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## WIRE THIEVES ARE CAUGHT

Man and Woman Arrested by Deputy Sheriff Goers Early Monday Morning

As a sequel to a long and costly series of thefts of copper wire from the D. U. R., which has baffled the efforts of the officers for a long time, a couple giving their names as Daniel Summers and a woman claiming to be his wife, were arrested about 2 o'clock Monday morning as they were preparing to drive away from Stevenson's corners with a wagon load of copper wire cut from the lines of the D. U. R. about three miles north of the Junction, and taken to the county jail at Pontiac.

The thieves were busily at work cutting the heavy feed wire, worth about 26 cents a foot, from the poles along the line when a young man named Gessler, an employee of the D. U. R., was returning to his home after spending the evening with a friend. Gessler hurried to a phone and notified Deputy Sheriff Goers, who telephoned the D. U. R. and Pontiac officers, and then made a hurried trip to the scene of the robbery, where the couple were just preparing to drive away with about 500 feet of wire, worth about \$150.

The thefts have been going on since the first of August and it is estimated some \$5,000 worth of wire, with the resulting loss in line and trouble to the company, have been taken from different points along the suburban lines.

The D. U. R. have had some 15 officers working on the case, but Monday was the first that any definite clue to the losses could be obtained.

The couple were well prepared for their job, having a complete set of linemen's tools, a market gardener's wagon with crates and baskets as if on their way to Detroit with garden truck. The man would climb a pole, cut the wires, which were heavily charged, while the woman, with a pair of field glasses would watch the road. The wire was then cut into six foot lengths and concealed in the wagon under the crates, and any one meeting the pair would not suspect they were anything but ordinary market gardeners.

The couple arrested are said to be silent as to the disposition of the stolen property, and the officers are making every effort to find the outlet of the thieves for their loot.

It is thought, however, the same parties have been connected with all of the thefts, as some time ago it was found a horse answering the description of the one taken from the couple Monday, had been tied to a tree close to one of the cuts in wires near Ecorse. There some sorrel hair was found tangled in the bark of a tree. At another time a delivery wagon was seen passing through the village of Rockwood, where a cut was also made.

Cuts were made of three hundred feet near Trenton; 1200 feet at Gordon's switch; 983 feet near Rockwood; 685 feet near Ecorse and 700 feet at Roorse; 725 feet at Trenton and 500 feet on the Visger road, just outside of Detroit, besides the 500 feet taken Monday.

William Wilkey was struck by a speeding automobile while walking on the road near Royal Oak last Sunday evening. His body, face and hands were badly bruised and cut, and serious internal injuries are feared. The motorist did not stop to see what damage he had done.

Try our liners next time.

## ENTERTAINED AT DETROIT

Redford Did Proud in Entertaining Farmington on Last Monday Evening

As a fitting finale to the series of matched games of indoor baseball, between Farmington and Redford—and which Farmington won—came the feast at the Hausbrau Haus, Detroit, last Monday evening, whither went thirty-two representative citizens of the above named places.

Ray Burgess, of Redford, manager of the Redford team, had so completely fulfilled the duties of his office that not a thing was left undone for the comfort of their guests. Supper was served in a separate room from the regular dining room, at 6:30 p. m., and it was a jolly crowd that was assembled. After dinner story telling and speeches were indulged in extensively, in which our townsmen John Clark, Dr. Holcomb, A. B. Havran, Clarence Bicking, Edgar Pierce distinguished themselves as also did many of the Redfordites.

At the close Dr. Holcomb announced in behalf of the Farmington boys, that they were willing to play another series and furnish the supper win, lose or draw, which offer was promptly accepted, and they will endeavor to have the games played before cold weather, as there is not a suitable hall for the game in either place. After the program was finished the Farmington boys tendered their host a vote of thanks for the excellent time, and departed with hand shakes for the various places of amusement.

### Mr. Farmington Merchant

With the approach of the fall season the big jobbers and manufacturers will begin to send out their salesmen. Many of these salesmen are going to call on you, Mr. Merchant. Here are a few suggestions by which you might open the conversation with them:

Ask them what they will do to help you sell the goods they want you to buy.

Ask them if their firm is going to advertise their goods in the newspaper of your town. If they reply No, ask them why not?

Tell them that it is necessary for them to create the demand in your town, among your customers, for their line of goods; otherwise you cannot push their line in preference to those manufacturers or jobbers who do create this demand.

Tell them the best way to create the demand is to advertise in the local newspaper; that your customers read the newspaper published here; that you yourself advertise in it; that you are not willing to spend your money to make their particular brands popular in this town and later have them take the line away from you and give it to your competitor.

Tell them that you favor goods which are advertised in your local newspaper because you find it more profitable to do so.

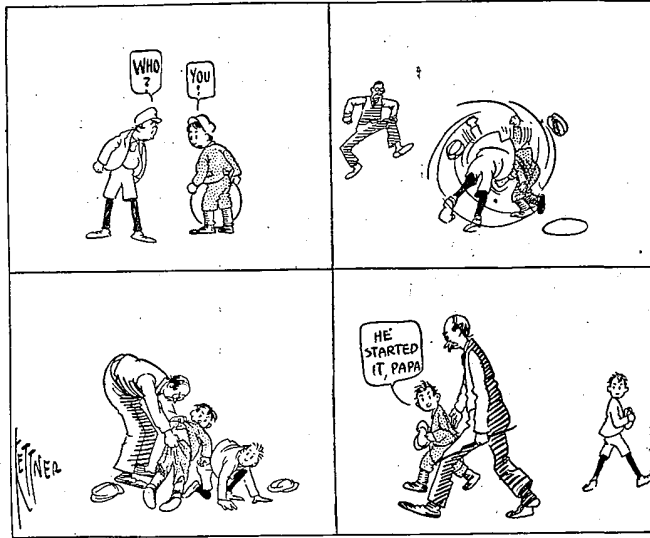
This is a good hand to hold. It should be a stand-pat one, and will work to your advantage if you use it.

Fine new home for sale by Fred M. Warner.

A. L. Nigue of Pontiac has been appointed trustee officer to succeed R. D. Belt, deceased.

Henry Stillwell, a farmer living near Novi, aged 33 years, and born in Tillsenberg, Ont., has made application for naturalization papers. He came to Michigan in March 1901.

## PAPA KILL JOY



### Russia Contains 140 Races

The population of Russia is more varied than that of the United States, including Porto Rico, the Philippines, the Sulislands, Alaska, Indians and all—in fact, more varied than the population of any other country in the world.

The population of Russia consists of over 140 different peoples, nationalities, nations, races, differing in language, religion, dress, customs, mode of living, civilization, and living mostly apart from one another.

There are: Fifty million Great Russians, or actual Russians or Muscovites (the inhabitants of the former grand duchy of Moskwa), now ruling all Russia.

Twenty million Little Russians, formerly a part of Poland.

Twelve million Poles.

Six million White Russians, formerly a part of Poland.

Two and a half million Finns.

Two million Lithuanians, formerly part of Poland.

Two million Germans.

One and one half million Letts, formerly a part of Poland.

One and one half million Armenians.

One and one half million Roumanians.

Fifty million Jews.

Sixty million of 140 other different nations and races, as Tartars, Kurds, Bashkirs, Samoyedes, Kirghizes, Kalnucks, Turks, Bulgars, Greeks, Persians, gypsies and 120 others: Most all of these live in groups and clans on their ancient territory.

It would take centuries to melt these 140 different nations of different races, with 140 different languages and almost as many different religions, into one solid Russian nation.

In the meantime scores of them hope to become free and independent countries and thus preserve their ancient home, nationality, language, religion and all.

The six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sisson, of South Lyon died last Saturday night at the county hospital, of pneumonia.

The little daughter of W. S. Duncan fell from a see-saw last Saturday afternoon at Royal Oak and broke her arm.

Buy your Sweater Coats of Cook & Co.

### School Notes

Ina Wolfrom is absent this week. Coy Hilbert was absent Tuesday. Florence Mertens is absent this week.

John Sulkowski is absent this week.

Elizabeth Holcomb visited school Tuesday morning.

English Class 1 has begun the reading of Silas Marner.

George Riedel enrolled in the grammar room Tuesday.

Joseph Crawford was absent Tuesday and Wednesday.

Seventh and eighth grades are now studying county civics.

Arthur Goers is back in school after about five weeks' absence.

Florence Moore is absent from school, enjoying a visit in Lansing. The Kindergarten pupils are busy making articles for Hollowell.

Miss Ethel Shear was a pleasant visitor in the Grammar room Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Riedel is back in school again after two weeks' absence on account of sickness.

The primary room was closed Thursday and Friday while Miss Knox attended the M. S. T. A. at Saginaw.

Miss Day is reading Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates to the pupils of the intermediate room. All are very much interested.

Henry Lee, Norman and Walter Lee, R. J. Auten and Edgar Pierce attended the M. A. C.—U. of M. foot ball game at Ann Arbor Saturday.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy this month (October.)

Primary Room, 16  
Intermediate Room, 35  
Grammar Room, 13.

### The Big Terror

Now comes a group of scientists who say that the crucial struggle of humanity will not be that of nations warring for territory, but will be a colossal battle of mankind with bugs to keep from being driven off the earth itself. Read the special feature article on the subject which we publish elsewhere in this issue of the Enterprise.

A carload of White Petosky potatoes will arrive about November 1st. Price 75 cents per bushel. C. H. Ely, Farmington.

## TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES

News Items Taken From Other Papers Over the County and Surrounding Territory

Almeron Morey died last week at his home in South Lyon, aged 80 years, of heart trouble.

Pontiac schools were closed yesterday and today, permitting the teachers to attend the state institute at Saginaw.

Roy Gooding smashed two toes at the paper mill last Friday, an 800 lb. paper press rolling on his foot.—Rochester Era.

Mrs. Nellie Ellwood Farrell died suddenly at her home in Walled Lake township last Friday morning of heart failure, aged 43 years.

Oakland county's valuation is \$68,359,840 according to the equalization committee of the board of supervisors, \$1,267,050 more than in 1914.

As Willard Herald was opening the door to his barn at South Lyon last week for an automobilist to drive in the steering gear broke and the machine crushed Mr. Herald against the side of the building, seriously injuring him.

Miss Hannah Stratton, aged 65, died at the home of Mrs. Betsy Potts, in Milford Sunday, with whom she had lived for the past five years. The funeral was held from the Potts home Tuesday afternoon. Miss Stratton was born in Highland township and had spent her entire life in Highland and Milford townships. One sister survives. For thirty years the deceased had lived at the home of Wm. Arms.—Pontiac Press-Gazette

Fast train No. 18, on the Grand Trunk, last Sunday morning struck an auto truck in which were riding Mr. and Mrs. William Stoldt, their five daughters, and a sister of Mrs. Stoldt, of Avon township. The tragedy occurred near Fraser's station in Macomb county, and six of the seven occupants were instantly killed, while Stoldt is probably fatally injured. No one except the train crew witnessed the accident. The entire family, except a daughter in Detroit, were victims of the tragedy. Stoldt and family lived on a farm near Rochester.

There will be services next Sunday, October 31st at 10:30 a. m. central standard time. Rev. F. Dewey Ehle will preach. An invitation is extended to all.

### Universalist Church

Rev. Phelps of Detroit will preach in the Universalist church next Sunday, October 31st, at 3 o'clock.

Have you tried them—those little liners that sell things.

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