THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL, PUBS.

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 24, '97

HOME NOTES.

Blue cross soon.

Blue cross week after next.

Blue cross is alive and well.

Hang up your stocking to-night.

Hurrah for the holly and the mistletoe.

Nice big fat snow storm Monday of this week.

MONEY TO LOAN—E. C. Popplelton, Trustee. 34t3

Beddow correspondence left over until next week—too late for this.

A. Harpley, of Detroit, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mattie Marble.

Jay Hunt is quite sick with lung trouble. Dr Raynale is attending him.

Miss Mary Webster returned from Alma College Wednesday of this week.

Frank Vignoe of Greenfield, was a guest at Fairholm one day last week.

The Tuesday Club will meet with Mrs. J. R. Logan, Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th.

Miss Flora Keys returned home from Ludington, Saturday for vacation season.

Show troops are busting up all over the country and scattering to the four winds.

Subscriptions for all magazines published, received at the Eccentric Newspaper Agency.

James Parlee and wife, of Pontiac, visited his sister, Mrs James Shain, the first of the week.

Mrs. John Malcolm of Commerce, visited her neice, Mrs. Marble, last Saturday and Sunday.

Wash Davidson, of White Lake, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Sharp Saturday and Sunday.

On account of illness Rev. Church was unable to occupy the Babtist pulpit last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Marble are spending a few weeks with their daughters at Springfield and Rose Center.

FOR SALE—Hickory and mixed stove wood. Inquire of Ed. J. O'Brien, Gilbert Lake. 32w8

TO RENT—Farm of 77 1-2 acres one-half mile east of Royal Oak cemetery. John LaMore. 33w2

Misses Mary Hanna and Hattie Soults, who are teaching at St. Clair, are spending the holidays at home.

Just received at H. W. Baxter's Jeweler, watches, chains, gold rings, brooches, cuff buttons, earrings and silverware.

Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Big Rapids, the lecturer of last Friday evening, was entertained at the residence of David Hanna.

Mrs. Emma Shuman is suing for a divorce from Charles Shuman. Davis and Bromley have her interests in their hands.

LOST—A seal collarette between Mark Hall's and Clawson, last week Wednesday, Dec. 15. Finder please leave at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ghrist and Mrs. R. S. Babcock, of Detroit, visited their cousin, Mrs. James Shain on Sunday last.

The choir of St. James church, will sing an anthem as an offertory on Sunday next. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

What about the Eccentric one year as a Christmas gift to an absent relative? and make yourself remembered once a week for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Newman and son Harry, and Glen Watkins intend to spend their Christmas at Commerce, at Charles Beebenhizer's.

Our passenger depot is very becomingly attired in a new coat of paint, which seems appropriate at this festive season of the year.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have its Christmas exercises, Christmas Eve. (Friday, Dec. 24) in the Presbyterian church, at 7 o'clock.

Will Crary has returned home from a two weeks' sojourn at St. Clair, where he has been taking medical treatment, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvell Smith, of this village, are the proud parents of the sweetest baby girl that has decided to locate permanently in our village in a long time.

No merchant can sell holiday goods unless he advertises them. A liberal use of printers' ink will make dollars for the men who use it.

A new court house may soon be needed by Oakland County.

The Flint Electric Railway, is assured, and when Congressman Sam W. Smith gets back from Washington, it is expected that articles of incorporation will be filed.

Misses Kittie Service and Theo. Turney, of Detroit, were the welcome guests of Mrs. Jno. Baldwin the fore part of this week, and all parties enjoyed the visit very much.

If you are Ow(en)ing any of your friends a Christmas present go to W. R.'s in Pontiac, and he will help you select something in his large stock of novelties. See ad.

James M. Camp through his attorney sues the Citizens Street Railway Co. of Detroit, for $25000, for the loss of his left leg caused by the the Log Cabin Park collision last summer.

Sparling's, in Detroit, is the place to purchase holiday goods at half price. We wont attempt enumerating these many attractions, but call your careful attention to this week's ad for same.

The Tuesday Club were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Leonard last Tuesday evening. The music and recitations which were added to the usual program were enjoyed by all.

An old saying has it that "all things come to him who waits." Well, we are waiting for our delinquent country subscribers to square up so that we will be able to invest in a little liver for Christmas.

The first issue in 1898 will bring to all those in arrears for this great moral engine the blue cross. We hope to get enough in now pretty soon to raise our diet from codfish to real genuine meat market liver.

A mysterious communication from Troy township about two stars, "Patti" and "Uncle Sam," engaged in the show business is a very cute and interesting article, but as no name was attached we sadly laid it away in the basket.

Next Tuesday evening, the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church, will hold a ten cent social, at the home of Mr. George Purdy, by invitation of Miss Anna Bell. Refreshments will be served and a good time is promised. Everybody come!

We are indebted to Bro. Fisher for McHugh's testimony published in his Saturday News, a paper in which Fisher takes pardonable pride. Any one could guess from the way he serves the Hendrie's and their trolley system, that he does not expect to apply soon for a situation.

Norman N. Paterson, formerly of St. James' Choir, Birmingham, also St. Paul's and St. James' Choir Detroit, left for the Cathedral Choir School, Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 6th. He is well pleased with the school, and speaks very highly of their School Warden, Rev. C. E. Taylor.

The Detroit reporters had a good deal to say about the dissatisfaction of the Birmingham people over the jury's verdict in the trolley accident. Now we have heard about the case as much as any body and aside from one or two cases, we do not hear any dissatisfaction over the verdict.

The L. L. C. will meet next Monday evening with Mrs. Marsh. Finish Roman History. Review Forms of Roman Government. Please learn the names of the first and second Triumvirates and some of the leading characteristics of the men together with their fields of operation.

The following students, all graduates of the B. H. S., are spending a merry holiday vacation at their various homes in Birmingham and vicinity: Zella Campbell, Iva Bruce, Ed Benedict and Will Miller, U. of M., Ann Arbor; Carolyn Poppleton, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Gaace Houghton and Bert Blakeslee, Normal, Ypsilanti.

At the last regular meeting of Mary D. Hive No. 393, L. O. T. M., the following officers were elected for the coming year: Com., Emma M. Tibbits; L. C., Ellen Bower; R. K., Minnette Hunt; F. K., Clara Baker; M. at A. Hattie Todd; Serg't, Nellie Blakeslee; Chap., Lena Wilson; Sent., Ida Felder; Picket, Nellie Blair.

Great Scott! Fred Cowles has our thanks for a copy of the Saginaw Courier Herald of date Dec. 19, Sunday edition, and it has 56 pages of fine miscellaneous reading and contains more then any magazine published. The advertisement department is full to over flowing, while the editing is absolutely correct. Fred was always perfect, and of course was started in the newspaper business right, by beginning in the Eccentric office.

Xmas Buyers

Solid Oak, $5.95.

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,

Only $5.95.

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.

Our Poets

Free Pictures.

Oak or mahogany ladies' desk only $3.75.

Goods shipped to any part of state—packed free of charge. Remember name and number.

Detroit Picture Co.,

117-119-121-123 Gratiot Ave., Detroit.

Pontiac 99c Store

Is capturing the Christmas crowds.
Counters and Counters of Christmas
Gifts such as:

Lamps, Silverware, Jewelry, Pictures, Frames, Mirrors, Chinaware, Glassware, Chamber Sets, Pocket-books, Baskets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Smoking Sets, Albums, Perfumery, Drums, Soldier Suits, Blocks, Books, Pianos, Blackboards, Desks, Chairs, Wash Sets, Banks, Watches, Whips, Guns, Swords, Animals, Tables, Magic Lanterns, Iron Toys, Crokinole Boards, Trunks, Steam Engines, Arks, Puzzles, Wagons, Sleds, Hobby Horses, Shoo Flies, Velocipedes, Magic Lanters, Tool Chests, Ten Pins, Cradles, and Dolls without number and their belongings.

Santa Claus himself can get pointers here!

Pontiac 99c Store.

A. E. & S. E. HOWLETT.

Buy at Peck's--Save Dollars

The Greatest Cloak Sale of the season. Cloaks and Capes. I am selling at about half regular prices and still making a little profit. It makes a difference of when and how goods are bought. These are a part of of a purchase of 2500 garments at 50c on the dollar and going at prices less than merchants paid for the same goods earlier in the season.

$17.50 Plush Capes at	$9.50	$5.00 Jackets at	$2.48
15.00 " "	8.95	6.00 " "	3.48
14.00 " "	7.50	10.00 " "	6.48
8.50 Cloth Capes at	$4.88	12.50 " "	7.88
6.75 " "	4.20	15.00, 17.50 and 20.00 Jackets at	9.88
		7.50 and 8.50 Fur Collarettes at	4.98

Every garment new just from the factory.

HOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS GOODS

Here is a reminder—look over the list.

5 and 10c 25c Books, Games, Toys, Banks, Dolls, Matches, Purses, Perfumes, Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Towels, Stationery, Silver Trays and a large list of novelties.

Here are tables full of Novelties, Fancy Goods and Useful Articles. An elegant assortment of Jewelry, Silver Ware, Rings, Books for Boys and Girls, Hosiery, Gloves, Toys of all kinds.

If your purse is full and heart large we can show you Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Toilet Sets, Fancy Dishes, Lace Sets, Vases, Chains, Lockets, Charms, Bracelets, Bon Bon Dishes, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Umbrellas, Neckties, Kid Gloves, fitting any price desired.

My First Season and Everything New.
Every street car stops at and starts from Peck's Corner in Pontiac
Furniture Coupons given with every sale.

S. N. PECK,

Davis Block, Pontiac, Mich.

H. A. Gilmartin of the Free Press, Edward Beck of the News, Fred Van Fleet of the Tribune and Frank Dohany attorney, all of Detroit, and C. H. Fisher of the Pontiac Times and News, captured the Eccentric office last Friday afternoon and had it all their own way for awhile. They left with very favorable impressions of life in a country office.

The Medbury Gas Co. of Pontiac, have purchased the Edison Electric Light Co., and will take posession January 1st. 'Tis said that the Electric Light Co. like their Electric Railway, has been running at a great loss. The gas Co. will sell electric light, and hope by using a gas engine to do so and make a profit. Stockholders lose a goodly sum.

The grand Masquerade Ball at Adolph Granger's in Royal Oak, Friday evening, Dec. 31st, is the event of the season. He has made accommodations for 400—that is two hundred couples. Mrs. Granger will serve supper at twelve. A costumer from Detroit with two hundred costumes to rent will be on hand. Prizes in cash will be given to the best and worst dressed lady and gentleman. Detroit Orchestra will furnish the music and a city caller will do the calling. Order will be maintained. Everybody cordially welcomed.

Our readers will find at Hugh Connolly's new Jewelry store, 45 Michigan ave., Detroit, a beautiful assortment of diamonds, watches, clocks and fine jewelry. Mr. Connolly invites our readers to visit his new store and examine his entire new stock specially selected for Christmas presents. The big fire completely destroyed his old store in the Opera House Block.

The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church last Sunday evening were enjoyed by a large congregation, and the little people were charming in their childlike simplicity. The music furnished by the choir was first-class and the church was very tastily decorated in honor of the occasion. Much credit is due to those who worked so faithfully to make the exercises a success.

Two weeks ago, a very pleasant appearing man, giving his name as Henry Davis, came to Marion White's in Southfield, and wanted to hire out as a farm hand, claiming to be a horse-trainer. On Monday evening he left, taking Mr. White's road-cart, which he drew a mile to Kirk White's, where he stole a horse and harness. At half past nine he was seen at the Sand Hill. The Franklin and Southfield telephone wire was cut, and it is believed by him.

Wm. H. Elliott,

Woodward & Grand River,

Detroit.

Garment Department.

New Black and Blue Kersey Jackets at	$ 7.88
New Rough Cloth Jackets at	10.88, 12.88 and $14.75
Alaska Seal and Persian Collarettes at	15.00, 18.00 and $20.00
Black and Blue Serge Mackintoshes at	5.00 and $ 6.00
A Bargain in Flannelette House Wrappers at	$ 1.00
Muffs at	1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and $ 5.00
Heavy Black and Boucle Capes at	4.98 and $ 5.98
Heavy Astrachan Cloth Capes at	10.98, 12.98 and $14.98

Chas. F. Quick,

UNDERTAKER and EMBALMER,

Corner Second and Main Sts.,

Royal Oak, Mich.

Calls promptly responded to day or night.

Notice to Taxpayers

I will be at the following places to receive taxes: At Town Hall, Southfield, Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Eddy's Mill, Thursday, Dec. 30, at Harmon P. O., Tuesday, Jan. 4, '98, at Baldow, Thursday, Jan. 6 from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4 p. m., and every Friday at home in Franklin during the tax season.

R. C. CUMMINGS,
Treas. of Southfield Township.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the following places during the month of December to receive taxes. Every Tuesday at Troy Corners; every Wednesday at Big Beaver; every Thursday at Exchange Bank, Birmingham; every Friday at home.

FRANK SCHRAMM,
Treasurer of Troy Township.

At the Annual election of Hall Tent No. 227, K. O. T. M., Dec. 20, the following officers were elected: Com., I. N. Baker; Lt. Com., W. B. Carter; R. Keeper, J. H. Willson; F. Keeper, J. B. Hunt; Chap., J. H. Myers; Phys., J. L. Campbell; Serg't, Geo. Pearsall; M. at A., W. B. Harris; 1st M. of G., W. W. Keeney; 2nd M. of G., Chas. Allen; Sent., R. G. Lord; Picket, Chas. McKay.

He and the cute youngster of the household were whiling away the time talking as he patiently awaited his girl's appearance. The talk naturally at this season drifted upon Christmas and Christmas gifts. He remarked that he had never yet seen a stocking large enough to hold all the gifts that he usually received then. The cute youngster rather astonished the young man by asking, "Did you ever see sister's?"

To all unfortunates who are not "in it" for Christmas or New Years dinner, we are requesfed to extend a special invitation to be present at the Ellenwood restaurant these approaching holidays, where they will be partakers of a genuine "Turkey and cranberry sauce" dinner and everything else to satisfy the most exacting epicurean. Don't forget the place (the old City bakery), where a merry Xmas awaits you.

James L. Todd's forest was invaded by a large body of coon hunters, among who it is alleged were present, we are told J. F. Rundel, but J. F. say's "not so," John Stabler, the Marvins and about 'steen more. They met around an elm four feet through, and sat in council until morning, watching a "coon up a tree." When daylight came they went to Jim's and asked permission to cut the tree. They got it. They downed the tree. Remember it was four feet through. No coon after all. Surprised and disappointed. Someone saw the coon in a basswood near by. Eighteen shots fired and the tree as far as knots and limbs looked appeared as if it had a clean shave. Then someone saw the coon grinning in an oak tree near by, and killed it at once.

BIRMINGHAM BUYERS

Who trade in our city will find it much to their advantage to make their purchases at our store.

Our styles always excellent.
Our prices always reasonable.

We cordially invite you to call and would be pleased to enjoy your patronage.

BELL'S SHOE HOUSE,

33 Saginaw St. PONTIAC, MICH.

FENWICK'S Lunch Parlors.

77 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Everything home made and palatable. Patrons checked free.
Ladies Waiting and Toilet Rooms.
Birmingham people specially invited to come to this Restaurant, and be at Home. G. G. FENWICK.

We are here

to stay and make some new offers this week:

Arithmetic	$5.75
Grammar	$5.75
German	$8.75
French	$8.75
Latin	$12.35

For those more advanced we can offer:

Algebra	$11.30
Plane Geometry	$8.90
Plane Trigonometry	$9.90
Greek	$10.00

But there are a good many more in our catalogue and you will do well to send for it.

You may enter any of the above courses by paying one-half cash and the balance in 60 days.

Now is the time to start during this cold, snappy weather. Then you will nicely finish your course by summer.

The Correspondence School of Science and Literature,
Wyandotte, Mich.

That old, Puzzling Question

is up again —What shall I buy for presents?
Read the answer in our windows. Good perfumery—always acceptable—triple-plate—sensible. New and delicate odors made by Rieger, the California perfumer.
10, 25 and 50c packages.

Whitehead & Mitchell,
Birmingham, Mich.

LADIES

The new fall and winter styles in

MILLINERY

Arrive every week at

MRS. S. L. BIRD'S,

Pontiac, Mich.

The largest stock and lowest prices in Oakland County.

"A Word

To the Wise is Sufficient."

TOMLINSON

The Artistic Photographer, of Birmingham, is making as fine Photos as any gallery in the state at prices that cannot be duplicated elsewhere for the same class of work. All kinds of large work made and finished in India Ink, Crayon, Pastel or Water Colors.

View Work a Specialty.

TOMLINSON.

Southfield Flour!

You want to eat the best bread cake and biscuit that can be made, don't you? Yes. That's a fact. Then you must buy

PHELPS' SOUTHFIELD FLOUR!

Straight product. Honest deal! Sold in Birmingham by Whitehead & Mitchell, John Hanna and Parks & Son. Warrant to give satisfaction.

L. C. PHELPS,
Southfield, Mich.

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—A GOOD PLACE TO BUY—

Dry Goods

—IS AT—

HUTTON, CHURCH & LINABURY'S.

Every item of Merchandise shown is strictly guaranteed to be Right in Quality and Style and at

LOWEST PRICE.

The McConnell Store is where we are located. The lightest store in the city.

Always Welcome,

Whether you Buy or Not.

Hutton, Church & Linabury, Pontiac.

Josh W. Bird,

Pontiac, Mich.

Wishes you to know that our Fall and Winter Goods are all in and will give you **fits** in Suits and Overcoats. Our line in Underwear and general line of Gent's Furnishing Goods was never better. Come and see us.