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HOME NOTES

THE WAY IT GOES

When it's spring you catch a cold—
 "Summer time you're miffed"—
 When it's winter, wood is scarce—
 "Next spring you'll be miffed!"

When you've got the cash in view,
 Plenty to befriend you—
 When you need advice or two,
 Not a soul to lend you!

When you're on the mountain top,
 Telephones to cry—
 When into the ditch you drop,
 Whole world passes by you!

Alas! a bit of wit to fret—
 "Take it as you find it!"
 Best word that you've been in, yet,
 Laugh and never mind it!

Song winter weather.
 Christmas draweth near.
 Size up Nixon's ad this week!
 The L. C. will meet with Mrs. Whitehead next Tuesday evening.
 George Davey, of Ann Arbor, was a Sunday guest at F. Blakeslee's.
 Miss Lizzie Hanna spent Saturday and Sunday with Pontiac friends.
 The Whist Club meets this week with Mrs. H. Wilson at 2:30 p. m.
 Miss Belle Arthur, of Holly, has been visiting her many friends in this vicinity.
 Mrs. A. W. Adams, of Geneva, Ill., is spending the winter with Mrs. Edwin Baldwin.
 Mrs. May McKinstry, of Canton, Mich., has been a recent guest of Mrs. F. L. Church.
 Mrs. F. Wagner and Miss Nellie Donoghue, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mrs. Savage.
 Miss Sara Ennis was entertained by Miss Leonard at her Detroit home over Sunday.
 Willie Wilson is taking an initiatory in the furniture business at Will O'Neal's new establishment.
 For one of the finest assortments of handkerchiefs go to Frank Blakeslee's. All kinds and prices.
 Ebenezer Slabides (nee Tom Ward) is by his own fireside once more, much to the joy of his family.
 FOR SALE—Tubular Iron Sleigh, (cutter) cost \$15 for \$5.—Mr. Harley, opposite 1st toll gate north, 32 1/2.

Miss Rhodie Clendenning, of Pontiac, rendered a pleasing solo at the Epworth League meeting Sunday evening.
 Just contrast the appearance of our telegraph and telephone poles with those of some of the neighboring towns.
 Annual election of officers of the L. O. T. M. Saturday evening, Dec. 17. All members requested to be present.
 Mrs. H. T. Randall and Miss Anna Hall, of our educational institution, visited the Pontiac schools Wednesday.
 TO RENT—A dwelling on the corner of Pier and Townsend streets. Enquire of Mrs. M. E. Hemenway.
 Rev. Alexander Wouters, of Wyandotte, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30.
 The owners of the new blocks may well be proud of them, for the beauty of Birmingham is greatly enhanced thereby.
 Miss Marguerite Grant, daughter of Supt. John Grant, of Detroit, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Sarage.
 Miss Grace Herrick is visiting in Detroit and will remain with the families of Lieut. B. High and Bert B. High until after the holidays.
 FOR SALE CHEAP—A cutter, well worth the price. Can be seen at the toll gate just north of Birmingham. D. B. Wilkinson, 3312.
 In front of three farms—between here and Pontiac, the signs have been removed from trees and poles, thereby proving the good taste of the owners.
 LOST—Last week, a sum of money in bills. The finder will do a favor to a man who is unable to lose the amount (\$8.00) by leaving it at the postoffice.
 Some of our neighboring villages have been much improved by legislation in regard to building stone walks. Why not inquire into it and improve this town?
 The party who stole the beans must have too tender a conscience for such business, or they would not be soiling seed so early as this. Better keep them. The stomach may be as tender as the conscience before the proper seeding time.

If anyone wants a dandy Portland cutter, good as new, in elegant condition, they should call on Mrs. E. F. Peabody, Cor. Saginaw and Brown streets, this village. 3312
 John Stabler wishes to announce that he is buying all kinds of furs, and pays the highest market price. You can see him about it at his laundry, on Maple Ave. east.

Mack Means, formerly of Southfield, after an absence of some seven or eight years, is now happily engaged in "shaking" old friends. His home is now at Tingley, Iowa.
 The Birmingham Y. P. S. C. E. can vouch for the hospitality of the Pontiac Society, since their delightful visit at the Presbyterian church of that city last Sunday evening.
 John Anderson, aged 71 years, of Pontiac, ended his earthly career by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. He was highly respected and became insane from a long illness.
 Owing to the extreme bad weather of last Tuesday, Henry Foot, of Big Beaver was obliged to postpone his auction sale, and the date is now fixed for Saturday, Dec. 17, 1898.
 The widow of Moses Schug wishes to thank Tent No. 227 of the Maccabees for so promptly promoting her claim, also Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Whitehead, who so kindly assisted her.
 Are you in arrears for this paper? Kindly read date after your name and find out. If you are trow dan to us a big round silver dollar and see the printers smile on Saturday night.
 Our various churches are making extensive preparations for Christmas festivities, each one planning something different from the other and all giving promise of exceptionally interesting programs.
 At the Methodist church next Sunday Rev. Eugene Allen will preach from the following themes: Morning—"The Sir Galahad of Apostolic Times"; evening—"What We May Know Concerning Heaven."
 Come and partake of the New England supper given in connection with the B. Y. P. U. fair, under the supervision of Miss Edith Hamlin. Everything in the genuine New England style for only 10c.
 Eli S. Wooster and family have moved into E. R. Smith & Co.'s cozy cottage on the Campbell subdivision. Eli is bound to make Birmingham his future home, having great faith in its prosperity.
 One of the pleasantest stores in this village is that occupied by McClellan & Satterlee in the Library building. It now extends the whole length of the main building, has a back entrance and is convenient and comfortable.
 All ye ladies who have waited to get the benefit of reduction sales of millinery have not waited in vain, for Mrs. S. L. Bird, of Pontiac, is selling all winter millinery at a sacrifice. Improve the glorious opportunity. See ad.
 A RARE CHANCE.—A small lot in the old part of the Greenwood cemetery for sale. Located third lot west from the northeast corner of the old ground next to fence, 10 ft. long. Address ELMER E. COOK, Andersonville, Mich.
 WANTED—A competent Waist-maker, one who understands cutting, fitting and finishing, and who will take charge of the work. State wages wanted. Pontiac Ladies' Tailoring Establishment, 21-2 N. S. St. Pontiac, Mich.
 The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Southfield U. P. church will hold a bazaar at the home of Mrs. Henry Miller, Thursday evening, Dec. 22d. A short program has been prepared and supper will be served. All invited to attend.
 The printing force on this grand motor engine, owing to a scarcity of silver coin Saturday nights, have been rather blue. Empty that old stocking, turn it inside out, bring us the result and we'll be pleased to give you a receipt for the full amount.
 Miss Ella Johnson, of Seymour Lake, made three attempts to end her life, also she has everything to live for—a beautiful home, an indulgent father and friends without number, yet she has a mania for ending her life. She will be treated at the asylum.
 There was a good attendance at the Novel Club last Saturday evening despite the cold weather. Miss Trowbridge gave a review of Kipling's "Captains Courageous," which was followed by a general discussion under the different conditions of wealth and hardship. The next meeting will occur the second Saturday in January. The book "Anne" by Miss Woolson.

The next regular Communication of the Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, 1898. All members are urged to be present, as the annual election of officers will be held. Light refreshments will be served. J. B. Hunt, Sec'y.

The British battleship Formidable launched recently at Portsmouth, England, is said to be the largest warship in the world, being of 15,000 tons displacement. She is 400 feet long, has 72 feet beam and draws 26 feet 9 inches of water. She cost \$5,000,000, and is estimated to steam 18 knots.
 There comes the car! Hurry up! Clang, clang. Here we go. Put me off at W. H. Elliott's, please. I want a whole lot of things from there; among them an umbrella to protect my hat from the gentle flakets. I may need an extra car on my return home from the city. See Mr. Elliott's new ad.
 There is not a more attractive looking grocery in town than the one unique "triangle," and "Tom" the genial young proprietor, is a great favorite, consequently it is a jolly good place to patronize. For nuts and confections this place can't be beaten. Once enter the door of the "triangle" store and you'll go more and more.
 Pontiac Aldermen are wrestling with electric railroads, five new ones asking for entrance to the County Seat, while the rest of the population are rattled over the possible location of two immense beet sugar factories. We're glad of it. What helps Pontiac is sure to overflow, and we believe next can't help but catch a little of the surplus.
 Several of the young people of this place who became acquainted with Miss Mary Greenfield, of Flushing, who made an extended visit with the Packard families here last winter, will be glad to know that the young lady is very low with consumption. Hereafter, Mrs. Emeline Richardson, of this place, was called to her bedside last Saturday.
 The total number of copies of newspapers printed throughout the world in one year is 12,000,000,000. To print these requires 781,410 tons of paper, or 1,562,820,000 pounds, while it would take the fastest press 333 years to print a single year's edition, which would produce a stack of papers nearly 50 miles high.
 The Young People's Society of the Baptist church give a fair at the Library Hall (in the Ellenwood) Friday and Saturday, afternoon and evening. Come and buy your Christmas presents from them. You will find sofa pillows, head rests, laundry bags, aprons, corning sacks, pin cushions, in fact everything you will wish in the present line, and at a very low price.
 A Bazaar will be held in the Town Hall at Royal Oak tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 17th, under the auspices of the ladies of the choir of St. Mary's church, who will also serve an oyster supper and other refreshments. Proceeds go toward defraying the expense of the stone walk around the church property. The bazaar will be a good place to buy a Christmas present. Everybody go.
 The professional bull-fighters of Havana, 'tis said, will petition President McKinley that no legal steps be taken to prevent their favorite amusement under American rule. Hardly. The United States would make a fine spectacle tolerating that relic of barbarism. But hold—why not license, or tax it, and so get a revenue from it? That's what we do at home with something worse than the bull-fight.
 The day of the funeral of E. S. Wooster's daughter, Mrs. Henry Kimball, of Pontiac, on her way to the funeral sprained her ankle and was compelled to remain with her mother nearly two weeks. Last Sunday her brother Lavanda started home with her and at the Power House the cutter tipped over. Fortunately Mrs. Kimball was not hurt much, but "Vanda" got a severe shaking up.
 Holiday excursion via Grand Trunk System on lines west of Detroit and St. Clair rivers for Christmas and New Years at the low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Selling dates for Christmas, Dec. 23-24-25-26, '98; for New Years, Dec. 30-31, '98, and Jan. 1st and 2d, '99; all being valid to return up to an including Jan. 3d, '99. Purchase tickets before entering cars as full fare will be charged if paid on trains.
 Miss Flora Chatfield, daughter of Ira J. of our village, is aboard the good steamer "Alaska," bound for Manila. She has been a trained nurse at San Francisco for some years and goes to the Philippines to fill a position as matron in a government hospital. She was also a nurse at the Baldwin House, San Francisco, when it burned, she, fortunately, escaping, although several lives were lost and the money lost amounted to millions of dollars.
 An appreciative audience listened to stirring addresses given at the M. E. church on Sunday morning, a week, by three Detroit ladies, Mrs. Houser, Mrs. Banghart and Mrs. Gamble. Each spoke on a phase of Foreign Missionary Work and the talks were very interesting. At the close of the addresses solicitors went through the aisles and, as a result, sixteen new members were secured for the local missionary society, besides the taking of several mite boxes.
 Newspaper men a great many times are blamed for a lot of things they cannot help, such as using partiality in mentioning visitors, giving news about some folks and leaving out others. They simply print the news they can get. An editor should not be expected to know the names of your uncles, aunts and cousins, even if he should see them get off the train. Tell him about it. It's news that makes the newspaper and every man, woman and child in the neighborhood could be associate editors if they would.
 Where are all those people going? Do you need to ask? Well, they are bound for V. Nixon's store. Now you just watch them when they make their exit and you will notice that they do not walk as erectly as when they entered, and how can they, with such a load of merchandise on their backs? These good people, realizing that Xmas is at hand, are preparing for the same for they're not slow, they know where to go to spend their "dough." Read Nixon's big ad this week and you will learn all the particulars.
 The home merchant is the man who gives you credit when you have no cash to buy the necessities of life. The home merchant is the man who helps you to pay the taxes that run your schools and keep the city in good order. The home merchant is the man to whom you appeal for favors in times of distress. Then why should you ignore him when you desire to make a cash purchase? He sells good goods at low figures as the man who does business down in the city. The hills that look so inviting afar off oftentimes contain nothing but inferior browsing.
 In the great fire at the Detroit Opera House some months since, Hugh Connolly, the well-known jeweler of that city was burned out. He secured temporary quarters on Woodward avenue, and has recently removed to a permanent location at the corner of Griswold and State streets, opposite the Chamber of Commerce. Here he displays a magnificent stock of jewelry and optical goods, suitable for Christmas presents. Everything is new and of the latest style. Mr. Connolly enjoys a high reputation as a jeweler and optician. We wish him continued success in his new store.
 A very pretty home wedding was that which occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor on Wednesday morning, Nov. 30th, when their daughter Clara was united in marriage to Joseph Farmer, of this village. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Eugene Allen, assisted by Rev. M. B. Maxwell. A bounteous wedding breakfast was served, one of the most pleasing features of which was a cake baked by the happy bride. Several invited guests from Detroit graced the occasion by their presence. We join with many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Farmer a long and happy career.
 The lecture entitled "The Man in the Moon and the Other Man" given by Fred C. Pillsbury, of Port Huron, at the Methodist church last Monday evening was one of the best presented to our people for a long time past. The lecture is a characterization of the true man, the man whom society needs most. After a brief but humorous reference to the mythological man in the moon the lecturer very broadly and wittily described the ideal terrestrial man. Among the necessary traits are humor, common sense, tact, perseverance and self-reliance. The genius is the man of hard work and of ability to utilize the labor of others. Physical appearances are superstitiously regarded as being the index to the character within, but they are not to be depended upon as infallible. Many heroes live in humble or obscure circumstances, but these conditions need not eclipse true manhood. As a literary production the lecture is polished, witty and apt. The foibles of human nature are humorously but kindly

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