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NOTICE. I wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that I have just purchased a new 20h horse-power feed cutter with elevator and am ready to do jobs of feed cutting for all farmers at their houses at very reasonable rates. Try me. S. F. Joyce, Birmingham, Mich. A postal card will bring me.

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We have School Suppliessuch as Books of all kinds, Scratch Blocks of all kinds, Pens, Pencils, Ink, etc.; Writing Paper in Boxes and by the Quire, School and class Registers, Erasers and Crayons.

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Birmingham, Mich.

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.

That's right now, stick to it.

The holidays are over and all is well.

Now, let's settle down to business again.

Guy Wallace is home from Olivet college.

Now you will have to pay 4 per cent. more on your taxes.

Mrs. Stickney of this place is spending a week at Ypsilanti.

The annual week of prayer will be observed by all our churches this week.

George Shutes found the best of good wishes for the season in Birmingham.

Wanted, a teacher in district No. 7 of Royal Oak. Address H. Blair, Clawson, Mich.

Mark Beekman will take a trip to California this winter and has already started.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull of Detroit spent New Years with their sister, Mrs. R. B. Raymond.

Mrs. L. McBride of Flint spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Peabody.

Miss Gertie Merrill made a short New Years visit at Grayling, returning home on Tuesday.

Joe Stockwell has inaugurated three special sales and tells about it in his new ad. this week.

The smiling face of Miss Rose Allen was one of the 'old familiars' we were glad to see last week.

Bowser is gone and the average small boy breathes easier. He was a good dog, but he had his failings.

Misses Jennie Worth and Frankie Fredericks visited in Detroit last week and returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Giles Green and son Stark of Linden, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Green's daughter, Mrs. Erastus Wooster.

Mrs. Terry of Lansing, who used to call Birmingham her home, was the guest of the Misses Brown last week.

An Illinois justice of the peace sued his son-in law for slander, heard the case himself and rendered a verdict of $3,000.

Miss Elizabeth Young of Seneca Falls, N. Y., is the welcome guest of Thomas Cook and family of Southfield and is enjoying herself hugely.

Must be that hard cider and the cold weather have knocked out "Old Jake" of Drayton Plains. We are hankering to hear from you, Jakey.

Miss Bitters of Rochester attended the hop on Friday evening and returned home on Sunday, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. A. Blakeslee.

John M. Trask now of Pontiac goeth about well digging, with a smile all over his face an inch thick, caused by the arrival of a bouncing baby boy at his home.

Special communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., Thursday evening, January 12, 1888. Work on first degree. A full attendance is requested. 2

My store will be open as heretofore, Mr. Fay in charge selling out goods at cost. All parties indebted to me will please call and settle before Jan. 15. J. R. Corson.

Miss Mamie Cannon who teaches the A grammar department of the Pontiac high school, received a beautiful present from her scholars as a token of their regard and esteem.

The Birmingham M. E. S. S. by a unanious vote take this method of expressing their thanks to Mrs. Raymond for her generous Christmas gift. F. B. Holliister, sec.

Statistics show that there is less liquor and tobacco consumed in the month of January than any other month in the year. This shows that the boys really swear off.

Miss Jennie Cooper, Miss Curtis, Miss V. L. Post, Miss Ella Drake and Miss Mamie Utter of the Detroit public schools, seemed to think home the best place in vacation time and rested from their labors in Birmingham.

Oakland Pomona grange No. 5 will hold their annual meeting for the election of officers at the hall of Independence grange, Clarkston, on Tuesday January 10, 1888. Conferring of 5th degree in afternoon. G. W. King, secretary.

Any one looking for a chance to purchase a neat little farm near Birmingham, should read Wm. Brown's farm for sale in cheap column. Billy is bound to sell and some one is sure to get a bargain.

Over thirty relatives and friends took New Years dinner with Volney Nixon Monday last and passed a very jolly day. Frank Breckbil and family of Windsor were present and had a good time.

Perhaps it is a good thing to have war in the church once in a while. There was a war in heaven once, you know, and it resulted in the judicial removal of an angel, without whom heaven has got along very well ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson of Detroit have been the guests of Dr. C. M. Raynale for a few days. Mr. Patterson leaves for California in a few days, intending to make that state his permanent home. His family will remain in Detroit until spring.

The Ladies' Library association will hold their annual meeting Saturday evening, Jan. 14, at Library hall. It is hoped there will be a full attendance of the members, to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact other business. 2

Wanted, a carriage horse; must be under eight years old, sound and thoroughly gentle; weight not less than 1000 pounds nor more than 1100. Anyone having such a horse for sale will please address, with full description, G. box 24, Birmingham, Mich. 2

The fourth lecture of the Birmingham lecture course, takes place Wednesday evening, January 11. C. E. Bolton, of Ann Arbor, will deliver an illustrated lecture, and judging from the press criticisms, this will undoubtedly be very instructive, entertaining and productive of satisfaction.

Mort Bigelow attended a full dress party at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Bagley in Detroit one evening last week. Think of one of our Birmingham kids in a claw-hammer-tail coat, celluloid shirt, stove-pipe hat, four-button kids and a smile such as angels wear at a ward caucus.

That great big baby boy who put in an appearance at Cornelius Sullivan's on Saturday morning last has been named "John L." and he is naturally expected to do great things. The chances are that he will get knocked out the first time he tries to beat three of a kind with two pairs, just the same

Among the Breakers was presented to a full house at Library hall with perfect satisfaction to all. This charming drama was placed before the public under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Merrill, who may be well pleased with her success. The parts were all credibly filled. Comparisons are out of the question entirely as each particular character was showed out in bold relief. We hope soon to announce an entirely new play to be presented.

A surprise party at John Erwin's in Southfield on Saturday last was the occasion of a great deal of happiness to all present. Four generations sat down to a royal feast of all the good things imaginable. There was the venerable George Beardslee 85 years old, his daughter, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Virgil Beattie his granddaughter, Miss Beattie his great granddaughter.

The first hop of the B. D. C. series at National hall on Friday evening last was largely attended and caused the management great satisfaction, inasmuch as it demonstrated the fact that the series is surely going to be the success that it deserves. The music was all that could be desired by the most skeptical, and was fully appreciated by the crowd of merry dancers. The next hop of the series will have the same music and will take place on Friday evening, January 13, 1887.

The managers of the masquerade which takes place January 27, assure us that everything is going on nicely. All the old helpers are willing to take their places again, anxious to do all in their power for the pleasure of the guests; Miss Baines informs us that she has a fine assortment of costumes; Mr. King assures us that he has good music, and we all know that Mrs. Smith will see that we are well served in the dining room.

If a family can afford only one paper, let it be a home paper, for it concerns a family to know what is being done in its own county than it does to know the news of distant places. The city paper cannot and does not pretend to give the local news that its country readers must have, but the good country paper does give a very fair epitome of the world's news. If both cannot be retained—if either the city journal or country paper must go, let it be the former, for nothing can supply the place of the local paper.—[Ex.

Our young friend F. B. Raynale is one of the most studious and persistent students in the Oakland county delegation at the Ann Arbor university. He holds the responsible position of president of the pharmacy class and is a popular man in the various college societies.

Geo. W. Shutes will sell seeds for the well known seed house of Hiram Sibley & Co. of Rochester, N. Y. He is already preparing for his regular annual tour anon; his many customers who have known him so long and favorably.

The Romeo post office fight waxeth hot. It is a strange contest. Republicans used to fight over post offices, but it is understood that democrats were so full of patriotism that public office would only be assumed upon urgent appeals of the masses. Pontiac has some democrat patriots, who are willing to lead the masses post office-ward at any time of day or night, all competent men. We don't know what relative chances are between Col. Beach, W. F. Stout, Fred Stewart, S. F. Buchahan, Charles A. Howard and Mons. Moroney. The unexpected is likely to occur however.—[Pontiac Gazette.

The Orion correspondent of the Oxford Globe, has imagination that ought to make his fortune. Hear him: A family here the other day went visiting and left a little girl home to look after things. When they returned the little girl had the cow in the parlor where the coal stove stood, milking away as happy as you please. The cow was chewing her cud and switching her tail unconcerned, now and then looking into a large mirror which hung on the wall. In came the parents, the cow kicked over the pail of milk and the little girl went about the house crying and the "blank known" what else occurred for I wasn't there. The last seen of the cow was in the village pound.

We notice with no small degree of pride and satisfaction, the rapid advance of Mr. L. S. Bacon of Pontiac, but more recently a resident of Washington, D. C. Our readers will, many of them, remember his father, Hon. Levi Bacon, and if they ever have any business with the United States patent office they can do no better than to employ this capable young attorney, who makes a specialty of this class of business. Among his references we notice such names as Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, secretary of the interior; Hon. T. Palmer, Gen. E. L. Marble, Ex-Commissioner of patents, and other equally prominent men. Mr. Bacon's address is 614 F street, Washington, D. C., and we heartily commend him to our friends who may desire his services.

Attention is called to the great variety in the table of contents of the Century for January. Its subjects embrace an authorative account of the formation of Lincoln's Cabinet in the history by the President's private secretaries, with many unpublished letters; Mr. Kennan's startling records of personal investigations of "Russian Provincial Prisons"; Professor Atwater's valuable and practical paper on the "Pecuniary Economy of Food"; an illustrated article on "Catacombs of Rome" by the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff; in the drama a biographical sketch of John Gilbert, with portraits of J. W. Alexander; in art and literature a critique and personal sketch of John Ruskin by Mr. Stillman, with an excellent portrait for the frontispiece of the number; in sport "An Elk-Hunt on the Plains" by Schwatka, with drawings by the younger Inness; in travel "The Upper Missouri and the Great Falls" by E. V. Smalley (illustrated); in fiction contributions by Cable, Eggleston, Stockton (a sequel to "Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine"), and by the author of "Sister Todhunter's Heart," H. S. Edwards.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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

Mr. Ezra Bastedo, 2; A. Duncan, Mrs. R. F. Green, James Graham, E. Holloway, H. F. Halpin, Mr. August Mitchell, J. McChain, Miss Alice Morris, Mrs. Robert Strickland, Miss Grace Treat, Hugh L. Watson.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

F. HAGERMAN, P. M.

WE WILL NOW

Close out our fall hats and bonnets at cost. Everything in the line of millinery very cheap. Underwear for ladies and children, all sizes and grades. Hosiery, mittens, leggins, etc., etc. Dollar toboggan caps for 50c. Yarns of all kinds and shades. The best cotton batting 10c. Allyn & Co.

NOTICE.

The building committee of school district No. 4, township of Royal Oak, will receive sealed bids for the building of a school house, up to January 20, 1888. The plans and specifications can be seen at M. H. Blunt's. The committe reserve the right to reject any or all bids. All bids to be addressed to M. H. Blunt, secretary of building committee, Warren, Mich. 2

RETROSPECTIVE

Say, what hast thou done in the year that has passed?

What lessons have learned? What blessings conferred on the needy and helpless around you?

Look in on thyself; scan each page of the year.

Who, by thy life or thy words, have been on their way cheered?

Hast thou rendered aught for the blessings received from the hand of thy God, so plenteously showered?

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The year that is gone no one may recall.

If thy life has not been all thy heart sayest it ought,

Let the past prove a memory of opportunity lost, to lead higher thy aim in the year that's to come.

That again looking back—if by God's will thou art spared.

Thou mayest feel far advanced by the light of His word.

That each day bears its record of good.

CINDERS.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that my wife, Ida VanValkenburg, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and that I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.

CHAS. VANVALKENBURG.

Renews Her Youth.

Mrs. Phœbe Chesley, Patterson, Clay Co., Iowa, tells the following remarkable story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 72 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and soreness, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain." Try a bottle. 50 cents, and $1, at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

FROM THE WEST.

A Few Remarks Concerning Pasadena, Cal., and its Surroundings.

To the Editors of the ECCENTRIC.

The present is an era of town building. People are rushing from all points of the union to California, even from beyond the sea, hundreds, yea thousands, whose numbers are as the sands upon the sea shore, with faces turned longingly towards this beautiful summer land. Pasadena is a musical word, meaning in the Indian language, "head or crown of the valley."

This valley proper consists of a body of land extending east and west on both sides of the San Gabriel river and from the Sierra mountains to the sea. But it is that part lying south of the mountains and comprising a strip of land fifteen miles to twenty wide and fifty miles long which constitutes this earthly paradise—this garden of supernal delights. Northward, seemingly but a few hundred yards distant, but in reality several miles from where I am now writing, looms up in all her majesty and awe-inspiring grandeur in the Sierra range, Wilson's Peak, towering as though to kiss the stars, to a height of 8,000 feet. The rugged and seamed outlines of these everlasting mountains present a picture more grandly sublime than the puny hand of mortal artist has ever fashioned. Down the craggy steeps of these eternal hills ripple silvery brooks and purling streams, while ever and anon the silence is broken by a waving cataract or laughing cascade, now watching some precipice with its sparkling spray, now taking a wingless plunge into the depths beneath.

But a few short years ago this beautiful city of 12,000 inhabitants was but a struggling village with a handful of people, without a railroad, or any other kind of a road, or indeed much need of any. Here and there scattered over and around undulating windings amid almost endless orange orchards, an edifice reared its isolated proportions, betokening on the part of its owner no evidence of means or thrift, by far the greater number existing in rude bark huts or cloth domiciles, others contented with mere tents, while more than one family were made happy for weeks under the spreading branches of a live oak tree. The growth and prosperity of Pasadena since the fall of 1885 is marvelous beyond conception. Its geographical location for a large commercial center is without a parallel. Fine business blocks are springing up as if by magic.

The orange, peach, pear, apple, plum, abound here, besides many other kinds of fruit and every variety of berries—strawberries fresh and ripe at the present writing and sold at 15c per quart, or pound rather, as everything is sold by the pound, even potatoes, and all charges are counted by "bits." One square bit is 12½c, one long bit is 15c, and one short bit is 10c. Hundreds and thousands of different kinds of fruit are found growing within a radius of a few miles, and all within the city limits, and I must beg leave to inform your many readers that Pasadena, like the immortal Dickens once said of Washington City, "is a city of magnificent distances." The ground being tended and cultivated with the greatest care there is little wonder that it returns fifty, yea oftimes a hundred fold in nature's choicest gifts. We have pears weighing three pounds and measuring sixteen inches in circumference; peaches twelve to fourteen and various kinds of grapes oftimes four inches in circumference. While on this subject I might add that on the 10th inst. I picked and ate grapes that were as sweet as a maiden's kiss, and that is something to brag about. 'Twas the "last grapes of summer" and they were the sweetest I ever tasted.

To give you some idea of the eagerness with which real estate men in this vicinity watch every opportunity to make a strike, I must relate a little joke that happened to one of them a few days since:

A gentleman apparently of means and culture boarded the train at Los Angeles and a young man occupying the same seat managed to strike up a conversation something like the following:

"Going down to see the owner of the valley?"

"Well, yes," replied the stranger.

"Well, here's my card; I am in the real estate business down there. Think of locating there?"

"Yes, some."

"I will be glad to show you around. My carriage will be at the depot upon our arrival and I can show you some of the best bargains in the burg."

The stranger endeavored mildly to object, but the enterpri-ing young dealer in real estate margin promptly silenced him and quietly subsided. Not so with his companion. When the train stopped the stranger was politely requested to "step in and I'll show you a city worth coming to see."

Meekly stepping in the stranger was hauled around. The particular beauties of this or that piece of property were showed off to the best advantage. At length, after having been around for an hour or so, and seeing the sights, the man said, as he reined his steeds up to a beautiful place on Orange avenue: "Now, here's a house I've left to the last. I wish to call your attention to it. It is the finest piece of property in the city for the price and can be sold at a ruinously low figure. You can have it for $15,000. It's dirt cheap."

"Did you ever see the owner?" asked the stranger.

"No," replied the young man, slightly embarrassed.

"Then stop and take a look at me. I'm an old timer in California. This is my place; guess I won't buy to-day. Much obliged to you; I'll stop a while. Good day.

The young real estater drove off as meek as a shorn lamb, and as he struck a match to light a cigar, he swore by the eternal that the newspaper fiend should never get hold of that joke, but here it is "alle samee," as John Chinaman says.

As numbers of people are looking towards the setting sun with a view to emigrating, and as much has been said pro. and con. in reference to Pasadena, I will give my views (albeit I'm but a woman and a little mite of a one, too) of California in general, Pasadena and some other points in particular, and as I am not in the real estate business and never expect to be, have no money and don't expect any, this may possibly add some weight to the facts I propose presenting in this letter.

Two persons came here a year or two ago with some money and more of that quality that can look ahead and reason from cause to effect, and there was a chance to make what the Dutchman calls his per cent. He says: "I buys somedings for von cent and sells him for dwo cent. Very well, das vas goot." Not only a hundred per cent., but often two, three, four and five hundred per cent. is made on a single trade. A lady came here from Indianapolis a couple of years ago and having more loose change than she cared to spend for a new dress, she bought a lot a mile or so from the postoffice for $200 and to-day it is worth $10,000. Fact, no mistake; one instance out of many similar cases. There are new towns springing up all along the valley that seem to possess all the requisites necessary for the building up of prosperous towns, one or two of which I might mention. Monrovia is situated ten miles east of here on the Santa Fee railroad. Its natural location and advantages could scarce be excelled. From its commanding elevation of 1200 feet above the sea level, a charming view is had of the valley below, which slopes gradually away to the Pacific coast, plainly visible thirty miles distant. This town is but little more than a year old and has a population of 1800.

Fifteen miles further east lies Laberne, a decidedly new town being only six or seven weeks old. Here one can purchase property at such figures as will allow of adding a cipher or two on a sale and which counts in the end.

Mr. G. F. Randall and mother are here and I have spent many happy hours in their society. One thing that surprised me in coming to southern California was that I expected every other man I met would be a desperado or bandit, but such is not the case.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. L. L. JACKSON.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 23, 1887.

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Miss Hendricks spent her vacation in Detroit and resumed her school on the 2d inst.

Mrs. Portus is badly afflicted with rheumatism.

Ten arrivals at C. Beach's for the holidays and all had a jolly time.

Mrs. T. C. Beach is visiting in Hersey.

This time it was oyster soup, about thirty of the neighbors partook thereof, and all pronounce Clark Beach's the place to go for soup and a jolly good time.

It is Mr. instead of Mrs. T. Patch who is in Novesta

Mill McKinstry paid the town line a short visit last week.

Will Hetchler and family welcomed the New Year at South Lyons.

Our neighbor of the white house west will celebrate his 20th anniversary soon, but as he don't want his name in the paper we will say no more.

Mr. White spent the holidays with his daughter Hattie.

WEST BLOOMFIELD BUZZINGS.

Miss Jennie Boeland is sick with scarlet fever.

The literary entertainment at Pennell's was an enjoyable affair. The Pleasant Lake Argus, a paper edited in that vicinity, made it interesting for everyone who ever lived in that locality.

Rev. Mr. Allen is meeting with good success at the meetings in the Green school house, fifteen having already resolved to be better. The meetings in the Walnut Lake school house have closed on account of Mr Long going to Indiana to settle his father's estate.

While going out of the stable the other day, one of Mr. Coulter's horses stepped on the handle of a pitch-fork and the tines entered the horse's abdomen, inflicting a dangerous wound.

Mrs. S. Hankins was quite ill, but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. H. A. Gamble celebrated Xmas at the Gamble residence with a big dinner and Christmas tree.

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

Union prayer meetings at the M. E. and Congregational churches. Two nights at one church, then two at the other.

On Sunday last W. H. Knowles fell and broke a bone in his left hand.

A stranger fell from the M. E. church steps on Sunday evening, seriously injuring his hip.

Mrs. B. McCracken of Fenton visited with Rev. Ward last week.

Julia Russell spent New Years with friends at Fenton.

May Wilson came home to spend the the holidays.