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A Duluth man is about to patent an airship to be operated by compressed air. No wind in this.

The man in Moscow who has been pensioned because he has eighty-seven living children may, with propriety, be called a happy father.

Senator Tillman keeps right on jabbing the sugar trust with his pitchfork and there is no use trying to disguise the fact that the people like it.

Who can answer the Denver Post which asks, "What can be more ridiculous than a pair of checked bloomers on a pair of stanpole legs?" We give it up.

A young woman who is under hypnotic control in Mount Clemens, Mich., "sings in a language she doesn't understand." She may be fitting herself for an operatic career.

The Philadelphia Press notes that "Lansing, Mich., attributes the falling off in its number of saloons to the bicycles." It is also true that saloons have caused a falling off of bicycles.

In his account of the Sharkey-Maher fight Corbett neglected to state that he wished the police or somebody had stopped another fight in the same round that was made the last in the New York mill.

That's a pretty story that was told to the Sunday-school children at the recent celebration of the bicentennial at Trinity church in New York. A little chambermaid applied to the bishop for confirmation, and being asked on what grounds she based her request she said that she always swept under the rugs.

According to information received at Washington, D. C., an egg famine has resulted in Cuba from the war, and United States Vice Consul Hyatt at Santiago suggests that there is an excellent market there for American eggs. The eggs sell in Cuba for about 40 cents a dozen. The duties amount to about 10 cents a dozen.

Evidence that the world moves was to have been expected from the Universal Postal Congress in Washington. Perhaps the most striking bit of testimony was the decision of Korea to come into the postal union. It is only a few years since Korea was known throughout the civilized world as the "hermit kingdom," but there is nothing hermit-like in this desire of the Koreans.

Curse cards are being used in Switzerland and Germany to check profanity. People go about with the cards in their pockets, and whenever they hear bad language present one to the swearer to sign. The card has printed on it a pledge to abstain from swearing for a specified time or to pay a pfenning an oath to some charity. Nearly 40,000 cards have been distributed in Switzerland, where there are three languages to swear in.

Deming, New Mexico, dispatches say: At no previous time has there been such activity in the Mexican cattle trade as now. In the first four months of the year 825 cars have been loaded and shipped from the Deming yards, containing a total of 33,000 head. In March 10,000 head were shipped out of Mexico at this point. For April the Mexican cattle shipments from here amount to about 21,000 head. From the state of Chihuahua the figures are far greater. The increase has been tremendous. During April of 1896 14,904 head of beef cattle were shipped from Chihuahua to the United States, while the April shipments this year have reached as high as 72,644, and this is 72,000 head in excess of the shipments for the preceding month.

According to the official statistics of our commerce the first consignments of Egyptian cotton coming directly to the United States were received during the fiscal year 1884, and amounted to 174,346 pounds. From this small beginning our direct imports rapidly increased until in the fiscal year 1896 they had reached no less a figure than 43,579,769 pounds. With the exception of Egypt, the only cotton-producing country from which the United States imports any considerable amount is Peru. The Peruvian cotton, like the Egyptian, owes its use in this country to certain peculiarities of quality that make it better fitted for some special purposes than our own varieties, but neither the Peruvian nor the Egyptian can properly be said to come into direct competition with our native cottons. As compared with the Egyptian, however, the quantity of Peruvian cotton imported is very small. The largest importation ever recorded, that for the fiscal year 1893, amounted to only 3,411,619 pounds.

It has been announced that the Carnegies are prepared to consume 5,000,000 tons of ore this year, double the quantity they have ever used in one year. Practically all of this ore will be furnished by the Rockefeller mining interest. On Saturday an agent of the Rockefellers chartered fifteen ore steamers for the season. The Rockefeller interests already own eighteen ore steamers and have control of four boats of the American Transportation Company, and will charter others, as all these will be able to bring down only 2,000,000 tons of ore this season.

The New York state superintendent of schools decided recently in the Waterviliet case, that the wearing of the garb of any religious order or sect cannot be permitted to teachers in public schols while they are engaged in their duties as such teachers.

Rev. Charles E. Nash of Galesburg, Ill., says he is inclined to think there is such a thing as luck in human affairs. Of course there is, and a whole lot of it, too. Yet why some are born lucky and some are not nobody can tell.

HOME NOTES.

Mrs. Wm. Robinson is very ill.

Mrs. John Heth was in Detroit Tuesday.

Garner Miller spent Suuday over near Rochester.

Newell Elwell, of Pontiac, in town last week Friday.

Last Sunday the trolley travel was something great.

Frank Allen, of Port Huron, Sundayed with his parents.

Happiness is a bird we pursue our life long, without catching it.

Fred VanEvery and wife, of Pontiac, visited in town Sunday.

Grace Leet, of Pontiac, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Mildred and Master Louie Randall are visiting at Owosso.

J. W Perry and wife are spending this week with friends in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Harry Satterlee visited friends in Detroit over Sunday last.

Mrs. A. J. Simonson, of Alliance, Neb., is visting at Frank Crouch's in Troy.

Mrs Harrison Hamlin has been quite seriously ill during the past week.

Anyone wishing to turn their horses out to pasture call on H. F. Daniels. 6

The Baptist society have been improving their church grounds by grading them.

Prof. Saltzer is now organist at St. James Episcopal church—a wise selection.

Miss Agnes Ingis and friend, of Detroit, visited friends in town last week Thursday.

The home of E. R. Smith is being repainted a beautiful tint quite pleasing to the eye.

Harry Burgess returned Tuesday from Ionia where he has been working for the past week.

The farm in Troy known as the Sloan farm is for sale. Call at premises for particulars. 2

It is rumored we are to have another jewelry store and that it is to be in the Thurlby building.

Regular communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., next Thursday evening, July 8.

Miss Mina Coonley of Pontiac, visited Emma Blakeslee last week and attended our Commencement.

Mrs. A. Wilson, Miss McArthur, Miss Mayme Bellows, of Detroit, Sundayed with Mrs. J. L. Todd.

Miss Olive McClenahan started for her Illinois home Monday last. She will pass a few days in Chicago.

C. E Mudge can wear the marshal's badge if he wants to as he has been appointed marshal of this city.

The vacant room in the Library building has been rented by the Birmingham millers, Satterlee & McClellan.

At Pontiac Commencement they charged 10 cents admission and had good order. That is where we missed it.

Harry burgess was called to West Detroit Tuesday night to take the place of the night operator for a short time.

Pure white clover honey just taken from the hives, for sale at E. Schanhite's, one mile west of Birmingham. 2

Mrs. Forbes has moved from Mrs. J. O. Beattie's house, Woodward Ave., to Cal Ellenwood's Maple Ave. home.

Just because John Hanna's adv't is upside down it is no sign he is. It is his way of calling your attention to it.

Wiley Pierce, of Detroit, visited the Blakeslee boys last Friday night and took in the Birmingham High School Alumni.

Advertisers will please bear in mind that changes sent in on Wednesday before publication will not appear that week.

The Pontiac relatives of Miss Mae Linabury are rejoicing over the arrival of their Piety Hill cousin. She will stay a few days.

Mrs. E. R. Smith, left Wednesday for an extended visit with friends in Utica, Rome and other points in the state of New York.

Ralph Widdicomb, who has been visiting friends in town, is attending the Michigan Trap Shooters' Association at Detroit.

Will Baum's new livery is a dandy. The new brick front is very pretty and this building shows evidence of Will's get there stroke.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will meet in the Methodist church parlors next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend.

Theron Smith and wife visited at J. M. Axford's, in Oxford recently, making the trip on their bicycles.

The excavation for the new store buildings on Maple avenue seems like the Wayne Co. building excavation in Detroit in depth and size.

Tuesday of this week F. Blakeslee's family moved out to Watkin's Lake for the summer. The air is very healthy and pleasant out there.

Mrs. Samuel Arthur died last Thursday and her funeral was held Saturday last. She was over 80 years old and a pioneer in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown and family, who are rusticating in their pleasant summer home at this place, left for Detroit yesterday, to remain until after the 4th.

Miss Louise Ione Groskoff gave a very interesting reading at the Franklin church, Tuesday night of this week to a very large and appreciative audience.

The graduates, class '97, of the B. H. S. were kodaked by Ed Benedict at the school house Tuesday last. My! but they were handsome in their graduating goings.

Lafayette Durkee, oldest son of Stephen Durkee, and his daughter Eva, of Denver, are visiting friends and relatives here, and his sister, Mrs. Dr. Buell at Franklin.

Mrs. Mary J. Whittaker, of Tampa, Fla., mother of Mrs. Frank E. Brooks, is in our midst enjoying her first Michigan visit, and she is rather pleased with it so far.

Mrs. Sarah Fuller, of Maple Ave., is rapidly recovering. Her sister, Miss Waters, of Farmington, who has been caring for her during the past two weeks, returned home this week.

Mrs. J. D. Boardman, whose recent illness made it necessary for her to seek recuperation at her mother's home in Drayton Plains, has returned home in much better health.

H. A. Poppleton and wife arrived in Birmingham last week Friday. H. A. was about town "shaking" with his old friends and receiving his congratulations in a becoming manner.

Well now maybe Bert Shearer is not enjoying the pure, healthful air of Birmingham and the surrounding vicinity. He is, and his official headquarters is at the home of Carrie E. Mitchell.

Mrs. Chas. Howard and daughter Marjorie, of Owosso, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Bodine and other Birmingham friends. They were guests of Detroit friends a portion of this week.

Say if the party who found the pocket book with the forty dollars inside does not return it at once legal steps will be commenced to recover it and the disgrace will not be withheld.

Strawberries are numerous and luscious and very plenty, but Mrs. Con Sullivan brought into our office one stem that had five of the largest ripest, most perfect strawberries we have yet seen.

Miss Jean Marsh is enjoying a visit from her old chum, Mrs. Fred Diggins, of Cadillac. Together they will go to Cleveland today to spend a week with another schoolmate, Mrs. George Heene.

Visitors at Fairholm the last week: John Ruckman and wife, of Washington, D. C., C. Goucher, wife and daughter, C. Tunis, wife and son, of Brighton, Mich., and Myra Coleman, of Farmington.

Miss Gertrude Whiting, of Alma, has been visiting for several days at the home of Rev. A. Marsh. She and Miss Alice Marsh are attending the State Music Teachers' Association in Detroit this week.

Library Hall is open every Saturday evening and anyone is welcome. It is a good place to listen to our village band, to meet your friends. Plenty of room, plenty of chairs and everyone perfectly at home.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Wm. Pike, living one and one-half miles south of Franklin, was taken with hemorrhage of the lungs. They telephoned for Dr. Shaw who was at the scene of action in just 35 minutes.

The L. O. T. M.'s were pleased with the prompt reply from the Great Hive in regard to Lady Campbell's insurance. It was applied for, received and handed over to Dr. Campbell in less than thirty days.

During July and August the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and United Presterian churches will join in union services. Next Sunday evening Rev. E. C. Allen will conduct the services at the Presbyterian church.

Don't forget the ice cream and strawberry festival at David Starr's this (Friday) evening, given by the Baptists of Birmingham and Royal Oak. Conveyances will be ready to carry all who desire to go. Everybody invited.

Miss Cora Kier made her farewell calls Saturday last. She was accompanied on the rounds by Miss Sadie Alley, of Detroit, and Miss Nellie Snook, of Rochester. Everybody wept. She will summer at her Clarkston home.

Our old friend, Mrs. Andrew Wallace, of Stanton, Mich., in writing to one of our new graduates, said her daughter Katie, our old schoolmate and friend, is very ill. We are so sorry and hope she is better before this time.

Frank Hagerman and daughter Gertrude and Miss Winnie Daines started for San Francisco, Cal., last Tuesday. They expect to stop at several places on the way out, making it a regular pleasure trip, returning about August 15th.

Tomlinson's photo gallery is one the central attractions of our town just at present. His work is known to be of the finest character and he is kept busy night and day. He is very obliging and will treat you courteously if you give him a call.

June the month of roses is past. Roses have been uncommonly beautiful and pretty this year. Mrs. Minder Worth has a bush over fifty years old in her yard and it is a beauty. The bush was brought from their Troy farm and is highly prized.

The ladies' working society will meet at the home of Mrs. Corey, this Friday afternoon. Table committee: Mrs. F. Allen and Mrs. Stevens, cake: Mrs. Fannie Shain and Mrs. Betsey Shain, biscuit; Mrs. Wooster, butter; Mrs. Corey, sauce. Mrs. F. Allen, chairman.

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The Birmingham High School Alumni assembled in the school building last Friday evening. The seats were removed and the room beautifully trimmed for the occasion. Many Alumnites were present from other places and all who participated report a jolly good time.

W. S. Humphrey, an alleged veterinary surgeon who once lived at Franklin, is a bad man and has been sent to Jackson for six years for assaulting a 15-year old girl at Saganing, Mich. He has in times previous to this infested the jail at Pontiac and the Detroit house of correction.

Say, with expenses for help in the office, expense for paper doubled will you dear Mr. or Mrs. Reader examine NOW the date after your name on this paper or wrapper and if it has passed pay up and if not try paying ahead a little. What do you say to assist in relieving the pressure?

Mrs. Rhoda Skinner and Mrs. Huldah Miller started Tuesday for California over the Santa Fe Route. Now, that's what we like to see these good people enjoy life while they may. They expect to be absent about three months, altho' Mrs. Skinner has two boys out there who insist that Ma must remain a year.

A note from our old friend, Will N. McKee, from Tacoma, Wash., says: "Plenty of scenery out here, but no money. Real estate is dead throughout the state, except at Spokane. Living, however, is cheap, good meals for 15 to 25c, with a bottle of native wine included. Expect to meet Julia at Astoria, Ore., tomorrow."

Park and Cemetery, a magazine published in Chicago, gives a long article on "Michigan's Early Wild Flowers," and contains a notice of Michigan's Wild Flower Co., located in Rochester, Mich. The article is from the pen of W. A. Brotherton. He tells us that trilliums may be kept as easily as canna tubers, a fact worth knowing.

Well, did you ever think it could be? Owing to the great sale of the celebrated Washburn Crosby Co's Gold Medal, flour by which we are enabled to buy it in car lots, we can offer it to our patrons for 60c a sack (25 pounds), cloth sacks, sleeker and fresher. Other flour, home make only 55c. Whitehead & Mitchell.

Miss Anna Hall, accompanied by her school scholars, and a few others and a number of other harmonious spirits, picknicked at Belle Isle last week Friday, followed by Miss D. E. Crosby's school who enjoyed their picnic the following day at the Power House grove. Fifty were present and the youngsters made the welkin ring from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

In our item of last week we omitted to mention that M. Eby was with the party and whether it was Mitchell's or the comp's fault is a question that only time 'twixt 'em can settle. However, it was Mr. Eby's first visit and he did enjoy the power house machinery, the water works, and best of all a walk down the dingle and Mattie Baldwin's lover's lane and the Dalles. Come again all of yez.

The Y. P. C. U. of the U. P. church of Southfield held an election of officers at the home of Rev. S. V. Kyle, recently, and the following were chosen: President, Mary Miller; vice president, Chas. Parks; secretary, Mrs. Stewart Reed; treasurer, Joseph McClelland. The society then adjourned, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Kyle for their kind hospitality.

Election of officers of the Epworth League was held at the M. E. church last Monday evening, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Daniel McGaffey; 1st Vice President, Minnie Hunt; 2d Vice President, Mrs. Edgar Parks; 3d Vice President, William Johnson; 4th Vice President, Fred Quarton; Secretary, Ben Quarton; Treasurer, Wesley Goodwin.

Henry Nelken, eye specialist, of Detroit, will be at the postoffice in this village every Saturday commencing July 3d next. Birmingham is fortunate in securing him and his services should be greatly appreciated. See advt in another column. Mr. Nelken also has city offices in Detroit at 32 Greenwood Ave. and 1474 Woodward Ave., where he may be consulted. He is a graduate from Detroit and Philadelphia optical colleges.

Time deals gently with our old friend, Melvin Rose, of near Pontiac, who called on us one day last week. He seems better and looks younger than he did five years ago. By the way Melvin wants to sell his place, the old Dan Ingoldsby farm. It has ten acres just off south limits of Pontiac, and will make a pleasant home for some one, as it can be bought very cheap. See him if you want a bargain.

T. J. West, the popular and enterprising caterer of the justly celebrated hotel Metropolitan of 36 Gratiot Ave., on the European plan, was in our village last week looking up his hotel interests. Mr. West is managing this hotel on the up-to-date plan. It is opposite Public Library building and rooms at 50c a day up. A fine dining room connected with regular meals 25c. Sunday he serves a 75c seven course dinner for 35c from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. with a mandolin orchestra accompaniment.

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