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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, FEB. 17, '99

HOME NOTES.

AT TWENTY BELOW!

If you would know something real funny
Just be but a sprite of the air,
And hear how folks scold at the weather,
To say nothing of same who can swear.

For morals, I think, like the mercury,
Freeze up at twenty below,
And good folks are sometimes o'er tempted
Like David and others, you know.

When the water pipes burst in the morning,
And the season is shivering 'round
In the flood that is up to his ankles
How funny his pious words sound.

When the hasher goes out in the night time
And everything's frozen up stiff
The sounds that come from the housewife
Are charged with a sulphurous sniff.

There's a chorus of words from the men folks—
In volleys they come without stint,
Though exceedingly warm when they're uttered
They wouldn't look well in cold print.

Mrs. John Stabler, is very ill with pleurisy.

Geo. K. Duff is very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Retta Barr is confined to the house with grip.

Miss Dora Berger, of Franklin, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Robt. Hanna is convalescent after a hard tussle with grip.

Mr. Beardslee is spending most of his time in Pontiac as juryman.

Mrs. Burleigh Randall returned home last Sunday from a two weeks' visit at Mayville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deir, of Novi, spent a few days this week with his brother, W. I. Deir.

Go to Zimmerman Bros. & Alger's hardware store in Pontiac and see the latest inducement.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dawson, a 10 lb daughter, Thursday, Feb. 9. Everybody doing nicely.

Miss Inez Caswell gave up her position, the Schoolcraft school to accept one in the Berry School, Detroit.

Mrs. Pemberton, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Houghton, has returned to her home in Nebraska.

Grip cure capsules at Whitehead & Mitchell's. Try 'em, eight for 10c. Get that terrible ache out of your system.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 44, next Thursday evening, Feb. 23d. J. B. Hunt, Sec.

Novel Club at Library room next Saturday evening. The book to be considered is "A Brave Lady," by Miss Mulock.

Mrs. F. E. Preston, of the Eckstein University of Kentucky, will occupy the baptist pulpit next Sunday morning.

Regular convocation of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93, R. A. M. next Monday evening, Feb. 20. A. Partridge, Sec.

A kontineration of the Taylor & Woolfenden klearin' sale is drawin' krowds to that popular Detroit store. See changed ad.

FOR SALE—A quantity of nice honey at E. Schanhile's, one mile west of Birmingham. $1.25 a case, 12 sections in a case. 4113*

FOR SALE CHEAP—A single harness and a covered carriage. A bargain for some one. Going cheap. David Roy, Brown St. 4212*

Do you want to procure an extra bargain in dress goods? Well, then go to W. H. Elliott's in Detroit. Hurry up and get your choice.

Special meeting of Birmingham Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 44, this (Friday) evening, Feb. 17th. Work on first degree. J. B. Hunt, Sec.

LOST—In Birmingham, this week a one carat diamond ring. Large reward of $25 offered. Finder please leave with Miss Ethel Bruce.

Masonic brethren visit Ashlar Lodge this week in Detroit along with their Pontiac fraters. Special trolley car, banquet, good time, etc.

Rev. Mr. Church has passed the crisis in his illness, but will not be able to attend to his duties for about four weeks. He is still at Ann Arbor.

Gee Whiz! I've been sharpening skates all winter for five cents for the gents and nothing for the ladies. Bring 'em along fast. Geo. H. Toms.

J. D. VanEvery and daughter, Carrie, attended the wedding of his niece, Miss Allie McCall, to John Armstrong, at Milford, Wednesday evening, Feb. 15th. The happy couple have the best wishes of many friends and relatives in this vicinity.

TO RENT—A house and lot just west of Mrs. N. M. Coley's home in this village. For particulars call at Exchange Bank. Miss Maggie McBride 40 3t

F. G. Pearsall is slowly recovering from his operation and will soon be with us again. He had a day or so a little doubtful but pulled out all right.

Next Monday the Democrats will feast with the Hon. Wm. J. Bryan at their 2nd annual Jefferson banquet at Pontiac. Big time. City full of enthusiasm.

WANTED—Experienced married man with small family to work on furnished farm, or will let on shares. Louis Stauch, 2 1-2 miles southeast of Birmingham. 2tpd

See Whitehead & Mitchell's change of ad this week. It refers to buckwheat flour and buckwheat pancakes. Worth eating—the cakes, not the ad.

John Camp had a spell of heart failure Wednesday and fell to the walk in front of the postoffice. He was carried inside and Dr. Raynale soon caused him to recover.

A number of D. O. K. K.'s from Pontiac and this city attended a meeting last Monday evening and they are grinning over their experiences yet. Held in Detroit.

The Lady Foresters will give a social at the home of Mrs. Henry Yessum, Thursday, Feb. 23, instead of the 24, as quite a few have tickets for the lecture course. Admission 10 cents.

Our friend M. K. Taber is doing as well as is possible, with everything done that skill and careful nursing can do. His many friends hope he will soon be around again as usual.

A two-year-old boy babe of John Beddow, of Beddow, died Tuesday evening, after a long illness. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their hour of sorrow.

At a special business meeting of the Presbyterian Society held last Friday afternoon, a decision was reached to extend from this church a call to Rev. Herman Samuel Justema, of Marine City.

Mr. Portis who has occupied Robt. Hanna's tenant house in Southfield for the past eight years, has moved to Royal Oak. Anyone wishing a cheap house can obtain particulars by inquiring of the owner.

How did we happen to "not mention" the departure of Joe Andrews and Harry Coney to their respective home, Howell and Jackson, last week? The boys will be greatly missed by their many friends in Birmingham.

Little Roy Robinson, better known as "Slivers," investigated the old trick of putting his tongue on the blade of a frosty axe one cold morning last week with the usual result. The lad lost a good portion of his unruly member.

Wes Faint is not recovering as swiftly as his frjends could wish, but we are sure he will soon. It is rather lonely and very discouraging to a man who has been a great worker all his days to have to give up, keep to the house and be unable to work at least a little bit.

Owing to a scarcity of buckwheat in this vicinity, Whitehead & Mitchell have been selling Penn Yann, N. Y., famous prize buckwheat flour and if you like crisp, brown pancakes, try it. A sack for only 30c. By the way, they have strictly pure maple syrup to go with it. See?

Thanks, Bro. Jewell, for your courteous invitation to attend the 25th annual meeting and banquet of the Oakland County Pioneer Society, to be held in the Pontiac Court House, next Wednesday, Feb. 22. The program is certainly attractive and a delightful time may be expected.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Sarah Carlton, formerly Miss Millholland, for many years a resident of Birmingham. She died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Fall, in Commerce, Feb 6th, aged 74 years. Two sons and two daughters are left to mourn her loss, besides many other friends.

For about two weeks we have shovelled coal in and carried ashes out to our heart's content and every morning old thermometer showed from 4 to 22 below zero. The other night after jumping into bed we blew four times at the tallow candle to put it out. No use, no effect from the blow, so we reached out and broke the flame off—it was friz stiff.

Postmaster Mitchell is a member of the Committee of Reception to receive and care for Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, who addresses the Jeffersonian Club at Pontiac next Monday evening. A banquet will be served and the tickets are sold for all long ago. A big crowd is assured and all participants expect to have a feast of reason and a flow of soul, sure.

Last week Wednesday night, one of the coldest and most stormy of the season, two ladies waited three-quarters of an hour for a belated car. They were turned out of one store after another as the proprietors were ready to close, till at last a doorway was their only shelter from the wind. A warm, cozy waiting room would have given pleasanter recollections of our town.

A Mission, commencing Monday evening, Feb. 20, and continuing to Friday evening, March 3, will be held in Zion Episcopal church, Pontiac. The mission will be conducted by the Rev. A. Corbett, of St. Clair, who has had a large experience as diocesan missionary in Ireland. The mission is intended not only for the careless and unbelieving but for those who may have lapsed that they may be restored and for the instruction and edification of the church generally. All are cordially invited to attend.

You have all heard Martin Blunt, the man with the flax-brake jaw, sell cows, sheep, farming implements, etc., but you have never heard him undertake such a large sale as he will wrestle with on the first of March, a week from next Wednesday, when he will sell the Alex Soults farm of 119 acres, forty acres about half a mile south of the farm, the homestead near the "Irish Church," and a lot of first class milch cows. Lunch at noon, enough for every one. For particulars call at the Exchange Bank or see small bills.

The Order of the Eastern Star, a Masonic institution, to which all Masons' wives, daughters, mothers, sisters can belong, is rapidly growing in our midst. Fifty-three members now belong and last Wednesday evening twenty Pontiac brothers and sisters came down to see the institution's ceremony, which, if we do say it, is performed finer and better by the Birmingham lodge than any other lodge in the state. The visiting guests were treated to a banquet, vocal and instrumental music, speeches, recitations, and all voted that the Birmingham ladies of the O. E. S. know how to entertain.

Wm. Smith, the equine dealer has quite a reputation among horse dealers and numbers among his many friends Frank P. German. Not long ago while out driving the hearse and passing Frank's home, Billy thought now would be the time to call and see how Frank's health is. Frank was shaving at the window and was horrified to see standing at his door a hearse in all its sombre gruesomeness. Frank's family were petrified with a strange misgiving, and when he opened the door Billy's voice greeted him with "Hello! Frank! I was going by and thought I'd just step in and see how you were—heard you were sick." Frank's reply was, "Don't you drive up to my house with a hearse, but get out of here and travel down the pike as quick as the Lord will let you," and the family drew a long breath as the heavy, dark, black vehicle moved slowly away.

There seems to be an epidemic of trouble between landlord and tenant this winter. Must be that farming pays better than heretofore. Anyhow, no one seems to be willing to give up farms which they have rented. Now, the best way the parties interested can do is to have a lease properly made by a competent person and then if there is trouble, a reference to the lease will usually settle the matter. While you are thinking about it you can get all kinds of leases, mortgages, deeds, contracts, wills and other legal papers properly made and executed at the Exchange Bank, which is the proper place to do such business, anyhow. A room especially adapted to this class of business, where parties may be secluded, is one of the conveniences of the banking rooms All business of any kind will be treated as absolutely confidential.

A goodly number of "the faithful" attended the annual banquet of the Oakland County Lincoln Club at Pontiac on Friday night of last week, and were well repaid for the tedious weather. It takes such men as O'Donnell, of Jackson, Weidemeyer, and the others to make things warm on such a night. It was a significant fact that the bad blood which was supposed to have been generated by the Birmingham postoffice war, did not materialize after all and all the prominent candidates for that office were present, as well as the postmaster-elect, who occupied the seat of honor and all hands were happy and good natured. That's the way to accept the inevitable. The party has cause to be congratulated upon the very pleasant feelings entertained by (nearly) all the candidates who were erstwhile seeking industriously after one another's heart blood.

Last Monday morning Frank P. Beekman woke up with the determination to have his under teeth extracted, after deliberating over the matter for months. He engaged the services of Nurse Morell B. Dennis as his best man and after taking a little courage from a flask they proceeded to Dentist Johnston's, and here arose a misunderstanding. Frank had taken Nurse Dennis along to see that all went right and that his wishes were obeyed. Frank particularly instructed his nurse not to have or allow any but the under teeth drawn, and what do you think? after getting under the "influoence" of the gas Frank told Dan to pull 'em all, and he did. The dental parlor looked a good deal worse after the war than before, and Frank was mad clear through when he found that all his teeth were gone. A Santiago soldier could not have looked more gory than the victim did and blood ran like a river—enough for Frank to pose as a soldier in the late Spanish war. However, all is well and Frank, on the whole, is glad they are all out.

JOINED HIS SISTER.

Thomas C. Anscomb Passes Into Eternity.

Another widely known and highly respected pioneer resident of Oakland county is numbered with the dead. Last Friday morning, February 10, after an illness of about nine days, Thos. C. Anscomb, the last member of the family of Allen and Jane Anscomb, succumbed to pneumonia, aged 81 years Dec. 1, '98. It was only the Friday before just one short week that Mrs Hannah Smith, of this place, own sister of Mr. Anscomb, breathed her last and now brother and sister are both resting in the quiet little Troy cemetery.

Thomas C. Anscomb was born in England in 1817, coming to this country with his parents in 1825. They immediately purchased a farm about 1½ miles north of Big Beaver and lived thereon, where deceased spent 60 years of his life. Deceased leaves no immediate relatives, only nephews and nieces, his wife dying between six and seven years ago, since which time, altho' he still owned the farm, he has spent his days among his different friends. For the past year Mr Anscomb has been living at the home of Wm. Strong, near Big Beaver. Deceased was a great reader and profound thinker; he gave evidence of a strong faith and was often seen poring over his Bible. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

The funeral occurred Sunday from the M. E. church at Big Beaver, Rev. Clark officiating, with interment in Crook's Cemetery.

What They Say.

Some of our young people who have recently been critisised for taking part in a harmless amusement, will appreciate the following stanza from St. Nicholas:

"This world is a difficult world, indeed,
And people are hard to suit,
And the man who plays on the violin
Is a bore to the man with a flute
"And I, myself, have often thought
How very much better I would be,
If every one of the folks I know
Would only agree with me.
"But since they will not, the very best way
To make the world look bright
Is to never mind what people say,
But to do what you think is right."

The Epworth League Lecture.

The lecture given in the Epworth League Course at the Methodist church last Friday evening by Chas. H. Fraser, entitled "The World's Tomorrow or a Dream of Destiny," was one of the finest ever delivered in Birmingham. The central theme of the lecture was christian unity. In his estimation denominationalism and sectarianism were exalted above christianity, much to the detriment of the latter. At the same time the speaker gave full credit to the spirit of denominationalism for the good it is doing.

The lecture was replete with anecdotes—touching and humorous. Mr. Fraser is a masterful story-teller. Many of his stories were new, and all to the point. He is an eloquent speaker and his view of the nation's needs is large and patriotic. There was nothing pessimistic about his lecture. He was especially complimentary to the fair sex, in consequence of which his lecture is spoken very highly of by them

Our League is very fortunate in securing Mr. Fraser's lecture, as it has been and will be given on many of the country's best courses. We notice that he is at Flint and Pontiac also this winter. Those who missed this lecture missed a helpful treat, indeed.

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 Dewey, Merritt in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Camp Knox, 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 Sampson. Big Profits. Immense Demand for agents. Full of original pictures taken by government photographers in the east, super-gloss paper, strong binding, big print, sells on sight. Credit given, freight paid. Outfit 50c. Address quick, Ex. Com. Dept. P. J. Richardson & Co., 1 Times Building, Chicago.

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W. C. T. U Elected Officers.

The regular annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Birmingham was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. Nettie Wilde, on Friday last week and everything passed off very pleasantly indeed. The affairs of the society were shown to be in a very prosperous condition and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Pres—Mrs. Nettie Wilde.
1st Vice Pres—Mrs. Harriet McCracken
2nd Vice Pres—Mrs. Mary Church
3d Vice Pres—Mrs. Julia Hart
Cor. Sec—Mrs. W. M. Clellan.
Treas—Mrs. Mary Taber.
Supt. L. F. L—Mrs. Barr.
Supt. of Legislation and Petition work—Mrs. E. Jones.
Supt. Flower Mission work—Miss Nettie McBride.
Supt. Scientific Temperance Instruction—Miss Elizabeth Hanna.
Supt. Mothers' Meetings—Mrs. Elgar Poppleton.

ANOTHER GOOD WOMAN GONE.

Mrs. William McKinney, One of Southfield's True Women, Called Home.

One of the saddest deaths that it has been our duty to record is that of Mrs. William McKinney, of Southfield, which occurred last Saturday morning. Just one week before her mother, Mrs. Thos Glaspie, passed from earth at the same home. Now there are left four men, the aged Mr. Glaspie, Mr. McKinney and two sons of what was less than a month ago one of the happiest homes in Oakland county. After her mother's death Mrs. McKinney slowly failed and although all was done that human skill could devise, she bade her loved ones goodbye and joined the silent majority. In her death Southfield loses a true christian woman and one whose many kind acts will long be remembered by her surviving friends. The funeral was held on Tuesday last and the remains laid away for their last sleep in the family burial lot. *Requiescat in pace.*

Beyond the Reach of Suffering.

About 9:30 Thursday morning of last week, after an illness of about two weeks, Mrs. Eliza S. Blackwell, a respected resident of Birmingham for many years past, died of peritonitis, at the age of 67 years.

The husband of the deceased, Geo. Blackwell, was keeper of the first toll gate north of this village a great many years, after which they removed to Troy, residing there until Mr. Blackwell's death, about four years ago, since which time Mrs. Blackwell has lived with several families in this vicinity. At the time of her death deceased was stopping with Mrs. Maria Young. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church last Saturday afternoon, Rev. Allen officiating, and the remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband in Troy cemetery. She left no surviving relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Blackwell was a sincere Christian and in her death the Presbyterian church loses one of its most earnest workers.

HALF-RATES TO DETROIT.

The GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM will issue excursion tickets from all its stat ons in Michigan to Detroit and return at a SINGLE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP on account of the Michigan Club Annual Meeting and Banquet at Detroit, February 22d. Tickets will be sold for all trains on Feb. 21st, and for the morning trains of Feb. 22d, and valid to return on all trains up to and including Feb. 23d, 1899. This gives a good opportunity to visit Detroit at a cheap rate this season of the year, and the public should avail themselves of this opportunity.

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Dr. Horton said recently in an article on the stomach and its most prevailing disease—Dyspepsia. "That very few people today possess a healthy, sound stomach. And this class requires no aid to digestion, while the other portion, which figures fully 80 per cent., ought not to force digestion in a diseased stomach, as blood produced in such conditions will eventually contaminate the whole system. Medicine has been comparatively at a standstill as to a reliable treatment for stomach diseases in all of their manifold forms, although many preparations are offered to sufferers, yet their use is usually more perilous than delay."

But the saying that "necessity is the mother of invention" seems evidently verified in Prof. Drake's production of his marvelous treatment known as Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer. This wellspring of life is flowing into thousands of homes today; many who have tried nearly everything with little or no relief are now rejoicing over the results of this new method treatment, for in this treatment the idea of tying sufferers down to an endless doping of drugs and nostrums is entirely lost sight of, as results from its use in bad complicated cases show that all that is required is a little persistency in following out the plain instructions which accompany each treatment, when a speedy and permanent cure will invariably be the result. For sale by F. Hagerman.

A book on Stomach and Nerve troubles, their symptoms and cure, given free for the asking at the above named store.

An Esteemed Lady Pioneer of Troy Joins the Majority.

Mrs. Catherine Shanahan, widow of James Shanahan, died at the home of her son Lewis, in the township of Troy, Feb. 2, 1899.

Her maiden name was McGinnis. She was born in Orange County, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1820, making her 78 years and three months of age at the time of her death. At the age of 15 she moved with her parents to the township of Troy and located on the farm where she lived for 63 years. At the age of 17 she united in marriage with James Shanahan. Thirteen children were born to them, seven of whom have gone on before. Six still live, and with their families and a large circle of more distant relatives and friends deeply mourn her loss.

Twenty-seven years ago her husband died, leaving the care of the family upon her. She met this new responsibility with a mother's love and courage, until she saw them all settled in homes of their own. For 63 years she had made it her home on the same farm where she died.

Her surviving children were all present at her funeral, which was held at the M. E. church at Big Beaver, Sunday, Feb. 5, 99, and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at Union Corners, Troy.

Trolley Car Time.

First car leaves Detroit at 6:00 a. m. and every hour thereafter until 11 p. m., and first car leaves Pontiac at 6:30 a. m. and every hour thereafter until 10:30 p. m. Leave Detroit on the hour and Pontiac on the half hour.

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