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A mark in this space indicates that your subscription to the Sickle has expired. Prompt remittance for renewal will be gratefully appreciated, and will insure continued delivery. The Sickle is payable in advance, at \$2.00 per year.

"Famine Week" March 3 to 12.
Governor John J. Blaine has designated "Famine Week" in Wisconsin for the eight days beginning March 3 and ending March 12. His proclamation, issued February 17, for the American Committee for Russian Famine Relief, urges all citizens "to give as generously of their means as they can to assist the stricken millions in the Volga Valley." The proclamation follows:
"Famine in the Volga valley of Russia has reached such proportions that the civilized world stands aghast. Reports from American relief workers in Russia state that the daily death rate from starvation is approximately 25,000 and steadily increasing. Typhus is spreading westward.
"Heroic work is being done to combat the ravages of famine and pestilence, but the combined efforts of relief or-

ganizations thus far have proved dishearteningly inadequate.

The American Committee for Russian Famine Relief has been organized to help meet the emergent need of the starving and disease-ridden millions of the Russian people, with headquarters at 405 Broadway Building, Chicago. This committee is composed of men and women of the highest standing in American political, religious and civil life. Many of them are citizens of the state of Wisconsin.

"They are asking that one week be set aside in each of the great grain growing states of America, during which time the thought of the people may be concentrated to the relief of their starving fellow beings in Russia, and that collections of food, clothing, medicines and money be donated by all communities of the Middle West.

The unfortunate plight of Russia must touch the heart of every humanitarian, and I therefore urge all citizens to give as generously of their means as they can, to assist the stricken millions in the Volga valley during the week beginning March 3 and ending March 12.
"Dated at the Capitol, in the city of Madison, this seventeenth day of February, 1922 John J. Blaine, Governor."
The appeal of the American Committee for Russian Relief in behalf of the starving millions in Russia will be made through local organizations in every community.

For Sale.

Twenty-seven acres, choice piece of plow land—Mrs. Clara Kerr. 5212

A Thousand Chickens Burned.
Sunny Slope chickens farm, Route 5, Madison, owned by C. Howard King, was attacked by fire Monday morning, and 1,000 White Leghorn chickens were smothered and burned.

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HEALTH TIME STORIES.

Cho-Cho says: "A chicken has a gland instead of teeth—Don't get the idea you are a chicken."

The Milk Family.
Once upon a time Billy Bolt and Gerrie Gulp visited Cho-Cho. He did not like them because they were so very thin and ill-mannered. Grand-

mother said: "Children, you are so greedy, you eat not eat slowly enough to know what your food tastes like! And your milk isn't like water. It's food just as are potatoes and bread and meat." said Grandmother, who always said just what she thought.

"Don't scold, Grandmother. Tell them the story of the milk family, instead," said Cho-Cho, who was always ready for a story.

"Jolly Mrs. Milk has a very useful family and they all dote on helping young children and animals to grow. You know you need more more body-growing materials than we old people do. Much more. And what do you suppose were the names of the children?" Grandmother asked Billy Bolt.

"I know one—Polly Protein," declared Cho-Cho, who knew the story by heart.

"Yes. Polly Protein makes young downs grow and her sister, Minnie Mineral, helps to make our bones and blood. Victor Vitamine is the big brother. Selly Sugar and Fred Fat are the babies of the family."

"Why over in Europe, where the great wars, Hunner stalks the little children. So even know who Mrs. Milk is, and if you are a milk drinker."

gotten. If Mrs. Milk were there, she could save many lives because, as you all know, she has such a large family that little children could live on her alone." Grandmother said, and added, "So you see, because Mrs. Milk has a larger family than anyone else, she is best for young children, and whatever is lacking in any other family, either Victor Vitamine or Polly Protein will step up and will help them out if you will just invite them together for lunch."

Question Box.

1. What is the Sherewood policy?
Ans.—This policy embodies three parts, briefly stated as follows:
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Admission: Children 10c, Adults 25c; war-tax paid.

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HOW THEY SUCCEEDED

The Experience of a Colony of Community Builders.

By EDGAR TAYLOR WHELOCK.
(Copyright, 1921, American Press League.)
About a quarter of a century ago a colony of Polish settlers whose financial resources were extremely limited contracted to purchase a large tract of cutover land in northern Wisconsin. The price to be paid for the land ranged from \$12 to \$20 an acre and, although the value of the forest products remaining on the land was considerable, there was not an acre that could be cultivated until a clearing had been made.

The colonists were poor people; none of them had enough money to make full payment for his land; they lacked tools, farm machinery, live stock and implements. Not having funds with which to buy lumber, they set up by hand and sawed and covered them with boughs to keep off the rain.

Looked Like a Desperate Venture.
Predictions were freely made by many persons on the theory that they were acquainted with all of the facts relating to the resources of the colonists—that the experiment would prove a failure and the settlers would be starved out.

But there were resources available which the prophets of disaster had not taken into account and which proved to be the deciding factors in the battle for success. Industry, Thrift and Courage won the day.

In less than fifteen years this settlement became noted for its prosperity. Good substantial houses and barns, fine teams, dairy cows and modern farm implements and machinery furnished all the evidence required to prove that the experiment in home-building was all that could be desired.

Built a \$40,000 Church.
In the meantime they had built a church near the center of the community which was reported in the Chicago Tribune.

But each individual colonist was working for a prize—a home and land that would support his family in comfort and peace as an estate to his heirs. This was an old world notion which has its origin in a country where a winning of a permanent home was a dream seldom realized by the poor classes. To gain this prize they were willing to work hard, practice strict economy, save the pennies and get rich slowly.

They Are No Longer Poor.

This is a tale of an entire community, the members of which were educated in the habits of Thrift in the old world, furnished an object lesson to their neighbors. None of these colonists was a "Spendthrift," a "Good Fellow," or an "Easy Mark," but they can now buy anything they need, and pay for it.

Two Men in Automobiles are Drowned.

Thomas Rorsch and Thomas Bartlett, aged 58 and 44 years, of Harvard, Ill., drove out from the shore on Delavan lake Sunday morning. The ice gave way, and the machine and men went down. At noon the body of Thomas was found still at the steering wheel of the machine. Bartlett had jumped out and was caught under the shell of ice.

BLACK EARTH

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, of Beaver Dam, are guests of the E. C. Johnson family.

Dr. Z. L. Bender is taking his usual patients, and is feeling quite well after his hospital experience.

Misses Beattie Shackleton, Esther Walstead, Alma Fingerhut, and Gene Pitton and Henry Orblight were Madison visitors, Saturday.

John Ward was seriously injured, Monday afternoon, at the stock yards. He was driving through the scales when the cow he was hauling, through fright plunged against the side of the box rack in which the animal was being carried, tipping over the sleigh and Mr. Ward underneath. In some way the cow, trying to free herself, tramped on Mr. Ward, which rendered him unconscious for several hours. While he is very sore, and confined to his bed, it is thought there are no ribs broken.

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OUR SPRING OPENING

Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4

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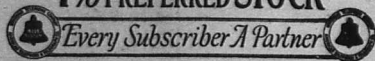
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MAZOMANIE, WIS., MARCH 8, 1922.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

New Ads This Week

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City Tailor
N. J. Taylor
Majestic Theater
Sears Motor Company
Wisconsin Telephone Co.
C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co.
Philip H. Porter, Trustee
The American Tobacco Co.

—Lent began Wednesday.

—Lake perch for sale at the Poultry House.

—FRESH—One pound of corn, today and Saturday, at Trager's.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schwartz were at Springfield Green, Wednesday.

—Flour is up. We are still selling at \$2.00 per sack.—At Trager's.

—Mrs. Martha Haseltine was here from Madison part of the past week.

—Nick Johnson attended the wedding of a niece at Madison, Tuesday.

—See our market, Saturday, for a full line of bakery goods.—Trager's.

—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Plummer, Thursday noon.

—We believe in Tanlac and so will you if you try it.—Shields' Pharmacy.

—Miss Anna Thorburn, of Chicago, visited friends here during the past week.

—W. L. Caldwell, John Porter, and Kenneth Wetner went to Madison, Sunday.

—Pure comb and extracted honey, No. 1 grade, for sale at Lappley's drug store.

—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lockwood and Dr. F. L. Griswold were at Madison, Tuesday.

—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wentz, of Black, Thursday morning.

—Mrs. Ellen Willard, of Waunakee, spent several days this week with friends here.

—Word received from Barry Texas is to the effect that Mrs. May Johnson is a little better.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Shen returned to Milwaukee, Tuesday, after a visit with relatives here.

—Mrs. Chas. Bus, H. E. Trager, Gayle Emery and Carroll King were at Madison, Wednesday.

—John Schlough and family have moved to the Lewis Hovey farm in the town of Cross Plains.

—There is not a single portion of the body that is not benefited by the helpful action of Tanlac.—Shields' Pharmacy.

—Thodore injured in a road accident, and taken down a hill to the hospital, Monday, to such an extent that he was taken to a hospital at Madison. We have not heard the cause of the accident, except that something on the rig or harness gave out.

—At a meeting of the Mazomanie and Black Earth Mutual Town Insurance Company, held at the town hall in this village, Monday, it was voted to levy an advance assessment of two mills on all policies issued after July 1st. By this means, all policy holders will pay a part of any loss that may occur.

—John Ward, of Black Earth, was seriously injured while delivering a cow at the stock yards in Black Earth, Monday. He was bringing the cow to market in a rack on a horse-drawn sled. The animal became restive and managed to overturn the sled, the driver being thrown to the ground. In the melee that followed the cow trampled on Mr. Ward, injuring him severely. He was unconscious for several hours, but has improved somewhat, although it is not yet known for certain to what extent he is injured.

—To anyone interested, I will offer at the high school a short course in farm accounting. It will take about ten or fifteen lessons to complete it. I would start Monday, March 13, at 7:00 o'clock. Let me know before Wednesday previous, so as to give me time to get you a Record Book, which will cost you fifty cents. We can meet any night to suit the majority. There is a very necessary thing at present, so as to fill the income blank properly.—H. W. Jones.

—Farmers of Wisconsin are cordially invited to attend the "Little International live stock show" at the university stock pavilion at Madison, March 4. The "Little International" is an exposition where the animals of the university herd are fitted and showed by long and short course students in agriculture. Prizes are awarded to the winners in each class on the basis of the improvement that the students have brought about in the animals, and the ability of the student as showmen in the show ring.

—The residence of F. L. Steele and family (the old Boothby home), was destroyed by fire, Wednesday morning, together with its contents. The fire was discovered about 1:30 in the morning, and had then gained such headway that the occupants, Mrs. Steele and two children, were compelled to get out through windows. The alarm brought the firemen and many others to the scene, but the fire had by then gained such headway that the building, which was a two-story structure, is supposed to have caught from a fire stove.

—The special school meetings held at Schmitz' hall last Saturday afternoon, were well attended, both districts being well represented. It was voted to borrow \$75,000 for the purpose of building a new school house, the two districts to build jointly and on the site in this village where stand the present school buildings. The vote was 183 to 64 in the meeting of District No. 2, and 178 to 50 in the meeting of the P. F. H. S. district which immediately followed the other meeting. F. W. Ellsworth presided. Both districts voted that the amount paid in taxes on property in these districts by residents of adjoining districts who wish to send their children to this school, may be deducted from the tuition of each child. Several recommendations by the school boards were also adopted. There was comparatively little discussion. Mr. Emery, of the state superintendent's department, addressed the meeting briefly.

—The next meeting of the Social Center will be held Friday evening, March 10, at eight o'clock, in the opera house. Our entertainer will be Mr. A. R. Johnson, from Madison. Mr. Johnson is a reader and is highly spoken of by those who have had the pleasure of hearing him. He is especially good in the rendering of selections from Riley and has been called the James Whitcomb Riley of Madison. Our H. S. orchestra will again favor us with music. This entertainment will be the last of these enjoyable gatherings for this season, so come out and give Mr. Johnson a large audience. As before, the program will be followed by a social time until 11 o'clock. There are some who must be more careful of their manner of dancing or they will be barred from the floor. The committee is becoming somewhat weary of cautioning these few and they had better mind their steps or those steps will take them rapidly towards the outside door. We set out to have clean dancing and we propose to move along this line if we have to clear the floor with certain people but clean it of them. This is your invitation to dance in the opera house or jazz outside of it. Admission, 15 cents.—Program Committee.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little have moved here from Friedland, having purchased the Nierdorf property on Bridge street. Their goods were hauled to this place by truck, from Paoli, last week.

—Just arrived, a large selection of baby's solid gold chains for children, ages 3 to 14 years. Price \$1.25 and up; guaranteed to wash.—M. J. Zangl.

—Gerald Murphy fifteen years old, died at his home in Madison, Thursday morning. His father, Lawrence B. Murphy, who died twelve years ago, was well known to many of our citizens.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Little have moved here from Friedland, having purchased the Nierdorf property on Bridge street. Their goods were hauled to this place by truck, from Paoli, last week.

—The Dunlap Hollow Community Club will give a play, "The Boy Turley," at the Dunlap Hollow school house, Friday evening, March 10, 1922. Admission 15 cents. All are invited.—Committee.

—Wanted—100 ladies young or old, with pimples, headaches, sour stomach, bad breath, constipation, croup, mean disposition to take HOLLISTER'S ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA. Thousands and thousands of women recommend it. Results guaranteed.—H. Lappley.

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For Sale—Three brood sows, will farrow in April.—John Beckman.

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Wanted to Buy—House with seven or eight rooms. Price must be right.—C. S. Kiley. 4tf

For Sale—The house and lot known as the Percy place. Inquire of Wm. Weinschenk. 23tf

For Sale—Five purebred White Leghorn roosters, cheap if taken at once. Fred Peterson.

For Sale—The John Royston residence property in this village.—Inquire of W. F. Royston, phone 122-M. 24f

Found—A good pair of gloves were left at this office a week or two ago. Owner can have same by calling.

Day Old Chicks For Sale—First hatch to be ready about the 15th of March. Get your orders in now.—Mazo Poultry & Egg Co.

For Sale—House and barn and more than one block of land in the village of Mazomanie.—Inquire of Geo. Sorenson, Muscola, Wis. 4w5

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PLAN FOR SOLUTION OF TWO REGION-WIDE PROBLEMS

Farm Bureau in Cass County, North Dakota, Would Relieve Unemployment and Stabilize Farmers' Market by One Simple Operation.

Farm, N. D.—Man, we learn in the textbooks on political economy and sociology, is a gregarious animal. Which is to say, in the common parlance, "man loves company."

This is the principle back of "the Cass county plan," a new and, in many respects, unique back-to-the-soil movement launched by the Farm Bureau of Cass County, North Dakota, which will be read of with interest by farmers the country over.

Offsetting the deplorable fact that many products of the farm are now bringing far less than a just return on the capital and labor necessary to their production, is the widespread unemployment of the country. Strong, healthy men search frantically for gainful occupations while families go poorly-clad and half-starved. This situation, so apparent to even the most casual observer, has given rise to much deep thought on the farm and labor problems, none of it more productive of promising results than the plan evolved when the farmers of the Red River valley in eastern North Dakota called into a series of conferences their friends and neighbors, the business men of the towns, and "got down to brass tacks."

"If we produce foodstuffs for which there is a constant steady demand," these wheat-belt agriculturists reasoned, "and at the same time create more work in the world to which the unemployed can turn their attention and effort, then we are killing two birds with one stone."

Because a never-failing market would be the salvation of every tiller of the soil, and, obviously, more work to be done would reduce the number of unemployed. Reasoning further, the more persons gainfully employed, the more money there is to spend for foodstuffs, and the better the market for farm products.

The upshot of it all has been a determination of these so-called bonanza farmers in the great Bread Basket of the World along the Red River of the North to largely abandon the wheat and small-grain farming which, in the earlier days, was done on such a magnificently large scale. Instead, they will turn their attention to more intensified agriculture, raising garden truck and dairy products. Such a step will, of course, materially reduce the size of these great section and two-section farms.

Two direct results follow: Steady, year-round employment will be furnished to a number of farm hands who, under the wheat regime, found work

for only two, or at most three, months in the fall of the year; and large tracts of what are now wheat lands will be left idle, furnishing room for almost countless others to come in and take up gainful occupation.

To facilitate the ease with which those who have a habit of loafing to get to mother earth could acquire these idle tracts, the Cass county plan incorporates many points which are unique in real estate economy. In the first place, to insure substantiality, the erstwhile wheat domains will be listed in quarter-section tracts only. Second, their sale will be handled only through the county organization, which will collect the list price fixed by the owner, deduct five percent for the county fund, and turn over the remainder to the owner of the tract; the advantage of this plan are obvious, as the seller knows he is getting his price and the buyer knows no one is making exorbitant profits on the deal; and both reap a benefit from the five percent commission, since the funds thus collected will be used only for a furtherance of this plan to solve the two great national problems and not for exploiting any individual get-rich-quick scheme. Finally, those who take advantage of this opportunity to acquire land and join the great army of independent free-holders, will be given ample financial assistance through a long period of years under the supervision of the county organization.

The value of the vast tracts which will be left open for more populous settlement through this intensification of farming, effort will be fixed by appraisal committees under the direction of the county organization, and when they are listed for disposal their exact condition will be set forth on the theory that the buyer is to be a future neighbor of the seller, and their relations ought to be amicable.

Those who are in position to erect the necessary buildings for the commencement of ordinary farm operations will be relieved of the necessity of making a "down payment" for the erection of the buildings will be adequate evidence of good faith. The organization even will have competent men ready to present plans to all who are ambitious to have model farm homes.

On the whole, the Cass county plan is a movement for farm neighborhoods which should be copied wherever activity, and which should be welcomed wherever there are crowded conditions and unemployment.

BLACK EARTH (Last Week.)

Dr. J. L. Bender returned from the Methodist hospital at Madison, Saturday.

Mrs. Fingerhut is recovering from her operation at St. Mary's hospital, Madison.

Ulysses Frensdorf went to Madison on business, Saturday.

The teachers from this place and country attended the institute at Madison, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wasthe returned, Friday, from their wedding trip.

The railroad track was under water, Friday, in the village, and many cellars were filled with water. The cellars of the Drake and Freeman stores were filled, causing much damage to goods in the cellars. The fire engine was kept busy pumping the water to keep it from flooding the stores.

Mrs. Milton Fox died Sunday, at Madison. The remains were brought here Monday. The funeral was to be held Wednesday, but owing to the bad weather and high water was put over to Thursday.

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