

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1911

A pickpocket's work is done in a moment of abstraction.

All some women talk about is—well, about eighteen hours daily.

Uncle Sam will never take water while Spain has any land left.

All ideas should be carried out, and the bad ones should be buried.

Some folks believe that a would-be suicide misses fire if his pistol does.

Lots of lies pass for the truth simply because no investigation is demanded.

A woman's worst fault is her inclination to believe everything men tell her.

Music should be pretty well informed, considering the number of music teachers we have.

There are a few things that money cannot buy, but the trouble is that not many people want them.

Are men who mutilate the dead too good to blow up ships in time of peace? Let us not forget to remember the Maine.

For ten years the one idea in respect of ocean travel has been speed. Hereafter more attention will be paid to safety.

When the gentleman from Hawaii rises on the floor of congress and is recognized by Speaker Reed that is the time to take the picture.

It may be a melancholy satisfaction to Spain to reflect that one agent in her defensive system hasn't gone back on her. Gen. Yellow Jack is not thinking of surrender.

The politicians who rail against the merit system are generally the ones who possess no merit. Rightly administered the merit system is one of the hopes of this republic.

Political party loyalty has received a setback from an unexpected quarter. Ex-Gov. Altgeld has implored the Democrats of Illinois not to vote for a dishonest candidate for office, even though he wear the livery of the party.

Advice applies to all parties. Dishonest men get nominated on all sides. Fortunate indeed is the politician who whose adherents will not vote to put dishonored nominees into office.

Burke long ago declared you cannot indict a whole nation. Spain's conduct toward her colonies, whether in the East or West Indies, is wholly indefensible, but it is neither just nor magnetic, but it is neither just nor magnetic, but it is neither just nor magnetic.

An American in Hamburg recently made the acquaintance of a retired army officer, with his wife and little son. The boy had just entered a military school and wore a uniform.

On one occasion, writes the American, the mother punished the boy for some misbehavior, when he suddenly took to his heels and fled. The father, who was sitting at the table, said, "You may strike me as you but you must not strike my emperor's coat. Does the American flag receive as loyal respect at the hands of American schoolboys?"

The officers of the American navy and army justly complain that the smoking powder they are compelled to use clouds the work of the gunners and makes their aim less accurate. In view, however, of the dazzling rapidity and deadly accuracy of the fire of American guns which sent Montejo and Cervera's squadrons to the bottom of the sea the Spaniards had no reason for supposing that the American navy must be hard to please in the matter of powder and accurate aim.

Here is a true tale from the Philippines and Spain: A noble born Castilian, gifted as a poet, living on his estate near Manila, was led by what was called the Spanish misgovernment to sympathize with the natives in their aspirations for freedom.

Some poems, expressing his sympathy. The Spanish government arrested him, and took him to Spain for trial for treason. There he was confined to death. At Manila he had been engaged to marry the daughter of the German consul-general. The day before he was to be shot at the Alcazar de Cordova, where he was confined. Yielding to his and her entreaties, the commanding general permitted that he should be married the next morning.

Five minutes later the command to fire was given and the bridegroom was a corpse. Yet some men say there are no more romances.

Poutney Bigelow a few weeks ago was of the opinion that Gen. Wheeler was a back number and now Richard Harding Davis thinks that Gen. Wheeler should be superseded. The war will never be satisfactorily conducted until Bigelow and Davis are made major-generals.

The several Vanderbilt families are gradually taking up their homes in France but it is understood that they are sufficiently friendly to the United States to enable them to accept dividends declared by their railroads.

The spirit of earnestness called out by this war is a good thing. Prosperity and the "plucking time" are pleasant and necessary for national growth and advancement, but war tests a nation's fiber and indicates whether it has strength or the mere appearance of it.

The war expenses of the United States are said to be \$1,000,000 a day. We trust Spain when she comes to audit the bill will be in a condition graciously to sign the promissory note "for value received."

A hammock and book in a cool, shady nook, are all we desire in this atmosphere.

H. Hamlin's new house is fast approaching completion.

Dame Rumor says that Pontiac is to have a public library.

Seth Goodwin, of Detroit, Sunday at Volney Goodwin's.

Miss Winnie VanEvery is spending a week at North Farmington.

Jay Lewis, of Howell, was a guest of Joe Andrews the first of the week.

Mrs. Newman and son Harry are spending a few days at Commerce.

Mrs. P. C. Simonson is spending the week with friends in Bloomfield.

Miss Belle Corson was a guest of Big Beaver friends a part of this week.

Now is the time of year for the hay fever victim to avoid the grass widow.

A. Harpley, of Detroit, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mattie Marble.

Mrs. T. A. Ward is visiting her relatives at Cleveland, Ohio for a short time.

Mrs. A. J. Marble and son Frankie are visiting friends at Commerce.

Mrs. W. I. Deer is spending several weeks with relatives in St. Thomas, Ont.

Miss Pearl Moss, of Detroit, has been the guest of Miss Mabel Todd the past week.

Mrs. L. Kate Long, of Grand Rapids, is visiting the family of Rev. A. Marsh.

Mrs. C. O. Roney and family, of Detroit, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hemenway.

Miss Maggie Brown and Mrs. Harry Satterlee are visiting relatives at Saginaw this week.

Rev. Church and family have returned from their summer outing somewhat recuperated.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nye, of Cole, were guests at the residence of Chas. Mudge Monday.

The Presbyterian church and the Town Hall grounds have been put into fine shape by Mr. Benedict.

Rev. Jesse Kilpatrick and wife of Unionville, visited their many friends in this vicinity last week.

The W. C. T. U. meets Tuesday, Aug. 2d, at 3 p. m. in the M. E. church parlors. All are welcome.

Miss Minnie Jarvis, of the Exchange Bank, is spending her vacation with friends at St. Clair Flats.

Miss Della Crosby, with her wheel and kodak, is enjoying life with friends in Holly and vicinity.

Right this way to the ECCENTRIC office for calling cards. Our new script is the latest and most artistic out.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Randall, of Ann Arbor, have been recent guests at the home of Mrs. E. M. Randall.

Mrs. J. Toms and daughter, of LaCrosse, Wis., have been spending a few days with Mrs. Ellen Drew.

Regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star next Wednesday evening, August 3d. J. B. Hunt, Sec'y.

Miss Clara and Bessie Davey, of Detroit, have been accepting the hospitalities of Miss Gertrude McHenry.

The Messrs. John E. and Calvin G. Simonson visited friends and relatives in our village the fore part of this week.

Dr. Stuart C. Johnson and Miss Grace Johnson, of Washington, D. C., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Ellen S. Hood.

Miss Carrie Harger left for Commerce Friday morning to care for her invalid father, who has been failing for some time past.

Regular convocation of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., Monday evening, Aug. 1. Work P. M. degree. A. Partridge, Sec'y.

Mrs. L. S. Sawyer has been combining business with pleasure by sojourning in Chicago and other Illinois points the past two weeks.

Bert Richardson, of West Bay City, after a delightful lake trip to Duluth, visited relatives at this place on his return home last week.

Several carloads of jolly picnicers passed through here from Pontiac, en route for Belle Isle Wednesday, the occasion being a union Sunday school picnic.

Visitors at Mrs. Edmund James' Mrs. J. W. Toms and daughter, of LaCrosse, Wis.; Cal. Simonson and wife, of Louisville, and John Simonson, of Bay City.

FOUND—On Maple Ave. not far from the depot, a black wool cape. The owner can have the same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement.

Visitors at A. J. Marble's last week: Mrs. Freer, Mrs. Newman and son Harry, Mrs. Peter Reed and daughter Jessie, and John Bark, all of Detroit.

The hill on Maple Ave. is in bad condition. Many complaints are heard from teamsters who are going to and from the mill as well as those drawing stumps, lumber, etc.

The L. F. M. S. of the M. E. church met with Mrs. L. R. Corson Wednesday afternoon. An interesting program was rendered and time passed very pleasantly.

Defective sidewalks on the south side of Maple Ave. east near the milk stand make it quite dangerous for pedestrians to preambulate promiscuously, we are informed.

My! but it keeps them hustling over at Ellenwood's during the noon hour for their boarders are legion. People are finding out where to get a good square meal at a reasonable rate.

Mrs. Robert Bird and daughter, Alta, of Detroit, were guests of Mrs. J. R. Corson one day last week. The latter has been rusticating on her brother's farm for several weeks past.

Mrs. J. G. Nunn and son, Master Edgar, returned to their home in St. Thomas, Ont., Monday, after spending a week at the residence of Mrs. Nunn's brother, Edgar Lamb, on Middle Street.

Geo. Packard, of Flushing is somewhat improved in health. Mr. Packard was in Detroit the fore part of the week and stopped off in Birmingham to visit his sister, Mrs. E. Richardson.

There will be a box social for the benefit of the Bloomfield Centre Sunday school, at the home of Miss Lenora Johnston, two miles north of Birmingham, this (Friday) evening. Everybody welcome.

Miss Mary Satterlee passed a few days at St. Clair Flats, the guest of Mrs. W. C. Colburn. Of course she took along her camera and secured several fine views and had a most enjoyable outing.

Did you know Horace A. Randall was grandpapa to the nicest, largest, best looking baby in Detroit? He is, and this young soldier is at the home of E. Brook Randall, thriving like a green bay tree.

On Monday evening, Aug. 1st, at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Rayne there will be a meeting of the L. I. C. to consider some matters of important business. A full attendance is desired. Eight o'clock sharp.

Harvey Staley is expecting to entertain a company of bicyclers from Toledo, O., and Ontario tomorrow, including his brother A. G. Staley and Tom and Albert Humphries. A part of the company are enroute for Milford.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church met in the church parlors Wednesday afternoon of last week and tied off three comfortable for the Deaconsess Home in Detroit. Let the good work go on.

Sufferers from torpid livers or nervous exhaustion, as well as frail and weak constitutions, will find no better benefit from the use of St. John's Diamond Wedding Pure Rye Whiskey. All leading druggists and dealers.

The oldest pioneer of West Bloomfield and nearly the oldest in Oakland county, is Squire J. M. Ellsworth, who was born in New Hampshire in 1814, coming to his present home at Pine Lake in 1835, where he has resided ever since.

Please bear in mind what we said to you some time since about the enterprising instalment store on Michigan Ave., Detroit. You will find their number in the adv't elsewhere. We can vouch for the feasibility of trading there.

Stone has been drawn for the foundation to be placed under: Chas. McKay's residence on Southfield Ave., after which, with a few additional touches for completion, the new residence will be a neat and attractive looking domicile.

Have you heard about the great realization sale at John Pound's in Pontiac? Well, just read what is contained in the new of this week. Now is the time to obtain bargains without number. Everything goes! Cheap! Cheaper! Cheapest!

Remember the nickel entertainment tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at the residence of Miss Edith Hamlin, on the occasion of which Mrs. Grace Eldred will give one of her charming recitals. Miss Jennie Peck will act as vocalist of the evening.

Mrs. A. T. Gray, of Detroit, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Grace McKinney. Mrs. Gray's children, Jessie and Percy, who had been too familiar with the treacherous poison ivy during their visit here, returned home with their mamma.

Two small excursion parties from Birmingham enjoyed an outing last Saturday afternoon. One-half of them choosing the water works, Detroit, and the remainder taking a trip to Bois Blanc, about 18 miles southwest of that city. All report huge times.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their monthly tea meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Allen next Friday, Aug. 5th, at 3 p. m. Committee for refreshments: Mesdames Utter, Geo. Ford, Staley, Bruce, Houghton and Fred Stephens. All are cordially invited.

Instead of joining the silent majority as was reported last week, our soldier boy, John Wulf, has been appointed 2d lieutenant and is as lively as ever. His whereabouts just at present are unknown, his regiment having been ordered to leave Tampa, Fla. last week.

Arrangements are being perfected by Mrs. H. R. Miller and Miss Frances Curtis, of the Baptist church, for a nickel museum, which will be held at the home of the former in the near future. Object to raise funds for experience money. This will undoubtedly be a unique entertainment.

Bert Allen, the brave Pontiac soldier boy who was honorably discharged from service on account of injuries, returned home Tuesday evening, accompanied by his parents. We are glad to learn that the young man is not disgraced, his speech, however, sustains a slight impediment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bodine are enjoying a visit from their son Ed Bodine and wife of Newburyport, Mass. They were accompanied by their cousin, Miss Georgia Campbell, and the trio will make an extended visit in this vicinity. Ed's many friends here are glad to welcome him back.

A poor man has the advantage that if a pain locates itself on the first floor of his upright the attending physician assures him it is no more than a cramp which can be easily cured, whereas his more fortunate neighbor is told that he has "appendicitis," and nothing short of an operation can save him.

A merry party are enjoying a two weeks' outing in Mrs. S. C. Mills' cottage at Pine Lake. Who they be?—Mrs. Kozma, Mrs. Johnson, little son Joe, and Master Russell Bethel, Misses Mable and Edith Kozma, Jennie Castle, Belle Ward, of this place; Miss Dora Lamb and the Misses Grace and Bessie Robbins, of Big Beaver.

How many acres in that cemetery, is a question asked in nearly every place that passes the Woodward Law, and the answer is always the same, "Don't know." Park and Cemetery, published in Chicago, gives several fine views of the grounds, drives, etc., and states that the ground contains 138 acres. F. J. Eulich is superintendent.

Young Mark Brown, aged 20 years, puffed out his life smoking 14 years. He lived in New York City and was killed by a train. His father and relatives by his side until he collapsed and died a terrible death. Ought not this to be a warning to all boys who think it manly to puff away at these coffin nails? He died at a hospital.

We are not any more concerned than Jennie Peck, we assure you to our inability, but we want to



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