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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

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

Masquerade.

Greenwood Loan.

Ice harvest is here.

Sciopticon exhibition.

January thaw last week?

John Hanna is in town.

Lyceum at Bloomfield Centre Saturday evening, January 31.

Benjamin Daniels, Esq., is quite sick, being confined to the house.

The Rev. A. J. Bigelow preached at Rochester M. E. church last Sunday.

For sale. Over fifty fat sheep; also some fine fatted cattle. N. S. Schuyler.

Mrs. Fred Roehle of Detroit is visiting Adam Reid and family of Southfield.

The Rochester Era now comes out on Friday instead of Thursday as heretofore.

Masquerade at the National hall by the L. L. society to-morrow (Friday) evening.

"The Tale of a Pig" created considerable fun at the high school one day last week.

Read the advertisements this week. New ones of great importance appear in this issue.

Billy Quartermas has opened a photograph gallery in the Bitters block, Rochester

This is a good old fashioned open winter, isn't? Open at both ends, we should say.

Homer Squires is getting quite a reputation at Pontiac as a trusty and miscellaneous funkey.

Auction bills gotten out promptly at this office and a notice in the paper thrown in gratis.

Wheat is making telling strokes toward the great big dollar and we hope it will get there Eli.

Miss Minnie Dunkee has been on a visit to friends in Detroit and returned on Saturday last.

Remember the sciopticon art exhibition at the Baptist church Wednesday evening, February 1.

There will be a social basket party at the Lewless house, Royal Oak, to-morrow evening, January 30.

The new jail for Oakland county at Pontiac will be finished and ready for use in about three weeks.

Mrs. Bowers of the township of Sterling, Macomb county, daughter of Franklin Case, is visiting friends in town.

The Ready Helpers will meet at the residence of Mrs. Ira Slade on Saturday, January 31. Mary Parks, secretary.

Don't empty coal ashes in the road. It more than breaks the heart of teamsters, especially those who draw wood and ice.

On Thursday, February 19, at 2 p. m. James Shaine will sell at auction on the premises, two farms. See cheap column.

It takes seven years for a letter to travel from Big Beaver to Decatur, Ill., and back. So says the Utica Sentinel.

Last Monday Willis Carter took an involuntary bath, seeking the depths of the mill pond, with the thermometer below zero.

Costumes can be procured at the hall on the evening of the masquerade, from those well-know costumers, Miss L. Bains & Co.

Clark Vaughn advertises his choice farm of 80 acres for sale, and some one will get a good farm cheap by calling on him at once.

Alex. Parks filled his ice house from Smith's mill pond, and we can expect to have nice meat from off up-river ice next summer.

Jay Leach, after a year's steady work at the Pontiac insane asylum, is taking his well-earned vacation, visiting his parents in this village.

Lost: Silver watch and guard; watch key attached to guard; finder please leave at the postoffice and receive reward. C. A. Brush.

The Milford Review appeared last week in a bran new dress and looks as pretty as a school ma'am, and everybody knows they are extra handsome.

James Esmond is rapidly recovering from the effects of the bite of the lion at the museum. Dr. Bancroft considered it a very serious wound at one time.

We are indebted to Miss Bertha Von Daniels for a goodly supply of homemade cake from the sixtieth anniversary of the wedding day of Mr and Mrs. James Bayley.

The M. E. society of Royal Oak will give an oyster supper for the benefit of the pastor, the Rev. B. B. Rogers, at the town hall Tuesday evening, January 27, 1885.

A good square box cutter for sale can be seen at Harrison Benedict's, north of the village. Ie is in first class condition and is a bargain for some one. Don't forget it.

A hat carnival was held at the Big Beaver roller rink, formerly known as the Reform Club hall, last week Friday night. Every body has got it—the roller skate craze.

January steps out this week. Brace up ye shivering mortals, the weather is sure to moderate along about the dog days. We will stake our reputation as a prophet on it.

Read the characteristic ad. of John Pound, the proprietor of the Beehive, this week. His words are few but their meaning sticks out like quills upon the fretful porcupine.

William Flinn, in another column, advertises the Thomas Flinn farm for sale. This is a good chance for some one to secure a good farm near the village, and it can be bought on easy terms

Harry Kings who lives with C. W. Crawford of Southfield, has kindly allowed us to look over some English papers, among which one called "Tit-Bits" is particularly humorous and very interesting.

While engaged in getting out ice on the mill pond one day last week Joseph Reals had the ill luck to "tip take a tumble" and quickly disappear beneath the sad sea waves. He was fished out and taken care of.

Johnnie Cannon, the bright ten year old lad of James Cannon of Southfield, suffers severely with rheumatic fever, and has been in a very dangerous condition. At the present writing his chances for recovery are improving.

After many long years of patient waiting Holly is to be blessed with one of the finest union depots of any city of its size in the state. Let's see, not long ago didn't a committee go to see about a new depot for our village? Speak right out, Judge T., and report.

The following challenge was received at this office on Tuesday. I do hereby challenge Alex McPherson to skate me a two-mile race at the roller rink, any time within fifteen days from date, for the championship medal. Will Stephens

Mr. Fred G. Cowles, assistant engineer of the ECCENTRIC, visited Charlie Bigelow of Detroit last week and was duly introduced by that young man to the elephant, tiger and Phil Milligan's lion that tries to decrease the population of Piety Hill

Masquerade costumes at very reasonable rates can be procured at the hall to-morrow (Friday) evening of Miss L. Bains & Co. Don't forget that this popular firm has the largest wardrobe in the city of Detroit and can please all tastes and suit perfectly as to prices.

The Rev. G. W. Lowe at this writing is surely on the gain. His heart difficulty has been controlled and he was on the road to health, but a severe cold checked his recovery somewhat. We hope soon to be able to say that he has entirely recovered his usual good health.

"I see that an Ohio postmistress has resigned her position in order to get married," remarked an old benedict to his wife. "Poor thing! I pity her," said the helpmate. "Why so?" "Because after the honeymoon is over, she'll have to sit up nearly all night and wait till the male comes in."—Ex.

Arthur C. Turner, for several months foreman of the Cass City Enterprise, has changed his base of operations to Marlette, Sanilac county, and besides the mechanical work of the Leader he has assumed the role of local editor. The paper is published by W. J. Stoughtenburg, formerly of this place.

Samuel Alexander of near Tom's mill while chopping wood one day last week slipped from the log and fell backwards, the ax striking him on the knee-pan, cutting a three-inch gash. Dr. J. L. Campbell was quickly summoned and found a dangerous wound and one that may make Alex a cripple, but we hope not.

Since August 5, 1881, Mrs. Betsey Alexander of Troy, has helped quilt 17 beautiful quilts; has quilted 13 all alone; has made the linings to five; has bound 18; has cut and sewed a lot of carpet rags and has done considerable other work; she has broken only one needle and has not lost any. She was 82 years old the 18th of last September. Next.

Over eighty different views, embracing scenes from Dicken's "Curiosity Shop," "Ten Nights in a Bar room," travels, the Bible, statuary, etc., will be exhibited by means of a stereopticon a the Baptist church next Wednesday evening. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents. See program in another column.

Last Friday Mr. Philip Brand of Troy lost a valuable colt in a very peculiar manner. It seems that the colt got into a narrow lane or alley crowded with cattle and in his endeavors to make his escape, reared upon his hind feet and came down upon the horns of one the cattle and was gored so badly that he lived but a short time. Loss $250.

The Rev. S. Steele of Northport, Mich., was in town over Sunday the guest of Mr. A. Partridge. He preached at the M. E. church from Second Kings, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." It was an excellent sermon, and although not addressed to any one in particular, was taken home by certain of the congregation who will be benefitted by it, we hope. Mr. Steele attended the grand lodge, F. and A. M., in Detroit on Wednesday, of which august body he is the grand chaplain.

The proprietors of roller skating rinks all over the country are achieving wonderful success and must be getting rich. Reports come to us that they are sadly interfering with the saloon business, in the way of attracting young men and others away from former haunts. We are further told that the managers of the dollar and ninety-nine cent stores are obliged to furnish extra help in order to satisfy the demand for diamond pins with which the proprietors and clerks are now decorating themselves as evidences of success.

The February ("Midwinter") number of the Century, the first edition of which is 180,000 copies (the largest number of Centuries ever published) contains, besides such notable contributions as General Grant's articles on Shiloh, the beginning of a new novel by Henry James, entitled "The Bostonians," which introduce s the reader to a characteristic group of the strong minded of both sexes. The short story in the number is a long story by Mark Twain, entitled, "Royalty on the Mississippi," which, with Kemble's humorous illustrations, covers 24 pages of the magazine.

A fellow calling himself "Senor Ricardo Gonzales," which translated into English, means F. H. Smith, gave an alleged exhibition of fancy skating with guitar accompaniment at the opera house rink last Tuesday night. He skated three times around the rink to the time of a Spanish "damfango," and then concluded by singing "O, Fond Dove, O, Fair Dove." They ought to give him sixty days. We trust our citizens will not blame the manager of the rink, as he acted in good faith and supposed he was securing a good attraction when he engaged the snide—[Romeo Hydrant.

A good story is told of the late Rev. Goodman of East Saginaw, brother of Wm. Goodman of this place. Mr. Goodman was elected grand chaplain of the grand lodge, F. and A. M., and during a session of that body was sitting in the seat usually assigned to his office. "Who is that cross looking feller next to the grand master?" inquired a brother in the crowd. "That," said his friend, "is Elder Goodman of Saginaw. "Now, say, you don't mean to tell me that man is a preacher?" He was assured that such was the case. "Well," said he, meditatively, "if he told a man to come to Christ and he didn't come, he'd make him."

C. A. Bush, teacher of the Franklin school, furnishes us with the following report: The fourth monthly examination took place on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Class average, A grade, 95¾ per cent. Space forbids giving a personal average. The examination shows an increased amount of work by this grade. The Misses Rust, Midgley and Pickering exhibit considerable work and care with their examination papers. The class average of the B grade shows an average of 89 per cent. This grade has done good work so far. The pupil who has been present the greatest number of days during the past four months is Winnie Cox. All of the examination papers are kept by Mr. Brush and friends of the pupils who desire to examine them can do so by calling on him.

"The World's Wonders, as seen by the Great Tropical and and Polar Explorers," is the title of a new and valuable book just published by J. S. Goodman & Co. Its object is to place within the reach of all, in one elegant, finely illustrated volume, all the achievements, discoveries, travels and adventures of the great explorers; a history of marvelous things on the earth; of strange countries and races of people; of curious animals, birds and reptiles; and the world's great natural phenomena and curiosities. It possesses additional interest in the history of the late Greely expedition in search of the north pole, and is no doubt a standard book of great interest. The publishers claim that it is a complete encyclopedia of exploration, discovery and adventure in all parts of the world, and as such it must possess very great interest for all classes of readers. See advertisement elsewhere.

Notice

Parties who have been in the habit of securing their supply of ice from the Birmingham mill pond will please call on us before commencing to cut ice, as no person will be allowed to cut ice without permission.

2 FREDERICKS & WILDE.

James and Dorcas Bayley's Wedding Anniversary.

The sixtieth anniversary of the wedded life of James and Dorcas Bayley of this village was celebrated on the 20th inst. Among the guests were Mrs. Philbrick, a sister of Mrs. Bayley; the children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Harris, Mr. Denison and son, Mr. Tanner and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Moses Taber, wife and Miss Mamie, W. C. Hoyt and wife, Mrs. Leonard and others whose names will hereafter appear. Judge Hoyt read a brief sketch of the life of Mr. Bayley which will be published soon.

Detroit Revisitsd.

About ten years ago I left the city of Detroit, as I then believed, forever. Four years of this period I was a sojourner at Kalamazoo. The remainder I have resided in the antiquated village of Birmingham, Michigan. About two months ago I returned to my old home on Winder street, where my wife and I lived over twelve years.

Detroit has greatly changed in ten years. Large portions of the city on which did not stand a house are now covered with splendid residences and beautiful paved streets. The population has probably increased about 40,000. The Young Men's library, once in the Biddle house block, has disappeared and instead thereof is a splendid library in a palatial building. Several magnificent church edifices have been erected where a more fashionable people meet than did when I went away. The attendants are more stylish in the First Congregational church, which I attended many years, and what changes I saw when first I revisited it about two months ago! Many of my old friends whom I well knew were "over the river." Some of the deacons are there, but their heads are whiter. The young lads and lassies whose sweet smiling faces once looked up at me are now married or marriageable. Some of the congregation who were rich are now poor and some of the poor are rich. A new minister is there and our good old preacher, Mr. Eddy, a distant kinsman, is in a southern pulpit. The High church Episcopal clergyman, Dr. Pusey, said that the orthodox churches were inclining toward Catholicism. Last Sabbath in the First Congregational church, Detroit, the attendants stood up and recited the Lord's Prayer, read responsively to the minister and four persons in the choir sweetly sang hymns, not one word of which I understood. I then and there said Dr. Pusey was a prophet and that his head was level. Oh, what a change has taken place among those I once met in the forum and on the street! Ten years ago I knew fifteen out of twenty of the business men and women of Detroit, and today I know not one out of twenty. New lawyers appear in the courts, and the old guards are not there. Most of my early and intimate friends have disappeared behind the curtain. I now lay down the blue pencil while a stray tear is trickling down my furrowed cheek.

W. C. H.

Hymenial.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents in Southfield, on the 22d day of January, 1885, by the Rev. R. C. Lanning, Mr. James A. Render to Miss Ida L. Daniels.

The ceremony on this interesting occasion was performed at 7 o'clock p. m. and was attended by about 10 of the relatives and friends of the bride and groom.

The bride was elegantly attired in a suit of bronze green silk, with antique lace at her throat. The groom is an energetic young farmer. After the congratulations by the friends, the happy couple adjourned to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served.

The presents were beautiful and numers, being more useful than ornamental, among which we note:

Mr. T. Render, clock, Mrs. T. Renker, set of knives and forks, Lorenzo Bingham, large globe lamp, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sly, tablecloth and one dozen napkins; Mr. and Mrs. Bradway, hanging lamp; Joe Croft, glass cake basket; Mrs. J. Croft, glass cream pitcher, butter dish, sugar bowl and spoon holder; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bristol, set of silver teaspoons; Mrs. D. Bassett, pair of towels; Jennie Bassett, majolica shaving cup; Mrs. J. Young, a china mug and pair of towels, Ira Bender, glass water set; Grandma Daniels; a five dollar gold piece; Johnnie and Eddie McQuarter, a hat rack; Frank Bassett, a majolica celery dish; Mrs. R. Erwin, whisk broom holder; Mr. and Mrs. G. McQuarter, wash bowl and pitcher; David Render, a pair of vases; Edward Render, glass sauce dish; Tim Render, carving knife and fork; Ella McQuarter, a pair of vases; Myrtie Croft, her photograph, cabinet size, nicely framed; Clara, Stella and Edwin Daniels, silver cake basket; from the bride's father, a roll of greenbacks.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Mrs. Mary A. Dailey of Tunkhannock, Pa., was afflicted for six years with asthma and bronchitis, during which time the best physicians could give no relief. Her life was despaired of, until in last October she procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, when relief was felt, and by continuing its use for a short time she was completely cured, gaining in flesh 50 pounds in a few months. Free trial bottles of this certain cure of all throat and lung diseases at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Large bottles $1.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNTY LINE.

Martin Blunt is improving very slowly.

George Hoyghton's New Year's gift comes a little late, but, all the same, he thankfully accepts. Last Tuesday, a fine boy.

We received Jim Maggin's photo last week. Jim reports himself as doing nicely at Bay City.

Richard Sargeant has rented the Dave Cantrall farm for five years.

Eli Ladaroot's auction went off nicely, N. Halsey taking M. Blunt's place as chief mogul.

Charley Leuty is convalescent, but has had a close call. PAT.

DRAYTON PLAINS.

Plenty of ice water at present.

Too cold for the ice company to work.

Travel was at a stand-still on Sunday, and many a young girl sighed for her lover.

M. A. Legget and his sister, Mrs. C. C. Randall, were called to the bed-side of their dying father, who died on the 12th inst. at his home in Detroit.

John W. Birge is too proud for any thing over the birth of his first baby girl. Mother doing nicely.

Leander Coffron of North Branch, a grand son of Henry Birge, accidetally shot himself in the shoulder and fears are that he will lose his arm or life.

We have six ice boats on Loon lake which give great pleasure. They run so fast that riding on the cars seems like going on foot.

The Belle Isle ice company are filling their houses here. Capacity, 5,000 tons.

Edgar A. Gunn of the revenue cutter Fessenden, is spending the winter with John Birge.

ROYAL OAK.

A man known as "Dutch Jonas," while driving out of his yard with a load of wood, ran into a snow drift, and the wood tipped over him. When found he could not speak.

The Rev. S. Finn filled the pulpit of the M. E. church last Sabbath, on account of the sickness of the Rev. B. B. Rogers.

S. J. Wilson has gone to Lansing to act as clerk in the capitol.

W. H. Knowles lost a horse last week. The live men of the town are filling their ice-houses. DUFFER.

POVERTY X ROADS.

Mrs. A. B. and Miss Jessie Parker are home from New York.

Prof. William Parker has gone to Ohio on a lecturing tour.

Mrs. Byron Bickford of Petoskey is visiting friends at the X Roads.

"Mother Hubbards" are considered quite the thing at the X Roads—"too utterly utter for anything."

What is the difference between a Dude and a Sprout? If you don't know ask Winny.

George, did you put that order for "smacks" on your order book? Some enterprising youth with a strong constitution ought to have been able to beat me to the order on the spot.

MAXWELL.

TOWN LINE.

While on his way to Amy, C. H. Smith called on the town-liners.

E. Adsley and family will visit at Burnside, Novesta, St. Louis and a number of other places on their way home.

The last singing social was held at Frank Schoch's, where all were treated very hospitably.

John Rienhart visited Detroit, Wing Lake and this vicinity last week. How is the Dutchman's pipe, Cora?

Our Sabbath school has stopped 'till warmer weather.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn visited his sister in Saginaw last week.

Amos Swan has moved in with Amos Kelly.

Mr. Skidmore has been quite ill, but is better now. Elsie Beach is also on the sick list.

Our fishermen had fishermen's luck and only caught two pickerel.

Our school girls had quite a scare the other night. A drunken wood hauler tried to put them in his sleigh. A little boot leather vigorously applied would have done him good about that time, we think. MY PENCIL.

THESE ARE SOLID FACTS.

The best blood purifier and system regulator ever placed within the reach of suffering humanity, truly is Electric Bitters. Inactivity of the liver, biliousness, jaundice, constipation, weak kidneys, or any disease of the urinary organs, or whoever requires an appetizer, tonic or mild stimulant; will always find Electric Bitters the best and only certain cure known. They act surely and quickly, every bottle guaranteed to give entire satisfaction or money refunded. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Miss Ona Furman solicits orders for knitting hoods. She is also prepared to do tamping for embroidery.

Fine cashmere gloves for 25 cents; also a lot of silks, satins, etc., at 5 cents a piece for crazy work, at Mrs. Furman's.

Long plumes from $1 to $2, reduced from $1.50 and $3. Feathers and tips very cheap. Mrs. Furman.

A variety of useful articles will always be found in my five and ten cent departments. L. T. Furman.

Ferrets Come High.

Ferrets can be purchased at most bird fanciers' stores, but are expensive. "I can sell a good pair of trained ferrets for $15," said the young man in Isaacsen's store, at No. 92 Fulton street. "We have a large demand for them, and Mr. Isaacsen is now in the south purchasing new stock. The best breeds of ferrets are the white kind, the fitch ferret, which is a cross between the north European fitch and the African ferret, and the American mink and the fitch ferret. Any of these will clear a house of rats in a very short time.

They don't wait outside the hole, as the cat or the dog must do. They go right inside, catch the rat, kill him, and eat up every bit of him. Nothing left to tell the tale. Their work is so far cleaner than that of poison. The ferret's body is so flexible that it can glide easily into the smallest rat hole. The largest rat has not a particle of chance with it. Indeed, the rat knows the moment it sees the ferret, that its doom is sealed, and makes little resistance.

"A ferret is as domestic an animal as a cat, and makes a very nice and affectionate pet. As long as any rats remain in the house it's owner need give it no food. It will supply itself with subsistance, and will be found be entertained that it will run away. Ferrets are not great breeders, and are very hard to raise to full growth; and, for these reasons they are expensive. When mature, however, they are hardy and healthy. There is a great demand for them among the proprietors of large stores, where rats that would do enormous damage meet in them a relentless and untiring enemy.

"Ferrets are not so high as a large rat, and a few big sewer rats would outweigh two of them. But they are longer from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail, than any rat that ever lived. They move with a snake-like action, not fast, but with some grace. Their eyes are large, and in expression, something like that of a seal, mild and affectionate.—*N. Y. Sun.*

According to tradition, "sack" was the last word uttered before the confusion of tongues at Babel, therefore all peoples retain it. For instance, in Saxony it is "sacc;" German, "sack;" Welsh, "sack;" Irish, "sac;" French, "sac;" Latin, "saccus;" Italian, "sacco;" Spanish, "saco;" Greek, "sakkos;" Hebrew, "sak;" Swedish, "sack," and so on throughout the whole world.