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HOME NOTES

Did you see our street sprinkler Monday?

Mrs. Edwin Baldwin has a hardy hydrangea with over sixty blossoms.

J. J. Becknell, of Ypsilanti, will occupy the Baptist pulpit next Sunday morning.

The young man gave a dance at Labrary Hall last Friday evening. All report a good time.

Don't forget the Aid Society at Mrs. Frank Allen's this (Friday) afternoon. Everybody come.

There will be no morning or evening services at the M. E. church next Sunday, but Sunday school as usual.

Covenant meeting at the Baptist church tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 2:30 p. m., will be led by Mr. Becknell.

The thanks of the Village Improvement Society are due to those who patronized their ice cream sale last Saturday evening.

Last week we failed to mention Deputy Sheriff, George W. Fay's name in connection with the finding of Will Baum's horse.

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

A "Japanese Tea" will be given in the basement of St. James church on Tuesday evening, Aug. 8th, by the Girls' Auxiliary. Tea will be served for tea. Everyone invited.

Watch out for cheap bargains in Barred Plymouth Rocks, Light Brahma's and White Leghorns. Light Brahma eggs for sale now at 25c a setting. R. A. Whitehead.

All of our county exchanges contain items of their annual school meetings, showing that the thrifty, up-to-date school districts hold their annual meetings as they should in July.

H. B. Merritt, Pontiac, has something new to say this week about tan shoes for comfort during warm weather. You can buy them now at reduced prices. See ad on next page.

All who are intending to join the Ladies' Literary Club for the coming season are invited to meet with Miss Baldwin next Monday evening, Aug. 7th, to arrange program for the year's work.

The Park and Cemetery for July urges villages and towns to make the railroad fronts and stations attractive. Ours certainly is so, and you know it is these neat grounds that brought Dr. Inglis and family here to live.

Everybody and a few more of our citizens went to the great Alger reception tendered to him by the citizens of the whole state of Michigan. Great enthusiasm was manifested and everybody joined 'em. We went with them.

The ball game played between the Franklin second nine and Waterford held at the latter place, resulted in a score of 30 to 18 in favor of Waterford. Both the 1st and 2d nines of Franklin will play the Waterford team at Green's Park, Franklin, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

If you want to know what a miserable sneak you are, run for some office or receive the appointment of one. Your most ardent wishes will be abundantly satisfied on that point.—Bro Cannon in Oxford Globe. See here, Bro Cannon, what office you were running for?

On Wednesday, Aug. 10th at 8:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. James Shain, the monthly meeting of W. H. M. S., of the M. E. church will be held. An interesting program on "The Mifmons" will be followed by tea. As admission, a ball of rags for our new carpet or 5c, towards warp. Tea too.

Union services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday. Rev. H. S. Justema will preach.

At the request of many persons who have misplaced the paper, we publish again the list of books to be used in the Modern Novel Club next winter: David Horn, Pound of Cure, Helbeck of Banisdale, Mutual Friend, Battle of the Strong, Light that Failed, The Master Craftsman, The Marble Fawn, Aschenbrodel.

Very many ladies are making most successful life insurance agents and among the many we find Mrs. I. N. Baker enlisted, who will work for the interests of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Detroit. We predict her a successful career in her new vocation and her many friends will join us in our best wishes.

Pedestrians should never dodge to get out of the way of a bicycle. The person who rides a bicycle don't care to be bumped, and they will look out for you every time. When you see a bicyclist coming, walk right along, as if nothing had happened, and he will steer clear of you. When you get to dodging that gets the bicyclist confused and is liable to be a collision.

The thirty-second reunion of the 22nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry will be held at Ann Arbor, Thursday, Aug. 24. There will be a banquet, a visit to the University Museum and Art Gallery at 2:30 p. m., and a stand up with a banquet in Light Infantry Armory, at 7:30 p. m. Reduced rates have been secured on all Railroads.

The editor of an exchange pens the following: "If men are the salt of the earth, women must be the sugar." Salt is not necessary—sugar is a luxury. Vicious men are salt-peter, stern men are rock salt, nice men are table salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons are loaf sugar and the pretty girls are fine pulverized sugar. Pass the sugar, please, the pulverized kind.

It may seem strange, but it is a fact, that we can send you the Farm Journal for the balance of 1899 and all of 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, nearly five years, if you pay for the ECCENTRIC one year ahead—both papers for just the price of ours. Whether you can reap the advantages of this surprising offer depends on how soon you come forward with the cash.

J. B. Chappell, Detroit, was in town on Monday and effected the purchase of the Monroe laundry and will move here at once and operate the same. The Gorton building on 4th street has been secured and refitted for the purpose. Mr. Chappell comes highly recommended as a laundryman and business man and will doubtless give his patrons entire satisfaction. We wish him success.—Rochester Clarion.

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.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a smile. No one cares to hear whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism. Meet your friends with a smile, for a good humored man or woman is always welcome, but the dyspeptic or hypochondriac is not wanted anywhere and is a nuisance as well.

Our town seems to have a streak on for changes, the last one is the selling of the T. Thurlby blacksmith shop to Will Benedict, who with John VanEvery as a partner will fix it up into a first-class blacksmith and wagon shop and are now ready for all kinds of work in their line. Mr. VanEvery will keep his paint shop where it is and will do all kinds of painting, while his son Will will look after the wagon shop.

The new firm have push in them and we know they are bound to succeed.

Our Franklin friend, R. C. Cummings is quite a bicyclist and sells among his many good wheels the Columbia and the other day, while in our town, ran onto E. S. Edwards, who is the champion century rider of the world. Dick's acquaintance with this wonderful rider was very pleasant and we glean the following from Dick himself regarding the rider's endurance, pluck and perseverance, "Teldy," as he is called,

weights only 120 pounds, born in Wales, is an American citizen and a member of the New York Century Wheelmen. His record of 250 consecutive daily centuries is remarkable, and is four times better than any other record and probably will never be equalled. At the end of the ride the original running gear remained intact without having received repairs of any kind. The entire machine had stood the strain splendidly. He had of course worn out several pairs of tires and suffered loss of spokes through the accidents. Violent contact with a trunk in his baggage car had necessitated repairs to one of the main tubes, but in every essential this Columbia, beautiful, chainless wheel had perfectly withstood the strain and wear and tear of over 29,000 miles of riding, and a good deal of it the hardest kind of riding. R. C. Cummings, of Franklin, is agent for the Columbia wheel.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Wm. Reynolds is on the sick list.

Miss Eva Stabler is visiting at Elm, Mich.

Miss Ida McKinney has gone to Vernon to look in.

Mrs. C. E. Owen spent Saturday and Sunday in Detroit.

John Irving, of Detroit, was a visitor in town Monday.

Charles N. Leet Sundayed with Miss Ethel Bruce at Clarkson.

James Dewey, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mrs. Lottie Dewey.

Miss Minnie Wilson has returned from her visit with Mrs. G. Wolfe, of Detroit.

Miss Gates, of Grace hospital, visited Mrs. C. B. Owen one day last week.

Royce Thorpe, of Fenton, was the guest of Miss Mayme Taber one day last week.

Miss Elsie Benjamin, of Royal Oak, spent last week with her sister, Miss Nellie Gould.

Miss Carrie Spencer and George Waite, of Rochester, called on Miss Lola Wilcox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Myers and son Earl, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Tibbis.

George A. Ford, of Cross Village, Mich., visited relatives and friends in town last Sunday.

Wm. Blackmer and sister Helen, Minneapolis, were recent visitors at Mrs. L. H. Sawyer's.

Master Louie Wilde, of Mt. Clemens, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Zilpha Simonson.

Miss Jennie Rouse and Mrs. Will and Ed O'Neal this week.

Miss Mollie Smith entertained Misses Jennie Brown and Mina Hammond, of Detroit, one day this week.

Capt. Henry Martin, of Otter Lake, who is well known here visited his niece, Mrs. Lottie Dewey one day last week.

Mrs. Rhoda Skinner, Mrs. Retta Barr, and son returned the latter part of last week from a two weeks' sojourn at Bay View.

Max and Tom O'Leary, of Detroit, came out on their wheels Sunday and staid a few hours with their grandfather, C. E. Owen.

Misses Maude and Belle Rowley, who have been visiting at Mrs. M. J. Eddy's for a couple of weeks, returned to their home at Port Huron Tuesday.

Miss Florence Sawyer, of Detroit, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs. L. H. Sawyer, has gone to Pine Lake to spend a week with Mrs. Zack Rice.

J. M. Coney and wife, of Jackson, visited his sister, Mrs. Nellie Camp, Sunday last, and on their return took Miss Nellie Camp home with them for a summer's vacation.

Dr. Frank E. Thomas, wife and son, Master Emmet, of Mason, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, of our village. Fishing and resting are the Doctor's hardest work just now.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eagle of Franklin, and Miss Libbie Cotcher of Pontiac, accompanied their cousin, Mrs. J. V. H. Scovill, who has been visiting in this vicinity the last few weeks, to Utica, N. Y.

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be relieved by the means possible for it. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from yellow jaundice for over six months and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and to no avail. Dr. Bell, our drug agent, recommended Electric Bitters, and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I got my bottles from M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky." Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

"NOT THIS MAN BUT BARABAS."

By TOM WILLIAMS.

Right had spread her so to emanate over valley, plain as a hill, and the throbbing pulse of commerce in Jerusalem was still. Multitudes were in the city and each day the throng increased. From all parties a host of Jesus to attend the sacred feast. They had been a commotion, such as men had seldom seen. For the city had been entered by a humble Nazarene. And the thousands people started making all the arched ring. With their eyes of kind bosoms unto Him as he went by. And he held the many changes with their infamy and fraud. And he scourged them without mercy till they fell in deep shame. And he overthrew their tables where they made their worship pay. The ministers' got angry and the "deacons" lost their brains. And the "stewards" and the "elders" looked as if they were insane. And the "sessions" held a council, sneaking around behind the screen, and they all conspired together to deny the "Nazarene."

So they skulked about the city under cover of the night, for the light was destined to their bloody deeds of spite.

But at last they found their victim where he'd gone and to pray. And they hurried Him to trial long before the break of day.

Well, who knows his soul was spotless, a virt life had ever been. They had tried in vain to trap and betray Him into sin.

But they forged an accusation—the best that they could bring.

So the governor examined Him with scrutinizing eye.

Till he came to the conclusion that their charge was all a lie.

And he said to the people, "You have thought Him here in vain. You have made an accusation which you never can sustain."

Well, I know that He is innocent and pure as man can be.

And 'tis only through your envy that you brought Him here to me.

If you would order his life here you will find it in your power.

I will therefore now cast Him and then let Him go His way.

Then the multitude was frantic and wild with one accord.

Wailing the preachers and officials led the wild "Satanic shout."

"No, this is not Barabab, leader of the brutal clan. We put for the highway robber to the pure and stainless man."

And they still kept up the clamor, which each moment was increased.

That the Nazarene be murdered and the robber be released.

And their Jewish demands being loud and louder still, overawed the crieron cessant till he yielded to their will.

"Oo, these heartless, crafty malanders!" I hear somebody say.

But, are they so much more wicked than the people of today?

For this Jesus and Barabab, both are living in our time.

And our crime, the same as ever, is for rightness of our times.

Jesus lives in every principle of righteousness today.

And Barabab is besetting us to lead our feet astray.

They are both as much on trial as they were in Pilate's day.

And within our heart's affections they must either stand or fall.

When a scheme, in that question is debated in your mind.

By a close investigation you are very sure to find that, if selfish predominates, whatever be the cause.

You exalt the vile Barabab and leave Jesus to the cross.

If your Jesus is neglected then Barabab must be crowned.

You are one way or the other: there can be no middle ground.

If you choose a course of evil by an action all your own.

You place your Jesus on the scaffold and Barabab on the throne.

There's a question of high honor to be voted on today.

For the lions of Rome are clanking, at the right hand, the right of way.

And you know they are destructive and degrading to the human.

But you think them less repulsive when "the strict and confined."

And you say, "It is only for lions that I give my Savior so."

For he takes his pay expenses and it makes the laws law.

You are saying by your ballot just as plain as you can, "I prefer the highway robber to the pure and stainless man."

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With its life associations, detriments as they are. Yet, oh how can you improve him, though he goes so far astray. While you pay him for his services and work him all the day. In God's name, on christening brother, arise from your deadly sleep. If you dream a little longer you will wake up to weep. Agitate these wild questions until men are forced to hear, and of course you will be hated and despised, but do not fear. Do not falter in the struggle though unequal and severe. You can never be defeated while you keep your Captain near. For the time is surely coming when good men will change their plan, and they will spare the highway robber and exalt the stainless man. Birmingham, Mich.

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