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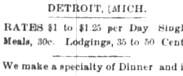

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HOME NOTES

PERPETUAL NOTICE:

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper; this tells you when your subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

424.

'P'nooyere!

Got back from Turkey?

Number 424 drew the machine.

Miss Augusta Walton visited Miss Jeanie Keyes over Sunday.

C. D. McEwen, formerly of Birmingham, is down from Oakland.

See Ed Miller's adv't, Poland China Pigs for sale, in cheap column.

George Blumberg was in town last week looking hale and hearty.

Now dust up your broken vows of last year and put them on again.

Mrs. Lucia Aldrich has been on a visit to Mrs. Wm. Kinney, of Detroit.

424 was the lucky number. Bring us your ticket and take your machine.

Elijah Lee and wife ate turkey with their son George in Detroit on Christmas.

Misses Ella and May Batcheler, of Pontiac, were the guests of Miss Hortie Robbins last week.

Miss Hattie Ladd of Detroit was the guest of her friend, Mrs. Jno. Irving, the fore part of the week.

Frank Breckbill and wife, of Windsor, Ont., spent Christmas with C. W. Crawford, of Southfield.

Club Hop at National Hall Thursday evening, January 11th. Everybody invited. Music by King & Doig.

George McHenry is sojourning among the stumps up at Newberry, Mich., up near the Straits of Mackinaw.

Henry McBride, of Royal Oak, wants to buy a cow to eat up his surplus cornstalks. He will pay cash down.

Ira Burham, for many years mail agent on the D. G. H. & M., has been promoted to an excellent situation at Detroit.

We enjoyed a most agreeable call from Misses Fannie Rice and Lillie Stevens of Southfield on Monday evening.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, Dec. 21, by the Rev. J. P. Gibson, Mr. Marion White to Miss M. A. Tucker, both of Southfield.

Dr. Campbell, of Royal Oak, is attending the old basket-woman who was injured in the recent railroad accident here.

Anyone finding a lined buck mitten, with a fur wrist, will confer a favor by leaving at this office or else call and get the mate to it.

A wax doll has been invented in Boston which sings a tune; we know of another kind which squeals a tune, We prefer the latter kind.

The Rusch poison case, of Royal Oak, seems to turn out that Mrs. Rusch has been greatly wronged, and is a perfectly innocent woman.

Ed Jarvis formerly of this office, is in town for a brief holiday. He has been working on the Christian Herald of Detroit for the past six months.

Thomas Dickenson, of Royal Oak, a gentleman of above seventy years, met with an accident while riding on the slippery ice one day last week.

Mrs. J. W. Hall fell and received severe bruises last week. She is doing as well as could be expected and no fears of serious results are entertained.

Matrimony seems to agree with brother Slocum of the Holly Advertiser. He got out the handsomest Christmas number on our exchange list.

The elder Vanderbilt was the author of the following maxim: "Never sell what you havn't, and never buy anything without you have the means to pay for it."

Mrs. E. Hartrix has ye editors thanks for a jug of excellent sweet cider. Such acts of kindness will ever be held in grateful remembrance by ye lone editor.

Married: At Winnepeg, Manitoba, by the Rev. Mr. Hellwell, on Thursday December 14th, 1882, Mr. William Sloan of Indian Head, to Miss Jennie Taylor of this place.

Half rate tickets on the Detroit Grand Haven and Milwaukee, December 23 and 25, good to return on the 26th, and December 30 and January 1, good to return on January 2.

We suggest a novel way of deciding the U. S. Senatorial question: Tie all the candidates up in a sack and shake them up, the first one to win. Wouldn't there be some scrambling, eh?

Steve Newmon, of Royal Oak, has received a number of very pleasant letters from his nephew, Clarence Newman, who is now serving a term in the house of Correction at Ionis.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hurlburt had a most agreeable surprise tendered them on Thursday evening of last week. About sixty of their friends brought along the edibles, had a big supper and an immense time.

Our young friend Ed Bitting, the popular salesman who has gained hosts of friends during the past year in the employ of D. E. Wilber, took his departure on Tuesday for Marquette to occupy a responsible position in the general store of Westlake & Bronson of that place. Ed's many friends will be sorry to learn of his departure and will cordially join us in hearty good wishes for a prosperous and happy future.

C. H. Hofman formerly of the Post and Tribune corps of compositors, has had his nose in the space box in our office for the past two weeks helping us over the press of work and the work of the press incident to the holiday season.

In town over Christmas: Volney Nixon and wife, Bert Kelley and Jim McCollum of Pontiac, Owen Shadbolt of Flint, Ed Bodine, Will Watkins and Will Wright of Detroit, Frank Goodman, of Ann Arbor and Steve Trowbridge of Ionia.

Among the working class the merchant lives the longest; second the weaver; third, the cobbler; fourth, the carpenter; fifth, the blacksmith; sixth, the laborer; seventh, the miner; eighth, the tailor; ninth, the baker; tenth, butcher; eleventh, the liquor dealer.

We noticed twenty head of fat, thrifty, Southdown sheep in the barnyard of W. H. Camp on Christmas, which are a little ahead of anything we have seen recently. Camp says he will wager a year's subscription to THE ECCENTRIC that they can't be beat in Oakland county.

Owen Shadbolt who has been employed as a salesman in the general store of Wm. Giberson of Flint for the past year, has accepted a position as salesman in the general store of H. G. Mann of Mount Morris at $600 per annum. He commences service on the 1st of January.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Brighton, Mich., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, 1882, by Rev. G. F. Hastings, Mr. I. H. Whitney, of Milford, Mich., to Miss Katie Fralick, of Brighton. There were about thirty guests present, and the presents were numerous and valuable.

The Kimball Bros., John and Char, occupying the tenant house on John Stanley's farm, are good, practical carpenters and are prepared to do barn building at extremely low rates. They are known far and wide as the veteran barn-builders, and if you want work done rapidly and well, these are the boys to do it.

The Tonies held their regular annual meeting on Tuesday evening and were serenaded in fine style with the latest operatic music, such as "Sally in our Alley," "Bulligan Guards," and "Dancing in the Dreamy Waltz." They were ill-mannered enough to snowball their serenaders, however, and got their faces beautifully washed in the operation.

DIED.—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 26, 1882, at his residence in Troy, Alanson Brooks, in the 76th year of his age. Mr. Brooks was an early settler in Troy township; a life-long member of the M. E. Church, and a most estimable citizen. We will give a more extended notice of his early life as soon as we can get the necessary data. The funeral takes place from the house on Friday, Dec. 29, at one o'clock.

If the party does not return the perfumery case which they took from the table in Whitehead & Mitchell's store Saturday afternoon, or the price of the same, $2.50, before next Thursday, we shall take the necessary means to recover the same. The act was seen by two prominent persons who will, when called upon, testify to the same. This is the last that will appear about the matter until in court, unless fully settled.

Our worthy fellow citizen A. Partridge, was beautifully caned on Christmas at the M. E. church. Rev. A. E. Bigelow presented him with a beautiful silver headed, ebony cane from the hands of M. K. Taber. The cane once belonged to the late John Jones and was bequeathed to Mr. Partridge by him but the presentation was not made until on this auspicious Christmas time when, sitter Mr. Taber had the recipients name with an appropriate masonic design engraved thereon, it was presented. Mr. Partridge replied in a few appropriate remarks.

A prominent farmer of Troy took a load of produce to Detroit. Among the various articles was a dressed hog, which was duly sold to two dutchmen on the market who as duly returned it as unsatisfactory, whereupon the farmer did descend and come down off his wagon and insert the toe of his number eleven under the coat tails of the two Teutons. Sequel: Farmer arrested and brought before a j. p. Result: Teutons fined $2.50 each and resolved to play on another Harp hereafter. Moral: Sell your produce to Slade.

On Friday evening at the Presbyterian Church there will be a Christmas entertainment for the children of the Sunday-school and all friends who may desire to come. The entertainment will be somewhat varied. The opening part will consist of a Christmas tree and distribution of books to the large number of the children of the school; afterward Mr. Fred E. Woolfenden, assistant P. M. at Detroit, will give one of his interesting and instructive "Chalk Talks." We desire to see all who may with an enjoyable and profitable time present at seven o'clock.

The Franklin folks gave their minister Rev. Mr. Stephenson a donation on Friday evening last and among other things presented him with a handsome set of black walnut parlor chairs, a beautiful upholstered patent rocker and a black walnut sewing rocker. Miss Rebecca Brown of Franklin deserves especial credit as being chiefly instrumental in raising the necessary funds to purchase the furniture with. We were in hopes of receiving a more extended account of this most enjoyable affair but were disappointed.

It would seem as if the old year has been trying what it could do before the new year crowds it out of existence, and a perfect grist of babies opened their eyes to the stern realities of this vale of tears during the past week. Mrs. Richard Sargent and Mrs. Volney Goodwin of Royal Oak, laid off Friday night last with a fine girl to the former and a bouncing boy to the latter and Mrs. Edwin Starr followed suit with an eleven pound girl on Sunday night. On Saturday last Mrs. Nathan Fall gave Nate a Christmas present in the person of a fine girl weighing 11½ pounds without the harness on and now, when Nate saunters carelessly into our store with that aggressive look upon his features indicative of a man with a family of whom he is justly proud and he'd like to see the man who dare address him without taking off his hat, Whitehead has business down home, Mitchell goes out in the shed after wood and the cat goes up the chimney. That's the kind of a man Nate is nowadays.

Russel Perkins took out his pocket book in the post office on Christmas morning, took a package of bills from, laid the pocket-book on the show case and proceeded to set his watch, after which he turned to replace the key and suddenly discovered that someone had been doing a little setting on their own account and had set felonious hands on his pocket-book and as there were but half a dozen persons in the office at the time and as persons had been passing in and out during the operation, it was difficult to fix upon any one who had probably taken it. Fred Feuney a young man who had been in the office a few moments before the theft was discovered, was arrested by officer Beattie on a warrant sworn out before Squire Bodine by Perkins. Feuney had his examination on Tuesday and was acquitted. He is a young man who has worked for George Dunbar for several years, and is considered almost as one of the family. Of course his former excellent character stands him in a good light now and we deem it very unfortunate that his name should have been assailed in this manner. His reputation will in no wise be hurt by this affair, however, and all we want now is to see the guilty parties apprehended.

A Squelcher

The following letter we received in response to a paid sent to the undersigned, politely and respectfully informing him that the paper for which a relative had signed and paid had expired and that there was a small balance due us, and not knowing whether he wanted the paper continued or not, we took this means of informing ourselves, etc. The answer came and paralyzed the senior and the junior has been no better than a bump on a log ever since. We give it *verbatim et literatim*.

WHITE LAKE DEC 18th 1882

Mr Whitehead & Michel yours at and you are in ever about sendin us a card before which you ought to have done or else stoped the paper whe never ordered the paper and new not whence it came therefore whe are not responsible you must look to them that gave the order I would have you stop sending in the paper I shall not take it from the postofis I am qualified of selectin my own readables

WILLIAM ENGLAND

BOLD BURGLARS.

Birmingham Probably Infested by a Gang

On Friday night last Mrs Dr. Post thought she heard a noise in the bed room, and looking across the room, saw a man standing near the bureau with a mask or cloth over his face. The worthy doctor at her side was snoring his loudest in the happy sleep of the just—tired to death and Mrs. Post, instead of going into hysterics after the most approved style, calmly placed her hand over the doctor's nose who stirred uneasily in his sleep and the mask at the dressing case pulled the mask more securely over his face and fled. Mrs. Post, although frightened nearly to death, gave no alarm until the approach of daylight when she informed the household of the rather exciting episode of the night. Nothing of value has been missed as yet. The man gained an entrance through a window.

The same night a window in the sitting room of John Irving's residence on Saginaw street was pried up with some kind of a lever but the dog sleeping in the room made such a vigorous protest against any such proceeding that the burglar became alarmed and fled, letting the window down with such a bang that the family were awakened.

The next morning after these little incidents, our officer Jas. O. Beattie was awakened by his wife who said "the coal fire must have gone out as the house was very cold." Jim proceeded to investigate and discovered that the doors and windows were open, some person having gained an entrance through the window and then opened the doors. The house was disarranged to a considerable extent but the burglars had probably become alarmed before reaching their host's bed room. The rumor that the burglars stole Beattie's only pair of pants, is an unmitigated falsehood, by his enemies.

Burglars also attempted an entrance to the office of the D. G. H. & M. Ry., on Monday night, through a window but were unsuccessful.

The fact that this village is being thoroughly worked by an organized gang is now evident to everyone, and house-holders cannot be too careful in securing their doors and windows. A dose of cold lead would serve admirably to expediate the ends of justice, but the proper authorities are on track and we have every reason to believe that before we issue our next number, the guilty parties will be under arrest.

424.

This Lucky Number which captured the Gift Sewing Machine

A QUIET, ORDERLY CROWD, AND EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY.

Our store was literally jammed with eager ticket-holders in our gift sewing machine enterprise, on Saturday last, and as the hour of two arrived Messrs. A. Partridge, Esq., Judge W. C. Hoyt and James M. Hunt, Esq., were selected as "sturdy men and true" to conduct the drawing.

Mr. Partridge shortly announced in a few brief words that the committee had decided to take the tickets, place them in a box and mix them thoroughly and draw out one ticket; then repeat the operation until fifty tickets had been drawn and the fiftieth ticket should be the lucky number. Some one in the crowd proposed that they make it the fifty-fourth ticket. This motion meeting with the approbation of the crowd, it was announced that the 54th would accordingly be the lucky number.

The tickets were accordingly placed in the box, thoroughly mixed, and James M. Hunt took one therefrom and the number was recorded by Judge Hoyt. This operation was repeated until the fifty-fourth ticket came out, bearing the number 424, and the announcement was accordingly made and the crowd gradually dispersed to look up their tickets and see if their's was the lucky number.

The manner in which the drawing was conducted, gave perfect satisfaction to all, not one complaint being heard from anyone. Indeed we have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon the quiet, orderly and perfectly fair manner in which the affair passed off.

Now, all that remains is for the lucky number, 424, to turn up. We have sent tickets with subscriptions for THE ECCENTRIC from Maine to Oregon, and from Michigan to Florida, and it is possible that the lucky number is some distance away. We have no method of informing ourselves where it is, as we kept no record of the tickets given away other than a stub from each ticket with the duplicate number thereon, with which to conduct the drawing. This was not only less trouble, but the fact that the affair was conducted honestly must be obvious to all when they take into consideration that we had no manner of knowing who owned the lucky number, even after it was drawn.

All that is necessary for the holder of No. 424 to do, is to send or bring us the ticket and take the machine. It is a good one, perfect in every part and warranted. It doesn't belong to us and we are anxious for the lucky person to turn up with No. 424.

PONTIAC.

John Culver, for some time with A. B. Taylor the photo-panel-sabinetist, has gone to the sunny south for his health.

John Taylor of Birmingham was in town on recently.

The Misses Jennie Patty, Lottie Vanbuskirk and Ella Matthews are special clerks in Turk Brothers' crockery store.

Governor-elect Begole was in town last week.

Ed Gale and Harry Tyler, managers of the skating rink, opened the same to the public Sat. eve., Dec. 16, and a good crowd of merry skaters were present. The P. C. band furnished music. We thought Mr. Kelley, (*B. F.*) the finest skater there. "Shut that door, please!"

Mr. Editor your compositer is ill as well, we were at the depot Saturday evening when the 7 o'clock train arrived, but Mr. Whitney did not come as he promised us he would. No doubt there was more attraction at Birmingham for him and he staid at home. Good by, dear Whitney, and may "dominus vobiscum."

[The editor says: "This business, please stop, for bird-ensome to me it has become;" so I ask would you favor us with your true name and address, we would haste to explain our behavior, and disprove your rash accusation. I respectfully await your reply. A Happy New Year! Good-bye. Your dear, W.]

Such a display of meats as we never saw before was on exhibition at Chas. Thorp's meat-market Saturday evening, Dec. 23. The room and meat was beautifully decorated with evergreens, flowers, deer's heads and deer and cattle horns, etc. Attached to many were beautifully written labels, giving age, weight and by whom bred and fattened. The weights were astonishing—they said.

Among the attractions at the depot Saturday evening was a drunken man, a dog-thief, caught in the act, a concert waiting for the 9 o'clock train and—a young man reading a book, when we almost thought was our "comp," but it wasn't, for we shall know him if we ever see him again.

Just as the 7 o'clock train was about to leave the depot a week ago last evening, a couple were standing on the platform where there were no lights; one was a "dear" and while the other was the beloved daughter of one of our leading druggists. The train started and the dear cadet stole one of those things called a kiss from her ruby lips, and with a sweet "good by till we meet again," he boarded the train and was gone. Yes, gone!

JULIA CROW.

Royal Oak.

The Christmas Tree entertainment held at the Congregational Church on Saturday evening was in every respect a success. The church had been trimmed in a most tasteful manner by the committee, consisting of John Fallow, John Heath and many young ladies of the church. The exercises were opened with singing by the choir, followed by a most eloquent and very appropriate prayer by Rev. Mr. Yager, of the M. E. Church. A very pleasing address was then given by Mrs. Margaret E. Lowry, an evangelist from the city. After which the presents were distributed among the company by a committee of young girls, consisting of Carrie Allen, Mary Bain, Julia Erb and Miss Nellie Reynolds. The presents were too numerous too mention only a few of them. Dr. Carlos Glazier received one elegant satin scarf, one plush cap and other articles without number. John Heath received a book, "Grant's Travels," Miss Ida Erb and Miss Sarah Wells, one pair silver vases from her class; Mrs. Erb, one cane-seat chair; Mrs. Allen, a caster valued at $10, from her three daughter; Merilda Root, one pair of satin handkerchiefs; Edna Marshall, one dozen solid silver spoons, from the school; Alonzo Knowles, a cigar-holder; Mrs. Chas. Hartrix, Sr., a silk handkerchief and pair worsted hose; Martha Goodell, a pair silver vases; Mrs. Cordon Fay, an express box containing a splendid album and many other articles; Mrs. Hubbard Hall, a splendid dress pattern; Herman Elwood, a pair gauntlet driving gloves; Mrs. R. Russell, album, silver pitcher and silk handkerchief; Miss Maude Ho, one satchel; Mrs. Merrills, one pair embroidered slippers; Mrs. Marshall, an elegant sofa pillow and kid gaiters from Hattie Marshall; Payson Knowles, a speckled hound from Ernest Crowell; Edna and Julia Brown(?), china dishes and autograph albums; Mrs. Crowell, an embroidered collar from Sarah Wells. The audience were all greatly delighted with the entertainment.

COR.

Edwin Starr received a $500 Christmas present last Monday—a seven-pound daughter.

In the case of John Axtelle for alleged assault and battery upon Frank Halladay, the jury returned a verdict of: No cause for action.

Miss Libbie Barnum of this village, and Mr. John Hamilton, of Utica, took each other for better or worse, at the residence of the bride's mother on Monday, Dec. 25. Rev. Eugene Yager tied the knot.

Mrs. Catherine Gerd, wanted for the alleged murder of Ann Smith, seems to keep out of sight pretty well.

Among our visitors we notice Miss Sarah Nichols, of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman and daughter, of Cheaning, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Slaght, Mrs. Hattie Marshall, of Detroit, Miss Lillie Cold, of Bay City, George M. Harris, of Cincinnati, O.

Miss Clara A. Reynolds, of Royal Oak, and Mr. I. N. Baker, of Grand Rapids, were married at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Fay, Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, 1882, Rev. Eugene Yager officiating. About thirty guests were present. The bride received many valuable and useful presents. We wish them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

Southfield

Mrs. Lizzie McDonald, nee Lillie McBride, is visiting friends here and will remain during the winter.

John McCarroll of West Bloomfield has purchased A. Nixon's farm. Mr. Collier, the present occupant, will probably remove to Cheaning.

James Harrison has purchased Wm. Smith's farm for $3,500.

Miss McClure of New York state is spending the winter at Mr. Stewart's.

Ed Render and F. Underwood will spend the winter in the upper peninsula, probably in Chippewa county.

Messrs. F. Young, W. Starman and W. Aubrey left for the woods in Alpena county some time a go. Aubrey has already returned.

Miss Ada Young wields the birch in Troy township, while Miss Jennie McKinney teaches in Royal Oak.

West Bloomfield.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

There has been a number of deaths hereabout the past few days. Wm. Tremper, of Pleasant Lake, Mr. Cachet's youngest child, Albert Strong, of Orchard Lake and an uncle of Mathew Sullivan of Pine Lake.

On dit: Two more weddings before the old year is out.

Mr. H. E. Stoughton of Bath, Clinton county, spends the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Haskins.

Guess the lumbermen have got a corner on snow from all accounts.

A young man bought some furniture the other day, and when he came to look his purchase over he found a tall chair among the list. Oh, but "gosh all gemmini" wasn't he mad.

Mrs. Wm. Youngs is suffering with quinsy.

Mr. Culver and family attended a silver wedding at Milford Christmas.

Mrs. Haskins and son recently went to Mt. Vernon on a birthday visit to her brother, one of the pioneers of Michigan.

Oh! George, do you think your better half would be angry if we should take you for a sleigh ride some time?

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Ladies red flannel wrappers $1.50; merino wrappers 50 cts. at Mrs. Furniss.