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**FRIENDS OF THE ENTERPRISE** are requested when they have Probate business to ask the publication of the legal notice in this paper. By so doing they will be at no more expense than elsewhere, and will do us a great favor.

The proposition to make Michigan dry in 1917 by an act of the legislature, which is being discussed, does not have the sanction of the Anti-Saloon League. Grant Hudson, state superintendent says the League "will not join any such movement." It is to be hoped that the majority of people in Michigan will stand with Mr. Hudson and the Anti-Saloon League. The people of the state voted by a big majority to make Michigan dry in 1918, and the liquor people were given that time in which to arrange their business to comply with the new order of things, and to shorten the time would undoubtedly work an injustice to many.

It will be a "maiden speech" in earnest when Miss Jeanette Rankin, the newly elected "congresswoman" rises for the first time in the house to make an address to the members in congress.

Mr. Hughes is a peculiar man. Silent until he becomes a candidate, he grows vocal when he is one. Ceasing to be a candidate, he reverts to his former habits.

According to statements made the fore part of the week it cost about \$300,000 to carry on the recent state wide dry campaign in Michigan.

### Rather Dark Outlook

Director of Markets McBride predicts that food supplies are going much higher and will be very scarce before the winter is over. In a bulletin recently issued he says: "Meat will be selling at the highest prices in history before the winter is over. Small pigs are already being put on the market in large numbers and this means that the supply of grown stock will be greatly reduced."

"Farmers are anxious to get rid of their stock, young and old, because of the shortage and high price of foodstuffs."

"The shortage of meat is a great problem, but there is a far greater shortage in other food products. Cheap vegetables are extremely scarce. The potato crop is so limited that we now find few buyers in Michigan to use in former years. This means a serious shortage before the winter is over."

"Our greatest problem now is to make the farmer realize that it is absolutely essential to keep a good supply of seed for planting next spring; otherwise we are bound to have a still greater shortage next year. Every farmer should set aside at least five bushels of seed potatoes."

"I recommend that people start right now to boil potatoes with the skins, as is being done in Germany and other countries where there is a shortage of food products. We must conserve our supply if we are to avert a food famine in 1917."

## CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEGINS RAILWAY INQUIRY

Proposed by President to Better Condition of Carriers.

MAY CHANGE PRESENT SYSTEM

Officials of Roads Prepared to Advocate Federal Incorporation, Supervision of Securities and Extension of Authority of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Ten members of Congress, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Initially the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railroads, telephones and telegraph lines and express companies.

The members of the committee, which will conduct the important investigation, are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Underwood of Alabama, Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Atkinson of New York, Burton of Tennessee, Cullip of Indiana, Eech of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan. The inquiry was recommended by President Wilson in his message to Congress in December of last year. It is described in its purpose to determine what could be done "for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful servants of the country as a whole."

**Prominent Men as Witnesses.** In order to obtain the views of all interests affected by the operations of the transportation lines the committee has invited prominent shippers, bankers, representatives of commercial organizations, railway executives, economists and others to appear before them.

The first to be heard are railroad commissioners of various states who began their evidence today. Their testimony is directed chiefly to approval or any enlargement of the federal authority over commerce that would detract from the powers now exercised by state bodies. They will be followed shortly by officials of railway labor organizations who are expected to register their opposition to the increase of governmental authority over wages and conditions of labor.

Chief interest in the hearings centers in the proposed bill to be put forward by representatives of the railroads, for it is reported that they will advocate an extension of federal authority over rates and securities to the practical exclusion of state control of these matters. It is understood also that they will go on record in favor of federal incorporation of all railroad lines.

**Legislative Program of Railroads.** From an authoritative source is obtained the following outline of the legislative program which the railroads will ask the committee to consider in its investigation: They will endeavor to demonstrate to the commission that one of the principal defects in the present system of railroad regulation is the lack of coordination resulting from the simultaneous and conflicting regulation by the federal government and by the 48 states. They will therefore ask that entire governmental control of the rates and practices of interstate carriers, except purely local matters, be placed in the hands of a federal body so that interstate traffic may be regulated without reference to state lines, leaving to the state commissions jurisdiction only over local matters and local public utilities. As a part of this plan, a compulsory system of federal incorporation is to be recommended, accompanied by federal supervision of railroad stock and bond issues.

A reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission is also asked, in order to enable the commission properly to exercise its increased powers. It is also proposed that the preparation and prosecution of cases against the railroads shall be delegated to some other agency of the government, possibly by the Department of Justice, so that the commission may devote its energies to its administrative functions.

With the commission thus relieved of some of its present duties and equipped to handle its business more promptly, the railroads will urge that the period during which the commission may now suspend proposed increases in rates be reduced from ten months to 60 days, with provision for reparation to be paid to the shippers if the advance shall be declared unreasonable.

They will also ask that the commission be given the power to prescribe minimum rates as well as maximum rates so that in meeting complaints of discrimination the commission may order the advance of a rate which it considers too low.

One of the most important recommendations for which the railroads will ask favorable consideration is that the commission be specifically authorized to take before the court rate regulation the effect of rates upon total earnings in the light of expenses.

While the Newlands Committee is required, under the resolution creating it, to submit a report by January 2 next, it is not anticipated that the Committee will have come anywhere near completing its labors then.

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, IN CHANCERY.

No. 7617.  
Augusta Waack, Otto Schaeppeler, and Bertha Schaeppeler, wife of said Otto Schaeppeler, Plaintiffs,

vs.  
Allen Weston, Corneilia Weston, Anson Weston, Eliza Martin, Nathaniel Talmage, Samuel Porter, Eber Durban, Esther Mahala Porter, Samuel Porter, E. Brown, Isaac Carr, Mark Hance, John Hays, and their several and respective unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, Defendants.

At a session of said court, held at the court house, in the city of Pontiac, in said county, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1917.

Present: Hon. George W. Smith, Circuit Judge.

In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the said Allen Weston, Corneilia Weston, Anson Weston, Eliza Martin, Nathaniel Talmage, Samuel Porter, Eber Durban, Esther Mahala Porter, Samuel Porter, E. Brown, Isaac Carr, Mark Hance, John Hays, and their several and respective unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, necessary and proper parties to the above entitled cause, and the said plaintiffs, having filed their bill of complaint, duly sworn to as provided by law, in which they say that they have made diligent search and inquiry and have been unable to learn their several and respective addresses, residences, or whereabouts, and that they do not know and have been unable after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the names of the persons who are involved as defendants therein, without being named,

On motion of Philip B. Clark, attorney for plaintiffs, it is ordered that the appearance of the said defendants be entered in this cause on or before three days from the date hereof, and that in case of their appearance, or the appearance of any of them, they cause the answer or answers of such of them as shall have appeared to the bill of complaint in this cause to be filed and a copy thereof to be served on the plaintiffs' solicitor within fifteen days after service on them, or on such of them as may have appeared of a copy of said bill, and notice of this order, and that in default thereof the said bill of complaint will be taken as confessed by the said defendants.

And it is further ordered that within four days from the date hereof that the said plaintiffs cause a copy of this order to be published in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper published and circulated in said county of Oakland, and that said publication be continued therein in one in each week for six successive weeks, or that they, the said plaintiffs, cause a copy of this order to be personally served on each of the said defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed for their appearance.

GEORGE W. SMITH, Circuit Judge.

R. B. CLARK, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

A True copy: MAUDE E. MIDGLEY, Deputy clerk.

TAKE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the foregoing suit involves the title to land in the

township of Farmington, county of Oakland and state of Michigan, hereinafter particularly described, and is brought to remove the clouds thereto and to quiet the title to said lands.

Said property is further described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of the west one-half of the southeast quarter of Section 36, town one north, range nine east; thence running west along the center line of said Section 36, thirty three rods; thence in a northerly direction to the center of the Grand River Road; thence in an easterly direction along the center of the said Grand River Road to the first line of the said west one-half of the southeast quarter of Section 36; thence south along the center line of said quarter section to the place of beginning.

RALPH B. CLARK, Attorney for Plaintiffs.  
Business address, 37111th Street, Detroit, Michigan.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, IN CHANCERY.

No. 7617.  
Will W. Masters, Plaintiff,

vs.  
Lemuel Shattuck, Mary L. Brekus, Henry Hager, Cassandra S. Wilber, Althea Masters, the unknown wife of John Stewart, the unknown wife of Myron Hotford, or the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of each and every of them, and Edith Basset and Mary Nixon, Defendants.

At a session of said court, held at the court house in the city of Pontiac, on the 15th day of October 1916.

Present: Honorable George W. Smith, Circuit Judge.

It appearing from the bill of complaint duly sworn to by the said plaintiff, and the affidavit of Clinton McFee, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, that they do not know and have been unable to ascertain, after diligent search and inquiry, whether the said defendants are living or dead (except Mary Nixon and Edith Basset who are joined as defendants herein), and where they or any of them reside, if living, or if dead, whether they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some of them reside, or whether the title, interest, claim, lien, or possible right has been by these persons, or say of them, assigned to any other person or persons, or whether such title, interest, claim, lien, or possible right has been disposed of by will by these persons or any of them.

IT IS FURTHER APPEARING, to the court that plaintiff does not know and have been unable, after diligent search and inquiry, to ascertain the names of the persons who are included as defendants without being named, and

IT IS FURTHER APPEARING that the foregoing named persons are proper and necessary parties in said cause.

On motion of Pelton & McFee, attorneys for plaintiff;

IT IS ORDERED, that the above named defendants, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns cause their appearance to be entered herein within three months from the date hereof, and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said defendants.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the said cause be published in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in the county of Oakland, once in each week for at least six successive weeks.

GEORGE W. SMITH, Circuit Judge.

A True Copy: MAUDE E. MIDGLEY, Deputy Clerk.

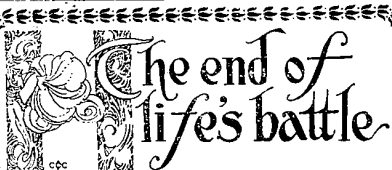
TAKE NOTICE: The above entitled suit involves and is brought to quiet title to the following described lands, situate in the township of Southfield, county of Oakland, and more particularly described as follows:

Part of the southeast quarter of Section Three (3), Town One (1), Range Ten (10) east; Commencing at the southeast corner of said quarter section thence west on section line twenty-four (24) chains, sixty-five (65) links to point of beginning; thence north (N) sixteen (16) chains, fifty-nine (59) links east of quarter section corner; thence north parallel with west line of said quarter section, forty-one (41) chains, eighty-four (84) links to the north line of said quarter section; thence east on said quarter section line twenty-five (25) chains, thirty-six (36) links; to the north line of said quarter section; thence south on section line, forty-two (42) chains, seventy-five (75) links to place of beginning; the whole containing one hundred and eight (108) acres (Except therefrom a triangular parcel of land from the northeast corner thereof, described as being owned by Henry W. Randall and wife to Robert Hann, Jr., recorded in Liber 124 of deeds, on page 273.

PELTON & MCFEE, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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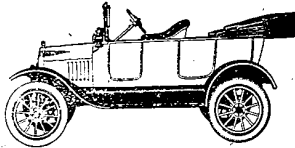
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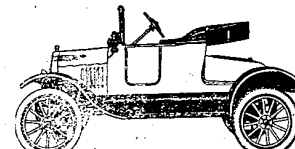
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