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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 14, '98

HOME NOTES.

Angel Visits.

Oftentimes I hear low footsteps
From a shore so far away,
And soft fingers, long since folded,
O'er my aching temples stray;
And methinks the dear lips whisper—
Lips of dust so passing fair—
"Love, I leave my angel kisses
On your lips, and brow and hair,
And tho' dead to earthly seeming,
Still I'm near you everywhere."
— *Thalia Wilkinson.*

Skating has skated.

Mendelssohn Quartet tonight.

Daniel McGaffey is improving.

Mrs. Ed. Parks is on the sick list.

Wedding Bells! Who-who? Who-who?

Mrs. H. Hamlin is gaining very slowly.

Klondike Tommy is what they call him now.

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

E. R. Smith & Co. are busy shipping potatoes.

The cold wave failed to materialize Tuesday night.

Did you ever see a nicer winter? We never did.

Dan Campbell is confined to the house with the grip.

Everybody attend the concert this evening at the M. E. church.

Mrs. Cal Ellenwood made a business trip to Detroit Saturday.

You all know the reputation of the Mendelssohn Quartet—'nuff said.

$1,750 house and lot for sale at cut rate of $1,000.- See Mitchell.

Miss Kittie Linabury, of Pontiac, Sundayed with Birmingham friends.

Job printing in all of its beauty and with promptness at this office.

January has thawed out at an early date in this hustling year of '98.

E. C. Poppleton found a large green bullfrog in his yard. Rained down, no doubt.

The Eccentric newspaper subscription list to periodicals other than itself is immense.

The L. L. C. meet with Mrs. Corson next Monday evening. Current events for roll call.

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

Frank Whitford, while out fishing one day last week, had his whole body poisoned by sumach.

The Ladies Tuesday Club will meet with Mrs. Hemenway Tuesday evening, January 18th.

LOST—A seal collarette between Mark Hall's and Clawson. Finder please leave at this office. tf

Mrs. C. Packard left Wednesday for a week's visit with friends in Flint, Clayton and Flushing.

Sunday evening last a little daughter took up her abode with Mr. and Mrs. Knox Hanna.

Japanese social at M. E. church next Tuesday evening. Everybody come and have a good time.

Robert Grant and wife, of Winnepeg, Manitoba, were guests at the residence of F. E. Crary last week.

Wm. Young, of Southfield, is very low at this writing. He is attended by Dr. McCarroll, of Pontiac.

We have a collarette and muff, found articles, left here for their owners. Please do call and get them.

Mrs. Thalia Wilkinson, of Holly, who has been very ill here in Birmingham, is much improved at this writing.

Rev. Eugene Allen lectured on "Abraham Lincoln" at the M. E. church, Pontiac, last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Herbert Dove spent Sunday in Detroit, with their former pastor, Rev. J. G. Haller, and family.

About one-half of our population are down with i-n-f-l-u-e-n-za, thus making life busy for our enterprising M. D's.

Miss Arvilla Allen, of Detroit, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allen, near this village.

The Freshmen class will give a box social at the home of George Purdy, Friday evening, Jan. 21. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Wm. Sturman, of Woodward Ave., who has been dangerously ill for several days past with pneumonia, is very low at this writing.

The meetings of the week of prayer were brought to a close by union services in the Baptist church last Sunday evening.

Sunday evening services in St. James Episcopal church beginning at 7:30, Jan. 23. Seats free. A hearty invitation extended to all.

The Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church held an enjoyable meeting in the cozy new home of Mrs. S. W. Fuller Wednesday afternoon.

Very early Monday morning Art Blakeslee passed our window with an 11-pound pickerel that was a daisy and had branded on his back, S. L. L.

The Ancient Order of the Left Hind Foot of the Graveyard Rabbit Pedro Club reorganized at the home of Mrs. Theron Smith, Monday afternoon.

The only $1,500 house and lot in Birmingham that can be bought for an even $1000 spot cash can be secured by calling on Mitchell at the postoffice.

Harvey Baldwin and family have moved out of our village and the cozy new house of Mrs. S. J. Harris, vacated by them is unoccupied once more.

Mrs. S. L. Bird, of Pontiac, is holding a reduction sale on all winter millinery. This is a first-class place of business and everything up to date. See new ad.

Masters Howard and Roy Montgomery are once more enjoying life, after a long and painful siege of typhoid fever. We are glad to see the little fellows out again.

Mark S. Brewer called on President McKinly Tuesday, saying he would accept the civil service commissionership, and will assume his new duties in two or three weeks.

We announce with sorrow the death of Eugene Smith's infant daughter, who died last week Thursday. The family have the sympathy of a great number of friends.

Tom Stone an old gentleman 78 of age died Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home a short distance from this village. He had been in poor health for some time past.

Kneipp Malt Coffee is not a medicament but an aliment of great intrinsic value. It is a wholesome beverage for young and old, strong and weak. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Beginning Sunday evening, Jan. 23, '98, services will be held at St. James Episcopal church, Birmingham. All seats free. A cordial invitation extended to all. Services begin at 7:30.

FOUND—A Pocketbook, between Mrs. Flora Beattie's and Adventist church, one day last week. Owner can have same by calling at postoffice, proving property and paying for this notice.

The Presbyterian Society held their annual church meeting (which was postponed one week) Wednesday afternoon, which resulted in the re-election of Wm. Parks and Albert Adams as elders.

Why go to Detroit or Pontiac for choice photos when Tomlinson, the old reliable Detroit photographer, is right here and can do just as fine work as in the city and at prices a way down low, try him.

Mrs. Ellenwood has come to the conclusion that she will have to put a string on her bean basins hereafter and draw them from their various retreats about the village back to their home again.

Next Saturday E. W. Stanton, of Royal Oak, will sell his stock of store goods at auction. Here is a chance to secure some bargains in an honorable manner. Remember the date (tomorrow) January 15.

Alonzo Ferguson, of Otisville, Mich., is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Polly Stanley and Clarissa Alger, and taking in all the sights of Birmingham, Detroit and Windsor, and we enjoy his visits as much as his relations.

Last Friday afternoon the Epworth League Club "took tea" with the Ladies' Aid Society at the home of Mrs. E. F. Waldo. The company remained throughout the evening and time passed pleasantly to all present.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church was held last Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Geo. Shain. Miss Kittie Cooper, a zealous worker in the missionary field, was present and delivered an able address.

We heard one of our young men remark, during the fog of last wednesday, that when the mists cleared away he thought he would take unto himself a wife. Said young man had been "baching" it lately and was getting tired of "single blessedness."

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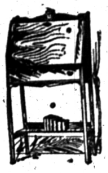

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Rev. Mr. Abrahamson, a native of Smyrna, Turkey, will occupy the Methodist pulpit next Sunday, preaching in the morning, and giving a lecture on Armenian work in the evening. At the evening service a collection will be taken for his benefit.

There is some talk of petitioning the Oakland railway to erect a depot at Royal Oak, as passengers are exposed to the inclemency of the weather in waiting for cars. Freight has to be thrown on the grass or carried back and forth between there and Detroit.

Mrs. L. S. Sawyer witnessed the Passion Play, presented in the Church of Our Father, in Detroit, Wednesday evening. The play was companied by an interesting lecture delivered by a celebrated divine from Chicago, and illustrated with stereopticon views.

The funeral of the late Albert G. Boynton, the veteran editor of the Detroit Free Press, occurred in Detroit Wednesday. Judge Boynton was a highly distinguished gentleman and his death is a deep loss to the city and to every member of the profession which he graced.

Mrs. Wm. Peters was given a surprise at her home on Middle St. by about 50 of her friends last Friday evening, Jan. 7. Cards and dancing were the order of the evening. The party broke up in the wee sma' hours of the morning, everyone declaring that they had had a most enjoyable time.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are contemplating an experience social in the near future. They earnestly request all persons interested in the work to make haste and devise some method of earning the nesessary dollar at their earliest convenience, for "where there's a will there's away."

You never can make Ernest Abelt think that 1898 is not a year of prosperity, for on Monday, January 10, didn't a bran new girl baby arrive at his home, hang up her sun-down and say "Daddy, I've come to stay." And all this after a twelve years' wait for Ernest. Mother and young lady doing nicely.

M. H. Blunt will sell at public auction for M. Schornock on the premises, two miles east and one-half mile north of Royal Oak, tomorrow, (Saturday) Jan. 15, at 19 o'clock, cows, horses, poultry, farm implements, and many other articles too numerous to mention. For terms see large bills.

Wednesday afternoon a thimble party and tea were held at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Raynale for the benefit of St. James church. During the afternoon the nimble fingers of the ladies swiftly plied the needle, and in the evening the hostess served a dainty repast to all who manifested a financial interest in the welfare of that church.

It is a notable fact that not one case of diphtheria or malignant scarlet fever has originated in Birmingham for nearly fifteen years. A few years ago two or three cases of the above mentioned diseases, originating in Detroit and Saginaw, developed here. This statement is authentic and speaks well for the healthfulness of our little suburb.

Last Friday evening about 25 of the friends of Messrs. Geo. Ball and Bert Shug tendered them a surprise party and oyster supper at the home of Mr. Ball on Fremont St. Music, games and dancing were the amusements of the evening. Supper was served at the home of Nathan Fall, after which the Ladies' Klondike Quartette rendered several vocal selections.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Plymouth Rock roosters. Enquire of Thos. Furse, one mile north and one mile west of Birmingham. 3712

The steamer Topeka from Alaska reports that Joaquin Miller, the poet, while making his way from Circle City to Dawson, was caught in a blizzard and lost his ears, several toes and a finger. He was so badly injured that months will be required to recover strength. Miller is upwards of 60 years of age, yet brave as a lion, and when he heard that those strung along the river were in danger of starvation, he determined to carry the news to Inspector Constantine. Not heeding the efforts of miners at Circle City to dissuade him from such a dangerous undertaking he pushed forward and accomplished it, though at a costly price. It will be remembered that the California bard is acting as the Klondike newspaper correspondent.

STAGE WHISPERS.

Florrie West is to play "principal boy" in the Liverpool, Eng., Christmas pantomime. After that she sails for Australia.

Robert Hilliard will appear in a dramatization of Robert Buchanan's "Fra Giacomo," at a New York vaudeville theater.

It is reported that Mme. Modjeska expects at the close of her present season in the west to open a dramatic school in New York.

Gus Levick has purchased "Fortune's Wheel," by J. E. McCann. It is a four-act American play, and will be produced in November in New York.

The late Thomas Whiffen was one of the gentlemen of the choir of St. George's, Windsor, and had a solo in the service of the Prince Consort's funeral.

Rose Coghlan will cease to be a sporting duchess during Thanksgiving week. She has been engaged to create the part of Lady Janet MacIntock, the leading character in "The White Heather."

Hoyt & McKee will in all probability send another company to Australia next spring. Mr. Hoyt is of the opinion that both "A Hole in the Ground" and "A Rag Baby" could be revived with profit in Australia.

The production of Bulwer Lytton's "Richelieu" at the Paris Odeon appears to have been moderately successful. The adapter is a Mr. Charles Samson, and the part of the cardinal is played very well, it is said, by M. Cande.

The Porte Saint-Martin theater in Paris has secured the new comic opera or lyric comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew," the music of which is by Frederic Le Rey. The libretto is adapted from Shakespeare's comedy by E. Des Hays.

Kate Bateman, who has been a teacher of acting since she ceased to appear as Leah, will be seen as the ambitious mother of the exiled monarch when the "Vagabond King," by Louis N. Parker, is played in England.

Etta Hawkins, the Cinders of "The Lost Paradise," is playing again her original part, Meg, the angel of the attic, in E. H. Sothern's "Lord Chumley." It was in the role of Jessie that Maude Adams made her first appearance in New York.

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The Camphor Language.

According to the belief of the Jakuns, the woods in Jahore, a country in the Malay peninsula, abound in fairies and spirits. The natives believe that each species of tree has a spirit to watch over it. The spirit of the camphor tree is called "Bison" (a woman), whose resting place is near the trees, and when a peculiar noise is heard at night the bison is supposed to be singing and camphor is surely to be found in that neighborhood. They believe that the spirit is jealous of the precious gum, and will endeavor to turn aside the hunters in quest. From Mr. Lake's interesting account, the natives think that in order to defeat her purpose it is necessary to speak in a tongue which she does not understand; for this reason the camphor-language has been invented. It consists of a mixture of Jakun and Malay words which are curiously altered and reversed, and they believe that the divinity of the camphor-tree is completely mystified. The Jakuns are the wildest of people, yet inoffensive. They live together with monkeys, dogs, cats and fowl in perfect harmony under portable shelters on poles made of leaves. Not the least important of the many spirits who inhabit their woods is the bison whom they believe to fool so adroitly with their camphor language.

A Napoleon Relic.

Many years ago Napoleon purchased a silver casket, richly ornamented with Scottish stones from an Edinburgh firm for $7,500, but returned it because the eagle of France was placed in an inferior position to the British lion. Mr. Sheriff Dewar ultimately became the purchaser of the casket, and presented it for competition among the home forces. It was won recently by the Fifth Battalion Royal Fusiliers, who asked the lord mayor to accept the custody of it until next year. In the absence, through illness, of Col. Dundas, the commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Helpman, handed the trophy over to the lord mayor at the Mansion house. The chief magistrate, in accepting the charge, assured Lieut.-Col. Helpman and the officers who attended him that he would always be pleased to safeguard such a prize, and his gratification in doing so had been increased by the fact that it had been won by a city corps.—From Paris Letter.

All They Could Do.

There is a good old story of a general whose death was announced in a newspaper by mistake—a circumstance which annoyed him very much. He called on the editor and demanded that a contradiction should be inserted in the next issue. "That, general," was the editor's reply, "is quite out of the question. We never apologize and we never withdraw a statement; but I tell you what we'll do for you. We'll put you in the 'births' next week."

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