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## THE CITY CHARTER

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In this issue of The Enterprise
will be found the 80 fire text of
the proposed charter for the City
of Farmington. It has been formulated by the Charter Commissioners elected last fall for that
purpose, who have been assisted
and advised by E. E. Phillips, attorney of Pontine.

The document is a comprehensive one covering present and future requirements of the city.
While the commissioners do not
claim it absolutely perfect it
has been shaped with a view to
meeting local needs. Many of the
provisions are taken from 'citycharters in other Michigan cities
of the same class which have
stood the test of law and which
have proven satisfactory.

The Commissioners have given
much time to its consideration
and we believe have produced a
charter that will meet Farmington's needs.

ton's needs.

The Commissioners are entitled to much credit for their faithful and painstaking care in its pre-

paration.

A close and careful study of its provision, we feel certain, will convince the voters of Farmington that its adoption will prove of benefit to this municipality. The present village charter, if any, is obsolve and valuless. The proposed city charter is drawn up to conform to present laws of the state relative to cities of this class.

class.

The voter should judge the charter as a whole and not condemn it or reject it because of objections to some minor detail. No fundamental law as first written and adopted has me every requirement. The Commission has given to Farmington a good working principle. It can in the future be amended and added to as may be found necessary.

## PONTIAC'S CIVIL CENTER

PONTIAC'S CIVIL CENTER A civic center in Pontiac, occupied by the various city and municipal buildings might prove advantageous, but joint ownership and occupancy of buildings might develo many disadvantages. The Enterprise does not believe that the citizens of Oakland county will ever approve of such joint ownership and occupancy while they might look favorably upon a civic center, lift hencessity for additional buildings is such as to wirrant a large expension. sity for additional buildings is such as to wirrant a large expen-diture of motey. When the next move is mad for erecting county buildings at Pontine it would be well to study every angle of the situation, look to future require-tens and plan accordingly. Had this been done at the time of plan-ning for the present fine court house, there would now be no necessity of a big expenditure.

### FRESHENING BREEZES (By Fred D. Keister)

Those old-fashioned dances will he all right so long as nobody suggests we return to whiskers and hoop skirts.

Many a proof and loving father, who has visions of assassinating his offspring for wearing balloon trousers, ought to hark back to the day he marched proudly into the old homestend arrayed in one of those swallow-tail suits with black braid a laround the edges.

What has become of the old-fashioned soapstone they used to put in the bottom of the cutter on a cold day?

January, you will recall, has been set aside as "learn to laugh" month. Calling a special session of the legislature ought to help the taxpayer to a couple extra

You can always tell the fellow who has a couple lots to sell in Florida by the letters he writes back to the home town newspaper.

Even at that we'd rather see some folks do their kicking in a Charleston than the way they now

All of the rich are not in Florida. We still have the bootleggers with us.

The Chicago killer, caught in St. Louis with his bride of two weeks, says he'll soon be free. A little rope might help his predic-tion out a whole lot.

Giving the old man a dozen golf balls for Christmas is like send-ing ear mults to the poor kids in Africa.

Broadcasting stations in America have been silent for one houreach night this week in order to give European stations a chance to be heard. For the benefit of the curious we'll say that the static you heard was Scotland cheering Pussyfoot Johnson.

The coal miners and operators ought to be more careful. The first thing they know they won't get the present strike settled in time to start, that new one next fall.

a whole lot of the boys who are not as interested in a lower income tax as there was a few years ago

## And Now in Closing-

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Health is the indispensable foundation for the satisfaction of life. Everything of domestic joy or occupational success has to be built on bedily wholesomeness and vitality. Health is essential to the enjoyment all through life of sports and active bodily exercise. It is also necessary to continuous capheity for hard work; and it is only through active play and hard work that anybody can make sure of the durable satisfactions of life. To promote health in the individual, the family, and the community should be the aim of every good citizen in the American democracy—Charles W. Eliot.

### SPECIAL SESSION LOOMS

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Rumors have been persistent of late that at special session of the legislature is likely to be called for some time in February, says Fred D. Keister. Surrender of the special charter of the D. G. H. & M. Ry., now owned and operated by the Granl Trunk, and matters pertaining to the Normal schools are things hat will probably be set forth as demanding instant legislative attention. Many Michigan effizens, close to state affairs, believe that the calling of a special session to consider these matters will be just a cloak to cover plans to raise more revenues for the lette, and which will be incorporated in the call for a special session by the Governor.

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be incorporited in the call for a special session by the Governor.

Man valso believe that so far has the Administrative Board reading the session to consider the above questions would be in the nature of the board reversing its former attitude in order to present a way to bring the special session about.

We do not believe that any situation extraordinary exists at the present time that would warrant a special session of the legislature, which would cost the taxpayers of the state at least \$20,000, and perhaps much more than that amount! We are of the opinion that the rebuilding of the Central Normal lat Mt. Pleasant, destroyed by ire a few weks ago, the location of a site for a new may man and thorized by the legislature, and the surrender of the Grand Truns special charter can be satisfacturily taken care of until the rejular session of next whet the state that the session of next weeks the state of the control of the c

until the regular session of next year.

What they pople of the State of Michigan wint most, is an economical administration of state affairs, not more opportunities for the spending of state funds. They believe that it is time we began living, within our present income, an shoot be forever easting about for new ways in which to raise more money by taxation. At the present time the state is spending \$18,000,000 raised from the general property tax; \$24,000,000 in gasoline and weight tax from automobiles; \$6,500,000 in expression of the state is the general property tax; \$24,000,000 in gasoline and weight tax from automobiles; \$6,500,000 in expression tax, and other taxable items that provide \$5,000,000 for state use.

The State therefore, is raising in direct taxes, upon the property of the State approximately \$58,000,000 per year. This is more than \$16.00 for each man, woman and child in the State of Michigan for the man women of the the man women of the state of Michigan for the man women of the state of Michigan for the man women of the state of Michigan for the manufactor of the state of Michigan for and child in the State of Michigan for the purpose of running the State alone. This does not include any of the costs for education in any of its phases, nor does it take in the cost of county, township and city government. Isn't it about time that we started exercising a little more economy in State affairs and gave the overburdened takinger a much needed rest?

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

MARIE sausgled estatically down among the pillows while the closing strains of the love due trons "Faust" filled the simil room. Outside gray slanting lines for rain beat dismally at the window, and an ecre wind howled in the treetops. But to Marke, recovering from long illness; the world seemed fail of warmth and cheer.

But you mustrit imagine that it was merely the "Faust" muste which was bringing the rose groots to the gleft's cheeks and the sline to her palay eyes. Marie was waiting for the end of the song and the voice of the anounce? That voice!

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When he talked to his "unseen au

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The "Paust" song ended. The victor of a municipal marked his tone-some moments, larder surface of the services of a municipal regarder of the services of a municipal regarder of the services of the servi

rie, was as disappointed as any stel whose lover has failed to keep a tryst.

Silly? Of course, but many a man-or woman has fallen in love with a plettine, and surely a voice can be as indicative of the person behind it. At any rate, it satisfield Marle and fired her imaginings. Fancy being asked in that lovely plenjant way, "Mar I bring a guest home for dinner, den?" "Have you seen the news in the pace, sweetheart?" "How lovely outlook this morning, my darling!"

Then one afternion there occurred in this thanystorie building where Marle was employed an incident which proved, revessely that where there is my market was employed an incident which proved, revessely that where there is Marle, busy in her twelftheford annielle, once or bette sufficiel with her pecky little nose, hardly realizing she was solons so.

Then she noticed that the other trits were suffing also, their heads lifted suddenly. And then the office hop poked a white face in at the door. "Sent to tell yob girls there's and danger, but you're to leave by elerator nine right off." He ran his words together and went on to the next of face.

Not particularly frightened, Marle

together and went on the control of the control of

dris and the descent began. Sudden-y, there was a rather terrifying drop.

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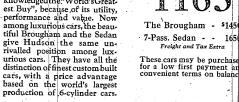
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In Love With a

And then the muruele happened. A volce, deep, resonant, pleasing, came from the nan nearest Marie. "Quiet, stris. There's no danger. See, we are muving now!" Marie did not know it for she had fainted. When she came hack to consciousness, Marie found herself out in the sictiously fresh air. She stirred a little and felt the roughness of some one's coat against her face. "Better?" That voice! Marie oneed her nans eves. Yes.

"Better? That voice! Marie opened her her voice," Marie opened her be was all that the voice implied, "Oh, yes, than! you," she said in a this little tone. "I—I have been lill." She struggled to get down and he placed her gently on her feet.
"Perhaps you will be kind enough to let me take you home," went on the voice. "You see, we're not exactly anacquainted, I work in the room next to yours, and although I don't expert you for receil the fact, we have traveled up and down in the elevator together a great mon't fines. I have

peet you to recoil the fact, we have traveled up and down in the eleanor together a great many times. I have ing care—

But Marle was hardly listening, as wave upon wave of disappointment swept over her. It what he said was true—and variety she did remember seeing hin—he could not possibly be the owner of the real Voice.

But she must say something, "it's very good of you—" she hestiated. "It' it wouldn't be too much trouble—" She lifted her pamse yees rantefully, and the man, looking into them, registered several things he felt it would be premature to say.

Presently, they were threading their way swiftly through the truffic of late afternoon, and Marie, very much as If she knew that her pamsy eyes had done their duty, was condoming her described of the didny, was condoming her described of the didny, was condoming her sections of the order and the section of the order an

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