

MICHIGAN NEWS

R. F. D. MAIL SERVICE FOR MILLION MORE

Burleson Announces Extension of System.

Washington—Plans for a general readjustment of the rural postal service throughout the country July 1, 1915, as a means of providing mail facilities for 1,000,000 persons not included in the present routing system have been announced by Postmaster-General Burleson.

The postoffice department, Mr. Burleson said, has ordered all routes of travel by carriers eliminated and unnecessary service, where found to exist, discontinued. Motor vehicles will be provided under the new plan for service where the highways will permit.

"During last April changes in the rural service were authorized which reduced the cost of operations by \$177,064. This money has been used to establish 2002 new routes, serving more than 21,000 families."

"Rural service will be extended to every farmer reasonably entitled to it," said Mr. Burleson, "as rapidly as the new adjustment can be made."

SAGINAW CHILD KIDNAPPED BY FATHER, STILL MISSING

Saginaw, Mich.—A country which search has been instituted for Herbert A. Hard, well-known in collegiate, geological and governmental circles, and his daughter Elizabeth, who is 7 years old and was kidnapped the morning of Feb. 18 while on her way to school here. The father seized the child and rushed her in a taxicab through the eastern district of Saginaw and disappeared. The father and child disappeared and presumably went to Columbus, O.

The mother is not greatly worried about the child, believing she will be treated well. But she and Mr. Hard are divorced and a stipulation was entered into between them some time ago by which he relinquished all claim to any of their three children.

She found out that her former husband went to Columbus, O., after the kidnapping and from there to Washington, D. C., and for a time she has been quiet word from him. Occasionally she hears from him now, but believes that his letters are remailed to throw her off the track of him and the child.

SOLVE WATER PROBLEM FOR FARM HOUSEWIVES

East Lansing, Mich.—M. A. C.'s "household engineer," whose business it will be to aid farm housewives to solve the water problem in country homes, went on the job. His first work will be done in Saginaw county, where makers have been held in the last few months to prepare farmers for his coming. The "engineer," who is O. E. Robey, of the farm mechanics department of college, will at first go only to those housewives who have made requests for aid, but as the new enterprise develops, his field will be extended.

The placing of Mr. Robey in the field is a result of the investigation conducted among rural housewives of the country by the federal department of agriculture. This investigation showed that what farm homes need more than anything else are household water systems which will save women the labor of hourly hauling water from the well.

STATE HAS MUCH CASH NOW, BUT—

Lansing, Mich.—At the close of business last month the state treasury had received high water mark for the year, with \$8,917,161 on hand, but within three months this will be practically gone. Over \$6,000,000 is in the primary school fund and will be distributed July 1, and the numerous

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" VEIL MAKES A HIT



A suffragist wearing "votes for women" veil.

Considerable attention was attracted by a pretty young lady who invaded one of the fashionable streets wearing a veil on which was woven in fine material, "Votes for Women." "Old fogies" who had firmly resolved not to be swayed from their determined stand to refuse to women the right to vote, followed the young lady with twinkling eyes and said to themselves that after all there ought to be no objection to women voting. Staid old maids, among whom was one who evidently was enrolled in the anti ranks, turned up their noses and called out "Cat! Cat!" The "votes for women" veil promises to set a new fashion.

deliciously appropriate for the various state institutions will eat up heavily. With a short time all state funds now on deposit in state and national banks, amounting to over \$9,000,000, will be called in.

Two-Hour Quake Record At Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, Mich.—The seismograph at the astronomical observatory here recorded a severe earthquake shock about midnight Saturday, May 1st. The shock was far distant, but just in what part of the world has not yet been determined. It lasted for two hours, something very unusual.

Farmers Can Save by Dealing Direct With Consumers

Women Too Fond of Using the Telephone, Complaint of Farmers.

Also Say Parcel Post Is Not Being Utilized to Best Advantage.

"Buy at the Eastern or Western markets, or use parcel post if you would reduce the high cost of living," is the advice given to Detroiters by Oakland county farmers.

With the inauguration of the parcel post system, so farmers say, there was a tendency manifested by Detroiters to get in touch with the producer. Neither do Detroit housewives visit the two city market places often enough, so farmers aver. They hold that Mrs. Detroit is too fond of using the telephone and buying at the corner grocery to really put stray pennies and dimes in her purse.

The farmers say Detroit housewives could save one-third by dealing directly with the producer.

Wire for Connections The vibration of an automobile make it necessary that wire used for electric connections should be composed of a number of fine flexible strands and this cable be covered with moisture-proof insulation. Special wire for this purpose is furnished by the wire, but for emergency work the ordinary double electric light extension cable will do very well.

NAMED RED CROSS GENERAL MANAGER



Brig. Gen. Carroll A. Devol.

President Wilson, as head of the American Red Cross, has appointed Brig. Gen. Carroll A. Devol of the quartermaster's department, U. S. A., general manager of the Red Cross, a newly created position. General Devol, who is now attached to the general staff of the army, has been given three months' leave of absence, to assume his new office and become active head of the Red Cross.

YEAR'S ACCIDENTS COST 2 BILLIONS

Council of Safty Speaker at Philadelphia Shows High Price Paid for Preventable Ills.

IS A HEAVY TAX UPON SOCIETY

Aid of Children Throughout Nation Being Enlisted to Cut Down Enormous Death Toll.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Two billion dollars a year is the estimate which Mrs. Jessica P. McCall, the speaker at the Philadelphia Council of Safty at its meeting at the Franklin Institute, made of the gain to the people of the United States by preventing avoidable accidents and diseases. Part of her address was as follows:

"Society is taxed for the damage caused by accidents. In the first place there is a loss of earnings, then the cost of the illness in physicians' and nurses' fees, and for medicines. Suppose we grant that an individual's productivity is the measure of his value.

"From a report of the National Highway Protective Society we are informed that 227 children were killed by street traffic in New York last year; 100 were killed by motor cars, which alone caused the death of 239 people."

"Children hitching to wagons are in danger of meeting with an accident from vehicles approaching from the rear. The child in breaking away from the wagon fails to be watched and is liable to danger and often collides with oncoming vehicles."

"Hitching to trolley cars is also dangerous because the child is watching the conductor, and in doing so fails to give attention to the approaching vehicles, which are liable to strike him when he jumps from the car. Also if he jumps from the car while it is in motion he is apt to be drawn under the wheels. Another danger is being struck by a car approaching from the opposite direction. 'Remember trolley cars run in both directions.' Automobiles are the fast moving vehicles, and when a child hitches to one he gravely endangers his life because of the speed of the machine which enables it to turn corners quickly and to exceed its rated speed. Heavy motor trucks and trolley cars, therefore when the child releases himself from the automobile he may be struck by another vehicle thrown to the ground and very badly injured, perhaps killed. Also, he is liable to arrest."

"Know the danger of keeping medicine bottles without clear and proper labels. Medicine bottles should have clear and proper labels, because many liquid and tablet medicines are often so similar that a mistake is easily made. It is liable to get a poisonous mixture or to take a medicine prescribed for another person if there is no information on the outside of the bottle to guide him. The same is true of the medicine in a bottle which has not a clear and proper label. Make it a rule to read the label on the bottle at least twice when taking it from the shelf and when returning it to the shelf. Under no circumstances take medicine from a cabinet at night without observing this rule. The Committee of Public Safty would advise all persons keep carbolic acid or any other poisonous mixtures to have clearly written and pasted on the medicine cabinet door the proper antidotes for such solutions."

"Know how to light oven of gas stove to avoid explosion. Before lighting a gas stove open the oven door. This will assure safety against explosion in case gas has leaked into the oven. Be able to tell how revolving and swinging doors might cause accidents."

"Know the right way to get on a street car, to get off a street car, the signals for starting and stopping, the signal for an emergency stop; the respective lights and duties of drivers and pedestrians; what to do upon discovering a broken electric wire; what to do upon discovering a congested fire escape."

"The safety pledge of the children I will work for the safety of others as I would want them to work for my safety. I will work for the public safety as I would want those appointed to safeguard our city to work for my safety and the safety of my family and friends. I will try to protect myself and those with whom I come in contact from the risk of unnecessary chances I will do my part to help reduce the number of accidents for this year."

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Initial Race On Detroit SPEEDWAY

Labor Day, September 6th 1915 PURSE \$75,000 DISTANCE 500 MILES

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FROM A SINNER'S DIARY

I know a woman with an angel-bad laugh. All the world is full of spring whenever it's touched off. And it hangs on a hair trigger. This sourness at mothers-in-law I don't understand. I could do most anything for a woman who'd raised a husband for me. Some never sin—nor much of anything else.

I know a woman whose blossom is never what her husband seems to produce. A hook baited out of the "I like you" box is real good bait. It shows such superior judgment when they like you, you know.

I know a Persian cat the pig rals' around till he looks like an engered cocoon. Brother is just back from beach-putting. He said he got a pgeket and tired a lot more.

Today little sister tried climbing the barbed-wire fence with eight eggs in her hands. I've got a new dress. It has a white necktie with tawny belly goat beads surrounded by six garnet diamonds over the crest of the clavicle. The belt is wide enough to hide the secret of a nickel, a nosey and a twenty-dollar bill. Also nine valts. So if anything overcomes me, mine for that twenty.

More riots are abroad in my neighborhood than Coney and Fairhurst combined. And I'm in the midst of 'em all and happy. The other day I brought home three coconuts and told brother to pick out the best one, which he did carefully. "That's muzzler," I said. "Now pick out the worst one." (I knew what footprint brother would do this time.) "That's Mrs. Hall's" and gave him the other. (Whereupon a post hung to brother like suet to a plate in cold dishwater.)

If you're going to be a humorist, why not look it? I'm writing a dictionary. Sometimes I think of the definition before I do the word. What do I want for this? As far apart as I would feel, you would rather die alone, and know they would, than be any nearer—uncongenial or incompatible?

Bound the sweet corn into bangles this afternoon for Loco and Hot Tamale and the clown call that always gets there first, and you can't keep her from coming out, and you hit her on the nose just as hard as you can you can't even make her wink.—Lynette Freeman, in Judge.

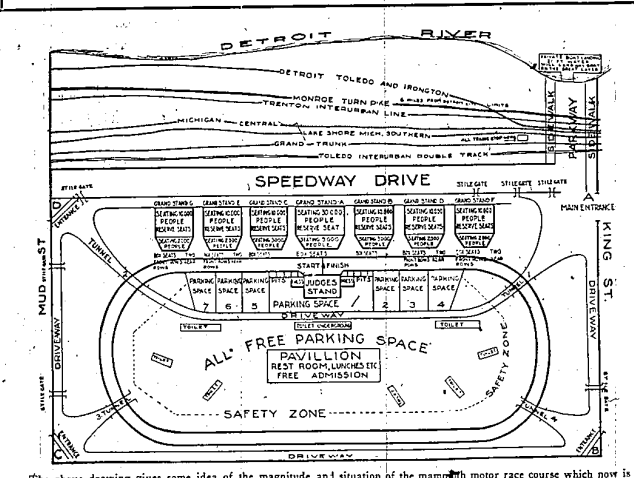
ALL WRONG

The Mistake Is Made by Many Citizens. Look for the cause of backache. To be cured you must know the cause. If it's weak kidneys. You must set the kidneys working right. The following statement shows you how. G. P. Huntress, Water St., Oak Harbor, Ohio, says: "I had a bad attack of kidney trouble and was unable to work. My back felt as though very broken and the constant ache across my kidneys took the life out of me. I tried medicines that were highly recommended for kidney complaint but got no relief. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills helped me. Before I picked the cotton by sucking the lint out of the bolls by compressed air, somewhat on the order, apparently, of the vacuum cleaner."

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Approved Plans of Detroit Motor Speedway



The above drawing gives some idea of the magnitude and situation of the mammoth motor race course which now is being completed in the downtown river district, just on the fringe of Wyandotte. It will be seen that the capacity of the stand alone is 109,000, making it the largest amphitheater of its kind in America. The first annual sweepstakes for \$75,000 over the Detroit Speedway course will be held on Labor Day.

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