

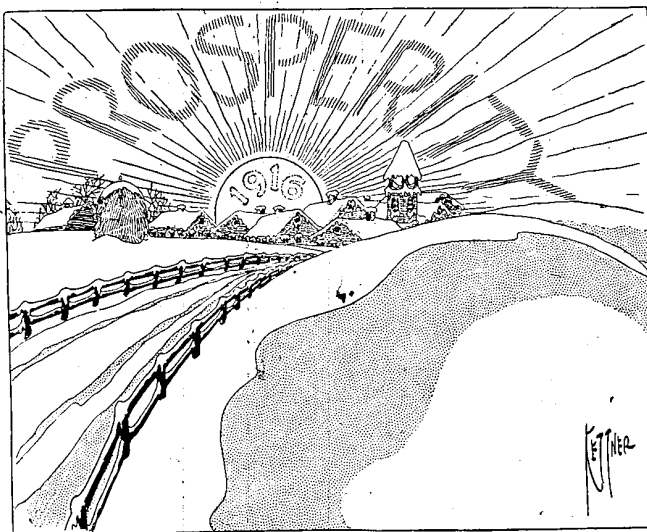
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THE DAWN OF THE NEW YEAR



MICHIGAN PROSPEROUS

Deposits in State's Banks Increase Nearly \$70,000,000 During Past Year

No better evidence of Michigan's prosperity has been presented than the report of State Banking Commissioner Merrick which shows that there has been an increase in deposits in the state banks during the past year of \$60,953,767.78.

According to officials of the state banking department this is the biggest increase in deposits for a period of twelve months that has been recorded in the history of Michigan. The total in the savings deposits of the state banks at the close of business, November 10, was \$200,730,957.54. The saving certificates of deposit amounted to \$49,201,482.99. The commercial deposits in the state banks subject to check totalled \$30,238,489.61 and the commercial certificates of deposit amounted to \$21,473,445.92.

Monday's report shows the loans and discounts of the commercial department to be \$122,678,349.43 and of the savings department \$40,470,679.63. The bonds, mortgages and securities of the commercial department totalled \$31,463,841.79 and of the savings department \$174,040,491.02.

Since the report of the banking department issued September 2, 1915, Michigan state banks and trust companies show a gain of \$18,969,722.86 in aggregate business according to Commissioner Merrick. Compared to the September report commercial loans and discounts show an increase of \$977,746.53. Savings loans and discounts have increased \$1,142,606.29 commercial loans and discounts have increased \$914,888.15 and savings bonds and mortgages have increased \$4,660,215.33 making a total increase in loans of \$7,695,456.33. Since September commercial deposits increased \$9,102,322.50 and savings deposits have increased \$7,347,978.18 making a total increase in deposits of \$16,450,300.68 during the past three years.

Compared with the report of one year ago the following changes are shown: Commercial loans and discounts increased \$5,221,388; savings loans and discounts decreased \$385,903.50; commercial bonds and mortgages increased \$9,437,156.72, while savings bonds and mortgages increased \$18,823,742.80. The net increase in loans for the year is \$33,096,384.02.

According to Banking Commissioner Merrick, the total reserve maintained by Michigan state banks and trust companies on November 10, 1915, was \$95,551,534.71 or 22.81 per cent. The total cash reserve amounted to \$29,478,370.99 or 6.08 per cent. The reserves are divided as follows: Commercial legal reserve, \$50,732,406.45 or 30.05 per cent; commercial cash reserve, \$15,217,088.77 or 9.01 per cent; savings legal reserve, \$44,819,128.26 or 17.93 per cent; savings cash reserve, \$14,261,482.22 or 5.70 per cent. Commissioner Merrick says that the total reserve carried by Michigan state banks and trust companies is \$28,533,657.16 over the requirements of the state banking law.

Based on the savings deposits of \$249,932,440.53, the law requires mortgage and bond investments of at least \$123,067,987.36. The above abstract shows that the mortgage and bond investments exceed the requirements of the state banking law by \$90,865,503.66. The savings investments, together with the savings reserve, exceed the savings deposits by \$9,397,858.44.

LINCOLN BANQUET AT PONTIAC

Congressman Kelly, Senator C. E. Townsend and Other Noted Speakers

The Lincoln Republican club will hold its annual banquet at Pontiac in February, the date to be selected by the county committee, and will be either the 8th, 9th, 10th, or 11th of the month. Senator Charles E. Townsend and Congressman P. H. Kelly, besides a choice of other national speakers, will be on the program, and a big time is planned for the occasion.

The committees have been chosen to perfect plans for the banquet, those from Farmington being Harry McCracken, Isaac Bond, as vice presidents; invitation, James L. Hogle; reception, Hon. F. M. Warner, James Hogle and Edgar S. Pierce.

January Jury List

The list of jurors for the first January term of the Oakland county circuit court ever held in this county is as follows: Clare Ousamer, Addison; Corneal DeMay, Ayon; F. B. Smith, Bloomfield; Charles Kipp, Brandon; William Chafy, Commerce; Herb J. Carey, Farmington; Samuel J. Hawley, Groveland; Arthur Davis, Highland; James Atkinson, Holly; Fred Chamberlain, Independence; Herbert St. Clair, Lyon; N. E. Ellis, Milford; John Bentley, Novi; Stewart Howser, Oxford; Sidney B. Groover, Orion; William C. Peters, Oakland; James Earl Gordon, Rose; Thomas Savery, Royal Oak; Thomas Shay, Springfield; Frank Renden, Southfield; Silas Watters, Troy; Walter Whitfield, Waterford; Eli Strong, West Branch; John Stinson, White Lake and Harry R. Elkins, Pontiac first ward; W. J. Kremer, second ward; Guy Newton, third ward; William Selfridge, fourth ward; and D. A. Green, fifth ward.

There will be five terms of court in Oakland county next year, instead of four, as heretofore.

Those liners in the "want column" don't cost much, but they do the business.

Fine new home for sale by Fred M. Warner.

A Pioneer of Oakland

Charles Westfall Came Here From Germany in 1870

Charles Westfall was born at Grossen Schoenau, Mecklenburg Schenerin, Germany, September 22, 1855, and died at his home here Sunday, December 26, 1915, aged 60 years, 3 months and 4 days.

Mr. Westfall came to this country when a boy of about 15 years of age, and two years later his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Westfall, and the remainder of a family of six children crossed the ocean, all coming directly to this country.

On May 16, 1886, Mr. Westfall was married to Miss Sophia Stannann, who with two children, Harry Westfall and Mrs. George Cox, survive him, one son having died in youth. His father passed away in September 1913, and his mother on October 5, 1915. He also leaves one brother, four sisters and five grandchildren.

Mr. Westfall was a hard working robust German citizen, respected by his associates, and every one who knew him. Some years ago he was obliged to take it easier on account of failing health, the immediate cause of his death being the grip.

The funeral was held from the German church in this village Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Stange officiating. Burial, conducted by W. E. Heene, was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Get Copy in Early

In order to print a newspaper on time each week it is necessary to have copy before publication day. There is always a rush just before the paper goes to press, and in order to go to press on time, (and we believe in punctuality, even in the matter of printing our papers), any matter that is not in type at the rush time has to be condensed or cut down, and if the forms are full omitted. It is better to get any copy to the office as early as possible, so there will be time to use it. We do not like to leave out any news matter. Our phone number is 25—easy to remember—and if you have any news just call us up and tell us about it.

Not Their Fault

Uncle Josh was comfortably lighting his pipe in the living room one evening when Aunt Maria glanced up from her knitting. "John," she remarked, "do you know that next Sunday will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of our wedding?"

"You don't say so, Maria!" responded Uncle Josh, pulling vigorously on his corncob pipe. "What about it?"

"Nothing," answered Aunt Maria, "only I thought maybe we ought to kill them two Rhode Island Red chickens."

"But, Maria," demanded Uncle Josh, "how can you blame them two Rhode Island Reds for what happened 25 years ago?"

Auto Lights Dimmed

Get out your dimmer for you need it now. It is this way. The new automobile tax law contains this section: "Every motor vehicle or other vehicle equipped with and using electric lights upon any of the public highways of this state shall be provided with some practical device or devices whereby the light or lights may be dimmed or lessened at the will of the driver or chauffeur to such an extent that such electric light or the reflection therefrom through said forward lights will not interfere with the sight of the driver of an approaching vehicle." However, should your automobile be equipped with gas lights you may not have to obey this section of the law, for there is nothing said about gas lights.

Buy candy, nuts and oranges of Cook & Co.

TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES

News Items Taken From Other Papers Over the County and Surrounding Territory.

Mrs. McCeady, 91, died Thursday of old age at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Larned, of Southfield, with whom she had been living. There are no known relatives. The funeral was held from the McCeady home Friday.—Press Gazette.

Frank Frederick Wernle, aged 19 committed suicide at nine o'clock Thursday morning by shooting himself in the head with a revolver at the home of his brother in law, Ben Rexford, on Main street. Death occurred within a few minutes.—Milford Times.

The council Tuesday evening appointed Albert A. Bruder chief of the fire department also purchased a hose reel and cart, axes, ladders also rubber coats and hats. The outfit will be kept in the Service Garage until a permanent place is erected.—Redford Record.

In one year 115 persons were killed while trespassing on Michigan railroads, and legislation is sought to keep the pedestrians off railroad property. During the same period 80 persons were killed and more than 3,500 were injured by automobiles alone on the streets of Detroit. And the police of that hamlet throw up their hands and cry, "What shall we do."—Birmingham Reformer.

Seems queer not to see J. J. Smith going by with the mail any more. For some eleven years he has walked back and forth on these streets wheeling his mail cart, always ready to render an accommodation to anyone in the way of taking letters or even helping travelers across town with their grips. He has been a faithful carrier for Uncle Sam, but the latter got economical and moved the post office nearer the depot so that the railroad company would have to take care of the mail.—Brighton Argus.

Abram Brown, who lives south and west of here, and has been seriously ill with heart trouble for some time past, and was cared for by his wife, took the opportunity while she was asleep in her chair to nearly kill her by hitting her over the head with a heavy stove poker last week Wednesday night. He then ran barefoot and in his night clothes to the home of his son in law, Frank O'Conner, and told them to send for a doctor as he had killed his wife. The doctor got there shortly and found Mrs. Brown in a very serious condition, with small chances for recovery.—South Lyon Herald.

Paderewski at Ann Arbor

One of the important musical events in the state of Michigan will take place January 20, when I. J. Paderewski, the world-famous Polish pianist, will appear in concert in Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Stephen Tredway wish to express their sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during their recent bereavement. Also for the floral tributes and Rev. Watt for his services.

Visiting cards printed or engraved.

Your attention is called to the new line of aluminum cooking utensils at Cook & Co's. Hdw. department.

C. M. DOHERTY PASSES AWAY

Prominent Business Man Dies After Long Illness

Charles M. Doherty, prominent in Farmington business circles since 1887, died at his home on Grand River avenue, last Friday morning, December 24, 1915, aged 49 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Mr. Doherty was born in Ypsilanti on October 14, 1866, and came to Farmington in 1887, where he entered the hardware store of A. C. Murray. Later, at the death of Mr. Murray a partnership was formed with F. M. Warner, and Mr. Doherty conducted the business until March 1906, when on account of ill health, he was compelled to give up the business.

Mr. Doherty later became local manager of the Michigan State Telephone Co., which position he held up to the time of his death. In 1891 Mr. Doherty was married to Matilda McGee, who survives him. He is also survived by three nieces and two nephews, one of the latter of whom is in the U. S. navy.

Mr. Doherty was confined to his bed in his last illness for three weeks, and suffered much during the time.

The funeral services were held from the late home Monday, Rev. E. R. Stevenson officiating, and burial was made at Ypsilanti.

CHURCH NOTES

Methodist Church

The hours of worship are 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; eastern time. Next Sunday the subjects are "The Race before Us," and "Fools." A welcome to all our services.

Baptist Church

There will be services next Sunday, January 2nd, at 11:30 a. m. eastern standard time. Rev. S. S. Clark, of Detroit, will preach. A welcome is extended to all.

Salem Evangelical

Rev. Stange will preach in the Farmington church next Sunday, January 2nd, at 10:30 central standard time.

See Cook & Co. for all kinds of footwear.

Conroy's Corners

Mrs. Electa West is on the sick list.

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Mrs. Harry Bartlett was a Pontiac caller Tuesday.

Mrs. Grace West spent Christmas at Pontiac.

Mrs. and Mrs. Tom Densmore were Christmas visitors of relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartlett entertained eleven relatives at dinner on Christmas.

Miss King, who is attending college at Ypsilanti, is spending the holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Conroy were over Christmas visitors at the home of the latter parents in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conroy were over Christmas visitors at the home of their son, Don and family, at River Rouge.

The Mystic Workers of East Farmington will give a chicken pie social at the home of Mrs. Jane Houldershaw at Steven's crossing on the Pontiac division of the D. U. R. on Friday evening, January 14th, supper starting at 6 o'clock eastern standard time. A program has been arranged, consisting of music by Pierson's orchestra, dialogues, songs and recitations. They will also hold a bazaar in connection. Any D. U. R. employee desiring supper can order same by calling 474 and it will be put on any car desired. Everybody cordially invited.

Cook & Co. can supply your wants in Furniture.

In this issue, the Detroit Free Press announces a subscription offer of special interest to rural route patrons. A good daily newspaper has come to be a necessity in the rural home. The men folks want the general news, markets and sporting news. The women enjoy the special women's pages as well as the other departments of the paper.

The Free Press is a morning paper and is the only Detroit newspaper that can reach its rural patrons on the day of publication, therefore it is able to give its readers the latest news first.

The Enterprise will forward your order for you.

See Cook & Co. for candy, and nuts.