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HOME NOTES.

Christmas and taxes will soon be here.

"The blue cross" is coming along this way. Fair warning.

George Warner was home from Ann Arbor for Thanksgiving.

A nice fall of snow last Sunday, but not enough for sleighing.

The Watkins Farm lost a very valuable Jersey heifer one day last week.

The hop at National Hall last Thursday evening was an immense success.

Wm. Crooks, of Kalamazoo, visited at the Watkins Farm on Friday of last week.

Little Earl Ward is convalescing and his father, T. A. Ward, is correspondingly happy.

Frank Ford and Arthur Blakeslee are the latest to take advantage of the water privileges.

Will Taber is journeying over the country in the interests of the Oakland County Post.

Miss Maggie Shaw, of Big Rapids, spent Thanksgiving with A. C. Tibbils and family.

Great increase in Sunday school is apparent just now at all the churches—Christmas is coming.

Mr. H. B. Pattengill Thnksgivinged with his daughter, Mrs. E. S Chamberlain, of the Watkins farm.

Mrs. W. C. Jenks has had a severe attack of remittent fever, but is now almost entirely recovered.

Wanted a good girl to do house work. A good girl can secure a home and good pay by calling at this office.

Circuit court is in session this week with an everlasting lot of divorce cases and three of them from Avon.

Henry Grinnell last week sold two of his celebrated Rambouilet sheep at the fair price of $50 each.

We guess the "Tour Thro' Linguistica" was good, but none interested have furnished the facts in the case.

Nathan C. Jenks has been confined to his bed with a low type of fever for the past two weeks, but is now convalescent.

Anybody wanting a young man to do chores for board and to go to school will do well to call at this office. 2

Rev. H. O. Parker will have to walk the plank shortly after January 1st as chaplain of the Ionia house of correction.

Money to loan on farm mortgage in sums to suit. Several farms for sale cheap. E. C. Popplebon, Agent. 4

Arthur Lee, of Detroit, who is destined to become one of the shining lights in the medical profession, was in town over Sunday.

Willie Roche, a bright lad, was near to death all last Monday night. At this writing he is better. Pleurisy is the cause of his illness.

If you feel "out of sorts," cross and peevish—take Dr. J. H. McLean's sarsaparilla; cheerfulness will return and life will acquire a new zest.

All members of the Royal Craft are cordially invited to attend an exaltation in Oakland Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., Pontiac, Thursday evening, December 11, 1890.

Don't irritate your lungs with a stubborn cough when a pleasant and effective remedy may be found in Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Wine Lung Balm.

A Grand Rapids paper says there are many counties in Northern Michigan without a single church and thousands of people are growing up heathens.

The many friends of Mr. Summerfield Davidson in this vicinity regret to hear that poor health has obliged him to give up business for the present.

Quill toothpicks as a rule are imported from France. The largest factory in the world being near Paris, 20,000,000 are there turned out annually.

Special communication of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., Thursday eve Dec. 4. Work on the first degree a full attendance requested. A. Partridge, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer spent Sunday last in Detroit and attended the dedication services at the new Unitarian church, corner Woodward avenue and Edmund street.

Only a few days more and we cut the prize pumpkin. January 1st is the day don't forget it. A committee will be chosen by those present and their count will decide the matter.

For sale, a large cutting box (steam, horse or man power) in extra good condition. Can be seen at my farm in Royal Oak. Will sell for cash very cheap. James Hill. 2

Secretary Chas. S. Dewey of the Monitor Insurance Company, is making out the annual roll at the low rate of 97 cents on a dollar, nearly a dollar less than last year.

Miss Gertie Merrell was home from Ann Arbor Thanksgiving and gave a very select and most enjoyable party at her father's residence on Maple avenue on Friday evening of last week.

Mortie Bigelow and his young friend Carl Warren, of Chicago, ate turkey at the Bigelow residence and put in the rest of the week very pleasantly hunting the festive rabbit with Jack Rainey.

The agricultural college professors have figured it out that two little sparrows in ten years will produce an ancestry of 275,716,983,619 birds. Well that isn't more than a bird or two out of the way anyway.

Noah advertised the flood. He lived through it and the fellows who laughed at him got drowned. Ever since then the advertiser has been getting along, and those who didn't advertise have been getting left.

Those B. D. C. parties are becoming very popular and are deserving of all the patronage that they receive for they are very quiet and enjoyable and the boys insist that no objectionable persons be allowed to participate.

On Tuesday, December 16, R. S. Schuyler, executor of the estate of the late N. S. Schuyler, will sell at public auction all the personal property which formerly belonged to the deceased. A more extended notice next week.

The Big Beaver butcher wagons and the local meat markets are having a lively competition and we can't help but smile over the prospect of such cheap beefsteak that the very printers even can have a square meal once in a while.

The St. Johns Independent truthfully remarks: The longer we run a newspaper and write about people and events, the more we realize how utterly impossible it is to scratch every man where he itches most.

Mrs. L. Sawyer has a store full of seasonable goods and invites you all to call. She also takes subscriptions for any periodical on the face of the globe at the publishers', a much better way than remitting yourself.

Mr. G. T. Blackstock, the wily, shrewd and perseverging counsel for the unsuccessful, notorious Burchell the murderer of Benwell in a Canadian swamp, is a full cousin of our enterprising and popular painter Wes Faint.

James O. Beattie, wife and daughter Miss Nettie, visited Mr. Beattie's niece, Mrs. Sarah Rockwell, who lives in Midland county. While there Jim indulged in a hunt and killed many partridges and saw one deer without having a very bad spell of buck fever.

Some one says in Sunday Press, that "the common council of Urbanrest had the question of rapid transit up, and granted a franchise to a corporation organized at Royal Oak." They will no doubt get rapid transit before Detroit gets it.

Major Jones and Dan Bassett are home from their annual hunt with no big stories, no game and nothing to say. We begin to wonder if they did really go hunting after all. Jones says that the only game they could find was an article called "seven-up."

Mrs. Keyes returned home Saturday evening from a two weeks' visit in Detroit. She reports the Birmingham colony located there in a flourishing condition, but not so much in love with the city as to have forgotten its finest suburban village.

F. R. Lamb, the treasurer of Troy township, will be in Birmingham on Thursday December 11th, 18th and 25th, at the Exchange Bank, and at the store of F. D. Cutting, in Troy, on Friday, December 12th, 19th and 26th, for the collection of taxes.

What ails our sister village Utica? The editor of the Sentinel fears that the rumor of the railroad dispensing with their regular morning train and letting it ride night, telegrapher will seriously discommode the public and we should say it certainly would.

Several of our lyceum boys stole a ride to Pontiac and had a real good laugh over the way they beat the railroad, but the grin changed when the astute conductor called them in the office of Pontiac and made every one of them pony up.

Our old friend W. J. Taber has accepted a position with the Oakland County Post as traveling manager of the subscription department of this growing journal and is actively engaged in his work. Good paper, good boy. Here's success to both.

A citizen who objects to the village doing what he can be done to encourage manufacturing here, has better move out if he is not satisfied. We have no room for "hold-backs," and cranks. They never would be missed.—Holly Advertiser.

The little town of Dearborn is to have an electric railway connecting her with Detroit. And Detroit parties say if property owners from Highland Park to Birmingham knew on which side their bread was buttered they would work for one too.

Our dancing friends are too highly educated in music to really enjoy the music that their finances demanded and now talk of getting more and better music either from Detroit or Pontiac. The club files very high now having over $40 in the treasury.

Morgan Rundel has lately sold two of his new Lewis road carts one to Charles A. Brush and one to Samuel Arthur, who are both proud that they have the best vehicles that can be manufactured. If you desire anything in this line call on Morgan and our word for it you will be happy.

An Eastern dentist has successfully replanted four teeth in a boy's mouth. After replacing them in their natural position he braided them all together with heavy linen thread. Three weeks after he removed the support and found the teeth as firmly implanted as if they had never been knocked out.

For fifty years military men clung to the belief that nothing but an ounce ball would do for any army musket. It is only within five years that they have come to see that if the ball does not hit it is wanted. If it does hit it kills no sooner than a bullet from a revolver. All the new arms now call for bullets no larger than a hunter uses.

Arthur Ford and his good wife celebrated their crystal wedding last Thanksgiving night. Over sixty old friends and neighbors were present and had a most enjoyable evening. Among the many nice presents given were a set of china dishes, a silver pickle dish, and a silver butter dish with other gifts, showed that their friends are both numerous and thoughtful.

The Cherokee Indians have been offered a fair price for their lands by the Government, but refuse to sell. The Indian who stands in the way of civilization is like the farmer who "can't a bear" to sell a strip of land to a trunk line across the continent. The Indian will go down with a thump. Progress is no respecter of sentiment.

Our old friend James F. Cooper, Man'gr of the Postal Telegraph Co. at Saginaw, east side, made us a short and pleasant visit last week. Fenn is the same old boy and has a good position. He also has a fair prospect of something that will pay equally as well as his present "sit" right along with his telegraphing work.

James F. Robbins, formerly of Birmingham, but for the past five years a resident of Sand Hill, Mich., is a live energetic man. He moved to that place a stranger, opened up a general store, and by dint of hard work, is now doing a thriving business. There is connected with the store a post office, and he also has control of the telephone and signal service.—Pontiac Gazette.

Prices on goods are bound to advance in the next few weeks, but John Pound & Bro., of Pontiac, still sell goods at the old prices, which means the very lowest figure that first class articles can be sold for. Read their new adv't in this week's issue and when in the county seat do not fail to give them a call. All goods in their line warranted to give perfect satisfaction. Remember the place, "The Bee-hive," Pontiac, Mich.

Rev. John Hamilton is home for a few days from the scene of his labors; he is filling a pulpit at Lake Linden, Mich., and has a lucrative position during the winter months. Mr. Hamilton has most successfully canvassed for his book and aside from the fact that it rests him from his ministerial labors he finds it quite a paying vocation and during the summer months it is very pleasant.

Our illustrious townsmen are flocking back as fast as cold winter comes on, the latest comer being the long absent and much talked of Wm. H. Shimoel, who we wonder what meat he has "fed upon, that he has grown so great," inasmuch as he does not seem to recognize his time tried friends A. Partridge and the high constable J. O. Beattie, but passes them by without a sign of recognition, much to their sorrow.

Messrs Toms and Crouch while out hunting one day this week found a picnic and it was this. Right straight out on this west road they found hard at work straightening out the kinks in the highway Messrs Ol. Irish, Frank German, Geo. German, Geo. Simpson and a brother co-laborer. The laborers invited the nimrods to their castle by-the-hillside and the way the refreshments were served was a great help to the tired hunters to get home again.

Licensed to wed: Lloyd W. Lorewell and Ida Robson, William S. Stark and Ina Belle Harding, Fred K. Miller and Ida J. Axford, Fred Clew and Ella Greer, Frank Shoup and Gertrude Kline, Joseph Robertson and Ellen M. Walls, Henry Welch and Mary Voorhees, Luther D. Allen and Anna D. Battolph, Robert C. Hadden and Libbie J. Baldwin, Christian S. Rickard and Lavine Reese, Robert J. Burns and Sophia C. Stoll.

Remember that every time you pay your dollar for THE ECCENTRIC it entitles you to one guess on the pumpkin and that guess may secure for you an elegant new White sewing machine worth $55. All who pay in a dollar for anything either in trade or for THE ECCENTRIC have one guess, it makes no difference what the $ is for it may be on account if you please and every $ paid in entitles the payer to a guess on each dollar so paid in.

A BOOK TO BUY.—Webster's International Dictionary. This new book is the authentic "Unabridged" thoroughly revised and enlarged under the supervision of Noah Porter, D. D., LL. D., of Yale University. Editorial work on the revision has been in active progress for over ten years, and more than a hundred paid literary workers have been engaged upon it The sum expended in its preparation before the first copy was printed exceeded $300,000. This work, well used in a family, will be of more value to members thereof than many times its cost laid up in money.

Arthur Carpenter is responsible for the conspicuous rotundity of the two editors on Thanksgiving day. He brought them each a big fat chicken. But don't for a minute think that Arthur gave these prize fowls as the free-will offering of his generous heart. Oh, no! Far from it. He had value received about a year ago and we have been reminding him of his indebtedness for the last six month, every time we came within hearing of him. Well the tender and delicious fowls were well worth our trouble, for a more succulent and toothsome morsel never filled the mouths of hungry printers. They did great credit to the celebrated poultry yards of which Arthur is the proud and happy owner.

The following persons have been drawn to serve as jurors at the December term of the circuit court: A. A. Arms, Milford; Varnis J. Wilkins, Groveland; Geo. Cramer, Pontiac township; Otto A. Berger, Southfield; F. A. Brown, Farmington; Geo. Allen, Commerce; R. E. Pepper, Springfield; Jas. B. Young, Orion; John Simpson, Waterford; John T. Kline, Oakland; Joseph Abrams, Novi; Emmet Brown, Troy; John Hanna, Bloomfield; Amasa Laning, Oxford; George Teeples, White Lake; Thomas Johns, Lyon; Wm. H. Munger, Rose; John S. Hixson, Avon; Andrew Day, Holly; Nathan J. Smith, Pontiac City 5th ward; Samuel Sherwood, Brandon; V. H. Lee, Royal Oak; Walter VanWagoner, Addison; William H. Cook, Highland.

The following is the number of children and the apportionment of the primary school fund among the several townships of Oakland county: Addison, 294, amount apportioned, $226.38; Avon, 569, $438.13; Bloomfield, 570, $438.90; Brandon, 335, $256.41; Commerce, 341, $262.57; Franklin, 533, $410.41; Groveland, 212, $163.24; Highland, 440, $338.80; Holly, 591, $450.45; Independence, 281, $216.37; Lyon, 415, $319.55; Milford, 627, $482.79; Novi, 300, $231.00; Oakland, 209, $160.93; Orion, 375, $304 15; Oxford, 521, $401 17; Pontiac, 252, $194.04; Pontiac city, 1,248, $960.96; Rose, 255, $196.35; Royal Oak, 611, $470 47; Southfield, 443, $341.11; Springfield, 323, $248.71; Troy, 352, $271 04; Waterford, 401, $308.77; West Bloomfield, 277, $213.29; White Lake, 113, $161.78.—Oakland County Post.

Married, at the home of the bride in Southfield, on Thanksgiving day, Miss Sophia C. Stoll and Robert T. Burns of North Oxford, Rev. Clemo officiating. A few friends were present and all had an enjoyable time. The following is a list of presents: Feather bed and pillows, Mr. and Mrs. John Stoll; bedstead, Mr. and Mrs. John Holten; hanging lamp, Fred Kirchoff and wife; vegetable dish, Lizzie Kirchoff; table spread, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell; standard lamp, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirchoff; set of flat irons, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown; night lamp, Edna Brown; set of springs, C. H. Carter; pair of vases, Lizzie McDowall; bed spread and pillow shams, Mr. and Mrs. Shrader; castor, Eva Shrader; tea set, William Kaiser and Kate Stoll; water set, Mr. and Mrs. Granzow; cake dish, stand and pickle dish, Miss Brown; pair towels, Mrs. General Rocker, Anna and Fred Haack; table spread, Mr. and Mrs. Haack; dinner castor, Mr. and Mrs. Stoll.

The magnificent fete, known as the Pardon and Kirmess, for which the prominent society ladies of Detroit, have been making active preparations for weeks, will open, in all its splendor, Monday, December 8th, at the Detroit Rink, for the benefit of the Woman's Exchange. The principal feature will be the series of national dances in costume, participated in by over 350 ladies, gentlemen and children, but the books of all nations, arranged in strict accordance with the customs of the country represented, will have an historical, as well as an artistic, interest. There will be the Breton Peasant dance, the Egyptian, the Russian, the Venetian, the Swedish, the English May Pole, the Scottish, the beautiful Hungarian Gypsy dance and the stately Minuet. Nothing has ever been held in the State which will rival this Kirmess in uniqueness and beauty. There will be matinees daily, at 4:30 p. m., the doors opening at 3. The evening entertainment will begin at 8 p. m., all under the direction of Miss Margaret McLeager, of New York. Special rates have been secured from all railroads entering Detroit. For terms apply to the local ticket agent. The Kirmess closes on Saturday evening, December 13.

The December Century is more "Christmasy" than is usual with that magazine, there being a Christmas story by Joel Chandler Harris, and a Christmas poem by President Henry Morton, of Stevens Institute, while the editor in "Some Christmas Reflections" says that perhaps the readers may find as much of the true Christian feeling in Dr. Abbott's article "Can a Nation Have a Religion?" and in the article on the "Record of Virtue," as in the more ostensibly Christmas "features" of this number of The Century. The frontispiece is a striking head, "Orpheus," by George W. Maynard in "The Century Series of American Pictures," and the opening paper is General Bidwell's account of "Life in California Before the Gold Discovery." The poetry of the number has nothing more striking than the half dozen novel pieces entitle: "Some Boys," by James Whitcomb Riley, and printed, with pictures by Kemble, in Brie-a-Brac. Other poets of this number are Austin Dobson and Celia Thaxter. George Parsons Lathrop tells in an illustrated poem the pathetic story of "Marthy Virginia's Hand." Further topics treated are "Trees in America," "The Railway Zone-Tariff of Hungary," and "Higher Education: A Word to Women," the latter an open letter by Miss Josephine Lazarus. For sale by Mrs. L. Sawyer.

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 25c per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

SUICIDE.

Mrs. Frank Fall Dies From "Rough on Rats."

Very serious results sometimes spring from the most trivial causes and the indirect cause of the untimely death of Mrs. Ida Fall was the paltry price of a couple of turkies.

One day last week, her husband, loaded up a lot of rats, bagas and departed for the city, his wife entrusting to his care the sale of a couple of turkies, which, as most farmers wives do, she considered as belonging to herself personally—a view of the matter in which her husband coincided perfectly.

When Mr. Fall arrived in Detroit, he found an excellent market for the turkies but the baga market seemed to be very flat indeed. He hauted the market for two days and not an an offer did he get for them and he finally left the load in the barn of a relative, Mr. Charles Miles of 417 Twenty-fourth street and came home.

Now, when Mr. Fall left for Detroit, he had but very little money and his expenses absorbed nearly all of the proceeds of the sale of his wife's turkies, and on learning of this state of affairs after his arrival home, she became very despondent and her husband, bearing in mind that she had previously threatened to take her own life, watched her for a time, but seeing nothing suspicious, went about his work. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon he went into the house and found that she was vomiting and in considerable pain. He asked her if she had taken poison, but she denied it. The symptoms, however, increased and she eventually acknowledged that she had taken a large dose of "rough on rats."

Every endeavor to save her life was then resorted to, but the poison had taken too firm hold and she died about 10 o'clock, having first expressed her regret for the rash act.

A. Partridge was called in his capacity of justice of the peace and after inquiring into the case, and not finding any suspicious circumstances, he decided that there was no occasion for an inquest, and consequently there was none held. The funeral took place on Sunday last and was largely attended by friends and relatives. The deceased was 32 years old and her maiden name was Ida Hale. She had no children.

THE BLUE CROSS.

About the third year of the existence of the ECCENTRIC, we instituted the now familiar azure tinted emblem of indebtedness, the "blue cross," and every year it is trotted out from its hiding place and the effort is something wonderful."

Well, the time is drawing near when our subscribers will see it—at least those who are back with their subscriptions and in order that they may be as few as possible, we give you all a timely warning.

We candidly believe that there is no better paid list of subscribers to any local paper in Michigan, than our own, and those who see the blue cross this year will be fewer than ever before, if the way our friends have paid up the arrearages for the last week, is any indication of what is in store for us. At any rate we hope that we will have to take but few of our subscribers off our list this year, just because they failed to take warning from the "signs of the times."

We will give you all of this present month of December to get ready in and pay up, but we want it to be distinctly understood that the first issue of 1891 will be resplendent with the little blue marks on each side of your name, if you do not pay up before the happy new year comes, then you can blame no one but your own precious self.

Look at the date after your name on your paper, and if it is a later date than that of the paper itself, then you can see at a glance just when your subscription expires, but if the date after your name reads sometime in the past then it is high time that you gave us a big round dollar. In a word, the date after your name tells when your subscription expires and if you are not totally oblivious to the benefits of an ordinary mind, you can figure it out in a few minutes, just as well as if you came in person and asked about it.

One word more. Remember that we require payment in advance every time, and you must not wait until you have had the paper a year before you pay your dollar. We can't stand any such business as that and hope that you won't try it on.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All hunting and trespassing is hereby forbidden on my premises and anyone found guilty will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Dated December 4, 1890.

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