

To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do this?

THIS PAPER ONE YEAR. FARM JOURNAL 5 YEARS.

Pay Up and Get Both Papers at Price of One.

We want to get 200 subscribers to our paper by New Years, and are going to do it if we can; we therefore continue our arrangement with the Farm Journal by which we can send the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC and the FARM JOURNAL 5 years, both for \$1.00. And we make the same offer to all our subscribers who will pay all arrearages and one year in advance.

You know what our paper is and the Farm Journal is a gem—practical, progressive—a clean, honest, useful paper—full of gumption, full of sunshine, with an immense circulation among the best people everywhere. You ought to take it.

HOME NOTES

The old New Year is almost here. When better things we always wish. When our lives we make, resolve we take. And we keep them all about a week.

Did you get that present? A Happy New Year to all.

Blue Cross next week. A word to the wise is sufficient.

WANTED—Plain sewing to do at home. M. J. Edley.]

Correspondence from Royal Oak received too late for this issue.

Miss Tillie Walker has been quite ill, but is better of this writing.

Don't forget to look over our new ads this week. It will pay you.

If you think a felon is pleasant company, just ask Willie Black as he knows all about it.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Black, Dec. 21, a daughter, Mother and child doing nicely.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday, Jan. 2d, at 2:30 p. m. A large attendance is hoped for.

The Presbyterian pulpit will be supplied on Sabbath next by Rev. William Bryant, of Detroit.

Rev. N. Norton Clark will deliver a New Years sermon next Sabbath morning at the M. E. church.

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Jones on Wednesday, Jan. 3d, at 2:30.

Good skating at the pond is what makes the average boy and girl happy during this week's vacation.

Lost—Brown leather pocket-book on Southfield road. Finder please leave at Exchange Bank and receive reward.

Harry Coney has been having a very serious time with stomach troubles but at this writing is somewhat improved.

WANTED—Young man to drive a delivery wagon. Steady job the year round. Mr. Snell, Mgr of Log Cabin Farm.

The Manila letters from Fred and Flora Chatfield this week to their father, Ira J., will, we trust, prove interesting reading.

The social party given at Library Hall, Friday night of last week, was a very pleasant affair and was enjoyed highly by all present.

Don't forget the stereoscopic exhibition given for the benefit of St. James Sunday School next Thursday evening at the church.

Rev. M. C. Mason, D. D., the noted colored orator, will be at the M. E. church next Sabbath evening. Don't fail to hear him.

Charlie Reynolds, who has had a long run of typhoid fever, is on the road to health, and it is the wish of his friends that he may soon be his old jolly self once more.

There is talk now of testing the Trowbridge marl beds in the early spring, and should they prove as rich as expected, another new industry may be opened up in Oakland county.

The cold weather of the past few days has brought joy to the heart of the coal man, and the ice man is already contemplating what a cool reception he will be able to give his friends next summer.

A nice Sunday party gathered at the home of August Wegner, of

Troy, recently had a day of real old-fashioned visit. They were old country people from Romeo and enjoyed the day as well as Mr. and Mrs. Wegner did.

A large milk, which has been living on Charlie Moore's chickens for some time past, was killed by Charlie's faithful watch dog one day last week, much to the relief of the neighborhood. Thirty-five chickens had been killed by the milk.

Rev. M. C. Mason, D. D., the noted colored orator, one of the secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society of the M. E. church, will give an address on southern work and life at the M. E. church next Sabbath evening. His home is in Cincinnati, Ohio.

H. J. Featherston has purchased the bakery stock of Mrs. Emma Fibbis and will now continue the business. Mr. Featherston and his wife are not strangers in this vicinity. He will keep baker's supplies, canned goods, confectionery, etc., always on hand. (See new ad on 1st page.)

O. L. White, president of the village of Shepherd, this state, died that day last week and was buried at one place with fitting honors. Mr. White was born near this village and will be remembered by many of our older citizens. He had extensive lumber interests and was well known throughout the state.

Mrs. Margaret Hanna, of St. Clair, died on Thursday last after an extended illness. The funeral occurred Sunday last from her late home and was largely attended. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Robert Hanna Sr., of this place, and was well along in years. Robert Hanna, Jr., attended the funeral.

Martin Bunt will sell at auction for Fred Bunt, on the premises, 1/2 mile south and 1-1/2 miles east of Royal Oak on 10-mile road, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, calves, hogs, chickens, harnesses, wagon, buggy, farming implements, and many other articles. Free lunch at noon. Don't forget the date and place.

The Presbyterian Society, of this place, will hold 40th annual business meeting Saturday, Jan. 6, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., at which time officers will be elected, reports of committees given and other business transacted that may properly come before the meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the church to be present.

A generous sized trunk reached us from our old-time friend, J. E. Quick, Gen. Baggage Agent of the entire system of this great trunk line of railroads. It was packed full of good things and not the least prized was his greeting—"That success and happiness may attend you during 1901 is the wish of your friend, J. E. Quick." Thanks, same to you.

Among the many pleasant home-gatherings which took place in this vicinity Christmas was one held at the home of Mrs. James Raney. Among the guests were Thos. Bigley and wife, of Detroit; Bert Brown and wife, of Saginaw, and Mrs. Raney's two sons, John M., of Chicago, and Joe, who has recently returned from the west. All present had a good time.

Dr. C. M. Raynale is up-to-date and has recently put in commission in his home a telephone. It is the old company, and he can now talk all over the world for he has the long distance Michigan telephone. Anyone needing his services should call him on the old "line, but if it is more convenient, all calls sent to the Exchange Bank will be promptly answered, so that really he has the use of both "phones.

Rev. Montrose Maxwell, who has been conducting a series of successful revival meetings at Sault Ste. Marie, was home Saturday on his way to Ohio, where he partook of Christmas dinner with Buckeye friends. While he discovered that his friends had visited his rooms and had left a handsome basket as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by them. The present was the gift of the Troy and Birmingham U. P. congregations.

At St. James Episcopal church on Thursday evening next, Jan. 4th, Mr. Sauger, of Detroit, will give a delightful exhibition of stereoscopic views of England, Ireland and Scotland, together with other miscellaneous subjects which cannot fail to entertain and instruct everyone. The proceeds are for the benefit of St. James Sunday School and the price of admission is only 5c. The entertainment will be given in the basement of the church and there can be no question as to the merits of both the object and the quality. Everybody invited.

All our readers remember the Mathewson brothers, Ezra and Leo. Here is what B'ham boys can do when they cut stick, get away from their native home, become developed and succeed like the success. Ezra is publisher of four great weekly papers in the Lone Star State—Texas: The Cleburne Herald, circulation 1,500; The (Keene) Weekly Record, 500; The Alvarado Hustler (weekly) 500; The Southern Life (monthly) 1,000. There now, who can beat this record? His brother is as equally successful in the mercantile pursuits in the same state. Ezra inquires "how would an exchange be?" We say "Keno."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Iva Bruce is home this week from the U. of M.

Louie Hard, of Detroit, was in town over Christmas.

Bert Blakefeld, of Bay City, is home for the holidays.

Miss Eva Adcock, of Detroit, is in town visiting friends.

Mrs. Lydia Musgrave visited at Royal Oak on Wednesday last.

Master Tom Smith, of Port Huron, visited Mollie G. Smith, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts, with Master Dwight, spent Christmas at Milford.

George Aldrich, of Battle Creek, spent Christmas with his father and brother.

Miss Alice Powell, of Amy, is visiting relatives here during the holidays.

William Bailey, of Lapeer, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Zilpha Simonsen.

Miss Etta Chapman, of Utica, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Bates street.

Will Benedict and family, of Pontiac, enjoyed Christmas with Birmingham relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Chase, of Royal Oak, smiled on old friends in town one day last week.

Miss Zilla Campbell, who is a student at the U. of M., is home this week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fall and children, of Clawson, took dinner Christmas at Nathan Falls.

Rev. H. S. Justema attended a special meeting of the Presbytery at Detroit on Tuesday afternoon.

Geo. W. Fay visited relatives in Battle Creek the fore part of the week and had an enjoyable time.

Charlie Barnum, who is attending school here, is spending the holiday vacation with his parents at Southfield.

Rev. H. S. Justema and family leave today for Marine City to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stone.

Miss Maude Gates and her mother are visiting relatives and friends in Holly, Flushing and Montrose.

Mrs. Mattie Dale and little son, Hugh, of St. Louis, Mo., are visiting her father, Hugh Irving, during the holidays.

Flora Keyes, of Ludington, is making her Birmingham relatives and friends happy this week by visiting and calling.

Miss Carrie Poppleton, of Vassar College, is home for the annual vacation and that she is enjoying herself goes without saying.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coney, of Jackson, are at the home of Mrs. Nellie Camp, called here by the illness of their son Harry.

Mark Miller, of Vassar, called on relatives and old friends in this vicinity last week. Mark looks well and happy and says everything is all o. k. with him.

Fred Staley is home from Chicago. His health is none of the best but it is hoped that Michigan air and home associations may prove of great benefit to the young man.

Joe Adcock, of Montreal, Ont., called on old Birmingham friends, who are in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway Company and is enjoying a well earned vacation.

Will Beardslee, (the same old Will) of St. Louis, Mo., dropped in town the other day for a short stay. If you think he and his relatives are not making a good visit you are greatly mistaken.

The Bailey Bros., John, James and Harry, were in town the fore part of the week the guests of their sister, Mrs. E. R. Smith. The young men all have lucrative positions and seem to be enjoying life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, of Chicago, are in town for the holidays.

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GOLF CAPES

Thomas says is out of sight.

Glenn Watkins was in town a portion of the holiday week. Glenn is in the insurance business and is fast getting to the front. He succeeded in securing the prize (a fine gold watch) offered by his company for the largest number of policies written during last week.

NEWS FROM MANILA.

(Continued from 1st page)

My role through one evening, but we cannot see much at night. There is a monstrous church there, and also a prison where Filipino prisoners are sent.

Somebody had a "brush" a few days ago, one man killed another, one of whom has since died. This is the regiment that was recruited here from men discharged here. I saw three of my old chums today. I know all of you men here.

One beauty of it is, I know men in every regiment here and in case I get into it, I will find someone that I know. You speak about it being cold there. That seems so funny. Here we are warm enough for comfort, if no more. I rode a bicycle into Manila today, and as I was in a hurry, you can guess what I will do.

This won't reach you much before Christmas. I wish we could all be home for it. Well, I guess I will let Flora finish this. Goodbye, your loving son.

A. C. CHAFFIELD, Co. F, 30th Inf., U. S. V., Manila, Isle of Luzon, P. I.

MANILA, P. I., NOV. 2, '90

MY DEAR FATHER,

I was so glad to hear from home once more. Yes, I got all the papers and letters you send, the mail service is very good now and nothing goes astray. Fred and I are both well and happy. Fred and I are country very much. Fred is now in the trenches about 500 miles from here and I go out every evening day as you see each other often. This is my half holiday and I intend to start at about 4:00 p. m. Miss Marshall goes with me. We can go in an hour, start a short time and return at 7:00 o'clock. There is a law here that allows no one without a special pass from Gen. ... to be on the streets after 8:30 p. m., so you see we must be in very early.

We have moved to Manila, our hospital at Cavite was given to the marines and all soldiers called away, we were not needed there. We live in a very grand house. The large front doors which extend nearly across the front of the house open into a large Spanish court, the floor of which is made of black and white tiles. In the center of the hall or court is an immense fountain with benches around for plants. Then we have a large lawn around the entire house on our side of the court. There are marble steps about eight feet high with several landings on the way up to the main floor. At the top is the great hall used for a dining room now, but formerly a bill-room and great reception hall. Beyond this are the great parlors, the front and open into the beautiful tropical garden. Polished mahogany floors, glass windows, and the four great mirrors which reach from the floor to the very high ceiling. The main work hall carved like lace work through which shines the daylight. I could never describe this old Spanish mansion. The bath room has tile walls and floors, and a great tub with marble steps up into it from the outside. We have a nice large lawn but there are four of us in it. There is a large veranda or hall that opens on the court and serves as a look-out over that and see the whole of the inner court and one who sits on the veranda to look out on the outside into the beautiful lawn. I am having some pictures of the exterior taken and if they are good will send some home. I will start home next week. I will start on the 15th of March and I will try to find some time to be at home. It is very warm here now, in fact it is always hot but somehow seems to approach us now, it is much cooler. Will stop now and finish when I return from camp.

Well, have just returned from a visit to Fred. We had a very pleasant time, took dinner with the officers and tried to get us. I enjoyed it more than I can tell. We always go around so we are not afraid. It is quite dark at 3:30 this time. We always start home, but it is only a few miles. We would like to live in Manila always, but not in a hospital. Fred has written you such a long letter, but I will not send it to be nothing more for me to say, so good night and good bye.

Your loving daughter, FLORENCE CHAFFIELD.

ILLDS OF AGE

Are Usually Due to Some Derangement of the KIDNEYS,

Which can be Remedied by the Use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

In the evening of life—after the long and toilsome career of the old folks enjoy in comfort their well-earned rest.

It is usually the kidneys which first get out of order, and cause backaches, headaches and urinary troubles. As the liver and the kidneys are so closely connected, it is not surprising that they should be affected together.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills strike at the root of trouble, by giving the kidneys strong, healthy and vigorous.

They cure Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes and all diseases of the liver and bladder, as well as chronic constipation. They have won the admiration of old people in every part of the world because they make it possible for them to enjoy the most perfect and restful sleep.

Mr. J. D. Brightman, Ledyard, N. Y., writes: "I am a business man and I had kidney disease in its worst form. At times I could not straighten up, and for five years I was unable to do my work and terrible pains. Mr. Alexander Thomas recommended Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and an unwelcome cure from backache and kidney disease was effected."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all drug stores, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

REMARKABLE RESCUE

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cholera, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. Her doctor suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found her lungs cleared from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now she has her own household as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great Discovery at Whitehead & Mitchell, 25 and 27 Grand Ave., Detroit. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

HOTEL MADISON

MRS. M. LADLELL, Proprietress. FRANK H. GATES, Manager. Jefferson Ave. and Randolph St. DETROIT, MICH.

American Plan \$2 to \$1.50. European Plan \$3 to \$2. Single Meals 50c.

Steam Heat, Electric Light and Sanitary Plumbing throughout.

H. C. WILSON

Machinist, Birmingham, Mich.

I have opened in Birmingham a machinist shop and am prepared to do all kinds of repairs in iron work and machinery promptly.

Satisfaction guaranteed in every instance.

H. C. Wilson.

William H. Elliott,

WOODWARD AND GRAND RIVER.

Superb Gray Homespun Cloths, \$1.00 a yard, 54 inches wide.

Panama Camels' Hair Cloth, grays, blues and castors, 50 inch stuff for Sailor Suits, \$1.00 a yard.

58 inch Venetian Covert Cloths, the ultra stylish tailor gown goods, \$1.50 a yard

38 inch Camels' Hair Effects, stylish goods that will sell low in price as an advertisement, 50c a yard.

Camels' Hair Plaids, 46 inch at \$1.00. Very best makers' goods, 50 inch at 1.39.

For Skirts and Linings, Mercerized Mores, very pretty shades, 39c a yard. Heavy Sateen Skirting, colors or black, 19c a yard.

Striped or plain Mores, very silky, durable and inexpensive, 50c a yard. French Hair Cloth, properly shrunken, 24 inches wide, 39c a yard.

This fall's importation of ELLIOTT'S Kid Gloves in the latest shades has come. This splendid Kid Glove excels in genuine merit and fit any other \$1.25 kid glove in the state.

William H. Elliott.

WE ARE RELINQUISHING THE CLOAK BUSINESS! Ladies, JOHN POUND.

Holiday Clearance of Coats, Jackets and Capes for the Ladies.

We have 50 garments left and not one will be carried over. It is a great loss but the benefit and can be ours to our customers—the public—those who wish to buy. Enlarge your wardrobe for the holiday week, which no doubt will nearly close them all at one-quarter of their former prices.

Former price \$4.00 \$1.00. Former price \$6.00 now \$2.50. Former price 14.00 now 3.50. Former price 8.00 now 2.00.

The Holiday Goods are now being shown at very reasonable prices. The store and windows being now both "on feet and on trim." We invite the good people of Birmingham and vicinity to kindly call and look us through.

JOHN POUND.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect Nov. 19, 1899. D. O. U. & M. DIVISION.

WEST BOUND FROM BIRMINGHAM.

No. 15—Morning Express to Detroit 7:45 a. m. No. 12—Mail and Erie Express to 11:30 a. m. No. 14—Grand Haven to 12:10 p. m. No. 17—St. Louis Express to Chicago, 4:00 p. m. No. 15—Chicago Express for Chicago, 9:22 p. m. No. 19, 11, 13 and 17, except Sunday, No. 15 daily.

GOING NORTH. STATIONS. GOING SOUTH. No. 16—Chicago Express to Detroit and 11:30 a. m. No. 14—Chicago Express to Detroit and 11:30 a. m. No. 12—Mail and Erie Express to 11:30 a. m. No. 10—Morning Express to Detroit and 11:30 a. m. No. 11—Evening Express to Detroit and 11:30 p. m. No. 12, 14, 16 and 18, except Sunday, No. 12 daily.

GEORGE F. ALDRICH, Agent, Birmingham.

PONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTHERN R. R. TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH. STATIONS. GOING SOUTH. No. 10—P. M. A. M. D. G. H. P. M. A. M. A. M. 4:00 6:55. No. 11—P. M. A. M. D. G. H. P. M. A. M. A. M. 9:25 11:50.

CONNECTIONS. Routes with Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee R.R. and Michigan Central from Detroit. From Pontiac by Detroit City Division Michigan Central R.R. from Pontiac by Flint & Gen. Marquette R.R. from Saginaw, Tuscola and Hamilton R.R.

W. C. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

Winter Positively Everything Goes!

At COST from now on in my Millinery Establishment.

Pompadour Bows for parties, opera, etc., in the latest designs now on sale. They make elegant Xmas presents.

Splendid line of Dolls' Hats for the Children.

Come in and see them.

Miss M. Montier, Pontiac, Mich.

FENWICK'S Lunch Parlors.