SCIENTIFIC CORNER.

CURRENT NOTES OF INVENTION AND DISCOVERY.

Stuffed Animals Used as Furniture—An Umbrella Kite—Umbrella for Lazy Men—Psychology in Medical Study—Casting of Steel.

THE utilization of stuffed animals as articles of furniture is one of the mosteurious vagaries of English fashion. It is not a new one, the custom having originated some thirty years ago. One of the earliest designs was a horse's hoof—that of a favorite charger made into a silver-mounted ink stand. Chairs were also made which were supported by the four legs of a rhinoceros or zebra, or a favorite horse. More elaborate uses for animals were in time designed.

The original of the illustration of a bear mounted as a dumb-waiter stands in the smoking room of Marlborough House, the residence of the Prince of Wales. The bear was shot in Russia by the Prince some years ago. Another highly original design is a chair, made out of a young giraffe, owned by a famous English hunter and sportsman, J. Gardiner Muir.

Psychology in Medical Study.

The time has long passed when the psychological phases of disease are ignored or made light of by intelligent medical men. The history of disease is replete with accounts of conditions and symptoms that have no physical basis whatever. The mind may be material, indeed it is and must be, although of a material differing widely from its flesh and bone environment. Only those who have suffered the varying agonies of mental depression, and what, for lack of a better name, is called hysteria, nervous depression and monomanias of various sorts, can judge of the reality of the tortures to which the victims are subjected. So evident has the necessity for more knowledge on these subjects become to some of the most eminent physicians in the world that the London University proposes to include psychology in its medical curriculum. The students will be examined as to their knowledge of all matters involving the connection of the mental and physical. This is something to thank Heaven for. In the Dark Ages nervousness, mental disturbance, hysteria and kindred ills were declared to be either the manifestations of the devil or the malice of witchcraft. It is a hopeful sign of the times when scientists recognize the relation between mind and body which have been among simple folk fully established facts ever since the beginning of the Christian era.

If You're a Lazy Man.

A support for umbrellas, the adoption of which gives the wearer the free use of both hands and at the same time keeps the umbrella open and in position, is a device just patented by a New Jersey genius. This attachment, which weighs but three and a half ounces, it is claimed will be a boon to ladies who have shopping to do in stormy weather and who have their hands fully occupied in caring for their numerous bundles. Postmen who find it difficult to successfully handle an open umbrella and deliver or collect mail at the same time, and drivers who have no shelter from snow or rain may also derive benefit from this unique device. The support consists of a light wire framework, which is held in position by two straps, one of which passes about the body like a belt and the other over the shoulder. Attached to the shoulder strap is a spring framework of wire, which clamps about the handle of the umbrella and holds it in

place, keeping it open over the wearer's head. A spring which can be easily forced open by the thumb releases the umbrella when it is not required for use, and the holder can be unbuckled and carried in the pocket without inconvenience. The holder will fit any umbrella of ordinary size and can be worn either outside or inside the storm coat.

The Casting of Steel.

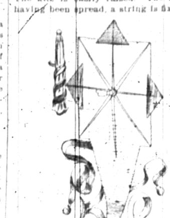
In casting steel there has always been more or less difficulty from the tendency of the melted metal to splash. This produces flaws and cracks on the surface of the ingots used for forging guns. These ingots weigh five tons and upward. It naturally arises that such a large quantity of metal falling from a height into the molds would spatter and splash. The particles thrown off cool rapidly and are productive of a great deal of trouble. By a new and simple method this is prevented. A tube is prepared of thin sheet iron, such as is used for roofing. The tube is twenty-four inches in inside diameter, and is suspended from an iron ring, to which there are riveted three bars on the surface of the mold. The steel is poured from the bottom of the ladle into the middle of the iron tube. All the splashes are thrown on the walls of the tube, which gradually melts away during the rise of the surface of the liquid steel in the mold. It is by such little devices as this that a great deal of time, trouble and work is saved.

Familiar Science.

The observer of small things knows the signs of the times about the weather. When there is going to be a heavy storm the geese cackle, the chickens gather themselves together and ruffle their feathers up, the swallows and martins fly low, the robin is silent, the mole digs harder than ever and the hedgehog fortifies his home in a way which has given him some reputation as a weather prophet. As soon as it begins to rain, watch the fowls if you would know what the day is to be. If the chickens droop their feathers, draw their wings in close and start out on a parade or go about searching for food, you can make up your mind that the rain is to continue. If they seek shelter and persistently stay there, the rain is to be of brief duration. If in the morning there are dew-covered spider-webs all over the grass, the day is to be clear, for the spider knows better than to start her net when it would be beaten down at once by the rain. Beasts, birds and insects have a sense of coming events that many weather prophets of reputation would like to possess.

About an Umbrella Kite.

A Frenchman has invented a wonderful umbrella kite, which will sail much higher and pull much harder than any ordinary kite that you ever saw. He calls it an "aerophile." It has a wire frame very much like that of an umbrella, which not only serves to make the kite strong, but enables the owner to fold it up and carry it around in his handbag. The covering is of cloth, thus making the kite so strong that it will not break or tear by striking against houses or trees. The tail is formed of ribbons ten and twelve feet long, with little pockets designed to receive sand or stones for ballast. They may be filled more or less according to the strength of the wind, and they are kept closed by rubber bands. The kite is easily raised. The frame having been spread, a string is fixed to



the central ring by a knot or a small hook, made of a hairpin. With the first gust of wind the aerophile soars aloft. It is quite strong enough to carry up a considerable weight, and if is was made large enough there is no reason why a boy couldn't take a ride through the air.

Nature's Cold-Storage House.

In the valley of the Petchora river, which flows from the Ural mountains into the Arctic ocean near Nova Zembla, there is a state of things which is attracting the attention of naturalists, and is only one more example of how judiciously nature does her work when her primitive conditions are observed. This valley has a sturdy growth of crowberries, cloudberries, cranberries, any number of small fruit-bearing plants, with heath moss and lichens, some of which bear seeds and fruit in great profusion. An eminent ornithologist, in the course of his researches in this locality, stopped for a little time. There were millions of acres covered with these growths. The Arctic summer has a perpetual sun and the indigenous plants and trees grow and develop with great rapidity. The summer comes suddenly, and with it innumerable birds of all varieties; but they come to what seems a barren waste, for there is nothing visible but snow and ice. Within twenty-four hours, however, this frost-bound region changes its appearance; the snow dissolves, the ice melts away, and nature's bounty stands revealed. The autumn snow falls here and cover the plants with their loads of fruit, keeping it in the most perfect condition until the springtime, when it furnishes food for the millions of birds that make this their summer home.

Big Cotton Presses.

Of the many cotton presses which were in operation in New Orleans sixty years ago the two principal ones were the Levee cotton press and the Orleans cotton press. They were large and massive buildings, each occupying, like most of the others, a square of ground. The Levee cotton press was built in 1832 by a company bearing the same name at a cost of $500,000, and was two stories high. It compressed some 200,000 bales of cotton a year. The Orleans press, also fronting on the river, occupied an area of 632 feet by 308, the building nearly covering the whole space. This press, which was begun in 1833 and completed in 1835, cost over $753,000, compressed about 150,000 bales per annum, and could store 25,000 bales of cotton. Its immense length gave it a very imposing appearance from the river.

Crushed Again.

"What"——

The bloated footman stood on the threshold of the house of the wealthy millionaire, resolved to prevent the entrance of the reporter at all hazards.

——"is it?"

The query was asked in a tone of under-bred superiority that galled the soul of the newspaper man.

"What"——

The reporter replied with another question in ill-concealed impatience.

——"is what?"

In the midst of the turmoil brought on in the brain of the muddled menial by this embarrassing counter thrust the reporter slipped by, and in a few minutes was chatting amiably with the railroad magnate and laying the foundation for a three-column interview in the Daily Knockout.

Hard Times in High Life.

"And so"——

The lip of the pauper earl curled contemptuously——

"Our pork-packing father-in-law refuses further allowances and advises economy!"

The Chicago heiress he had wedded nodded affirmatively, but held her silent——

"Now I understand"—he bit himself hoarsely—"what you Americans mean by saying: 'Things are on the swine!'"

Muttering a curse the descendant of a hundred earls rushed out and hocked his halidome.

He Got the Edge.

Millie—Why have you been drinking?

Leavitt—Because you never will let me say anything.

Millie—Do you think drinking will improve matters?

Leavitt—Yes; I shall be able to get a word in edgeways.

Does Education Educate?

"Mary, I don't understand all the items on this butcher's bill. What does C. P. mean?"

"Salt pork, mum. Sure, an educated leddy like yourself ought to know that, now."—New York Recorder.

It Didn't Matter.

Mrs. Benham—Where shall we sit in church next year?

Benham—I don't care; I'm getting so I can sleep anywhere.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending November 28, 1896:

Mr. H. A. Trenboth, Mrs. Kinning, Mr. Peter Parks.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

To the inhabitants of Birmingham and the surrounding country: When you make up your mind to have your photo taken, don't fail to visit the studio of Tomlinson, the artistic photographer, Birmingham, where you can get as fine work as there is made in the state of Michigan and my prices are very low for first class work. I will take a few barrels of choice winter apples and a few bushels of good potatoes in exchange for work.

TOMLINSON,
Birmingham, Mich.

Special Notices.

17 sticks (latest style) stick candy for a nickel at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Four per cent. interest on savings. Exchange Bank.

For sale at a bargain, my home on Middle street. Good house and barn with excellent well, good cistern. Plenty of small fruits. Lot large and roomy. I want to sell and will make the price right. Water works connection and everything in first class order. Mrs. H. R. Miller, Birmingham, Mich. tf

A bottle of Mitchell's Compound Syrup of White Pine in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

Wanted at once, hickory, suitable for turning handles at the handle factory of J. N. Zimmerman, Birmingham, Mich., formerly Tack Factory. Highest cash price paid. tf

Notice to Tax Payers.

I will be at the store of Jacob Erb, in Royal Oak village, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 and 4, and every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during the month of December except Dec. 25, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

FRANK L. KNOWLES,
Township Treasurer.

Say! at Whitehead & Mitchell's You Can Get

Celery Compound, per bottle	50c
Beef, Iron and Wine, per bottle	50c
Lambert Root Beer Ext., per bottle	10c

ST. JAMES PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(Corner Maple avenue and Chester streets.)

Holy communion, morning prayer and sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 12:00 o'clock.

Choir practice Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Next Thursday evening, Dec. 10, the Ladies' Guild will have a fair and supper in the basement of the church. Admission 5 cents, supper 10 cents. You and your friends are cordially invited.

A PRETTY THEATER BAG.

Dainty to Look at and Very Useful to Carry.

A pretty bag intended to be carried to the theater to hold opera-glasses, vinaigrette, handkerchief, purse, and bonbonniere, was a pale green. The bottom was a circle of pale green brocade, about five inches in diameter. The sides, of velvet, measured about 11 inches in depth and about 21 in width. These were pleated on the circles, the two ends joined up, and the top was turned over three inches to form a frill. Below this was a casing, through which was run velvet ribbon one inch in width, to draw up the bag. Decorating the sides and concealing the openings, where the drawing strings came out, were two bows of wider ribbon and over the velvet point d'esprit lace was arranged, in double box pleats, the upper edge tacked to the velvet frill to keep it an upright position. The bag was lined with pale green China silk, and the Frenchy decoration put on as a finishing touch was a spray of pink silk chrysanthemums.

Color Line in South Africa.

Mr. John Brice writes as follows in the course of an interesting article in the Century Magazine: In South Africa it rarely, if ever, happens that a native, whatever his rank, is received on any social occasion inside a white house. When Khama, the famous chief of the Ba-Mangwato, a Christian, and a man of admittedly high character, who has ruled his people with singular wisdom and ability, was in England last autumn, and was there entertained at lunch by the Duke of Westminster and other persons of social eminence, the news excited general annoyance and disgust among the whites in South Africa. Thus one may say that there is no social intercourse whatever between the races; their relations are purely those of business. Now and then the black man gets ahead of the white, but the latter's pride of race remains. I was told of a white who condescended to be hired to work by a Kaffir, but stipulated that the Kaffir should address him as "Boss." Intermarriage is not forbidden by law in the two British colonies, as in most, if not all, of the Southern States of America, but it is excessively rare; nor does it appear that there are now other irregular unions, outside marriage, as there constantly were in the old days while slavery existed. In this respect the case of South Africa remarkably resembles that of the Southern States, where also there is now very little mixture of blood, though there was a great deal fifty years ago.

Sat on Eggs.

Offenders of high rank at the Russian court were punished in a singular way by Peter the Great. It was the duty of everybody else at court to consider and treat the delinquent as a fool. When Anne, the daughter of Peter's elder brother, Ivan, came to the throne she originated an even queerer form of punishment. She decreed that a certain prince should become a hen, and for this purpose she had made a large basket, stuffed with straw, and hollowed into a nest, with a quantity of eggs in it. This was placed in a conspicuous place in the queen's palace, and there under pain of death, the unfortunate prince was obliged to set day after day, imitating the cackling of the fowl he was supposed to represent.

Esquiers in England.

Esquires follow the younger sons of the knights of the various orders and are themselves succeeded by gentlemen entitled to bear arms.

Climbed the Mount.

Fifteen thousand people climbed Mount Washington the last season.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

Will Clemens has been on the sick list for some time caused by a carbuncle on his arm.

The play given by the school Thanksgiving eve was a great success, likewise the supper served at H. Broughton's.

Harvey Gravlin again narrowly escaped a serious accident near the dam on Friday last. He was thrown from a wagon and some of the load fell on him, but he was quickly rescued by the men present.

Nearly every school in this vicinity was represented at the Pontiac Institute on Friday and Saturday last.

While Dr. N. T. Shaw was making professional calls in the village Sunday a. m., his horse quietly slipped its halter and in a manner not so quiet took its departure for Bedford and adjoining towns. The doctor started in hot pursuit and succeeded in capturing the animal near Kirk Daniels'. The rig was uninjured.

George Lamphere and daughter Sadie have been spending a few days near Lansing.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

The diphtheria cases at Warren are all convalescent. No new cases.

Mrs. Davison, by the will, has the use of the estate during her life.

Frank Hawthorne intends working on the Nickel Plate R. R. this winter. Frank has been sailing this summer.

Wm. White and wife, of Genesee county, visited relatives here recently.

Lew Smith lost three of his family by marriage last week.

Auctioneer Blunt threshed 26 bushels of prime clover seed.

The good looking editor of the Warren Watchman married the belle of the village last week. He has built a nice new house and if the village would pay the poor editor what it owes him besides the dollar we are indebted to him, we see no reason why he cannot furnish his house and live happy. Here's to him and his bride. May they always be happy and prosperous.

The village of Warren has produced a poet of no mean order only the last poem is out of date, election being over.

John Hogo has moved into his own house.

Will Wilson has moved onto the C. Gambol place.

John Warrener died suddenly on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Fred Brace's daughter, Mrs. M. Hacheler, and husband, of Detroit, are visiting relatives in our vicinity.

R. Megehan's team ran away last week making a wreck of the wagon.

One of John Hoga's horses died last week.

Mrs. Warren Babcock is very poorly at present.

R. Hawthorne called on relatives in Marine City last week.

DETROIT THEATRES.

At Whitney's.—Uproarious fun without any taint of vulgarity is the pabulum furnished this week at Whitney's by Mark Murphy in his well known Irish absurdity called "O'Dowd's Neighbors." Mr. Murphy is as comical as ever, and Dionysius Cæsar O'Dowd was greeted by the audience like an old friend. The company supporting Mr. Murphy in the farce is excellent. It includes Jennie Reynolds as the Widow Riley, Patrick Miles as Marcus Anthony McNabb, Harry Budworth as Algernon Clinch, and Thomas F. Watson as Honora O'Grady. Miles and Ireland as the celtic swells; Harry Budworth in a black face monologue; songs by Jennie Reynolds; and acrobatic dances, somersaults and high kicking by the pretty and graceful Elliott Sisters. O'Dowd's Neighbors will run all the week. Last evening only standing room could be had after 8 o'clock. Next week "Charley's Aunt."

"THE SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK."

Next week's attraction at the Lyceum will be the realistic play of life in America's great metropolis, "The Sidewalks of New York." The piece was seen here last season and met with unequivocal success. It is a play full of real life and vivid action and strong dramatic interest, being a picturesque review of incidents by day and night on the streets of Greater New York. Its animated stage pictures show the famous tinde steele "Tenderloin," Herald Square, Upper Broadway, Greeley Statue, Little Italy, Slum Alley, Mulberry Bend, Shot Tower on Brooklyn Dock and many other noted places. In Act III Kearney P. Speedy, the famous high diver, will leap from the shot tower 50 feet through the air into a tank of real water only three feet deep. New and novel specialties are announced in the Herald Square scene.

GONE TO HIS REST.

On Tuesday of last week we were shocked to hear of the death of Wm. Erving, of Detroit. He was a former resident of Troy also this vicinity, for a number of years lived on the Daniel Stewart farm, now the Watkins Stock Farm. His remains were brought to the Troy (Crooks) cemetery on Friday last and interred. His wife and six children survive him. He was a good man and the world would be better were there more like him.

Oakland County Manual of Public Schools

The presses of the Oakland Co. Post have printed for Harry H. Snowdon, Oakland Co. School Commissioner, his fourth County Manual which is replete with useful information and should be in the possession of every school teacher in Oakland county and is full of information to school officers, patrons, teachers and pupils. The general suggestions to teachers cannot fail to be beneficial. Prof. E. P. Waldo has several pages giving an abstract of a paper read by him at a joint meeting of Genesee and Oakland Teachers' Association. "The Street Corner vs. the School," by Philip A. Bennett, is a very interesting article and should be read by every boy in the land. But the banner article is by Mr. Snowdon himself on "Our District Schools," and should be read by every tax payer in the county. H. H. Snowdon is giving much care and attention to his office and has done a great deal to make the profession of school teaching an honorable and a dignified calling. We trust Mr. Snowdon may have as many years of his commissionership as he deserves for certainly no one better qualified for the arduous work can be found in old Oakland than Prof. H. H. Snowdon.

Homeseekers' Excursions.

Agents of Ohio Central Lines will sell Homeseekers' Excursion Tickets to points in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico at one fare for the round trip on November 3 and 17 and December 1 and 15, tickets good returning within 21 days. For full particulars see Agents of Ohio Central Lines or address any of the following Agents: W. A. Peters, Michigan Passenger Agent, No. 7 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich.; H. J. Rhein, General Agent, No. 7 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich.; John Moores, Traveling Passenger Agent, Findlay, Ohio; J. T. Gamble, General Agent, Columbus, Ohio; or address, Moulton Houk, Gen. Pass. Agent, Toledo, Ohio. Dec10

New and Improved Pullman Car Service Between Detroit and Buffalo via Port Huron.

The Grand Trunk Railway System have opened a new route between Detroit and Buffalo, by way of suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls and the new extension of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Magnificent Pullman Vestibuled Sleeping cars containing every modern appliance for luxury, comfort and convenience, have been placed in service via this route, running daily on schedule as below:

Detroit, Buffalo and New York Line.
Leave Detroit (via Tunnel) 10:35 p. m., daily.
Arrive Suspension Bridge 7:00 a. m., daily.
Arrive Tonawanda 7:30 a. m., daily.
Arrive Buffalo 8:10 a. m., daily.
Arrive Philadelphia 7:17 p. m., daily.
Arrive New York 7:53 p. m., daily.

Buffalo sleepers connect at Buffalo with through sleeping and Day Drawing Room Cars for Philadelphia and New York.

The opening of this new route will place the Grand Trunk Railway System in the field for Buffalo business from Detroit and points West and will certainly please the patrons of the Grand Trunk Railway System.

A MICHIGAN ROMANCE.

An interesting story by Stanley Waterloo, also containing valuable information about the summer resorts in the north, will be mailed to any address on receipt of 4c to pay postage. Address, D. G. Edwards, Passenger Traffic Manager C., H. & D. Ry., Cincinnati, Ohio.

A SPECIFIC
—FOR—
La Grippe, for Colds, Coughs, AND LUNG TROUBLES,
AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL

"Two years ago, I had the grippe, and it left me with a cough which gave me no rest night or day. My family physician prescribed for me, changing the medicine as often as he found the things I had taken were not helping

me, but, in spite of his attendance, I got no better. Finally, my husband,—reading one day of a gentleman who had had the grippe and was cured by taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,—procured, for me, a bottle of this medicine, and before I had taken half of it, I was cured. I have used the Pectoral for my children and in my family, whenever we have needed it, and have found it a specific for colds, coughs, and lung troubles."—EMILY WOOD, North St., Elkton, Md.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
Highest Honors at World's Fair.
Cleanse the System with Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Hunting the Wild Goat

The White Goat or Rocky Mountain Goat, as it is indiscriminately called, is a species of big game rarely hunted by sportsmen. This is not so much because of the difficulty of killing the animal, nor because of its actual rarity. It is a stupid animal, easily shot when once found. It is not, however, found in the usual hunting grounds, as are bear, deer, elk, etc. It is remote from the common localities, but where found is in goodly numbers. It ranges very high up in the mountains, above timber line usually, among rocks and cliffs. This requires great labor to get to it, but once there the hunter will get his game nine times out of ten.

If you care to read of a goat hunt made in the Bitter Root Range in Montana, in the fall of 1895, send six cents to Chas. S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn., for Wonderland '96, which recounts such a hunting expedition.

Attention, Bloomfield Tax Payers

I will be at my home on Maple avenue in Birmingham every Friday during December to receive taxes. Saturdays at the office of the County Treasurer, in Pontiac, to receive taxes. No taxes received after 4:30 p. m. Those wishing to pay taxes on other days during the week will find me in Birmingham ready to receive them.

CHAS. E. MILLER,
Township Treasurer.
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Piano Forte Teacher.

I can take a few more pupils in addition to my Detroit class. Classic music a specialty. For terms, address

H. P. SAUTZEL,
Birmingham, Mich.

Detroit Address,
Detroit Conservatory of Music,
Schwankovsky Bldg.
PUPIL OF PROF. FRANZ APEL.
Dec3-Dec31

WHITNEY GOOD SEATS 20 AND 30 CTS.

All This Week.
O'Dowd's Neighbors.
Next Week—CHARLEY'S AUNT.

LYCEUM Matinee Wed. Seats 25c.

Next Week.
The Sidewalks of New York.

A play that never fails to arouse the enthusiasm of the audience.

Don't fail to see Herald Square at Midnight.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said County of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, on the 24th day of November, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of STEPHEN CONGAR, incompetent. On application of Almeron Whitehead, late guardian, for the examination and allowance of his final account and for his discharge as such guardian.

It is ordered that Monday, the 7th day of December next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account, and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Judge of Probate.
[A TRUE COPY.]
Nov12-Dec3

EXECUTOR'S SALE.—In the matter of the estate of David Patchett, deceased. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 10th day of February, 1896, by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises, in the township of Bloomfield, on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said David Patchett died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the town of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly specified and described as follows:

The east half of the southeast quarter of section ten (10) except about seven acres on south end of that part east of gravel road, owned by Coofoot, and also except that part lying on southwesterly side of gravel road, owned by Heacock. The northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section eleven, also about eleven acres described as follows, commencing at the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section eleven, thence south on division line of said quarter section to D & M R R., thence on east side of said railroad, continuing southerly to a point 120 rods from beginning, thence easterly so as to angle eight rods north in going seventeen 7-29 rods east, thence north 112 rods to the quarter section line, thence west on quarter section line to beginning, except part between railroad and Ball Line road, sold to Hough; also all that part of the southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section ten, lying on the northeasterly side of the gravel road.

Dated November 10th, 1896.

JOSEPH ALLEN,
WILLIAM A. HAGERMAN,
Executors.
(Nov12-Dec24)

A RARE CHANCE.

Here is a chance for some wily speculator who wants to make some easy money. Twelve acres of fine land bounded on three sides by streets, square as a checker-board, not an inch of waste land in sight, 1/2 acre of young orchard. Parties want to sell and will close out reasonable. Barn on land. Now then with the boom for Birmingham just in sight, why not lay hold of this piece of land and make a big sum? For particulars call on A. Whitehead, Exchange Bank.

Birmingham Presbyterian Church.

REV. A. MARSH, 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.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. EUGENE C. ALLEN, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:00 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p. m. All are invited.

REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

The Following Choice Parcels of Land Are for Sale in the Real Estate Department of the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich., Where All Inquiries Will Be Cheerfully Answered.

LOT 1.

Four and one-third acres of land in the southeast corner of the village of Birmingham, with a frontage on Woodward avenue, of 330 feet. Good house, small barn, grapes, peaches, etc., all ready to make some one a comfortable home with a chance to make money out of the very best acreage in the village. Electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac along the entire Woodward avenue front. You cannot help making money whether you hold it or plat it. Price very low and terms easy.

LOT 2.

Farm of 73 acres straight west of Birmingham. All plow land and none better, being a rich, gravelly loam. Good barn 30x40 but an inferior house. Fine orchard. Price $55 per acre. Terms $2,000 cash and balance on easy terms and long time. There is no better bargain in farms in this section. Land every way inferior having been sold in the immediate neighborhood in the past two years for nearly double this price.

LOT 3.

The old C. W. Jenks place formerly occupied as a cooper shop by S. C. Mills and now owned by him. On north side of Maple Avenue, midway between Woodward Ave., and the depot of the D. G. H. & M. R. R. One of the best business sites in the village. As the owner has decided to dispose of this property at once he offers it at the remarkably low price of $1,500 cash.

LOT 6.

A 53 acre tract lying next to the village on the south with ten acres of timber, balance cleared and comprising some of the best farming land in the country. Price, $4,500; Terms, $2,000 cash, balance on easy terms.

LOT 7.

A farm of one hundred acres within a mile and a half of the new Electric Railway. Sixty acres cleared and twenty in timber. Two barns and house in good repair. Insured for $1,250. Four acres of orchard all grafted trees. Two fine springs furnishing an abundance of excellent water. Soil, a rich clay loam, price, $100 per acre. Land in the immediate neighborhood has been sold for nearly double the price asked for this place. The place is owned by Volney Goodwin, of Birmingham.

LOT 8.

We have had placed in our hands for sale one of the beautiful homes our pretty village is noted for. This place is handsomely located, shaded to perfection with large maple trees, has ten large living rooms, all bedrooms with closets, good well and cistern. Cellar under whole house. Two-story house, wood-shed and all necessary outbuildings. Three lots 40x108 go with the place. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell for particulars.

LOT 9.

A farm of 66 acres within one and one half miles of the village of Birmingham, in the township of Bloomfield. Fifty-six acres cleared, three acres excellent orchard and the balance in timber. Good house, barn and all necessary outbuildings in good repair. Never-failing stream of good water running through the length of farm. One of the finest farms for grazing and stock raising that could be desired. Owned by J. McCracken. Price $5,000. Terms easy.

LOT 10.

The farm known as the "Bayley Farm" in the township of Troy. It was awarded the first premium of many contestants for the best farm in the county of Oakland and there are none better to-day. The owner really wishes to sell and realizing that fancy prices are discouraged by us, has finally consented to put the farm in our hands for sale and has put the price down to $75 per acre. Finest flowing well in the country furnishes an abundance of the best water the year round. One hundred and twenty-seven acres of rich, loamy soil, 20 acres timber, beech and maple, 4 acres orchard fine, grafted fruit. Seven buildings, insured for $2,800. Terms, half cash, balance on easy terms, or will exchange partially for Detroit property. You can't help but be suited with this place. Come and see it.

LOT 12.

The Franklin Mills, situated at the village of Franklin, Oakland county, in one of the best farming countries in the state. The property includes house and lot and other buildings. Water power with old fashioned stone run for flour. Was formerly held at $10,000 but owing to the poor health of the present owner it will be closed out for cash at the remarkably low figure of $3,500, or will exchange for a small farm. At one time this mill had the largest patronage in the county and a hustling young man could soon bring it back to its former prestige and make it a remarkably good investment. It is worth looking up a little and we will gladly answer all inquiries.

LOT 13.

Twenty acres of land adjacent to the little village of Big Beaver and about six miles from the village of Birmingham, with good barn 24x30. One acre of good orchard and everything ready for a man who would like a small farm to keep a cow, horse, a few chickens, etc. Price $50 per acre. Terms cash.

LOT 14.

Here's a chance for some one to make a little fortune in Birmingham acreage—and that's what they are all looking after just now, too. Sixteen acres bounded on the south by Harmon street, where the new electric railroad power plant is about to be erected, and on the west by Cemetery avenue with a 60 foot street running north to intersect with Saginaw avenue. Some of the finest residences in Birmingham are in the immediate vicinity. The price now is $3,000 but we will not promise to sell at that figure 60 days from this date, (Jan. 17, 1896). This is, without a possible exception, the finest acreage in the village. A good tile drain extends throughout the tract and there is nothing in the way of platting the entire lot—not a foot of waste land on it. Come and see it and bother us all you can about it—that's what we are here for.

LOT 14.

A nice little place on the northeast corner of the cross roads at Bloomfield Centre about half way between Birmingham and Pontiac and on the direct line of the new electric railway. Comprises an acre and a half of excellent land, a good little house and a never failing supply of water from one of the best wells in the country. It is owned by John Nye and will be sold to any one with Six Hundred dollars cash, or easier terms could no doubt be made. Just think of it. Within 15 minutes ride of either Birmingham or Pontiac and electric cars will be running right in front of the door before the summer is over. Better call and let us take you out to look at it.

LOT 15.

What better farming country could be found than the immediate vicinity of Birmingham? Where could you find a finer location for a good roller process mill? Well, here it is, right here ready and doing a good business, and for sale at a price which is lower than it was sold for before the roller process was put in at a cost of many hundred dollars. The lowest cash price is $8,500 and half cash will buy it. Or you can buy an undivided half interest free and clear for $4,000. The new and improved roller process consists of nine sets of rollers of the Geo. D. Smith pattern. The real estate consists of four and one-half acres and abundant water power, and the entire outfit will be sold as above, or will be exchanged for city property or a good farm. The property is the Birmingham Mills and is owned at present by Jones & Fredericks. We will be pleased to show you over the property at any time.

LOT 16.

House and lot in Birmingham on Saginaw street corner of Brown street, one of the finest locations in the village with the electric cars passing, enroute for Pontiac or Detroit every few minutes, or will be the coming summer. The house is two-stories with good basement or cellar, a fine new barn, beautiful lawn, house fitted with city water and an excellent furnace with every modern convenience. Every surrounding is light, bright and cheerful. One of the most convenient and commodious residences in the village and one that will go at the price, during the coming summer as sure as the summer comes. The lowest cash price is $3,500 and the buildings alone are well worth at least $3,000. The property is owned by a lady who is anxious to sell, which is very evident from the price named. Let us show you over the premises some day.

LOT 17.

The "Wooster Farm," 165 acres more or less, within one mile of Birmingham, Mich., the River Rouge runs through this highly desirable farm, giving its owner the very finest, most coveted grazing lands in the great state of Michigan. The best land for potatoes and grain raising in any section of the country. Well wooded, good large farm house, barns in sufficient number, good well, cistern and cellar. No better farm could ever be wished for, for a dairy farm or stock raising. We predict for this property a speedy sale at the price offered and will be greatly pleased at any time to visit the premises and show it thoroughly to anyone looking for a location.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 24th day of November, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of ALMIRA POST, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Verona L. Post, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that Monday, the 14th day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument, and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

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Time Table No. 3. Goes into effect July 26, 1896.

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Cars will run through to Detroit by way of Brush Street Depot to foot of Woodward Ave., as follows, local time:

GOING SOUTH.

Lv. Birmingham.
A. M. ......6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00.
P. M. ......12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15.

GOING NORTH.

Lv. Detroit, foot of Woodward Ave.
A. M. ......6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00.
P. M. ......12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15.

Sundays cars do not run through to Detroit but connect at Log Cabin with D. C. St. R'y cars as follows:
Lv. Birmingham.
A. M. ......7:08, 7:56, 8:44, 9:32, 10:20, 11:08, 11:32, 11:56.
P. M. ......12:20, 12:44, 1:08, 1:32, 1:56, 2:20, 2:44, 3:08, 3:32, 3:56, 4:20, 4:44, 5:08, 5:32, 5:56, 6:20, 6:44, 7:08, 7:32, 7:56, 8:20, 8:44, 9:08, 10:08, 11:08.

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TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH. Fr'gt No. 5	Pass. No. 3	Mx'd No. 1	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH. Mx'd No. 2	Pass. No. 4	Fr'gt No. 6
A.M.	P. M.	A.M.	D., G. H. & M.	P. M.	A. M.	A.M.
	4 05	6 55	Mich Cent.	9 25	11 50	
8 50	5 15	8 10	PONTIAC	8 05	10 40	4 00
10 05	6 00	8 55	Oxford { Arr	7 10	10 05	2 00
10 30		9 15	{ Dp	7 25		3 00
7 10	9 25	1 00	Caseville	3 00	6 45	6 15
p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Ar. Lv	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.

CONNECTIONS: Pontiac with Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry., and Michigan Air Line Division of Grand Trunk Ry. Oxford with Bay City Division Michigan Central Ry. Imlay City with Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry. Clifford with Flint & Pere Marquette Ry. Pigeon with Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron Ry.

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Departure of Mails, Standard Time.

GOING EAST—11:07 a. m., 3:18 p. m., 8:40 p. m. Pouch locks at the Post Office one-half hour earlier.

GOING WEST—7:30 a. m. and 11:26 a. m. Pouch locks at office one-half hour earlier.

Local Mails.

Mail to Franklin, North Farmington and Walnut, (G. Simpson, Carrier,) leaves twice daily at 8:20 a. m. and 5:05 p. m. Arrives daily at 1:30 p. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Southfield daily mail, A. Z. Chapman, Carrier, leaves 10:25 a. m. Arrives at 10:15 a. m.

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