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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

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We're moved.

John Rose huxterth.

Mrs. Nicholson is on the gain.

Preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath. All are welcome.

Miss Ella Park will pass the coming winter with relatives in Oswego, N Y.

Wanted, a girl for general housework. Good wages. Apply to Mrs. Robert Mitchell.

We omitted to mention that George Kemp has gone to Louisville, Ky., where he will attend school.

A Whitehead and family gave thanks at Lansing, dining with Whitey's brother A. H. at the above place.

Mr. Wm. Coney, of Springfield, visited his sister Mrs. Nellie Camp last week and called on many old friends.

Christmas is coming and the next few weeks will be enjoyed in discussing and wondering what the presents will be.

Anyone finding a cheese trier, something like a butter-trier, only shorter, can have a big half dollar by leaving it at this office.

Married, at the Baptist parsonage, on November 28, by Rev. W. S. Cole, Mr. Thomas Shoemaker to Miss Mattie Van-Every, both of Avon.

Mr. Alfred Hagar, of Detroit, visited over Sunday with Will Stephan and enjoyed country life for a short time to his fullest capacity.

The Franklin band dance at National hall last Thursday evening, was a success and a very enjoyable affair to the many participators.

We trust our readers kindly take into consideration the fact that we have been busy moving and want everyone to overlook all errors in this issue.

John Pound & Bro., the live city goods and carpets dealers of Pontiac, have put in their mammoth winter stock and will tell you about it next week.

Ned Daines and Frank Hagerman have struck a flowing well near the bridge and they will soon have water works in their respective dwellings.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus H. Wooster and little son Giles are visiting the family of Mrs. Wooster in Illinois. They will be absent for some time and will no doubt enjoy themselves.

Pension day last Tuesday and Whitehead was kept very busy filling out the roll of honor that quarterly helps many and many a worthy recipient to bridge over these close times.

There will be a ten cent show at the Grange hall in Birmingham, on December 8, afternoon and evening. Everybody invited. Come and have a good time. Order committee.

L. O. Travis, of Pontiac, he, of the white bronze monument firm, has recently visited Chicago the headquarters of his goods and reports the factory as being behind on orders for their goods.

An auction sale of the personal property and stock of the Geo. H. Beckly farm, one half mile east of Bloomfield Center, takes place on Friday, December 7 1888.

Mrs. Margaret Grow and two children of Walhalla, Dak., are visiting the family of John Crawford of Southfield and Johnnie now looks quite paternal when he buys baby merchandise for the young relatives.

Annual communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., for the purpose of electing officers and payment of dues, on Thursday evening, December 13. A full attendance is requested. McA. Randall, secretary.

Thanksgiving gave all the school marms in the country a rest from Wednesday evening till the following Monday—a vacation which was as heartily enjoyed by the scholars as by the teachers themselves.

Going to travel double: George Lange and Lizzie Yip, Chas. W. Seth and Almeda Lamb, Thos. C. Shoemaker and Mattie Van Every, Geo. C. Babcock and Bertha M. Slocum, Wm. H. Williamson and Nettie F. Heath, Edgar M. Davis and Lizzie Harris.

A. H. Leet, treasurer of the township of Bloomfield, will be at the Exchange Bank in Birmingham, to receive taxes, every Friday in December, from 10 a. m. to 2.30 P. M. local time, and at the county treasurer's in Pontiac every Saturday at the same hours.

Prof. F. W. Sherman assisted by Joe Caswell, furnished music for Orman Butler's birthday party last week at Amy, Mich. Nearly forty couple participated and had a jolly time. Mr. Sherman and his orchestra are ready for any dancing engagements this coming season.

Four of our representative citizens, two gentlemen and two ladies, met by chance at the meat market of Finder Worth one day last week and were weighed. Their aggregate weight just reached 1,016 pounds, an average of 254 pounds each. One of the party brought up the beam at 330 pounds. Now, that's the kind of a person I do.

We are in receipt of an account of a big time at Nathan Falls on Nov. 29, on the occasion of his china wedding, but lack of time prevents our giving the particulars as fully as we could wish. Suffice it to say that there was a good dinner and an excellent supper and Nate was surprised to a grievious extent and his wife made happy by the receipt of a fine set of china dishes.

The committee of arrangements announce that the surviving veterans of the 24th Mich. Infty. will hold a reunion at the Antiedel House, in Detroit on Thursday evening, December 13, 1888. The banquet will begin at 8 o'clock p. m. and every veteran member of the regiment will receive a free ticket to the banquet.

The Detroit Journal published a letter from St. Nicholas last Saturday, in which that paper was commanded to purchase 500 pairs of children's stockings and get them filled and have them ready for distribution on Christmas morning, at which time Santa Claus promised to call for them and give them to the good children on his list. In compliance with the command the Journal has ordered the stockings.

Our school is doing very nicely and progressing finely under the careful management of Prof. W. H. Hawkes, whose thoroughness and well directed efforts are plainly discernible in every department. With a good board that has the success of our school at heart and a corps of teachers ably seconding the wishes of the board, there is no other result than a good successful termination of the school year.

The citizens nobly responded to the call for clothing and vegetables for those in want and many things were brought in and vegetables were distributed to many needed families. The pupils of the school also contributed to the society $3 57 to be put into the treasury and use I as needed. Three dollars and forty three cents was given by the church for the same purpose. The ladies of this society wish to thank those who have responded. Mrs. E. A. Randall, secretary.

That Claude Harris never forgets. Last spring he sent up word to Mitchell that if he would send down some empty barrels for turkey nests he (Mitchell) would have a turkey for Thanksgiving. The barrels were sent and entirely forgotten until Thanksgiving morning, when, bright and early, in came a big, fat, young turkey with the best wishes of Mr. and Mrs. C. Harris. Thanks. We had been wondering what we should do for something to eat on that day, when lo! our fondest hopes were gratified.

The moving of Whitehead & Mitchell's large and varied stock was successfully performed last week Friday and Saturday by Messrs. Jno. Felder, B. A. Thorne, Elson James, Eugene Brooks, Ed. Keyser, James McStay and W. A. M. 'Twas a big job and the old firm in their new and commodious quarters invite all to come in and see how they look and act in the new quarters. There is no use of talking, after everything gets settled the work is going to be executed easily and quite comfortably. The drug stock will be finely displayed and the facilities for dispensing medicines, putting up prescriptions, family recipes, etc., will be ample and very convenient. Their store is already quite crowded and it will certainly be more so when their holiday goods arrive and come tumbling in, which will be in a very few days.

THE WAR LECTURE.

Dr. J. W. Seeley of Pontiac lectured at the M. E. church last week on the "Unwritten Records of the War of the Rebellion." Without pretentions to oratory the address was the most exciting and vivid description of the horrors and the sufferings of the battle field I ever listened to. No written descriptions of agony and endurance approaches in intensity of coloring the doctor's recital of his personal experiences from the time of his wounding until his arrival in Detroit. With a little care on the narrator's part in arranging his matter, dwelling less on minor details and more on the personality of such friends as the late John J. Bagley, he might make his lecture famous. So powerful was the impression made on some of the doctor's hearers that they were obliged to leave the room. One said to the writer: "I was afraid to go to bed that night lest in my dreams the awful pictures would be repeated." Rev. J. A. Sherrard said at the close of the address: "With that experience I would make myself and the lecture famous." I understand the doctor intends giving the lecture as often as possible in the future. We who heard him Tuesday evening most earnest commend him to the public.

JOHN HAMILTON.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending Nov. 30, 1888.

Miss Kittie Bowe, Joseph Keller, Fannie Loughridge, Mrs. Elizabeth Lightfoot, Mrs. H. Phall, Mrs. Wm. E. Scotten.

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

F. HAGERMAN, P. M.

There can be no more certain and positive indication of the success and wealth in store for the farmer of Dakota, than is displayed by the progress of the past three years toward a diversity of crops. It means that he has become a stock-raiser as well as a tiller of the soil.

EASTERN MICHIGAN POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

The following letter from James Reed, president of the Eastern Michigan Poultry and Pet Stock Association, 594 Twelfth street, Detroit, Mich., explains itself. The "P. S." is evidently intended for Whitehead:

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 30, 1888.

Editors of the Eccentric.

As you will see by the above heading we are to have a poultry show in our city in January next and if you will be so kind as to mention the fact in the next issue of your paper we will consider it a great favor as we wish every man and woman in Michigan to see the largest exhibition of fine poultry that was ever held in the west. We have engaged the Detroit rink where we will have room enough for everyone who favors us with their presence. Our premium lists will be out in a few days the grandest book of the kind you ever set eyes upon and we will be pleased to mail a copy FREE to all who apply by postal or otherwise. Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you at our show (editors and their company on the complimentary list) I am

Yours respectfully,
JAMES REED.

P. S. Have you swept the Democratic dust out of Mr. Taber's dwelling yet? I would like to be on hand and help with the good work of turning the rascal up side down. J. R.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT

From the Port Huron Commercial-Tribune.

Gage M. Cooper, of the Junction, whose death has been hourly expected for several days, expired about 4 a. m. Tuesday. On the 8th inst. he had a paralytic stroke, from which he never rallied, his strength slowly growing weaker to the end. His age was 70 years.

Mr. Cooper had been a familiar figure in and about this city for the past 20 years. He erected the Cooper House, at the Junction, in 1875, where he has since resided. Previous to that he resided at Fort Gratiot, where he was locomotive foreman of the Grand Trunk. He commenced railroading at Pontiac in '38 and afterwards became master mechanic on the Lexington & Louisville railroad, and still later, became foreman of the shops in Detroit, of the Detroit & Maniatee railroad. In 1842 he held the position of postmaster at Royal Oak, this State, and also held the office of justice of the peace two terms. He was a member of the board of supervisors, of St. Clair county, at the time of his death. Possessed of a fertile mechanical genius, he invented several useful contrivances during leisure hours, some of them having been patented. He leaves a widow and three children, Thos. J., J. Fenimore and Ella, now Mrs. T. McEwan of this city.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, and the remains conveyed to Royal Oak for interment.

CLAWSON CULLINGS.

Everybody thanked the Lord with grateful hearts on Thursday last.

The shooting matched passed off quietly, and Dave Bleakley did the best shooting.

F. Profugal of Orion Thanksgivinged with Frank Leach.

Allie Hendrickson has returned to his home in Sanilac county.

Mr. J. A. McKibbin moved the mill here this week.

Clarence McDonald of Farmington attended with Geo. McKinney.

Myron Bailey is under the weather.

A great republican banquet and jubilee was held at Sherm Williams Thanksgiving night. About 65 good black republicans were present, the Royal Oak band was there and played their prettiest and the house was decorated from top to bottom with the stars and stripes. Everybody present had a good time over the election of Harrison and Morton.

Mrs. Charles Lentz is gaining.

George Hames and Asher Bailey are visiting Allie Hendrickson at Lamotte.

Charlie Buell was married at Junction City, Kansas, on Thursday last, to Miss Lydia Essign.

Codnor's vicious horse ran away one day last week in Southfield with slight damage to the wagon.

Some have invitations to a wedding on the 25th inst.

Codnor intends to have a big blowout on Christmas.

A sensible couple, through the dark, walked far apart, but perchance they may be near together before the year goes around, as little by little all things grow.

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Visitors to the town line: Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, of Hersey; Mr. and Mrs. Allie Hendrickson, of Lamotte; Mrs. C. A. Kelley and Eva Churchill, of Pontiac.

Thanksgiving day witnessed the marriage of Mr. Tommy Shoemaker and Miss Mattie Van Every at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. Satterlee has been putting up some new buildings.

A large number of the wells in this vicinity are unaccountably low. Some of the oldest wells that have never failed before are among the number.

Nothing is more suitable for a Christmas present than a nice book. Leave your orders with Mrs. Furman. She will sell books very cheap; also tablets and writing paper.

I wish to close out my entire stock of wall paper and borderings. I will sell very cheap. Goods 50 cents. Trimmed 25 from 50 cents upward. L. T. Frank.

OUR HOLIDAY OFFER.

To each one who purchases in our store, between now and January 1, goods to the amount of $2 50 we will present a handsomely bound book; no cheap trash, but such a one as cannot be bought in Detroit book stores for less than 75 cents. Our holiday stock will comprise a larger variety of articles than we have ever offered before, and at prices less, we know, than you can purchase in the city. We have on hand a large assortment of stamped goods, plush ornaments, etc. Scarlet underwear for ladies and children. Allyn & Co.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

The board of trade is busted up. That's right, boys, step up to the church; it's a beautiful place and you will be welcome. Elder Jones will convince you that heaven is a lovely realm of bliss and not located in the board of trade building in Big Beaver.

Cassius Sturgis is in jail at Pontiac. Too many cats.

Charlie Schultz is home for the winter. Fred Schultz works for Hank Harris.

Quite a few of our young people took in a dance recently at Rochester and report a good time.

Henry Foot got rid of $6 for cuffing Elmer Anscomb up to a peak. If Henry would leave his antics at home he would save money.

Elisha Hill, while leaving a train at Pontiac, came near having his pocket picked by a gang of roughs.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Dan Thompson has gone to his home in Corunna.

Mr. Hall has traded his place for other property to Mr. Booth of Detroit.

Miss Hattie Cain of Ypsilanti was home on a visit last week.

There was a leap year party at S. Bell's last Friday evening.

Horace Johnson was home last week.

C. S. Murphy and family started for their new home in La Grand, Ore., on Monday last. About forty friends surprised them last Friday evening and presented Mr. Murphy with a $5 cane. Everyone expressed regret at losing them, but wished them luck on their voyage.

Our boys and the Farmington boys are going to have a shooting match soon.

Miss Sadie Hutton came home from Ypsilanti to spend the Thanksgiving vacation.

Over fifty relatives and friends assembled and helped Mr. and Mrs. Klett celebrate their 31st wedding anniversary on Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Klett were the recipients of many presents as tokens of the best wishes of their many friends.

C. J. Jahnson is having a serious time with his hand. It is thought he got a flake of iron from a nail in it which caused inflammation of the membrane of the bone. He was recently appointed postmaster, vice C. S. Murphy, resigned.

Wednesday evening of last week Miss Eva Murphy was pleasantly surprised by over fifty young friends who presented her with a fine photograph album as a reminder of old times, and went home saying they had enjoyed themselves greatly.

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

Vogler and Butterworth of Cincinnati have been retained as counsel in a suit in the circuit court at Pontiac, wherin it is claimed that Cordian Fay, a notary public, did execute an instrument in writing for John Pyles and his wife against a piece of property for which they paid Ann Lefever $1200 cash in hand. The claim is made out in legal form and says that each of the three daughters held a $400 share which was due at the death of both parties. The claim has been transferred and now holds good as a first mortgage and is so recorded.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society at the residence of Melvin Sly was well attended.

Did you go to the social at Bethune Bigelow's last night? Those who were present had a good time.

Rev. S. Daily attended a church dedication near Fowlerville, Livingston county, on Sunday last. The preaching services were omitted here but Sabbath school was held at the usual hour. The choir met to practice and made some arrangements for Christmas services which will be held at the church in Franklin.

A donation will be held at the residence of Mr. Higby on the evening of December 12. All are cordially invited. The proceeds go to the pastor at Franklin.

A Sound Legal Opinion.

E. Balmbridge Munday, Esq., County Atty., Clay Co., Texas, says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was saved by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., adds a like testimony, saying: He positively believes he would have died had it not been for Electric Bitters.

This great remedy will equally act as well as cure all Malarial Diseases, and for all Kidney, Liver and Stomach Disorders stands unequaled. Price 50 cents and $1 at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child.

A boy's ambition is to go back to school in the fall all tanned up. The schoolmaster's ambition is to tan him some more.—*Boston Transcript.*

The Lottery of Love.

The mother-in-law is a chestnut. Domestically, from the paragrapher's point of view, and dramatically, she is a chestnut.

There may be a few misguided infants who regard their grandmothers with respect—aye, even with affection.

All the rest of the world unites in believing that when a woman is unfortunate enough to have a son or daughter marry, she must regard that particular offspring as thenceforth dead to her, or take the chances of being considered a mother-in-law, with all that the name implies.

Just or unjust, kind or unkind, humane or inhuman, as the verdict may be, the marriage of one of her children means that a woman becomes a mother-in-law.

Both M. Bisson, the French author of "Les Surprises du Divorce," and Mr. Augustin Daly, who has adapted M. Bisson's comedy to the uses of his own company, seem to take this view of the case.

They even emphasize the fact by making the same offspring enable a woman, through the easy process of divorce to become two mothers-in-law, at once; that is to say, the mother-in-law of two separate, distinct and equally unfortunate men.

The play demonstrates, that while in divorce the law provides a legal means of separation from a wife, there is no known legal way of becoming separated from a mother-in-law, if she wills otherwise.

The will, spirit and ingenuity of the mother-in-law rise superior even to the law.

So trite a subject is a dangerous one for a dramatist, but by skillful handling, Messrs. Bisson and Daly have made it the motive of a most amusing face-comedy.

Nevertheless, it may well be doubted whether the piece would achieve great popularity in America were it presented by any other than Mr. Daly's thoroughly trained company.

"Les Surprises du Divorce," on which Mr. Daly's play, "The Lottery of Love," is founded, has met with great success in Paris, but it is largely due to the novelty of the divorce idea to the French mind—divorce and the possible comedy situations to be drawn from it having only been accessible to French dramatists for a short time.

"The Lottery of Love," in its present hands, is amusing and laughable to a high degree, and may safely be numbered among what are known as the "Daly successes." With a less able company I fear it would be short-lived.—*Metcalf, in Life.*

Reflections.

"In a multitude of counsellors there is safety," wrote King Solomon, thereby strengthening his title to be called the Josh Billings of his time. But he omitted to state in whose favor the safety accrued. There is much to indicate that the conclusion of our day is that it is the councellors themselves who reap the principal benefits of aggregation. In municipal matters, for example, the multiplication of authority has been found so convenient for the evasion of responsibility that in other walks of life the same is irrepressible the tendency has been to return to the one-man power.

When there have been so many cooks that the broth has been impracticable, it is a satisfaction, now and then, to have one of them turn state's evidence and make it hot for the rest. Of that nature it is the action of Dr. Mackenzie, whose book about the Emperor Frederick makes it proved almost as great a bone of contention among the valued journals of this town as its unfortunate subject was to his physicians. It is understood that Frederick's German doctors made some sort of a statement which reflected unfavorably upon Mackenzie's skill. What they said, being obscured by their involved and unfamiliar tongue, possessed no great interest to English-speaking people, but Mackenzie's reply, written in clear and convincing English, has given great satisfaction to the patrons of that tongue. All that has been done and all that has been said about it may be concisely imparted by the statement that Frederick's physicians, having disagreed with the same result, Germany has a new Emperor and England has her opinion of German Physicians.—*Life.*

How the Invalid Looks at Things.

The invalid, like the poet, and like all acute, sensitive beings, is remarkable not for seeing differently, but for seeing more than do the rest of the world. He endows everything about him with personality. Cold, hard substances are his avowed enemies. The soft, the yielding, the woolly, fill him with gratitude and delight. The arm-chair invites and embraces him. The tiny teapot and ewer are eager to do him service, and the gruel bowl displays a fairly maternal solicitude. His cane is a Fidus Achates, his pet pillow a Nancy, or whatever his childhood's nurse was called. As to the bottles arranged on his table, only the doctors who prescribed them can surpass their marbled and individual interest in their charge. A glow of genuine affection fills me when I glance at Tomie, so many times has he proved worthy of the confidence reposed in him when the "lamp of life burned low." Linimest's unctuous sides are nearly bursting with officious goodnature. Fine Old Bourbon has an irresistible bacchanalian leer. Stout Camphor wears a green spectacles and a bag to make an old fogy of him. Sly little Morphine, hiding behind the rest, has a sinister, suggestive, Mephistophelian look, which at times attracts and repels.—*A. B. Ward, in Harper's Magazine.*

Up All Night.

"Can't I tell you a burglar alarm?" he asked of a householder in a neighborhood where a number of houses had been entered.

"No; I have no use for anything of that kind. My daughter has just become engaged and the young man calls every evening.—*Judge.*

Their Business Booming.

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