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Home Notes

New city offices are talked of for Pontiac. Claire Aldrich spent Sunday in Pontiac.

WANTED—Girl for general house-work. Ed. Montgomery.

MONEY TO LOAN—Address Mrs. V. H. Lee, 175 Field Ave., Detroit.

Harry Pockwell and wife, of Farmington, were recent visitors at Fairholm.

Milford will soon have a new postmaster. The struggle will soon be over.

Many of our young people and some of the old ones enjoy the skating at Pontiac.

Gröver Cleveland's folks have got his new knee breeches done for speakin' day.

More than 150 inmates are in the asylum at Pontiac than there are accommodations for.

The L. L. Club meet with Mrs. Whitehead next Monday evening. Current events for roll call.

Shadow social given at Robert Cromie's Friday evening, Feb. 11th. Everybody is sure and come.

Pontiac's main street will soon be brick paved from Jackson St. to Oakland Ave.—and it needs it.

Misses Mame and Edith Schaeble, of Wayne, were guests of Miss Florence King Sunday and Monday.

The Farmington electric road promoters have troubles of their own and they are not small ones either.

W. L. Cooney, of near Pontiac, has had an attack of appendicitis, and at this writing is in a critical condition.

The social that was announced for Friday evening at John Donaldson's will be postponed till further notice.

There will be a Masonic meet at Masonic Hall next Friday evening, Feb. 13th, '98. Work on E. A. degree.

Primrose's folkies twins are jipped better and it is also alleged that Betsey Short will be able to cum the last day.

The Ladies' Tuesday Club will meet with Miss Anna Bell Tuesday evening, Feb. 15. Roll call—Current events.

Lincoln banquet at Pontiac tonight, Friday. All the faithful are there drinking in words of wisdom if nothing else.

W. A. Dennison and wife, with a few friends, on Jan. 29th last, celebrated the 51st anniversary of Mr. D.'s birthday.

Geo. W. McHenry has three cows for sale; two coming in the middle of March. Enquire at his place near Gilbert Lake. 44 33

Mrs. W. L. Ogden, of Pontiac, has received \$500 from K. O. T. M., her deceased husband being a member of that order.

Mrs. James Wray, who has been seriously sick the last two weeks, is much better at this writing. She is under Dr. Campbell's care.

Henry Holmes, of Holly, is a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney and there are others and then there are other others.

Teachers' attention! The next teachers' examination will take place at Milford, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18th, 19th, and 19th.

Mrs. Wm. Pike, who has been sick a long time, continues to hold her own, and we trust Dr. Campbell will soon have her around again.

A very pleasant time is reported of the party at the home of Miss Mabel Todd last Friday evening, but pity the other boys who did not go.

Are silver dollars legal tender? The question is to be decided in the courts, Stephen Baldwin vs. Fred A. Baker. The result is wanted for quite anxiously.

Rev. Eugene Allen is conducting a series of revival meetings in the M. E. church. The attendance so far has been good and considerable interest is manifested.

Albert E. Robertson, who was injured in the D. & P. electric accident last December, has begun suit for \$5000 damages in the Oakland county circuit court.

Candidates for county offices for the coming fall election are buzzing about to beat all and there are going to be more than usual this fall on account of our increased prosperity.

Mrs. P. C. Emerson is helping Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbert, of 559 Second Ave., Detroit, celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, and having a royal good visit.

Five members of Louie Waack's family, of Clarenceville, have died from trichina. Scientific analysis of the pork has proved that trichina caused the death of them all.

Mary Jane Smith is awful sweet on the school-master and she is hereby requested to prepare an extra lunch, according to his capacity for eatin' for the last day of school.

C. F. Crouch has sold his Troy farm to Ezra Barr, of Mt. Clemens, consideration \$10,000. Mr. Crouch and his estimable wife will make their future home in Mt. Clemens.

Mrs. Chas. Howard, of Ossosso, made a brief visit in Birmingham last week, having accompanied the remains of Mrs. Bagg, Mr. Howard's grandmother, to Pontiac for burial.

The interior of the postoffice, as well as the store adjoining, presents a very attractive appearance with its new coat of paint. J. D. VanEvery is the skillful manipulator of the brush.

FOUND—In north end of Royal Oak village by Elmer Anscomb, a new clothes wringer. Owner can have same by calling at this office, proving property and paying gas for this ad.

Malt Coffee is largely used in hospitals, seminaries, convents, orphan asylums, schools and institutions of all kinds and meets everywhere with the highest approval. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Fill Brooks, of Denver, Colo., and his friend Geo. F. Doane, of Carbon, Wyoming, are the guests of Eugene Brooks and family. Mr. Brooks will stay a while, but Mr. Doane will proceed to Boston on a business and a pleasure trip.

Birmingham will soon have a full-fledged tailor shop. S. C. Morgan, of Detroit, an experienced merchant and tailor, is locating in the Thursday block and will soon be prepared to conduct a first-class business. This is a much needed enterprise.

One of our stout citizens went to the city last week to see Bob Fitzsimmons and when the noted pugilist danced out before the footlights in his tight, the s. c. remarked in a voice loud enough for Bob to hear: "Well, by gosh! No wonder Corbett retired."

The V. P. C. U. of the United Presbyterian church will give a nightcap social at the home of John Donaldson, this (Friday) evening. Purpose—to raise money for curtains for the lecture room of their new church. All come and have a merry time.

O. J. Riley and son John, of Greenville, former residents of this place, called on old friends Monday. They were enroute to Detroit, representing the Greenville Knights of Honor at the Detroit Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was held Tuesday.

It is said that a Michigan man, a Methodist, has invented a contribution box with a bell attachment. When a penny is dropped it rings feebly; a nickel makes it a little louder, and a dollar calls out a fire department and a brass band two blocks down the street.

The Ladies' Circle of Foresters of Pride of Birmingham will give their quilt social and supper Feb. 17 at their hall over the Exchange Bank. Good speakers will be there, also a good elocutionist to entertain the friends. To all not having tickets supper will be served for 15 cents.

Geo. H. Foster will sell for Cal. Ellenwood at his farm, one mile north and two miles east of Birmingham and two miles west of Big Beaver, next Friday, Feb. 18 at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, hogs, farming implements, wagons, harnesses, refrigerator, guns, household goods, and many other articles.

The annual banquet of the Lincoln Club of Oakland county takes place at Pontiac this (Friday) evening and bids fair to outdo all previous records. Birmingham is unusually well represented and "Table H" will show up some of the best men of the town. Get a ticket from Whitehead this morning and join the chorus.

Wm. Parish vs. John Kurbel and Geo. W. Beekman. Delit. It appears that John Kurbel replevined from Wm. Parish about 400 bushels of wheat in 1897. At that time he gave a bond of indemnity to Parish for the sum of \$500. The suit was tried in December 1897, and Parish recovered a judgment against Kurbel for \$500 and this suit is brought against Beekman, who was on the bond, to recover the damages and costs in the replevin suit.

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Tuesday, Feb. 15, at ten o'clock a. m. G. H. Foster will sell out all of E. S. Wooster's farming tools, etc. Sale absolute. Mr. Wooster having sold his farm.

J. L. Starkweather, the Romeo pension attorney, has been called "on the carpet" at Washington to explain alleged questionable methods in securing pensions. It is said that the pension department has had an eye on Mr. Starkweather for several years but not until recently were any steps taken in the way of an investigation.

The Mothers' Meeting will be held in the high school room next Wednesday at 4 p. m. The subject for discussion will be: "How can we best teach our children the beauty of respect to age and position." Every thinking person realizes that this is one of the crying needs of the times. Mothers, will you not show your interest by your presence, at this meeting?

Mrs. Rhoda Wood, of Rochester, will lose her pension unless by the 14th of this month she can prove her marriage with Vivius Wood, a late soldier. The W. P. Evritt Post, No. 377, G. A. R., will, with the aid of S. W. Smith, try to not have her name dropped from the pension roll. If it is done she will become an object of charity.

Congressman S. W. Smith is the first of the Michigan delegation to get a pension bill reported in the house this session. Representative Castle, for the invalid pension committee, having reported favorably on Smith's bill to pension Elwina Scull. He has secured a pension of \$12 a month, dating May 26 last, for Jas. Taylor, of Highland Station.

M. H. Blunt will sell for Frank Crouch on the premises, one mile south and one-quarter miles west of Troy Corners and five miles northeast of Birmingham, on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 9 o'clock a. m., sharp cows, horses, pigs, hay, car, farming implements, harnesses, don't objection to smaller grain. Tuesday last week he shot at a rat using only one barrel of his trusty shotgun. This time the gun got the buck fever and let go both barrels at once, knocking George over, cutting his lip and knocking out several teeth. The rat skipped away in a glee.

The February business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church which was announced for this Friday evening, has been postponed until next Tuesday evening, on account of the inability of some of the Endeavor workers to be present on the evening first epoch. All members of the Society are earnestly requested to remember the date, Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the home of the president, Miss Alice Marsh. Fred J. Mason, ex-president of the First District Union, and C. R. Cook, who now holds the office, will be present with other Detroit friends. All members come as a profitable time is in store for you.



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Pontiac's well-known business hustler John Pound, of 49 Saginaw street, wishes to generally announce that he will receive and forward to the properly accorder headquarters in New York, any amount, no matter how small, for the Cuban Relief Fund, if sent or mailed to him within the next two weeks. Circulars setting forth the terrible state of things in that country will be mailed by him to any address on application. The following clippings from the above mentioned circular will give our readers something of an idea of the suffering there. These statements are authentic and do not in the least exaggerate the misery in that grief-stricken land:

"This is not a cry from star-off Macedonia, but from the starving people of lovely Cuba, the gem of the Antilles, almost withi sight of the shores of the happy and most prosperous Christian nation on the face of the globe. The actual condition of affairs in Cuba beggars description. Destitution, desolation and death have invaded homes in every part of the Island. Families who had never before known privation now subsist on one meal a day! Mothers watch their young die for want of milk."

From Havana to Matanzas there is an unbroken line of filthy settlements, from which grim spectres such human crawl forth and supplicate, with bony arms and claw like fingers for alms that are seldom forthcoming. In Matanzas City the streets are full of half naked children clamoring for bread. At Pinar del Rio 300 are left of 4,000. At San Pedro little children are huddled in the damp corners shaking with cold and silently starving, their hair gone and feet swelled. A good meal would kill them."

At Cascar the correspondent of the Philadelphia Press saw several bodies lying awaiting interment. He met one broken-hearted father at Lujas carrying two of his dead children in an old portmanteau. "Faintures abound everywhere."

"The American people owe it to themselves and to the religion of Jesus Christ which they profess, to reach out the hand of succor to these helpless and dying Cubans. The high sanction of the United States Government has been given to this humane work and the urgent appeal of the President should not be permitted to pass unheeded. Not only money, but light clothing for men, women and children; corn, wheat, oatmeal, hominy medicine and blankets are heartily welcome.

"The camera business is more than booming in this vicinity. Those who are in want more. Those who are out want in. Whitehead & Mitchell will soon have a fine line of the best cameras at the lowest possible prices and all the necessary chemicals and tools to work with. This is a fascinating pastime. A. Whitehead and Tracy Randall both want to sell their present cameras in order to buy larger and better ones. If you want a bargain see Mitchell.

"The impersonation of 'The Rivals,' by Herbert A. Sprague, on Wednesday evening of last week, in the M. E. church was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. Mr. Sprague is an artist, his powers of imitation perfect and he is equal to a whole theatrical company. There were many present who had recently seen 'The Rivals' in Detroit, as presented by Sol. Smith Russell and they unanimously agreed that his impersonation of the various characters was perfect even to the tones of voice, facial expression, etc. We hope to have another opportunity of listening to this gentleman.

"What! Farming don't pay? Well, now are you sure you know what you are talking about? Sheep, for instance. John Snou has 7 1/2 half blood Shropshire-Merino ewes and here is their record for three years past: Three lots of lambs weighed out, 11,200 lbs, for which he received \$578.24. Their wool for 1896 brought \$31.75; in 1897 it brought \$38.72 (McKinley and Prosperity) and allowing a fair average for 1898 it will bring—say, \$35.00, making a total of \$68.77, or an average of over \$25.00 each and the ewes are all well and hearty yet. John knows how to make things profitable and better still he keeps his books as carefully and accurately as any merchant and knows when a thing pays and when it don't. He sold the present year's lot of lambs the other day and there were 41 of them and they tipped the scales at 4,350 lbs. How's that for ten months lambs?

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James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & San. Lowden III, in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La-Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into a hasty consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and seeing lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all he began to get better from the first dose, and a half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free bottles at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

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