$5,000 SCHOOL BUILDING—SIT.

EDITOR OF THE ECCENTRIC:—

The question of bonding this school district for $5,000 for the purpose of building a new school building is again presented to the voters of the district for their consideration. A measure of this kind pertaining to the welfare of our public school should receive a careful investigation that we may vote intelligently thereon that the final result may be for the greatest good. With this object in view a few me to present a few thoughts on this subject.

In looking at the present condition of our school we can but come to the conclusion that more room is required for the comfort and advancement of the pupils. This additional room should be provided as soon as practicable.

But, what is the size of the building required and should it be an annex to the present one or should it be a new detached building costing about $5000? are questions that should be carefully considered. The committee to whom this matter was referred, (although dissenting on some points, were unanimous in their opinion that a two-room building with a hall, cloak room, etc., was sufficient to meet our present needs for many years to come.

I believe that the committee making the majority and the minority reports made a careful investigation into this matter and that their conclusions were correct. The plan presented at the meeting was for a building to cost about $2,000. This plan seemed to meet the approval of those present, and would I think have been adopted had not the idea been brought to the front that at some time in the dim future a four room building costing about $5000 would be needed. Now that this measure has not received the necessary support, what is now the duty of the voters of the school district? I believe that it should be to provide a sufficient fund for constructing just such a building as is seen to be necessary, not providing for some imaginary want, but for present needs, and that need which seems clear to me for the future. Such a want would to my mind be fully supplied in furnishing a two-room building of a capacity, to seat about 120 pupils. Such rooms could be built adjoining our school house for $2,500 or less.

When we look at the true condition of things I think that we would cast our ballots for a nine hundred dollar bond for the purpose and leave the building of a new school house till such time as one is needed. Therefore mark a vote S. o. w. We should decide this question right if it takes all summer.

Birmingham, July 9, 1897. CITIZEN.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

James M. Greenfield, of Flushing, visited Birmingham friends Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Martie Sly, a graduate in the class of 95 from the Birmingham High School, graduates from the Wilkes Bros Training School for Nurses Thursday.

Miss Clara Richardson has been on the sick list for some time at the home of Henry Gunnell.

Saturday was pension day for the old soldiers and the usual numbers from this place received their allowances.

George Sly is having his house repainted. H Staley is doing the work.

Mrs. Nate Eisenlord is recovering.

Jut Cummings rides a new wheel.

Will Clemens and wife have a young son to gladden their home.

A large number from this vicinity will attend summer school at Pontiac

Mrs. Chas. Johnson is still in a critical condition, but it is hoped she will soon be on the gain.

Arthur Craft was a caller in town Saturday evening.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Dave Blakely lost one of his work horses last week.

Mrs. Chas. Kidd has gone to Cleveland to visit her brother, Thad Smith.

Mrs. Frank Ford and mother of Birmingham, visited old Warren friends last week.

Mrs. C. Gamble and niece, of Detroit visited her daughter, Mrs. J. Usherigs, part of last week.

Matt McBride's new barn is finished, Chas. Parks is doing the painting.

John Martin is going to move into Mrs. Beeb's house.

S. Martin has been appointed agent for the Lapeer Cyclone Insurance Co.

The bond question of the Warren saloon keepers has been settled satisfactorily.

Isaah Brace is building the cellar for his new house.

While F. Brace and family were away at Royal Oak the hired man changed his clothes and disappeared with $42.02. He came from Canada. No clue as yet.

Miss Sarah Magee has returned home from Big Rapids last week where she has been attending school.

Rob Martin, of Troy, visited relatives near Warren last Sunday.

Parks & Co. are doing a well for E. Brace. We hope he will be successful as he has made several attempts to get a good well.

Frank Dunn's suit has been put over another week. There are hopes of a settlement in the near future If the affair hangs on long enough there will be nothing to settle

Mrs. John Lawson and Miss Celina McBride were injured in a runaway when going home from the Big Beaver picnic.

INTERESTING STORIES.

(Wes Faint in the Detroit Evening News.)

Birmingham—Will Toleman, the Detroit lad whose arm was torn off in a horse power, March 13, was awarded the sum of $1500, by a jury in the circuit court here today. Toleman brought suit for $10,000 damages, claiming the machinery was unsafe.

Birmingham—Bethune Bigelow's Franklin brick and tile maker, who is seven feet tall and straight as an arrow, refused an offer of $3,000 a year to swing a policeman's baton on Broadway, New York.

Birmingham—When Tom Cooper was a drug clerk with Frank Hagerman of Birmingham, the future bicycle champion was away from business about half of his time to attend local races. Mr. Hagerman was greatly in need of a clerk and he took "Ginger" to task about it. "Tommy," said Mr. Hagerman, good naturedly, "you will have to give up the wheel or the drug business." Tommy took his advice.

Birmingham—A Bloomfield farmer, with a bad temper, went into his barn the other day, to find a large, thin, "sunfish" hog eating seed wheat from a pail. The farmer flew into a rage and struck the hog under the ear with a stone as big as a goose egg. The hog fell dead. The farmer danced on its carcass in a rage, thinking it would get up. When he found it dead he cut its throat with a jackknife. The women punished him by serving up a painful of the "sunfish" hog for his breakfast.

Birmingham—A pathetic episode in animal life happened at Gilbert Schools, North Farmington. A little scrawny hen, which had been fighting hawks and owls to protect her four little chicks, was found dead one morning in a drift of feathers. Her head was missing, and the little chicks were in hiding, safe and sound. The hen lay all day where the owl had killed her. When the sun went down the four little downy orphans snuggled under their dead mother's wing, their yellow heads protruding through the feathers as they shut their eyes and crooned themselves to sleep.

Birmingham—Several lambs, hors and young cattle have been carried off near Pleasant Lake, Oakland county, and there are sober, reliable farmers who claim to have seen a panther prowling around. This is the story they tell: A hired man having been jilted by his girl determined to revenge himself on the whole community by buying a sheep, mangy past, free from a stranded show and turning it loose in a swamp near his sweetheart's home. Whether the story is true or not, it is nevertheless a fact that no sparking is done by night near Pleasant Lake, and that the women are almost panic-stricken. It is said the hired man contemplates planting a wildcat and wolverine next.

Birmingham—A Detroit pant factory last week built a pair of overalls for Joe Bigelow Van Every, of Franklin, which were 42 inches in length and 52 around the waist. It was the greatest order around the waist band that the company ever had. The pants, when finished, were hung to a hook over a stairway in the factory, where 200 girls had to ascend and descend, the pants being inflated with all the waste paper to be had in that part of the city. The story still echoes with the boisterous laughter that resounded when the employes passed. Joe is five feet tall and weighs 300 pounds. He was a cavalryman in the war. This fact was doubted by a stranger. "You ain't stuff me," he said. "They did not have elephant cavalry in our war; you're thinking about the 'Panic wars.' No horse could carry you." "I wasn't so fat then," said Bubb.

Birmingham—On hill from the big gate, near the centre of the North Farmington cemetery is a neglected grave, with only a common field stone to mark its head—the grave of Farmer Bathric, of Novi, who was murdered about five years ago by his son Gus. The young patricide made a speech, which Mose Moore said was "equal to anything in the classics," and was sent up for only seven years But he fooled them. He was made a trusty and skipped out from Ionia a few months ago, and now is a skulking fugitive.

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS

Giving General Garrulous Gossings and Genteel Gossip;

Mr. Fowler has recently become the owner of a bran new '97 Model Wheel. It is a beauty.

Miss Maude Schanover left last Friday for an extended visit with Utica friends

Jesse Schanover is the happy possessor of a new hack.

Lou Prager of Pontiac, and Frank Freeland of Birmingham, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Leon Prager last Sunday.

Mrs. J. Schanover spent a part of last week in Detroit.

The Living Branch of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Association will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon in the new Harry Hall.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews died last Friday and the funeral occurred the following Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willson spent Friday last in Detroit.

Notwithstanding the continued cool weather school picnics seem to be the order of the day in Royal Oak, Mr. Dunnen taking the lead by entertaining her school with an excursion and picnic on Belle Isle last week, Miss Salisbury following suit by giving her scholars a picnic in Farmer's Park, Friday village, the same weeks and Miss Lillian Stott is today picnicing just outside the village with her pupils.

Mrs. A Schanover went Tuesday in Detroit.

A merry crowd of young people numbering 13 came up from Detroit in a trolley and were very pleasantly entertained at the residence of Mrs C Mow on Sunday.

Fish! Fish! Fish! reverberates upon the air every Tuesday morning and it is a welcome sound to many.

Children's Day will be observed in the M. E church next Sunday morning and the little people are prepared to render an interesting program

The last Sunday in June will be observed as Children's Day in the Baptist church of this place, and the children are rehearsing for that event.

Mr. and Mrs David McDowell left this week for Watkins Lake, where they will remain about one week.

Mrs I N Bates, of Birmingham, was a guest of Royal Oak friends over Sunday.

Several from here attended a union school picnic held in Gillets' grove, Big Beaver, last Thursday.

Frank McDowell was in the city Monday last.

C G Willson has accepted a clerkship with W A Luttenbacher, and commenced labor in his new field last Monday.

L O T M 409 met last Thursday evening. This order only meets once in two weeks now instead of every two weeks, as heretofore.

Our base ball players are bearing their defeat of last Saturday with the best grace imaginable, and we trust with no ill will to the Clawsonites.

Mrs Riley, of Greenfield, recently visited her mother, Mrs A Sebraska.

Mrs H Kimmell called on Detroit friends last week

Rehearsals are in order for the entertainment to be given by St Mary's church in the near future.

WHO WANTS A BARGAIN?

We have had placed in our hands for sale the home of Mrs. Joe G. Wilson on Saginaw street in this village. This place is a most desirable one for anyone who wishes to keep a restaurant or a hotel in a small way. The location is advantageous—none better in the village—three-fourths of an acre of land and a house in pretty good shape. The house has a large dining-room, kitchen, woodshed and bedroom downstairs, two bedrooms up stairs with a large clothes press. A small barn and plenty of small fruits. Price $800 and time given on part if required. Apply to Whitehead & Mitchell. tf

TWEEN THE LAKES.

MICHIGAN NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD FOR MICHIGANDERS.

Four Counterfeiters Get a Fair Dose of Justice at Grand Rapids—Uncle Sam Lends a Cruiser to Michigan Navies—Celebrate the National Flag Day.

Four Counterfeiters Sent Up.

Jay V. Eltdn, of Clyde, Ohio; John Depree, of Grand Rapids; Ferdinand Hauck, of Belding, Ind., and Simpson Craig, of Jackson, were found guilty in the federal court at Grand Rapids on charges of making and circulating $20 treasury notes. This is believed to be the last of an extensive gang of counterfeiters which operated in various parts of the country during 1895-6; two other members of which were the Kingston boys, of Ionia, recently given long terms for their part in the scheme. Depree was the engraver of the bills, and he got three years; Hauck, four years; Craig and El on, five years each in the Detroit house of correction. Elton was the moneyed man of the gang. Depree is the son of a Congregational minister in Grand Rapids, who wept piteously when his boy was sentenced.

U. of M. Regents' Doings.

The U. of M. regents held an important meeting at which the budget for 1897-8 was made up at $418,545. It was decided to keep the hospitals open this summer with the $3,000 appropriation given by the legislature. A new chair was established in the subjects of English philology and general linguistics and Prof. George Hempl was given the chair at a salary of $2,000. Judge Victor H. Lane, of Adrian, was appointed Fletcher professor of law. Jas. H. Brewster was made professor of law and Judge Wm. Ledyard, of Manistee, professor of law on half time. Prof. F. R. Mechem's salary was raised to $3,000. Dr. Vaughan and Prof. Russell were granted leave of absence after June 30, the former to go to Europe, and the latter to take up work on the geological survey.

Michigan Naval Reserves Get the Yantic

The U. S. cruiser Yantic which has been loaned to the Michigan Naval Reserves by Uncle Sam to be used as a training ship, was built at the U. S. navy yard at Philadelphia in 1864, served as a blockader during the rest of the war and did good service in peace until 1877 when she was turned in for "repairs." Congress would appropriate no money for new cruisers so the Yantic and others were "rebuilt." In 1880 the Yantic slid into the water again practically a new vessel and until 1890 was a part of the pretty North Atlantic squadron, but for the past seven years has been in the South Atlantic as a training ship. She is 180 feet wood, 180 feet between perpendiculars, 30 feet beam, and 12.2 feet mean draft. She is of 900 tons displacement.

The Loyal Legion Congress.

The Loyal Legion of the United States met in the eighth quadrennial congress at Detroit. Although the number of delegates was small—70—it was a representative gathering, and in more than one way. Nearly every state was represented, as also army and navy and many branches of official and civil life, the Loyal Legion being composed of officers and ex-officers of the U. S. army and navy. There were many touching meetings of wartime comrades and incidents which stirred the hearts and brought both smiles and tears were told by the score as the older veterans greeted each other. The business sessions of the congress were presided over by Rear Admiral Howgrave, the commander-in-chief of the Loyal Legion.

Big Fire at Durand—No Protection.

A disastrous fire which destroyed nearly half the business part of Durand started shortly after midnight in the Lillie building, on West Main street. As the only fire engine in the village was broken in a Decoration day exhibition, the town was practically without protection. The flames spread rapidly and within three hours the following buildings were in ruins: Brick store of Mrs. Fred Bower, restaurant of T. J. Young; frame building of Duran Perry, millinery store of Mrs. Agnes Berry; frame building of Andrew Lillie, bakery of Mr. Yoche; brick building of Daniel Harrington, tobacco store and billiard room of Harrington & Co., and shoe shop of Andrew Lillie. The loss is estimated at $25,000.

Michigan's Pioneers.

The annual meeting of the State Pioneer and Historical society washeld at Lansing. There was disappointment expressed because of the governor's veto of their appropriation bill, but it was agreed that a vigorous effort should be made to make the coming year the most successful in the history of the society. The publication of a volume of collections will be abandoned temporarily, however. The papers read were unusually varied and interesting. The following officers were elected: President, Cyrus G. Luce, of Lansing; secretary, Geo. H. Greene, of Lansing; treasurer, B. F. Davis, of Lansing.

National Flag Day, June 14.

The Michigan society, Sons of the American Revolution, has requested the mayors of the cities and towns throughout the state to call attention by proclamation to the National Flag day, June 14, as a day set apart by congress for such observance, being the 120th anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the national banner of our country; and asks for a general observance of the day by unfurling to the breeze Old Glory from all public buildings, private residences, stores and other appropriate places.

A Dastardly Trick.

Trouble between the longshoremen and Manager Ludgate, of the Traverse Lumber Co., at Traverse City, culminated in a horrible experience for Ludgate. Ludgate finished loading the Westcott, using his own men, while longshoremen claim the right to load. When Ludgate rode to the dock on his wheel he was met by a hundred longshoremen and thrown head first into a load of filth which had been dumped on the dock.

A packing house will be established at Fennville.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Bay City reports the lumber market as picking up.

Scottville's $5,000 waterworks plant has been completed.

The army worm is doing much damage in Menominee county.

Robt. Taylor and Chas. Forbes were fined at Fatwell for dynamiting fish.

Sebastian Farritt, a Pewable miner at Iron Mountain, fell 40 feet and was killed.

Three barns owned by John McKay at Morley, were destroyed by fire; loss, $3,000.

Peter Bray, aged 15, was drowned while playing on logs in the river at Manistee.

The Lillie mine at Negaunee is starting up with 125 men, after nearly two years' idleness.

Daniel Morse's house at Jackson was badly wrecked by lightning, but his one was seriously injured.

George W. Clark, a Grand Rapids painter, fell 50 feet from a cottage at Ottawa Beach and may die.

Edwin R. Gould, of Almont, was fined $150 and $65 costs for violating the liquor laws. Third offense.

Masked robbers at Bridgeport, stole $540, which Mrs. Jane Olin, a feeble old lady, had secreted in her bed.

Calhoun county farmers are kicking on the law against spearing fish and have raised a fund to test the law.

Mrs. Patrick Murray, of Blackman township, Jackson county, has died from injuries received in a runaway.

Adrian Episcopalians will construct an $18,000 stone church from plans drawn by Spier & Rohns, of Detroit.

A bolt of lightning split the flagstaff on the high school at Pontiac, throwing the greater part a distance of 300 feet.

Two masked men with revolvers forced Louis Kreutz, a Menominee butcher, to hand over $80 which he was counting.

The new Grand hotel at Lansing was again partially destroyed by fire, the loss of $1,000 being fully covered by insurance.

Warren T. Martin, aged 76 years, and Mrs. J. P. Arnold, a widow, aged 71, eloped from Muskegon and were married at Milwaukee.

George Goodwin, living near Montgomery, Hillsdale county, committed suicide by shooting. He had recently parted from his wife.

Daniel Gillis, a tunnel brakeman, was run over by a way car at the tunnel yards of the Grand Trunk at Port Huron. He cannot recover.

It is said that the bill for the improvement of Maple river, which has been signed by the governor, will reclaim 15,000 acres of swamp lands.

Capt. F. Daniell, aged 74, well-known in the copper country, fell from the Pewabic level in the calumet & Hecla mine, 300 feet, and was killed.

John Yonts, aged 60, was driving to Coldwater when he was run into by a runaway team and fatally injured. One runaway horse was killed.

Adrian attorneys will petition the governor to appoint Capt. C. R. Miller as circuit judge of Lenawee county as successor of Judge Lane, resigned.

The Muskegon Y. M. C. A. has signed contracts for a locomotive collision on July 4. The affair will take place in a canvas inclosure of 40 acres.

Harold Hoag, aged 8, fell into the mill race at Grand Rapids and had sank the second time when Lewis E. Davis rescued him by diving in, clothes and all.

The church of the Holy Trinity, a new German Catholic church at West Bay City, was destroyed by a fire which was clearly incendiary, causing a loss of $3,000.

After taking 42 ballots without selecting a night policeman the Three Rivers council left the matter with the mayor, who named Fred Horn, a silver Democrat.

Judge V. H. Lane, resigns from the Lenawee circuit bench, after 10 years of service, to accept the appointment to the Fletcher law professorship at the U. of M.

Thomas Kelly and Peter Parley indulged in a neighborhood quarrel at Grand Rapids, and Parley fractured Kelly's skull with a stone, and he will probably die.

John Scarrow, wife and three children, of Wayne, were taken ill from eating mushrooms. At one time it seemed as if some deaths would result, but all are recovering.

Andrew Sandon, a Swede, of Eastlake, was locked up at Hancock with a bad case of "snakes" and upon being released he ran and jumped into the lake and was drowned.

Charles Mead, working south of Alma committed suicide by hanging in a barn. Two children saw the deed but were frightened to tell him the cause of suicide unknown.

Secretary of War Alger, who was in Detroit during the Loyal Legion congress, said that he would do all he could to replace the U. S. troops in the fort of Mackinac island.

James Smalley, aged 15, was found dead in the woods near Olive, with his head blown off and the body mangled. Nearby lay remnants of a shotgun which had evidently exploded.

Owing to the legislature having cut the appropriation of the Michigan fish commission from $50,000 to $15,000 the commission has decided to cut off the propagation of practically everything but trout for the inland streams, even then everything will have to be kept at hard pan.

Mrs. Ed. Roach was shot three times by her husband, at Battle Creek. She is not expected to live. The couple had lived apart for some time. Roach followed his wife to the home of her sister and fired at her four times. When he gave himself up, he said he wished he had shot himself.

John Borgers, Jr., aged 18, appeared at the office of the of the Holland Furniture Co. and demanded his pay, which was not due. The clerk, Herman Van Ark, referred the young man to the manager, whereupon, Borgers pulled a revolver and fired three shots, none of which took effect. After his arrest, Borgers attempted suicide by poisoning himself but was discovered in time.

A horse driven by Henry Beubler and wife near Saginaw became frightened at an electric car; ran into a telegraph pole, throwing Mrs. Beubler out upon her head, killing her instantly.

East Tawas citizens have organized a company to resume the manufacture of salt at the plant of the defunct Holland-Emery Co., which will be run to its full capacity, 300 barrels a day.

Mrs. Margaret Harding, wife of a Dayton, O., barber, was found dead in bed in her room. A bullet wound in the right breast and a revolver at the foot of the bed indicate suicide.

Mun Spurgeon, of Fife Lake, was instantly killed while blowing into a muzzle loading rifle to see if it was loaded. He had shot the rifle the day before and it slipped, discharging the rifle.

The Presbyterian church at Howell was struck by lightning while Sunday school was in session. A ball of fire rolled into the gallery, knocking two boys from their seats and shocking several girls.

Jefferson Ellsworth left his wife and six children at Riverdale two years ago and had just returned. Mrs. Ellsworth refused to admit him to the house or to allow him to see the children, and threatened him with a gun.

The salt lifters in the Stalle Lumber Co.'s mill at Manistee have struck and caused the shutting down of the entire lumber mill and salt block as well as three lumber camps closing, throwing several hundred men out of employment.

An herb doctor selling medicine about Cheboygan, gave Mrs. David Hudak a powder. After taking it she went to sleep and could not be aroused and died on the second day. The doctor is under arrest pending developments.

Mrs. Milo Roberts, near Harrison, in some way caught her dress on fire and before help could arrive her legs and feet were terribly burned. The next morning Mrs. Roberts gave birth to a child. The mother is not expected to recover.

The objection of the sultan to receiving Dr. James B. Angell, of Michigan, as minister of the United States, is withdrawn, and the state department notified by Mr. Terrell, the present diplomatic representative of this country in Constantinople.

A Mrs. Wood, of Deerfield, who travels for a medicine company, was fatally burned by gasoline at Deerfield. Mrs. Bloomfield, who was filling the tank, stepped on a match causing an explosion. Mrs. Bloomfield was burned, but will recover.

Capt. Chas. J. Holmes, of Port Huron, who is soon to start on a trip around the world in the 22-foot sloop yacht Ramona with only one companion, has had no delay his journey owing to the destruction of his home at Port Huron by fire. Loss $2,300, insured for $700.

Walfred Wilson, of Iosco township, Livingston county, aged 40, was shot through the heart and instantly killed, by his step-son, Charles Montague. The latter was cleaning a shotgun at the time and claims the shooting was accidental. Wilson married a widow with one son, several years ago.

Capt. William Cary died at Benton Harbor, in his 79th year. He was 32 years captain of various craft, sailing the lakes from Detroit, Chicago, St. Joseph and other points before the danger shoals were marked. Cary sailed the first brigantine out of Detroit that floated on Lakes Huron and Erie.

Bishop Gillespie presided at the annual diocesan Episcopal convention of western Michigan, which reported the diocese in a prosperous condition. The convention refused to send delegates to the national anti-saloon league. E. T. Montgomery, of Ionia, was elected treasurer, and Rev. A. E. Wells, of Traverse City, registrar.

Thomas Daxtator, aged 35, unmarried, a C. & W. M. switchman, caught his foot in a split switch at Grand Rapids. The train was backing down upon him, and Daxtator, to save his life, deliberately threw himself across the rails. One leg was cut off near the thigh, and the other below the knee. The plucky man has a powerful physique, and may live.

Mrs. Warner Neal, of Forest Lodge, the new deputy game warden for Grand Traverse county, declares that she is not afraid of gun nor spear, and that she will prosecute the law to the letter. She can handle a gun like an expert. Mrs. Neal is 42 years old, of medium height, has light blue eyes and her hair is slightly tinged with gray, and she is a modest and unassuming woman.

A tramp caught the little 7-year-old daughter of Lester Rougels, near Blissfield, and carried her to a field where the brute cruelly assaulted the child, who was so badly injured she could scarcely reach her home. The tramp was captured later and locked up until he could be taken to Adrian. A mob surrounded the jail and threatened to lynch the fellow but he was taken away safely.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKINGS.

The entire plant of the Standard Oil works in Cleveland has been shut down for an indefinite period. Some 1,000 men are thrown out of work by the shut-down.

A fire in the southeastern part of San Francisco, cost three firemen their lives and entailed a property loss of $100,000. The fire started mysteriously in the four-story brick building occupied by the Standard Biscuit Co.

The rule announced shortly after the McKinley administration assumed charge, that postmasters would be allowed to serve out their full terms unless removed for cause, is modified and it is expected that wholesale appointments to postoffices will be made soon.

Francis Schlatter, who claimed to perform miraculous cures by divine power, was recently found dead in the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains, 36 miles southwest of Casa Grande, in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been fasting and apparently starved to death.

Lawyer R. S. Kuhn, of Ligonier, Pa., was to have married Miss Minnie Leasure, and had made every arrangement for the wedding. He went to his room at about 9 o'clock apparently in the best of spirits, and without giving a hint of his purpose. Leasure was found lying on the floor dead with a bullet hole in his temple.

Owners of iron mills in the Mahoning valley in Ohio say that unless the price of iron increases very rapidly they will not sign the amalgamated scale July 1, and all the mills in the Mahoning valley will close down.

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REAL ESTATE COLUMN.

The Following Choice Parcels of Land are for Sale in the Real Estate Department of the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich., Where All Inquiries Will Be Cheerfully Answered.

LOT 1.

Four and one third acres of land in the south-east corner of the village of Birmingham, with a frontage on Wood-ward avenue, of 330 feet, fined house, small barn, grapes, peaches, etc., all ready to make some one a comfortable home with a chance to make money out of the very best strawberry land in the village. Electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac along the entire Wood-ward avenue front. You cannot help making money who ever 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 fine gravelly loam. Price $80-40 but an inferior house, fine orchard. Price $65 per acre. Terms $2,000 cash and balance on easy terms and long time. There is no better farm within a mile of Birmingham and very few inferior having been sold in the immediate neighborhood in the past two years for nearly double this price.

LOT 12.

The Franklin V.L., situated at the village of Franklin, Oakland county, in one of the best farming countries in the state. The property includes house and barn and other buildings. Water power, with old fashioned stone run for flour. Was formerly a big flour mill but owing to the poor health of the present owner it will be closed out. Fine water, fine, remarkably low price of $3,500, or will exchange for a small farm. At one time this mill had the large patronage in the county and a thriving young man could soon bring it back to its former prestige and make a fine remunerative 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 Big Beaver, about six miles from the village of Birmingham, with good barn 24x30. The acre of good orchard and a thriving young for a man who would like a small farm to keep a cow, 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 village—at least that is what they are all looking after just now, too. Sixteen acres bounded on the north by Harmon street, west the new electric railroad, power plant is built to be erected on the north end, eventerly 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 sell a portion of the ground in 5 days from this date, (Jan. 15, 1896). This is, without a possible exception, the best place for a home in the village. A good tile drain extends throughout the tract and there is nothing in the way of platting the entire tract—not a foot of waste land on it. Come and see it and tether us all you can about it—that's what we are here for.

LOT 7.

A farm of one hundred acres within a mile and a half of the new Electric Railway. Very agreeable and twenty in timber. Two barns and house in good repair. Insured for $1,200. Four acres of orchard all grafted trees. Two fine springs furnishing an abundance of excellent water. Soil, a rich clay loam, price, $40 per acre. Land in the immediate neighborhood has been sold for much more than the price asked for this place. 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 a beautifully located, shaded to perfection with large maple trees, his two large living rooms, six bedrooms with closets, good well and cistern. Cellar under whole house, well ventilated, house supplied with all necessary outbuildings. Three lots 40x120 go with the place. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell for particulars.

LOT 9.

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