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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAR. 24, '99

HOME NOTES.

THE WHEEL VS. MARCH.

Never mind the moody weather,
Let the cold winds howl and squeal;
Spring is billed and bound to get here –
Keep on rubbing up your wheel.

Never mind that roads are muddy,
Breezes sweep with useful zeal;
Ruts will soften, puddles vanish –
Keep on rubbing up your wheel.

Never mind that sunshine tarries;
March knows things she won't reveal,
Some great day you'll see her beckon –
Keep on rubbing up your wheel.

–Ex.

What are the robins saying?

Olde Folkef Concerte to-night.

Read Whitehead & Mitchell's new adv't.

An abundance of "the beautiful" on Tuesday.

Try some of those five-cent prunes at Tom Cobb's.

"April Fool's" coming and so is the Senior social.

Senior social at Library Hall Saturday evening, April 1.

For everything in the furniture line go to Will O'Neal's.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Geo. Sham next Tuesday evening.

Don't "fool" yourself by staying away from the Senior social April 1.

WANTED—A girl for housework in a family of three. Mrs. Harvey C. Wilson.

FOR SALE—Five fine full-blooded Plymouth Rock roosters. Enquire at Hupp's farm. 7t2*

Miss Nellie Adams has been enjoying a visit of several days with Detroit friends.

Monday morning was a very cold affair, only 14° above zero. Quite cool for our first spring day.

Regular convocation of Birmingham Chapter Monday evening, March 27. Work. A. Partridge, Sec'y.

The B. Y. P. U. lecture course concert next Friday evening will be interspersed with selections by the Pontiac Glee Club.

Have you ever seen the "Sappho" shoe? It's something new. Go to H. B. Merritt's in Pontiac and ask for them. See ad.

Every one is most cordially invited to go to Library room at 3 p. m. tomorrow (Saturday) to plan for village improvement.

Mrs. Margaret Keyser, is very ill at her home south of this village, with very slight hopes of recovery. The old lady is about 83 years of age.

Regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star on Wednesday evening, March 29th. All members are requested to be present. C. E. Leet, Sec.

Master Jack McDougall rendered a charming solo at the instalment services last Tuesday evening. The little fellow possesses a remarkably sweet voice.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Forty acres of land; 20 acres of it known as the old Shular place in Southfield. For particulars enquire of Thos. Cook. 45t3

Considering the unpleasantness of the elements without, the financial receipts realized from the maple syrup social last Friday night were quite satisfactory.

WANTED—Paperhanging, painting, kalsomining and finishing. As good as the best and cheap as the cheapest, by I. J. Chatfield, Southfield Ave., Birmingham. 46t3*

Percy Pease, who makes his headquarters at Milwaukee, was called home by the serious illness of his infant son this week. The little one is in a critical condition.

I want to buy a good cow. Any one having a good cow for sale can get cash at once by calling on Mrs. E. O. Robinson, next to the Power House in Birmingham. 46t2*

The fourth number on the B. Y. P. U. lecture course will consist of a concert by a graphophone—one of the latest improved—Friday evening, March 31; admission 10 cts.

Remember the Old Folks' Concert at the M. E. church tonight. Miss Edna Doty (Abigail) of Detroit, will again be here. She will delight you with her elocution. Come and hear her!

W-h-e-w! Have you heard about the great bargains now in line at V. Nixon's? Well, whether you have or no, don't be too slow, but in there go and see if it's so. Read every word of new ad.

The Novel Club will meet at Library room next Saturday evening. "The Rise of Silas Lapham," is the book to be reviewed by Miss Mame Utter and Mrs. Hattie McBride. Everyone invited.

Don't forget the millinery opening of Miss M. Moutier, of Pontiac, this week. Miss Moutier will continue this opening on Friday and Saturday evenings of next week, March 31 and April 1. Everybody go.

M. K. Taber is holding his own and doing as well as could be hoped for. Dr. Shaw is his attending physician and thinks his sufferer will be able to pull through and enjoy life for some time. We truly hope so.

The anniversary meeting of the W. F. M. Society will be held at the home of Alexander Parks, commencing at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, March 29. An address will be given by Miss Lou Ninde, of Detroit.

An educated and competent teacher of Detroit would like to form a literary class in Birmingham for ladies and gentlemen, together or alone. Either afternoon or evening. Address E. L. H., care of the Eccentric. 7t2*

Landlord Daines has been ill in bed with the grippe, but is out again. Miss Winnie, we are pleased to say, is on the gain and no doubt, with good spring weather and out-of-door exercise, she will quickly recover her usual good health.

Harvey C. Wilson's factory for the manufacturing of railroad crossing gates shows great spring activity. The engine is running its fullest capacity and extra hands are required to fill the orders already in and more in sight. 'Rah for Harvey.

Last Monday Dr. Anderson, of Big Beaver, removed a small tumor from near the shoulder of Mack Sham which had troubled Mr. S. for some time. The operation was quickly and successfully performed and the patient is about recovered.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From my farm about two weeks ago, a brown Colley dog nine months old. Look around among your neighbors and if you can locate let me know by postal card and I will pay reward. George C. Hupp, Birmingham. 2t*

Please bear in mind that Miss Harriet Kemper, a missionary but recencly returned from India will give an address in the M. E. church next Tuesday evening, March 28. She is an interesting and instructive speaker. Everybody go and hear her.

The Pool and Killian auction sale of cattle and other chattels was postponed on account of the heavy blizzard storm, from Tuesday, Mar. 21 to Wednesday next, Mar. 29, '99. Everybody who wants fine cattle at auction prices should attend this sale.

The regular annual meeting of the Village Improvement Society occurs tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon in Library room, at 3 p. m. Let everyone interested in our village be present. Everyone who lives here is interested in village improvement.

There is not a neater looking little meat market in town than the one recently fitted up by John Hanna, for Bench & Whing, his successors in that line of business. The new firm will set sail on their first voyage next Monday morning and will sell goods to suit the taste and pocket-book. See ad on first page.

The kerosene oil business heretofore owned and run by H. J. Reynolds (deceased) has been sold and with it goes all right, title and good will. W. W. Wood has made the purchase and wishes the people to know that he will deliver the same as Mr. Reynolds did, the best oil for the lowest prices possible, and the patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

Robert Hanna, Jr. and William Hamm will sell at auction in Southfield, three miles south of Birmingham on Southfield road, Tuesday, March 28, 26 head of cattle, including new milch cows, springers and young cattle. M. H. Blunt will do the talking and Mel H. Henning will officiate as clerk and the sale will take place at one o'clock p. m.

Ho ye! Everybody! Read the new wall paper ad. of Brown Bros., Pontiac, in this issue. Their variety is unlimited, the prices cheaper than the cheapest and everything else accordingly. The firm is too well known in this vicinity to need recommendation. They have books without number and many other articles too numerous to mention. Remember the place.

Some time ago—inside of three years—Whitehead & Mitchell had a table for a type writing machine. This table or stand was like unto a sewing machine stand only lower, and had iron legs. So no one borrowed the same to have and hold in trust until it was wanted. We want it now. Who has it? Please notify us now and we will call for it at once, as we need it severely.

Rev. H. S. Justema was duly installed Tuesday evening in the presence of a large congregation, who unanimously welcomed the new pastor. The addresses by the Detroit clergymen were much enjoyed, the nature of the service being impressive as well as interesting, and taken as a whole the evening was one long to be remembered in the annals of the Presbyterian Society.

M. H. Blunt will sell at auction for J. R. Cooper on the Cooper farm, 1 1-2 miles north of Birmingham on Thursday, Mar. 30th, at one o'clock p. m., one chestnut team, mares, geldings, a stallion, Spartacus, No. 1923, cows, 75 horned Dorset ewes, will be sold in lots of from 6 to 10, 14 horned Dorset rams, one year old, one sow and eight pigs. Terms easy. A. Bayley will act as clerk.

John Spencer, the sly Mormon, who went with his parents and sisters to Salt Lake, Utah, about seven years ago, has been in these parts recently, accompanied by another Mormon, both looking, it is said, very much like evangelists. They were making their way to Owosso, Mich., to carry on work as Mormon missionaries, and out for a two years' work.

Mrs. A. Wright met with a serious accident Tuesday morning by falling out of bed and breaking her leg near the hip. Dr. Raynale is attending her and prospects now look favorable for her recovery. Less than one year ago she had a cancer removed; this winter she passed through a very critical illness from pneumonia, and last, but by no means least, comes this painful misfortune.

Mrs. Harriet Mitchell, after spending the winter with her son at Deford, returned home last week. She has been in very poor health all winter and is still quite feeble. We hope recuperation may be the result of her return home. Her son, Charlie Hoffman, brought her safely to her destination and enjoyed a few days' visit with Birmingham friends. Altho' now a tiller of the soil, Charlie has not forgotten how to "stick" type, we observe.

James Casey doesn't want all the good building lots in Birmingham and has decided to dispose of his lots just east of the Shadbolt plat and will sell lots Nos. 83 and 84 of Merrell's plat of the village of Birmingham. This sale is positive. Judge Casey don't want 'em—wants his cash out of them so some one will get them. Saturday, April 1st, at 2 o'clock p. m., is the day and time and M. H. Blunt is the successful auctioneer to make a satisfactory sale.

Rev. Clarence Allen, of Haven M. E. church, Detroit, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church at this place Sunday, both morning and evening, having exchanged pulpits with his brother, Rev. Eugene Allen of Birmingham. Any one ever having heard the father, Rev. C. T. Allen, formerly of Pontiac, now of Ypsilanti, would at once recognize the son in the person of the Detroit pastor above mentioned, both from resemblance in features and oratorical delivery.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed by the United Presbyterian churches of Troy and Birmingham, which comprise one pastoral charge, last Sunday. Rev. Neil Ferguson, of Scotch Ridge, Ohio, preached impressive and helpful sermons in each place to attentive audiences. The pastor and people rejoice in an accession of 13 to their membership. Gospel meetings were held each night of last week in the church here and were well attended.

The invitation is extended and the privilege given to the public to participate in a "donation" social to be given at the Baptist church on next Monday evening, March 27. The whole proceeds, regardless, of what it consists, will be turned over to Mr. Church, who, after his experiences through sickness the last seven weeks, will duly appreciate the effort on the part of the public and church people. Light refreshments such as coffee, cake sandwiches and fried cakes will be served and an interesting program rendered.

John Hanna, postmaster, is busy making the new postoffice room a genuine gem. A new steel ceiling artistically decorated by Charles J. Parks, who will also paint all the wood work will make a great improvement. Julian Leet will establish a gas plant, the outside steps will be raised and Postmaster Hanba expects that by April 1st he will be in his new quarters and all ready to commence his duties. We prophesy for him a successful career, and why not? Everybody likes John and John likes everybody.

That corporations have no hearts is again beli d. When the motormen and conductors of the Detroit & Pontiac Railway received their pay envelopes last Saturday night they were delighted and more than pleased to find that their pay had been increased for that week and hereafter 2c an hour, giving the boys the same wages as the union men of the Detroit Street Railway get—21c an hour. We are glad to see such evidences of the success of the Company and that they appreciate the efforts of the conductors and motormen to keep the road up to its usual high standing.

After an illness of nearly three years Joseph Allen died of a complication of kidney trouble at his home, about two miles west of Circle, Monday morning, at the age of 65 years. Deceased came here from Lincolnshire, England in 1848, living in Birmingham five years and then removing to the farm, where he resided 39 years prior to his death. Mr. Allen was a most estimable citizen and leaves many friends in this community to mourn his demise. The funeral was held from the house Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Eugene Allen officiating, with interment in Greenwood. A more complete obituary notice will appear in these columns next week.

A Boon Interrogation Point.

The following anonymous was picked up in our office and we print it, so the writer will feel better for having got it out of his system:

What is the matter with fitting up the old undertaking room for a lock-up and marshal's office?

We need a better police force than the salary paid warrants. The marshal's duties are many and unpleasant in most cases. He is expected to work early and late seven days and nights in the week. For this he should be well paid, and no law-abiding citizen expects an officer so important as a marshal to be underpaid. If there is no money in the hands of the board for such an expenditure create some and let our village stand on equal ground with sister villages in her police force. The street commissioner draws $1.50 per diem, surely the duties of a good marshal are worth as much.

Where is our electric car waiting room that was to be so promptly considered? There seems to be nothing done thus far. Surely Birmingham's patrons deserve better treatment at the hands of this road.

THE STAGE.

AT THE LYCEUM.

Pousse Cafe is current at the Lyceum this week. Daly & Hilton open the performance with a spirited and entertaining variety act and close with the allegel burlesque. In the course of the burlesque are exhibited several pretty girls and Sam Ryan; the latter appearing in a good old-time knockabout Irish role. The Ralph E. Cummings stock company will begin an indefinite season in the Lyceum next Sunday. Their initial offering will be "Lady Windemere's Fan."

AT WHITNEY'S.

An old-fashioned variety show with end-of-century trimmings and treatment is current at Whitney's. Without going into the minutiae of the program the truth may be compassed and justice done by the acknowledgment that this is one of the best miscellaneous theatrical entertainments of the year. The company is organized on the right plan and while the "show" is swift and warm it is also cleanly and neat. Following this highly diverting olio is a Frank Diamond extravaganza, the chief features of which are pretty girls in tasteful costumes and a pair of stage Jews by way of travesty on the Dromios of the Shakespeare comedy. They are made up in exact imitation of each other and the resemblance is the cause of many grotesquely comical complications.

Succumbed to the Dread Grip.

In most cases old age seems unable to withstand the ravages of that greedy disease "grip," and among its latest victims we record the name of Mrs. Rachel Bookham, a pioneer resident of this vicinity who died in Big Beaver, March 14. Mrs. Bookham had been unusually well this winter and was visiting at Stephen Hill's near Big Beaver, when stricken with the disease which caused her death, after an illness of about two weeks, at the advanced age of 84 years.

Deceased was born in Manchester, Eng., in 1815, coming to Troy with her husband in 1844, where they located on a farm and resided until Mr. Bookham's death in 1894, since which time the old lady had made it her home with her son Theodore in Birmingham.

She is survived by four children, three sons, Theodore of this place, Linus of Big Beaver, and Ellis of Swartz Creek, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Alger of Flint, who was constantly by her mother's bedside during her last, illness, which was a great comfort to the sufferer.

The remains were brought to the home of her son Theodore, in Birmingham, where funeral services were held Thursday of last week. Rev. Eugene Allen officiated and interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. She will be missed by many in this community.

To Whom It May Concern.

I have been appointed guardian of Mrs. Sarah H. Beekman and hereby notify everybody that all of her business, renting the farm, making contracts or any business whatever, can only legally be transacted through me as such guardian.

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Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m., and at 7 p. m Sunday School at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sabbath evening at 6:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All who are not identified with other churches are invited to come with us.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. EUGENE C. ALLEN, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p m. Sabbath school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p. m. All are invited.

BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. I. L. CHURCH, PASTOR.

SERVICES at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

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