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HOME NOTES

The boys are all getting the kite craze.

Mrs. Maria Tatt, an old lady of Pontiac, had a severe fall Sunday last.

The County Teachers' Institute commenced this week Monday at Pontiac.

It was finally saved after working over him for 36 hours. Whiskey did it—saved his life.

A little black dog, belonging to Wm. H. Smith, was killed by an electric car Sunday.

Rev. C. H. Perrin, of Detroit, will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

C. VanDorn, of Holly, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church, Sunday morning, Aug. 13.

Next regular meeting of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & M., Thursday evening, Aug. 17. J. B. Hunt, Sec.

The Detroit & Pontiac Railway "ain't doing a thing to Saginaw St. these days" is what the kids are saying.

It is said that the New State and the old Michigan Telephone Companies will consolidate. Wonder if they will?

The average value of the court houses of Michigan is \$57,361. Our county court house must have been rated at 30 cts.

It is almost known that the 'contempt of court case against Hon. Dan L. Davis will amount to nothing after all.

The Pontiac Gazette says Oxford business men have raised \$12,000 to carry on their annual street fair. Can this thing be?

A musical social will be given at the residence of Mr. A. A. Rust at Franklin on Friday evening, the 4th. Everybody invited.

Regular convention of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93, R. A. M., Monday evening, Aug. 14.

A. PARKER, Sec.

After nearly four years' absence, our old friend, J. W. Foster bop up serenely and is the same old genial chap as of yore.

Greg. H. Turk, of Pontiac, is doing "Yurupp" and last week's Post of Pontiac, had a long and interesting letter from the traveling Turk.

Are you going to the \$1.50 Niagara Fall excursion? It starts Saturday, Aug. 12th and a good safe time trip and visit guaranteed to all.

It will pay you to call on Zimmerman Bros. & Alger, Hardware, Pontiac, Mich., if you want a good cooking or heating stove at a low price.

Lost, July 30, on the Southfield road, a black astrakhan collette lined with green. Please leave at this office or with O. T. Jenks, Birmingham.

Eight cattle, affected with tuberculosis at the E. M. A. farm, were killed under orders from state veterinarian, Geo. W. Dumpay, of Quincy, Mich.

Any one desiring a suite of rooms suitable for light house-keeping can find their heart's wish by calling on Mrs. E. A. Crosby, Maple Ave. Prices reasonable. 1317

Several tools in the excursion to Niagara Falls last Thursday, among them being Robt. Hanna and wife, T. B. Bigham and wife, Ray Hamlin and Mr. Beardslee.

Mrs. Thos. Gray, of Pontiac, passed away recently by apoplexy. She was a loved lady and leaves a gentle sweet memory, which will live for years to come.

Ice cream and other refreshments will be served in abundance at the station picnic, Aug. 16. A liberal percentage of the receipts to be handed to the committee toward paying expenses.

Today at Pontiac Ross Stockwell and Manley Davis try the case of D. L. Davis vs. M. T. Jersey and the boys' friends are out in force to listen to the arguments.

Geo. H. Toms, our tonsorial artist, umpired a game of base ball between the cocktail mixers and the razor handlers at Pontiac last week. Of course the saloon men won.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—A new milch cow (Jersey) with calf. A thoroughbred and an "A1" milker. Call and see me. John J. Toms, near the old Morris Mill site. 1312

W. B. Knapp and George H. Mitchell had a fine day of fishing at Watkins Lake, and all stories fall back when either one begins to talk about their big one that got away.

The Baptist picnic, which was held last Wednesday at Long Lake, was, as usual a success. Quite an enjoyable time was spent by all who were lucky enough to be able to go.

Just think of it, Shakespeare's "As You Like It" out of doors by moonlight was successfully produced to Pontiac people recently. Professionals and good amateur talent made it a grand success.

The next annual school meeting is to be held in September. Don't forget it—attendance is assured, for everybody who came to the July call will surely come to the next meeting and bring a friend!

The Pontiac postoffice employees washed the windows of that institution, for everybody who came to the July call will surely come to the next meeting and bring a friend!

The Pontiac Gazette gave the unique performance last week a write up.

Rev. C. H. Morgan, of Saginaw, saved a young lad's life, who, while bathing in Orion Lake, got beyond his depth and would have drowned but for the reverend gentleman's help, who ran from a sick bed on hearing the alarm, and made the rescue.

Last Friday morning an accident happened in THE ELECTRIC OFFICE. Claire Aldrich, our efficient printer, had the press in motion and endeavoring to stop it to put a job on, two fingers of the right hand were caught, severely injuring them.

The young man is under the care of "Dr. E. J. Hough."

The cow kicked the bucket over and spilled the milk, and if you don't get the Farm Journal for the balance of 1899 and all of 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, nearly five years, just by paying for the ECCENTRIC a year ahead, you will be like the cow.

The Farm Journal is the biggest paper of its size in the United States of America.

The electric railroad from Pontiac to Orion is said to be a "sure aiff" go, now the farmers along the proposed route are willing to give enough from the front of their farms to build the road, franchise or no franchise. We hope its so for then a trip to Orion and the supervisor's picnic annually would be easy enough for any one.

An important musical was given at the residence of Mrs. E. Miller on Friday evening last. The participants were Miss Iva Sharpe, of Chicago; Mrs. H. W. Miller, of Detroit; Miss Carrie and Edith Miller, of Misses King, Sharpe, Desostelle, and German distinguishing themselves.

Sheriff Belt, of our county, has the nucleus of a mighty fine collection of criminal photographs, having secured an appropriation for the photographing of all criminals sent up from this county. Considering the class of crooks that Oakland county has been dealing with of late, it is not so surprising that the sheriff should want their "phizzes," altho' not for their beauty.

Arther M. Young, son of our old and much respected townsman, Frank Young, who is an eminent analytical chemist and a registered pharmacist and who has been managing druggist of a big retail store on Fort St. near the postoffice, in Detroit, has bought out the stock of Hicks & Boerem, of Pontiac, with Harry Whitfield and this young team ought to make a winning run.

Of all the comical little, puffy, snorting engines you ever saw, the one employed on the construction gang of the new electric road from Royal Oak to Rochester is the funniest. We were in Royal Oak the other evening and with a little like an expiring fog horn the little monster came along the street straining every nerve to make about five hours an hour with a couple of sand cars trailing behind. Everyone ran to the door to "see the dumpy come in," and we heard a strident whirr softly warble:

"Yo' most fine and shies on the Dammy Line. I'll show you a bit and a bit and a bit. And took supper at Glasgow on the Dammy Line."

Hereafter there will be no more unsightly telephone poles on Saginaw St. in Pontiac, belonging to the old reliable, i. e., Michigan Telephone Co., as more than a hundred men are busy laying the wires in conduits, and all will be completed in a few days. The new building which will be built by the company on their own land in the central business portion of our county seat.

John Barnett, of Commerce, whose brother is Rev. Frank Barnett, of Pontiac, was bitten savagely by a rattlesnake. He was passing a stump upon which his snakeship was coiled, and right here is where the snake did his nasty trick, that is he bit Mr. Barnett without the time honored custom of giving the alarm by rattling his rattle box. For this his snakeship was read out of the F. F. C.'s, while Mr. Barnett's life.

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 on their Board of Directors. 1116

H. Irving has brought us the first real genuine sugar beet of the season. It is a fine specimen and our county is the vicinity that can raise this vegetable in a way to enrich every farmer in Oakland county.

The Watkins stock farm has 12 acres in and J. H. Myers, the efficient foreman of this noted farm, has given employment at \$2000 his wages to employ an elderly man who, without the Watkins farm, would not have been able to have earned one cent.

The Lyceum Grand Theater is now open and playing to crowded houses, both at afternoon and evening performances. The Wilbur Kirwan Opera Co. is better than ever and give most universal satisfaction. You can enjoy the "Bushman Girl" tonight and at Saturday matinee and "Said Pasha," for Saturday night. The management of the old Reliable Lyceum is pleased with their patronage and promise their patrons another delightful season for 1899 and 1900.

Frank Schmidt, by his attorney, Jas. H. Lynch at Pontiac, has sued the C. T. Ry. in the Oakland Co. Circuit Court for \$10,000 damages and our "Jitumie" also has a claim against the Belt Line in Detroit for injuries done to Robert, to say nothing of spilling his wagon load of hogs out upon the morning air.

Surely James is getting to the front as well he ought if a sharp active brain is a winner—and it is.

VanEvery & Benedict, successors to Thos. Thurlby, have secured a practical blacksmith of 30 years of actual experience and are ready to do all kinds of blacksmithing and repairing. Horseshoeing and tire setting, a specialty. They also have in connection, a carriage and wagon shop, doing all kinds of carriage and wagon wood work and ironing. New work made to order, also carriage trimming and painting. Call and give us a trial. All work neatly and promptly done.

Pontiac is all torn up in several ways but of the greatest of these is the way the city tore up the Sylvan Lake electric east side track on Saginaw St. the entire length last Friday night. All night long the whistles blowing and the cheers of the streets full of spectators, urging on the hundred workmen who worked systematically and thoroughly, and did it well, too. Experienced men were at the head of the movement and to say the least, the city people are tickled to death over it and the Sylvan Lake folks are wearing wet.

The "Bee Tree Club," of Lansing, consisting of Whitehead, Green, Farland, et al., are enjoying a week's recreation and camping at Elizabeth Lake. The somewhat tanned individual, who does the cooking, was sent ahead to establish the camp, but when he got to Pontiac he established himself so firmly with some hilarious friends that the boys came along on Monday and not only had to establish the camp but get the nigger out of jail. They are now thoroughly at home in camp on Ebb. Voorheis' delightful grounds and are having the nicest kind of a time.

A grand time is expected on Wednesday next, on the grounds opposite the power house, the occasion being a picnic to be given by all the Sunday schools of Birmingham and vicinity. Every effort is being put forth to make it one of the events in the history of the

schools. Swinging, croquet, a few foot races, and other amusements peculiar to such occasions. Tables will be spread to seat about seventy-five at once. Even a band is expected to furnish music. All who are to participate are to meet at M. E. church and march to the ground in a body.

In a common council (Pontiac) article regarding clean streets, etc., the Pontiac Post says: "Along this same line Miss Mattie Baldwin, president of the Birmingham Improvement Society, has expressed a desire that a similar organization be organized here. The one thing noticeable about Birmingham is the cleanliness and neatness of its streets and the lack of signs tacked or painted on every convenient post or fence. These many improvements were all due to the energy of Miss Baldwin as president of the Improvement Society. That such an organization would be desirable here goes without saying."

There is no telephone company doing more for its patrons today than the old reliable Michigan Telephone Co. Rental rates are as low if not lower than any other company, while if you have the old phone in your home or on your office desk you are sure to get prompt, reliable and satisfactory service. This Company is paying out over a million dollars in this state alone, overhauling old lines, putting in new ones, metallic circuits and fitting up their public phones in a manner particularly gratifying to the public users. Rates to Detroit and Pontiac rock. Office at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store, Geo. H. Mitchell manager. It is cheaper than to write. Come in and try it. No get your party, no playing.

Of all the obliging officials with whom we ever travelled, the good captain of the "Ossifrage" of the Arnold line of steamers between Mackinac and Sault Ste. Marie, is watched by the eye on the course of the vessel up the tortuous channel of St. Mary's River, he is kept busy answering questions and gently showing his way about among the passengers on the upper deck and really giving a most entertaining lecture of points of interest along the route. If you are taking an outing and find your interest flagging anywhere about Mackinac or Chibogan, by all means take a trip up St. Mary's River to the "Soy" and be sure and get passage up and return on the "Ossifrage," and if you don't say that we are right about the good captain, we will take it all back again on your return.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. Andrews spent Sunday with Harry Coney.

Louie Hard, of Detroit spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. W. J. Bowman has gone to Niagara Falls.

A. Jurgensen, of Bay City, spent Sunday at Lone Pine.

Miss Grace Rice, of Detroit, is visiting at Pine Lake.

Masters George and Melvin Deir are visiting at Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. Smalley, visited Miss Viola Pickering Friday.

Mrs. John K. Adams was a Sunday visitor at Mrs. Bodine's.

Miss Belle Ward has returned from her visit in Cleveland, O. Edgar McBride, of Bois Blanc Island, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Florence Sawyer has returned from her sojourn at Pine Lake.

Messrs. Hugo and Theodore Wilde, of Detroit, were in town Sunday.

Miss Grace Deir, of Milford, is visiting her brother, W. I. Deir.

Miss Edith Kunistun, of Parkhill, Ont., is visiting her brother, E. J.

Mrs. J. D. Van Every and daughter, Winnie, are on the sick list.

Lorenzo Stilwell and sister, of Comber, Ont., have been visiting in town.

John M. Rainey, of Chicago, our own John, is home for a week's vacation.

I. B. Richardson and wife, of Bay City, are visiting their parents in this place.

Mrs. P. S. Pease, of Milwaukee, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cart.

Mrs. Art O'Neal, of Clarkston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spicer.

Miss Estelle Maden, of Plymouth, was here visiting Miss Olean Doty the past week.

Henry Coney, of Gutches College, Detroit, is sick at the home of his aunt, Mrs. C. 1116

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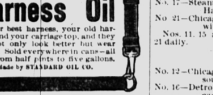
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Miss Foster, of Mt. Clemens, has been visiting Mrs. M. E. Henne- way the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHugh and son Eddie spent Sunday with relatives at Southfield.

Miss Frankie Fredericks and a lady friend, of Detroit, visited Mrs. E. R. Smith one day last week.

Mr. Lewis, of Clarkston, and Willard Crosby, of the same place, have recently visited Mrs. Crosby.

Steven and Jeris Brush, of Amberg, were guests at Mrs. Howland's and Mrs. Crombie's last week.

Miss Nellie Barron, of Howell, made a flying visit to this place last week, the guest of Miss Mollie Smith.

Mr. Seth Randall, of Ann Arbor, and Harry Randall, of Saginaw, are visiting their mother, Mrs. E. A. Randall.

J. Waters Lee and wife, of Detroit, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Volney Lee, of this place.

Miss Mary E. Uter is slowly but surely recovering from a severe illness and her many friends rejoice for recovery.

Miss Delia Crosby is visiting friends at Holly, and with them camping out and having most enjoyable vacation.

Guests at L. Sawyer's the past week: C. A. Warren and wife, of Detroit, and Miss Edna Henderson, of Drayton Plains.

Mrs. Biglow and daughter, Bessie, accompanied by Mrs. Hodges, of Pine Lake, leave today to take a trip to Boston and Long Branch.

Miss Carrie VanEvery has so far recovered from her accident as to be out and is now visiting relatives in Franklin and North Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ruckman, of Washington, D. C., are visiting her parents, T. A. Ward and wife, and from here will go to Saine to visit Mr. Ruckman's parents.

Recent visitors at the home of W. H. Smith: J. V. Allen and wife, of Blairstown, N. J. and Geo. Hankinson, of Little Falls, N. J. and Staff Cole, of Orion. All had a happy time of course.

Mrs. Ernest Spencer, with her two children, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Leet, since May, returned to her home at East Lake, Saturday. From there she will go south for her health.

Miss Lina Colvin, of Nebraska, is visiting her aunts, Mrs. Crombie and Mrs. Howland. It will be gratifying to some people to know that this is the young lady who was seen carrying a gun on our streets last Saturday night—a very common thing in Nebraska.

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