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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, NOV. 26, '97

We trust the counterfeiters of the Pittsburg penitentiary will not break out and drench the country with their presence and their bogus dollars.

It is the athlete, who wins the favor of women in France, says a French writer, rather than the man of means. So here; but while our Sullivans and Corbetts win women with the greatest ease, they set them aside with equal rapidity. They are fickle charmers. They are by no means the noble fellows they should be to warrant the affections so effusively thrown at them.

Mrs. Langtry lives to vindicate herself with the public statement that she contributed yearly to the support of her husband. The man, being dead, can not explain or deny; so that, while his life was miserable, his memory is dishonored. It would have been far better generosity to have omitted both the money and the statement; but the dead can not command their friends, while their enemies live to continue their injustice and persecution.

It is a great advantage to a person to be trustworthy in the midst of a population which nobody can trust. When Korea was lately torn by contention and the queen was assassinated, the king shouted for the American missionaries, and when one was admitted, threw his arms about his neck, clung to him like a child, and kept him all night by his side. To affirm that the missionary is without political influence is erroneous. He may have the best sort of influence.

On a recent Sunday a child's gold ring was found in the contribution basket at the Baptist church in Birmingham, Ala. It seems a special collection had been taken that morning, and little Helen Church, aged four years, having deposited her contribution at the first collection, had nothing left when the basket appeared the second time but her penny for Sunday school. The little one asked her mother to let her contribute the penny, but was told she must keep that for Sunday school; whereupon the generous little girl, not wishing to be disobedient, yet feeling the missionary spirit strong within her, quietly slipped off her ring and dropped it in, unbeknown to her mother.

Probably never in the history of our beloved country has so many economic problems been pressing for solution than are now engaging public attention. And never before has there been manifested such widespread difference of opinion as to how these problems of government should be settled. Differences of opinion have led to many consequences in the past, but it would seem that our civilization is too strongly fortified for an appeal to anything but reason. After all these differences are nothing more than an intellectual search for the truth, in which all are engaged. The fellow with whom you do not agree is seeking the same truth that you are pursuing. The chances are that you are nearly at an equal distance from it. The logic of events is leading you to the same point. You should try and keep this fact in mind. Therefore be tolerant and Christian-like toward your fellow. If he has false ideas, the very fact that he is exploiting them aids others to discover the truth.

The Inter State Commerce commission in their report say: The statistics submitted show that the number of railway employes killed during the year ending June 30, 1896, was 1,861, and the number injured was 29,969. These figures indicate an increase of 50 in the number killed, and of 4,273 in the number injured, as compared with the preceding year. The number of passengers killed was 181, and the number of passengers injured 2,873, being an increase of 11 in the number killed and of 498 in the number injured. The number of persons other than employes and passengers killed was 2,406, and the number injured 5,855. These figures include casualties to persons reported as trespassers, of whom 3,811 were killed and 4,468 were injured. From summaries showing ratio of casualties it is found that for every 444 men employed on railways 1 was killed, and for every 28 men employed 1 was injured. A similar comparison as to trainmen shows that 1 trainman was killed for each 152 trainmen employed, and that 1 trainman was injured for each 10 trainmen employed. The number of passengers carried for 1 passenger killed was 2,827,474, and the number of passengers carried for 1 passenger injured was 178,132. As showing in another way the immunity of passengers from accidents the report gives ratios based upon the number of miles traveled, from which it appears that 73,093,963 passenger-miles were accomplished for every passenger killed, and 4,541,945 passenger-miles for every passenger injured.

New York has a society for the promotion of good manners among women. It thinks women ought to be kinder to each other, that they should thank men for street car and other courtesies, and that they should be more charitable in their judgment of women as well as men. It is opposed to woman suffrage, however, and we suspect that all the other women societies will immediately begin to pitch into it with such abusive energy that it will be sorry it was ever so foolish as to have itself born.

In butter making, how far can the cow be from the churn? Certain New Zealand dairy farmers have given a practical answer to the question. They have made a successful experimental shipment of frozen cream to London, where it was churned, and the fresh butter was put on the market.

"A woman," says Euripides, "should be good for everything at home, but should good for nothing." The unbalanced women who make a practice of attending murder trials satisfy at least one of these requirements.

HOME NOTES.

Don't talk to me of solemn days
In autumn's time of splendor,
Because the sun shows fewer rays,
And these grow slant and slender.
Why, it's the climax of the year—
The highest time of living!
Till naturally its bursting cheer
Just melts into Thanksgiving.
—Selected.

Turkey! Turkey.

Musicale tonight.

Snow, the snow, the beautiful—

Mrs. Alex. Peaslee is on the sick list.

Mrs. J. D. VanEvery is on the sick list.

Comedy companies fare very hard in this town.

Tickets only 20 cents for the musicale tonight.

Geo. C. Aldrich, of Battle Creek, Sundayed at home.

Born to Mrs. Geo. Prince, Monday, the 22d, a daughter.

A. J. Marble and son Mellie spent last week at Springfield.

A. Harply, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Miss Mattie Marble.

WANTED—Dining room girl at the National House. $2.50 per week. 16tf

James W. Cobb has gone to Marion, Mich., to fill a drug store clerkship.

Ask Jule Rundel about the new telephone at Pontiac that is constantly dry.

Mrs. Barnes and Chas. Thompson, of Pontiac, spent Sunday with Miss Nellie Marble.

Money to loan on farm property to $2000 up, three to five years. J. R. Corson. 17w12

Mr. and Mrs. Warner, of South Haven, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Myers.

Of course you will all attend the musical event of the season this (Friday) evening.

Seth Goodwin, of Detroit, was a guest at the residence of Volney Goodwin over Sunday.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Presbyterian church. Sermon by Rev. Marsh.

Say, look out for G. Watkins for he is stowing away hickory nuts for the coming winter, eh Glenn?

Mrs. J. Sloan is at Chicago the guest of Mrs. Geo. Morine, youngest daughter of Mrs. Sloan.

Miss Esther Marsh and her brother Edward are home from Ann Arbor for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Powers and daughter Blanche, of North Farmington, spent Sunday at J. D. VanEvery's.

Mrs Betsey Meade of Jefferson Co., N. Y., sister of F. F. Richardson, visited him a few days en route to Duluth.

The Eccentric office is now warmed with a hot water radiator and the force all take turns "settin'" on the coil.

Miss Frances Quick, of Toronto, Ont., has been spending a few days with her many friends in and around Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Buell and two children of Detroit spent Sunday and Monday at the residence of Theo. Eldred.

Two telephones, one for each company, are said to be a nuisance and in many places the business men will adopt one and stick to it.

The tickets for the Musicale on Friday evening have been put at the very reasonable price of 20 cts, hoping that a great many will attend.

Regular annual convocation of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M. Monday evening Dec. 6. Election of officers. A. Partridge Sec.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework, in a family of four; $2.00 without washing or $2.50 with. Inquire at this office. 28tf

Mrs. Henry Miller, who has been making her daughter, Mrs. Theron Smith, an extended visit, returned to her home in Harmony, N. J. Thursday.

Insurance rates in regular companies are to be lower in Michigan than formerly, owing, it is said, to the efforts of the State fire insurance commissioner.

The Dresser Comedy Co., which held forth in Library Hall Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week, gave two creditable entertainments. The cast was good the role bright and sparkling and the plantation melodies catchy and rendered in good voice, to say nothing of the graceful dancing by the charming "fair ones," and the side-splitting performances of the "black-faced comedian." This company were deserving of better houses than they received.

Solid Oak, $5.95.

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Come and select your Xmas presents and have them laid away and get them delivered when needed. Look at this a solid oak book-case,

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Given Away Free six pictures in one, who buy $5.00 worth of frames or pictures before Jan. 1st, '98, we will give them one of these beautiful pictures of American poets or any other which retail for $1.00.

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Many of our advertisers have "bran new" ads this week, pertaining to holiday bargains of all kinds. It will be worth while to look them up and read every word.

A very enjoyable evening was spent last week Wednesday at the Baptist parsonage on the occasion of the regular B. Y. P. U. business meeting and social combined.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Linabury and daughters, the Misses Mae and Florence, of Detroit, were the guests of H. Tracy Randall and wife over Sunday last. Oh! Sport came also.

Choice breeding stock for sale. Barred Plymouth rock pullets and cockrels, buff and white leghorn cockrels, Pekin ducks. F. H. WITTER, Southfield Ave., Birmingham. 28tf

Can anybody beat this yield. T. H. Myers, manager of the Watkins farm raised from 35 acres of land 3737 bushels of corn, it's all husked and the best yield. Mr. Myers ever gathered in.

FOR SALE—A Jersey cow. Can be seen and all particulars given by calling on Geo. W. McHenry, Birmingham, corner Pierce and Lounsbery streets. This cow is new milch.

Edward Marsh, of this place, who is now a pupil of Prof Yentz, of the University School of Music of Ann Arbor, will assist in the recital Friday evening playing several violin numbers.

While driving home one day last week the family horse, driven by Harry Saltzer, stumbled and fell, the thills penetrating its body and causing it to bleed to death in a short time.

Will A. Satterlee, of Kansas City, Mo., is home with his father for a short visit. Will is one of Kansas City's best business men and has already a cinch on prosperity. We are glad of it.

FOR RENT—The J. E. Quick homestead on Woodward Ave. Large and convenient house, good barn, fine lawn, furnace, bath, closet, etc., $20 per month. Inquire at Exchange Bank. 26tf

We would like for an old friend and subscriber copies of the Eccentric dated Oct. 15 and 22. If you have them, one or both, will you kindly leave at the postoffice and oblige ye editor.

FOR SALE—A new milch cow, with calf by her side, owned by John Young, of North Farmington. For further particulars enquire of owner or M. B. Armstrong, proprietor cheese factory at No. Farmington.

A portion of our merry hunters have returned to civilization again and the glowing accounts which they give of their wild chase and successful capture of several deer have won for them an enviable reputation.

Regular annual communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., for the election of officers and payment of dues, next Thursday evening, Dec. 2d. Every member urged to be present. J. B. Hunt, Secretary.

The ladies' aid society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Geo. Packard Friday afternoon, Dec. 3d. Committee on supper: Mrs. Geo. Ford, Mrs. Utter, biscuit; Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Corson, cake; Mrs. Joseph Allen, butter; Mrs. Bruce, sauce. Mrs. Fannie Shain, Sec.

H. C. Ward, of sheep ranch fame, contemplates raising tobacco. Says good tobacco is raised in Wisconsin and there is seemingly no reason why Michigan cannot be "in it." An experienced grower is engaged to push the work ahead and twenty acres will be growing for a starter.

Rev. Theo. D. Marsh D. D. of Grand Rapids has been visiting his brother Rev. A. Marsh of this place during the past week. Dr. Marsh is the financial agent for Alma College and will probably be in Detroit and vicinity for several weeks in the interest of this institution.

J. C. Wilcox, who is to give a song recital on Friday evening of this week at the residence of Geo. Mitchell, is editor of the Concert-Goer, successor to the Song Journal. This paper is published in Detroit and has become, under the present management, the Wilcox Haigh & Ellery Co., the peer of any musical magazine in the country.

In the face of active and a lively contested fight for the poll, Wm. Hilliard secured the contract of lighting out the Electric Railway's new cars with heating apparatus. They are safely and speedily warmed, it need be, by the Peter Smith heaters, and Auburn has just about completed them in a skilling, sales factory and workmanlike manner.

Dear readers, will you kindly help give all the personal items possible to the E. Many of our number are spending delicious Thanksgiving dinners hugely enjoyed, to others our sincere tear of sympathy for your unfortunate servants, the editor and his angels, who, instead of turkey and cranberry sauce, took only a diet of codfish and printer's "pi."

W. H. Benedict is right up to date. Passing his farm either on foot, driving or by trolley car you will see a gracefully curved, handsomely painted sign announcing the name of his farm "Klondike Ridge." At first one is impressed that it is a miner, but not so—it's a veritable Klondike to its owner in the shape of grapes, berries and other small fruits every year and is Harrison's own Klondike.

The Lansing telegram last week, intimating that the passenger service of the P. O. & N. Railway might be discontinued by the state commissioner of Railroads, and which was pronounced a lie by Supt. Sanford, has this sequel: "Mechanical Engineer Moore has thoroughly inspected the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern roadbed, and finds that the repairs ordered last summer by the railroad commissioner's office have been made."

The gentleman mentioned in last week's issue as having lost a glove, wishes to inform the public that he is willing to acknowledge having lost the glove and can prove that said glove was carried away by a dog, can also prove that he is innocent of the charge of stealing wood. He is prepared to vindicate himself before any of these false accusers and says they had better be a little cautious as to what they say in the future or they may realize the power of the law.

MOTHERS MEET.

A Successful Monthly Meeting Held at the School House Last Week.

The mothers of Birmingham and vicinity held a pleasant and instructive meeting at the school house last Tuesday afternoon. It was well attended and much interest was manifested by all present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. F. Waldo, who presided.

The president, Mrs. Waldo, read an article, "Don'ts for Boys," by Mable Conklin, which was followed by an informal discussion on the subject of "Responsibilities of Parents." These meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month and all mothers of Birmingham interested in the welfare of their children will do well to attend, and all are most cordially invited to be present.

Wm. H. Elliott,

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Salt, two bags for	5c
Best Pearl Rice, per pound	8c
Best Cocoanut "	12c
Chocolate—sweet, per cake	5c
Best Soaps—Taylor, per pound	5c
Rolled Oats, per pound	3c
Corn Starch, "	5c
Diamond Starch, "	8c
Raisins, per pound	7 and 8c
Currants, "	8c
Noodles "	10c
Bird Seed "	5c
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S. N. PECK,

Davis Block, Pontiac.

Benson—Where have you been for the last six weeks? Dawson—Been over at Dwight taking the gold cure. Benson—Why, I didn't know you ever drank anything. Dawson—I don't. But I had to do something to relieve me. Klondike desire.—Chicago Record.

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