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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 30, '98

HOME NOTES.

Blue Cross!

Blue Cross next issue!

Nate Herbison is busy collecting taxes.

Santa Claus was the whole thing last week.

Arthur Berger, of Pontiac, was in town Monday.

Royal Oak—electric lights? Birmingham—?

Bert Blakeslee, of Bay City, was home for Christmas.

Miss Belle Ward is spending the holidays in Saginaw.

Did you see the eclipse of the moon Tuesday night?

Danville, Ill., has elected a woman as its truant officer.

Don't get the blue cross. Hand in your dollar and avoid it.

Rev. Mr. Shier preached at M. E. church last Sunday morning.

Fairholm entertained a small party of guests with Christmas cheer.

The flash-light parties are toning down, so the grand master says.

Why don't Oakland county have a federation of its women's clubs?

Ed Langle is passing the holiday season with his parents at Algonac.

Misses Bertha and Bessie Bigelow are spending the holidays in Lansing.

Messrs. John, James and Henry Bayley, of Detroit, spent Christmas in town.

Mrs. Robt. Kirk, of Bay City, spent Christmas with David Hanna and family.

Misses Zilla Campbell and Mae Walters, of Ann Arbor, are home for the holidays.

HAY FOR SALE—See Geo. C. Hupp, or drop him postal card, Birmingham, Michigan. 34t2

George C. Aldrich, of Battle Creek, spent Christmas with his father and brother.

The mill pond seems to be the attraction for our young people nowadays—fine skating.

Hal C. Gibbs and wife, of Howard City, are visiting at the parental home in Big Beaver.

W. Allen wishes to announce to the farmers who want ice that now is the time to get it.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. meet with Mrs. Waldo next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Georgie Patton, of Port Huron, is the favored guest of Mr. H. C. Wilson and wife.

BOARDERS WANTED.—Apply to Alice Morgan, corner Henrietta and Townsend sts, Birmingham, Mich.

Hand picked beans for sale at Ed. R. Smith & Co's depot warehouse. 30c per peck. Call early. 2t

Born, to Mrs. W. Allen, a baby boy, Dec. 20th. Both are doing nicely under the care of Dr. N. T. Shaw.

"Trade at home" might be more practically urged if the families of our own dealers did less shopping out of town.

J. Q. Johnson, of Detroit, made his aunt, Mrs. H. Hood, a flying visit last week, also Dr. Johnson, from Pontiac.

Skating is now the popular fad, and the old pond is alive with boys and girls, young and old, who enjoy the healthy sport.

Mrs. Thalia Wilkinson and her daughter, Miss Maud Gates, are visiting relatives and friends at Flushing this week.

W. Harrison Benedict is slowly recovering from his attack of paralysis, and his friends hope to hear of his complete recovery.

See Backenstose's advertisement regarding paper and envelopes. A new departure with full explanation in their new advertisement.

Flint has one or two suits on hand because of accidents due to icy sidewalks. Prevention is better than cure, even in this town.

The Rev. George E. Thompson, of the 2nd avenue Pres. church, Detroit, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath, at 2.30 p.m.

Chicago is discussing the erection of public comfort stations throughout the city, as is the custom in Europe's large cities. We would like one such station in which to wait for the electric car, with an electric signal bell to tell us when the car is coming.

There will be a reception for Mr. Maxwell in the United Presbyterian church Saturday evening, Dec. 31st, from 8 to 10 o'clock. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Randall, of Ann Arbor, Mich., also Mrs. F. R. Houghan, of Denver, Col., are the guests of Mrs. E. A. Randall, of this place.

Married, at the bride's home in Southfield, Irving Vorhees, of White Lake, to Miss Iva Crawford, last Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, by Rev. F. L. Church.

The many friends of Miss Mary Greenfield will be saddened to hear of her death, which occurred at her Flushing home last Tuesday morning, of consumption.

David Q. Huff, of Columbia, Dak., and a relative of John N. Heth, is making a visit in this vicinity. He has been away nearly 20 years and notices many changes.

A brother of ex. Judge James Casey, Mr. William Casey, of Lexington, Mich., is visiting his relatives in and around Piety Hill. Having a good time? Ask him.

Oh, say! Do you want a good time, and have supper, too? I'll tell you where to go—to Mrs. Jas. Shain's, Friday evening, to the Lady Foresters' social, all for 10 cents.

Mrs. Mark Smith and son Frank, of Manistee, Mich., have been the guests of Mollie Smith for a few days. They expect to make an extended visit in this part of the state.

Ed. P. Jarvis is slowly recovering from a severe attack of threatened appendicitis. Dr. J. L. Campbell warded off the danger, and Ed. is soon going to be on his feet all right again.

Preaching at the Methodist church next Sunday by the pastor. Morning subject, "The Theology of the Twenty-third Psalm." Evening subject, "The Doctrine of Perfection; What is it?"

Lieut. M. O. Bigelow is daily expected home from Cuba. An attack of that Cuban fever is the cause, but no doubt once with mother, home and ham sandwiches he will quickly recover.

The discussion in Christian Science circles over the death of Harold Frederick has invested his last book, "Gloria Mundi," with peculiar interest. It is the latest addition to the library.

All our merchants enjoyed a good holiday trade and everybody seemed more than chivalrous happy. We noticed several cases of Christmas fever, and plead guilty to having a touch of it ourselves.

There seems to be an epidemic of lost diamond pins and gold watches just at present in our midst. We have not lost any yet, but no doubt will be in line to do so after the advent of the blue cross.

Charles Webster, of Pontiac, not long ago at Spokane, Wash., was buncoed out of just $300. The Gazette says his eye teeth are pressing hard on his gums and they will surely be cut in good time.

Mrs. S. J. Harris and Mr. Geo. Ferguson are spending the holidays with relatives at Nunica, Mich., and they won't get over telling of the good times they enjoyed unti after St. Patrick's Day in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Leet are taking their wedding tour. They are now at East Lake, Mich., visiting their two daughters, Mrs. Frankie Spencer and Mrs. Mamie Peters. They expect to be gone about a month.

On account of the annual meeting of the Literary Society, which occurs the second Saturday of Jan., the Novel Club will meet on Jan. 7th. The book to be discussed is Bessant's "All Sorts and Conditions of Men."

An exchange says that the woman of the house don't like to run to the door to get some advertisement on a handbill; but she does like to sit down when her work is done and read all about the new goods from the village paper.

H. W. Baxter has just received some nice new styles in jewelry, and novelties, Watches, Silverware and Spectacles. Repairing in all lines promptly done. Satisfaction guaranteed. H. W. Baxter, Jeweler, established six years. 34t2

Our old friend, Charles Dennis, of Houston, Tex., is home again, and a fine lad he is, too. He made his mother a handsome Xmas present, which was a surprise as well as pleasant. Wish there were more sons like Charles Dennis.

There will be a social at the home of Mrs. James Shain for the benefit of the lady Foresters. Admission 10c, and your supper thrown in. Any one going will be nicely entertained and have a good time generally. Friday night, Dec. 30, 1898.

Holly is defendant in a suit for $15,000, brought by George Quick, who some time ago collided with another bicyclist, and at which time he was thrown against a wagon which had been allowed negligently and carelessly to remain in the street.

The Order of the Eastern Star had a delightful monthly meeting last Wednesday evening. This is one of the very liveliest secret societies in the village and is rapidly increasing its number. Wives, daughters and mothers of masons are eligible.

H. B. Merritt asks your attention to his advertisement concerning winter shoes for men from $2.50 to $4. Newest styles, double soles, enamel or Russian calf. Mr. Merritt is one of Pontiac's best business men in the boot and shoe line, and his word goes.

In the case of John Kelly, administrator of the John Kelly estate vs. the Detroit & Pontiac Railway Co., the jury in the circuit court of this county on Tuesday rendered a judgment of $650 for the plaintiff. Kelly was one of the victims of the trolley car wreck of Dec. 4, 1897, at Bloomfield.

Elmer E. Rose was killed by an elevator crushing his head at the Dunlap Vehicle Co's carriage factory in Pontiac last week. His death was the result of his own carelessness. He was married last July and was 25 years of age. It took three men with crowbars to release his head.

The Detroit Safety Gate Co. has offices and factory in our village, and work is going right along manufacturing safety gate crossings by its inventor and manufacturer Harvey C. Wilson. We hope the business will grow until the factory covers two acres of ground and is ten stories high.

Don't be surprised if your New-Year's present will be a blue cross, as the noble steed is bound to appear next issue without fail on the papers of all those who are in arrears and owe for this great moral engine—one of the biggest and best papers in the county for the money. Only one dollar per year.

Say, kind reader, why not send this paper to a distant friend for a New-Year's present? What could be more acceptable? Better than a letter from home. Throw your big, round, elegant dollar at Mitchell and he will do the rest—except the letter of thanks that the recipient of the favor writes to you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dennison, of Troy, celebrated their fifty-sixth marriage anniversary on Thursday, the 22d inst. Unknown to her husband Mrs. Dennison had planned for a characteristic feast at the old home and invited all the neighbors in, carrying out every detail with the energy and spirit of bygone years.

Samuel C. Mills received the happiest Christmas present we ever heard of yet. Harvey C. Wilson, his former employer, "didn't do a ting to 'im," but gave him a horse, carriage, harness, blankets, halters and a little yellow dog to chase along after the buggy. And the smile that went over Sam's face almost killed—him.

Miss Maud Gates, after nearly two years with the Eccentric, has resigned her position, much to the sorrow of her employees, her fellow laborers and a whole army of friends. After a week of visiting she will begin her work for the Pontiac Gazette Co., in whose employ she has a responsible situation with a healthy salary.

A despatch dated at South Bend, Ind., says Charles H. Ross, son of Lemuel Ross, of Pontiac, Mich., was instantly killed by a train while on his way home from Inwood, where he had attended church Sunday night. The accident occurred on a crossing of the Pittsburg road. Ross' body was carried a mile on the pilot of the engine to Inwood. Ross was a lumber salesman for a northern Michigan concern.

A party of eastern capitalists who are interested in the Pontiac-Flint electric road went over the proposed route on the 15th and 16th, through Drayton Plains, Waterford, Clarkston, Ortonville, Goodrich and Grand Blanc to Flint. J. H. Hill, the engineer of the road, and Hon. J. E. Sawyer, of Pontiac, accompanied the party. All were well pleased with the outlook and the road will undoubtedly be built next summer.

To show what youth and ambition will do:—While Mrs. Harris is away visiting she engaged Mrs. Kemp to take her place. Mrs. Kemp was taken ill and Miss Ida McKinney gracefully occupied "sitteration." The boarders like prompt and pleasant service, but when she gets them all up to a three o'clock a.m. breakfast they think promptness and ambition should rest at least until six a.m.

This week is a lively one for Pontiac amusement seekers. Wednesday night they had Uncle Tom's Cabin, and last night (Thursday) Gee whiz! the Court Pontiac, No. 9, Foresters of America gave their annual masquerade, with a cakewalk attachment. A goodly number of Birminghamers attended, and some of them are not out of bed yet, thus proving, aside from their looks, what a real good time they must have had.

"I can't afford to advertise on a large scale," said a merchant lately, "and with my varied stock I would not know where to begin on a small scale." It is a common fallacy that the advertiser must cover the whole stock. In point of fact, it never does, even with the most lavish advertisers; and if it did, the result would be a jumble of prelixity. The the true policy is to select one article at a time—something moderately priced and meeting the wants of the day—and push that at the people.

Billy Burns, a notorious desperado, William Gardner, under sentence of three years for a Milford burglary, and George Taylor, pocket-picker, and sentenced for three years at Ionia, who were confined in the Pontiac jail, made a desperate and murderous attempt to escape. Sheriff Judd, soon-to-be-sheriff R. D. Belf and turnkey George Black, with a man detained as a witness, named Walter Butler, fought them to a finish—and a bloody scrap it was, too—and soon landed them all back in their cells.

A Christmas gathering of sons, daughters and grand-children at the home of George Groves in Troy, when they all gathered in honor of Mrs. Agnes Groves, the mother and god-mother of all. Monday was the day, and a big dinner and supper was enjoyed by all. Ten of her own children and forty grand-children helped to make merry, besides other relatives to the number of 69. We thought we heard the noise all day, but couldn't account for it. It was planned a surprise party, and was one in every sense of the word.

The Lady Foresters elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Post Chief, Com. Clara Ball; Chief, Com. Ida Simpson; Sub. Chief, Com. Louisa Reynolds; Recording Secretary, Sarah Carter; Financial Secretary, Fannie Shain; Treasurer, Mary Reynolds; Right Guide, Sarah Yessen; Left Guide, Polly Greer; Inner Guard, Mary Wright; Outer Guard, Flora McHenry; Trustee for one year, Anna Fall; Trustee for two years, Mary McBride; Trustee for three years, Sophia Post.

That Rundel sale of Jersey cattle last week (Thursday) was quick, sharp, decisive and profitable to both the buyer and seller. Twenty-eight cows and three bulls were sold in just two hours. Refreshments were served in the house as only Julius himself could do, and at one o'clock they were off. In two hours all was over, and Bert Peabody was the happy buyer of "Cantilever Exile," the best bred Jersey bull in the State of Michigan. This animal goes to Bert's Troy farm, and farmers will do well to remember this. He brought $76, and was sold cheap at that.

Card of Thanks.

Died at her home in Bloomfield, Dec. 19, '98, Louisa J. Leet, wife of A. H. Leet and mother of Minnie, Maud and Will Leet.

Come to the bridal chamber, Death?
Come to the mother when she feels
For the first time her first born breath;
Come when the blessed seals,
Come when grim pestilence awoke
And crowded cities avail the stroke;
Come in consumption's ghastly form,
The earthquake's shock, the ocean's storm;
Come when the heart beats high and warm,
With banquet song and dance and wine
And thou art terrible!
The knell, the groan, the pall, the bier,
And all we know or dream or fear
Of agony are thine.

To the solem truth of the above lines we stand today as living witnesses, and those who have experienced the anguish of dissolving friendship, who have wept and still weep over the mouldering ruins of departed kindred, they can enter into this reflection. And to the kind and sympathetic friends who stood with us by the bedside of our dying dear one, and who with us watched the final struggle between life and death, and to the kind and considerate physician and his assistant, and to those who participated in the sad solemn ceremonies, and who with us followed the black-robed form of our loved one to the silent of the dead and stood with us beside the open grave as those relatives carefully lowered to its last resting place the cold and inanimate form of as true a wife, of as loving and intelligent a mother, of as kind and pure and good a woman as ever lived we tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

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Take Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth 25 and 50 cents.

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We desire to announce that our annual sale of Linens and House Furnishing Goods will begin

Tuesday a. m., Jan. 3d, 1899.

We've been weeks preparing for this sale, carefully examining lines of goods from the best makers and importers and have secured the very best for this important sale. Other departments will assist and you'll find lots of attractions all over this store,

We're busy selling Wrappers, fleece lined, well made affairs at 69c, 49c and $1—think of buying a good fleece lined Wrapper worth 75c for 49c.

A full dollar value at 69c; and for $1 fleece lined Wrappers worth $1.50 and $2.

It's to your interest to look anyway

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Seventeen years ago Dr. D. M. Johnston came to Birmingham, having just graduated from an Eastern dental college, and opened his first dental office here with a few misgivings as to the result. The result has proven perfectly satisfactory to the ably dentist and to his many patrons. In the first place, to command success a dentist must have mechanical ability, bordering almost upon the miraculous; to be able to finish his work, it involves many years of hard grinding, and he must have a pleasing and affable manner to insure success in his profession. In addition to this he must, if he remains in one place, be able to back his work with a guarantee that guarantees. All this has our genial Dan done. His first outfit did not cost as much as his new Wilkerson chair which he has just moved into his new office in the Ford block, and now our village dentist has an office as complete as any dental office in Pontiac or Detroit. His new quarters are reached by a wide stairway leading to the second floor, from Saginaw street. Turn to the left and go to the last office on the left, open the door and walk into the large reception parlor—cozy, warm and comfortable. From this you step into the operating room, where this scientific and artistic dentist has every tool and implement known to the profession to make one feel creepy or have a chill. His new Wilkerson chair, costing nearly $300, is the best one made in the world. It has every attachment needed or desired by the operator to place his patient in any position desired. The lighting of this room is unsurpassed, a desideratum much sought for by dentists. If you are nervous or fidgety he can administer Dr. Long's vitalized air, and can pull your head almost off and you will never feel a pang. Try it. A laboratory with a bench covered with tools, a gas vulcanizer, and the ten thousand things needed in a first-class dentist's office are all here and used by Dr. Johnston. During his work here Mr. Johnston can point with pride to his record. Coming to Birmingham with nothing, and starting in with only his hands and head, he has built up a practice that no one can touch, secured a nice home and has a snug sum laid away in his stocking, we are sure. His patrons come from even as far away as Detroit, because his fame has spread and his friends delight in telling their friends how well Dan does his work, and at fair rates. All are invited to call in and see the new office, the new chair, breathe the vitalized air and shake hands with the same old dentist, Dan Johnston.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Troy Taxpayers are hereby notified that I will be at Colerain postoffice Mondays, Troy Corners Tuesdays, Big Beaver Wednesdays, Birmingham Exchange Bank Thursdays and at my own home every Friday until January 10.

FRANK SCHLAACK,
Town Treasurer.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the following places to receive taxes: At town hall Southfield, Tuesday, December 27, at Erity's mill Thursday, Dec. 29, at Harmon P. O. Tuesday Jan. 3, 1899, at Beddow, Thursday, Jan. 5, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m., and every Friday at home in Franklin during the tax season.

R. C. CUMMINGS,
Treas. Southfield Township.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with Gen. Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimfull of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Proof sent free. Handsome outfit. Quitt free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Building, Chicago.

STOMACH TROUBLES.

Indigestion--Dyspepsia.

Medical Science has Produced a Cure at Last.

The increasing prevalence of dyspepsia has been a matter of the gravest concern to the medical profession, and for years leading scientists have been experimenting to produce a remedy. Constant effort in this direction has introduced many preparations which barely afford temporary relief to sufferers. It remained for Prof. Drake, a chemist of many years experience, to produce a treatment which has proved to be a positive cure for the disease in all of its manifold forms, which is known as Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer. In order to obviate a common disadvantage to sufferers—that of buying medicine which has lain perhaps for years in drug stores as must necessarily be the case where all druggists handle the same article—the manufacturers are placing Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer with a limited number of druggists, consequently you are sure to always receive the treatment fresh, although being put up in tablets and tightly sealed boxes, it will retain its freshness longer than in any other form.

If you are troubled with indigestion, sour stomach, acid fermentation, water brash, headache, sleeplessness, or any form of nervous dyspepsia, call on F. Hagerman, leading druggist of Birmingham, and ask for Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer. A book on Stomach and Nerve troubles, their symptoms and cure, given free for the asking at the above-mentioned store.

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