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

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HOME NOTES.

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Happy New Year to all.

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Norton's full orchestra at next hop.

Everybody is glad that Christmas is past.

West Bloomfield news crowded out this week.

We had a regular old fashioned blizzard last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chamberlin returned from their visit at Lawton last week.

Two or three of our bicyclers enjoyed a ride on their wheels Christmas day.

Notice the new time table of the old reliable D., G. H. & M. R'y in this issue.

Taxes and Christmas have made everybody's pocket-book feel very, very slim.

Good costumes for only $1 furnished by the Baines Sisters for the masquerade.

J. S. Stockwell & Co., of Pontiac, are out with a change of adv't this week. Read it.

Installation of officers and feast at Birmingham Grange, next Saturday evening.

Read what James Todd & Son, of Clawson, have to say in cheap column this week.

Miss Maud Rainey has been making her many friends in town a visit the past week.

Mrs. C. Utter and Miss Mamie are expected home the last of this week from Denver, Colo.

The Baines Sisters, of Detroit, will furnish costumes at reasonable rates for the masquerade.

Mrs. N. M. Corey and daughter Ida After a two months' absence in Detroit are home again to stay.

Mark Miller has been giving his many old friends, and they are numerous, the shake for the past week.

Our school board will soon issue a new catalogue, a much needed article as there is a good demand for them.

The total population of this country including all the Territories, as reported by the Census Bureau, is 62,622,250.

After Christmas then taxes and then the Monitor Insurance Company comes around and gets the small change that is left.

Whitehead & Mitchell put up their storm house last week and hit it exactly, the result of following the weather signals.

John M. Rainey took a hand in indoor base ball last week at the Princess rink in Detroit and of course his side won—it always does.

The Baines Sisters, costumers, will supply all in want of anything in their line at the masquerade party at National Hall, January 23.

Master George W. Corey, of Detroit, passed his holiday vacation in Birmingham this year and from all appearances he heartily enjoyed it.

The boys took down a snow scraper to the pond last week and with a little hard work managed to have pretty good skating most of the time.

Mrs. Edwin Baldwin and Mattie are home for the holidays, but when school begins again next week Mrs. B. will return to Detroit with her daughter.

Experiments at the Agricultural College, show that in a given amount of food, the Hereford cattle take on the most fat; Shorthorns, second; Devons, third.

Mr. Charles Blamberg, of Stanton, Mich., visited H. Irving and family over Sunday last and called upon many old acquaintances during his short stay here.

C. S. Travis knows how to order a lot of programs for a home entertainment, that is he knows how to word his order so that he gets all anyone can for the cash invested.

Hurrah for the old Pontiac Gazette! This old and time tried paper closed its 47th year with its last issue and to-day is strong, active and up with the times in every particular.

G. A. Watkins, the prosperous life insurance-farmer capitalist, has a change of adv't in this issue. Farmers read it carefully and understand that it means money to you.

Hal Gibbs made his old friends a short call last week and met his usual lively reception by his many acquaintances. He reports everything booming with him in his new store at Howard City.

Our agile express agent Mr. Austin Parks has had his initiation in the perpetrations of the holiday rush of express parcels and with his "shorts" and "overs" he begins to think that life is hardly worth living after all.

For rheumatic and neuralgic pains, rub in Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment and take Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla. You will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure.

The Rev. Duncan Rule, formerly of this place, but now a student of Hamline University, Hamline, Minn., is visiting friends and relatives in this place. He will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening.

The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Society will be held at the library room, Saturday evening, January 10, 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, for the election of officers and the transaction of the business of the year. S. Trowbridge, Secy.

The circulation of the blood—quickened and enriched—bears life and energy to every portion of the body; appetite returns; the hour of rest brings with it sound repose. This can be secured by taking Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla.

All tobacco retailers who have 250 pounds or over of tobacco are entitled to two cents a pound on all stock on hand the first day of January, 1891, from the government. Blanks have been furnished our dealers who no doubt will take advantage of the rebate.

"Rodney the Partisan," by Castleman promised more than a year ago, is at last ready. This book, itself a sequel, promises another sequel, which will be purchased as soon as published, but that will not be until some time during the coming year.

Henry W. Randall is laid up with a severe attack of erysipelas and at one time it was feared that he would have to lose his left hand, but thanks to Dr. Buell, of Franklin, the hand was saved though a finger may have to go yet before the disease effectually subsides. Henry is a great sufferer and bears it like a hero.

At the annual communication of Birmingham Lodge No. 11, F. & A. M., held last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Eugene Brooks, W. M.; Walter North, S. W.; Wm. H. Smith, J. W.; M. K. Taber, Treas.; A. Partridge, Sec'y; A. C. Tibbits, S. D.; Frank Withey, J. D.; M. B. Dennis, J. B. Hunt, Stewards; Samuel Jarvis, Tyler.

If ever a jolly crowd struck a place there was one at Claud Harris' last Friday night. About thirty of our young people made themselves at home as only young people can and the way they enjoyed themselves reflects great credit on Claud and Mollie as host and hostess. The party broke up about two o'clock with everybody wishing for many another such a good time for everyone present.

Rev. J. A. Sherrard is now nicely located at Freelonia, Penn., and has a fine congregation to talk to and draws a large salary. Recently he was called to Ohio by the death of his wife's father, Mr. Wallace. He is well pleased with his congregation and they with him. We have heard that Mr. Sherrard's lines have fallen in such pleasant places.

Yesterday closed up another year of the banking business of the Exchange Bank of Birmingham and a very satisfactory one it proves to be, too. A larger business than ever before has been transacted and everything is in a flourishing condition. Nearly $1,000 has been paid out in interest and not one single patron of the bank has been dissatisfied with their dealing at this much needed enterprise.

A patron of the Pontiac lecture course sits down decidedly upon the managers of the course and also upon the proprietors of the hall for the way in which the city hoodlums are allowed to cat call, whoop, scream, whistle and in many other ways insult the audience. Pontiac, county seat, sheriff, deputies, prosecuting attorney, all there and the bad boys still uppermost? Send for Beattie!

Died, at his home Monday morning at about one o'clock, Mr. Wm. Sturman, after a long and painful illness caused by paralysis. Mr. Sturman moved to our village from Southfield and had just became owner of Mrs. Moore's place, which he had designed to rebuild and make over into a home for himself and family. He was a good citizen and highly respected by many who knew him.

For some time the Detroit News has been hinting that it had a surprise in store for its readers. Now the announcement has been made that they will publish a beautiful and useful magazine every three months, and present it free to every one of their regular subscribers. The magazine will be called "The Quarterly Register of Current History," and will contain the history of the whole world with beautiful illustrations. The first issue will appear during the month of February. Full particulars about this new enterprise can be found in The Evening News.

Tickets are out for the nineteenth annual masquerade of the Ladies' Library Society, January 23, 1891. The bill is one dollar. Supper will be served by the ladies of the Congregational Association. Oysters 25 cents a dish with sandwiches, cold meats, cake, coffee, etc., thrown in. If you are a dancer, you can find no better managed party; if you are not, go as a spectator, look on until you are hungry, then go to supper and have the consciousness of knowing that you have helped two worthy societies, that help to make the town of which you boast.

A Sarnia man dropped into the telegraph office a few days ago and here is sounding that he saw: A lady entered, and as she drew a blank toward her said: "I told my husband to order a motto banner in London. It's to be used for our Sunday school room. But I forgot to tell him what the inscription was to be, or how large I wanted it. If I send him the particulars how soon will he get the message?" The operator answered this definite question as best he could, and the message was written. We rather imagine her husband was startled when he received it, for without explanation it simply said: "Mr. ——, Grigg House, London. Unto us a child is born, two feet long and eight feet wide. Mary."—London Free Press.

The Misses Baines, of Detroit, will be on hand at the masquerade with a finer lot of costumes (if that is possible) than ever before shown in this place. They are kind, courteous ladies and know how to please their patrons. If you contemplate attending the party and don't know what kind of a costume to make, or feel that you haven't the time to spare for such work, do not let that prevent you from going, just call at National hotel the afternoon or evening of the dance and select a costume that suits you both in regard to style and and price. Good suits may be had for $1 and the highest the price the more elaborate the costume.

To-day is the day that we cut our pumpkin and many will be disappointed and some one will be made indescribably happy by receiving a new White sewing machine with all its new attachments. No one connected with our business has a guess and no one having a guess on the pumpkin will be allowed to count the seeds or have anything to do with the settling of the question. As soon as the number is found out we will announce the winner and the number of seeds and next week will be able without doubt to announce the lucky one or if there is more than one, then we will announce all the lucky ones. At two o'clock trouble will begin and all are invited to come and have a hand in. It is expected that the winner will set up the "pumpkin pie" any way.

That ambitious paper, The Detroit Journal, is unwilling to play second fiddle to any, and its new Year Book for 1891 completely bears out its claim of being finer than any previous work of the kind ever issued. This book contains in its 148 pages a remarkable amount of valuable information, alphabetically arranged, and among other things, the complete 1890 census figures, election statistics in full, etc. It is also profusely and beautifully illustrated with over one hundred "half tone" engravings (from photographs), all made expressly for the book, and is printed on fine paper and bound in a beautiful cover. It is an immense improvement on its two predecessors and should be found in every home. It is given free to all subscribers of The Detroit Journal, but others can have a copy mailed them by remitting 30 cents in stamps to The Detroit Journal.

Here is another scheme worked by three sharpers to fleece any one willing to be gulled: "The first two appear at the house and want to leave a piano so the farmer can display it to his friends. A representative of the company follows. He will board with the farmer and teach his children music, and if the farmer succeeds in selling a certain number of pianos he shall have one free. All he has to do is to simply sign a contract that he has taken the piano on these conditions. Of course the contract turns up an order in the hands of another party and the farmer is forced to pay for the piano." In time farmers will have to keep out a regular line, as they do in war times, to warn them of approaching danger. A farmer is statistically as good, sociable and honest, and every good-for-nothing loafer in the country is scheming to take advantage of these excellent traits in his character. But we venture the opinion that where one is fooled twenty cannot be touched by any such humbuggery. Generally speaking, there are no better posted men anywhere than the farmers of Michigan.—Ex.

In the January St. Nicholas—the second of the holiday numbers of this magazine—Charles Dudley Warner calls up the thousands of its readers to hear "A Talk about Reading," which is delivered with all the earnestness of a true humorist when talking of grave matters. The Pratt Institute, Brooklyn's "Great Industrial School," is fully described by a well informed writer, and explained by the artistic illustrations of Mr. Wiles, and the young people will marvel at this wonderful school wherein are taught all things teachable, from high art to dusting a room. Of the more temporary attractions, there is a Christmas story by Roswell Smith, illustrated by George Inness, Jr.; a poem by Celia Thaxter; funny pictures by Bensell; a short but complete article on Michael Angelo by Alexander Black, illustrated by the frontispiece—the statue of the artist by Zocchi; a jingle with humorous illustrations by Brenon, and other contributions, perhaps not inferior in merit to some of those named. As usual, the magazine is distinguished by being eminently attractive without a trace of sensationalism. For Sale by Mrs. L. Sawyer.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Harriett Privatt, who died on the morning of December 26.

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FATAL ACCIDENT.

A most distressing accident and one which resulted fatally, was that which befel Mr. Peters, the aged father of Hermann Peters the efficient foreman of the railroad section gang.

The old gentleman was something over 75 years old, and when he went to get on the train Christmas day, to go to his son's at Drayton Plains, where himself and wife were intending to spend their Christmas holiday, the train had already commenced to move, and as the old man was on the side of the train farthrest from the depot, no one saw him but the station agent, Mr. Aldrich, and before he could get to his assistance, the old gentleman had been jerked off his feet and the train was already gaining headway.

Mr. Aldrich called to him to let go of the railing to the car, but this the old gentleman refused to do, when Mr. Aldrich seeing that it must result in his being terribly mangled under the cars, took hold of him at the risk of his own life and tried to drag him from under the wheels, but finding that he could not do this, he let go of him and in a few seconds more the old man fell go his hold and fell, striking his head on the frozen ground inflicting a severe wound, but luckily falling clear of the train.

His wife was still on the train and although she was aware that he had been left at this station, she did not know that he had been injured until a telephone message apprised her of the fact. Drs. LeBaron of Pontiac and Raynale of Birmingham, were called and everything that could be done for the injured man was attended to, but he persistently refused to take any sustenance, and died from exhaustion Sunday afternoon.

The remains were interred in Green wood cemetery on Wednesday, and while everyone deplores the sudden death of the old man, there can be no possible blame attached to anyone for the accident, as he got on the train from the opposite side from the depot, and where none of the train hands could possibly see him, and it was by the merest chance that Mr. Aldrich saw him and helped him as much as he did.

OUR LIBRARY.

Do you know that we have right in our midst a remarkable library for a country town of scant 1,000 people?

Over 1,600 volumes are on its shelves, and by that we do not mean that over 1,600 have been purchased and that many of these have been worn out, lost or thrown out, we mean that all lost and worn out books have been replaced and that this number means those ready for circulation.

Eighty have been added this year and among them you will find many of the best books of the season, both of fact and fiction.

We venture to say that in no place whether village or city can you get the new books with so little waiting, and so small an outlay of time and money as here.

We most cordially invite everyone, whether members or not, to visit our room on Saturdays, assured that we will consider it a pleasure to show you any book in our collection to which you may wish to refer. We will also be glad to receive at any time any suggestions in regard to our books or our rooms that may suggest themselves to our visitors. We aim to do the best work in our power for the community and to do it in such a way as will reach the greatest number.

A MEMBER.

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

Among the many pleasant social gatherings and surprises held in Birmingham Christmas evening especial mention must be made of one that occurred at the home of our genial townsman Montgomery Shutes. About twenty of Mr. Shutes' fisherman friends had associated themselves together and procured the services of Mrs. Spinning, an artist of Detroit, to draw for them a life like fishing scene representing Mr. Shutes, in the act of landing a large fish, the picture being 27x36 inches in size and handsomely framed by George Baines.

About 8 o'clock Christmas evening these Birmingham fishermen proceeded to the home of Mr. Shutes and after he had recovered from his surprise Mr. J. A. Bigelow began to take him to task for his delinquencies and his efforts to drain the lakes of Oakland county of their game fish with a hook and line and of the many big fish he almost but did not quite catch. The Birmingham fishermen appreciating his efforts in this regard had endeavored to express their feelings in this beautiful picture in which he seems to have caught the fish he so long had sought and no doubt with but little assistance would soon be safely landed.

No pen can here describe the expression on Montgomery's face at this time, it would have to be seen to be appreciated, he seemed to have grown ten years younger all at once.

The congratulations he received were very fervent and abundant and after partaking of some refreshments and social recreation the friends took their departure wishing their host and hostess a merry Christmas and many a happy New Year.

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OBITUARY.

In the death of Mr. A. W. Adams, which occurred Monday, Geneva has lost one of its most highly respected citizens. He was connected with the Auditor's Department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company for upwards of thirty-five years, consecutively, with the exception of a few years while acting in the same capacity with the Salem and New Albany and the Chicago and Alton Roads. Mr. Adams was well known to railroad men in Illinois and Indiana, and was recognized as a most accomplished and faithful officer in the line of his special work.

Mr. Adams was the son of Dr. Isaac Adams, of Newburyport, Mass. The family moved to Michigan many years ago, where the subject of this sketch learned the printer's trade, and subsequently edited and published the Pontiac Jacksonian.

In 1848 he was married to Sarah Bliss of Birmingham, Mich., and in the following year they came to Illinois, where, for a time, he was employed on the Chicago Tribune, as a writer, and also contributed articles for that paper. In 1859 he removed with his family to Geneva, where he continued to reside until his death, at the age of 70 years. He was a man of more than ordinary information, a graceful writer and always entertaining in conversation. Possessed of the strictest integrity, a genial and benevolent disposition he was respected and highly esteemed by all who knew him. His influence was always on the side of right and justice, and he was ever ready to contribute according to his limited means to aid the poor and unfortunate. For many years and down to the time of his death he had taken a deep interest in the Masonic order, to which he was a conspicuous member and he was so familiar with the ritual as to be able to recite it from memory from beginning to end.

But it was in the family circle and in the society of his friends where the finer traits of his character more fully appeared. He was a devoted, loving husband and an indulgent father. His conversation sparkled with humor and refined wit, and he was always entertaining to young and old, especially to children, of whom he was always fond. In his religious views he was broad and Catholic. To him the righteous man was the man whose life was right. He never amassed wealth, but he leaves as a legacy to his children what is better, a good name.—Chicago Journal.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

During the remainder of the present school year, teachers' examinations will be held as follows: At the high school building, Milford, Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, 1891; at the court house, Pontiac, Thursday and Friday, March 4 and 5, 1891, Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, 1891, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, 1891, Thursday and Friday, August 6 and 7, 1891, also August 28 and 29, 1891, at a place not yet determined.

Third grade work can be done at the above examinations and applications for this grade will be examined in theography, reading, penmanship, spelling and written arithmetic, geography, grammar, theory and art of teaching, United States history, civil government and physiology. An average of 65 per cent is required of third grade applicants.

Higher grade work can only be done on March 4 and 5 and August 6 and 7. Branches required for the second grade in addition to those of the third, are algebra, natural philosophy and school law. An average of 90 per cent is required of second grade applicants. Branches for first grade, in addition to those for second, are book-keeping, history and plane geometry. An average of 95 per cent is required of applicants in this grade.

The above examinations will begin promptly at 8.30 o'clock a. m., sharp, except the one at Milford, which will begin at 1 o'clock p. m. First and second grade applicants will be required to work two days; third grade applicants one and one-half days. Teachers who have taken the course recommended by the State Reading Circle, will be excused from examination in theory and art of teaching.

EUMER R. WEBSTER, Sec.

SOUTHFIELD SPRINGS.

A goodly number were present at the Silver Medal Contest last week, the successful competitor being Miss Cora Brioche. Mr. Max McKinney was appointed chairman of the next contest.

Among those spending the holidays out midst we notice Misses Mattie Newman, Sadie Hutton, Jane Bell, Ella Young, Lizzie Cannon and Messrs. Reddaway, Everett Dunlap, Will Cracken, also John McClelland, who the past two years has been in Detroit.

Pollock McDonald, a former Southfielder, preached to an interested audience at the R. P. church last Sabbath.

School is closed in district No. 2, for a two weeks' vacation.

School is closed in the Barrett district because of diphtheria.

Mrs. Haley Stevens, reported very ill last week, is better.

Miss Belle Erwin returned from a visit at Harbor Springs recently, accompanied by Mat Erwin and wife.

The surprise party at Mr. Moore's last week was largely attended and a complete success.

Mrs. McGregor has returned from a visit to the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. Greer.