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# Time to Quit.

It is quite probable that as a result of the recent prison scandal in this state contract labor in the prisons will be abolished—and it ought to be.

Governor Warner's recent message to the legislature advising such action set forth some remarkable conditions for so progressive a state—as Michigan claims to be.

Private corporations have been coming money from our convict labor. The state receives an average of about 50 cents per day for each convict so employed, but also furnishes the buildings in which the work is done, the heating and in many instances the power. Instead of there being a saving to the state by such a plan, it is shown that there is an actual added burden of many thousands of dollars.

Contrasted with this policy, the Stillwater prison in Minnesota affords a sad comment on Michigan intelligence, having paid a net profit to the state of Minnesota of over a million dollars in the last 12 years. For 1907-8 two seasons only the profits were \$306,000.

Another contrast is worth noting. For the last 15 years the Detroit House of Correction has not cost the city a cent for maintenance but instead has in that time paid in profits to the city the sum of \$498,650. And this too in an institution where 90 per cent of the prisoners are detained 90 days or less.

It is surely high time that Michigan stopped stopping political shysters rich out of the profits of her prison labor.

An exchange pertinently asks: "Why is a legislature?" If he means a Michigan legislature, the only real answer seems to be that famous one of Pres. Taft's, "God knows." But the legislature of 1909 appears to be a pretty heavy strain on the omniscience of Deity himself.

Gov. Comer of Alabama was recently fined \$2,750 because his automobile, while being driven by a chauffeur run down and killed a man in Birmingham. Pretty stiff fine for an auto accident, but it doesn't seem to have much connection with the man killing propensities of the machine. Perhaps though, they haven't gotten entirely over valuing human life in dollars and cents in Alabama.

The Coopers, father and son, were finally declared by the jury to be guilty of killing ex-Senator Carmack, the deed was labeled manslaughter, and the prisoners were released on heavy bail pending an appeal, after being sentenced to the Pen for 20 years. The verdict and the sentence constitute an omen of more decent things in Tennessee, but it is expected that Gov. Patterson, who was once thought to have guilty knowledge of the crime, will pardon the Coopers or reduce the penalty to a farce. If he does it is quite safe to predict that there'll be another killing down there.

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# GREEN PEAS

By Pea Green.

It takes neither brains nor nerve to follow a crowd, but it takes both to get a crowd to follow you.

The next best thing to winning a victory is to know why you got licked.

Those with "money to burn" frequently get out of fuel in a cold snap.

If your honesty is only a "policy" you patrons will never know when to believe you or to trust you.

The fellow who pays when he is compelled to sometimes has long credit, but not much of it.

There's many a promising youth gets ruined by promising too much.

Some people, who are experts in

aiming at the stars can hardly hit a jack rabbit when in need of a square meal.

You can never fatten a skinny idea by clothing it in a motley Hubbard dress.

I could always live peaceably with everyone, except the woman who acts as though she wanted to be a man; and the man who acts as though he was already a woman.

It isn't speed, but direction that counts in the human race. I know a lot of folks who would have kept out of jail if they had gone slower in the opposite direction.

If you're headed right, there'll be some grub along the trail and a place to camp.

You will find them buying Post Cards at E. C. Grace's store.

Cook & Co. carry a large assortment of fancy and staple crockery.

McHugh & McHugh of Northville will have their Easter Millinery Opening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 1, 2 and 3.

# Just for Fun.

Next Friday evening at the town hall in Farmington, the young people of the Universalist church of Plymouth will stage a play entitled "Just for Fun," that is said to be a hummer. Admission, 20c.

You should see Cook & Co. for Carpets and Rugs.

# Susan Hance—Obituary.

In recording the death of Susan Hance at Detroit, March 17, passes another of the old residents of Farmington. She was the only daughter of Elisha Cross, who settled on the farm through which passed the River Rouge, where she was born December 17, 1837. Her youth was spent on the farm and in this locality, and on Dec. 17, 1856, she was married to Mark Hance. Very soon after their marriage they bought a farm one mile north of Farmington village, where they resided continuously until 1888. It was on this farm that they spent their early days of married life and by industry and frugality built up one of the prettiest homes in Oakland county. Here they also reared a family of five children, all of whom survive them.

Mrs. Hance was actively connected in church work at Farmington and endeared herself to a large circle of friends and neighbors, being always ready to lend assistance to those in need, contributing both of her time and means in forwarding benevolent interests connected with the church.

In 1888 she moved with her husband, Mark Hance, to Detroit, where soon after they erected a beautiful home on the Boulevard, and have since continued to reside there until the death of each Mr. Hance's death preceding his wife by about three and one-half years.

In Detroit Mrs. Hance entered new fields of work, becoming an active member of the Grand River Avenue M. E. church, where she endeared herself to all and was ever ready and willing to do her part of the work of the church and contributing liberally to its maintenance.

Cook & Co. can show you the best assortment of wall paper.

# School News.

A class in Indian club work has been formed by high school girls, and they expect to procure the use of the town hall in which to practise. The work will begin after our spring vacation.

These spring days are bringing forth great interest in all kinds of athletics. As a result plays are on foot for the preparation of a tennis court, about \$6 having thus far been subscribed.

Several have been absent from high school on account of illness, among them being Miss Whitbeck, Cassie Goodrich, Gladys Smith, Lillian Roediger, Ada Coleman and Lucie Sprague.

We expect to come back from our annual spring vacation, which occurs next week, well rested and prepared for our last three months of school.

A chorus composed of grammar school and high school girls is to be formed in the near future.

A miniature farm will be started in the primary room next week, so that the children may have an opportunity of observing the growth of our common grains, etc.

The children of the intermediate room are interested in "Aunt Martha's Corner Cupboard," a story of tea, coffee, etc., which Miss Sloan is reading to them.

The fifth grade have finished their geography and have begun a review.

The tenth grade have begun the study of George Eliot's "Silas Marner," the ninth grade, Shakespeare's "As You Like It," and the eleventh grade, Scott's "Ivanhoe."

Commissioner Elliott has notified J. F. Goodrich that a county eighth examination will be held in Farmington May 6 and 7. Students in the surrounding country are invited to take the examination here. Further announcement will be made later.

Lieutenant Governor Kelley has been secured to deliver the class address June 25th.

# Republican Caucus.

Farmington, March 16, '09.

The republicans of the township of Farmington will hold a caucus in the town hall on Saturday, March 27, at 2:15 p. m. for the purpose of nominating the township ticket and transacting such other business as may come before it.

ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

# WANT LINERS

Wanted—Single man by the month. Phone 42 J3. D. B. Button.

For Sale—Second hand cook stove, two miles north of Farmington. Mrs. Oscar Smith.

For Rent—120 acre farm. Inquire of John H. Taylor, Farmington.

For Rent—House on Grand River avenue. Dr. H. F. Holcomb.

For Sale—A fire extinguisher; guaranteed to be best extinguisher made; hangs on hook, ready for immediate use. Inquire at this office.

For Sale—Large map of United States latest issued by the government. Enterprise office.

For Sale—New White Sewing machine. Inquire at this office.

Money to Loan—\$2,500 to loan on real estate. Inquire of James L. Hogle, Farmington, Mich.

\$25.00 Fine for anyone found hunting or carrying firearms on the B. I. Heliker farm. C. L. Heliker.

# Farmington Postoffice.

# MAIL SERVICE.

M. B. Pierce, Postmaster

Mails arrive at 8:05 a. m. and 3:05 p. m. Depart at 7:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Rural Route No. 1—Will Sprague. Rural Route No. 2—Clyde Adams. Rural Route No. 3—Leyman Sprague. Rural carriers leave the P. O. at 8:30. The following letters remain unclaimed for at the Farmington post office. If not claimed before April 1st will be sent to the dead letter office.

Mrs. Thos. Irish, C. S. Ballard, Geo. R. Ferguson, C. Allen Martin, John VanAlstyne.

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# Executor's Sale of Real Estate.

In the matter of the estate of Oscar E. Bolford deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance and by virtue of a license granted to the undersigned, John Becker, executor of the estate of Oscar E. Bolford, deceased, by the Hon. Edgar O. Burfee, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, I will sell at public auc-

tion or vendue, to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation and approval by the Probate Judge of said Wayne County, on Monday the 19th Day of April, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock in standard time, on the premises hereinafter described, all the right, title and interest of said deceased in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the Township of Farmington, 1st Range, 4th Township of Oakland and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the point in the center of the Detroit, Howell Plank road intersected by the north and south center line of Sec. 20 twenty-eight (28) in Township one (1) North, Range nine (9) East, thence running north about four chains to the quarter section stake and continuing on the same course along the quarter section line of Section twenty-one (21) to a point one-half the distance to the center of said Section twenty-one (21) thence to the east line of the west half of the south-east quarter of Section two (2) one (21); thence south along said line to a point four chains and forty-two links north of the south line of said Section twenty-one (21), thence westerly parallel to the south line of said Section twenty-one (21) and thirty-six links, thence south parallel to the east line of said lot four chains and forty-two links to the Section line, thence in the same direction about five and three-fourths chains to the center of the Detroit & Shiawassee River, west of Farmington Village, in Section twenty-eight (28); thence northwesterly along said highway and Plank Road about eleven chains to the place of beginning, containing about thirty-eight acres of land, be the same more or less, excluding a lot of about two and one-half acres of land embraced within the former plat hereon upon the Plank Road and section 20 as a building ground, which is hereby reserved, and also a piece of land situate on the northeast part of the parcel above described, heretofore deeded to J. Luer Sherman.

1st February 20, 1909.  
JOHN BECKER, Executor of the Estate of Oscar E. Bolford, deceased.

Full particulars concerning above property may be obtained of John Becker, Executor, 123 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

# STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

A session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1909.

Present: Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Lovina O. Sherman, deceased.

Eden M. Sherman having filed in said Court a petition praying that said Court adjudicate and determine who was at the time of her death the legal heir of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered, that the 27th day of March, A. D. 1909, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing of said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

[A true copy] JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Clerk of Probate.

# STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

A session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the Second day of March, A. D. 1909.

Present: Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Nathan C. Allen, deceased.

Clyde W. Young having filed in said Court a petition praying that said Court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of his death the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

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# Church Notes

METHODIST. Morning service, 10:30 to 11:30. Sunday-school, 11:30 to 12:30. Epworth League, 6:15 to 7:15 p. m. Praying service 7 to 7:30. Prayer meeting, 7 to 8 p. m. Thursday.

The pastor would be pleased to know of all cases of sickness and distress where he may be of service.

BAPTIST. Services at the Baptist church, as usual: Sunday-school at 1:30 p. m. and preaching services at 2:30 p. m. local time. Prayer service Friday evening at 7:30.

Rev. N. E. Musser, pastor.

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