"Do you get that through your nod-dle? Other people think of us what we think of them.

"This is highly important, because it applies to our inmost unuttered thoughts. If we think ill of a man he will think ill of us. So you want to think well of men.

"Our thoughts of other people appear to form a sort of circuit returning from them to us. They go out from us to the fellow we are thinking of, who seems to relay them back to us. Whatever our feelings toward him may be, good or bad, he takes them in, reinforces them with strength from his own batteries and sends them back to us, with a feeling of friendliness if that was our instinctive feeling toward him, while if our feeling was one of antagonism that is the feeling that he relays back to us.

"Don't think ill of men, Stephen; think well of them, as you may well do; there is more good in men than bad. Cultivate friendly relations and friendly feelings, and be sure that as you feel toward men so will they feel toward you."

## QUEENS BOROUGH TIN HORSES

How Nightmares, Hobbies and Ponies of Beer Were Put on the City's Pay-Roll.

"What's all this talk I hear about tin horses in Queens borough?"

"I'm surprised at your ignorance. Tin horses are a mere term used to designate equines which never existed, part of a graft game."

"Explain some more, please."

"Well, it was like this. If a fellow with a pull wanted some extra money he would have a couple of nightmares, report to the powers that be that he had a team, and they would be hired, at so much a day, for city work."

"Did all of the grafters have to have mares?"

"O, no; one of the gang had his wife's two clothes horses, drawing full pay."

"He was a genius."

"Yes, another man had a hobby about not wanting to work, his son had a hobby horse, and so he doubled them up and sent in bills for a team, at least, so I hear."

"That's interesting."

"Yes, rather. There was a rumor going around the other day that a man who owned a pair of ponies of beer also figured in the game."

"I suppose if one of the gang's wife and daughters owned pony skin coats they could have got on the pay roll too."

"Sure thing; it was a pony skin game, all the way through."

"And all that these fake horses ever drew was pay?"

"That's true, although they have set tongues a-wagging."—Brooklyn Times.

## Some Korean Superstitions.

The wildest superstitions are rife among the natives of Korea, says a writer in the Wide World Magazine. Everything is ascribed to the good or evil influences of invisible spirits, whom they strive to propitiate by incessant and petty sacrifices. The serpent is revered as sacred and fed as a domestic pet. Marriage is a question of etiquette and is arranged by the parents. A live goose is given as a betrothal gift, as a symbol of fidelity and long life. Filial piety is cultivated to a remarkable degree, a son considering it his duty to follow his father to prison or exile. Sacrifices of pigs, sheep and goats are offered to the firmament, to which they pray for rain or fair weather and the removal of plague and misfortune.

## America Claims the Bean.

Until 1883 the bean was believed to have originated in Asia. Researches among the flora of ancient Peruvian sepulchres show that it was known in antiquity in Peru. No fewer than 50 different species have been found in the old burying places and 49 of the 50 were distinctly American. The sepulchres explored date back to the period beginning with the twelfth century and ending with the fifteenth. Within them was a great number of beans—so many that it is reasonable to suppose that beans held an important place in the agriculture of the ancient people of Peru. Probably the common dried bean of modern commerce was well-known in the antique world long before the discovery of Columbus.

## "Filthy Lucre."

The expression "filthy lucre" is of biblical origin, and is to be found in the third chapter of the first book of Timothy, where the qualifications necessary for the office of a bishop are thus set forth: "This is a true saying. If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop must then be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, nor covetous."

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## Additional Locals

The board of Police and Fire commissioners appointed John Wagner as patrolman 5.

The College Girls are coming with 100 costumes, for a costumed concert in Carnegie Hall tomorrow night. Seats at Hardies.

It was decided by the congregation of the First Reformed church that services would be held as heretofore, part English and part Dutch. It was at first contemplated to have all the services in English but the vote by ballot last evening decided otherwise.

The Holland Interurban has made many improvements at Jenison park for the summer season, the opening of which already is in sight. The dance pavilion has been enlarged, new flower gardens have been laid out and additional buildings have been erected as needed. The Jesik brothers this season will conduct a motor boat livery and repair shop, something the Black lake resorts have not had heretofore.

## Appoint Superintendent of Public Works.

One of the most popular actions which the Board of Public Works has taken in some time was the appointment of R. B. Champion to fill the vacancy caused last fall by the resignation of James DeYoung. Mr. Champion has been acting superintendent ever since Mr. DeYoung left last September and his work has been so high a class and satisfactory in every respect that the only thing the board could do was to give him the official position as well as the work connected with the office.

Mr. Champion has been doing double work all winter but with the coming of Spring and with a great deal of work to be done this summer it was impossible to further delay the appointment. The appointment was by a unanimous vote of the board of public works.

The members are in a good position to know the abilities of the new superintendent and all agreed heartily that Mr. Champion was the logical candidate.

## Jas. A. Brouwer Gets Contract

The contract for furnishing shades for the city hall was let to the James A. Brouwer Furniture company. There was great deal of competition about this job because it is really a big job to furnish shades for as large a building as the City Hall and also because it will mean a great deal of free advertising for the successful firm since the City Hall is a public building and will be greatly frequented by the public.

Some of the Grand Rapids firms tried hard to land the contract and gave their rock bottom prices, but there were three Holland firms who went lower than the lowest bid of the Grand Rapids firms and say they can make a profit. The lowest of all was Jas. A. Brouwer and his bid was twenty-five per cent less than the lowest Grand Rapids bids, showing that the market in Holland is just as good if not better than that of other cities. Get the "buying at home" spirit.

## Seminary Notes

The Adelphe Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scholte at 96 E. 15th St. The prayer meeting was led by Mr. Stanton. The paper for the evening, on the subject, "Dr. Chamberlain, Missionary." After refreshments were served, the society, by a rising vote, expressed their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Scholte for the hospitality extended.

Next Tuesday night at 7:30, Dr. Matthew Kolyn of the Seminary will give an illustrated lecture on "Palestine, in the College Chapel."

Dr. J. Beardslee is prevented by illness to attend his classes this week.

Students preach March 5th.  
North Holland—Staplekamp.  
Zeeland (1st)—Walvoord.  
Harlem—Walterink.  
Byron—Duven.  
Twin Lakes—Laman.  
Decatur—Roggen.  
Grand Rapids (9th)—Van Westenbrugge.

## Hope Church Notes

Next Sunday morning, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated and new members received. Let every member be present if possible.

The short Before-Communion address will be on "The Prepared Table in the Enemy's Presence." The special music is Gounod's Sanctus and Schubert's Ladies' Quartet production of the Twenty-Third Psalm.

The evening choir music is Woodward's "The Sun shall be no more thy Light" and a violin obligato by Miss Yates with Havens' Shining Homeland. The pastor preaches on "Eating Bread in the Kingdom of God."

## A Dutchman's Christmas in Ceylon.

For the Holland City News

"Ceylon's spicy breezes blow as softly" on Christmas morn as they do at any other time of the year. The slow, plodding bullocks, the lightly clad ricksha coolies, and the sighing palms may not remind one of the sleighbells, and ringing skates, and toboggan slides, but the Christmas spirit is the same in Colombo as in New York. The bursting fire-cracker at the close of the Christmas service may not savor of Christmas trees and plum puddings but it tells of the joy in the hearts of the people as well as candles and carols do. The surroundings are different but the same spirit rules over all, and the pretty little card or the beautiful gift betoken the same love here as elsewhere.

It was a rare opportunity that allowed me to run away from my regular work and spend a week as the guest of Rev. William Sinclair in the Dutch Churches of Colombo and Southern Ceylon. The oldest Protestant organization in all the Orient is the Wolfendaal Consistory of Colombo. Organized in 1642 it has had a continuous existence since and its records tell of baptisms and professions of faith from that date to this. The present church building, built in 1749 when the first building was declared unsafe, is a large, stately building that can accommodate 1,200 people if necessary. It is built in the form of a Greek cross with the high wooden pulpit and sounding board at one of the corners and high backed seats for the Governor, the Elders and Deacons at the other corners. There are several other churches (some as large and some smaller) throughout the island, some of which are now used by the Anglican, Wesleyan, and other communities. But the government stands ready to turn any of these over again to the Dutch Church if it can give assurance of being able to carry on work in them.

The Dutch community in Ceylon was once strong as well as prosperous. Their descendants are still prosperous because of their sterling character and thrift but their numbers seem to have dwindled, and yet the last census returned 23,000 as "Burghers," the name by which this community is known. They occupy offices of responsibility and trust, while many of them are in the learned professions. Many are clerks in Government offices and a few are engaged in business of various kinds. Their moral character is very high and divorce and the social evil are practically unknown. And they are loyal to the old Dutch Church. Some have been separated from the church through the force of circumstance, but all who can still keep up their connection though that may mean no more than attendance at the services once or twice a year and the baptism of the children of the family. And they will come far, at no little expense, to keep up that connection.

And Christmas morning is one of the times of the year when all who are well enough to be out are found in their places in the old Church. Though there were four places where services were held for this community the Church at Wolfendaal was well filled and it was a joy and delight to proclaim the Christmas message to so eager an audience. It looked more like an Easter audience than that of Christmas for the new bonnets and the white dresses of the ladies had little in common with the furs and woollens of the home-land. The music at the morning service consisted of Christmas carols, sung by choir and audience. The service was a simple, truly Reformed in every way. And at the close of the service there was the eager greeting of friends and fellow-worshippers. One of the features of Christmas in Ceylon is the home-coming of the children and relatives from a distance. As many as possible are found in the old homes on that day and thus the day takes the place, in part, of our Thanksgiving Day celebration.

Among the interesting relics of former days are the old silver communion and baptismal sets. These have been in constant use for a century or more. The baptismal bowl is at least two feet in diameter, and is of a beautiful steel pattern. The communion cups each hold about a quart and the plates are of harmonious proportions. These were the gifts of former worthies in the Church. With the silver sets the Church has also inherited certain customs that are simple and therefore dignified. The communicants all gather around a long cruciform table set in the center of the church and the deacons pass the elements from one to another around the table, at the head of which sit the Pastors and Elders. At Easter a kind of confirmation service is held when the young

people of the church are received into full communion upon profession of faith. About 75 are thus received at every Easter service. Though the Church now has four places of worship in Colombo the whole is still one organization with Pastors who are Colleagues and with one consistory ruling over the whole body. This maintains the unity of the whole and keeps the whole church still centered about the old mother church, which would otherwise suffer the fate of "downtown" churches.

In spite of years of neglect and separation from sister churches in other lands and in spite of the poor quality of some of the stray pastors that have served the church in former generations, the church is today very vigorous and gives bright promise for the future. The one thing needed is a real vital union with a church of the same polity and doctrine in Europe or America. The Church most nearly related to the Dutch Churches in Ceylon is the Reformed Church in America. Both the Collegiate Church of New Amsterdam and the Collegiate Church of Colombo were organized early in the seventeenth century by the Classis of Amsterdam. They are, in the full sense of the word, sister Churches and it would be to their mutual benefit if the old ties of sisterhood could be re-established. The great need of the Ceylon church is a permanent supply of thoroughly trained Pastors. It would be a great privilege to the Reformed Church in America if she could send a few of her best sons to the East to help build up and maintain the work so well begun by her Fathers. The Church in Ceylon is no starveling orphan that needs to be pitied. She is a neglected sister that needs to be encouraged. She has strength and ability, she has loyalty and love, she also has enthusiasm and opportunity for service that are rare even in this great century of Christian usefulness. Will the Reformed Church at home rise to the occasion? One opportunity has been allowed to slip by. Perhaps that must needs be. But if the opportunity comes again, I trust that the spirit of courage, the spirit of daring, the spirit of helpfulness that inspired our forefathers when they sailed to New York and to Ceylon will again be ours and that the two sisters, so long separated, will again be united in the great work of establishing the Kingdom throughout all the world. I truly believe that the time is ripe when the Classis of Ceylon should be added to one of the Eastern Particular Synods, and believe such a union would result in re-establishing a strong church that would be able to carry on through its own resources a large and fruitful work among the people of this fair island. If any one who reads these lines should be in a position where he could help this cause along I trust he will do his utmost to promote it for in so doing he will be performing a service the fruit of which no living man can predict.

May the Lord open the way to a solution of the old Dutch Church of Ceylon,—the problem of isolation and neglect,—and again make her face to shine and her people to rejoice in the new service and enlarge opportunity that would come through union with the Church at home and through wise leadership.

JOHN J. BANNINGA,  
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## Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to thank our many friends, neighbors and members of the F. O. E. and B. P. O. E. societies for their kindness, sympathy and floral tributes, and also the ministers for their kindly words of condolence.

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## I Wonder if you Will Read This Gentleman's Statement

Athens, Mich., Jan. 11, 1911

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