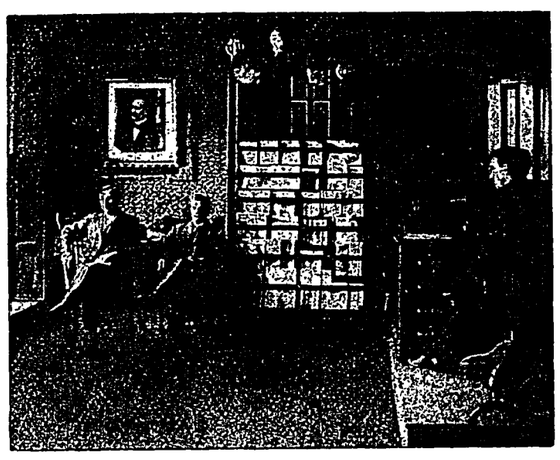
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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF BELLEVUE



The General Secretary s Office

ONE of the very best evidences of the real progress of a community is found in the interest that community takes in its morals. The most valuable asset of a state is not property, but men of high ideals Many nations once powerful and wealthy have gone into decay because the manhood of that nation was not clean Material prosperity is not always an index of progress for if material prosperity is won at the expense of manhood it is bound to eventually result in ruin

Bellevue has given attention to the development of more than the building up of splendid industrial institutions and material business, but has also made provision to preserve and encourage the qualities of citizenship in its boys and young men which would biuld a good town in time ev-



J F MARTIN
General Secretary Y M C A

en under adverse surroundings. A bad man will fail in good surroundings while a good man will often succeed amid environments which are discouraging to many Many of these facts had been clearly defined in the minds of some of our citizens prior to the year 1904 Several of the churches before that time felt the need of an effort being made to meet some of the conditions which were not being met so that independently these churches were making definite plans to establish institutional features. At about this same time Mr C B. Hoyt, who was at that time connected with N. Y C & St. L Ry, as chief supervisor of tracks, realized the need of some place of resort possessing homelike conveniences for railroad men, and within a very short time spoke to the officials of the company with regard to the same The idea was favorably received, but no action was taken.

When the Congregational church people agitated the matter of purchasing the Harkness property, next to the church, for a parish house, the matter of doing something for the railroad men was brought before W. H Canniff, President of the N Y, C & St L Ry Mr Canniff declined to have anything to do with it if the movement was to be under the control of a single church, and suggested broadening the idea, and organizing a Railroad and City Young Men s Christian Association At Mr Canniff's request, Mr E L Hamilton, international railroad secretary, was called and an investigation of the field was made

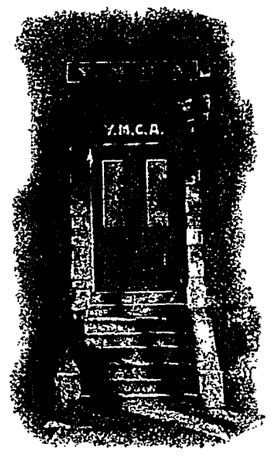
Upon Mr Hamilton s report to Mr Canniff regarding the possibilities of an association, Mr. Canniff agreed to give $7,500 toward the purchase of the property and the erection and equipment of the necessary addition to the building Also to contribute $75 per month toward operating expenses.

A mass meeting of Bellevue citizens was called, the proposition adopted, and committees appointed for purchase of property, solicitation of funds, and repairs and addition to building In spite of the fact that Bellevue citizens had just subscribed about $6,000 toward the site for a Carnegie library, and Mr. H. C Stahl, president of the Ohio Cultivator Co, had pledged $5,000 for books for the same, the start was made to raise $7,500 for the Y M C A Mr W L. Harkness, of Cleveland, whose early life had been spent in the home that was to he transformed into a Y M C A home, was made acquainted with the situation, and promptly pledged one-half the amount, $3,750 With this encouragement at the start, the soliciting committee began its work, having secured the assistance of Mr. M E Wright, formerly secretary at East liverpool, Ohio, for the canvass In about six weeks nearly $7,000 had been pledged, not including the R R Co's gift, nor the gift of Mr Harkness Of this $7,000 there was no single subscription over $100

Plans were immediately prepared and work begun, and on May 6, 1904, the building was dedicated and thrown open for use.

The lot on which the building stands has a frontage of 145 feet, and a depth of 243, giving ample room for tennis, croquet, and outdoor gymnastics The main floor of the building contains the reading room, 16x20 feet, finished in cherry, and having a beautiful marble fire place and mantle. Just back of this is the boys' room, 16x20, finished in mahogany, with a beautiful, panelled wainscoting and fire place and mantle, with large mirror over it This was formerly Mr. Harkness' dining room A steel ceiling was put in which was tinted a delicate robin's egg blue The frieze is of a deeper blue, with conventional design picked out in gold, with gilt moulding below The paper is a rich dark blue, and the beautiful brussels art square on the floor harmonizes perfectly with the walls and ceiling The furniture is of the mission style, Flemish oak, the special pieces being couch and Morris chair, upholstered in Spanish leather, easy chair, library tables and book case. The entire expense of thus preparing and furnishing the boys' room was borne by Mr and Mrs. Jesse Vickery, as a memorial to their boy, Gordon Henry Vickery, born December 7, 1891, died January 23, 1904, and the work received their personal supervision

The other rooms on this floor are the large social room for men, containing easy chairs, game tables, piano, etc, and the coat room The social room was made by cutting an arch, thus throwing two rooms into one One of these rooms is finished in walnut, and the other in butternut,



The Welcoming Open Door

each containing a beautiful fireplace and mantle They are papered alike, in a very appropriate manner.

The addition contains a fine gymnasium, 40 feet by 60 feet floor, 18 feet to trusses, with suspended running track, with space for physical director's office and visitors on the main floor, and another visitors' gallery above. The gymnasium equipment was donated by the Ohio Cultivator Co, at an expense of $500 It was purchased of the Narragansett Machine Co, which guarantees the quality. The physical director's office equipment, consisting of desk, scales, measuring instruments, etc, was donated by Mr C B. Hoyt, superintendent of track construction and maintenance, of the N. Y C. & St. L. Ry Co, who has been from the start an active worker

Two fine bowling alleys are in a building on the south side of the gymnasium, and they are in almost constant use

The basement contains the baths, three tub, four shower, and plunge fifty feet long and fifteen feet wide; wash stands, closets and lockers for seniors. The basement under the old part contains boys' locker room, heating plant, coal room, and two additional rooms used for club rooms.

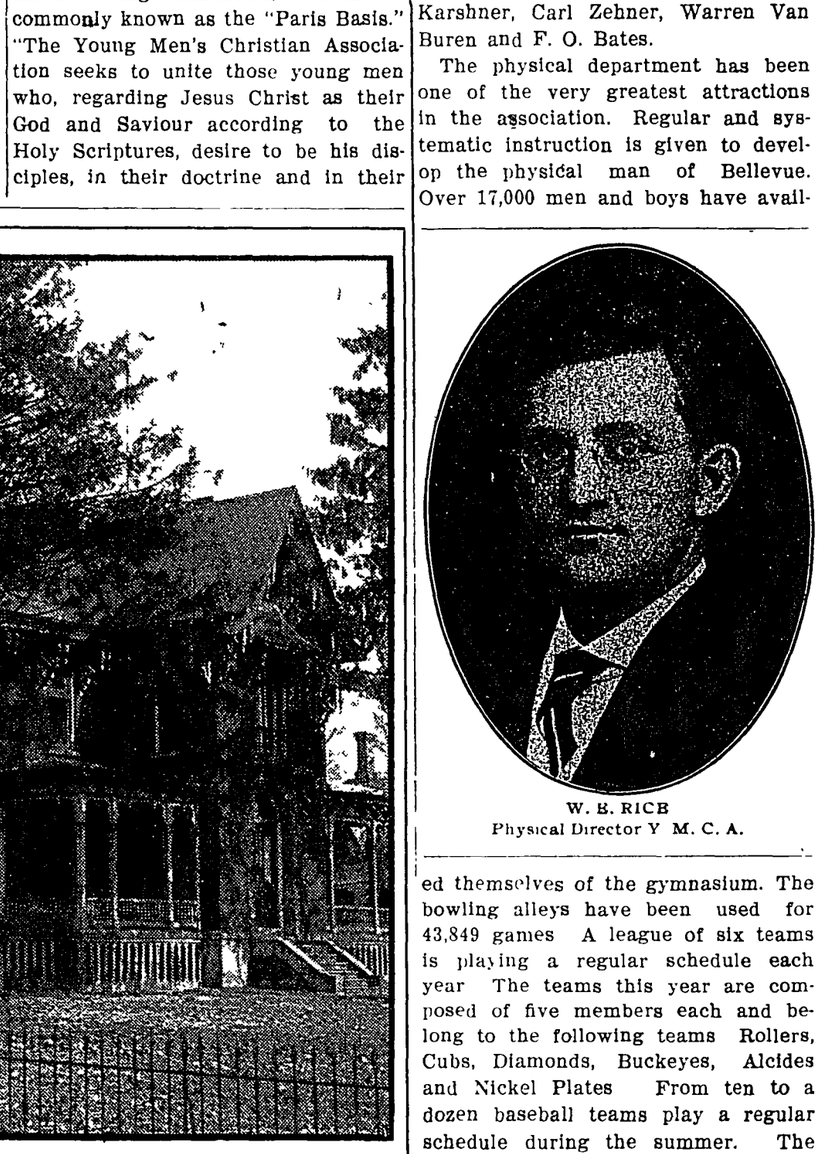
The attic of the old part is also used for club rooms.

In the second story of the old part are six sleeping rooms, with twelve beds, which are in almost constant use. Also a fine large committee or class room, and a small room over the front vestibule for secretary's private office

The actual cost of property, exclusive of equipment, is a trifle over $19,000 The value of the equipment is about $2,000, and with the exception of the boys' room, represents the effort of a Furnishing committee of ladies Ten out of the twelve bed room equipments were direct donations, it being understood at the time the money was subscribed that the donors should have credit for a rest room equipment. The ten donors are: Congregational Sunday School, Evangelical Sunday School, W. L. Gilmore, Supt. Motive Power, N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Auxiliary to B. of L. E., Auxiliary to B. of R. T., Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Eastern Star, J. K Lindley, conductor, and W. H Gardner, merchant. The secretary's private office on second floor, was furnished by the Reformed Sunday school and Mrs Nettie Smith. The old bath room on the second floor was equipped with very ancient fixtures and the men in the Ohio Cultivator shops passed around a paper and collected enough money to put in a hard maple floor and fine up-to-date fixtures

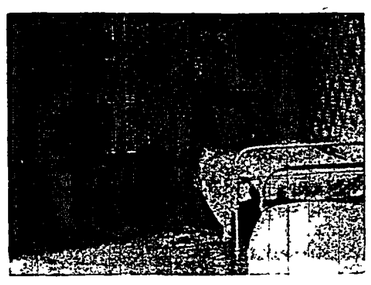
The management of the association is vested in a board of directors, as follows

Jesse Vickery, President.
Geo. Shadle, Vice President
F. W Schanck, Secretary.
F A. Knapp, Treasurer
D J Beck, Director.
J M Smith, Director.
Dr J C. Morrow, Director.
J. A Wright, Director.
L. C Brown, Director.



The Bellevue Railroad and City Y. M C A.

W A Mason, Director.
G A Watt, Director.
The Finance committee is composed of G. A. Wright, chairman, J. H. Brinker and J D. Cook



One of the Rest Rooms

Auditing Committee—M F Gross, chairman, L. P Oehm, Calvin Friedley

Membership Committee—A. G Aigler, chairman, G. F. Shadle, W. B. Snyder, G. R. Moore, A A. Ruffing, Samuel Bergman.

The first man called to the general secretaryship, was Mr. G. E. Ingalls, formerly of Argentina, Kans. The first assistant and physical director was Mr. James L. Miller, of Cleveland. Mr. Ingalls resigned on December 1, 1906, and Mr. J. F. Martin, formerly of Columbus, was called. Mr. W. E. Rice, formerly one of the Grand Rapids, Mich, physical directors, has since superceded Mr Miller and is now in charge of the boys and physical departments W C Whitney and T. F. Standering are the janitors. The other employes are Earl Kegerreis, night office boy, and Harold Smith, head pin boy.

The association in Bellevue is one of the largest and most prosperous to be found anywhere for the size of the town. On December 1, of this year, the official records showed a membership of 212 railroad men, 339 city men and 105 boys, making a total of 656 members

The association is distinctively a religious organization and is built on the following foundation, which is commonly known as the "Paris Basis." "The Young Men's Christian Association seeks to unite those young men who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be his disciples, in their doctrine and in their life and to associate their efforts for the extension of his kingdom among young men" Around this main purpose are grouped a number of other departments not commonly known as the religious work department, which may be known as the physical, educational and social

The Bellevue association has been in operation three years, seven months and 19 days today The building has not been closed during that entire time A group of men and boys can be found there at almost any time. During this period a grand total of about 215,640 men and boys have visited the building. The dormitory has been used by 10324 men. No less than 66827 baths have been given during that period.

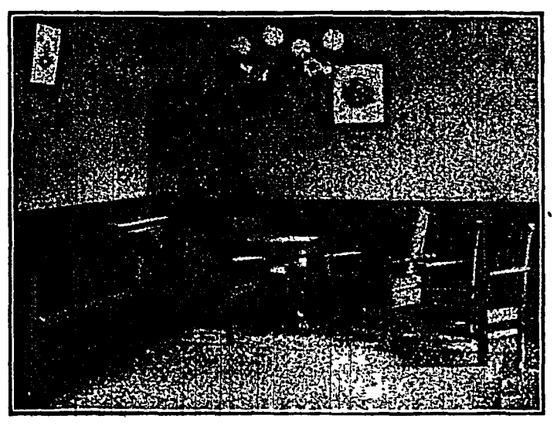
A number of social events have been held. The social life of the association is a strong feature. The total attendance at special social functions held has been 10,031 persons. During the summer months band concerts and other special lawn features are conducted. The committee having this department in charge is G. A. Watt, chairman, Harry Karshner, Carl Zehner, Warren Van Buren and F. O. Bates.

The physical department has been one of the very greatest attractions in the association. Regular and systematic instruction is given to develop the physical man of Bellevue. Over 17,000 men and boys have availed themselves of the gymnasium. The bowling alleys have been used for 43,849 games A league of six teams is playing a regular schedule each year The teams this year are composed of five members each and belong to the following teams Rollers, Cubs, Diamonds, Buckeyes, Alcides and Nickel Plates From ten to a dozen baseball teams play a regular schedule during the summer. The Physical committee is made up of C B Hoyt, chairman, Chas. Woleslagel, Rev G. L Smith, T C McKeen and Hayes Wolf.

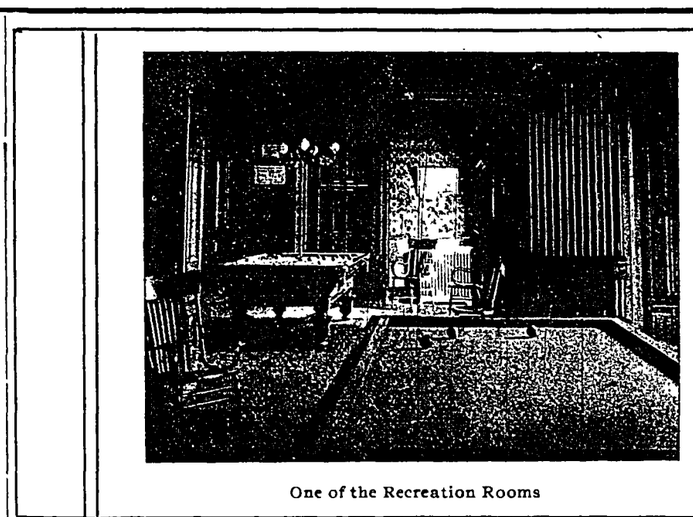
W. B. RICE
Physical Director Y M. C. A.

One of the departments which has been receiving considerable favor within the last year is the Educational department. Over 12,600 persons have attended various educational lectures A lecture course is being conducted every year, this year having the following attractions: Frank

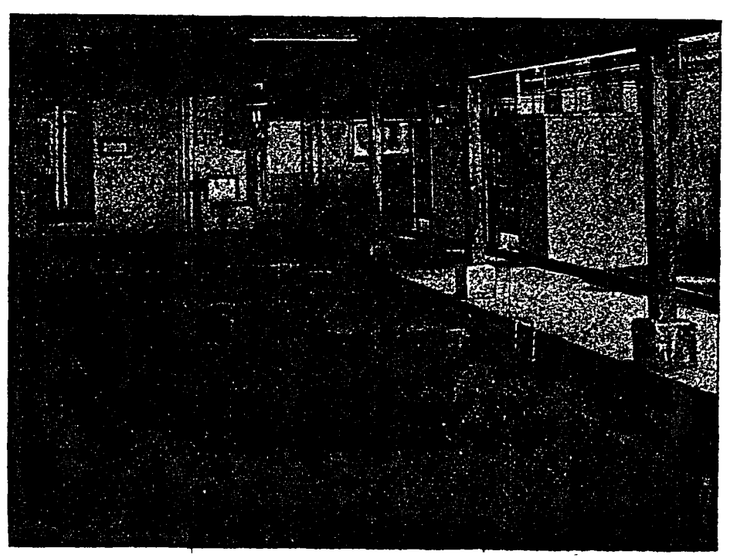
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The Boys' Assembly Room



One of the Recreation Rooms



The New "Old Swimmin' Hole."

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Dixon, Lee Francis Lybarger and Maud Ballington Booth, as lecturers; The Lyric Glee Club, The Transcontinental Trio and Isabel Garghill Beecher, as entertainers, and a concert by the Schildkret Hungarian Orchestra. These seven numbers are sold to the people for $1.50 including reserved seats. The committee has this year also taken up the work of conducting regular classes for the instruction of men in various subjects. Two of these classes which are in regular session each week, are a class in bookkeeping and a class in mechanical draughting. A class in sign painting will be started February 1. The question of a school for foreigners and an agricultural school is before the committee and plans are under way to give this additional opportunity. The committee is composed of R. R. Parkhurst, chairman, J. A. Wright, E. F. Warner, J. E. Marvin and Joseph E. Wolf.

Another flourishing and commendable work is that for boys. A beautiful room has been fitted up for a boys' club by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vickery. The department has over one hundred boys. Gymnasium classes are held for both the Junior and Intermediate sections. Lectures upon educational topics are given, entertainments and socials are held. Cross country trips have become quite popular and is stimulating interest in developing physical endurance. Regular Sunday religious meetings and Bible classes are conducted in this department. A group of boys attend the conference on boys' work each year at Lake Geneva, Wis., where the life purpose of many boys have been changed. This department is one of most effective and important in the association. The committee having the work in charge is Jesse Vickery, chairman, Rev. D. W. Loucks and C. R. Callaghan.

The defined religious activities are directed largely by a religious work committee made up of H. C. Bates, chairman, John Wise, R. A. Elder, F. W. Schanck and H. P. Schell. Regular meetings are held for men, where questions of common interest are discussed and upon which addresses are often given. Meetings in churches, union meetings of the churches on the lawn during the summer months, Bible classes for men and boys, special efforts to stimulate interest in Bible study and personal work are some of the things carried out in this department. Since the inception of the work, about 8,444 men and boys have attended religious services of various kinds held under the auspices of the association. This figure does not include the ladies who attended.

Bellevue's First Y. M. C. A.,

Was organized way back in the sixties with the help of Mr. Richard C. Morse, the present secretary of the international committee of the association at New York. Prof. L. C. Laylin, former secretary of state, A. B. Viall, Enoch Heal and Wm. J. Heal, Frank W. Smith and others were among the active members. The rooms were in the Benner block. The work at times was entirely along religious lines. Indoor and outdoor meetings were held. Sunday schools in out of town places were established. This was long before the physical and the intellectual departments were started. Sunday services were held on and in the corner of what is Sandmeister's store. Much individual work for the betterment of Bellevue's young men was generally carried on.

Bellevue's First Lecture Course

Was organized by ten young men early in the seventies. Among the



THOS, H. MOLLAND
Cashier Bellevue Savings Bank Co.

number was A. J. Higbee, Lif Green, W. E. Green, Fred L. Goodson, L. C. Laylin, then superintendent of our public schools, Frank W. Smith and others, whose names cannot now be recalled. The lectures and entertainments were given in the hall in the block over Shipman's and Bates' stores. Such names as Frederick Douglass, Josh Billings, Mrs. Mary Livermore, Prof. Richards and others at the time prominent before the country appear on the program. The season course costing nearly $1,000. The projectors posted their own bills, acted as ushers, etc. At the close of each number, the lecturer was invited to a banquet given by the wives and lady friends of the organizers of the season's course. During the several years of its continuance not a dollar was lost and one year the magnificent sum of $7.00 was placed to the bank account of each of the young men. Each season was sold out on the plan now conducted by the present managers of the lecture course.

RAIN WAS SURE TO COME.

Farmer So Certain That He Was Rather Unduly Impressive.

A New York man who had been summering in the White mountains, on his return to town, told of an encounter with a New Hampshire farmer It was late in September, and it was almost time for the equinox, or "line storm," as the natives call it The city man was planning a certain trip on his motor cycle, but the morning on which he had been intending to start was so gray and overcast that he felt some hesitation about setting out. He was trying to persuade himself out of this feeling, even though his better judgment was against him The mountains were veiled in wreaths of mist and cloud that had settled down almost to their bases. He was getting his wheel ready, when one of the near-by farmers came up and leaned over the fence, watching him "I s'pose ye don't mind gettin' some wet," he finally insinuated. "Oh, I don't believe it's going to rain," answered the optimist, jauntily. "It looks a bit threatening, but I think it will clear up by noon, so I'm going to start just the same" The farmer was silent a moment, then he pointed solemnly toward the clouds, which had entirely shut out from view the mighty mountain four miles away. "Young man," he said impressively as he pointed. "Look thar. When the cloud settles down over Kearsarge, God A'mighty couldn't stop the rain!"

HAD NO USE FOR BABIES.

Dog Intended to Be the Only Pet in the Household.

I owned a black and tan terrier from 1874 to 1881. I received him when quite a puppy and he was with me through part of my university and the whole of my seminary terms. In 1880 I married and in 1881 my first child was born. The first time she was brought down into the sitting room I, like a proud father, took the little one in my arm. The dog came in and expressed his jealousy by a series of growls and an attempt to get at the child by jumping I gave him a hint with my foot and he walked out of the house. We saw nothing of him for over three months One day while walking near the outer part of the town where we lived we saw old Croaker, as we called him. He took no notice of us, but walked straight to a place where there was a trim-looking garden and a neat-looking house. Upon inquiry we found that it was inhabited by two elderly spinster sisters. The dog had gone to them and could not be induced to leave He was determined to avoid a similar danger in the future —Chicago Tribune.

ALL A MATTER OF INCHES.

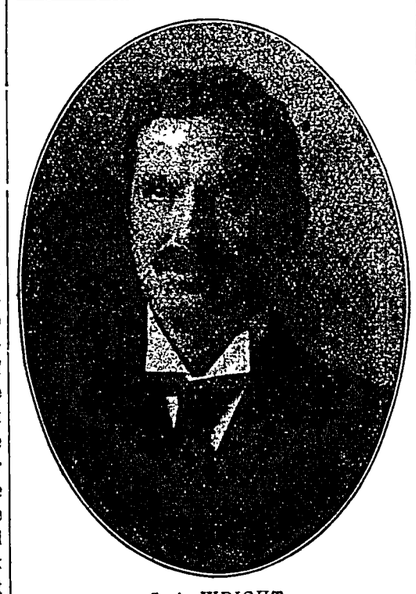
Woman's Increased Height Makes Her Superior to Man.

I wonder if the love ideals of womanhood are changing with the sex, which is certainly in a transition state. At one time it was a rare event for a woman to marry a man much younger than herself; now it is a common one. Not so very long ago, in her secret heart, the unattached maiden rather longed for a master to whom she might play the part of admiring and adoring satellite; but in the present year of grace she prefers to be sovereign herself, and to have a prime minister who is useful and subordinate. Can this change be in any way due to the superior inches of the modern woman? A difference must inevitably exist between the day dreams of the six-foot something and the day dreams of five-foot nothing Only the other evening, at a concert, I was



FRANK A. KNAPP
President and General Manager The Local and Bellevue Home Telephone Companies Resigned as Postmaster to devote his entire attention to the telephone interests

much struck by the imposing manner in which a very tall woman, splendidly gowned, made her entrance into the room. She swept in as if the whole world belonged to her, while behind her followed an insignificant creature in black carrying her costly cloak, her fan and I don't know what else. Honestly, I felt sorry for him, but realized that my pity was wasted. One could see he exulted in his wife's magnificent appearance and his own subjection.—Black and White, London.



G. A. WRIGHT
Cahsier Wright Banking Co

The Ninny.

There is a species called ninny The individuals of this class have an answer for everything; they will tell lies sooner than hold their tongue.—Balzac.



H. C. STAHL
President Bellevue Savings Bank Co. President Ohio Cultivator Co.

Renunciation.

"I have always been a good friend to you, Mrs. Jinx," said Mrs. Lapsling, with blazing eyes, as she rose to go; "but I am a friend no longer. You have talked about my husband. Right here is where our paths divulge. Good afternoon."

Billions of Pins and Buttons.

Twenty billion pins and five billion buttons were produced by American factories in 1905. The United States also produced in that year 200,000,000 needles, nearly 400,000,000 safety pins and 250,000,000 hairpins.



FRED O. BATES
Hardware Merchant Appointed to succeed Frank A. Knapp as postmaster, December 4th, 1907

World's Cable Lines.

About 250,000 miles of cable repose at the bottom of the sea, repsenting $250,000,000. This works out at about $1,000 a mile to make and lay.



JOHN WRIGHT
Founder and President Wright Banking Co

Ham Was Hard to Find.

Mrs M G Quackenbos, whom Attorney General Bonaparte has made one of his special assistants in the campaign against the trusts, is a New York lawyer. She tells this story of a railway ham sandwich: "A man paused bitterly in the consumption of a very hard, dry railway ham sandwich and said to the maid behind the counter: ' don't see no ham in this ' 'You ain't come to it yet,' said the maid with a smile A minute or two passed. The man's jaws worked gloomily Then they stopped again, and he said· 'I don't see no ham yet, young woman.' 'Oh' she replied, 'you've gone and bit over it now ' "



GEO. W. FRIEDLEY
Assistant Cashier Bellevue Savings Bank Co.

Mark of a Good Man.

Why after dinner speaking is allowed we do not know. No really good man ever speaks after dinner.—London Globe.

Just Escaped.

The world is full of people whose friends think they "escaped being geniuses by the breadth of a hair."

UNSURPASSED POSTAL FACILITIES OF BELLEVUE

Postoffice Equipment the Finest—Free City and Rural Mail Delivery—Business Ever Increasing.

Bellevue can justly feel proud of her postoffice and the mail service that she enjoys, and in this respect she stands first in the list with all the towns in the two counties in which she is situated. August 1, 1906, the postoffice was moved to its present location in the corner room of the Gazette block at the junction of Main and Sandusky streets. Here was fitted up one of the most complete and ornate equipments for the transaction of postal business manufactured. The room is well lighted and admirably adapted for the purpose, being provided with rear entrance for the receipt and dispatch of mail and a fireproof vault for the storing of stamps and other valuable mail matter until its delivery is accomplished.



J. AUBREY WRIGHT
Vice President Wright Banking Co. Member-Elect Board of Education.

On December 1, 1905, free city delivery was inaugurated with three carriers, and business has increased to such an extent that Postmaster Knapp has asked for the fourth regular carrier. The present force of city carriers' are as follows: H. J. Richter, L. P Koechley, W G Erdrich and C. E Huff, substitute. Two deliveries are made daily in the outlying districts and three deliveries to business houses

Seven rural routes are maintained out of Bellevue, and the residents of the country are served promptly every morning. The rural carriers are as follows No. 1, William Purcell; No. 2, Howard I Brown; No 3, Thos. Higgins, No 4, Lee Williams; No. 5, W. H. Benn, No. 6, John Greenslade, No. 7, Charles Smith.

The postoffice receipts were over $13,000 for the past year and a heavy money order business is done. In addition to the business from local firms, a large number of foreigners employed hereabouts use the postoffice very largely for the transmission of money to the fatherland across the seas or to bankers of their own nationality in the cities.

Under the administration of Frank A. Knapp as postmaster, there have been many improvements made in the service and practically from the date of his appointment dates the beginning of a modern office, conducted in an up-to-date manner. It is with regret to many citizens that he has concluded to relinquish the office and devote his time entirely to the service of the Local and the Bellevue Home Telephone companies. His work in the office and the improvement of the service speaks for itself and he is entitled to the very best wishes of all for the good things he has accomplished.

Fred O. Bates, who has the endorsement for appointment, and whose appointment has been sent to the senate of the United States by President Roosevelt, will succeed Mr. Knapp as soon as his appointment is confirmed and the office is checked over to him. This will likely occur about the first of the coming year. Mr Bates is too well known to need any lengthy introduction, and there is the best evidence in the world that he will continue the progressive policy of his predecessor in the conduct of the office. He is energetic, affable and a good business man, and has the confidence and esteem of almost all of our people.



JAS F WEIGEL
Deputy Postmaster

The office force is as follows:

J F. Weigel, Deputy Postmaster.

Miss Louella Mayne, Delivery Clerk.

E. J. Hancock, Mailing Clerk.

S. Roscoe Smith, Clerk.

SOLO MADE A SENSATION.

Barytone Had Caught the Music, But Not the Words.

A certain young Unitarian minister is visiting a friend and classmate who lives in Roxbury, says the Boston Herald, and while the two were sitting around a fire and spinning yarns the minister who is visiting and who comes from the west told this: "When I went west first I was in a small town called L——e, and in the choir of my church the village blacksmith did the noble work of barytone. He had a voice that could shake mountains, and whatever it lacked in any other feature it made up in volume. He couldn't read music any more than he could English, but he learned a tune very readily. One Sunday we were to be favored with a new anthem because it was a special ocasion, and the barytone had one portion all to himself. Unfortunately he nad missed many of the practices. The anthem went along excellently until it came to a beautiful part which read: 'And, dying, bids us all aspire.' Here the rest of the singers stopped short, in that quick, sudden way that choirs have, and in the ensuing stillness sounded the ponderous tones of the blacksmith: 'And dying brides are filled with fire.' "

TRAMPS WHO DO GOOD.

Apple Tree Johnny Has Successor In Nut Planting Hobo.

The story is told of a Pennsylvania tramp who in his wanderings up and down on the earth carries his pockets full of nuts, which he plants as he goes. For three years he has followed this practice, says the Virginia Pilot, and during that time is said to have planted thousands and thousands of nuts, always seeking the out-of-the-way spots—rocky hillsides and abandoned lands at the edges of creeks and streams—so that the chances of the trees being destroyed before they grow up and mature will be minimized. This old tramp is doing something more than guaranteeing the future youth of Pennsylvania against the loss of the joy of nutting. He is setting an example in tree planting which the farmers throughout the land may well follow with profit to themselves and to the country. This nut-planting tramp recalls another member of the wandering tribes. He was known throughout the country as Apple Tree Johnny from his habit of planting apple seeds in fence corners and other nooks. Many a wayside fruit tree is said to owe its existence to Apple Tree Johnny.

Time to Consider.

A Pittsburg man who claimed that he killed his wife by accident while joking has been sent to the penitentiary for 17 years. By the end of that time he may come to the conclusion that nature didn't intend him for a humorist.—Washington Post.

Old papers for sale at this office.