

HOME NOTES

Rev. Thos. McClary Tuesday eve. E. S. Wooster's auction was a success.

Last lecture of the course next Tuesday night.

Monday was a good day in the postoffice—valentines.

Krancis Poole comes to the front again with his big time.

Miss Maude Gates was at her home in Holly over Sunday.

The L. L. Club met next Monday evening with Miss Blodgett.

Harry Bayley and Frank Linabury of Detroit, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Linabury Sunday with W. North and family.

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

Mrs. Drais, sister of H. C. Wilson, has returned to her Ohio home.

Mrs. J. D. VanEvery spent a few days of last week with relatives at Franklin.

FOR SALE—Two Poland China Bows. Inquire of F. L. Thurler, Wing Lake.

Misses Myra Chatfield and Jessie Lewis, of Pontiac, Sunday with Ira Chatfield and wife.

J. R. Corson was home over Sunday, after a very successful absence of a month or more.

Mrs. H. E. Allison, of Pontiac, visited her friends, Mrs. Henaway and Mrs. Leonard last week.

The estimated cost of brick pavement for Pontiac is \$40,000. It is proposed to lay it during 1898.

Will Jackson, of the Pontiac Monthly Press, was a welcome caller at the Eccentric office Friday last.

The Misses Florence and Mac Linabury, of Detroit, were guests of Carrie E. Mitchell over Sunday last.

Will McDowell and wife, of Detroit, were the guests at the residence of Volney Goodwin one day last week.

Constable Cloonan, of Pontiac, is engaged in Coon hunting and has three of Pontiac's tough Africans behind the bars.

We are glad to see the familiar face of O. L. Jenks, formerly of this place, now of Port Huron, in our midst again.

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

There will be a dance at the National Hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 22, under the auspices of the L. O. T. M. Bill 50c.

The Orion Review will hereafter appear as a six-column quarto, instead of an eight-page folio—a great step in advance, truly.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A phaeton carriage, good as new. A bargain for someone. Call on or address Ellen S. Hood, Birmingham, Mich. 4213

The Ladies of Mary D. Hive will give their fourth annual ball at National Hall February 22. All are cordially invited. By order of Committee.

Miss Hattie Soules, of St. Clair, has been having bad luck this term. After teaching one day she was taken with malarial fever and is now convalescent now.

Miss Mayme Terry and brother Harry, two of Detroit's accomplished and popular young society people, were entertained by Miss Alta Poppleton last Sunday.

Pontiac don't bank much on S. Hendrie's proposition to remove the car barn to that city, in consideration of certain concessions being made to the D. & P. R. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cook, of Detroit, were in attendance upon the Christian Endeavor business meeting last Tuesday evening.

The howling success, "Mr. Bob" will be given on New K. O. T. M. hall tomorrow (Saturday) night, for the benefit of the Maccabees. Admission 15c, at Big Beaver.

All those who have not the cash for a Klondike visit may have a chance to go on a fighting cruise against Spain. Take your choice; the risk is about balanced.

When traveling in the southwest George Bloomberg found an old chum, a native of Birmingham, in the person of Irving McGowan, who was prospering at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Ed. Montgomery.

Knapp Mail Coxe is largely used in hospitals, seminaries, convents, orphan asylums, schools and institutions of all kinds and meets everywhere with the highest approval.

Mrs. J. A. Stearns has bought the Stearns homestead from the estate, which insures the good lady a Birmingham-home much to the satisfaction and joy of her many friends here.

Will Benedict is off for the gold fields of the Klondike along with Tom Hanna and his party. We hope the boys will have the best of luck, find all the gold nuggets they desire and return home safe and sound.

M. H. Blunt will sell for the Horace Hall estate, of which A. Partridge is the administrator, on the premises, 2 1/2 miles west of Royal Oak, on Thursday Feb. 24, at one o'clock p. m., cows, pigs, few horses and farm implements.

Detroit is again agitating the question of returning to standard time. We hope something will be done one time or the other be decided upon and then what is the matter with our having standard time formally adopted by our village board?

Carrie E. Mitchell entertained 22 young lady friends Saturday last. They helped her to celebrate the 14th anniversary of her birthday. All had a jolly good time and Tracy with his camera got a grand good picture of the entire crew of youth and beauty.

Geo. W. Pattison, who sold his horse, the John Daines place, to Geo. Brady, of Detroit, last fall, has built him a home on 22 acres he reserved and moved into it last week. Mr. Craft was carpenter and builder and faithfully and satisfactorily has he done his work.

Bret Fox, of the Rochester Era has given up his old Washington hand press and hereafter, the Era, one of the best Oakland county weeklies, will be printed on his new Potter Cylinder press. We are glad to record such notable evidence of prosperity.

There will be an entertainment and social for the benefit of St. James church, at the home of Mrs. William Jenks on the evening of Feb. 22d. Everyone cordially invited to come and have a good time. Admission 10c, refreshments 5c extra. Mrs. Wilson, Secy.

The meeting of the Oakland County Pioneer Society will be held in Pontiac on Tuesday, February 22. The officers and program committee are making every arrangement for a very pleasant and interesting meeting. They have determined, also, to give a free banquet to all the old pioneers.

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, this Friday, Feb. 18 at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, hogs, farming implements, wagons, harnesses, refrigerator, guns, household goods, and many other articles.

The W. C. T. U. of this place is making preparations to send a package of good literature to Rev. E. L. Odle, who is working among the lumber camps in the northern part of the state. The ladies will be thankful to anyone having good papers and magazines, who will leave them at F. Blakeslee's store this week.

Everybody has his, or her ideal but all do not have an "ideal" binder. Now the Ideal binder is a piece of machinery every farmer should possess. If you doubt our word just ask Wm. Hunt, of this place. He can give you all the particulars of this ball bearing machine, and tell you all about its capacity etc. See new ad with cut of machine.

The last number of the Epworth League lecture course occurs next Tuesday evening, February 22, in the M. E. church. The speaker, Rev. Thos. McClary, is well known in the lecture field and his subject is positively funny—"Why we laugh. How we laugh, what we laugh at." The price of admission is only 15 cents. Be sure and remember the date.

Our new citizen, S. C. Morgan, is the possessor of many relics of antiquity, chief among which is a pair of wooden shoes, made by Mrs. Morgan's great-grandfather in 1761, who resided in Maryland near the spot where the memorable battle of Antietam was fought. This gentleman also has a bead wall-pocket, beautiful in design and of more ancient origin than the shoes. This relic was manufactured by an Indian lady belonging to a tribe dwelling on the banks of the Potomac.

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Thos attending the "Deestrick Skool" on the 4th of March need not bring, tallow dips, as the teacher has promised to lite the Opory House himself. We are pleased to announce that on this same evening Sally Ann Snowdrop will play a duet on her banjo, and Mary Lucinda Hardscrabble will sing with her, if the teacher can make her stop laughing when Sally Ann rolls her eyes.

Early this week W. S. Walker, manager of the Joy farm, closed a deal in horse flesh that maketh him a king among sellers of horses. He sold to F. C. Stephens, of Utica, N. Y., 16 head of hackney horses, weanings, yearlings and brood mares for just an average price of \$145.45 each. Who, said horses had no money in them? See Walker and raise a few hackneys and try your luck.

The business meeting and parlor conference of the Y. P. S. C. E., at the home of Miss Alice Marsh Tuesday evening was well attended, and the discussions led by Messrs. Cook and Mason, of the First District Union, Detroit, were both interesting and profitable. At the close of the conference light refreshments were served and a short social session concluded the evening's program.

It was an evil day or a fortunate one when Johnnie D. VanEvery took a damp sponge and showed Mitchell in the store what was really needed, by washing clean about a two-foot square space. The contrast was so startling that Johnnie got the job of painting the store two coats of white, and the effect is very pretty indeed, so that with their new gas light everything seems to be bright new.

Yes, the statement which we made in last week's Eccentric regarding the new tailor shop is a positive fact. Mr. Morgan is now nicely settled in the Thurlby block and is ready to do business, including repairing, pressing, etc. It will be very handy to have a local enterprise of this kind. This gentleman has started out on the right road—by the advertising express. Look for his display ad in another column.

The grandest play of the age, "Faust," will be presented at the Pontiac Opera House Monday Feb. 21, with its superabundance of magnificent scenery, wonderful electrical effects and an efficient company, headed by Porter White, the greatest living "Mephisto." This splendid attraction is under the management of Geo. A. Mansfield, who will be here to personally superintend the production. Admission 35 and 50 cents.

The Monthly Press, a paper devoted to the church societies and Sunday schools of Oakland county, and published by Smith & Jackson, of Pontiac is a sheet its publishers may well be proud of. The first issue, dated January 15, comes to us neatly attired, set in large plain type and brimful of pure, elevating and interesting reading matter. Were there more such reading matter in circulation the world would be better. We wish the boys' success in their new venture.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to our column every week of school notes. This is a very interesting corner and our school interest is our most and best promising public institution. We have every reason to be proud of it and Prof. Waldo can congratulate himself on his success because of the wonderful growth of our school. Our tuition for non-residents this year will crowd close to \$900, a

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To the Teachers of Oakland County—An Opportunity Not Lost.

PONTIAC, Feb. 14.—Ladies and gentlemen—Knowing the great influence of the excellent and noble teachers of our county, I asked permission to address them at the High School on Saturday last, on "Cuban Relief." I did it because the teachers exert an good influence wherever they go for kindness, sympathy and general amiability of conduct toward the suffering. I want you all to turn circles in your respective districts for Cuban Relief. I will supply you with literature with which to acquaint and inform your district as to the great suffering now existent in Cuba, the gem of the Antilles. My note was not replied to through the press of business, but the press of Oakland county, that great and good element and prominent factor for promoting all that is good and kind will take me in hand reaching you, thus disseminating the information I could have given you verbally on Saturday last.

Write me if you wish circulars, and forms societies for this end everywhere and forward me same no matter how small, to get as early as possible. With thanks for your kind co-operation in advance, I am yours faithfully,
 JOES PONTAC,
 Secy and Treas. Cuban Relief Committee for Oakland County.

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Life in High Latitudes

We do not encourage young men to make the journey to the Klondike region. There are hundreds and thousands who will go through this trying ordeal despite all warnings, and unfortunately without taking with them proper provisions and outfits, or having a sufficient knowledge of the dangers of this icy latitude. A personal view of the Rev. E. R. Young's article has been published in the Ledger will give a clear understanding of the hardships of a winter in a latitude parallel with the Klondike region. While we are not in favor of war, we can not but admit that the thrifty, provident young man who goes to the Klondike is only carrying out the natural sequence of his existence. He has been taught that as he arrives at his maturity the responsibilities of life will, as a matter of course, come to him.

Some bright face, some gentle hand furnish the spur and inspiration that moves the young man to tremendous efforts. His desire is right and just, for his aim and have the home, the friends and the family in view, and in the majority of cases this is the pole star that draws the toiler on and strengthens him to perform prodigies of labor and deeds of valor that make enchanting stories when told in after years by the firelight around which the home circle is gathered. To make a fortune and have a home is such a cheering and delightful prospect that no one can wonder if young men go forth in search of the hoarded treasure looked up in the bosom of the earth. All credit, then, to the brave and adventurous pioneers, who, with clear heads and stout hearts, set out to carve new fortunes.

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