

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC  
OUR WEEKLY FOR YEAR IN ADVANCE  
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HOME NOTES

Auction!  
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School is o. k.  
A party at the National last Friday evening.

Auction sale of household goods tomorrow, Mrs. M. L. Noble.  
Auction sale tomorrow at one o'clock at Mrs. M. L. Noble's.

Did you hear the serenade Monday evening? Birmingham talent.  
WANTED—Dining room girl at the National House. \$2.00 per week.

Mrs. John Bodine was in Detroit Wednesday on a shopping expedition.  
Miss Jean Marsh resumed her duties as teacher in Detroit this week.

G. F. Aldrich spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Hudson, Hillsdale Co.

Judge Powell, of Pontiac, is slowly sinking and is not expected to long survive.

Mrs. James A. Dewey, of Saginaw, is visiting J. B. Hight and family for a few days.

Money to loan on farm property to \$2000 up, three to five years. J. R. Corson.

The small boy and his jack o' lanterns are familiar objects these early autumn evenings.

To Rent—A bran new house on High St. For particulars call at A. W. Campbell.

A horse belonging to Herbert Dove, while out to pasture, was drowned in a creek near by.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Westlake, of the Fisher farm, on Tuesday September 14, a big baby girl.

Our local horseman did not do much business at the Grand Rapids State Fair—guess the pace was too fast.

It takes a thousand bushels of cucumbers a day to supply Holly's pickle factory—and they are getting them.

Mr. Dr. J. H. Wartles, of Battle Creek, is the guest of Mrs. E. M. Leonard and other friends in this village.

Pontiac High School foot ball team are rehearsing. They have never won a game, but are decidedly sanguine.

Miss Carrie Bradish of Detroit, Sunday with John Wilkinson and enjoyed life on Southfield avenue with others.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Alex Peaslee, formerly residents of Royal Oak, as citizens of Birmingham.

A company of six of this place enjoyed a most delightful whirl on their wheels by moonlight last Friday evening.

Next year the \$100 bicycle will be a chaste establishment and the price of chained wheels no doubt will be lowered.

James Button and wife, of Flint, enroute for Pontiac stopped over a trolley and called on Birmingham (Friday Saturday).

Read what R. H. Traver has to say this week regarding fall suits. He'll never fail to suit you if given the opportunity. See?

Rev. Marsh exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning with Rev. Wm. S. Jerome, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Pontiac.

The Detroit Citizens' Railway team play against the home team at Base Ball Park tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Burgars fill you can't rest at J. A. Hudson's in Detroit. They are too numerous to mention. Read change of ad in this issue.

Genial Reader—Do you know that our item box is always hungry for them. Bring 'em, don't be bashful. There is lots of room.

The Highland Park running races are now being run off at the Windsor race course and we are indebted to A. Poutler for favors received. Thanks.

Mrs. T. H. Blumberg, who has been confined to her bed by illness the past week, is steadily improving under the skillful treatment of Dr. Kynale.

Special communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., next Thursday evening, Sept. 23. Work in E. A. degree. J. B. Hunt, Sec.

The Detroit & Pontiac Railway are to be made to be made to run around the three mile loop of the Sylvan Lake Ry. in Pontiac, but we hardly think it.

Pontiac soon hopes to be an electric road center of the county. If so, if they oppose all lines as they did the D. & P. Railway very few will get in.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Worth, returned Tuesday from a week's visit with friends in different parts of Upper county, having an enjoyable drive of 125 miles.

M. Adele Snow has reopened her studio at the home of Mrs. Kate Alger, and is giving lessons in art needle work in connection with those in china painting.

Don't forget the auction sale at Mrs. M. L. Noble's tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 18. If you want bargains in household furniture here's a chance seldom offered.

FOR SALE—I offer for sale at \$8 per 100, bushel crates, suitable for farmers use in handling potatoes, apples, etc. A big farm, A. J. Tinbri, Franklin, Mich. 2033

Died in this village, on Campbell sub-division, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Randall, aged nine months. Cholera infantum. Interment at North Farmington.

H. A. Randall is laying a beautiful stone walk along F. Blakeslee's premises on Maple avenue, and when completed it will be a valuable improvement to this vicinity.

Jossman & Allen, produce buyers of Oxford, got stuck by buying rice at ten cents above the market, said to be caused by a mistake in a telegram and a lawsuit is in sight.

Eugene Brooks started for a four week's visit with his brother Ell, at Denver, Col. Gene says he will keep one eye open for Klondike nuggets and report the prospects.

Some miscreant recently spirited away the sign of Dr. B. R. Frank, the optician, from the National Hotel where it had swung in the breeze undisturbed for some time past.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin have returned from a few weeks' visit with their son Bert, at Grand Ledge, and John says the weather was always up out of the top of the thermometer—and we believe it.

The first week of school has passed—the attendance is unimpaired, the interest intense, the teachers watchful, the pupils most ambitious. Why shouldn't our school lead the state? It does.

Mrs. S. W. Fuller has returned from a six weeks' visit with relatives and friends at Southfield and Farmington. Her visit has been beneficial to her and we are glad to see her looking so much better.

What you think? Pontiac with her thousands of population shows an increase in her school census of 86, while Birmingham with her hundreds shows a gain of more than 40. We always did think Ptery Hill profitable.

Time is the truest test. Survive it and it's an absolute guarantee of sterling worth. For 34 years the Domestic sewing machine has stood at the top. Careful buyers prefer the Domestic. It is always up-to-date. It is always the best. Sept 24

Yesterday the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Pontiac was laid with the pomp and glory of that ancient institution, masonry. A large crowd of dignitaries from abroad were present and the ceremonies were appropriate for the occasion.

The Misses Iva VanEvery and Sadie Lamphere, of Franklin, have been the welcome guests of Mrs. Victoria VanEvery the past week or so. While here they visited friends in Boyal Oak, and were loud in their praises of their good time enjoyed at our sister village.

Burgars at Franklin were surprised white at work in Broughton's store. A gang of armed men surrounded the store and didn't actually do a thing when the robbers climbed out of a window and beat first loaded with goods and made their escape. Oh, pshaw! Here in our town their monuments would now be in use. That's the diff.

The Christian Endeavor Union Convention of the 1st district opens this evening in Westminster church, Detroit. The closing address will be given by Dr. Nehemiah Boynton of the First Congregational church of that city. An interesting program has been arranged.

Died, in Birmingham, Wednesday p. m., Mrs. William Soules, aged 57 years. She leaves a husband, four sons and four daughters. She was sick only about two weeks and her death was caused by heart failure. Funeral tomorrow at the house. We go to press to early for particulars.

The dates of the Milford fair are September 29, 30 and October 1. As for several years past this is the only fair in Oakland county this season, and the Milford people will endeavor to make this year's exhibition outdo the uniform successes of other years. Secretary J. Fielden will furnish information.

Very interesting Bible studies on "The Life of Christ," are being conducted by Rev. Marsh every Thursday evening, at the Presbyterian church. Everybody is welcome and Rev. Marsh would be pleased to have all who will, take their Bibles along and help look up the references.

The City Bakery's still in line, with good square meals and drinks so fine. Hum-made breads and pize-n things, cakes so light they'll go on wings. Everything that bakers keep, prices, too, are very cheap. If you doubt it, go and see if with us you can agree. Read their ad (a change so neat), for particulars complete.

Mrs. E. F. Waldo was made happy by the purchase of a new Domestic sewing machine from Whitehead & Mitchell and it is a handsome piece of furniture and runs so very easily that it is tied up nightly to keep it still. By the way this firm has a cinch in buying this desirable machine and sell them at a price that simply paralyzes other sellers.

Last Monday evening while Noble Gravelin was bowling his car along cityward, accompanied by Strathern Hendrie in the vestibule, came suddenly upon a load of hay that was crossing the track just south of Royal Oak. It just tipped the load over and made the owner angry, that is all. No great damage was done and no one hurt.

A. W. Hovey, a Pontiac pioneer in the drug and grocery business, is failing and his mind becoming a blank. He is well and favorably known throughout the county. For many years he was County Poor Commissioner and saved the county hundreds of dollars while acting as purchasing agent. He has gone to live with his daughter, Mrs. Stephen Baldwin, of Detroit. More than 80 years of active life and no one has ever said a word to the good man's discredit.

Frederic Fisher, of the Pontiac News and Times, can and does set the most artistic and harmonious business advertisement of any paper in the state. Whether he has more time to spare in setting one up whether he has better material to set them in—these matters his adverts are perfect people. If you don't believe it get his last issue and look up W. J. Fisher's advt of Pontiac's downtown grocer.

F. F. Richardson celebrated another one of his birthday anniversaries one day recently, and received from his son, Bert Richardson, of Bay City, a large and handsome bound volume that interested him greatly. After reading several chapters and becoming wonderfully absorbed in its contents and great attractive power, he began to inquire what it was he was reading and lo!—it was the Bible!

Positively coming! A specialist from Detroit who skillfully treats all diseases of the eye and ear. His first appearance will be next Monday, September 20, returning every week. G. S. Miller, M. D., for that is the gentleman's name, can furnish good references, being well known in Detroit and we do not hesitate in recommending him to the public. Look for his new ad, on first page, for further information, then consult him.

Farmers, are you up to date, or are you a has-been? If you are a 20th century farmer have your farm named—it's worth a name isn't it? Then come to the Excelsior office, bring one great big round silver dollar, worth 56 cents, (some say 50) and we will print you 250 business size white envelopes "return it" not called for in ten days, to etc. There you are. Try it. Talk it over when you see Mitchell at the postoffice, or with Miss Gates when she calls on you.

M. H. Blunt will sell at public auction for Mrs. M. L. Noble, on the premises, Maple Ave., Saturday, September 18, 1917, at one o'clock sharp, her household furniture, carpets, crockery, dishes, tables, stands, chairs, parlor furniture, etc., hand saws, hoes, rakes, shovels and other articles too numerous to mention. For terms and other particulars see large bills. 1972

An informal reception was held in the High School room last Wednesday evening, for the united purpose of welcoming the new teachers, and bringing instructors and pupils into a closer relationship with each other and the public in general. No pains were spared in decorating the reception room, which was daintily festooned in the class colors, flowers abounded in profusion and handsome rugs were scattered about the floor, all helping to produce the desired artistic effect. It is needless to say that a delightful time was experienced by all in attendance.

The business man who advertises in his search for favorable points in his business to announce, soon gets into habit of increasing the number of these favorable points. He becomes more courteous and accommodating to his customers. He learns to give them just as much for just as little money as he can. He gets into the habit of studying his customers' interests as well as his own. He unconsciously gets into the way of doing this in the little things as well as in the big. This—the self-educating effect—is one reason why advertising pays.—Printers' Ink.

In some unaccountable manner, we overlooked our up-to-date advertiser, Frank Blakeslee, in our local mention of new and changed ads last week. It's a shame, for Frank had a slaughter sale of 150 shirt waists at 25 cents a piece. Picture it! think of it! What is the use of suffering with the heat when you can buy a nice cool waist for that price? E. says they are going like hot cakes, and "still there's more to follow." Lay in a supply; they always come handy. Mr. Blakeslee is one of our most reliable business men and it will pay our readers to watch his space on first page.

Just a little word of reminder. Just look at the date after your name on this paper—if the date is past you owe for the paper. We are giving to our many readers a paper second to none for the money, and it takes a pile of cash to pay all expenses. We have decided that after a paper has run a year and no signs of payment apparent, we will have to cease such a subscription and collect what is due. Watch out and if you are a year past due and the Eccentric quits coming you may know that your name does not appear on our list as a paid up ad. Please attend to this as we do not care to stop anybody's paper.

Our townswan, J. F. Kündel, had a jolly time one day this week entertaining a few friends; Mr. and Mrs. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Caswell, all of Detroit. Jule didn't do a thing but meet the party with a lumber wagon and give them a straw ride to his Island Lake farm. Here a few hours' rest with refreshments made them all happy. From here they visited M. W. Kündel and wife at their camp home on the banks of Pond Lake, after which they had dinner at the Inter-laken, which was heartily enjoyed by all. They returned home on a late trolley car, all admitting that they had never been more agreeably entertained in all their lives.

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, national lecturer of the W. C. T. U., will deliver her lecture on "Wooing, Winning and Wedding," at the M. E. church tonight. Don't fail to hear her. Admission 15c, two for 25c. Here is what The Hartford Times says: Dr. Wood-Allen has a woman's little below medium height, with a peculiarly refined and womanly presence. Her bearing is quiet and dignified. Her subject is the subject in delicate, but forcible language: She is an Ohio woman, born of pioneer parents, received classical education at Delaware, Ohio, where she graduated in 1861, and received a medical diploma from the regular department of medicine at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1875. She has spent three years in travel and study in Europe, receiving instruction for one and a half years in the great hospital at Vienna, Austria. For years she has been a National lecturer in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She is a contributor to the Christian Union, the Congregationalist and the Advance.



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We sell only the very best goods made, and those at the lowest possible prices. The money will be cheerfully refunded for any article bought from us that is not entirely satisfactory.

Visitors from Oakland Co., are especially invited to make our Store their Headquarters when in the City, whether intending to purchase or not. Ladies can check their packages and will be given every assistance to take cars, which pass our corner for BIRMINGHAM, just seven minutes after leaving foot of Woodward Avenue.

William H. Elliott,  
Woodward & Grand River Ave  
DETROIT, MICH.

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Peck's Corner,  
The Popular Store in Pontiac.

Everything in Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings.

Ladies' Fleece Shirts at 21, 35 and 47c. Men's Shirts, double-breasted, 25 and 30c. Linens, Towels and Napkins—Good Toweling at 4c. Turkey Fold Table Linen, 12 1/2 x 6 yard. All the latest novelties at 25c. Looking at the Largest assortment of Ribbons to be seen.

SAMUEL N. PECK,  
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LADIES  
The new fall and winter styles in  
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Arrive every week at  
MRS. S. L. BIRD'S,  
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The largest stock and lowest prices in Oakland County.

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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 work made and finished in India Ink, Crayon, Pastel or water Colors.

View Work a Specialty.  
TOMLINSON.

Anything Wanted in SCHOOL SHOES?

We have a large stock, perhaps the largest in town, we don't care to enter into any other line at that point, however, suffice it to say that we have a good assortment both colored and otherwise, just a pointer, see the point? Our prices are right, too. That's another important consideration. Our trade on colored shoes is very gratifying. People know a good thing when they see it. Our stock of dollar shoes is large and were simply unloading with out regard to price. Where?

H. M. CRILL,  
David Block, Pontiac, Mich.

FENWICK'S  
Lunch Parlors.

"Always on the edge" of the situation, is both tragically and comely. It battles life, the borders of civilization and gives one a few moments of interesting enjoyment from start to finish. The antics of the Chinaman, the nerve of the gamer in petticoats, the jugs, the delectable that induces the train, and the cool efficiency of the stage coach roller are pictured to the very life.

New week commencing Sunday evening, Karl Gardner in his new play, Karl the Peddler, will be the attraction. He has in his pocket a store of most wonderful and his portrayals evidences his prodigious talents as a comedian, permeated by the most charming and most stirring of monologues. He is a creature to create truth, but at all times, a legitimate work maker. He will introduce, in his unique manner, several of the songs which have added to his popularity. The very date is "Till this to my Sweetheart."

77 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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

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Dry Goods  
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HUTTON, CHURCH & LINABURY'S.

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Whether you Buy or Not.  
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The One-Priced Clothier of Pontiac,  
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STRAW HATS AT COST!  
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