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## OAKLAND COUNTY TO REMAIN "DRY"

Supreme Court Renders Final Decision Sustaining Action of Supervisors

The matter of whether Oakland county was wet or dry which has been before the Supreme court for some time past was given final determination Wednesday afternoon at about 2 o'clock when the Supreme court decided that the action of the Board of Supervisors declaring the county "dry" should stand.

With the decision is the assurance that Oakland county will remain in the dry column for two years at least, dating from May 1st 1915. 35 bars mostly located in hotels are prevented from re-opening by the order.

The battle to determine the status of the county with respect to wet and dry issue was taken into the supreme court on an appeal of the wet forces, for a writ of certiorari to compel the supervisors to rescind their action finding the county dry after a contested election in which a recount was demanded jointly.

Interest in the matter reached a fever heat when the recount was called after a small majority was found in the first count in favor of the saloon forces. The recount revealed various discrepancies in the original count and gave rise to charges of fraud, which have been in the hands of the officers since that time. A reward of \$1,000 is pending for information which may lead to the arrest and conviction of men who are believed to have tampered with the ballot boxes during the election.

The board of supervisors ruled that the recount would not stand, however, because of the conditions of the boxes and the charges of fraud and held that the original count was the correct one. The original count showed the county dry by a majority of 33.

The appeal on the writ has been pending since in the supreme court both sides having made arguments in the matter early in the summer. The prosecuting attorney's office and the attorney general appeared there in substantiation of the statement that the ballot boxes had been tampered with and that many of them were not legally sealed when they were brought to the court house to be recounted.

### News Notes From Novi

The Cheerful Workers were entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank Clark, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Lincoln was a Sunday guest at the home of her parents at Rushton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCowan returned Monday from Ann Arbor.

Mrs. J. O. Munro is visiting in Ypsilanti a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodell have moved to Northville, where they have purchased a home.

M. B. McCrumb returned from Detroit Saturday, where he has been visiting for the past week.

Mrs. H. O. Hewey is able to be out again after her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and little daughter of Detroit, visited at the Frank Clark home Sunday.

Bert Richardson is visiting his father, M. E. Richardson, for a few days.

The enrollment at the local schools is increasing with every additional day, and indications are that this will be a record breaking year in point of number enrolled.

## NO VILLAGE HELP FOR SUBDIVISION

Council Holds Special Session But Refuse to Act Ordering Improvements at Brookdale

A special meeting of the village council was held last evening, when the council met M. D. Fox, owner of the new Brookdale subdivision in the east part of the village.

Mr. Fox had asked that the council make clear its plans for streets and sidewalks in the new subdivision and after threshing the matter over for several hours no action was taken—which means that the council does not intend at present to furnish water, sewer, walks, etc., in the subdivision at the present time, and Mr. Fox is to be so formally notified by the clerk today.

Future action will rest with Mr. Fox, and just what this action will be is entirely unknown.

No action was taken on the franchise asked by the promoters of the new Royal Oak-Farmington electric line, as their representative failed to put in an appearance.

Despite the fact that a franchise has been asked through the village no application for such a franchise has yet been asked from the Town Board.

### Storm Causes Much Trouble

The most severe electrical storm of the season passed over this section last Friday evening, accompanied by a high wind and rain storm, each of which done considerable damage, although not as much here as was done in other sections of the state, according to newspaper reports.

The electrical storm however put all lights in the village out of commission from about 8 o'clock in the evening until very nearly noon the following day. About noon the light circuits were repaired, but trouble was still experienced on the three phase circuits, and as a result, electric motors were out of commission, until the following Sunday afternoon.

Among those who operate motors and who were inconvenienced by lack of current mostly, was the village water plant, which was put entirely out of commission, having no means of pumping water. As a result the village was practically without water from Friday evening until Sunday noon.

Others whose plants were interrupted were, Amos Otis, Farmington Roller Mills, Warner Dairy Company, as well as this office.

The Edison Company deserves credit however for the strenuous efforts put forth to right the trouble which was repaired in a very short time, when the amount of real damage is known.

### Don't Forget School Meeting

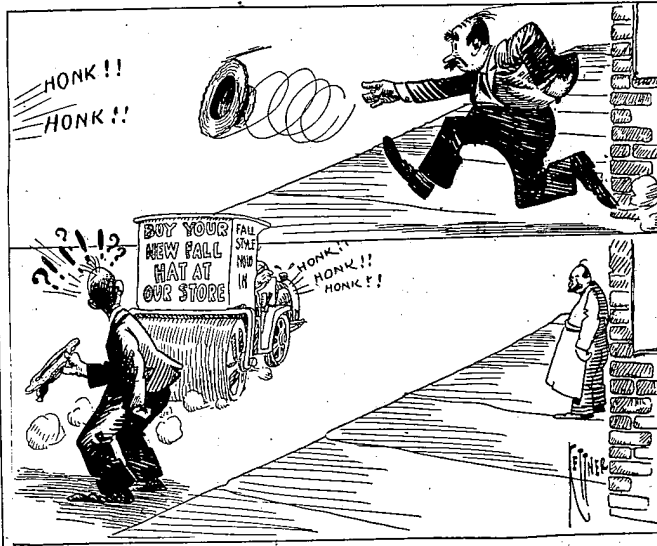
On next Wednesday evening occurs the special meeting called by the Board of Directors last week, for the purpose of talking over the matter of lack of room in the local school building, and for providing means (either bonds or taxation) for the immediate remedying of the condition.

One room in the school has grades so large that more than twenty pupils cannot be assigned to seats.

The matter is one of the utmost importance, and a big attendance of taxpayers and those interested in our schools should be recorded.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. VanAlstyne entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dana and Edward Sweitzer of Fowlerville, over the week-end.

## WATCH YOUR HAT!



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## "WHY MICHIGAN IS GREAT"

(By Fred L. Keeler, Superintendent of Public Instruction)

From Maumee Bay to Isle Royale is farther than from London to Berlin. Between lies an empire—fields of grain, sparkling lakes and richest mines. People truly exclaim "Michigan is a great state!" But neither because it is large nor rich is Michigan is a great state.

What then makes Michigan great.

I will tell you. If the boys and girls of Michigan join hands, they form a solid line from Keweenaw to Leavenworth—six hundred miles in all.

And who are the boys and girls in that line?

I know who they are, I know them all. They are the Joy of Today and the Promise of a Greater Tomorrow.

I see in that line a young fellow, tall and green as the cornfields that grew him. I like him. Through the most blustering blizzard of the year he walked sixteen miles from his home in the country one Sunday night to be in time for school next morning. Whether at last he shall work in field, factory or forum I do not know, and it does not matter. This I know, and that matters much, he will do what he promises and he will do it on the minute.

I see a girl at her piano with the rising sun. Morning, noon and night she helps in household duties. Her day's work is done when at last she has rendered with finish the last line of her Virgil. If there is a hard theorem, that she delights to prove. But above all, she proves every day that needle and dishpan lend charm to piano and poetry, and, moreover, are just as respectable.

I see a girl without father or mother, who, by her own pluck, has made her way until now she has done with credit the work of the public school. Some say she is poor. I say a girl with such spirit is rich. She is going to college. I know for she says so.

I see a girl who works hard and fails often, but for all that is never defeated. She smiles and says, "Let me try once more."

They say she is not a brilliant student. Perhaps that is so. But every Sunday afternoon I see her on the way to the home of an old man who for years has sat by the

window seeing folks go by. Her bouquets of roses mean more to him than expert knowledge of imaginary roots.

I see a smiling, curly-headed boy who thinks wireless and flying machines. He told me once he was going to make a machine that would run forever, but he knows better now for he has studied science some. This, though I believe, he will some day make a machine that will lighten the load of labor; and if he lays the keel of a ship, it will be a safe ship.

I see a girl, modest, refined and accomplished. She is Industry, Loyalty and Cheer. Why does she work so hard when her father has lots of money? Swift comes her answer: "I am greater than money. I must be true to myself. Then some day I may use money so it will be of service to others and to myself a blessing."

I see boys and girls, ten hundred thousand of them, all different, all aspiring, all good.

It is they that make Michigan great.

The public school is their Opportunity and how eagerly do they grasp it!

One bitter cold morning last winter I was in a town in northern Michigan. The roads were hemmed in by snow banks so high you could not see over them. On my way to the station I met three girls trudging on through the deep drifted snow. Under their arms they had books and lunches, while their hands shielded their faces from the biting wind. I knew they were school girls come far from the country to the high school in the village. As I stood at the station and kind and true."

I saw boys and girls dotting the distant hills in all directions—some walking, some running, others pulling sleds with brothers and sisters in them—all bound for school that day.

Inspiring! I almost cheered. And what I saw there was happening that moment in every district and village and city in Michigan—indeed in all America!

Why is it, when all the world is warring, Uncle Sam is so calm and patient and unafraid? You know. It is because from Ocean to Ocean, from Lakes to Gulf, he hears the

tramp, tramp, tramp, of twenty million boys and girls who every morning, rain or shine, set out for the American Public School to conquer the knowledge of the World. That is the largest, the most invincible host that ever marched in any country in all history. The whole globe sways under its footsteps.

In the front rank of that procession is Michigan, My Michigan! What shall come of our triumphant band—these boys and girls of Michigan?

Only themselves can answer; and with one voice they answer in deeds of today.

"This country is My Country. I honor the brave men and women who gave it. I am glad that now my country needs me."

"This state is My State. Every day it heaps riches upon me. These I shall some day repay. If I cannot sit high in its councils, I shall see that only worthy men do. My voice shall ever be honestly spoken."

"This school is My School, the best school of all. Here I am free to laugh and to play and to work. To every lesson I give my honest effort; and my teacher helps me most when she helps me to help myself."

"This home is My Home, the best home in all the world. My father and my mother give me tenderest care. They rejoice when I am strong; of all my friends and playmates are the best. When danger is near they think only of me; tears and unrest pale my mother's cheek, my father is sad and says nothing. Oh, Father and Mother, I treasure the Name you have given me! I will forever keep it honor bright. I will be noble and kind and true."

We accept the answer. We take off our hats to you, Boys and Girls of Michigan! You are, indeed, the Joy of Today; the Hope, the Promise, the Assurance of a Greater Tomorrow.

### Methodist Church

Services next Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. Rev. D. M. Ward will preach. There will be no evening service.

Chas. Ely and son, Will, were State Fair visitors Tuesday afternoon.

## GLEANED FROM OUR EXCHANGES

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

Harry Coleman, former publisher of the Pontiac Press-Gazette will probably be a candidate for mayor at Pontiac.

Hiram Goodels of Wilmot, while threshing stepped against the machine, struck his head against a beam and fell eight feet. He died from injuries six hours later.

Two carriers will try and deliver mail at Royal Oak, and have been engaged to try and over the village twice a day, the government having decided that that bustling town was entitled to service.

The guarantors of the Chautauqua over at Oxford have found that they will have to donate about \$700 each to cover a deficiency. They are not discouraged, however, and are planning for a 1916 Chautauqua.

Howard Ballen, aged 25, was bound over to the Circuit Court last week, after pleading guilty to the charge of running a blind pig at Plymouth. He was unable to furnish bond and is being held at the county jail.

Patrons of Route No. 6 were greatly surprised at an order that will discontinue the service on October 1st. Carriers Nos. 2 and 5 from Plymouth will try and supply those who formerly received service from carrier No. 6.

Redford's annual "Come Alle Ye" celebration will be held this year on Saturday, September 25th, and a full committee is now working on arrangements. The annual show is a big one and will doubtless draw the usual big crowd from the surrounding territory.

"She suffered him to kiss her," said the deposer who wrote the story. Well it's pie to popcorn that she didn't suffer much—Pontiac Press Gazette. And then again it might have been a week since he had shaved—South Lyon Herald. Or, again he may have been smoking cigarettes.—Oxford Leader. But maybe it really was onions after all.

### Ladies Aid Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the Ladies Aid Society was held at the M. R. parsonage on last Thursday afternoon, September 9th, when the following named ladies were elected as officers to serve during the coming year:

President, Mrs. L. C. Havens, Vice-Pres., Mrs. D. L. Dickerson,

Secretary, Mrs. Alice Way, Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Truitt.

The afternoon meeting was a thorough success, and plans were discussed which will be put into effect during the coming year.

The next regular meeting will be held with Mrs. Henry Pauline, at her home on next Thursday, September 23rd.

### Universalist Church

Rev. Willis A. Moore will conduct services in the Universalist church Sunday, September 19th at 3 o'clock, eastern time. His subject will be "An Inspired and Inspirational Convention," being a review of the National Universalist Convention recently held at Pasadena, Calif., he will be accompanied by Mr. Grady of Chicago and both gentlemen will assist the choir with vocal numbers.

Soft drinks—all kinds. Briggs Confectionery.