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HOME NOTES.

Claire Aldrich, of the Pontiac Gazette, was home Sunday last.

Don't forget the lecture by Prof. Ferris, Friday evening, Feb. 5

Mrs. Wm. Keeney is in Chicago at tending her sister who is sick.

Pretty fair sleighing but a little more snow would help it up a great deal.

B. H. S. Lyceum holds its next meeting in the High School room. Admission 5c.

Rev. J. D. Carter will preach in the Baptist church, Sunday, Feb. 7, at 3 p. m.

Bromo quinine, the great cold in the head cure, is for sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

A full attendance is requested of the band Thursday night, regular meeting. W. Keeney, Sec'y.

Fred Daniels, of Troy, and Lizzie Haw, of this village, will wed. Now, who is Lizzie Haw?

Holly has a Mutual Telephone Company in her midst and they are doing a rattling good business.

Wade Bros., Robertson & Co., of Pontiac, are out with a new adv't this week. Read it, it will pay you.

A number of inquiries have been made concerning the school "piano fund." It will be explained fully next week.

Charles Fay, of Galnes, has been visiting relatives and old friends in this vicinity for the past few days.

House to rent, seven rooms, good location, and everything comfortable, small barn. Enquire of Geo. H. Tuns. 4

The popular and talented lecturer Prof. Ferris, of Big Rapids, will give an address at the M. E. church, Feb 5. Subject, "Success."

Perfumed butter is the latest London fad. American boarding houses have made a specialty of perfumed butter for many years.

Mrs. Hanly, of Royal Oak, has a quantity of 4 foot wood for sale. All kinds, soft or hard. Call on or address her as above. 4

Rent a safe deposit box for your valuable papers for a dollar a year at the Exchange Bank and have your papers safe from fire and tramps.

Having sold out his business in Royal Oak, Mr. Chas. F. Quick wishes all parties indebted to him to call and settle their accounts as soon as possible.

No one was happier than Walter North and family over the safe arrival of a bonnie little girl who put in an appearance the early part of this week. All doing nicely.

The supper given by the St. James Guild in the basement of the church on Friday evening last was a success as all the entertainments given by the ladies invariably are.

Little Clifford Smith after having been treated for several weeks by Dr. C. M. Bayden, of this place, returned to his home at Grand Rapids, last week, well and happy.

A little baby girl, Miss Elizabeth Sharon Pease, arrived at the home of Mrs. Grace Camp Pease in Detroit one day last week and made all happy by her quiet, winsome ways.

The Ladies' Working Society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs Ira Chatfield, Friday afternoon, Feb. 5. Everybody cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Nellie Camp, Sec'y.

For sale, a 3-4 flat top carriage, nearly new; a nice road wagon with end springs and a dandy road cart. Will sell the first all very cheap as I have no use for them. J. F. Rundell. 3

The christian missionaries who are staying in plague-stricken Bombay, to help the victims, are doing a work for christianity that will be felt around the world. Acts are more convincing than preaching.

Henry Serrell, son of ex-County Surveyor Serrell, will start a green house at Oxford soon and will have the main building 40x100 feet and with all the modern appliances for a successful future.

Rev. W. C. Clemo preached from the Pontiac M. E. church recently, presenting the needs of the labouring. Mich. church, of which he is pastor, and a collection raised $60 for his charge.

Found! Came into my enclosure and my premises one seal brown mare about three to four years old, chunky built. Owner can have same by paying costs and proving ownership. E. L. Parsons. 6

Isaac Mabee is on the sick list, but our old friend is so unwilling to give up to any ordinary sickness that the chances are that he will be as well as ever by the time this issue is in the press. We sincerely hope so, at any rate.

Sam Bettes, the howling, rank evangelist, who stirred up Rochester last week or two, will start for Cuba the 15th inst with a new outfit of fire arms. He's quit fighting satan and is going to fire on Spain. Here's hopin'.

Pontiac is loaded down with barbers, eliminig more tonsorial artists to the square foot than any other town in Michigan, but they are spreading out, one having located in Orion last week. We have five in our little city all making a living.

Mrs. John Harvey, of Detroit, who has recently returned from a visit to Europe and the orient; will give an address in the Presbyterian church on next Thursday evening, Feb. 11. The subject will be "Foreign Missions as viewed by a traveller." Admission free. All are cordially invited.

What do you think of that? Senator Warner of the State Senate has a bill before the House providing that all highway commissioners in counties where there are roads, shall be made toll road commissioners, with authority to open to the public all toll gates if the companies do not keep their roads in proper repair.

When the winter gales are howling does it ever occur to you what a comfortable thing a little tornado insurance would be? The rates are very low and the old Phoenix of Hartford issue a policy covering all loss or damage by cyclone, tornado or wind storm. Ask about it at the Exchange Bank and you will receive full particulars.

Sam Bettes, the cowboy preacher, has been raising about over in Rochester, giving a series of revival meetings from the Holy Ghost organ at pulpit of Rev. E. G. Palmer. Judging from the many letters from members of that church printed in the Rochester Era, we should say that Sam has been keeping up his usual style of lam-basting everybody and everything.

Ed Chamberlin, of Battle Creek, Mich., was in town the latter part of last week visiting his sister, Mrs. W. J. Taker, and also many old friends and acquaintances. Since leaving Birmingham he has been employed as fireman on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, running from Port Huron to Battle Creek. He is enjoying a short vacation.

Dale Randel, our efficient supervisor, has recently acquired a fox hound imported from one of the finest packs in Kentucky, with a voice like an old fashioned conch shell. Dale tells marvellous stories about the dog's exploits in outwitting the slyest old Reynards in the country, and is aching to get out with him, but the weather has vetoed all his attempts of late.

Going to rent your farm this spring? If so have a lease drawn up by a competent person for the mutual protection of yourself and your tenant. Then there can be no misunderstanding on either side and you may save a deal of trouble and perhaps expensive litigation. All kinds of leases, contracts, deeds, mortgages and other legal papers promptly and properly executed at the Exchange bank.

A very pleasant and complete surprise was given Mr. W. A. Denison, of Troy, on the occasion of his 80th birthday, Jan 29th. Many friends and relatives were with him to help celebrate the event, and with them brought numerous presents. After a short visit the guests participated in a bountiful and appetizing dinner which was enjoyed by all. After spending the afternoon the guests dispersed, wishing the host many more happy birthdays. A Guest.

We are right glad to see our old friend Jack Baldwin out on the street again after a serious tussle with the grippe. We didn't care so much about Jack as one would at first suppose, but we were wondering who we would go fishing with next summer, if the old partner should happen to "knock under." Here's hoping that he may live to have many a tussle with the finny tribe for years to come.

The Birmingham Gun Club have a shoot Saturday, commencing at one o'clock p. m. sharp. There will be both rifle and shot gun shooting. Prize will be given in each class as follows: 1st prize, quarter of beef; 2nd prize, one lamb; turkeys will also be given. All sportsmen cordially invited to be present. Shoot takes place at the Daniels race track. Remember the date, Saturday, Feb. 6

When a man asks an editor to suppress news, he not only asks him to throw away a part of his stock in trade but he requests him to violate his contract with his subscribers and the general public. This is a thing which no conscientious man will do. His refusal may possibly make a few enemies, but in the end he will lose nothing by keeping faith with the public. It is well to be obliging, but it is better to be honest.

At five o'clock Wednesday evening of last week, at 13 Madison Ave., Detroit, Wilmott H. Wood, Detroit, for six years an employee of the Christian Herald, was married to Miss Nellie Wilkinson, of this place, Rev. L. H. Trowbridge officiating. The groom was attended by Mr. W. J. Curtis, of the U. of M., Ann Arbor, and the bride by Miss Bradish, of Detroit. The bridal party went to Howell on the six o'clock train on the D., G. R. & W. R'y the same evening. They will be at home on Southfield Ave. after February.

The person who will go into an electric car and deliberately spit a big puddle of tobacco juice on the floor for ladies to climb their dress skirts through, is unworthy of the name of man and the title of "gentleman" is out of the question. The conductors of the electric railways in the city are directed to put all such things off the cars, and we see no good reason that the suburban roads should not take the same stand. It would certainly add to the popularity of our Oakland Railway, to have such an order go into effect.

On the 30th day of August, 1862, at the battle of Bull Run, A. W. Austin, of Bull Run, was wounded with a musket ball and three buckshot. Two of the shot lodged in the right arm and the large ball nearly tore the arm off. The other shot went into the lung between the ribs. Doctors could not find or locate it. Sunday evening the gentleman coughed up from the left lung near the heart the long lost ball which had bothered him for over 35 years. He says that if the Johnnies will prove property and pay charges they can have the bullet. Etc.

A dying inebriate in Oswego, N. Y., left this as his last will and testament: "I leave to society a ruined character, a wretched example, and a memory that will soon rot. I leave to my parents as much sorrow as they can in their feeble state bear. I leave to my brothers and sisters as much shame and mortification as I can bring on them. I leave to my wife a broken heart—a life of shame. I leave to each of my children poverty, ignominy, a low character, and a remembrance that their father filled a drunkard's grave. For drunkards to read when they have time."

"Yes," said the old man addressing the visiting visitor, "I am proud of my girls, and would like to see them comfortably married, and as I have made a little money, they will not go to their husbands penniless. There's Carrie, 25 years old, and a real good girl. I shall give her $5,000 when she is married. Then comes Anna, who won't see 35 again, and I shall give her $10,000; and the man who takes Maggie at 40, will have $15,000 with her." The young man reflected a moment or so and then inquired: "You haven't one about 50, have you?"

Being about to remove to Grattiot county, Henry F. Hittner will have an auction on the Sloan farm in Troy, one mile west and one half miles north of Big Beaver, on Saturday, Feb 6, at 10 o'clock a. m. The following articles will be sold: Horses, cows, bull, heifers, 14 Shropshire sheep, two brood sows, 8 shotes, harnesses, breaking cart, lumber wagon, drag, Gale plow, binder, corn sheller, hay rack, cultivator, scow-boat, Albion seeder, water tank, 8 or 10 tons of timothy hay, 350 bu. corn in ear, a quantity of oats, 12 swarms of bees, barrel churn, cradle, stove, kettle, tables, markers, hoes, horse-power, cider barrel, whiffletree, neck yokes, etc. Terms easy. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer, Frank Schlaack, clerk. 2

The pencil pusher of THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC is evidently having an "eccentric" inspiration of fun with the inquests, as the struggles along. Here is his latest pronouncements: Some of the invitations to the Elliott Times party urge you to "come in rags and shags; come like Prince Mike, in two rags alike." If the blue cross don't bring the poor editor something he'll be there in costume and will take the prize, too." Wouldn't Mitchell dut a figure though, (rigged out a la Monks,) in such a fashionable colorie—Holly Independent. Well? Well? Well??? Play cold friend and fellow pencil pusher who wound up up like a clock nearly 20 years ago, is just as fresh and blooming and sarcastic and pun-ny as ever and publishes the Holly Independent just now. Mad, you're a peach.

When you go to the bank to get a check cashed, do not present it at the wicket for payment until you have endorsed it—that is, write your name (precisely as the check is drawn) across the back on the left hand end of the check. People will sometimes say, "Well, I wanted to see if it was good." It is impossible for the teller at your bank to know the condition of the balance of a person or firm whose account is kept in a city perhaps a thousand miles away. Endorse it first, and if it is refused on account of any irregularity, you can easily cancel your endorsement and then the check will be in precisely the same condition, as far as you are concerned, as when you first came into possession of it.

A new swindle is being worked in a number of Michigan cities by two confederates, to this manner: One of the swindlers goes into a store, purchases a small article, paying with a one, two or five dollar bill that has been previously marked. He gets his change and departs, and in a few minutes the other swindler enters the store and purchases a cigar or some other article, and after waiting a moment asks the clerk why he does not give him his change. The clerk informs him that he has not yet paid him. The swindler insists that he has and remembers it very distinctly, because the bill he handed him had a very peculiar mark upon it, which he describes. The clerk looks in the money drawer, finds the bill as described, gives him his change and apologizes for detaining him.—Detroit Free Press.

If anyone thinks that the life of a Probate Judge is nothing but sunshine with roses scattered by the wayside, they are sadly mistaken. Occasionally cases come before Judge Patterson which are fought as hard as any Circuit Court case and covers many months before a settlement is effected. The will of Ferdinand Williams was brought before Judge Patterson last Saturday, and the case, was put over for two weeks. Ferdinand Williams was a very wealthy, eccentric old farmer, who lived at Water ford. The will was executed 33 years ago and involves $125,000, and we understand that this was willed to his son, with whom the old gentleman made his home. Mrs. James McKeand, of Pontiac, once a resident of Holly, a daughter, and F. W. Fielden, a grandson, of Detroit, are the contestants. Six prominent attorneys have been engaged in the case, and the battle promises to be a hard fought one, and it is dollars to buttons that when the final settlement comes, the lawyers will have more than any one of the heirs.

The Presbyterians feel that they have left almost no stone unturned to provide for themselves and their friends opportunities to become thoroughly posted on various subjects of interest and importance, having left only John Dewitt Miller who lectures on the never-tiring subject of "Clover, Courtship and Marriage." The lecture given in the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening, the 20th, by Rev Frank A. Morgan, of Terre Haute, Ind., called the "Evolution of a Lover," presented the subject in a different light. The audience "thought large, was appreciative, and the lecturer proved a refined speaker with a sparkling fund of native humor. His subtle witticisms were keen and to the point. But perhaps he was at his best when speaking of the serious phases which presented themselves to him. His liberal quotations, ranging from the classicals of Seneca and Cicero and Shakespeare down to the latter known and ever popular James Whitcomb Riley of our own times, showed him to be broad and well versed. Altogether the lecture was very enjoyable and entertaining. It was given under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

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The contract for providing the banquet has been let to J. S. Sutton, of this city, a well-known caterer, who has on former occasions provided menus every bit as satisfactory to the core. The menu this year will be exceptionally inviting.

Tickets are already in the hands of sub committees, and the prospect for an unusually large attendance was never better. Tickets may also be had on application to Frank Covert, Esq., secretary, and H. A. Wyckoff, treasurer.—Pontiac Gazette.

DETROIT THEATRES

At the Lyceum Andrew Mack, latest aspirant for stellar honors in the Irish drama, began a week's engagement Sunday evening at the Lyceum. The impression he made was all in his favor and he won new honors by his singing and acting in the character of Myles Aroon, the simple-hearted Irish lad. His singing of "The Low Back Car," Lover's well-known ballad, and his own song, "An Irish Lad's Wooing," delighted the audience, and he was repeatedly encored. "Myles Aroon" is a fairly interesting play, clean of motive and well out of the beaten track of Irish dramas. Leone Mantrose was the Maggie Farrell. She looked pretty enough to win the heart of any Irish boy with eyes in his head, and was entirely satisfactory. Little Florence Alp was the Nellie Glover. She is a remarkable child, whose acting would do credit to a person four times her years. Richard Webster was the Mother Bett. Mr. Webster created this part when the play was first produced by W. J. Scanlon, and his Dramatic express on the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad rushing through space 75 miles an hour are the most memorable of these wonderful reproductions. Next week, "When London Sleeps."

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