

GRASS LAKE NEWS
MARCH – APRIL, and most of May, 1915

Registration March 4, 1915

Notice is hereby given to the Qualified Electors of the Village of Grass Lake, State of Michigan, that a meeting of the Board of Registration will be held at the Town Hall within said Village, on SATURDAY, MARCH 6 A.D. 1915 for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors who may apply for that purpose.

WOMEN ELECTORS – The Board of Registration of said Village will register the names of all women possessing the qualifications of male electors who make Personal Application for such registration: Provided, that all such applicants must own property assessed for taxes some where within the village above named, except that any otherwise qualified who owns property within said village jointly with her husband, or other person, or who owns property within said village on contract and pays taxes thereon, shall be entitled to registration.

(Linda Note: I found this interesting, as it wasn't until a few years later that the 19th Amendment was passed: "Passed by Congress June 4, 1919 and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment guaranteed all American women the right to vote.)

Stop, Look Listen! Are you troubled with Catarrh? If you are we have a fine line of Atomizers and Anticeptic Solutions that will give you relief. Come and let us demonstrate what they will do. GRASS LAKE PHARMACY

Field Fence – Will soon be the order of the day with the farmers. I have prepared myself with a large stock of American Fence, Anthony Fence, Lion Fence, and Steel Fence Posts. I will make it pay for you to see me about your fence and posts before you buy. E.J. FOSTER

"I'm as Hungry as a Bear" - When the "man of the house" says this you can be sure he expects something SUBSTANTIAL coming his way directly. We've had lots of our women customers tell us that our roasts, steaks, chops or whatever it might be just PLEASED THE MEN right down to the gravy. The PRICES PLEASED 'EM TOO. J. FRED ROHRER. Grass Lake.

CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEES – Perfect Berry. Perfectly Cured. Perfectly Blended. Perfectly Pure. Perfection when brewed. Sold exclusively by U.V. SHELLY & SON.

We Desire – Your Account, Your Good Will, Your Confidence, Your Hearty Cooperation. WE PLEDGE YOU Safety, Convenience, Courtesy and Attention. Three per cent paid on 3 months time. THE FARMERS STATE BANK.

The Village Bakery – The dough for our bread is well thumped. We are merciless. Our bread is made of richest and best materials and contains lots of shortening. The loaves are

not blown like a bag of wind. Let us end your bread problem. You can phone. BUY OUR BREAD. H.V. WORDEN

W. H. Lake, M.D. – Office in the Well Block. Residence on East Main St. Office hours 8 to 10 a.m., 1 to 3 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Residence Bell Phone. Wing phone 803.

It's Bicycle Time! – The Bicycle is no longer a fad—it's a necessity with many business people—and the time is at hand when users of this popular vehicle are considering what kind they will buy this year. Don't send your hard-earned dollars away for a mail-order wheel until you look at the collection we have on display in our wonderfully complete Bicycle Department. They're good Bicycles, every one, and if in any way they fail to "make good"—as articles of any kind do sometimes—you'll find us right here ready and anxious to see that you get satisfaction. And yet our prices are no higher than you'll pay in New York or Chicago for wheels of equal value.

We call your special attention to the wonderful values we offer at \$28.00—a solidly constructed wheel, with Corbin coaster brake, mud guards, pebble tread tires, adjustable handle bars—a wheel that will give any man lasting service and solid satisfaction. The biggest mail order house in the world won't give you more value for the money.

SUNDRIES—In our Bicycle department may be found supplies of all kinds of best quality at right prices—tires, pedals, cements, oil cans, pumps, lamps, carbide, etc. GALLUP & LEWIS, Jackson's Greatest Dealers in Good Bicycles.

Feed Grinding – We are grinding every day. Bring your grain and have it ground, it will go further. Also a full line of feeds. SALVAGE WHEAT . . . We have a car of the best salvage wheat that we have seen. Come in and look it over. WANTED: Beans, Rye, Wheat, Oats. GRASS LAKE ELEVATOR CO. Clarence E. Wolfinger, Mgr.

Health Promotes Happiness – Without health, genuine joy is impossible; without good digestion and regular bowel movement you cannot have good health. Why neglect keeping bowels open and risk being sick and ailing? You don't have to. Take one small Dr. King's New Life Pill at night, in the morning you will have a full, free bowel movement and feel much better. Helps our appetite and digestion. Try one tonight!

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFS March 1915

- The city of Port Huron was made defendant in a suit for \$25,000, filed in circuit court by attorneys representing Charles L. Cain, who alleges that because of a defective sidewalk, he fell sustaining serious injuries.
- While eating a beefsteak in a saloon at Ann Arbor, John Arngardt choked to death despite the efforts of three physicians to save his life. Arngardt was 48 years old and had no relatives in America.
- Because members of the House believed a meeting of the American Neutrality league, to have been held in Representative Hall Friday evening, would in reality be pro-German, permission to use the auditorium was refused.
- A coroner's jury in the case of Mrs. William Barclay, of Bar River, who was killed by being hit by a C.P.R.R. train on one of the railway crossings recently

- returned a verdict holding the rail road responsible, declaring that the engineer did not give sufficient warning.
- Joseph Austin, of Gwinn, has been reinstated in the United States navy, from which he was dismissed because, as a midshipmen, he married without the consent of the navy department.
 - J.P. Fournier has installed a sugar cane crusher at his mill at Caro and is persuading farmers of Tuscola county to raise sugar cane, for which he will furnish seed. He will manufacture syrup and molasses from the cane, which, it is claimed by experiments, can be profitably grown in Michigan.
 - Dr. W.O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State university, has been secured as commencement day orator at the University of Michigan. (Can't see it happening in 2015!!!)
 - A few months ago six-year-old Dorothy Allen, of Kalamazoo, ran in front of a street car, and her right leg was severed. The Michigan United Traction Co. has paid her \$4,000 which will be used for her education.
 - The state board of pardons made a new record at Jackson Thursday when it closed its regular March meeting after having granted 32 of the 53 requests for paroles. A large number of the "lucky" prisoners were from Detroit and will return to that city.
 - That the death of two cows belonging to A.D. Kinney, of Mesick, and the illness of a large number of cattle in that vicinity are not caused by the hoof and mouth disease, but rather by an intestinal trouble, was the information given out by Dr. Tallman, veterinarian of Lansing.
 - The pupils of the Blumfield school, in Saginaw county, who are sons and daughters of farmers, are going to aid their education this year by caring for an old orchard. The trees are not trimmed or pruned and need spraying. The orchard has been turned over to the class, and all of the profits from the sale of fruit will be given to the school.
 - Blood poisoning resulting from a pin wound on the hand caused the death of Mrs. Leonora Bullard, 91, pioneer of Clinton county, after a ten day's illness.
 - The Public School at Romeo has reopened after having been closed because of an epidemic of scarlet fever in the village. Twelve cases were reported, all mild.
 - While celebrating the visit of the stork to his home, Oscar Johnson, 36, of Iron Mountain, visited a saloon, and while in an alleged intoxicated condition attempted to break the glasses in the rear of the bar. Victor Anderson, a bartender, attempted to eject Johnson and in the scuffle Johnson was struck on the head and died later.
 - Hillsdale has just made its first contribution to the European war (WWI). Harry Kewin, aged 20, has enlisted at Windsor, Ont., and will be sent to England with the next Canadian contingent.

Local and Personal Items March 1915

*Mrs. H.R. Beatty, who was seriously ill from an acute attack of indigestion the first of the week, is very much improved.

*The ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Klump is recovering from an operation which she underwent at the Ann Arbor hospital last week.

- *Wm. Horning and Carl Ashfal unloaded a new Baker threshing outfit from the cars Monday. This machinery is getting an established reputation in Jackson county and in such hands as Mr. Horning and Mr. Ashfal should do first class work.
- *The body of Mr. Harvey Capron of Eaton Rapids, attended by relatives and friends, was brought here Saturday for burial in the West Cemetery. The Masons from Eaton Rapids and this village conducted services at the grave.
- *Those neither absent nor tardy in the third and fourth grades during the month of Feb. were Richard Comstock, Gladys Cooper, Roy Dowling, Erma Runyan, Bernadine Schoening, Orville Walker, Romeyn Walker, Lyn Wolfinger, Harold Campbell, Matie Cutler, Elizabeth Dorr, J.D. O'Connor, Lyn Rohrer, Dean Sager, Jack Sibson, Dorothy Wolfe.
- *The regular meeting of the Eastern Star will be held Friday. Remember your dues.
- *Loyal Reynolds has finished his years work in the Agricultural department of the M.A.C. and has returned home.
- *S.D. Craft, Harry Worden, Martin Rohrer, Frank Shelly and Will Shelly attended the boxing contest at the Athenaeum last Tuesday evening.
- *Sharon: Geo. Romerhart is doing a thriving business with his gasoline sawing outfit.
- *Sharon: Henry Haselschwardt began sawing timber for a new barn for Henry Kenner last Monday. He will also saw timber for a large barn for Chas. Merriman.
- *East Grass Lake: W.H. Tisch started to build fence for Howard Raymond Monday. It is not very often that this kind of work can be done on the first of March.
- *Francisco: The next meeting of the Cavanaugh Lake Grange will meet with Fred Peterson and wife Mar. 23 in the evening.
- *Sylvan: Schenks delivered their fat lambs to Grass Lake parties Tuesday.
- *A sleighload of young people attended a party given at the home of Wm. Wolff Friday evening. Luella and Esther Coppernoll, Blanche and Vera Kimball, Ethel Niles, Roy, Glenn and Mahlon Curtis, Harold Kimball were among those present. The evening was greatly enjoyed with games and music.
- *Norvell: There will be a temperance address at the church Sunday morning by a representative of the Anti-Saloon League.
- *West Napoleon: Erv McCready bought a large flock of sheep last week.
- *West Napoleon: E.A. Galusha and son have speared nearly sixty fine pickerel this winter.
- *Leoni: Carl Coolbaugh is confined to his home with lumbago. Dr. Lake is attending.
- *Leoni: Mr. S. Bates is very low. It is thought to be only a question of a few hours before the final going out.
- *Edward Crafts Lake is the name of the fine 8 lb. baby boy born at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Lake on March 6.

Is Child Cross, Feverish, Sick

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs". Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sours, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, won't eat, sleep or act naturally, breath is bad, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is

coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs", and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the system, and you have a well child again. Millions of mothers give this syrup because it is perfectly harmless; children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels. Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs", which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Advertisement.

More Local and Personal

*Norvell: The Farmers Club will hold an all day meeting at the Town Hall Saturday, April 3 to which the public is invited. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. The following is the program announced: roll call, current events—"What do you think of the proposed increase in R. R. passenger rates?;" singing "America"; select reading by Elma Holmes; music by Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Shorney; recitation by Rhea Kimble; recitation by Max Pierce; music by Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce; subject for discussion—"Corn Culture" led by Ernest Moore.

*Waterloo: Floyd Rowe resumed his school duties Monday after being home two weeks with the mumps.

*Leoni: The Ladies Aid Society will serve dinner and supper in the church dining room on Election day. Everyone should remember what good meals they serve.

*Leoni: Mrs. Bean has been very sick and is not much improved. Bennie Bean is able to be out.

*John Kirby, aged 82 years, 6 months and 11 days, passed away at Grass Lake, Mar. 12, 1915. He emigrated to America in 1854 from Winthrop, Nottinghamshire, England. He was a man of simple habits and pronounced convictions. He was an honest, straight-forward man, the sort of character that makes for a substantial and reliable citizenship. He lived to a good old age and as the ripened grain is gathered to the harvest, so he is gathered to his fathers.

*Harlan Shelly, who was quite ill the first of the week with a severe attack of the grippe, is some better.

*William Cutler was badly shaken on Saturday when the horse he was driving became frightened and ran away. He was thrown out of the rig by the Foster-Babcock store, but aside from a severe jolt and a bruised knee he was unhurt.

*Raymond Hamill has a trained hen which he is very much interested in. The hen works a food machine with its foot and would interest anyone to see it. We have heard of other fowls being trained but a hen is rather out of the ordinary.

*On the afternoon of April 5, several men of this village have planned to shoot blue rocks south of the Dave Haselschwardt blacksmith shop and all men in the vicinity are invited to join them.

*The house belonging to Mr. Ashfal east of town which caught fire last week Thursday burned to the foundations. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abbott who were living in the house lost nearly all their household goods.

*Prospect Hill: The Gleaner meeting held at W. First's Saturday was largely attended. The next regular meeting will be held at B.P. O'Neil's of Sharon. Pot luck dinner served.

*West Sharon & East Grass Lake: Quite a large attendance was at the Irwin school house Saturday evening where a Grange was organized.

Republican Township Ticket 3 April 1915

Some seventy men attended the Republican Caucus and Club meeting at the Town Hall Thursday evening. E.A. Croman, chairman of the township committee, called the meeting to order and was elected chairman; W.K. Crafts, secretary, J.M. Rohrer and Rex C. Dorr, tellers. After the election of the township ticket, Dr. C.B. Wilcox, president of the township republican club, was called to the chair and the club enjoyed a social evening. Lunch and cigars were served and Norman Flowers, Judge Robert Smith, Thos. Sattler of Jackson and others delivered speeches which added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

Republican Township Ticket: Supervisor, Edwin W. Hobart; Clerk, Timothy Marrinane; Treasurer, Frank A. Cole; Highway Comm., Edmond Detlor; Justice of the Peace, Eugene Close; Member of the Board of Review, Henry Mellencamp; Constables—Milton Henderson, Reuben Keeler, John Lemm, Raymond Crouch; Overseer of Highways, Wm. R. McCall.

Democratic Township Ticket

The caucus of the Democratic party in Grass Lake township was held at the Town Hall Saturday afternoon. Menzo Conklin was elected chairman, James Cadwell secretary and Madison Davis and J. Swadling, tellers. Much interest was manifested in selecting the township ticket.

Democratic Township Ticket: Supervisor, Norman M. Davis; Clerk, Harry Redding; Treasurer, S.J. Swadling, Highway Comm., Wm. H. Wolfe; Justice of the Peace, J. Herman Bohne; Board of Review, Charles Cadwell; Constables—Merl L. Soper, Frank Glenn, Guy Malnight, Walter Bohne; Overseer of Highways, Wm. E. Curtis.

Local and Personal 3 April 1915

*East Napoleon: There was no school at Long Island this week on account of illness of the teacher, Miss Ina Fay of Jackson.

*Sharon: Lydia Keobbe is quite sick and closed her school for a few days. Theo Keobbe has purchased a new Ford automobile.

*Francisco: The catechism class of the M.E. church will be examined Sunday morning. The members of the class are Max Hoppe, Ralph Kalmbach, Hazen Lehman, Eva Lehman, Irene Richards, Florence Kilmer, Clara Fahrner, Elsie Heydlauff, Almerine Whitaker.

*Leoni: E.K. Haskins of Jackson spent Friday of last week with his sister, Mrs. Martin and attended the funeral of Mr. C. Ingraham. One by one the old people are passing and no one can tell who will be the next. We have Mrs. Whipple, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Bates, all past eight-five years of age and some of them past ninety.

*Leoni: A. Weideman has a nice clean stock of goods in the corner store and as it is lighted for evening trade it presents an attractive appearance.

*Leoni: Mrs. Jones celebrated her 90th birthday March 25. She received a number of friends on that day and also a number of presents. She has recently pieced two bed quilts complete and has another one under way. She is happy if she can be busy.

*L.E. Dwelle received a box of fine oranges and grape fruit from Lakeland, Fla.

*Harry Worden has placed a plate glass mirror back bar in his bakery and lunch room. It is 22 feet long and adds greatly to the beauty of the place.

*The Rt. Rev. Chas. D. Williams, Bishop of Michigan, will conduct services at St. Mary's church Grass Lake, Wednesday evening, April 7. All are cordially invited.

*Miss Ruth Dwelle, who has recently completed the course at Allen's Shorthand School, at Jackson, has accepted a position in the office of the Brooks Candy Co.

*Dr. and Mrs. M. Olthouse received some mammoth sponges from Mr. and Mrs. B. Lutz who are spending the winter at Jacksonville, Fla.

*Our schools compare very favorable with some of our bigger sister towns. Manchester claims a population of 1400, school population of 306 and a total enrollment of 244 with 10 teachers. Grass Lake with a population of 800 and a school population of 234 has a total enrollment of 224 with only 7 teachers.

*In view of the fact that one of the greatest highways in the U.S.A. is now being built between Detroit and Chicago and passes through Grass Lake, the question forces itself upon us, What are we going to do about our Main street?

*Francisco: Mr. Benjamin Frey, formerly with the University of Wisconsin, has resigned to enter into the general merchandise business at Francisco.

*Norvell: Mr Sorensen, a native of Denmark, will give a lecture here Saturday evening on Denmark and the European war. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

*Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Oakwood Cemetery Association will be held for the stockholders and members at the Town Hall in the Village of Grass Lake on Monday, the 19th of April.

*Leoni: "Bird Day" was observed at the village school April 9. In a bird contest Wilma Schuyler won the prize, a pretty book presented by the teacher.

*Leoni: The new store seems to be doing a thriving business. The neatness of the place is much appreciated by the customers.

*Mt. Pleasant: A Maple Sugar social will be held at the home of J.K. Glenn Friday evening, April 16.

*Dr. Olthouse has moved his office to the Dwelle building across from the post office.

*Eugene Carter has opened a job printing office in the room which was used by Dr. Olthouse and the NEWS wishes him success in his new venture.

*Rev. and Mrs. H.R. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Wolfinger, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Rohrer, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Crafts and Miss Inez Haven attended the 2nd annual complimentary dinner given by the Knight Templars to the ladies at the Masonic Temple in Jackson Friday evening.

*The reading of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" given by Miss Hutchinson at the Baptist church last Friday evening was greatly enjoyed by all present.

*West Sharon: Chas. Barnes and family and W.D. Alber and family are both enjoying fine new Dodge automobiles purchased recently.

*West Sharon: W.H. Tisch is building fences for parties in Fishville this week. Quite a few farmers around here are getting ready to sow oats.

*Waterloo: Several of the farmers around here drew lumber from Chelsea Friday for Fred Durkee who is going to have a new home erected soon.

*Mr. Henry Clark and Mrs. Fannie Monroe Dwelle were married on Thursday, the 15th of April in Detroit and will be at home to their friends at their summer cottage, "Klarkholine" after May 15, Redwood, Muskoka Lakes, Ontario.

School Items 29 April 1915

The following were neither absent nor tardy during the month of April in the 3rd and 4th grades: Rosa Ashfal, Matie Cutler, Elizabeth Dorr, Harold Campbell, Dorothy Wolfe, Eugene Cochrane, Richard Comstock, Gladys Cooper, Roy Dowling, Marion Foster, Margaret Hawley, Veryl Reynolds, Wilma Schoening and Lyn Wolfinger.

In the 5th and 6th grades: Ernest Butterfield, Ruby Campbell, Alice Chappell, Harold Chappell, Marguerite Cook, Margaret Foster, Dorothy Lehman, Paul Quigley, George Winters, Vernon Wolfe, Lois Grierson, David Beatty, Isador Carter, Robert Dowling, Doris Foster, Paul Marrinane, Harold McCall, Irving VanAernum and Weld Wolfinger.

In the Primary rooms: Marcella Capen, Carl Wollpert, Carroll Foster, Alma Hoopingarner, Agnes Pearl Lee, Willie Lehman, L.C. O'Connor, R.B. O'Connor, Opal Starkweather, Daniel Walker, Mary Wyer, Elmer Bristow.

Hot April 29 April 1915

Local thermometers have registered as high as 90 degrees above zero during the past few days and the official report from the Detroit office of the weather department places the high mark at 87 degrees, which is the highest temperature recorded in April in the past 43 years. Farmers are complaining on account of the small rainfall so far this season.

Local and Personal 29 April 1915

*Napoleon: Friday, the 23rd, seemed to be an unlucky day for some Napoleon people at least. While the boys were at practice before the afternoon ball game with Brooklyn, little Harvey Markley was seriously injured by being hit across the forehead by a bat which slipped from the player's hands. Burr T. Hess was painfully burned about his face and hands when his gasoline engine at the elevator exploded while being repaired. W.A. Hawley had one finger nearly severed from his hand by catching it in a part of his auto and the little son of J.C. Hawley had his hand badly hurt while playing around a wagon, and last but not least, the Napoleon boys had to give the game to Brooklyn, the score being 11 to 6.

*For Sale: Repairs for the Oliver, Burtch, Syracuse, Jolin and Deere plows and many others. E.J. Foster

*Notice: For a few weeks we will launder lace curtains for 50 cents a pair. GL Laundry

*For Sale: Almost new house, 7 rooms, electric lights in every room, furnace, hard and soft water in kitchen. On easy terms. Inquire at News office.

*For Sale: Two Chester White sows with 11 pigs each. Chas. Cadwell.

*While touring in the country Sunday afternoon E.A. Croman had the misfortune to break an axle on his automobile.

*Miss Tina Weipert has purchased the Martha Pease home on Main street.

*There will be a blue rock shoot at the shooting park south of the D.U.R. tracks in Grass Lake Saturday afternoon.

*W.A. Boland returned from the East to Grey Tower this week. His family will arrive for the summer about June 1st.

*Dr. Lake reports a girl born at the Earl Wolfinger home, a boy at the John Ziegler home and a boy at the Dave Johnson home during the past week.

*A loosened frog caused a freight wreck on the M.C.R.R. Sunday morning. No lives were lost but it required the wreck train all day to clean up the wreckage.

Obituary – Mrs. James Kendall 6 May 1915

Clara M. Kendall, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weston, was born in Jackson, Mich., July 6, 1876, and died in Ann Arbor, Mich., April 26, 1915, aged 38 years, 9 months and 20 days. She was reared and educated in Jackson, graduating from the High School in June 1893. Following her graduation, she taught for one year. On October 8, 1895, she was married to Mr. Edward Stewart, who was killed in an interurban accident July, 24, 1908. She was united in marriage to Mr. James Kendall of Grass Lake, June 26, 1912, since which time she has made her home in Grass Lake.

In early life, she united with the First Baptist church of Jackson and still held her membership there at the time of her death. Mrs. Kendall was one of those women whom to know her best was to love her most. Her interests were greatest toward those who were most in need and those whom she has assisted are many. Though her sun has gone down at midday yet her light will long shine upon the path of those who for a time were privileged to walk with her.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a bereaved husband, a father and a mother, many other relatives and a large circle of acquaintances. The funeral was held from the late residence on West Main street, conducted by Rev. H.R. Beatty and internment in Woodland Cemetery, Jackson.

Serious Runaway 6 May 1915

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reynolds and baby were driving on Lake street Saturday afternoon when the horses became frightened and ran away. The baby who was sitting on a chair in front of its mother was thrown over the side of the wagon but for the quick wit of her mother would have been ground to death under the wheels. The baby escaped uninjured but in her effort to save the child Mrs. Reynolds was thrown from the wagon, and received injuries in her side and back. The sleeve of her coat was torn and arm badly bruised. The horses ran over a block before they were finally controlled.

Nation Is Getting Dry 6 May 1915

Only 15 per cent of the nation's territory is now wet. The whole United States is going dry! No doubt about it. All signs indicate that in 10 years more the United States will be a nation on the "water wagon". It may come sooner. Maybe five, three or even in two years. But another decade will see this country "dry."

* 4 states totally dry in 1907.

* 5 states totally dry in 1908.

* 9 states totally dry in 1909.

*10 states totally dry in 1914.

*18 states totally dry in 1915.

??? states totally dry in 1916.

Now there are 18 states which have enacted state-wide prohibition laws! (Prohibition? I thought this was going to be an article about "Global Warming" 100 years ago!) In other words, there have been nearly as many state-wide prohibition laws passed in the last six months as in all the time before. In 1906, Michigan was entirely wet (note: meaning you could drink alcohol). In 1907, Van Buren county went dry. Last election, out of 16 counties voting, 4 went dry, making the total number of dry counties in Michigan 44. Four dry counties refused in the election to return to the wet column.

It is not a question of prophecy or desire, it's simply signs of the times—and facts. Ten years more and the people of this country will have stopped consuming more than 2,000,000,000 gallons of alcoholic beverages yearly. The economical and efficiency demands of today—a world-wide demand—will have made Americans realize that they cannot afford to pay for or drink 139,496,331 gallons of distilled liquor, 56,424,184 gallons of fermented drinks yearly, as they did for instance, in 1912. And the war in Europe has had a lot to do with it! The industrial world is backing the “dry” movement. Safety first and efficiency demands have resulted in a fast moving sentiment that booze must go. Scientific and technical journals have taken up the campaign and are speaking with ever increasing force.

Michigan News Briefs May 1915

- During March, 257 persons in Michigan died from tuberculosis, according to the monthly vital statistics report, an increase over the number of deaths in February. Pneumonia was the only disease which caused more deaths during March than tuberculosis, its total number of victims being 554. There were 4,186 deaths from all causes in March and 6,639 births.
- A meteor fell near Maple Ridge, Arenac county, Wednesday night, striking only a few feet from the front door of Charles Seliman's residence, making a hole in the ground 42 inches in circumference. The meteor has not been found although men have dug for it.
- Minard Vanderheide was instantly killed Monday afternoon in Fremont when his team became frightened at a piece of paper and ran away. Vanderheide was thrown out and the wagon passed over his head.
- Flint school children will have, free of charge, the services of all Flint dentists in a dental clinic.
- W.P. Bates, of Hillsdale, has perfected and obtained letters of patent on a combination harvester which cuts and threshes grain with one operation.
- Lester Dehn, 19, Battle creek pressman, fell under a Michigan Central freight train at Albion Friday and was fatally mangled, dying five hours later.
- William F. Brownhill, 16 years old, of Grand Haven, charged with highway robbery, was sentenced to Jackson prison to serve from five to 15 years, with a recommendation of the minimum sentence. Brownhill, with Frank Dawson, are alleged to have held up and beaten John Kemp, bridge tender at Holland.
- Mrs. John Cutler of Benton Harbor, was interrupted Friday afternoon in her ironing by her husband, from whom she had been estranged. Going to a closet she brought out a revolver and ended a violent quarrel by shooting him twice in the stomach. Then, as he lay unconscious in the yard nearby, she finished her ironing. “Yes, I shot him and meant to”, she said when arrested. “He tried to beat me.” Cutler died at Mercy hospital. His wife, showing no remorse, is at the jail.

Blackest Spot on the Page of History 13 May 1915

The torpedo from the German submarine that sent the LUSITANIA to the bottom of the sea cost the lives of 115 American citizens. On board the great liner were 124 children in all including 40 babies in arms.

1,149	Total number of dead
115	Total American citizens dead
144	Number of bodies recovered
87	Number of bodies identified
65	Number of passengers' bodies identified
22	Number of crews' bodies identified
767	Total number of persons saved
465	Total number of passengers saved
302	Total number of crew saved

“Willful and wholesale murder”, was the verdict returned by the coroner’s jury against the German Kaiser, the German government, and the officers and crew of the submarine which sank the LUSITANIA. The Germans justify their course because of England’s blockade and attempt to starve them. Many who claim they know declare that the real conflict has just started and the new big German submarines are just beginning to be active and many more liners will be sunk. The Zeppelins also will become busy and there will be a raid on London with bombs. By May 18 not a ship will be going to or coming from England. President Wilson demands that unlawful acts of German submarines must cease.

Cash Prizes for Yellow Dent Corn 13 May 1915

Three Detroit Institutions—the Union Trust Company, The Peoples State Bank and the First Old Detroit National Bank have provided a fund from which will be paid a first premium of ten dollars (\$10.00) and a second premium of five dollars (\$5.00) to the Michigan farmers of each of the following counties exhibiting the first and second best bushel of Yellow Dent Corn at the State Fair this fall, the awards to be made by the State Fair judges. The following are the counties: Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Huron, Tuscola, Genesee, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale, Jackson, Ingham, Shiawassee, Saginaw, Gratiot, Clinton and Easton.

Local and Personal 13 May 1915

*Hon. Fred Keeler, State Sup’t of Public Instruction, spent the week end in Grass Lake and at the old homestead.

*Flossie Haynes will resign her position at the P.O. this week and will begin work at the Woolworth store in Jackson Monday.

*Mrs. Ben McPherson left Monday for Rankin, Montana, where she and her husband expect to make their future home with her father, Daviel Swanton on his ranch.

*On average over twenty automobiles pass and repass on the highways through Grass Lake to one horse and buggy. And yet their numbers are on the continual increase.

*A little over four weeks more of school and then the summer vacation. Under the superintendency of Prof. Dorr, who has been ably assisted by a competent faculty, our schools this past year have been a pronounced success.

*Bruce Burtch has a hen which laid a freak egg this week. It was a fully developed and regular size egg within an egg. Another unusual large hen egg was the one found by J.W. Reynolds. It measured in circumference $6\frac{3}{4}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$.

*About twenty girls attended the Rohrer Class meeting at the home of Fannie Mellencamp Friday evening. At the business meeting it was voted to furnish clothes for a girl at the St. Joseph home for children for a year. Ice cream and cake were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

*Mrs. Hattie Pelton Kerr, who lives in Washington, D.C., has just purchased a fine new home there in one of the best residence districts. Mrs. Kerr was born and raised in Grass Lake and later taught school here and will be remembered by many friends. Her husband has a government position at Washington.

*Mrs. E.L. Cooper invited her neighbors to her home Tuesday evening to enjoy with her the description of the San Diego and Panama Exposition and the western trip of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Smith. Mrs. Smith read the same paper at the Reading Circle meeting Monday evening and it was very interesting and instructive.

*Miss Delia Hobart was the guest of honor at a six o'clock dinner and announcement party given by Miss Cleora Dwelle at their home Friday evening. The rooms were tastefully decorated and an abundance of apple blossoms, sweet peas and lilies of the valley helped to carry out the color scheme of pink and white. The table was especially attractive with pink heart shaped nut baskets, pink shaded candles and a large crystal basket filled with sweet peas and lilies of the valley made a dainty centerpiece. Each place was marked with a hand tinted card and beside them lay the announcements which read: Miss Delia Hobart—Mr. Edmund Robinson, May 19, 1915.

*The NEWS is in receipt of a post card with a little sack of salt attached from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark who mailed the same from Salt Lake City, Utah.

*Owners of huckleberry marshes in this section fear that the heavy frost last Sunday night greatly injured the huckleberry crop, if it did not destroy it altogether. Examination of the buds shows that they are turning black, which is proof that they are blighted. Strawberries also suffered materially as we learn and it is predicted that the yield of this delicious fruit will be limited. Newspapers spread over vines on such nights would save the fruit and more than pay for the trouble.

Decoration Day 20 May 1915

Dr. C.B. Wilcox has been invited to deliver the Decoration Day address in Grass Lake. The martial spirit which is abroad in the earth and the thousands of men lined up on the battle fields of Europe, arouses special interest in this Decoration Day. The men, both living and dead, who followed the red path of war to a fame that shall endure forever, are held in great honor by all of our people.

Following is the program which has been arranged by the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic), which will be carried out on Monday, May 31: Dinner served at 11:30. Procession forms at 1:30 and proceeds to Maple Grove Cemetery where services consisting of a song by the school and ritual of the G.A.R. will be held at Comrade Mallon's grave. The procession will then return to the M.E. church where the following program will be carried out—Invocation, Rev. N.B. Wood; Song; Prayer, Rev. H.R. Beatty; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; Recitation; Song; Address, Dr. Wilcox; Song—America; Benediction, Rev. W.A. Cutler.

The Joker Did Not Write These May 1915

Ordinarily, the clerks in the office of the recorder of vital statistics in Lansing have a rather dry time but occasionally a bit of mirth and nonsense creeps into the office on the report blanks of births and deaths. Here are samples of some of the mirth provoking inscriptions recently found on death certificates under the heading, CAUSE OF DEATH:

- Went to bed feeling well but woke up dead.
- Died suddenly at age of 103. To this time he bid fair to reach a ripe old age.
- Do not know cause of death but patient fully recovered from last illness.
- Deceased had never been fatally sick.
- A mother, died in infancy.
- Died suddenly. Nothing serious.
- Pulmonary hemorrhage—sudden death. Duration, 4 years.
- Kicked by a horse shod on left kidney.
- Don't know. Died without aid of physician.
- Blow on head with ax. Contributory cause—another man's wife.
- Deceased died from blood poison, caused by a broken ankle, which is remarkable as his automobile struck him between the lamp and radiator.

Obituary—Mrs. Henry Ahling 20 May 1915

Margaret Catherine Pahlman was born in Langen, Germany, Sept. 19, 1847. She came to this country in the fall of 1861 and was married to Henry Ahling at Waterloo, Mich., April 30, 1863. To this union eleven children were born, eight having passed into the great beyond. The husband and three children, Mrs. T.J. Denley of Jackson, Mrs. Byron Williams and Mrs. W.A. Taylor of Grass Lake are left to mourn their mother. The most of her life was spent on their farm north of Grass Lake. In 1911, the family moved into the village where she resided until the time of her death on May 11, 1915.

“The angels have made us a visit
Removed from our home a dear face,
A dear one to us known as mother,
Which on earth there can be none to take her place.
For years she has patiently suffered,
And prayed her dear Saviour to take
Her away from her cares and her burdens,
To sleep with her loved ones in heaven and
there in his splendor awake.

We'll miss your kind face and your footstep,
That always was here in our home,
The days will pass slowly without you,
When we are left sad and alone.

We will miss you, greatly miss you,
But our loss will be your gain,
As we know you have gone to heaven,
We could not ask you to remain.

There to be and to dwell with your loved ones,
Where, in spirit, they never die,
We will leave you to his tender mercy,
And all utter gently “good bye”.

Local and Personal Items May 1915

- *Mrs. Fred Wolpert was taken to the hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment Saturday.
- *Miss Hilda Goodband and Clare Shaler were married Saturday at the home of the bride's parents.
- *The Town baseball team was defeated by the High School nine Saturday, 25 to 10.
- *The boys in Mrs. Geo. Watkins' class of the M.E. church will be entertained Friday evening by Marion Sanford.

*W.K. Crafts attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons at Kalamazoo.

*Mr. and Mrs. George Weinhold left last Wednesday for Indiana to visit relatives.

*Many people seem to forget that there is a five dollar fine for posting bills on telegraph or telephone poles within the corporate limits of this village.

*Anson Patchin has been appointed sexton of the east cemetery for another year, and the neat and tidy appearance of that beautiful home of the dead attests the care he bestows on the grounds. An addition is to be made to the premises on the northeast if the needed realty can be had at a reasonable price.

*Scorching through our town by motor cycles and automobiles ought to be stopped. Drivers of these machines, fired up with Chelsea beer, shoot along our street at the rate of forty miles an hour and somebody, sooner or later, is liable to get hurt. Examples should be made of some of these reckless chauffeurs.

*The recent rains were widely spread and most timely. As the ground was thoroughly soaked to a depth of several inches all classes of vegetation felt the impulse of the humidity. Fields and gardens were benefited, streams received an increased flow, cisterns were refilled and the tillable earth so softened that corn and potato ground will be planted under the most favorable conditions.

*Before the Michigan Central railroad was built, live stock was driven from the interior of the state to Detroit along the public roads. From Grass Lake about four days were consumed in getting a drove through as only about fifteen miles a day were made while en route. At Detroit the animals were placed on board transports or barges and towed to Buffalo. Cattle from as far west as Kalamazoo county often passed through Grass Lake to the place of shipment. In those days a good fat steer could be bought for from twenty to twenty-five dollars.

*Notwithstanding the best law protection possible, there are but few flocks of quail, as we have left in this part of the state compared with the old-time years. Is the multiplication of this fine game bird kept down by the sly use of guns or traps, or is its scarcity attributal to the destruction of its eggs by weasels, skunks and other animals that range the woods and marshes?

*Saturday afternoon, the boys of the 5th and 6th grades who call themselves the G.L. Sluggers, played the Leoni Stars on the Chappell field and defeated them to the tune of 12 to 9.

*While taking the shells from a 22-calibre gun Saturday, Lyle Rohrer accidentally shot through his foot. He is getting along nicely under the care of Dr. Lake.

