

# GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Newman Grove, Neb. Aug 1888

This is to certify that  
I have this day sold to  
Fred Pike my watch making  
tools & have received pay  
for same, (the same being  
paid for them of fifty dollars  
\$50.00.)

Carl Kuning

August 18, 1888

21 day of Feb 1899

Purchase of  
Black & Great 1881

hair lotion

quinine 1 table spoon

sage one ounce

sulphur 1 table spoon

Boric acid

rain water 1 pint

Shake through one night

after pour in

by using water by us

it stands + add

the other ingredients

let stand 2 days strain

use apply to scalp

if scalp is very

dry 2 unces of

glycerin is to be

added

HYDE PARK, VT., June 5 1902

Frederick Pike,  
Newman Grove, Neb.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you at the request of my aunt,  
Mrs. Emily M. Gillette of Stowe, Vt. It is quite  
possible that she may have written you touching  
the same matters as in this letter.

You have ere this been apprised of the death of  
her only son Dr. T. S. Gillette. He died at  
Worcester, Vt. May 21, 1902.

The fact that he  
left some property necessitates the appointment of  
<sup>or more</sup> one Administrator to settle his estate. Inasmuch  
as he left property both in Vermont and Nebraska  
makes it necessary to have two - one in each state,

My Aunt's desire is that you should ask the court  
there for an appointment to administer in Nebraska.

At her (my Aunt's) request I have asked the court  
here for an appointment to administer on the  
estate in Vermont. My application is now  
pending. You are aware that the Dr. married  
a short time before his death, (on Feb. 19, 1902). By our  
laws the widow, if competent, has the first right to

M. J. MOYER,  
Attorney and Counselor at Law,  
OFFICE OVER FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
MADISON, NEBRASKA.

Madison Nebr. April 25th. 1903.

Mr. W. E. Harvey,  
Newman Grove, Nebr.

Dear Sir:-

In the case of King vs. Hoffman, the sale has been confirmed and a deed has been ordered. But you know that every purchaser at a sheriff's sale, except the plaintiff and creditor is required to pay to the sheriff the amount of his or her bid. Of course that was not done in this case, and we proceeded upon the idea that the surplus would go at any rate back to Mrs. Hoffman if she did pay it in, and hence she might just as well not pay it, in the first instance. The judge suggested when the sale was confirmed that we should get from Mrs. Hoffman a receipt for the balance of the money and let that be filed, then it would have the same effect as though the money had been paid and returned to Mrs. Hoffman. I send you such form of receipt and ask that you will please have her sign it in presence of witness and then return it to me or to the clerk of the court.

Very truly yours,

M. J. Moyer

133.05  
1.55  
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134.60

305.  
124.60  
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170.40

# UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

FOR \$170,500.00. NOVEMBER 11TH TO 18TH 1918

Organized at request of the Government

Madison County Headquarters, Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 11, 1918

*Joe Pike*

Fellow Citizen:

The United States government has called upon the American people of every religious belief and representing the Seven great War Agencies to unite in one great drive throughout the United States between November 11th and November 18th, 1918, to raise \$170,500,000 for the welfare of the American soldier.

Doubtless every American citizen is familiar with one or more of the organizations whose purpose has been to provide the boys in the Military and Naval service of their country, such comforts and safeguards as will add to their fighting efficiency as well as to preserve the chain of connection between the army and the home.

Nebraska's minimum quota is \$2,000,000.

The quota to be raised by Madison county is \$55,341

The amount of your individual quota based upon War Records of this county is \$ 15<sup>00</sup>

Each bank in Newman Grove has been supplied with a list showing the individual quota of each citizen of School District Number 13 so you may make payment at any of your banks of the amount of your quota and as much more as you may feel disposed to give.

We have this week only so make this payment as above directed before the close of business November 18th, 1918.

Every person is requested by the government to do his or her full duty as a patriotic citizen. Our fellow citizens will judge us by what we do in causes of this kind.

Our sacrifice is too small as compared with the sacrifice of those whom we are endeavoring to aid, to permit of reason or excuse for failure on our part.

Let us meet our full responsibility as loyal and patriotic citizens and avoid the censor or action by those in authority.

What we have, we owe to our country. The little that we give is but a small part of the great obligation we owe to our boys.

Respectfully yours,

C. A. Lederer, County Chairman,  
C. H. Morian, Local Chairman,  
E. H. Gerhart, Acting Chairman.

Ottawa Ill 5-16-1904

Received of Frederick Pike

\$ 10 Ten Dollars interest - to apply  
on note - drawn June 2 - 1902  
William Pike

Utica Ill  
Nov 15-1918

Dear mother,

How are you I am all right was  
glad to hear from you was very  
much surprised to hear from  
you was not looking for a  
letter

I go to school every day the  
school was closed two weeks on  
a count of the Spanish Influenza  
The weather has been fine here but  
looks stormy tonight I feel  
tired with the chores when I get  
home from school  
Mr and Mrs Westphal are nice  
people to live with.



they buy me nice clothes I have a nice new  
sweater it is a red one so you better save your  
money for yourself

Fred got done picking corn to day I helped  
him suck when there was no school  
Fred has 28 little pigs they are fat as  
they can be.

Minnie has some nice flowers in her window  
I weigh 87  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds am getting big and  
fat

Fred has three nice little calves I keep him  
milk at night well I must close  
your little boy Roy  
Ella Moorhead

Harrisburg Neb

April 3 1921

Dear Friends

I drop you few lines  
to let you know how we  
are we all are getting  
better we had a  
time of I been having  
Bloodpaiser in hand  
havent been able to  
do my work around  
Barn I havent been  
able raise your money  
They say that they  
wont buy cats at the  
Alyater so I dont know  
what to do if you think  
you can get along until  
(over)

Fall I will pay you  
ten per <sup>cent</sup> one bit from  
times we thrashed until  
this fall I share wad  
love maid the rais of the  
money times has been  
affell clast with us I  
send you the money  
for semeant that still  
got I Havent been able  
to get any Farming done  
until this week I got  
tractor and team going  
now Richard come  
back so to start in  
work the 28<sup>th</sup> I havent  
got rest of your wheat  
off yet I send you

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no money for it as soon  
git' of I sorry things  
I has been so caudent  
git you money

The fall wheat looks  
good for it to be so  
dry a rain or snow  
woud be nice thing ~~that~~

I clas Hoping this  
fiends you all well  
as Ever E. F. Bybee &  
Family.

Dec 15, 1931

Dear Dad We rec'd your letter to day I have been going to write to you but I couldn't make up my mind to write Dad I know you miss my mother you did every thing that could be done for her I know she told me last winter how good you was to her I would have liked to have saw Mother before she died but Dad I wasnt able to come out there to see her Now Dad dont Grieve your self to death We know that she is at Rest and that she is in a better world now.

I'm glad that Ed. and Grace  
could be there with her Dad  
I'm not much of a hand  
to write but Ruth likes to  
write and I know she will  
write to you and I will  
write to you some times to  
Dad I should have wrote  
more to you about that money  
I owe you but I know Mother  
read all the letters so I  
didn't want to make her  
any more You know when  
you was there last winter  
you said go ahead and  
grace the ground I borrowed  
200.00 from the Bank to buy  
fence with at cost some over  
100.00 I bought Bean seed and  
Furthur at cost 43.00 so you see

that was \$163.00 I got back  
\$17.00 of the \$63.00 We planted  
9 acres of Beans on the forty acres  
from the house now made a  
cent off of them so you see my  
farming was a complete failure  
all around. I gave a mortgage  
on the house when we had for  
\$200.00 it come due this month  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> I only had \$80 to pay  
on it that leaves me owing  
\$120.00 on it. The systems are  
pretty scarce and the price  
is cheap just as soon as  
I get my system picked up  
I want to leave here and  
go to work but work is so scarce  
don't know if I can find any job

or not Dad I'm not trying  
to get sympathy I now I love you  
and want to pay you and will  
as some as I can. But I can't  
now we havent a cent to our  
name. I must made a cent  
in Oyster Bar. last winter or  
any thing past summer. Dad  
all I can do is Give you a 1st  
Morage or the forty of I will  
make you a Deid to the  
forty witch ever you want I  
dont see how I can pay the  
interest now maybe by spring  
I can pay the two years int.  
if I find could work up north  
next summer I could pay some  
int. and the Principle to I will  
close ans some of it for you for all  
let me know what you want me to

I can  
do all  
do about it



land we got from Bud, I told him not to give it on the 40 acres across the road for you wanted mortgage on that if we mortgaged it to anyone. We have had to renew the note a couple of times & it's due the 14<sup>th</sup>.

They are getting pretty saucy about it. I know we won't have over one hundred & fifty to pay on it if we have that much, but if nothing happens, & he can keep working pretty steady in the oysters & we do pretty good on the car, we could finish paying it by the last of the month & maybe a little before. I hope you won't feel hard towards us. That is one reason I was so hurt when mother died for I

telling how many they  
ate down there. Sis  
has given us quite a  
few for helping her, so  
we wont have to buy  
many, if any. Bill said  
he wanted to send you  
and Ed some.

Dad, I know you wonder  
why we dont pay you any  
thing with Bill selling  
oysters. I dont believe he  
has ever explained to you  
so I am going to. This  
Spring he borrowed two  
hundred dollars from the  
bank to fence the field  
& furnish a fellow to  
plant beans, & we had to  
give a mortgage, on the

was so afraid she might  
have died thinking Billie  
just didn't want to  
pay you. How I wish he  
could have made a good  
last time he went up  
there & we could have  
had you half paid up  
if not more.

Bud killed a small  
hog Wednesday and gave  
us some meat & the head  
to make cheese out of  
& it surely was good.  
Billie & I helped them  
with it & we ate dinner  
over there. She made  
brown gravy with the  
haskins and fried

some of the meat & we  
sure did eat a dinner.

Well I expect you  
are tired of reading so  
will close with love  
to you. Be sure love,  
we know where you  
will be, come on down  
here if you will.

Your loving daughter  
Ruth.

(to Frederick William Pike?  
son of Frederick Pike)

Newman Grove Neb

Febr. 6. - 1932.

Dear Mr. Pike

In regard to your letter of the  
4th. yes we will take the House  
at that price. and about your  
furniture in the house we  
can use part of them. and store  
the rest in one of the rooms.  
~~##~~ untill you get time to come  
up and dispose of them.

We have ~~an~~ a family  
of two children. one 10. years and  
(over)

the other 5 years. so we can take  
good care of the furniture. or if  
you don't like to have them used.  
we can store them all. just  
suite your self about that.

yes. Mrs. Huffman. wants  
to stay there also.

and about the lawn yes  
will try to take best of care of it.

we are Ready to move just  
as soon as you say we can. will  
pay the rent the 5<sup>th</sup> off ever month

there is some fuel down  
in the Basement. you say what  
you want for it and I will by  
it for you (over)

Please write and let me  
know when you want us  
to move in.

Yours truly,

M. E. Kruebing  
Newman Grove Neb.  
Box 285.

(to Frederick William Pike?)  
son of Frederick Pike

Newman Grove, Neb.  
Sept. 12, -1932.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter  
of the 9<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the Rent money  
I would have sent it before this  
But work is so slow up here  
that I have not made enough  
money the past month to live  
on. But I will send you the  
money just as soon as I can.  
If that will be alright with  
you. times are very hard  
up here at the present time  
But I hope they will soon  
pick up. so I can be more prompt  
about the Rent. Yours truly  
D. A. Truckburg.



Sister said  
tell you  
she sure  
was sorry  
to hear the  
sad news,  
& that  
you had  
her  
sympathy.  
Monday,  
Dear Dad. -

Received Grace + Ed's  
letters today, and I cant  
tell how it hurt me  
about mother. It seems  
like I cant do anything  
so thought maybe I  
would feel a little  
better if I would write  
to you. She looked so  
good and was so good  
when she was here, it  
just dont seem like  
she can be dead. I was  
so in hopes she would  
get better and live till  
we could pay you what  
we owed you, but we

cant always have our wishes.  
I hate it so bad on your  
account, too, for you were  
getting along together so  
good and you ~~have~~ had  
it pretty bad before you  
& her were married, till I  
know it will be so hard  
to break up house keeping  
again and have to go some  
where else. Would be glad  
to have you come stay  
with us some, or all  
time if you would, I  
would be glad to do for you.  
Will come home to go to  
Pensacola, as it rained & he  
had to come in off of the  
oyster bed. I let him read  
the letters. He didn't say much

but I could tell he was hurt pretty bad by the way he looked and acted. He is a person that dont show much how he feels. I am so glad Grace & Ed were there, wish I could have been there too, and I know Will would have been glad if he could have been with her some. He was so good to my ~~blacking~~ mother, that I know I he would have been good to his own sweet mother. I know she seemed like a mother to me & I dont think it hurt a bit worse when my own mother died than

it hurts me now about  
her. Well I cant think  
of much to write so will  
soon close. I dont want  
you to stop writing to us,  
and if you would like  
me to write every week  
the same as I have been  
doing write and tell me and  
tell me where you will be.  
I will be glad to write, if you  
wont come stay with us. Your  
rheumatism didnt seem to  
bother you much while you were  
here, and if you would like to  
come stay while it is cold, come  
right on. Lots of love to you.

your loving daughter  
Ruth.

Oh yes, Bill is  
going to send  
the system  
Mom. They ought  
to get there  
Thursday  
business.  
we will  
have to  
send them  
Express collect  
for money  
is so scarce  
will mail  
the pecans  
that same  
day.

Received your letter  
yesterday and was glad to  
hear from you. I am glad  
you have a good house-  
keeper. Everything is so  
nice at your place and  
convenient I don't blame  
you for wanting to stay  
home, but I wish I was  
close so I could look after  
your clothes, or do something,  
you have been so good to  
us. It isn't day-light yet.  
Billie + I have ate + he  
must be nearly down to  
the river. Baby is up eating  
his breakfast, but the rest

haven't got up yet, or Josephine just came out.

It rained Monday & turned pretty chilly. Billie said one of his hands nearly froze yesterday morning for a while, then the wind calmed down a little & it wasn't so bad. He caught all day yesterday & is going to cull today. He said he would be through around noon, then he is coming home & we are going to haul up some wood.

Dad when I wrote last I said if Billie got to work good we may have about \$50.00 to pay on

the note at the bank, but  
it was bad weather so  
he couldn't work part  
of the week, then Archie  
didn't get to sell all of  
his oysters last trip so  
he lacked about 25 or  
\$30 paying Bill all he  
owed him so he had only  
\$80 to pay on the note. He  
got the other \$120.00 for 2  
more months. He has written  
you a letter. I am going to  
do all in my power to have  
the money to pay that & your  
2 years interest in Feb. You  
see he has that what Archie  
owes him on it already, then  
we have the cow to sell & if  
it stays pretty fair weather

+ his oysters dont play out,  
I believe we can have it.  
Our hens are starting to lay  
a little better + that will  
help out some. I got 6 eggs  
Monday from the 18 pullets.  
I took off the setting  
hen Monday with 11 little  
chicks. That makes us 30  
now. If <sup>the</sup> 9 oldest ones keep  
on growing like they have  
been we will have them  
to sell before Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

We churned Sat. night  
+ made a big lot of butter  
but I never did weigh  
it as I couldn't get the  
milk + water out of it  
like I wanted to. D



Churned again last night  
& made about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.  
I never weighed it till  
after I put it on the  
dish. I had the scales  
set for a saucer but the  
platter weighs a little  
more. When I put it  
& the butter on the scales  
it went to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  so I guess  
there was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of butter.  
When I skim last night's  
milk I will have nearly  
a pint of cream on another  
churning. I tell you I sure  
would miss the milk &  
butter if I had to do with  
out it, & all the kids love  
both so much. It & the  
jelly I put up sure has

been a big help, for lots  
of times when I know  
Billie wont be home to  
eat, the kids & I just  
eat bread, butter, jelly &  
drink milk & dont cook  
any thing. I made bread  
yesterday & carried Mrs.  
Gordon some buns. It  
was her birthday, she was  
58 years old. She gave me  
some nice collards, I am  
going to cook them for dinner.  
She gave me a big bundle of  
turnips Sat. & I had them  
for Sunday. They were surely  
good. I cooked them early & went  
to church. Well I guess you  
are tired of reading so will close  
with love, write as often as you can <sup>Loveingly</sup> Ruth.