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WHOLE NO. 1047

WANTED One Hundred and Fifty Dollars

Every church that attempts to serve the people of a rural community needs horse sheds to care for the rigs of its attendants.

The Methodist church sheds have outlived their usefulness and are a reproach to the church and the village.

If one hundred and fifty dollars can be secured they can be repaired and made to look very respectable.

If fifty friends will give one dollar each and fifty more will give two dollars each, it can be done.

If you are one of our friends and would take pleasure in aiding this cause step into COOK'S and hand your donation to Mr. Dickerson, the church chairman, or see the pastor.

All who have claimed an interest in the sheds have signified a willingness to waive their claims and permit them, if repaired, to become church property for common use.

Proper acknowledgment will be made of all contributions.

JOHN E. MEALLEY, Pastor.

THE IDEAL GIFT

Only Through Common Use of Land Can Poverty Be Abolished.

If I were a national Santa Claus, I would give to the American people the same opportunity to use their common heritage, the land and the resources of nature, as is now enjoyed by the squirrels in our woodlands or the bees in our meadows, where labor receives the full product of its toil, and thrift with a bountiful harvest means plenty for all, says Tom L. Johnson in a symposium, "If I Were a National Santa Claus," in the December Delinquent.

I would establish a just method of taxation. Public improvements raise land values only. The growth of population increases them. Justice demands that the public should enjoy the values which the public has created. A land-value tax is therefore the only just and honest tax.

The taxation of land values would raise wages to labor's full product. It would destroy monopoly, for monopoly is rooted in the control of land and the resources of nature. Monopoly also limits the output of society by the title deeds by which it encloses the land, and abnormally increases the prices of all commodities.

Wages are fixed by rent. By taxing rent we would increase wages. By taxing rent it would be impossible to hold unused land. By destroying gambling in land more land would be put to use. The more land put to use, the greater will be the demand for labor. Then jobs will seek men instead of men seeking jobs.

Unbiased investigation has proven drunkenness, with its attendant vice and crime, to be the result of poverty, rather than poverty the result of drunkenness. Our prohibition or "dry" districts are not free from poverty. Prosperous neighborhoods show but little drunkenness.

To abolish poverty, shorten the hours of labor and raise the sun of hope for many who see nothing but revolution ahead. We need an honest simple, scientific system of taxation to free our land from monopoly. Liberty will do the rest.

If in my power, this is the Christmas gift I would give our people. But these plain rights of the people cannot be given; they will be taken as the public mind sees a little more clearly the truths Henry George set out in "Progress and Poverty."

Merritt & Co., Northville.

Because of an error in Merritt & Co.'s ad last week in the Enterprise, much confusion resulted. This enterprising Northville firm is holding a coupon contest, the prize being a \$400 piano. The date in the coupon should have been Dec. 5, instead of Nov. 28, as the last day for presenting them at their store, but the firm states that all coupons taken from last week's issue will be accepted up to Saturday night of this week.

Definition of Liquor.

Words that sound alike sometimes cause misunderstandings, especially among the small folks. In the second year of the Gaston schools a few days ago, the subject of liquor was being discussed. The teacher was doubtless impressing the danger of too frequent potation and asked for a definition of liquor. For some seconds all was silence, when one young hopeful held up his hand and of course the teacher asked the pupil to tell the class what liquor was. The reply came as a surprise, when the little one said, "It's mamma."

PULL TOGETHER

It is the Only Way to Make a Town Grow Rapidly.

A considerable number of people are afraid to put forth an effort to gain patronage or bring new industries to a town for fear another will get some benefit without paying for it.

In every town are some business men who say they would advertise, but for the fact that others who don't would get some benefit from it. If no one advertises this fellow would find hard times.

Some business men do not advertise, but if no one advertises for business or made an effort for business, the towns that do would get the big end of the trade. Every man who gets a new customer for himself, helps the other business men also, from the fact that the new customer "looks round" some while he is in town.

Some men are afraid of competition in business. No need of it in a big country like this. If your competitor and you will both go after the business, you will soon widen the field and find plenty of room for both. If, by a united effort, the radius of trade can be extended a mile in every direction, there would soon be a noticeable increase in the number of people who come here to trade.

A little pull all together would get some small industries that would employ a few more men. However, as long as every fellow waits for some one else to take the initiative, nothing will be done. All the larger trade centers were villages once and would be yet if the business men had not made a united effort to make them bigger and better. Had they "killed" competition and nobody boosted, they would have been little yet or perished out altogether.

Teachers' Institute.

Supt. L. L. Wright has appointed a one day institute to be held at Milford Saturday, Dec. 12. Supt. W. J. McCone, of Albion conductor, and W. D. Henderson, of Ann Arbor, lecturer. Commissioner Elliott has arranged for a series of these institutes in the county during the school year.

Local Option in Ohio.

Of the 88 counties in Ohio, 43 have gone dry by the operation of the Rose local option law and five by township and municipal elections, making 48 dry counties in the state. The laws have put 1382 saloons out of business since they have been in operation. If each of these saloons stood on lots of fifty feet frontage, they would make a street over thirteen miles long without cross streets or alleys. On sixty foot lots they would reach nearly sixteen miles, and if stood side by side regardless of lots, they would string out for seven miles.

A number of counties are to vote in the very near future and judging from the past few weeks a lot more will go out very soon.

Governor to Attend Dance.

Gov. Fred M. Warner will be the guest of honor at the second annual military ball to be given by the uniform rank Knights of Phythias in Pontiac some time during the month of January. Plans are already on foot, but the date of the party will not be fixed until it can be learned when the governor will be able to be in attendance. Last year the military ball was one of the social events of the season and this season's party will be equally as well planned.

Advertise in the Enterprise.

THOUSANDS OF THE

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Frank Moore,

who used to live here. He has been with "The Economy" for 17 years, and nothing pleases him more than to wait on his Farmington friends.

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P. D. Warner, President S. D. Holcomb, Vice President
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Money to loan in large or small amounts at reasonable rates. We solicit business from Merchants, Farmers and others.

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In our Fire-Proof Vault to rent at low rates.

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KEMP 20th CENTURY

Manure Spreaders at a special 10 per cent Discount until Jan. 1st only. If interested it is to your interest to look into this. Also spreaders to rent at ten cent per load.

I am after the business in my line.

Please Call on

H. W. LEE.

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THIS BUSINESS HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY

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**MEAT OF THE
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PRICES LOW.

Best Home Made Leaf Lard
always in Stock.

**PRIME BEEF, PORK, and
BACON.**

FARMINGTON MEAT MARKET.

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That is the attitude of this Bank toward all its patrons; the large depositor, the small depositor; in fact every customer receives the same SQUARE treatment.

We will be glad to explain the many advantages offered by being financially connected with this strong Bank.

The First Commercial Bank,
PONTIAC, MICH.

GREETINGS.

To the subscribers and readers of the Farmington Enterprise. About a year ago we located permanently in Northville for the practice of OPTOMETRY.

Office—Swift Building, Main street.

Hours—8:30 to 11:30 a. m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

We will be pleased to have you consult us if any trouble with your eyes or glasses you are now wearing, and will endeavor to merit your patronage.

G. W. & F. DOLPH, OPTOMETRIST.
NORTHVILLE, MICH.

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