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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE. You will please notice date after your name on paper and envelope lets into your when your subscription expires.

TAKE NOTICE. We have recently purchased the old R. J. Mitchell property on Saginaw street and expect to give the same premises a thorough overhauling.

\$1,000 in 60 days! and we know of no other way to do it than to ask the friends who use us, to help us out.

The literary people are satisfied with their successful masquerade. Mrs. C. T. Lockwood will soon give one of her best concerts at Pontiac.

Mr. T. H. Hagerman of Oxford is visiting relatives in town and is being royally entertained.

Mr. Thos. Kittle and son started last week for an extended visit among relatives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Another one of those successful social hops at National hall next Saturday night and 25c the bill.

Read Mr. E. Hodge's farm for sale in local column. This is a rare chance for some one to secure a first-class farm.

On Thursday, February 10, 1887, on the premises, one mile east and one-half mile south of Southfield village at 10 o'clock a. m., John M. Lee will sell at auction for Alex. Griggs, horses, cows, sheep, wagons, sleds, timber, sleds, sledges, saws, mowers, corn, hay, stoves and household goods.

One day last week Elder Hood run a mink under his barn and after plugging up all avenues of escape went out after Bert Nixon, our veteran hunter, to dispatch the varmint.

Mr. Hamilton preached in the Baptist church on Monday evening to an attentive congregation. The sermon was full of brilliant truths.

Rev. G. M. McElroy, D. D., of Adrian college, will lecture at the M. P. church in Franklin on Saturday evening next. Subject, "Walks in Europe."

A series of union meetings are in progress in the Baptist church conducted by the Pastor and Rev. Hamilton. A special invitation is extended to all to attend these meetings.

Sabbath morning Rev. E. B. Service will deliver a "Gospel Temple" sermon to the young people of Birmingham, from Acts 24:23. "He reasoned of Righteousness and Temperance." Come one, come all.

Invitation are out for a reception to be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wooster on their return next Monday evening. Entertained was west and took a fair Illinois daughter for a wife. Here's our best "Ha, for a long and happy life.

Donald McLean is after another \$50,000 from the Evening News company for the same reason. The doctor should study law and conduct his own case as long as it tends making it his business to sue the News. He could then save lawyers' fees.

The annual meeting of the Birmingham horse club, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at National hotel on Saturday February 19 at 6 o'clock p. m. G. E. Daines, secretary.

Miss May DeGeer daughter of a minister of Holly having been slandered by Messrs Jack Axford, and Howard Boerger went to them in Sullivan style and did it nicely. Wo. Go for the girl.

Dr. W. W. Waite, a prominent dentist of Brighton, has been arrested charged with manslaughter in causing the death of his Lie. He gave bonds to the amount of \$2,000 to appear for examination Feb. 11.

The Franklin band, assisted by Prof. E. O. Shepard of Detroit, solo cornet and violinist; the Farmer family of Walled Lake and Wm. East of Birmingham, will give a concert in about two weeks at Franklin. Particulars later.

The post-office department is making arrangements to issue a stamped envelope with a new stamp design. The government officials say that the stamped envelopes are of better quality and lower in price than any other envelopes furnished to the public.

A Holy boarding house has the following printed in the bed-room: "Boarders will please not swing ladies' clubs or split wood in their rooms. Those desiring exercise will contrive the laundry, or they can help pound the stack." -Pondus Corvus.

ing the surgical operation upon Mrs. Clark. The operation was a most painful and delicate one and the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. Granger legislators were a bill passed by the present legislative body compelling dealers who sell and hotels and restaurants to use the law to their sign saying "Batteries" sold here or "oleomargarine" sold here as the case may be.

Rev. S. A. Long, of Franklin, has been appointed pastor of the Protestant Methodist church on Pike street west in Pontiac and will begin his labors next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All friends of the denomination are invited to attend the service.

Died. At La Plata Mo. January 26, 1887, Mrs. Ella Waite (nee Randall) aged 83 years. She was in this vicinity some years ago on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Randall and made many warm friends hereabouts who will be sorry to hear of her death.

One week from tonight the Franklin band boys will give a social at the residence of Harvey J. Higley, in the village of Franklin. An invitation is extended to all to come and help contribute to the renovation of Franklin.

Not long ago John Nye started for Chicago. He took the side-door palace car route, was invited out at Ft. Wayne, next day was severely selling horseflesh as usual. Johnnie is now busily engaged in skinning his dog Fannie that came from her death from worrying sheep.

Must be still! Don't say we told you, but it was correct. It was reported "on change" last week that Lavanda Wooster of near Wing lake had paid his \$3 dog tax. If so, we sympathize with him in this, his dire calamity, but alas, he really no use of doing so, so we say.

The last Saturday night hop was a successful affair and the one to take place next Saturday night at National hall bid fair to eclipse any of the former ones of young men of this city. We hope and we don't see how they can enjoy themselves any better or cheaper way than to participate in these hops. Only 25 cents!

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You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are indigestive, nervous and generally out of sorts, and want to get a brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines or bitters which have for their basis cheap, but with stimulants, which stimulate you for an hour and then leave you in a worse condition than before. What you wish is all other things that will purify your blood, start healthy action of liver and kidneys, restore your vitality and give renewed strength and energy. Such a medicine you will find in Whittaker's Bitters, and only 50c a bottle at Whittaker & Mitchell's.

Advertisements. The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending January 31, 1887.

Mrs. M. H. Montgomery, P. D. Cramer, Mrs. D. B. Cooper, (3), Mrs. J. Corson, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Miss May Havens, Merrella Caswell, Austin Okobok, Mrs. Mary Howan.

THE MASQUERADE. The ladies who engineered the library ball masque would have been glad to see the friends of the library and the net profits of their entertainment for \$25 or less, on account of the rainy weather at that time, it looked as if the affair would end in an ignominious failure, but not so.

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At noon on Thursday last the news spread over the village like wild fire that Mrs. Maria Shepherd had hung here and there on the gallows. She had committed the terrible deed while undoubtedly laboring under a temporary fit of insanity to which she had been more or less subject since the death of her mother in October last.

She had formerly lived in the old Jones homestead in Troy until last year, when she moved to this village in order that her only son George should be able to have the benefit of the superior education advantages of our school, and had rented the house over F. Blakelee formerly lived on Saginaw St., where they had fitted up a cory house.

When George left for school on Thursday morning, his mother was as usual and he noticed nothing uncommon about her manner. When he returned at noon he saw a man entering the house that his mother was absent and the fire was gone out. He then opened the door leading from the kitchen to the cellar way and discovered the body of his mother lying on the floor.

From the appearance of the house it was generally concluded that she had gone deliberately at work as soon as her husband departed for school and committed the terrible act which terminated her life. The whole cloth was put about her to prevent the coroner from examining the skin; the clothes line was fastened across to one of the joists overhead; a step-ladder was called into requisition, the fatal noose tied in a peculiar manner so that there could be no possibility of failure in its deadly work and it fulfilled its mission perfectly, dead necessarily having ensued almost instantly and with little struggle.

Mrs. Shepherd was the daughter of Joseph Jones one of the oldest pioneers of Troy township. She was married to Norman Starr and after his death married Mr. Warner, the father of her son George. After the death of her second husband she married Miles Shepherd of Pontiac. Her brother, Mr. Major Jones lives in this village; a sister, Mrs. Chas. Fay lives at Vernon, Mich., and a nephew, Mr. R. C. Shavers of Platt, Benet county, Miss. She died at the age of five years and had been in poor health for some time, and although possessed of ample means for the support of her family she had become possessed with the delusion that she would be ultimately reduced to want.

The funeral was very largely attended at the M. E. church on Sunday. Rev. John Hamilton preaching an excellent sermon. The remains were interred in the Troy Cemetery.

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DROWNING OF JOHN L. PERKINS. Particulars of the sad event, which took place at De Funik Springs, Pa.

In last week's issue we promised our readers full particulars of the tragic death of Johnnie Perkins, a theme which has been upon everyone's lips since the time when the news was first received, and through the kindness of his father, Lockley Perkins, we are enabled to give you those particulars which we could not have done under other circumstances.

It seems that three young friends, Johnnie Perkins, Willie Ellwood and Willie Hutchinson went out for a sail on De Funik lake near the town of that name, on Monday morning, January 17. When the boys had reached a point opposite De Funik Springs, a southwest-erly breeze came up and the boys undertook to tack and in turning about, the boat was capsized, throwing all three of the boys into the water. Will Hutchinson swam ashore for a boat, Will Ellwood got on the capsized boat and tried to right it so Johnnie could get on too, but the wind was so strong and the waves so high that it was an unwise and a complete struggle in vain for a few moments, John sank beneath the water, the horrified gaze of his companion.

The present effort of recovering the body of the unfortunate was from his perilous position the lake was dragged continually, although the wind was blowing a gale, but without success, neither pains nor money being spared for the purpose. It was not until Wednesday the remains of the lost boy. After four days a drag was devised by Mr. D. G. McLeod, the county clerk in whose office John was employed, composed of a number of men working in tandem, and after three unsuccessful efforts the capstan upon which the rope was wound was once more turned and the remains of the unfortunate boy were brought to the surface. The body was recovered in a state of preservation than could be expected and were immediately taken in charge by the best friend Johnnie had, Mr. McLeod already spoken of, who placed the remains in the hands of an undertaker from Pensacola, who happened in town and there is no doubt but it would have been impossible for the body to have been sent home without the services of a professional embalmer. The friends of the deceased were promptly telegraphed of the time of the recovery of the body and in due time Will Ellwood started for Michigan with the remains in charge, the saddest journey the poor boy will ever take, no doubt. He arrived in due time and the funeral was largely attended. Wednesday last week at Royal Oak.

There are times when our hearts are too thankful for utterance; when words fail us utterly to express our thanks for services rendered us in times of urgent need. So do not relate to me the boy's tale, but to the good man and faithful, devoted friend who so persistently exerted himself without rest or sleep, hardly, until the remains of the poor lad were on their way to their last resting place, which he had left so short a time ago with health and happiness depleted in every feature of his many countenance. We refer to Mr. D. G. McLeod of De Funik Springs. He was warmly attached to Johnnie and in letters to Mr. Benjamin he says: "We should be glad if we could only show you how much we appreciate him. I have exerted my whole power and only my pride that I had more to exert for him. I feel amply repaid for all my trouble by the knowledge that I have tried to be a true friend in life and in death to the noblest boy that ever lived."

The banks of the lake were lined with anxious faces, constantly, from Monday morning until the body was found. The flags of the place were at half-mast and the whole town was in mourning. Young Ellwood speaks of the people who heard of his being exceptionally fine hearted and generous, and if we take Mr. McLeod as a sample we may well believe him in this regard.

The bereaved family have our warmest sympathies in their bereavement and we are sure our readers will join us most sincerely in this sentiment.

Their Business Booming. Probably no one thing has caused such a great revival of trade at Whitehead & Mitchell's as the fact that their goods are sent away to their customers so many free trial bottles of King's New Discovery for consumption. This is a simple, enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it cures every case of cough, cold, croup, asthma, bronchitis, and all throat and lung diseases. It is a sure cure. Don't test it before buying. Every trial bottle free; large size \$1. By getting bottles warranted.

PONTIAC PICKINGS. We had a most elegant time at the L. I. A. A. masquerade, but we can't see the object of the committee in taking into their room and making us tell our names. (They do that in order to keep out the "cullied boys" and if the manipulator of this type had been on that committee you would have been ejected through the window, providing your type would let you through.) Monday's snow storm made Saturday sleighing.

Wm. Albertson, sr. died Saturday night aged 78 years. A funeral was held on Tuesday last. The Congregational church was slightly damaged by fire Sunday afternoon. The loss came from the furnace. Damage \$500; insured.

The knitting works have again resumed operations. John D. Norton has gone to California.