THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL, PUBS.

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 6, '99.

HOME NOTES.

A precocious, impulsive young Mr.
Was in love with a girl, an he kr.
Said she, "-ir, go slow,
For I'll have you to know
I'm to you nothing more than a sr.

The—Blue—Cross.

Right here is the blue cross.

Move large trees in winter time.

Mr. Fields and family have moved to Pontiac

John Stabler and wife Sundayed in Detroit.

Will Butler, of Detroit, Sundayed at J. Keyser's.

E. L. Keyser, of Pontiac, was in town Monday.

Jas. Cobb, of Ann Arbor spent Sunday at home.

John Donaldson lost 80 hogs by cholera recently.

Miss Edna Weller spent her holidays at Ann Arbor.

Miss Eva Stabler is spending a few days at Plymouth.

Go and look at Parks' new tree and go and do likewise.

Oakland county yielded 475,000 pounds of cheese last year.

The Blue Cross appareeth for his twentieth annual visit.

A little late, but we certainly wish everybody a Happy New Year.

Mr. Frank Meno, of St. Clair, visited at Robert Thomas' last week.

Miss Clara Beavis, of Detroit, has been spending a few days in town.

A good time was had at the reception at U. P. church Saturday evening.

Miss Grace Mills, of Detroit, has been spending the holiday season at home.

Miss Eva Adcock, of Detroit, has been spending a few days with Miss Ethel Bruce.

Mrs. George Wright and daughter Florence visited her mother in Lapeer last week.

Mrs. E. J. Skinner will spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hanna.

Now, ladies, here is your chance. Plain dress skirts made for one dollar by Mrs. Ed. Lamb.

Harry and Will Groves and Jas. Lawson are attending the Gutchess Business College in Detroit.

V. Nixon is talking pretty loud in his new ad this week. Just read it and hear what he has to say.

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

Before you say there is no business in town just count the number of loaded teams that come in each day.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Bigelow next Tuesday evening. The lesson will be part iv., in book ix.

Aaron Beardsley, a wealthy farmer living near Orion, was rendered speechless last week by a stroke of paralysis.

How many of our people are looking up the laws passed by some of neighbors in regard to a better plan for sidewalks.

C. Ellenwood and family have moved their sleeping quarters to the new Erity block, which is much more convenient.

Escar Hough—The pond, ice, a slip, and that great gash in his left temple, was the result helped along by his spectacles.

Zimmerman, Bros. & Alger, the live hardware firm in Pontiac, are offering stoves at rare bargains. Call and see them.

The theme of the pastor at the United Presbyterian church on next Sunday afternoon will be "The Believer's Bank Note."

Howard and Mabel Glean and Cecil McKibbon, of Detroit, spent Sunday and Monday with Alex Groves and family.

Don't fail to read the notice of the Dutch lunch; and don't fail to take your supper there and see the pretty Dutch girls.

Mrs. L. White and son, Frank, of Southfield, and Mrs. J. VanEvery, of Franklin, spent New Years with J. D. VanEvery and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bott, of East Dayton, Tuscola county, Mich., with little daughter, are visiting with her brothers, David and John McKinly.

Miss Ella Johnson, of Seymour Lake, who recently tried to kill herself, is now at the E. M. asylum. She is becoming idiotic and plays with a doll all day long.

The Novel Club will meet Saturday evening at Library room. The book to be discussed is "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," by Walter Bessant. Everyone invited.

Mrs. George Harmon, of New Lathrop, formerly of Troy, died very suddenly last Tuesday. Her many friends of this place were much grieved to hear of her death.

What we want and could have, as far as acreage is concerned, is a beet-sugar factory. Won't some man start the ball a-rolling? A great many farmers are anxious for it.

Next Sunday morning Rev. F. L. Church will preach to his people from the subject "The Ideal of Christian Living." In the evening, "Solomon's Temple and its Lessons for Us."

The attention of readers of the Eccentric is directed to the new ad. of Taylor, Woolfenden & Co. in today's issue. They offer big inducements. But read the announcement for yourselves.

James Rule, after twelve years' absence, smiled on his many friends in and around Birmingham recently. He lives with his mother up at Novesta, where his father died some four or five years ago.

Twenty times! Oh! Subscribers, you behold me! Twenty times more I hope to come to all who need my services in helping chase in the dollars due the printer for this grand and glorious periodical.

Have you seen the beautiful elm tree that Alex. Parks has set out on the north side of Maple Ave. Would that some of the vacant places on Woodward Ave. might be filled in in the same way.

That mammoth mart known as Hudson's Big Store speaks to our readers this week in loud, double-column tone. Turn to their advertisement and read it, and then—well, you will go and buy.

Dear reader, note the date after your name on this paper or wrapper, and then act accordingly. If you have a dollar due us, don't eat, drink or sleep until you bring it in, for we cannot until you do. See?

Some mischievous boys tied up a small package and dropped it in the street. It was brought into the P. O. by different finders no less than 76 times, and until worn out, the bad boys securing is each time and "setting" it again.

Thomas Maley, of White Lake township, drowned himself in Clinton river, in Pontiac, on Wednesday night of last week. He was about to be married, and having had some trouble with his mother, ended the matter by committing suicide.

Look into some of the homes made unhappy by use of strong drink and make up your mind whether you are on the side that wants to help that poor woman and her children or are trying to tody to the powers that make wine.

An Illinois paper uses the fact that all women do not vote at school elections as an argument against woman's suffrage. There are hundreds of men who never go near the ballot box, but we never hear that they ought to be disfraachised.

Peck's Corners in Pontiac is the Mecca to which the ladies will all turn this week after reading his "Millinery Half Off Sale" advertisement which he publishes in this issue of the Eccentric. Peck sells millinery because quality and prices tell.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet this (Friday) afternoon in the church parlors. Table committee—Mrs. Betsey Shain and Mrs. Utter, biscuit; Mrs. Frank Blakeslee and Mrs. Bruce, cake; Mrs. Bert Peabody, butter, and Mrs. Nellie Camp, sauce.

Elmer Stoughton, of Farmington, was about to be married recently, and gave his sweetheart a $5,000 house in Delray. When the wedding day came around he was there, but just too late, for she had—married the other fellow. Elmer seems to be playing in pretty hard luck.

Among the attendants at the State Teachers' Institute, held at Lansing last week, who derived a great deal of benefit from its teachings were Prof. E. F. Waldo, superintendent of our school, Miss Delia E. Crosby, teacher in our school, and Miss Inez Caswell, who wields the birch at Schoolcraft

A merry company of friends watched the departure of the old and the entrance of the new year at Fairholm. An impromptu program was spiritedly rendered, and light refreshments, etc., filled the passing hours. With the singing of the doxology and "Happy New Year" the company separated, hoping to enjoy many similar reunions.

Mrs. Al Hutton, after a month's absence, at Harper Hospital, where she underwent an operation performed by Dr. Walker, is home again, having returned Tuesday. Drs. Daynale and Shaw, of our village, assisted, and Mrs. Hutton's friends will be pleased to near of her complete recovery.

George W. Fay has been appointed deputy sheriff for Birmingham and vicinity. Sheriff Belf has selected a good man for the position, Mr. Fay having served the people for a number of years and given good satisfaction. His ability for following the wanted man or woman and securing them is second to none.

Whitehead took his family, the St. James choir, to Wonderland last week, on their annual visit. The trolley ride was great, the curio hall greater, but the stage performance was the greatest of all. All had a real jolly, lively time, and enjoyed themselves to their utmost. Started early and got back in good season.

Miss Lulu Durkee, a Harper Hospital trained nurse, and who is one of the very best graduates, is now in Cuba, having sailed on the transport Manitoba Dec. 29th, 1898. Her duties will be in that country for some time to come, and we have no doubt but her experience there will be invaluable to her in her chosen profession.

A factory is in our midst, engine and all, manufacturing the Safety Gate for railroad crossings. The plant is running and we certainly expect to see our old friend, H. C. Wilson, the manager and vice president of the company, quickly outgrow his present quarters and secure the success and prosperity he richly deserves.

Accompanying the subscription of $2 for the Eccentric for two years, Mrs. E. W. Reynolds, of Armada, sends three elegant Havanas wrapped in foil, with a guarantee of genuineness, one for Whitey, one for Mitchell and one for J. Allen Bigelow, and as the trio smoke they all hum quietly to themselves: "Should auld acquaintance be forgot."

This is the swearing off season, when the good resolution man throws away his pipe and tobacco and in a few days after goes hunting around the yard for them. This is the time, too, when the swearing off man says he is not going to "touch a drop" for a year, and shortly after drops into a saloon "just to see a man," and upon emerging is seen diligently wiping dewdrops off his whiskers.

The pleased recipients of a beautiful calendar, showing the new Grand Trunk single arch, double track, steel bridge over Niagara River with the Falls in the distance, with a card and compliments of the season from our old friend, J. E. Quick, General Baggage Agent of the Grand Trunk R. R. at Toronto, were Frank Crouch, John Snow, Dr. C. M. Raynale, A. Whitehead, G. H. Mitchell and a few others.

The Eccentric is necessary to the prosperity of local business men—and business men who are not local—as the eccentric of the steam engine is the engine itself. You will not charge us with eccentricity in making this statement, for there is nothing eccentric about it. It is a cold, unnickel-plated, 'way-down-below-zero fact. Now send in your advertising and prove the truth of this assertion.

A pretty little family wedding took place at the home of Cassius W. Crawford, in Southfield, Wednesday, December 28th, 1898, at which time Rev. F. L. Church united in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Irving Voorhes, of White Lake, and Miss Iva Crawford. About sixty guests (relatives) made merry at the wedding feast, and the new household will be established at White Lake, where the young couple will be pleased to entertain their many friends.

If you want to ride the best bicycle made for the money, either $50, $40 or $25. See Mitchell before buying. This year will see a great change in bikes—30-inch wheels with 4-inch drop frames are bound to make a sensation. Whitehead & Mitchell will sell the output of the American Machine Co., of Flint, with branches at Cleveland, O., and Detroit. James Slocum is president of the company and if you are leaning towards a wheel next season at a fair price call on Mitchell and investigate the American Banner at $25.

The Christmas number of the Yokahama (Wash.) Herald is before us, thanks to Guy C. Wallace, who has sent us this enterprising publication. Vol. X, No. 49, consists of eighteen pages of typographical beauty and gladdens our eyes with interesting reading, beautiful half tones of prominent people, stores, etc. Speaking of stores, the interior view of Wallace-Cobrnn hardware store cannot be excelled by any place of like business in Old Oakland. We think we detect Guy in the view, coat off, and working like a nailer.

A pious looking Detroit drummer who is a guest in town happened to be at a Franklin girl's house at meal time and was suddenly called upon to ask a blessing, and not being accustomed to it he promptly tackled the difficulty in the following style: "We acknowledge the receipt of your favor of this date. Allow us to express our gratitude for this token of good will. Trusting that our house may merit your confidence and that we may have many good orders from you this winter, we are, yours truly, amen." The old man will say grace hereafter.

A Birmingham Boy

With the U. S. Army, on his way to Cuba, Tells All About It.

CHARLESTON, S. C.,
Dec. 28th, 1898.

DEAR FATHER.—We will go on board the transport this afternoon, and leave to-morrow. We will have fairly good accommodation, and I think we will not be more than three days going over. I will cable you as soon as we arrive, if it does not cost too much. There will be three regiments and our hospital—about 3,200 men—and we have 57 men and 32 female nurses. I have to look after the comfort of the nurses going down. I can see my finish right now. Lulu Durkee goes, of course. Now, I know that you all feel bad because I am going away so far, but I hold a position of honor and trust now, one which many a man would be proud to fill. I am a chief clerk of the brigade hospital, and responsible for all books, papers and records. Major Ives, the brigadier surgeon, is every inch a man, and I am drawing $34.60 per month. This is why I want to go with him. In time I may be able to pass the examination for a full Hospital Steward, and that means $65 per month. Will write as often as the mail goes out, and I will be all right. My love to all. Your loving son,

ALFRED C. CHATFIELD.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We All Smoke to the Day, and Hop for Many Returns to this Good Lady.

THE NATIONAL HOUSE,
Armada, Mich., Dec. 30, '98.

Editor of the Birmingham Eccentric:

Dear Sir,—Enclosed you will find draft for two dollars—$1 for value received to Jan. 1, '99—thanks—$1 to balance of price of your Eccentric to 1900, in the distance. I have been a subscriber since the sun shone on the first issue.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. E. W. REYNOLDS,
Armada, Mich.

P.S.—Smoke to a happy New Year, and please hand one to our friend Bigelow.—R.

More Electric Roads.

John Winter and O. H. Liu, of Detroit, have been granted a franchise from the township of Troy, thus completing their electric railway line from Detroit via Cicero St., and along the county line between Oakland and Macomb counties to Royal Oak township, to Big Beaver, Troy and Rochester to Lake assembly grounds.

A company will be organized and work will begin at once. It is the intention to run a line from Rochester to Romeo and Almont, thus giving a through line from Almont to Detroit.

THE STAGE.

AT WHITNEY'S.

A new melodrama of unknown parentage but which might have been written by Scott Marble, is to be seen at Whitney's. It is a spectacular and sensational story of the sea and the south. The wreck of the ship Neptune is said to be a most thrilling and realistic representation, and the introduction of a big steam threshing machine in operation adds much to the truthfulnes of the glimpses of life on the plantation.

It is introduced in the attempted murder of a child, whose peril and rescue form an electrifying situation. Genuine darkies appear in melodious and dancing interludes and coon capers characteristic of their race.

AT THE LYCEUM.

Ralph E. Cummings and his well-liked stock company is at the Lyceum in the comedy that Sol Smith Russell formerly played entitled "Peaceful Valley." Since Mr. Cummings' last appearance here he has strengthened and increased his organization. It is a strong, quaint character study, in which this ambitious young actor has achieved considerable success. Mr. Cummings' leading lady this season is Jessie Bonstelle. She is an accomplished actress, having a pleasing face, a graceful carriage and a delightful personality.

CLAWSON.

Lee Halsey starts for Birmingham School on Monday.

Jimmie Lawson and Willie Groves talk of going to a business college in Detroit the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers and daughter visited at Charles Newman's at Amy Sunday.

G. W. Hunt, Johnnie Lawson and Theria Bailey are on the sick list.

Misses Helen and Hattie Leach visited at G. W. Hunt's recently.

The party held at Myron Bailey's on Saturday evening to watch the old year out and the new one in, was a grand success. The program of the evening was music and pedro playing.

Adam Reid is laid up again with boils on his hands.

FOR YOU

Wm. H. Elliott,

Woodward and Grand River Aves.

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

William H. Elliott,

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What a Well-known Citizen of Lansing, Mich., Says of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer.

"I have had dyspepsia for 18 years. My troubles were indigestion, sour stomach, acid fermentation, palpitation of the heart, sleeplessness and terrible sick-headache, which at times would entirely unfit me for business. I have had special treatment by seven physicians, and it seems as though I have tried nearly every known or supposed remedy, with some little relief, but would soon relapse to the old condition. I commenced using Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer a few weeks ago, have used about two and one-half boxes, which have done me more real good than all the treatment and so-called remedies I have ever taken. I would advise any person afflicted with stomach troubles, dyspepsia, or nerve troubles, to try this treatment.

Respectfully,
EDWARD N. WOOD,
North Lansing, Mich.

March 22, 1898."

Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer is not propped up by fictitious testimonials, but is demonstrating its curative power every day, in stubborn cases of acute, chronic and nervous dyspepsia. A trial will substantiate all that is claimed for it. For sale by F. Hagerman, leading druggist of Birmingham.

A book on stomach and nerve troubles, their symptoms and cures, given free for the asking at the above store.

Sudden Death at Pontiac.

James F. Robbins, a well-known grocery man of Pontiac, died at his home yesterday of heart failure. Mr. Robbins left the house apparently in the best of health: Fifteen minutes later his wife had occasion to visit the barn and was surprised on opening the door to find her husband lying on the floor unconscious. Dr. Murphy, who was passing the house at the time, was called in, but found the unfortunate man already beyond earthly aid. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

The subject of the above sketch lived in our village for a number of years and successfully conducted a wagon shop. From here he moved to Sand Hill and engaged in storekeeping, after which he moved his family to Pontiac, where he had a nice little business and was doing well.

A Christmas Present.

John Busby, the Popular and Successful Superintendent of the Electric, Gets a Surprise.

Superintendent Busby, of the Detroit and Pontiac Railway, was made glad and happy by the present of a solid silver tea set of five pieces, presented to him by all the employes of the road as a token of their regard and esteem. The set is beautiful in design and the presentation was a decided surprise to the recipient. It was accompanied with appropriate remarks and was received in a happy manner. The committee making the presentation had a smoke all round, and during their short visit had an enjoyable time.

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 rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Demand for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, P. W. Barber, Gen'l Mgr. Star Insurance Building, Chicago.

REDUCTION SALE

—OF—

Winter Millinery

—AT—

Mrs. S. L. Bird's,

23 Saginaw St. North.

Pontiac, Mich.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Troy Taxpayers are hereby notified that I will be at Coleman 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.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and $1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

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Josh W. Bird,

Pontiac, Mich.

Our stock of **Winter Suits and Overcoats,** also **Winter Gents' Furnishings** is now complete and we invite your inspection of the same. With a purchase of $15 we will give you a nice Egg Crate which you can carry from one to seventy-two eggs to market with safety. We give the trading stamps if you prefer them. Will defy competition on price and our aim shall be to please you. Come and see us.

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