PHASES OF DIVORCE.

LAWS IN ALL COUNTRIES FOR UNDOING THE MARRIAGE.

Queer Harmons and Chinese Customs—Distinguished Romans Who Cast Off Their Wives—Spouses of Julius Cæsar and Mark Antony.

THE QUESTION of divorce seems to be agitating pretty nearly every civilized country in the world just now, says the New York World. The French statisticians have tackled the subject and show the extent to which divorce has grown in France. From 1884 to 1884 applications for divorce in France have exceeded 45,000, of which 40,000 have been granted.

M. Naquet, in urging the passage of the divorce law in France, optimistically predicted that it would prevent many ruptures and that married couples would remain more firmly united from the fact that their tie would not be compulsory. Unfortunately exactly the contrary was the result. The first year after the law was passed showed 1,700 divorces; last year there were over 7,000. When separations alone were permitted they only reached 2,000. While in 1882 the proportion was only 1 to 1,000, today it is 25 in 1,000.

From the history of divorce it appears that the proportion of unhappy marriages increases from the day divorce is legalized in a country. It appears among people of the highest civilization at the period of their decadence; from that time can be dated a retrograde movement in morals. The Bible says that a man, after marrying a woman and living with her, conceives a disgust of her from some shameful fault he shall draw out a decree of divorce, and, putting it into the woman's hands, shall send her out of the house. This was not always easily accomplished, because the majority of people did not know how to write, and the Levite or priest whom they consulted could refuse to grant their application if he saw fit.

In Egypt the law authorized no divorce except in certain cases. Infidelity was punished severely; the man received 1,000 stripes and the woman's nose was cut. In Babylon a public auction of all the girls of a marriageable age was held once a year. The untying of these knots was even more simple.

Confucius, writing on Chinese laws, established seven causes of repudiation, among which it appears that the wife could be put aside for excessive gossip or for not getting along with her father or mother in law. But there was this clause: "The husband is advised to retain her if she will wear mourning for her mother in law for three years." As a matter of fact, the Chinese resort to the divorce courts very little and they hold a widow marrying a second time in the utmost contempt. This custom is somewhat similar to that of the Hindoos in former years, when the widows flung themselves on the burning woodpiles upon which their husbands' bodies were being consumed.

India recognizes certain causes for divorce. Up to the commencement of this century a childless Hindoo was permitted to lend his wife to a brother or other relative in order that he should children. In Burmah the women when marrying do not take their husbands' names, but retain their own, with the addendum of "wife of So-and-So." This makes it convenient for them to assume their previous status in public knowledge when they come to be divorced, as they are very likely to be, for divorce is easy in that country.

If a Burmese wife and husband quarrel and determine to separate the wife, who always does all the marketing, goes out and buys two little candles of equal length, which are made especially for this use. She brings them home. She and her husband sit down on the floor, place the candles between them and light them simultaneously. The candle stands for him and the other for her. The one whose candle burns out first rises and goes out of the house never to return. Nothing but what belongs to she may have on. The other takes all the property.

This looks fair enough on the face of it, but it often happens that the wife on her way home with the candles takes a tiny scraping from the bottom of one of them. A very little will be enough. If the husband and the house are empty of pretty much everything but children she takes the shortened candle and walks out free and content. But if the house is well furnished and the husband's possessions are considerable he gets the short candle and does the walking.

In Greece the main idea in marrying was to bring children into the world—males especially—for the good of the country; hence the great facility offered for the breaking of the marriage tie in case of sterility. The legislators recognized their right of divorce. At Athens divorce could be obtained by demand of one of the parties or by mutual consent. The case was argued before a tribunal. The parties on being freed were expressly forbidden to marry with a person younger than themselves. Grecian wives convicted of breaking the seventh commandment were put to death, after having their hair cut off and their heads covered with hot ashes.

This barbarous custom was also adopted in Rome after the conquest of Carthage and Corinth. The Romans, being masters of the world, only thought of reveling in their riches, and cut themselves adrift from the austere rules of virtue which had been theirs for centuries. Civil marriages and religious marriages were little by little cut into by divorce, which spread to such an extent as to almost suppress marriage. Nearly every cause was admitted—infidelity, sickness, old age, drunkenness, poison (which was very prevalent), going into the church, the army—and lastly—mutual consent. The husband had the right to demand divorce if his wife obtained false keys to the cellar, or if she went gadding to the theater or circus to the neglect of her household duties.

All these reasons were but pretexts, after all. The virtuous Cato obtained a divorce in order to marry Marcia; Scilla remarried with a woman whom he met at the circus; Cicero repudiated his wife to take Publilia, whose riches would enable him to pay off all his creditors; Cæsar and Antony contracted four successive marriages; Pompey went as far as five. Juvenal felt justified in saying that faithful spouses were as rare as "white crows" or, as we say to-day, as "white-blackbirds."

Berlin proposes to have an immense "Cairo Street" at her exhibition next year. Six times as much space will be given it as to the Chicago show, and it will have the addition of a harem.

RESCUED A PRESIDENT.

How Lincoln Was Saved from Drowning as a Boy.

However poor the Lincoln home may have been, it effected the new child but little, says McClure's Magazine. He was robust and active and life is full of interest to the child happy enough to be born in the country. He had several companions. There was his dear sister Nancy, or Sarah—both names are given to her—two years his senior; there was a cousin of his mother's, ten years older; Dennis Hanks, an active and ingenious leader in sports and mischief, and there were the neighbors' boys. One of the latter, Austin Gollaher, still tells with pleasure of how he hunted coons and ran the woods with young Lincoln and once even saved his life.

"Yes," said Mr. Gollaher, "the story that I once saved Abraham Lincoln's life is true but it is not correct as generally related.

"Abraham Lincoln and I had been going to school together for a year or more and had become greatly attached to each other. The school disbanded on account of there being so few scholars and we did not see each other much for a long while. One Sunday my mother visited the Lincolns and I went along. Abe and I played around all day. Finally concluded to cross the creek to hunt some partridges young Lincoln had seen the day before. The creek was swollen by a recent rain and in crossing on the narrow footing Abe fell in. Neither of us could swim. I got a long pole and held it out to Abe. He grabbed it. Then I pulled him ashore. He was almost dead and I was badly scared. I rolled and pounded him in good earnest. Then I put him by the arms and shook him, the water running out of his mouth and his mouth. By this means I succeeded in bringing him to and he was soon all right.

"Then a new difficulty confronted us. If our mothers discovered our wet clothes they would whip us. This we dreaded from experience and determined to avoid. It was June; the sun was very warm and we soon dried our clothes by spreading them on the rocks about us. We promised never to tell the story and I never mentioned the incident to any one until after Lincoln's tragic end."

"Abraham Lincoln had a sister. Her name was Sallie, and she was a very pretty girl. She went to school when she could, which was not often.

"Yes, I loved Sarah Sallie Lincoln was my sweetheart. She was about my age. I loved her and claimed her as boys do. I suppose that was one reason for my warm regard for Abe. When the Lincoln family moved to Indiana I was prevented by circumstances from bidding good-by to either of the children. And I never saw them again."

Gen. Lee's Courtesy.

A hitherto unpublished incident in the early life of General Robert E. Lee is told by a lady now living at Warm Springs, why knew General Lee well. The incident occurred shortly after the war, when sectional feeling was running very high. At this resort were quartered while General Lee was there a northern general and his daughters, who, by reason of their northern affiliations, were not invited to see to it that the lady narrator, noticing this, mentioned it in the next conversation she had with General Lee. Looking up in surprise, the latter said: "I am glad you told me of it. I shall see to it at once that they find it more pleasant." With the courteous dignity which was essentially his he kept his promise. The northern general and his daughters were charmed by the attention he had stowed upon them. As General Lee had set the fashion the young ladies were soon among the most popular at the hotel, and before the season closed the two old soldiers' were warm friends.

A New Advertising Scheme.

Men of brains are paid handsome salaries to devise new schemes. The latest and one of the most humorous has been amusing the patrons of New York theaters for three or four nights and has succeeded in escaping the notice of managers. A bald-headed man is the instrument. On his shining pate is painted in indigo blue the name of a patent medicine. He sits in the front row and conducts himself with propriety, while people behind him are confused with laughter, each observer supposing that here is a practical joke someone has played on an unsuspecting friend.

Bloomfield Prohibition Caucus.

The Prohibitionists of Bloomfield are requested to meet in caucus at Birmingham, March 21st, at two o'clock p. m. Let there be a full turn out. J. A. GRAY, Chairman.

DON'T STOP TOBACCO

How to Cure Yourself While Using it.

The tobacco habit grows on a man until his nervous system is seriously affected, impairing health, comfort and happiness. To quit suddenly is too severe a shock to the system, as tobacco to an inveterate user becomes a stimulant that his system continually craves. "Baco-Curo" is a scientific cure for the tobacco habit, it all its forms, carefully compounded after the formula of an eminent German physician who has used it in his practice since 1872, without a failure. It is purely vegetable and guaranteed perfectly harmless. You can use all the tobacco you want while taking "Baco-Curo." It will notify you when to stop. We give a written guarantee to cure permanently any case with three boxes, or refund the money with 10 per cent interest. "Baco-Curo" is not a substitute, but a scientific cure, that cures without the aid of will power and with no inconvenience. It leaves the system as pure and free from nicotine as the day you took your first chew or smoke.

Cured by Baco-Curo and Gained Thirty Pounds.

From hundreds of testimonials, the original of which are on file and open to inspection, the following are given as proof:

Clayton, Nevada Co., Ark., Jan. 28, 1895.

Eureka Chemical & Mfg. Co., LaCrosse, Wis.—Gentlemen: For forty years I used tobacco in all its forms. For twenty five years of that time I was a great sufferer from general debility and heart disease. For fifteen years I tried to quit the habit. I used various remedies, among others "No-To-Bac," "The Indian To-bacco Antidote," "Double Chloride of Gold," etc., etc., but none of them did me the least bit of good. Finally, however, I purchased a box of your "Baco-Curo" and it has entirely cured me of the habit in all its forms, and I have increased thirty pounds in weight and am relieved from all the numerous aches and pains of body and mind. I could write a book of my paper upon my changed feeling and condition.

Yours respectfully, P. H. MASBURY, Pastor C. P. Church, Clayton, Ark.

Sold by all druggists at $1.00 per box; three boxes, (thirty days' treatment), $2.50 and iron clad, guaranteed cure, or sent direct upon receipt of price. Write for booklet and proofs. Eureka Chemical & Mfg. Co., La Crosse, Wis., and Boston, Mass.

LOSS OF VOICE

After Acute Bronchitis

CURED BY USING

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral

A PREACHER'S EXPERIENCE.

"Three months ago, I took a violent cold which resulted in an attack of acute bronchitis. I put myself under medical treatment, and at the end of two months was no better. I found it very difficult to preach, and concluded to try Ayer's Cherry

Pectoral. The first bottle gave me great relief; the second, which I am now taking, has relieved me almost entirely of all unpleasant symptoms, and I feel sure that one or two bottles more will effect a permanent cure. To all ministers suffering from throat troubles, I recommend Ayer's Cherry Pectoral." E. M. BRAWLEY, D. Div. Dist. Secretary, Am. Bapt. Publication Society, Petersburg, Va.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

GOLD MEDAL AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

AYER'S LEADS ALL OTHER SARSAPARILLAS.

Mrs. Sarah Platt of Essex, Conn., is 94 years old and has been a persistent smoker for seventy-four years. She smokes a pipe and smokes it regularly after each meal.

Probably the oldest railroad engineer in New England is Squire Wilson of Lyndonville, Vt. He has been running an engine on the Boston and Maine system since 1852, and is still making a daily run.

A large colony of negroes is booked to sail for Liberia from Savannah on the steamer Lorando on Feb. 27. It is stated the same number of 500 white colonists from Indiana will join the colony at Fitzgerald, Ga.

At the close of her London season this year Sarah Bernhardt propose to start off on a stream yacht on a trip to India. The saloon of her yacht will be converted into a theater and performances will be given at the various ports en route.

Bloomfield Township Democratic Caucus.

Notice is hereby given that a democrat township caucus, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for township offices of the township of Bloomfield, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held at the Town Hall, in said township, on Saturday, the 26th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock, p. m.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

Dated this 5th day of March, A. D. 1898.

Registration Notice.

To the electors of the township of Bloomfield, county of Oakland, state of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the township above named, will be held at A. R. Fuller's office, in said township, on Saturday, April 9th, A. D. 1898, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose, and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated this 18th day of March, A. D. 1898.

By order of the Township Board of Registration.

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL, Clerk of said Township.

Notice of Annual Township Meeting.

Notice is hereby given, that the annual township meeting of the township of Bloomfield, county of Oakland, and state of Michigan, will be held at the Town Hall, in said township, on Monday, April 4th, A. D. 1898, at which time the following officers are to be elected:

One Supervisor,
One Township Clerk,
One Township Treasurer,
One Highway Commissioner,
One Justice of the Peace,
One School Inspector,
One member of the Board of Review,
Four Constables.

The polls of said election will be opened at o'clock a. m., and will remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall, in their discretion, adjourn the polls at twelve o'clock, noon, for one hour.

By order of the Township Board of Election Inspectors.

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL, Clerk of said Township.

Dated this 18th day of March, A. D. 1898.

REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

The Following Choice Parcels of Land Are for Sale in the Real Estate Department of the Exchange Store, 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 home, small barn, grapes, small fruit, 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 runs 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 78 acres straight west of Birmingham. All plow land and some better, being a rich, gravelly loam. Good large house on interior house. Fine orchard. Price $65 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.

House and lot with small barn on Pierce st., in Birmingham. A new artificial stone walk along the entire front. City water in the house. Buildings in good repair. House insured for $1,000. The owner having moved away is anxious to sell and has put down to the very low figure of $1,400. Terms easy.

LOT 4.

One of the finest farms in Oakland County, consisting of Two Hundred acres of rich loam, two barns, two silos and a good old fashioned farm house in excellent repair. Everyone knows the farm William Kee lives on. It is three miles west of Birmingham, over good roads and has a frontage of Half a mile on one of the finest roads in the county. Ten acres of orchard, 18 acres in Beech and Maple timber and the balance improved. All kinds of fruit and the finest location hereabouts. The price asked is only sixty dollars per acre and the terms are well worth your $100. Terms, half down, balance on long time if desired.

LOT 5.

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 Belford Park. Sixty acres cleared and twenty in timber. Two barns and house in good repair. Insured for $1,000. 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 farm. 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 fine maple trees, has ten large living rooms, all bedrooms with closets, water well and cistern, cellar under whole house. Two-story house, wood-shed and all necessary outbuildings. Three lots 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, on the township of Bloomfield. Fifty-six acres cleared, three acres excellent orchard, balance hardwood timber. Good house, barn and all necessary outbuildings in good repair. Never failing stream of good water running through the origin of the farm. One of the finest farms for grading and stock raising that could be discovered by J. McCaig in 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 years at the Oakland Co. Fair in the county of Oakland and there are none better to-day. The owner wishes to sell and realizing that fancy prices are discouraged by us, has finally consented to let the farm in other hands for sale and has put the price down to 100 per acre. Finest Bank Barn in the county furnishes an abundance of the best water. Six hundred dollars worth of tile drained. Two acres of rich, loamy soil, 40 acres timber, beech and maple, 4 acres orchard, all 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 11.

Six acres within half a mile of Birmingham. Just the place for a home. Fine soil, within easy access of the electric road and the village. Nice place for market garden. Fine soil and well adapted for small farm and gardening. Owned by Mrs. Elmer Brown and situated directly south of the post office in Birmingham, on Pierce street. Price $300 per acre. Will not subdivide. Terms, one-third cash and balance on long time.

LOT 12.

The Franklin Mills, situated at the village of Franklin, Oakland county, in one of the best farming counties in the state. The property includes house and lot and other buildings. Water power for the mill is furnished by the Rouge. Was formerly held at $10,000 but owing to the poor health of the owner, the mills have been closed out for cash at the remarkably low figure of $4,000 cash. Insured for $2,000 on the plant. At one time this mill had the largest custom trade in the county and a business that man could soon bring back. It back to its former prestige and make it a paying 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 Beverly Farms and only a mile from the village of Birmingham, with good barn 34x36. Plenty of good orchard. Land generally ready for a man who would like a small farm to plant a few hogs, 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 for now-a-days. Six hundred feet on Woodward avenue, by 330 feet on Pierce street, adjoining the new electric road. That 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 $5,000, but we will soon promote to get at that figure 6 days from this date, (Mar. 15, 1898). This is a real opportunity for an enterprising man to build a village. A good tile drain extending throughout that tract and there is nothing in the way of platting the entire lot—not a foot of waste land in it. Come and see it and talk over all you can about it—that's what we are here for.

LOT 15.

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 about 2 and a half acres of land, with a good little house and a never failing supply of water. Plenty of room for a little chicken ranch. It is owned by John Nye and will be sold to anyone who will pay Hundred dollars down and the terms could no doubt be made. Just think of it. Within 15 minutes ride of the Birmingham and Pontiac and electric cars will by running right in front of the door before the year is over. Better call and let us take you out to look at it.

LOT 16.

What better farming country could be found than the immediate vicinity of Birmingham? Where can you find a finer location for a poultry or milk ranch? 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 $3,000 and half cash down. Organized stock at an undivided half interest free and clear for $6,000. The new and improved roller process consists of nine sets of rollers of the finest, Smith patent. The real estate consists of one and one-half acres and abundant water power. And the entire outfit will be sold at a bargain, or will be exchanged for city property or a good farm. The property is in the village of Milford. And is owned at present by Jones & Frederickson. 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. Well shaded, healthy, passing, enroute for Pontiac or Detroit every few minutes, or be the coming residence of a house in two-stories with good basement or cellar. A few new lots, beautiful lawn, house fitted with city water and an excellent furnace with every modern convenience. Well surrounding be light, bright and cheerful. One of the most convenient and commodious residences in the village and one that will go at the price, which is very reasonable because of the summer comes. The lowest cash price is $3,500 and the buildings are insured for $1,800, about $3,000. The property is owned by a lady who is anxious to sell and will take any good farm in exchange. 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 the south end of the 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 self-contained, 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 named and will be greatly pleased at any time to visit the premises and show it thoroughly to anyone looking for a location.

NOTE.

All the land advertised herein is in our hands and controlled by us exclusively. The terms are cash down and cash in full, invariably, and it is not possible in any case to purchase from the owner any cheaper than you can from us. All the necessary papers will be made free of cost to the parties interested and abstracts examined for conference, by a competent person, free of charge. For any information in regard to the above mentioned property address THE EXCHANGE BANK, BIRMINGHAM, MICH. Your inquiries will be answered with courtesy and dispatch.

Very respectfully,
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

Special Notices.

For sale, one lumber wagon, one light platform spring wagon. Enquire of E. S. Brown. 4

Four per cent. interest on savings, Exchange Bank.

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—A reliable lady or gentleman to distribute samples and make a house to-house canvass for our Vegetable Toilet Soaps. $40 to $75 a month easily made. Address Crofts & Reed, 842 to 850 Austin Ave., Chicago, Ill. 4

Mrs Frank F. Cooke wishes washing and ironing to do, and takes this method of informing the ladies of Birmingham and vicinity that she desires such work. She lives on Merrill St., opposite Mrs. Bray's and will promptly answer all calls. Respectfully, Mrs. F. F. Cooke. Mar26

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

POTLATCH, NEZ PERCE, PALOUSE

These are the names of three great agricultural and fruit growing districts in Idaho and Washington reached by the Northern Pacific Railroad.

They each adjoin the other, are similar in products, climate and character, and together form a region for the homeseeker hard to equal. The Palouse country has long been noted for its marvelous grain productiv. It is to the Pacific Coast what the Red River Valley is to Minnesota and North Dakota.

The Potlatch country is like unto the Palouse, and adjoins it on the east.

The Nez Perce region lies south of the others and has attracted attention by reason of a great Indian reservation, 500,000 acres of which have been thrown open to settlement and its lands can be bought at cheap prices and on favorable terms. Write to Chas. S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, St. Paul, Minn., for folder and rates. tf

Whitehead & Mitchell Say

That their business year is closing and all accounts upon their books must be settled either by cash or note—cash preferred—for the following reasons

1st. We MUST have the cash.

2nd. You owe it and it has run for on some cases years. We can't get over 50 cents on the dollar on our purchases and accounts that run that much longer are a loss to us.

3rd. April 1st we begin our 16th year of business, open a new Ledger and all accounts on the old one will be closed for a settlement.

Our profits are being reduced daily on everything sold. Cutting down prices is the rule and this itself means a cash business. Our terms are cash down or to the near future. When you receive your statement of account, write right up to the Captain's office and settle.

Yours respectfully,
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

FARM FOR RENT.

The Beckman Farm, two miles south of Birmingham, containing over one hundred acres, well adapted to grain, fruit and good woodland pasture with living springs of pure water sufficient for any number of cattle in the driest season. This farm, last season, produced a good crop of wheat, the three hundred and twenty, 320 bushels of good wheat, to be sold, and one hundred bushels of rye, nearly two hundred bushels of rye, between two and one hundred bushels of potatoes, a good crop of corn, fodder, and pasture for some fifteen cows, and yet left a good stock of Mr. Sarah H. Beckman at Mr. Smith's, in Birmingham, or at the farm, Mr. Smith, Birmingham, Mich. SARAH H. BECKMAN, P. O. Box 228 Birmingham, Mich.

Republican Township Caucus.

Notice is hereby given that a Republican township caucus, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for township offices in the township of Bloomfield, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held at the Town Hall in said township, on Saturday, the 26th day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock, p. m.

By order of committee.

A. J. WEST, Township Clerk.

Say Whitehead & Mitchell You Can Get

Celery Compound, per bottle..... 50c
Lactated Food, per bottle..... 50c
Lambert Root Beer Ex., per bottle..... 10c
Prices Cash. Quality Excellent. Try It.

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 30th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. Present Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of BENJAMIN STURGIS, deceased. Galusha C. Gibbs, the administrator of said deceased, filed in this court his final administration account together with a petition for the allowance thereof and for the assignment of the residue to the persons thereto entitled.

It is ordered that Monday, the 30th day of March next, at o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition and the allowance of said 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.

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AUCTIONEER!

To Farmers and All Others:

I hereby offer my services as Auctioneer for Farm Sales or for any other Sale that may occur, and guarantee satisfaction in every case or no pay required. Arrangements can be made with THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC and dates decided upon by calling at this office, thereby saving much travel over bad roads.

My Prices the Lowest

All sales of $300 and under only $5. Over this amount 1 per cent. on the amount of the sale.

N. B.—All dates made with THE ECCENTRIC promptly filled. No disappointments. Awaiting your orders, I am.

Yours very truly,

Martin H. Blunt.

NEW RESTAURANT AND BAKERY

I take this method of informing the public that I have opened a new Bakery and Restaurant in the building first door west of the Exchange Bank where I will be pleased to see my patrons with the best of

Bread, Pies, Cakes, Etc.

Hot and Cold Lunches Served at All Hours.

Hoping for a share of public patronage I am,

Respectfully yours,

EDITH HAMLIN.

(Mar19)

FARM FOR SALE.

Farm of 80 acres in Bloomfield, two miles east and one south of Birmingham, known as the Shiah farm. For particulars inquire on the premises or address L. Hatch, Birmingham, Mich.

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