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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 31, '97

HOME NOTES.

THE OLD YEAR AND NEW.

See the old man stand
With a palsied hand,
While his breath falls thick and slow,
And he talks of the past
As the wintry blast
Toys ill with his locks of snow.
Oh, away with him now
Of the pallid brow,
And the corse all stiff and cold;
For the icy bier,
And the frozen tear,
Are tales to the young untold.
But hail to the heir,
With his young brow fair
And breath like the dewey morn;
Yes, a welcome here
To the young New Year,—
All hail! to the heir that's born.

—*Theiie Wilkinson.*

Blue.

'Phuyeah.

Blue cross.

All attend the Concert to-morrow evening.

Happy New Year.

MONEY TO LOAN—E. C. Popplelton, Trustee. 3413

Melrose Concert Co. to-morrow night in M. E. church.

Say, how would you like to see Birmingham electric lighted?

Please observe the blue cross.

J. Baker, of Farmington, was a visitor at T. Langley's recently.

Mrs. Warren Shuler, of Novi, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. E. Mudge.

Miss Irma Tuthill is spending a few days with Birmingham friends.

A very little more snow, Mr. Clerk, and we will have fine sleighing.

Miss Edith Hodges is now "at home" with the family of Wm. C. Jenks.

Mrs. C. G. Willson, of Royal Oak, was the guest of Birmingham friends Monday.

Mrs. T. Westlake and family and Miss Lombard spent Christmas at Fairholm.

Next summer our town will see erected, more and better buildings than ever before.

If Bloomfield Center can have her city lighted by electricity, why not Birmingham?

Lieut. Mortimer Bigelow left Sunday evening for a few week's sojourn in New York City.

The Ladies Tuesday Club will meet with Mrs. Eldred, Tuesday evening, Jan., 4th.

Edgar Hamlin, of Hudson, Mich., is the guest of his cousin, Harrison Hamlin, of this place.

As we go to press news comes to us of the death of Mrs. E. W. Millard, of Big Beaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hall are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Percy Parmenter at Toronto, Ont.

Electric lights for Birmingham, is one of the coming benefits in sight for our village. Why not?

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

Mr. and Mrs Charles Howard and daughter Marjorie, are spending the holidays in Birmingham and vicinity.

LOST—A silk scarf, at the Big Beaver M. E. church. Finder please leave at the Big Beaver post office.

Miss Anna Kirk and brother Robert, of Tuscola County, are spending a few days in Birmingham and vicinity.

LOST—Between Birmingham and Sly's coners, a Persian Lamb muff. Finder will kindly leave at the Post Office.

Miss Myra Coleman, of Farmington, visited her aunt, Mrs. Langley, enroute to Detroit to spend the holidays.

Mattie Baldwin, with her mother, have moved to Detroit. Mrs. Mary Cooper occupies their pleasant home in this village.

LOST—A tie weight with strap attached to iron staple or ring. Leave word at postoffice where it can be recovered.

Regular communication of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. and A. M. next Thursday evening, Jan. 6. J. B. Hunt Sec.

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

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U., will be held in the M. E. church on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all, who are interested in temperance work, to attend these meetings. Secretary.

2912 columns of reading matter for $1.00. Subscribe for the Eccentric and perpetuate your memory in the heart of an absent friend.

Miss Mary Utter is quite ill with a severe cold, but hopes to be able to begin teaching as soon as vacation is over. We hope so too.

Miss Minnie Jarvis has been quite ill for a week or so and unable to attend her desk in the bank. We trust she will soon recover.

Claire Aldrich spent Saturday and Sunday in Battle Creek with his brother George, and the following Monday with relatives in Durand.

We are in receipt of nice crisp news from Troy, County Line, Southfield and Southfield Avenue, but it will "keep" until next week.

You can now walk by the postoffice with perfect impunity. White, head & Mitchell have replaced the boards over their slippery stone walk.

Regular convocation of Birmingham Chapter No. 93 R. A. M. Monday evening, January 5, 1898. Full attendance requested. A. Patridge Sec.

Begin the new year by getting shod at the right place for, instruction regarding said place, read H. B. Merritt's, Pontiac, New Year ad.—Look it up, read it, then GO

School books are cash the world over. From manufacturer to jobber, cash; from jobber to wholesaler, cash; wholesaler to retailer, cash; retailer to everybody, cash?—sometimes.

At this writing Mr. E. Spencer Wooster, an old resident of our vicinity is very low. All the children are home again, and we hope the good man will soon be well again.

Mrs. E. F. Peabody was made happy by a visit over Sunday last with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Hitchings, and Master Gardner Shelly, all of Detroit.

Kneipp Malt Coffee is especially recommended to all sufferers from indigestion' dyspepsia, nervousness insomnia, stomach and bowel troubles, liver complaint and general debility.

William Narrin and Miss Estelle Addis, both of Ortonville, and Lee Dunlap and Miss Edith Shug, both of Pontiac, were united in marriage by Rev. Eugene Allen, on Wednesday afternoon last.

The Epworth League club, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Bray, Friday evening, Dec., 22. A large crowd of young people were present, and a very enjoyable time was experienced by all.

An Ordination Council, comprising the representative ministers of the Detroit Baptist Association, met with the Baptist church here yesterday and set apart for the work of the Gospel Ministry its pastor, F. L. Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Waldo Friday afternoon, Jan. 7. All are invited. Committee: Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. Nellie Camp, Mrs. Taber, biscuit; Mrs. Colby, cake; Mrs. Chatfield, butter; Mrs. Lawrence, sauce.

Miss Mary Hay, of Belvedere, Ill., helped her sister, Miss Fannie pass the holiday vacation which otherwise, among strangers would have seemed dull. Miss M. Angie Baker enjoyed her week's rest at her Chicago home with her own relatives.

After Janduary 1st, the Michigan Telephone which is the old company, will put telephones in residences six on a wire, or in clubs of six for only six dollars per year, three dollars lower than any other company. Now that's very low indeed.

Joseph Parks and Miss Mamie McRoberts, of Troy, were married at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday of last week, Rev. Orr officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Parks left on the evening train for Ypsilanti. They have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Miss Frona Bates one of Jackson's popular teachers in the public schools of that hustling city, is visiting her friend, Mrs. M. E. Hemenway, and from there she branches out among her host of acquaintances, brightening the lives of all with a short, breezy, cheery visit.

The report of Dairy Inspector John Barron, who once was a clerk in the drug store of Whitehead & Mitchell, shows that 45 dairies have been visited during the month in and near the following cities: Stanton, Greenville, Belding, Ionia, Saranac, Lowell, Howard City, Big Rapids, Reed City, Cadillac. The cows were found to be generally clean; stables part clean and part dirty; ventilation good; sanitary conditions poor; water supply good. One had been using preservaline, and out of 42 milk tests, 3 fell below the standard in milk fat.

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.

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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 when and how goods are bought. These are a part of a purchase of 2,000 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	$3.48
15.00 " "	8.98	6.50 " "	4.48
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 Books, Games, Toys, Banks, Dolls, Matches, Purses, Perfumes, Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Towels, Stationery, Silver Trays and large list of novelties.

25c 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 Embroidered Neckties, Kid Gloves, Table Covers, Napkins, Bed Spreads and a host of articles from 5c to $50, fitting any price desired.

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The Melrose Concert Co. of Detroit, composed of ladies and gentlemen, all of whom are artists, accompanied by a gifted elocutionist, Miss Pearle Wirick, will give one of their popular entertainments to-morrow evening, in the Methodist church. Everybody go and enjoy a rare treat. Prices only ten and fifteen cents.

The attraction at Pontiac Opera House for next Saturday will be the Columbia Minstrels carrying forty people. This company carry some of the best minstrel people on the stage. There will be two performances afternoon and evening. Matinee prices 25c in any part of the house; evening prices 35 and 50.

The ladies of the Circle of Foresters elected as their officers for 1898: Chief Com., Mrs Clara Ball; Sub. Chief, Mrs Ida Simpson; Rec. Sec'y., Mrs. Sarah Carter; Fin., Sec'y., Mrs. Nellie Marsh; Treas., Mrs. Mary Reynolds; Right Guide, Mrs. Sarah Yessen; Left Guide, Mrs. Polly Greer; Inside Guard, Mrs. Louisa Reynolds; Outside Guard, Mrs. Emma Hoffman.

At their last meeting the Court Pride of Oakland, No. 18, A. O. O. F., elected the following officers: C. R., J. Felder; S. R., Bert Tuxworth; Treas'r, H. Streeter; F. S., Wm. Robinson; R. S., J. Shain; S. W., Geo. Wright; J. W., Frank Simpson; S. B., Wm. Hathaway; J. B., W. Shadbolt. Trustees: 3 yrs, Wm. Whing; 2 yrs, Geo. Curran; Dep., Wm. Cobb.

Justice James Casey is not getting all the high toned colored weddings by any means, and kissing all the dusky brides. Don't you think for a moment he is. Judge John Heth has shied his caster in the way and bid's for that class of biz and has some too, having united in the blissful bonds of matrimony, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, David H. A. Baker and Miss Amanda Dunning, both of Southfield. John used the p. d. q. ceremony which with his blessing costs only $2.50. Office open at all hours. Come early and avoid the rush.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith—a daughter, one day ahead of Christmas, and Gene was so overjoyed that he had printed noteheads, statements and envelopes "Eugene Smith & Daughter dealers in Hardwood, Lumber, Cider and Vinegar" before he saw the error. All well and happy.

Besides their new and brilliant effects in the first part, the Columbia Minstrels, who appear at the Pontiac Opera House next Saturday afternoon and night, introduce a genuine novelty in the shape of a lady interlocutor. The company includes Billy Van Criremus and son, the Rinaldos, the European marvels, Brenton Thorpe, the operatic baritone singer and others. A red-hot medley of the popular airs of the day is introduced in the afterpiece. Matinee 25c; night 35 and 50c.

Well! well!! Some one in the Upper Peninsula has a kodak and, best of all, knows how to use it, judging from the beautiful views which Mrs. John Baldwin has received from the family of Cornelius H. Brayman, of South Lake Linden, Mich. The views show interior and exterior of Mr. Brayman's beautiful home with Mr. Cornelius and Mrs. Cornelius and Miss Ida Brayman, and a good likeness of each every time. Mrs. Baldwin is pretty proud of her Xmas gift.

It hardly seems possible but it costs just an even $100 per month to issue this paper before there is anything to the good or is as aptly expressed before you have an velvet. Now to be frank we've seen no velvet yet but we are determined that all subscribers to the Eccentric shall have the best paper in the county for $1 per year, but we really must have the dollar in advance. We don't care to make a profit from the Eccentric. It's for the good of the public that we issue it. Remember that. One thing we will be compelled to do and that is this we must have $1 a year in advance or stop the paper. It's a heroic act but it is the only thing to do where you are giving $2 for $1, or in other words selling gold dollars for fifty cents.

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.

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Treasurer of Troy Township.

Wm. H. Elliott,

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New Black and Blue Kersey Jackets at	$ 7.88
New Rough Cloth Jackets at	10.88, 12.88 and $14.75
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A Bargain in Flannelette House Wrappers at	$ 1.00
Muffs at	1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00 and $ 5.00
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FROM RECENT SERMONS.

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When we have the right love for frail humanity we will live for some good purpose, and our lives will be a great blessing to others.—Rev. G. W. Perryman, Baptist, Cincinnati, O.

Do we not know that our one besetting evil is the worship of gold? For money we sell our health of body and peace of mind, our sons and our daughters.—Rev. T. B. Gregory, Universalist, Chicago, Ill.

Orthodoxy has insisted for one hundred years that liberalism was dying in this country. Our brethren should learn wisdom and hold the announcement until the obsequies are fully performed.—Rev. R. A. White, Universalist, Chicago.

A man ought to educate his family in the belief that his son ought to be a better man and fill a nobler place in society than himself. He ought to believe in progress. Have hope for posterity.—Rev. J. J. Muir, Baptist, Washington, D. C.

Josh W. Bird,

Pontiac, Mich.

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