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By special arrangement made with the publishers of the Farm Journal we are enabled to offer that paper to every subscriber who pays for the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, all arrears, and one year ahead, both papers for the price of one only on paper one year and the Farm Journal from now to December, 1903, nearly 5 years. The Farm Journal is an old established paper, enjoying great popularity, one of the best and most useful farm papers published.
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"C." Shafer's new ad on next page.
See R. H. Traver's new ad in this issue.
A new sidewalk and step adorns the front of the post office.

A number of camping parties from here are enjoying life at Pine Lake.
W. H. Elliott has something new to tell you in change of ad on this page.

School Board rumors are all the go, and everyone has their say and say it.

Wanted—A good girl for general housework, Mrs. H. Stewart, Bellow. 1013.

North's Carriage factory in Pontiac went up in smoke last Monday night.

Wanted—A girl for general housework in family of three. Rev. H. S. Justema. 1012.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church met Wednesday with Mrs. Nelson Smith.

A number of young people from this place spent Sunday at the Smith cottage at Pine Lake.

Notice a new ad on first page for George T. Bene's. He tells you what he keeps in his market.

C. H. Going, the Pontiac shoeman, is still having a sale on low down oxfords at 49c and 89c.

Take the grass and the weeds out from between the walks and fences and the ladies will thank you.

There is much complaint about town of the reckless careless manner in which stock is driven through our streets.

Regular communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., next Thursday evening July 20. J. B. Hunt, Sec.

Green & McGee, Pontiac, are having a "grand clearing-up" and prices are cut wide open. See new ad on last page.

Every one interested in village improvement should read "An Experiment in Socialism" in the July number of Puritan.

Lost—Between Stephen's Corners and Vern Patch's, a long tie strap. Finder please leave at The Eccentric office and oblige the owner.

We are still doing all kinds of plain and fancy job work at the Eccentric office. If you have work to be done, please give us a trial.

Three of our young nimrods enjoyed a day's fishing at Elizabeth Lake Wednesday. By the string of fish they brought home, we doubt if any were left in the lake.

Our old friend, Julian Leet, took a bicycle trip Sunday on his new bike, a 1-30 Orient. The distance was run over amounted to 135 miles. Pretty good for our heavy friend.

Money to loan at a low rate of interest on Oakland county property. Apply at 835-826 Hammond Bldg., Detroit, Wallace E. Brown and Jas. R. Neill, attorneys and counselors at law. 914.

It will pay you to visit Zimmerman Bros. & Alger, mammoth hardware store in Pontiac. They carry a full line of doos, sash, glass, paints, oils, etc. Largest stock in Oakland Co.

The telephone men, who are putting in new poles between Detroit and Pontiac, are camping on the lot back of the Baptist church. They have several tents, and do their own cooking, etc.

Sam'l Alexander in his prophesy long long ago, in talking of the Board of School Inspectors' right to fill vacancies, "using exactly the same language, touching that point, that the Supreme Court used in giving their decision. We always knew Sam'l was O. K. when it required something done in a hard case."

Sixteen hundred acres, twenty thousand herons, and a quantity of humming birds are said to represent one sale in London. What an amount of suffering to innocent birds for vanity's sake!

The Presbyterian L. C. S. will meet with Mrs. Stearns on Wednesday afternoon, July 14th. All are cordially invited. Refreshment committee, Mrs. Hemmenway and Miss Trowbridge and Parkes.

We have a school board now that works in great harmony: D. M. Johnston, Geo. E. Dahles, Geo. H. Mitchell, Alfred Johnston, and W. D. Clabe. Its great to attend the meetings and see how rapidly business is transacted.

Just drop in at the cosy furniture store of W. A. O'Neal and see the new line of book cases and bed room suits. No need to go else where after looking at these goods, and while there cast your eyes around and see many more bargains.

If interested in horses, cows, or sheep, take the Farm Journal. We will give this paper for the balance of 1899 and all of 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903, nearly five years, to all subscribers, new or old, who pay for The Eccentric a year ahead. This offer is for a short time only.

The first tax payer this year to get to the front and settle up with the village, was Mrs. Marion E. Hemmenway, who paid some days ahead of time; but the first one to pay on the first day of July was Henry W. Randall. Taxes are coming in at a fine rate and Collector Mulge is very happy.

Last Tuesday Deputy Sheriff Fay with Officer Bert Wellman went over to Franklin and arrested Charles Briggs and Henry Roberts. These men are charged with holding up Ed Hollister, and thumping him good. All this happened July 4th, but stern justice only now got in its work, and for want of ball the county jail holds these two law breakers.

The Franklin mail route has developed into quite a stage line under Mr. Schoonover's energetic management. He leaves Birmingham post office now twice daily, at 8:20 a. m. and 5:05 p. m., with a spanking pair of bays and a three seat rig if necessary. When you hear his cheery cry "All aboard for Franklin!" is the time to climb in and all take a ride.

Capt. William Astor Chanler, Congressman from New York, is the president of The New York Star, which is giving away a forty-dollar bicycle daily, as offered by their advertisement in another column. Hon. Amos J. Cummings, M. C., Asa Bird Gardner, District Attorney of New York, ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas, and Col. Fred Feigl, of New York, are among the well-known names in their Board of Directors. 1116

Jerome W. Robbins has a right to feel proud of his Supreme Court case in which he won a decided victory over that astute, dignified wonder, the great corporation lawyer, Aaron Perry. Mr. Robbins has had many cases in the Supreme Court at Lansing, his first one there being in 1879. Owing to the circumstances and the people engaged in the affair, Mr. Robbins is justly proud of his victory—and so are we naturally.

Want a nice cozy, comfortable little home in this village? Well, the Shadblot place in the corner of Bates and Merrill Streets will be sold absolutely without reservation to the highest cash bidder on the premises at 2 o'clock, p. m., on Saturday, July 29th, 1899, at satisfaction of the court. It has been ordered by the court that this property be sold for the purpose of settling up the estate. There will be no question about the confirmation of the sale this time. By a good comfortable home centrally located, all the ordinary conveniences, practically a double house, renting for \$10. to \$12. per month, city water, cistern, cellar, etc., all at your own price! If you have the most remote idea that you will ever want a home in Birmingham, it will really pay you to look this matter up. 1113

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
Mrs. T. E. Crary is on the sick list.
Isaac Blodgett is very ill at this writing.
Dr. James McCracken, of Ohio, was home last week.
Miss Emma Young is spending a week at Mt. Clemens.
Harry Saltzer, of Detroit, called on friends here Sunday.
Ernest Spencer, of East Lake, visited friends in town last week.
Miss Mabel Patterson, of Caro, is the guest of Miss Lizzie Purdy.

Mr. Knight, of Denver, Col., is visiting at Mrs. E. A. Randall's. Mrs. Burleigh Randall has returned from her visit at Mayville.
Miss Jessie Smith, of Lapeer, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Escar Hough.
Dr. H. E. Stevens, of Cygnet, Ohio, spent Sunday at A. R. Parks'.
Miss Lulu Gully, of Detroit, is the guest of Miss Maude Campbell.
Elmer Forse, of Bradner Ohio, called on his many friends Tuesday last.

Miss Stella Coney, of Albion, visited at Mrs. Nellie Camp's last week.
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stowe, of Neenah, Wis., are visiting friends in town.
Fred Sherman, of Port Huron, is visiting his cousin, Master Earl Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fisher, of Detroit, spent Sunday at J. F. Rundel's.
Mrs. G. H. Mitchell and daughter Carrie are enjoying an outing at Sand Beach.
Miss Morgie Stough, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her namesake, Mrs. T. A. Ward.

Miss Rosella Duffey, of Ypsilanti, takes Miss Maude Gates' place on the Eccentric.
Mrs. W. I. McClellan and daughter left Thursday for an extended visit in York state.

Mrs. John McKinney, of Holly, has been the guest of Miss Delia Crosby a few days.
Miss Agnes Hudson, of St. Louis, Mo., has been visiting Eugene Brooks and family.

John Shea and family, of Detroit, spent a day last week with T. Edwards and family.
Frank Schanbitt and Frank Keyser, of Detroit, have been rusticated at their homes for a week.

Mrs. Rhoda Skinner and daughter, Mrs. Retta Barr, leave today for a visit at Harbor Springs.
Miss Maude Gates has accepted a position at her home in Holly, and left for that place Monday last.

Miss Marian Eddy is entertaining her cousins, Misses Maude and Isabelle Rowley, of Port Huron.
Mrs. C. L. Hall and Miss Eola Gardner, of Ypsilanti, were guests at F. Blakelee's the first of the week.

Visitors at Wm. Soult's this week are Samuel McBride, of Hamilton, Ont., and James Bell, of Clarion, Iowa.
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. V. Hankinson, of Little Falls, N. Y., are spending a few days at Wm. H. Smith's.

Mrs. Frank Hagerman has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Hehan Castle, at Alameda, Cal.
Miss Bessie Quick and friend, Miss Gibson, of Toronto, Ont., have been visiting Miss Bessie's many friends in this place.

Dr. Shaw has been entertaining his cousin, Miss Nettie Shaw, of Yale, Mich., and his niece, Miss Carrie Bubier, of Florence, Ont.
Mrs. Ellen Drew has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Hammond and daughter, from Minnesota, and a cousin, Mrs. Barum, of Byron.

Mrs. Robison and children, of Detroit, are visiting the Misses Post. Other visitors Sunday were Hoyt Post and family, of Detroit.
Miss Maude Campbell and Belle Ward left Thursday for a visit in Cleveland, Ohio. Maude will stay only a week, while Belle spends the summer.

Mrs. Rose Walker and Miss Carter, of Lansing, and Mrs. Dr. Isherwood, and daughter, Miss Maude, of Grand Haven, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Parks.
Miss Viola Pickering returned home last Thursday after having spent a few weeks helping to care for her little nephew, Bert Forman, who was dangerously hurt on the last day of school.

Miss Mollie Beardslee starts this week for a visit with Miss Mary Watkins, formerly of this place, but now of Albany, N. Y. She will go via the Michigan Central and return by way of New York.
Mrs. A. B. Hyatt and daughter, Miss Maud, of Linden, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Buttrick. Mrs. Hyatt is past worthy matron of the Eastern Star, of Linden, and a great worker in this delightful secret society.

Admission wanted for Mrs. M. L. F. and her family. The world's greatest naval hero, by Mrs. M. L. F. and her family. The world's greatest naval hero and admiral of the nation's fleet. Read and look! over 500 pages, 25c. Includes 100 page half-tone illustration. Only \$1.00. Shoppers' demand. Big. Write now. Outfit free. Chance of a lifetime. Write quick. The Double Company, 41 West 42nd St., New York.

SWAMP-Is not recommended for everything. But if you have a bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. As druggists in fifty-cent and dollar doses. You have a sample bottle of this wonderful new discovery by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it. Address, Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

MASON OF HIGH DEGREE
Is Venerable Col. Drew, of Royal Oak—Worked for Years in the interest of Masonry.

In a pleasant-looking standing beneath the shade of spreading branches at the quiet village of Royal Oak, there resides in the honorable retirement earned by years of useful and interesting work, a gentleman of respectable name in the annals of American Masonry—Col. William Henry Drew, formerly grand lecturer of the New York Grand Lodge, No. 1, and Accepted Master, whose words and deeds are still held in affectionate personal remembrance by the older Masons of the Empire State, and who was privileged to participate in many interesting experiences during his Masonic career. Made a Mason in Lockport, Lodge, No. 3, at Lockport, N. Y., about 1845, he became interested at once in the great association and successively became a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. Soon afterward he removed to Albany, N. Y., where he joined and became master of Renovation Lodge, No. 97, and also began that course of Masonic study and investigation which in the early '50s caused him to be selected as grand lecturer of the state. Col. Drew believed with all his heart that Masonry had a purpose and a mission in the world; and that the man who took upon it as an incident in the ordinary walks of life missed all its grandeur and truth.

As a grand lecturer it was Col. Drew's duty to travel through the Empire State, the work of the lodges, criticism, instruction, and explanation. That this work was done most faithfully is attested by the reports from district, deputy, and grand masters, printed in the Grand Lodge proceedings of those years, testifying to the value of the work and the increased zeal and interest of the craft in all the lodges where the grand lecturer labored. During this time he prepared and printed "Drew's Masonic Handbook," long a guide and instructor to the status of the lodge, and during the winter spent in New York City Col. Drew received, at intervals, the Scottish rite grade. Special meetings were called by the state of the lodge for that purpose, and the degrees were conferred as an honorarium in recognition of the services to Masonry rendered by the distinguished candidate.

When Col. Drew commenced his work as grand lecturer, Masonry had nearly acquired its old position in New York as an institution of magnificent high importance, although traces of the intense and Masonic excitement and crusade of 1820 and subsequent years, still remained. Among the lodges visited by Col. Drew was that of St. Louis, N. Y., in the room of which Morgan, the cause of Anti-Masonic agitation, was arrested on a criminal charge, whose subsequent disappearance, through alleged Masonic influence, brought on the intense strife, political and social, of those bitter years. In common with most all Masonic lodges as a measure of reverence and until the step of popular prejudice should have passed, the St. Louis lodge suspended work for several years. Col. Drew thinks he opened their St. Louis lodge for the first time after the Morgan excitement, but does not, at his advanced age of 51 years, and in the absence of records, dare to trust his memory, and so does not assert this as a fact. He is sure, however, that he first opened the St. Louis lodge, N. Y., lodge, after the Morgan excitement and describes in detail the dreary desolate appearance of the room. According to the old story or sentiment of the lodge, the key had not been turned in the door during all the intervening time, and as the interior was exposed to view, the eye beheld all the accumulated dirt and dust of the many years that had passed. Heavy masses of cobwebs hung from the ceiling, corners, and the pen laid down by the secretary, the night the lodge was closed was in its place as were jewels, cups, and other paraphernalia, all about the effect of time. A good cleaning soon put the room in order. But Col. Drew has never forgotten the impression caused by beholding the long unused and neglected lodge, which he was privileged to restore to the light of Masonry.

This work, rich in experiences and fruitful in results, was terminated by the death of his son, in 1861, when the civil war broke out and in which was gained the title of colonel. The grand lecturer felt it his duty to devote himself to the larger cause of the country, and chiefly through his efforts was raised the body of men which became the Twenty-first New York Regiment of Volunteers. Col. Drew started with the regiment as captain, was made major when it took the field, and in 1862 was promoted to be lieutenant colonel. An attack of typhus fever compelled him to resign from the service, and left him in such shattered health that he was not expected to live. He went to Ohio to be among relatives when the end came, but in time regained some strength, although never enough to make him a perfectly well man. Farming and hotel keeping afterward engaged his attention, and for about twenty years he was proprietor of the Dorsey house, at Blissfield, Michigan. There he was the victim of a disastrous fire, which destroyed the hotel and the greater part of a valuable Masonic library, the acquisition of years. About ten years ago, he purchased a farm near Royal Oak, in which he lived until last fall, when he turned it over to a tenant, and made his residence at the village.

Col. Drew is a native of Vermont, having been born in Shelburne township, on Lake Champlain, May 18, 1818, and received a good district school and academic education, which he supplemented by special course of study. His first and only employment, prior to becoming grand lecturer, was with the Albany & Buffalo Towing company, a concern which kept over 1,300 teams of horses at work along the Erie canal and operated steamboats on the lakes. This employment made it necessary for him to change his residence from time to time, to change his residence, always being at some canal town. In 1857 he was at Rochester and there engaged the volunteer work in which he considered he did more good to his country than in any other capacity throughout life. In company with a number of young men he served as teacher in night schools established by philanthropic citizens for

Worth Coming For.

William H. Elliott,

WOODWARD AND GRAND RIVER.

Belt Buckles in variety of designs, worth 50c, for 25c.
Swiss and Irish Handkerchiefs, embroidered, two for 25c.
Closing out of a lot of real Swiss Vests for Ladies—they were 50c each, we've cut them to 25c.
Wash Silks, beautiful styles, good qualities, too, worth 50c a yard, 33c for a while.
Fancy Ribbons, 25c quality at 10c. Plain Silk Taffetas, exquisite colors, also 10c.
Fine "Photo Charm" Pictures of Belle Isle Scenery, 25c each—Art stores ask 50c for them.
Our special 30c Summer Cord equals many 50c sorts elsewhere.
Table lots of Wash Fabrics, 5c a yard.
The Elliott velvet finish fast black Hose at 25c a pair are the best.
Remnants of Colored Dress Goods less than half price—there's Skirt and Waists lengths amongst them.

William H. Elliott.

the education of the poor children working in the tobacco factories. While in Rochester he was a member of the Rochester City Clubs, in which Masonic organization the late S. D. E. was one of its comrades. When residing at Lockport he was married to Emeline Richardson, who shared his lot during sixty-one years of wedded life. Both come of long-lived families, the century mark of age having been reached or passed by some of their ancestors. There were two children, Mrs. George W. Edwards, of Detroit, and Alfred Drew, of Chicago—(George H. Leonard, in Detroit Free Press).

FREE OF CHARGE.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Whitehead & Mitchell, will be presented with a sample bottle of Brocher's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Brocher's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away and your druggist will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75-cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.



Discovered by a Woman.

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need not lose flesh in summer if you use the prop. means to prevent it. You think you can't take SCOTT'S EMULSION in hot weather, but you can take it and digest it as well in summer as in winter. It is not like the other cod-liver oil, which is difficult to take at any time. If you are losing flesh, you are losing ground and you need

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and must have it to keep up your flesh and strength. If you have been taking it and prospering on it, don't fail to continue until you are thoroughly strong and well.

SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

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Time Table in Effect June 19, 1899.

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WEST BOUND FOR BIRMINGHAM.
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No. 12—Mail and Freight Express to Gt. Haven: 10:00 p.m.
No. 13—St. Louis Express to Gt. Haven: 10:00 p.m.
No. 14—St. Louis Express to Gt. Haven: 10:00 p.m.
No. 15—St. Louis Express to Gt. Haven: 10:00 p.m.

EAST BOUND.

No. 16—Chicago Express to Detroit and Grand Haven: 7:42 a.m.
No. 17—Detroit Express to Detroit and Grand Haven: 10:00 a.m.
No. 18—Mail to Detroit: 10:00 a.m.
No. 19—Evening Express to Detroit and Grand Haven: 10:00 p.m.

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All new styles.

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