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HOME NOTES

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It's easier to earn money than it is to spend it.

Cupid puts in a good deal of his time at target practice.

The average woman acts first and thinks it over afterward.

Woman's ruling passion crops out in her desire to rule a husband.

By the very constitution of our nature moral evil is its own cure.

No man is ever so friendly that he can't find some one to jolly him along.

The girl who can neither sing nor play, and knows it, is always a favorite.

There's nothing new. Our grandmothers often took spins on chainless wheels.

The who man counts the cost of his pleasure after the doctor has sent in his bill.

Life is a quarry out of which we are to mold and chisel and complete a character.

It is really not true that the Bismarcks forbade the emperor's weeping at his funeral.

The secret of beauty is carried by many a Chicago girl you never suspect that it is there.

Those who go down to the sea in ships should see that the ships do not go down with them.

Lots of men join a secret society to show they think its emblems will help them to get rich.

The average man imagines he would be a perfect terror if he were not in business had not kept him at home.

There are but two classes of people in this world difficult to convince against their will—men and women.

Truth illuminates and gives joy and is by the bond of joy, not of pleasure, that men's spirits are indissolubly held.

The kindest and happiest pair will find occasion to quarrel, and something every day they live to pity and perhaps forgive.

Do not blow your own trumpets, nor, which is the same thing, ask other people to blow them. No trumpet ever rose to be a general.

Time is often said to be money, but it is more—it is life, and yet many who would cling desperately to life think nothing of wasting time.

The Cuban Junta is perfectly willing to accept civil offices from the hand of the new governor of the island. Their patriotism is not unlike a certain brand of the same article in this country.

The prize ring is dead, as it ought to be. The race of genuine science fighters—the Sayers, the Hevons, the Sullivan, from "Yankee" to John L.—have passed away. The mainly art no longer practiced. The boxing matches of today are kitescope fights. The alleged pugilists are kitescope boxers. The fights are engineered for the benefit of the machine. The whole business partakes of the nature of bunco, not real battle sport, and the sporting public ought to turn its back on it.

Putting aside the right or wrong of it, the wisdom or folly—as a candid observer can fail to note that the American people have set their teeth, and that under the doctrine expressed in the title phrase, "The flag we once floated shall never come down," they are evincing a bulidog determination to hold every foot of territory conquered in honorable war, and held through superior force. Whether it shall or shall not be better for ourselves, this we know: Our civilization will come as a blessing rather than as a blight to the peoples upon whom it shall be imposed.

It seems that when the government grants a sick soldier a fund of \$100 makes no provision to see that he gets home. As a consequence, during the last few weeks, sick and hungry soldiers can be seen lying about the railroad stations of many cities. A group of low volunteers, sick and emaciated, passed through Chicago the other day and many of them went about the city in a daze, their heads on their hands. That such a thing should be going on does not imply that the people are ungenerous, but it so happens because they are not coming. Arrangements are now being made to care for any sick and hungry soldier that passes through the city.

Elevators have now been rendered safe in case of fall by means of air cushions. An elevator in the Empire building, New York, was allowed recently to fall twenty stories. This fall of 300 feet did not break eggs lying on a marble slab in the middle of the car, nor spill water from a glass.

If Admiral Dewey will travel from San Francisco to Washington by rail he will confer a favor upon several million people who are exceedingly anxious to paint a wide crimson band across the continent.

A curious disparity is evident in the authoritative estimation of the heat of the sun. Pouillet places it at 1,400 to 1,800 degrees Celsius (Centigrade), while Clair-Duville at 2,800 degrees, Lord Kelvin and Prof. Langley at 8,000 degrees, Sir Robert Ball at 18,000 degrees, Spörer at 3,700 degrees and Pater Leodie at 10,000,000 degrees.

The world generally gives its admiration, not to the man who does what nobody else ever attempts to do, but to the man who does what multitudes do well.

Sunday was an ideal day.

The trolley business is just simply great.

James McStay left Monday for Houston, Texas.

Miss Lizzie Greer spent a couple days this week at Geo. Greer's.

Willis Gibbs, of Howard City, is spending his vacation in Troy.

A bulidog nearly chewed the legs off from Mr. McKane, of Rochester.

At this writing E. S. Wooster is a very sick man but we hope he will rally.

Little Erick Kelly, of Detroit, is visiting his great uncle, John Wilkinson.

Bert Peabody and family have returned from their summer home at Pine Lake.

Mrs. J. McFarlane and Mrs. Levi Reed, of Greenfield, were recent guests at Fairholm.

H. O. Parker was in our village one day recently looking up the life insurance business.

The evaporator is gathering in many apples. Many a boy has become rich by his sales.

The beautiful fall days are upon us and we think the best time of the year is close at hand.

Rochester is hoping for an amateur dramatic association to help pass the long winter evenings.

These bright days bring many out from the city. The woods at the west end seem to attract many visitors.

What kind of a man or woman it is that will hitch to a tree, when a hitching post stands only a few feet away?

Mr. Owen, of our village, has the coarsest home and the sickest grounds in town. Note both as you pass by.

A pleasant party of friends passed a pleasant evening at T. Langley's last Saturday evening, it being his birthday.

For SALE—Lots on Saginaw St. A bargain for anyone wishing to buy. For particulars inquire at the postoffice.

It is Mrs. Volney Goodwin who has the wonderful colic bed and she will give slips to anyone who wants one.

Mr. Haskins' new house in the Randall subdivision is nearly finished and also Mr. Cray's is well under way. Good!

Daniel Bassett and family are home from Pine Lake much benefited by their camp life at their pleasant summer home.

Mrs. C. H. Brayman, of South Lake Linden, Mich., is visiting many friends in town. Headquarters at the Cooper house.

Lost—Between Sly's corners and Birmingham, a wagon spring. Finder please leave the same at this postoffice and get reward. 1912*

Eli Wooster is home with his parents. He came from Illinois and has decided to resume business in Michigan for the present.

Born to Mrs. Sam Herbison, the early part of this week, a fine boy, and a lad that tends strictly to business and all very quietly too.

FOR SALE—New milch cows. Enquire of Julius Zoller, on the Goodwin farm, 2 1/2 miles east and 1 1/2 miles south of Birmingham. 1912*

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. occurs Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 8 o'clock of Mrs. Deer. All friends of temperance are cordially invited.

The republican county nominating convention is called for Sept. 27th next and the democratic convention will probably be called for one week later.

Rev. S. H. Woodford, of the St. James Episcopal church, has tendered his resignation and that pleasant little church will be without a pastor.

An appetizer, promotes digestion and relieve dyspepsia. Sloman's Diamond Wedding Pure Rye Whiskey. All leading druggists and dealers.

Mrs. Pickering Nicholson, of Pontiac, visited Mrs. M. L. Noble this week. Old friends and old times talked over made the visit very pleasant indeed.

Hark! ye! Young man get that lady friend of yours and bring her to the social at Town Hall this (Friday) evening, Sept. 16th and get a good supper for 25c.

Theatre parties from Birmingham are quite the thing. Two good things this week in Detroit, "Charta-nooga" at Whitney's and "Who L Who?" at the Lyceum, to say nothing of Wonderland on the side to fill up the time.

Many small elms standing along the roadside in front of the Adams and Hutton farms have been trimmed and are already an ornament to the drive way.

Howard King is home for the winter after a successful year of ball playing, catcher for the Ludington club. His record is all o. k. as a player and a strategist.

Peaches are announced as being plenty and of great flavor, good size and bringing fair prices to their owners. We haven't yet noticed any great supply in these parts.

Many towns in the state voted down free text books. The average community will vote that way several times before learning that they are wasting the people's money.

To RENT—Rooms in Birmingham, Woodward and Dunes; double parlors, dining room, kitchen, five sleeping rooms, bathroom, furnace, hot and cold water. Mrs. Flora Beattie. 2011

Mrs. Alice Kimball, of Detroit, made a short visit to her uncle, Spencer Wooster, Saturday night last, and cheered him up quite a good deal by her encouraging words and cheerful presence.

To RENT—A house and barn in Birmingham, known as the Conover's property, also a tenant house in Southfield. Enquire of Thomas Cook, Southfield. Postoffice address Birmingham. 18 31

The ladies of the Birmingham Circle of Foresters give a chicken pie social this Friday evening at the Town Hall, in this village. Single ticket for supper 15c; 25c a couple. Come one, come all.

FOR SALE—A '97 model bicycle, only used this season. In good condition, high gear, ram's horn bars, bell and lamp go with it for \$23 cash; cost \$40 last March. Can be seen at this office. 11

Whatever in the world do all our pastors within the last two or three weeks all have handed in their resignations? Rev. Eugene Allen, Perhaps he's like a democrat—never dies or resigns an office.

For the next two weeks special meetings will be held at the Baptist church beginning next Sunday evening. Rev. Frank Barnett, of Pontiac Baptist church, will have charge. Everybody cordially invited.

What do you think of this? Bro. Fisher, of the Times and News, says: "A Birmingham woman about to entertain a social function was looking all over Pontiac last Saturday afternoon for some pink tea."

Warren Draper, once of Pontiac, but later, of Duluth, Minn., is dead. He died at St. Luke's hospital in St. Paul, Minn., and was buried in Oak Hill cemetery, Pontiac, by the side of his wife who died a year ago.

John Pound, Pontiac, calls attention this week to the autumn varieties in black and colored dress goods. He keeps the best selections at low prices. Don't fail to read his change of ad on the last page.

Many towns in Michigan placed women on their school boards at the elections. No doubt the women in those towns are more interested in educational and literary work than the men. How about Birmingham?

Almeron White, of Co. M., 35th Mich. Vols., son of Alvin White, of Southfield, was home Monday of this week. His regiment is now at Camp Meade, Pa., and will no doubt goarrison duty in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines.

We will never live long enough to regret hard enough our absence from office during a call from Mrs. Sarah P. Orr, an old friend of telegraph acquaintance. 'Twas ever thus. Always out when we should be in, and in when we should be out.

Miss Maud Rainey has bid farewell to her many friends in this place and started for the far west to join her brother Claud at Delamar, Idaho. She expects to visit Boise City and several other places. May happiness and prosperity go with her.

Messrs. Robert Marsaw and Alfred Gorton, of Detroit, peddled out from the city on their tandem and enjoyed thoroughly the varied beauties of our lovely village. The beauties consisted of scenery, the mill pond, the power house and a few of our girls.

A Southfield pastor offers the following suggestion: "Take the land used at Library Hall used for park and fountain and deed it to the D. & P. Ry. and then they to build a suitable, neat, tidy little waiting room for their passengers. Say, how would that do girls?"

The Rochester Era says: "F. D. Whitford, late of Birmingham, will have his handle works at the electric light plant in full operation. Mr. Whitford has had large experience in the business and has orders enough

ahead to test the capacity of the works for four months.

George Huriburt has just finished off the home, barn and outbuildings for Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Boyd, of Troy, and you would hardly know the place. S. T. and wife are up-to-date in everything and now with their new outfit are ready for another fifty years' run.

The past two weeks has been quite busy for our efficient compositor, Claire Aldrich, who has been alone all this time and very successfully kept the ECCENTRIC up to its usual high grade. Seventy running inches of single column type is his usual day's work. None better.

We omitted last week to mention the fact that A. R. Parks sold out his store to Edla J. Ferguson, who will continue the business right along as usual. Mr. Ferguson's large circle of acquaintances will no doubt insure him the continued patronage that Austin enjoyed for so many years.

Rev. F. L. Church, of the Baptist society, recently tendered his resignation as pastor of that church, but at a meeting of the officials it was voted to return him. He will preach each Sunday as usual, altho' he is studying at the U. of M. anxious to write A. B. after his name, which we are sure he will.

How often we hear people say "where in the world do the flies come from?" It is simple enough. "The toppers make the bottle fly, the cyclone makes the house fly, the dancer makes the horse fly, the Americans make the Spanish fly and the tin can makes the dog fly."

Miss Agnes Brown has entered the Emergency Hospital in Detroit, to become a trained nurse, through the efforts of Dr. Anderson, of Big Beaver that her application was accepted. We are sure the young lady will rise rapidly in her chosen profession, and all her friends wish the greatest of success.

All those wishing to take vocal lessons or voice culture now have a superb chance to receive instruction from a very talented singer, Samuel L. Slade, who has located in Detroit for the season and will not return this winter. Anyone wishing to see him will find him at the home of E. R. Smith every Thursday afternoon.

Burglars attempted to enter Ira Reid's residence at the waterworks one night last week, but when they heard the stentorian voices from the fruit evaporator men who yelled loud enough to be heard at Franklin "Wake up, Ira, two fellows have been trying to break into your house for the past hour." Of course they left in a great hurry.

Car No. 17 on the D. & P. electric is now in commission and running steadily. It is a beauty and a great improvement over the old ones because the seats are two inches lower than the others, which is a boon to short-legged people and the smoker is in the rear of the car. The seats are covered with matting and very comfortable indeed.

Oakland being too large a county for the school commissioners to meet all teachers as often as necessary, Mr. Snowden has therefore selected Orion, Clarkston, Wixom, Farmington, Holly, Royal Oak and Pontiac as the most convenient centers to hold educational meetings, so that every teacher in the county can see the commissioners and compare notes.

The reason that no more candidates for county offices from Bloomfield are in the field is the fact that all are waiting for the Birmingham postoffice. Last reports were that there are ten good and true men willing to serve Uncle Samuel as P. M. in place of Geo. H. Mitchell, the present incumbent, whose term expires Dec. 14, 1898, only three months hence.

On next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the M. E. church parlors, Mrs. Wieg of Oxford, will organize a Loyal Temperance Legion. Everybody is invited to attend this initial meeting. We especially invite young gentlemen and ladies, children and mothers. All fathers who can so arrange their business as to have an hour of leisure are invited also. Please do not fail to attend this meeting.

Pretty soon the question of free text-books will be voted upon in our district. Although at present we are in the school book business still it is our belief that the free text book system is the proper way of dealing with this great question. School books are a big expense to parents, and no doubt it would be a boon to the poorer class to have this system adopted. We will vote yes on the question and hope it will win.



Wm. H. Elliott,
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QUICK RESIDENCE,
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The congregation of the Presbyterian church were startled last Sunday by the resignation of their pastor, Rev. A. Marsh, who has successfully preached to the Presbyterians for several years past. We sincerely hope he can be made to remain, for aside from a gentleman of the church he is a much desired man among men. And then should he go we all would miss his family a great deal. His place cannot easily be filled.

Ed Montgomery, Proprietor.

Master Roy Farley, an 8-year-old lad, while playing about the Ford block after the men had quit work one day recently, took a tumble from the second floor to the first—13 feet. It nearly killed the lad as he fell on his head and shoulder. Dr. N. T. Shaw carried the boy home and Maud carried him sound again. My! how the boy did yell. Mr. Ford has tried his best to keep the lads out but they will persist in hanging about just as soon as the men leave.

Tomlinson, Photographer.
Pontiac, Mich.

There is no one any better qualified for the position than this same Chas. He has served his turn as postmaster for Rochester and no one stands higher in his home acquaintance, and we look for his election just as surely as we feel he will get the nomination.

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Also a second hand Clipper in fine order for \$17.

Also a second hand Misses' Wheel, 25-inch, cost \$50, will sell for \$15. In good order and has lots of wear in it yet.

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