

HOME NOTES

SANTA CLAUSES

Among the golden tales of yore there's none so eager as you to hear...

After Christmas comes blue cross. Hang up your stockings tomorrow night.

Christmas all day Sunday, if it does rain.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Frank Langley, of Lenox, called on his brother Ed on Monday.

The skate-walk guide was all the "go" Monday and Tuesday on our streets.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Whitehead next Tuesday evening, Dec. 27.

If you insist upon having the wires insulated your trees will not be killed.

HAY FOR SALE—See Geo. C. Happ, or drop him postal card, Birmingham, Michigan. 3412

Miss Flora Keyes returned from Ludington Saturday to spend the holiday vacation.

Jas. B. Maxwell, of Buffalo, Pa., is in town attending the installation exercises of his son.

Mrs. C. J. Hupp, of Detroit, was a guest of Mrs. J. A. Bigelow the fore part of the week.

The Whist Club was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. H. Wilson last Saturday afternoon.

Doesn't Birmingham give enough patronage to the electric road to entitle it to a waiting room?

J. A. Miller, Jr., is home this week from college suffering with tonsillitis in a very severe form.

TO REST—A dwelling on the corner of Pierce and Townsend streets. Enquire of Mrs. M. E. Hemenway.

At the U. P. church on next Sabbath at 3 p. m. the subject of the pastor's sermon will be "The Finished Course."

Any boy or girl who wants to read "Black Beauty" or "Beautiful Joe" can borrow the book from the Library free of charge.

Why not make a holiday present of a membership to the Library. The choice of 1,900 books—the best in the English language.

Regular meeting of the order of the Eastern Star next Wednesday evening, December 31. All members requested to be present.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A cutter, well worth the price. Can be seen at the toll gate just north of Birmingham. D. B. Wilkinson. 3372

Give your attention to E. Farmer's advt. this week. This Pontiac music house is well established and needs no introduction to our readers.

It was little Miss Carrie Savage who entertained Miss Marguerite Grant of Detroit a week ago, instead of Mrs. Savage, as stated last week.

Webster McElwain, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Ione A. Gorton, of Detroit, Sunday in Birmingham, the guests of G. H. Mitchell and family.

Our tamer friends whose trees must be trimmed on account of the electric will be wise to do it themselves, as a tree can be easily killed in trimming.

How many of our people would favor having all of our new walks (when we have to have) built of cement, if they can be built as cheaply as of wood?

A woman in this town thinks that cleaning one's sidewalk should be one of the requisites for membership to a Christian church—a test of the "golden rule."

Some of our churches observe their Christmas festivities this (Friday) evening and others tomorrow evening, thus giving many an opportunity of witnessing "Ferris" wheels, Xmas trees, etc., and listening to varied programs of an interesting character.

The Misses Ella and Katherine Donoghue, Miss Anna Gannon and F. J. Jarriette of Detroit, were Sunday guests at the residence of Mrs. John Savage.

There will be preaching services at Southfield U. P. church Sabbath evening, Dec. 23th, by Rev. L. S. Clark. C. E. meeting at 7 and preaching at 8 p. m.

There will be no meeting of the L. T. L. on Christmas or New Year's day, but one will be held on Sunday Jan. 8, and a full attendance is requested on that day.

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. 3372

Hugh Connolly, the well-known Detroit jeweler, corner of Griswold and State streets, presents an attractive line of holiday goods.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church meets at the residence of Mrs. Web Bracy next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 28.

Regular annual convocation of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., Monday evening, Dec. 26. Election of officers and payment of dues.

The Xmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sabbath school will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 24, at 7 o'clock. Go and hear the Cantata entitled "The General Santa Claus War," and see the "Ferris Wheel."

Mrs. Lucius Randall and daughter, Miss Myrtle, of Dryden, Mich., are visiting with H. W. Randall and family and other relatives in this vicinity.

H. W. Baxter has just received some nice new styles in jewelry, and novelties, Watches, Silverware and Spectacles. Repairing in all lines promptly done.

The "Merry Chanters," under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth G. Caldwell, assisted by the Detroit Theatrical company, gave an entertainment in Library Hall Tuesday evening.

Ah, there, ye electric road officials, on what date did you say all cars would begin making regular stops at the corner of Brown street?

Tuesday forenoon a flue in the boiler at the school house gave out and the pupils, already ready for the Christmas holidays, just jumped for joy at the unexpected vacation caused by the defective flue.

Did you ever notice that the most club, does the most church work, most society work and most work at home is the woman who has the most time to help you if you ask help, while the one who does none of these things never has time to help anyone?

The Exchange Bank will be closed next Monday, Dec. 26, as that is a legal holiday, Christmas coming on Sunday this year.

Whatever you do, do not forget that the blue cross will appear with some of our subscribers the first issue in January, 1899.

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Our readers will please notice the very cordial holiday greeting tendered them by Zimmerman Bros. & Alger, Pontiac's booming hardware dealers, in this issue.

At the last regular meeting of Mary D. Hive, No. 373, held Dec. 17th, the following officers were elected for the year of 1899:

L. C. Klara Baker; L. R. C., Carrie Knowles; L. R. K., Len Wilson; F. K., Nellie Blair; L. Chapman, Sarah Pearsall; L. Sergeant, Lucy Myers; L. M. at A., Nellie Prince;

L. Sentinel, Maggie Carter; Pickett, Fannie J. Shain.

The many friends of W. Harrison Benedict will be saddened to hear that he has had two strokes of paralysis, one that affected him Friday last, followed by a more severe one that was quite serious the next Saturday.

At the annual election of officers of Hall Tent No. 227, K. O. T. M., Dec. 19, '98, the following officers were elected:

All the candidates for the Birmingham postoffice job received word from Congressman S. W. Smith last week that the appointment would be held up for a month longer to allow time for an inspector to come to our town to take a look into the location of an office to be by itself and not in a store or connected with any other business.

Mrs. M. Adele Snow, our village artist in china painting had an exhibit at a church fair at Detroit last week. She had a booth at the Church of our Father, and although there were other exhibits in china painting, our artist displayed of nearly one hundred dollars' worth of her work to delighted buyers.

The Presbytery of Detroit met in the Troy U. P. church on Tuesday last to hear the trial sermons and examine the pastor elect, the Rev. Monroe Maxwell, and to ordain and install him to the work.

A very quiet and pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lymon Peabody, on Wednesday evening last week, it being the occasion of the wedding of their daughter Florence to Elmer Evans.

A turgid and bombastic melodrama entitled "Cuba's Vow" is on exhibition at Whitney's. It is obvious reason for being in exhibition of some good scenery painted by Harry Meyer, a well known artist, whose name appears on the bills as proprietor of the enterprise also.

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During all this week the half-hour service will be maintained in the evenings, and the last cars leaving Detroit at 11 p. m. and Pontiac at 10:30 p. m. On Saturday evening additional cars will work on Detroit at 11:30 p. m. and 12 p. m. Detroit & Pontiac Railway Co.

Bloomfield Taxpayers are hereby notified that I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, every Wednesday during December and at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac, every Saturday during December.

We have the finest and most complete line of Pocket Books and Pens in town. An elegant article for a Christmas gift, and one that anyone would appreciate. We have nothing but the best and at the lowest prices. Call and see them. We are always glad to explain our goods in order to make sure that they agree precisely with what we advertise.

"THIS LOVE THAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND"

It was on the afternoon car one day last summer, and they got on at Birmingham. It was a fast patent to every one that they were just over the edge of the honey-moon and everything went swimmingly until they arrived at Highland Park, when the car became so crowded that hubby was constrained to give up his seat to a lady, and he promptly took up a position on the rear platform and lit a cigar...

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Ordination Services. The Presbytery of Detroit met in the Troy U. P. church on Tuesday last to hear the trial sermons and examine the pastor elect, the Rev. Monroe Maxwell, and to ordain and install him to the work.

WHAT THE LAW DECIDES. The death of a stepfather is held, in Marshall vs. Macon Saab, Door and Lumber company (Ga.), 41 L. R. A. 211, to give no right of action to a stepchild.

The blindness of a person is held, in Zackerly vs. Mobile & O. R. Co. (Miss.), 41 L. R. A. 285, to be insufficient ground for refusing to take him as a passenger if he is incompetent to travel alone.

A person crossing a railroad track from a station to a platform to take a train for which he has a ticket is held, in Young vs. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. (Mass.), 41 L. R. A. 192, to be within the statutory provision as to liability to passengers.

Only nominal damages are held recoverable in Mobile & Ohio Railroad company vs. Postal Telegraph Cable company (Tenn.), 41 L. R. A. 403, for a telegraph line on a railroad right of way which does not interfere with its use for railroad purposes.

An agreement by one who sells a business and its good will that he will not engage in the same business in the United States for twenty-five years is held, in Latta Rule company vs. Pringell (O.), 41 L. R. A. 185, to be invalid, as tending to create a monopoly.

The right of a husband to the use of his wife's real estate, and to rent it for three years at a time, under statutes in force at the marriage and when the wife was acquired, is held, in Rose vs. Rose (Ky.), 41 L. R. A. 353, to be one of which the legislature cannot deprive him.

A statute limiting the fare to be charged by a street railway company is sustained in Indianapolis vs. Navin (Ind.), 41 L. R. A. 337, provided the fares are not so low as to amount to a taking of property or a taking of it without compensation or due process of law.

FAVORITISM TO high officials, large illegal or powerful politicians is held illegal under the North Carolina statutes, in State vs. Southern Railroad company (N. C.), 41 L. R. A. 246, and the possible advantage to the railroad company from the good will of such persons is held insufficient in their favor.

Evidence that an indorsement of the words "Pay to the order of R. C. O. cash for account," on a certificate of deposit, was intended to make the indorsement merely an agent for collection, is held inadmissible in United States National Bank vs. Ger (Neb.), 41 L. R. A. 439, because the indorsement is unambiguous.

THE FEMINE OBSERVER. Bangles are once again to become the rage. This is a hint for Christmas buyers.

The more one gets mixed up in legal matters the less law there seems to be in the world.

An old fur collarate can be used advantageously in making a crown for your better bonnet.

Whitehead & Mitchell.



UMBRELLAS Wm. H. Elliott, Woodward and Grand River Aves.

There's no place in town where you can catch your car so easily as at this store. We're always on the lookout for you and put you and the packages aboard the electric at any hour you elect. Here's a little list that's to your advantage to read:

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Josh W. Bird, Pontiac, Mich.

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