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To Farmers and Horsemen.

The following Stallions will stand for the season of 1890 at

WATKINS STOCK FARM

one-half mile west of Birmingham.

Altimo 2nd. Fine, large active three year old bay trotter; a performer at the unfinished mile; low price of $10 to insure. See him before engaging your mares elsewhere.

Prince Peerless. Beautiful three year old bay trotter; Vanmoor Pony. Height 14 hands, weight about 500 pounds.

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Duke of Ravenna. The great St. Lambert service has been reduced to $2 for common cows, $10 for registered Jerseys. The more Jersey blood the more butter.

Swine. Registered small Yorkshire, Victoria and Poland China Boars. Service fee $1, payable at time of service. Pigs for sale after June 1.

Poultry. Rose comb brown Leghorns, rose comb white Leghorns, Plymouth Rock and mammoth Light Brahmas. Pure eggs for hatching 10 cents each. No birds for sale until September.

Call at the farm or write

G. A. WATKINS,

10 McGraw Building, Detroit, Mich.

Notice to Farmers.

The undersigned offers for the use of the farmers of this vicinity his pure bred, registered Short Horn Baker Bull, Duke of Hamilton. The price has been reduced to $5 and must be paid at time of service. All those who are in debted to me for last service will please call and settle. JOHN KEYES, Southfield, Mich. Junction.

L. F. BALDOCK, V. S., V. D.

Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto.

Located at Birmingham and wishes to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that he is ready to treat all diseases of domesticated animals, whether acute or chronic. Office at Ferris' Livery Stable where he can be found at all hours. All calls promptly attended to and at reasonable rates.

L. O. TROWBRIDGE AUCTIONEER, Pontiac, Mich. Terms reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. At office, opposite court house, every Saturday.

JAS. H. HATHAWAY FARM AUCTIONEER. Lives on the town line three miles north of Birmingham. Will attend to farm sales very reasonably and guarantee satisfaction. P. O. address, Birmingham.

MISS JENNIE PECK, TEACHER OF PIANO.

Residence on Maple avenue, near depot, Birmingham, Mich.

Will give instructions in instrumental music at her home to suit the convenience of her pupils. Reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Birmingham Presbyterian Church. REV. A. MACK, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m., and at 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Young People's Meeting Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

All who are not identified with other churches are invited to come with us.

Birmingham Baptist Church. (The little church around the corner.)

Sabbath services: Preaching by the Rev. C. C. Miller pastor of Pontiac Church, who will preach here until further notice at 3 p. m. Sunday school at 1 p. m. Prayer conference and bible study each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, conducted by Mr. Miller. All are cordially invited. Seats free.

Methodist Episcopal Church. REV. E. P. PIERCE, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. These leagues unite in a temperance meeting on the last Sunday afternoon of each month to which the community are invited. Meeting for prayer and testimony on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are invited.

Troy and Southfield U. P. Churches. REV. A. H. ORR, PASTOR.

Sabbath services: Preaching at Troy at 10 a. m., Sabbath school at 11:30 a. m. Southfield Sabbath school at 1 p. m.; preaching at 2 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

Ladies' Library. Corner of Merrill and Maple streets. Open on Saturdays from 6 to 8 and from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE.—I have for sale two large colts coming four years old; one Percheron and one Clydesdale. Can be seen one half mile east of the gravel on the 13-mile Road. Lewis Carlton. July3

LOST.—A promissory note dated April 1, 1890, to the order of Mrs. Lora A. Daniels, for $200, payable at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich., two years from date at 7 per cent. Payment has been stopped, and all parties are cautioned against negotiating said paper.

MRS. LORA A. DANIELS.

Remember

"LADIES' BAZAAR"

in the Parks Block.

Fashion Papers for July now in at Ladies' Bazaar, in the Parks block.

Do not forget to see the Williamson Combination Shoulder Brace and Corset.

Latest styles in Millinery and Fancy Goods.

MRS. L. H. SAWYER.

HERE WE GO AGAIN.

We will present to every lady purchasing $1 worth of Dry Goods on Saturday, July 12

A Lady's Work Basket

suitable for holding thread, pins, needles, etc. Now take them in and buy your

Challies, Sateens, Lawns, Gingham, Hosiery and Fancy Goods

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HOME NOTES.

Walter Norris is home again from the South.

John Cochell, of Detroit, was in town on the Fourth.

Miss Jennie Cooper is spending the summer at Harbor Point.

Read the ad. in a "small farm wanted" elsewhere in this issue.

County line and school report from Franklin go over until next week.

John Fay, of Detroit, visited relatives in town the fore part of this week.

Mr. Geo. Stevenson, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shearer.

Miss Birdie Jarvis, of Oxford, was home on the Fourth visiting friends and relatives.

Maria Ferris, of Utica, Mich., is spending a few days with friends in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Winchell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Corson for a few days last week.

Mrs. C. W. Hatch, of Boston, is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Poppleton.

Miss May Beardslee, of Detroit, spent Sunday last with her brother, Mr. Ed. Beardslee, of this place.

Miss Hattie Smith is attending the summer school of music which is in session in Detroit this week.

Will H. Hamilton, who has been working in Ohio for some time, was home a few days this week.

The Bentley Lumber Company have added another fine work team to their list. Business with them is booming.

Elmer Phillips, of Bad Axe, is home on a short vacation and reports everything booming in his northern home.

W. L. Erwin, of Groton, Dakota, after quite a long visit with his brother George and his father's family, returned to his western home last Monday.

First class pasture for horses and cattle. Good water. Reasonable rates. For particulars call on or address H. F. Daniels, Birmingham, Mich.

George Erwin, of Southfield, who has been long and dangerously ill at his father's, is rapidly growing better and will soon be entirely well we trust.

Arthur Wright's boy, of Troy, cut his wrist dangerously one day last week, but Dr. C. M. Raynale was called and dressed the wound so that the young man is almost as good as new.

Anyone who wants a rattling good barn can buy one of G. H. Mitchell. It is on Julian Lee's lot on Pierce street where he is going to build and I know to use for it, it can be had very cheap.

I have a lot of fine trimmed bonnets, for middle aged ladies, marked down from $4 and $5 to $2.50. The season is dull and the goods must be sold at some price. Trimmed hats $1. L. T. Furman. tf

Let credit be given where credit is due. The monument which Nathan Fall had set up to the memory of his father and mother, was paid for with means left by his mother, herself, for that purpose.

Born.—On Thursday, July 3rd, to Mrs Charles Shuler, a daughter. Everybody doing well and Charles' clothes are just four sizes too small for him. The baby weighs 8 lbs.—Charlie tipped the beam at 500 lbs. on the Fourth.

The Women's Working Society met at the home of Mrs. Frank Allen last week and had a rousing old meeting and are considering the question of holding a future meeting with Mrs. F. Blakeslee at her Watkins Lake summer resort.

"Rah for the Franklin band! The boys are coming are coming every night to see us next Saturday evening and blow us all up again. All the surrounding country are invited to come into the village and hear the choicest music discoursed.

L. O. Trowbridge erected in the Covenenter church cemetery of Southfield a very fine white bronze monument for Mrs Jas. Thomlinson to the memory of her husband. It is a very fine piece of work and is the finest monument in the cemetery.

Miss Gertie Merrill is home from the State University. Also Miss Allie Hagerman from Oberlin, Ohio, and Miss Alta Ford from Albion. May the pure air of our town bring back to them the roses that the year of hard study has tried to scatter from their cheeks.

Eugene Brooks still keeps up his good name and fame in repairing sewing machines. The other day a good old lady brought him a bent needle expecting from that he could repair her of Wheeler & Wilson sixty miles away. He did it.

Wm. Goodman and wife accompanied by Steve were in town the fore part of week on their return home. Steve is quite thin in flesh, but we cannot help but think that he will soon take a decided change for the better. They made their headquarters at Mrs. Nellie Camp's during their short stay here.

Our old friend A. C. Wallace was down town last week Saturday—the first time in months. We are real glad to see him improving. Darius Horsie is still confined to the house and remains just about the same. R. J. Mitchell is no better, but gets around the yard occasionally.

The slickest Sam on earth is chuck full of lively sales of all kinds of farming implements, and one day last week he sold to Frank W. Phelps and Alva Aspinwall a complete threshing outfit of a first class make and one which the boys will be able to give complete satisfaction to all their patrons.

The San Francisco Chronicle, a monster edition of sixty pages, just think sixty pages! has been received at this office from our old friend E. Burke Wilcox and just as soon as we can get a month off we will take great pleasure in reading all this publication through. It is positively the largest on earth and no mistake.

Mr. J. H. Simonds, the popular and successful music teacher of Pontiac, with his estimable wife have decided to go and about the 20th of July will start for Napa, California, where they have accepted positions in the Napa College of Music. Mr. Simonds has many pupils in this vicinity who will regret his departure.

Mabley & Co., the world renowned outfitters, have extended their wonderful offer of last week for one week longer. Many of our citizens are proudly bearing evidence of this firm's generosity. On all purchases of $10 and over you have your railroad fare paid both ways. Others try to follow but Mabley & Co always take the lead every time.

The mock manner in which some half dozen half dressed street arabs flattened the noses and out of space at the depot last Monday morning would of itself announce the fact that the train contained the special cars of the Michigan delegation to the National Teachers' Convention at St. Paul. The party was joined here by Miss M. E. Utter, Mrs. Hughan and Miss Taylor.

A sensible decision.—A recent decision of the courts maintain that if a man wants to go faster than another ahead of him on the road he has a right to pass, if he is prevented by the other, and an accident should happen thereby, the man thus obstructing the road is responsible for the damage done. No man has a right to infringe on his rights to pass. The above is good common sense, as well as law.—Ex.

Mr. James McBride of the plank road had a horse that he valued at $300 taken violently sick and Mr. McBride thought it was a fatal case of inflammation of the bowels, but Dr. L. F. Baldock, our new, rising and successful veterinary surgeon, was called and found an acute attack of indigestion and with the proper restoratives the valuable animal's life was saved much to Mr. McBride's relief.

The scene on the interior of the large circular building, on the northeast corner of Larned and Bates streets, is one of activity. The huge painting of the battle of Allatoona has been covered and "Custer's Last Battle" substituted. No soldier was ever better or more favorably known in Detroit and Michigan than that brave cavalry leader, Gen. George A. Custer. The selecting of this subject by the cyclorama management is sure to be appreciated by the public. The building will be opened this week.

We thought some time ago that Mr. G. A. Watkins, the genial owner of the celebrated Watkins Stock Farm, had exhausted every kind of improvement needed at that institution, but lately a new addition has been built to the house and two large, mammoth wind-mills have been set up to furnish water for over seventy five head of stock. These wind-mills pump water high up into an immense tank and from this it is carried to all parts of the house, barn and yards in watering troughs scattered about the farm. Mr. Smith Miller of Lawton, came with the mills and set them up and they are fine specimens of machinery and work to the complete satisfaction of Mr. E. S. Chamberlain, who is managing this vast farm successfully and who is ably assisted by Arthur H. Carpenter, his first lieutenant.

M. K. Taber and George H. Mitchell the fore part of this week took a trip driving down the plank road. Fred Becker's and Lavere just beginning to have a good time when they saw the following by the roadside:

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A huge St. Bernard mastiff. Hastily whipping up the team they combined down to the city and fell in with a German pic, crossed over to Jefferson avenue thence out to Grosse Pointe. Had a frog and fish dinner at Rusch's visited the city water works, Belle Isle, Windsor and on their way home called on A. C. Ellis and family, Adams avenue, Mrs. L. Irving and family, Cliff rd street, and Mrs. Landis, Woodward avenue, reaching home well contented with a day most happily passed.

Fourth of July was a dead day for Birmingham people. Everybody was out of town but those who had no way of going. The day passed without accident to all except Allie Staley, the bright, pushing agent of the Evening News. He with other boys of his own age was loading a toy cannon having their powder in a tea cup about two-thirds full when all at once and with out the slightest warning bang! Whiff! Zip!!! Boom!!!! Woof!!!!! off it went so did Allie's eye winkers, eyelashes and the most of his hair. Dr. J. L. Campbell was promptly summoned and dressed the sufferer's burns and for a short time it was doubtful whether the lad had lost his eyes or not, but as time rolls around under the skillful care of Dr. Campbell aided by careful nursing the young lad will soon be around again as usual.

Some newspaper man has perpetrated the following half scriptare sentiment:

"The country editor riseth in the morning and knoth not what a day may bring forth. If he telleth all the news he runneth a great risk of having a tin ear put on him, so he speak, and if he telleth not the news the people say he is no good, and there is no joy in it. The crafty man cojoleth him into giving him a fifty-cent puff for a five cent cigar, and mothers frown on him if he fails to flatter their freckled-faced broods. And all his ways are ways of woe, and his days are full of sorrow. The life insurance man setteth snares for him and because of his ineredence he is the laughing stock of the know-nothings—and on the whole he is ready to cry out, my life is a burden all because of the genus kicker's presence in the land."

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

The pupils of the high school took Prof. Hawkes' house by storm last week Wednesday evening. About fifty of his scholars quietly stowed themselves away in the house while he was being deluded into a walk. When he returned and was trying to effect an entrance while all around was darkness, a shout of welcome went up from fifty voices and assured the worthy professor that his home was in other hands. It is needless to say that he was completely "taken in." A more bewildered looking man would be hard to find. He stood for a moment dazed at the sight then gracefully submitted that for once his scholars had gotten the best of him. After a general handshaking and words of welcome the merry circle made things lively for several hours during the course of which Prof. Hawkes was again taken off his feet when Mr. Morgan Rundel, with a few fitting words, presented in the name of the school, a heavy hand gold ring as a token of their regard and esteem. In his response Prof. Hawkes remarked that language could feebly express his appreciation of their kindness and interest, but deep in his heart there was a silent and grateful response. That the ring was very fitting to represent a circle of friendship that for three years had encircled his life and that he valued far more than the gift itself that for which it was a token. He felt himself honored by this recognition and esteem of pupils so worthy and who, at all times, had been so well deserving. The whole affair was very enjoyable that the midnight hour had passed before the last farewell had been taken.

Prof. Hawkes' work among us has been so successful and so popular that his departure from our midst creates a deep feeling of regret among the pupils and many patrons of the school. The school has wonderfully prospered under his management and no higher wish can be entertained for the school than that it may ever keep that standing and rank among the public schools of the state that it now possesses, and we know that as Mr. Hawkes goes to new fields of labor he will be followed by the gratitude of the community that he has worked so faithfully and unremittingly to build up the name and character of our school which it now possesses.

Examination for State Certificates.

Teachers desiring to be examined for state certificates, as provided by Section 15, of the Public Acts of 1889, are informed that an examination will be held at Bay View, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, August 11, and continuing for five days. Persons desiring to take this examination can ascertain full particulars by addressing the number of the State Board of Education, or

JOSEPH ESTABROOK, Lansing,
Sec'y State Board of Education.

Notice to Taxpayers.

J. O. Beattie, Marshal, will be at his office for the collection of village taxes on every Thursday in July. After July 31st three per cent will be added for collection.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

Corporation taxes will be received by me, Lucy G. Beattie, collector for the village, without extra percentage during the month of July. All taxes must be paid on or before August 1, 1890, by order and resolution of the village council.

JAMES O. BEATTIE,
Village Marshal.

Dated June 19, 1890.

NOTICE.

Whereas, My wife Margaret having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

JOHN WILLOUGHBY.

Troy, June 3, 1890.

A REQUEST.

Isn't there something in the following list that you would like to buy of me as agent for Chicago books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, hosiery, gloves, rueling, butt-ns, dress stays, braids, silk, twist, needles and steels, pins, needles, harpins, yellings, embroidery, cottons, silk, etc., etc.

L. T. FURMAN.

EPOCH.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health, to the use of the Great Alterative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c and $1 per bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. 6

BIRMINGHAM UNION SCHOOL.

A Report of the School Year and a Sketch of its Progress for the Past Three Years.

The report of each room is given separately and then the report of the school as a whole.

FIRST PRIMARY ROOM.

Total number days taught, 204; total No. of girls entered, 49; total No. of boys entered, 49; total No. of pupils entered, 98; total No. non-resident, 2; average No. belonging, 89; average per cent. attendance, 95.

SECOND PRIMARY ROOM.

Total number days taught, 204; total No. of girls entered, 36; total No. of boys entered, 14; total No. of pupils entered, 50; total No. non-residents, 4; average No. belonging, 44; average per cent. attendance, 92.

FIRST GRAMMAR ROOM.

Total number days taught, 204; total No. of girls entered, 21; No. of boys, 29; total No. of pupils entered, 50; average No. of attendance, 48; average per cent. of attendance, 92; No. of non-resident pupils, 4.

SECOND GRAMMAR ROOM.

Total number days taught, 204; total No. of girls entered, 27; No. of boys, 25; total No. of pupils, 52; No. of non-resident pupils, 8; average attendance each day, 48; average attendance per cent., 94.

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Total number days taught, 204; total No. of boys entered, 34; No. of girls, 31; No. of pupils entered, 91; No. of non-resident pupils, 44; average No. attending, 70; average per cent. attendance, 93.

WHOLE SCHOOL REPORT.

Total number of days taught, 1,020; total No. of boys entered, 148; total No. of girls, 190; total No. of pupils enrolled, 338; total No. non-resident pupils, 63; average attendance in number, 309; average attendance per cent., 91.

Amount estimated to be taken in for language fee, $80.

Amount of foreign tuition estimated: Fall term, $30; winter term, $25; spring term, $15; total receipts with estimated language fee, $642.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HAWKES, Supt.

It seems proper for the present time when a change in the policy of the school administration is contemplated, to review over the main features of the school under its present form of jurisdiction.

Three years ago the school was in a transitional period, being changed as it was from an eleven to a twelve grade school. The extra grade being added to the high school course it brought the extra labor upon that school alone. The work being extended one year it made an additional amount of one fourth as much labor to do in the same amount of time. It was found after fair trial that the work was utterly impossible for two teachers to perform in a manner that work ought to be performed in a high school. One of the teachers of the high room was obliged to hear ten classes per day and the principal to hear nine and attend to his general duties as principal in the other grades. The amount of work gave to each teacher barely twenty-five minutes per recitation. This state of things could not commend itself to anyone, so a change was proposed based up on this principle that whatever was done should be done well. There seemed to be two ways of bettering things. One was to change it back to an eleven graded school as it was before, or to secure more assistance for the work to be done. Not wishing to take any backward step the latter course was adopted. The courses were now somewhat enlarged, other courses introduced and perfected to make them as good as the courses in the best schools in the state. As a result of this, the school was examined by the State University and admitted on her diploma list in three courses. This proved the excellent condition of the school, that the work that was being done was superior both as to its value as educational work and thoroughness of execution. On the 9th of November, 1889, we were officially informed by the president of Adrian College that graduates from our school would be accepted on diploma. On the 20th of January the same official news came from Albion College and on the 11th of this month, June 1890, we were formally notified by the principal of the State Normal, Prof. J. M. B. Sill, that graduates from our school would be admitted to the Normal courses on presentation of diploma. The fact that these first educational institutions of the state will receive the graduates of our school on such terms, may not be of much practical value to all who graduate here, yet it is a mark of recognition we ought to be proud of. It is a better sign than anything else of the standing we hold in the state as a public school. The question "is it practical to support such a school in a place like Birmingham," is easily answered by noticing the effect it has upon the school. There may be something in the fact that under the present system the non-resident tuition accruing has increased over $200, and the prospects are that if the same quality of instruction is continued there will be a greater increase.

In estimating the amount of extra tax this will cause it is found to be approximately one-twentieth of a mill on a dollar, an amount that will scarcely be noticed by a tax payer, and which they certainly will not grumble at when they know how much better the school is made thereby. Again it injures any institution to be constantly changing its plans and methods of doing business, and to change the curriculum and courses of studies so soon after its change to its present system, will be exceeding unfortunate to such pupils as are laying their plans for graduating in the present courses, and will be a great disappointment to many who are delighted to have the privelges of such an excellent school in so small a place.

In regard to the equipments of the school many improvements have been made. The laboratories both physical and chemical have been fitted and adapted for the best results in scientific study. The school library has been improved, enlarged and systematized and is in the special charge of a librarian. The tone of the whole school is healthy and prosperous, no outbreaks of discipline. While many of the schools in the land are disturbed and depressed by discord and uprising we have peace and prosperity at home. We would recommend a policy that will secure the best schools the citizens of Birmingham are able to support, that will secure for those schools teachers of capacity, training and experience, that will see that the most rational, effective and progressive methods of instruction are employed and thereby preserve the fair name that Birmingham schools have now at home and abroad. Very respectfully,

W. H. HAWKES, Supt.

BIRMINGHAM, MY BIRMINGHAM!

Oh Birmingham! my Birmingham! Put your hands before your face. Just think of being outdone by Clawson, a place that can boast only of one store, a grist mill and 40 inhabitants or *less*. But for all that it celebrated the glorious old Fourth with a picnic, fireworks and a bowery dance. During the day Colonel Drew an old soldier made a few timely and patriotic remarks which were well cheered. Among other prominent men we saw M. K. Taber, of Birmingham; G. W. Elson, of Detroit; M. W. Ellsworth, of the same place; and Alfred Olmstead, of Flint, formerly of Troy. The dance in the evening was certainly a success. Chinese-lanterns shone, making everything have a brilliant glow, and the music was first class. After the young folks had become heated by dancing, they were soon refreshed at a stand kept by C. E. Buell, where any amount of cream pop, lemonade, confectionary, etc., could be had.

AN ANSWER AND SUGGESTION.

In answer to the query in last week's ECCENTRIC, "When is the picnic at the Village Improvement Society's Park, etc.," a reader wishes us to read the following and also informs us that the writer of that paragraph has insured for him the first place in the army that is some day to march out and do the work at our park—the village park, and not the Improvement Society's park. That society is saving its funds to put out trees, etc., in all parts of the town and not in any one part of it.

"NOVEL WAY TO CELEBRATE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 5.—Asheville celebrated the Fourth with a unanimity and enthusiasm never before approached in her history. The event of the day was the formal opening of Montford Park to the public. One thousand men, white and colored, formed in columns of fours at the Court square armed with picks and shovels and marched to the park, three miles distant, and in an hour completed one mile of public drive for which each man received $1. Thousands of spectators witnessed the novel scene."

[All right, we'll be there ready for lunch, etc. But seriously speaking, why would it not be a good idea to canvas the village and see how many teams could be had to work and how many men would give a day's work? Have a great big bouncing bee of every villager and make the old gravel pit shine and look like a paradise. Some one start the ball a rolling. We'll furnish three men one day each for a starter.—ED.]

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Miss May McKinley closed a very successful term of school last Thursday in district No. 5.

Miss Mattie Chapman is visiting her sister at Greenville.

Mr. Heeron, of Bay City, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Parent.

Miss Hattie Caul has closed her school at Wing Lake and is home spending her vacation.

Mrs. Ella Klett and son Elmer are visiting friends at Amherstburg. They intend taking a trip around the lakes before returning.

Miss Helen Shepard is visiting friends at Birmingham and is sick there at the present writing.

THE PULPIT AND THE STAGE.

Rev. F. M. Shrout, Pastor United Brethren church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight."

Arthur Love, Manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence, I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1. 6

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.