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—It is said that the Honorable A. MITCHELL PALMER, who has just given out the word that he is going to the Harrisburg "reorganization meeting" with his war paint on and his tomahawk in hand, is a candidate for chairman of the Democratic State committee. Judging from the tone of his voice and the strenuousness of his struggles to keep himself in the lime-light we greatly fear that the honors of what the doctors would probably diagnose as a case of "hydrocephalus,"—a disease next akin to what we common mortals have learned to know as a "swelled head."

—When it comes to Sunday baseball we're a conservative.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

—William I. Swoope Esq., well-known in Bellefonte, has been elected Republican county chairman in Clearfield county to succeed chairman Forsythe, resigned.

—Misses Pearl and Minnie Royer, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Royer, entertained a dozen of their young lady friends on Monday evening as a farewell party before the family moves to Tyrone, which they expect to do next week.

—J. H. Decker has leased the rooms on the east end of the second floor of the Bush Arcade where he and his family will move on April first. They consider these rooms ample for their needs during the coming year as they will be away from Bellefonte a good part of the time.

—The round table conference of superintendents and principals of schools for this district will be held at Shamokin on March 17th and 18th. The principal question to come before the conference is that of records and reports. The complete program for the meeting has not yet been issued.

—About March 1st John McCoy will open a coal yard at the McCoy-Linn Iron Co's plant. He expects to have charges on both the P. R. R. and the C. R. R. of Pa., extension and as Mr. George Noll will retire from the coal business in Milesburg at the same time the field will be a good one.

—Will Keichline has taken the agency for the Ford automobile and has already booked two orders for new machines. One is from Dr. W. U. Irwin, of Unionville, and the other from Turner, the merchant, of Julian. He has also several other orders in prospect and feels hopeful of a good season the coming year.

—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conley, of Centre Hall, will celebrate their golden wedding on Monday of next week and have issued a large number of invitations for the event. Mr. Conley, by the way, has practically recovered from a recent serious illness and both he and Mrs. Conley are anticipating a very happy anniversary.

—Next Sunday, February 26th, Rev. J. F. Hower, pastor of the local United Evangelical church, will preach his last sermons for the present conference year. The following week he will go to the annual Central Pennsylvania conference which will meet at York this year. This will end the third year of Rev. Hower's work in Bellefonte.

—"Paid in Full." Eugene Walter's drama of New York life, which has made such a big hit in the various cities in which it has been produced, will be the attraction at Garman's this (Friday) evening. It is singularly life-like in conception and production, presenting a story of all-grossing interest. Not to see it is to be outside the millions of persons who have seen and appreciated it. It will be acted by a splendid company and every detail of the performance will be precisely the same as in New York. Prices range from 25 cents to \$1.00, and there are still plenty of good seats, though it would be advisable to get your tickets early today.

—Mrs. George Ingram, of east Lamb street, had a narrow escape from being seriously burned last Saturday evening shortly before five o'clock. She was taking the ashes out of the kitchen stove and in some way her apron dropped on a live coal and caught fire. Before she had time to notice that her apron was on fire the kitchen door opened and Mrs. Morris Otto stepped into the room. The current of fresh air fanned the blaze and in a twinkling the apron was a mass of flames. Both women screamed for help but in the meantime Mrs. Ingram did not lose her presence of mind and succeeded in tearing the apron loose and dashing it to the floor where it was easily extinguished. Her one hand and wrist were more or less burned but fortunately she suffered no other injury, though those who saw her when her apron was on fire thought she would be burned to death.

BERTRAM.—A sad and deplorable death was that of Ralph Thomas Bertram, on Sunday night at eleven o'clock, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bertram, on Spring creek. The young man had always been in good health until the middle of last November when he contracted inflammatory rheumatism. Every possible remedy was used and while at times he would improve it was only to suffer relapse after relapse until he finally succumbed to the pain-racking disease.

The young man was born in Altoona and was 15 years, 9 months and 19 days old. In March, 1906, his parents moved to Centre county and located on a farm up Spring creek where they have since lived. Deceased was not only a studious boy but quite industrious and during the summer helped along with the farm work as much as he could possibly do. His death is naturally a distressing blow to his family and friends.

Surviving him are his parents, two brothers, Joseph F. and Eddie T., and two sisters, Mary A. and Ruth H. The funeral was held from St. John's Catholic church, of which he was a member, at ten o'clock yesterday morning, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

SMITH.—On Monday evening Mrs. Mary Smith went to bed in good health at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Moore, in Altoona, and on Tuesday morning she was found unconscious, remaining in that condition all day and dying the same evening at five o'clock.

Deceased was sixty-seven years of age and was born and raised at Pine Grove Mills. After her marriage to Thomas G. Smith she and her husband moved to Cole's Summit, Huntingdon county, where she lived until the death of her husband six years ago since which time she made her home with her children at Mt. Union and in Altoona. She is survived by ten children, twenty-five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The funeral will be held this morning, the remains to be taken to Cole's Summit for interment.

MICHAELS.—George T. Michaels, a prominent resident of Lock Haven and one of the best known G. A. R. men in this section of the State, died on Tuesday afternoon. He had been in poor health for some time but had been confined to the house only about three weeks. His death was the result of a general breakdown, owing to his advanced age, which was seventy-five years. During the war he served as a member of Company F, 56th Pennsylvania infantry, the regiment that fired the first shots at Gettysburg. He was wounded during the fight and carried the bullet in his body ever since. He at one time served as assistant postmaster of Lock Haven and later was deputy register and recorder. He was well known among the G. A. R. men all over the State.

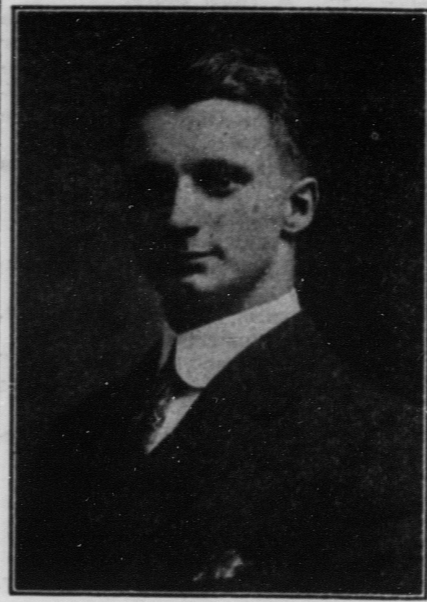
MURRAY.—After a year's illness with heart trouble Mrs. Thomas W. Murray died quite suddenly on Sunday evening at her home at Snow Shoe Intersection. She was born at Washington Furnace, in Nittany valley, and was past fifty-eight years of age. She was a faithful member of the United Evangelical church and a woman with a host of friends in the community in which she lived.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two sons and four daughters, namely: Mrs. D. W. Hipple, of Warrensville; G. G. Murray, of Altoona; Mrs. Harry A. Parks, Mrs. Anna Long and Peter G., of Snow Shoe Intersection, and Miss Edna E., at home. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, burial being made at Snow Shoe Intersection.

GEHRET.—Mrs. Mary E. Gehret, wife of C. S. Gehret, died at their home in Wilkesburg at two o'clock on Monday morning of tuberculosis, following an illness of two years. Her maiden name was Mary E. Kylander and she was born at Burgettstown, Pa. She is survived by her husband, her mother, Mrs. Kylander, of Burgettstown, and one sister, Mrs. John Stover, of Homewood. Miss Lucinda Moore, of Wilkesburg, and Miss Jeanette Hoffman, of Titusville, accompanied the remains to Bellefonte on Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gehret, on Bishop street. Rev. T. S. Wilcox officiated and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

MEYER.—Miss M. Alice Meyer, of Lamar, died in the Lock Haven hospital last Saturday following an operation for goitre. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Meyer, one sister, Mrs. P. Lotterer, and a brother, William Meyer, all of Lamar. The funeral was held from the Mt. Bethel Reformed church, of which she was a member, Tuesday morning. Rev. H. I. Crow, of Hubersburg, officiated and burial was made in the Mt. Bethel cemetery.

VAUGHN.—Samuel Vaughn, a well known resident of Sandy Ridge, died on Wednesday of last week after several months illness with a complication of diseases. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vaughn and was born in Rush township in 1855, being at the time of his death 55 years, 5 months and 11 days old. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at Osceola Mills.



HARRY ASH PEARCE

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The above pictures of Harry Ash Pearce, a graduate of State College, and his bride who was Miss Hazel Elizabeth Cooke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Cooke, of this place, who were married on Thursday, February 9th, and left the same night for Panama, were received too late for publication last week and are now printed for the first time.

HOWLEY.—Following an illness of some months with bronchial trouble the venerable John Howley died at his home on Bishop street about three o'clock on Monday morning. He was born in county Clare, Ireland, over seventy-six years ago, and it was on his native heath he was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Keenan. In 1854 the couple came to America and the first few years of their life in this country were spent in Wilmington, Del. Later in the fifties they came to Bellefonte and Mr. Howley engaged in the contracting business. He helped to build the Bald Eagle Valley railroad which was opened up in the early sixties. For a number of years past he had been sexton at St. John's Catholic church.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: William, Thomas, Mrs. Harry E. Taylor and Miss Ella, at home. The funeral was held from the Catholic church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

ECKLEY.—Miss Mary E. Eckley died in the Bellefonte hospital last Thursday. For the past year or more she had been a sufferer from gall stones and about ten days prior to her death was brought to the hospital from her home at Valley View and underwent an operation. The shock was too much for her over-wrought system and she died at the time above named. She was fifty-six years old and had been a resident of this locality all her life.

Surviving her are her mother, Mrs. Mary Eckley, who is eighty-two years old, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. A. J. Garbrick, Christ and George, of Valley View; Mrs. Elizabeth Erick and Mrs. Samuel Showers, of Bellefonte; John, of Dueville, Utah; Joseph, of Fillmore, and Mrs. Charles Reese, of Glen Harris. Rev. D. W. Sower had charge of the funeral which was held on Sunday morning, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

GROSS.—Charles Gross died at his home in Halfmoon township last Friday of tuberculosis. He was a son of William and Ellen Gross and was born at State College February 3rd, 1877. About seven years ago he moved to Altoona where he was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company as a brakeman until two years ago when his health failed and he moved to Halfmoon township. During the past year he spent some weeks at the Mont Alto sanatorium without any good results.

In 1902 he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Ellenberger, of Halfmoon township, who survives with two children, Eva and Paul. He also leaves his parents and a number of brothers and sisters. The funeral was held from the M. E. church at Centre Line on Sunday, burial being made in the Friends burying ground.

BREON.—Sarah Elizabeth, beloved wife of John H. Breon, of Millheim, died last Saturday after a long illness with dropsy. Her maiden name was Sarah E. Wirt and she was born in Penn township March 16th, 1849, hence was 61 years, 11 months and 2 days old. She was a member of the United Evangelical church and during her protracted illness bore her suffering with patient Christian fortitude. Surviving her are her husband, one son and two sisters. The funeral services were held in the Millheim United Evangelical church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning. Rev. W. J. Diehl officiated and burial was made in the Millheim cemetery.

VALENTINE.—The sad news was received in Bellefonte yesterday of the death on Sunday of Edmund, the youngest son of Jacob and Minnie Valentine, of Allegheny, diphtheria being the cause. The child was aged two years, 6 months and 29 days. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine were formerly of Bellefonte and their many friends here sympathize with them in their bereavement.

JOHNSON.—Matthias Johnson, an old veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at Mill Hall last Thursday, of general debility, aged sixty-seven years. Surviving him are his wife and a large family of children, one daughter, Maude, being a resident of Bellefonte. He was buried at Mill Hall on Sunday afternoon.

DAYTON.—NEARHOOF.—A very pretty though quiet wedding took place on Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Nearhoof, at Vail, when their daughter, Miss Florence E. Nearhoof, became the bride of Washington Irving Dayton. Only the immediate families were present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Merrill H. Ake, pastor of the M. E. church at Port Matilda. The young couple were unattended. Following the ceremony a delicious wedding dinner was served to all present. The bridegroom is a son of George W. Dayton, deceased, who during his life was one of the best known scenic painters of New York city, a profession the son now follows. The young couple will make their home in Tyrone.

RISHEL.—GESSNER.—Thomas Rishel and Miss Louise Gessner, both of Coleville, were married at early mass in St. John's Catholic church on Wednesday morning by Rev. Father McArdle. They were attended by Edward Rine, of Latrobe, and Miss Kate Gessner, a sister of the bride. Following the ceremony the bride and groom were served a delicious wedding breakfast at one o'clock they left on the train for a brief wedding trip east. Upon their return they will stay at the Gessner home until the house they have leased has been vacated. The bride, who is a seamstress, is well and favorably known in Bellefonte as well as Coleville and her many friends join in wishing her all kinds of happiness.

PARK.—LUCAS.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Houseman, in Altoona, was the scene of a quiet wedding last Friday morning at ten o'clock when James Park, of Tyrone, and Miss Tacie Lucas, of Runville, this county, were united in marriage by Rev. H. J. Schuartz, of the Fairview Methodist church. After a brief honeymoon trip to eastern cities Mr. and Mrs. Park will take up their residence in Tyrone where the bridegroom is stationed as a Pennsylvania railroad company fireman.

SMITH.—PLETCHER.—William T. Smith, of Jacksonville, and Miss Tacie M. Pletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Pletcher, of Howard, went to Altoona on Monday and that evening were united in marriage by Dr. B. C. Conner, at his residence. They spent the night with friends in the Mountain city and on Tuesday left on a honeymoon trip through eastern Pennsylvania. Upon their return they will reside at Howard.

SMITH.—SMITH.—The wedding in Williamsport yesterday of Witmer Smith and Miss Elizabeth Smith, both so well known in this place, was in the nature of a very pleasant surprise to their many friends. Mr. Smith is the resident manager of the American Union Telephone Co's business, while Miss Smith has for several years been the financial agent of the same company. We were unable to earn any of the particulars.

ZERBE.—WASSON.—Charles R. Zerbe and Miss Blanche Wasson, both of Nittany, were married in the parlors of the Clinton house at Mill Hall last Saturday morning, by Rev. J. F. Bingaman. Following the ceremony mine host Charles Long served the bridal party a regular wedding dinner after which they went east on a honeymoon trip. Upon their return they will reside at Nittany.

ST. ELMO AT SATURDAY MATINEE.—The Howell-Keith Stock Co., who have been playing here this week, will return by special request for two performances matinee and night, on Saturday, February 25th. "St. Elmo," at the matinee, will give all a chance to see the Leffeling dramatization of this beautiful story, which has been endorsed by press and public to be the greatest of them all. The cast has been carefully selected and the company is well balanced. Saturday night that sensational border drama, "Little Cyclone," brimful of comedy and sensation, intermingled with a beautiful love story, which appeals to the hearts of all. This company has proved its merit for a popular priced company and their final dates should be well patronized. The prices are within reach of all, matinee, 10 and 20 cents, night, 10, 20 and 30 cents. The clergy of the city have been invited as guests of the house and management.

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

WITH THE BOROUGH DADS.—Seven members of council were present at the regular meeting on Monday evening, the absentees being Messrs. Keller and Sheffer, of the North ward. There were no verbal or written communications.

The Street committee reported that they had held a conference with the directors of the Bellefonte Electric company regarding the claim of James Noonan for damages for injuries sustained by his wife in falling in a hole on the pavement on the corner of Allegheny and Bishop streets, but that they had been unable to see Mr. Noonan to find out what kind of a compromise settlement could be made. They were instructed to endeavor to do so by next meeting night.

The Water committee presented the report of W. D. Meyer, borough engineer, for the past two weeks which showed a number of repairs made to fire plugs around town, two leaks in water mains repaired and minor repairs made to the pump at the Phoenix station and also at No. 1 station. The pump at the latter place is being operated only from five to six hours per day and a good head of water kept in the reservoir.

Dr. Kirk brought up the matter of a settlement between the borough solicitor and council and that official, J. Thomas Mitchell, stated that he was ready at any time and presented a statement of all claims collected and amounts paid out with his check to cover balance. Mr. Kirk stated that the Finance committee, of which he was a member, had gone over the account and found it correct, but stated that he did not see how the account could be properly audited when there were no vouchers or borough orders to show for the money paid out. It was finally decided to hold the matter over until next meeting when the chairman of the Finance committee can be present.

Mr. Musser moved that the regular annual appropriations to the fire companies be paid and the same was ordered.

Mr. Judge, of the Street committee, reported two places on Water street badly in need of pavements and that the property owners had been notified, but so far had done nothing. The borough engineer was instructed that if the pavements were not put down within five days he was to go ahead and put same down.

Dr. Kirk moved that an order be drawn in favor of the borough treasurer for fifty dollars to pay the interest on a note held by John P. Harris and another for seven hundred dollars to pay overdue interest on a note held by F. W. Crider; and that a note for four thousand dollars held by the Bellefonte Trust company be renewed for four months at five per cent, all of which was so ordered. The doctor also asked that the clerk of council prepare a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year with a comparative statement of the year previous so they could find out just where they were at, and on motion the clerk was instructed to do so.

With the approval of bills amounting to \$832.62 council adjourned. Under the old law Monday night's meeting of council would practically end the fiscal year but under the law abolishing spring elections and lengthening the term of the present councilmen until the first Monday in January, 1911, the fiscal year will be changed.

WANT ADDITIONAL DISTRICT IN M. E. CONFERENCE.—The coming sessions of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. conference promise to be unusually interesting in various ways. The large number of deaths within the conference during the past year makes it imperative that many changes be made in pastoral assignments and there is sure to be a whole lot of shifting around among the ministers. Naturally this has already put some of them upon the anxious bench and they are wondering where their next home may be.

In addition to the above the conference cabinet, which is composed of the five district superintendents, is asking that an additional district be made as the work is too much for five superintendents. The matter has already been taken up with Bishop Anderson, who will preside at the sessions of conference, and it is being favorably considered. Should such action be taken it will require a re-districting of the entire conference which will mean considerable hard work. The above, with the regular routine work which is always brought before every conference session, will make it an exceedingly busy as well as interesting one.

A SWEET PEA ENTHUSIAST.—Sweet peas will unquestionably be the popular flowers with people of good taste and refinement the coming season. Why? Because no other flower yields such satisfactory returns in a wealth of beautiful and fragrant blooms for so long a period. But high grade seed of the choicest kinds is absolutely necessary for the best results. And just such seed, the very finest in cultivation, compose the collection offered below. Listen.

For 25 cents I will send postpaid to any address eight half ounce packets of the loveliest named varieties in the world and with all orders I will include a packet each of the famous orchid-flowered Sweet Peas. Countess Spencer, the White Spencer and the charming new Lavender Spencer, "Asta Ohn," so much admired by experts throughout the world, and a packet of the early aster, "Queen of the Market" and one of gorgeous double poppies. And I always do better than I advertise. Coin remittance preferred. Address EDGAR A. HIGGINS, Sweet Pea Specialist, Avoca, N. Y.

EX-SHERIFFS AND DEPUTIES BANQUET.—Wednesday was Washington's birthday and likely because the Father of His Country was "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen," the ex-officers of the peace of Centre county deemed it a most fitting occasion to hold a reunion, the first of the kind ever held in the county; and the result was the perfecting of an Ex-Sheriff's association which will meet annually hereafter.

The affair was planned and carried to a successful issue by a committee composed of D. W. Woodring, H. S. Taylor, W. Miles Walker, W. A. Ishler, Henry Kline and W. E. Hurley and the banquet was held at the Hotel Haag on Wednesday evening. Centre county has eleven living ex-sheriffs and the present incumbent in office and ten of the twelve were present at the banquet, the absentees being T. J. Dunkle, of Punxsutawney, who is not very well, and John P. Condo, of York, who was unable to be here. The oldest sheriff in term of office was D. W. Woodring, of this place, who by that right occupied the head of the table and acted as toastmaster; but the oldest sheriff in years was the venerable Benjamin F. Schaeffer, of Nittany, who was eighty years old last August, but is still quite healthy and active.

Of the thirteen ex-deputies living those present were Stitzer, Woodring, Schaeffer, Munson, Wilson, Jackson, Rees and Goss. The only other guests were newspaper men, C. U. Hoffer, for the Phillipsburg Journal; Charles R. Kurtz, Centre Democrat; Charles E. Doworth, Bellefonte Republican, and C. L. Gates for the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN.

It was a few minutes past nine o'clock when the ex-officers and their guests repaired to the dining room and gathered around the spacious table, the sheriffs to the right and deputies and newspaper men to the left. A most delicious and appetizing course banquet was served and when the menu had been fully and most satisfactorily discussed cigars were lighted and through the wreaths of curling smoke the ex-sheriffs and their deputies told incidents of their official career which were extremely interesting; but which time and space forbids recounting here.

When everyone present had spun his little yarn a permanent organization was effected by the election of D. W. Woodring, president, and Col. H. S. Taylor, secretary. The question of extending the scope of the organization by taking in all ex-officers of the county was discussed but it was the general sentiment that to do so would make too large an association and the scheme was abandoned, for the present at least.

As a matter of historical record we publish below a full list of all the ex-sheriffs and ex-deputies living and the time of their terms in office:

| SHERIFFS |
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| D. W. Woodring, from 1859 to 1872 |
| B. F. Shaffer, from 1872 to 1876 |
| T. J. Dunkle, from 1876 to 1885 |
| W. Miles Walker, from 1885 to 1888 |
| Robert Cooke, from 1888 to 1891 |
| W. A. Ishler, from 1891 to 1894 |
| J. P. Condo, from 1894 to 1897 |
| W. M. Cronister, from 1897 to 1900 |
| Cyrus Brungart, from 1900 to 1903 |
| H. S. Taylor, from 1903 to 1906 |
| Henry Kline, from 1906 to 1909 |
| W. E. Hurley, from 1909 to 1912 |

| DEPUTIES |
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| H. Y. Stitzer, from 1863 to 1866 |
| D. W. Woodring, from 1866 to 1869 |
| L. A. Schaffer, from 1869 to 1876 |
| L. T. Munson, from 1876 to 1879 |
| Reuben Spangler, from 1879 to 1882 |
| David Runkle and W. D. Dukeman, from 1882 to 1885 |
| W. D. Dukeman, from 1885 to 1888 |
| Robert Wilson, from 1888 to 1891 |
| G. W. Crawford, from 1891 to 1894 |
| C. A. Weaver, from 1894 to 1897 |
| H. J. Jackson, from 1897 to 1906 |
| W. F. Rees, from 1906 to 1909 |
| Harry Goss, J. B. Strohm and W. F. Rees, from 1909 to 1912. |

THE PUBLIC SALE SEASON.—While a few public sales of farm stock and implements have already been held throughout the county the regular season for same is during the month of March, and this year will be no exception. As closely as it can be figured out there will be from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty sales held in Centre county this spring and a big per cent of them will be by farmers who have made enough money to retire to private life. And just figure, if you can, the monetary value of stock and other property that will change hands at the above number of sales. The John A. Hosterman sale at Centre Hill two weeks ago amounted to \$4,935.60. But of course, that was an exceptionally large one. A fair average, however, would be fifteen hundred dollars per sale. For one hundred sales this would mean one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and we feel satisfied that the amount will be greater. All kinds of stock are selling at the high water mark and farmers are eagerly waiting the chance to buy. Good, second-hand farm implements are also bringing good prices, so that the man who is going to have sale can feel satisfied he will get good prices for everything.

As an instance of the prices which live stock bring this spring was the sale of Oscar Heckman on Tuesday. Cows sold for sixty and seventy dollars and hogs brought as much as ten cents a pound, live weight, while pigs and shoats brought from twelve to fifteen cents a pound. Horses also brought big prices. The sale amounted to almost twenty-four hundred dollars.

—Don. Wallace has bought the old Otto cigar store in the basement of the First National bank building.