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"Swaying idly in the hammock, In the shelter of the trees, Weathing the cool, broad piazza, Ethel peacefully reclines, Lovingly a ray of moonlight, As she sways, around her dips, In the parlor, near the window, Ethel's youthful brother sits, Some one softly comes behind her, Ethel every footstep hears, But she is not moved a muscle; Truly brave girls have no fears! Some one softly swoops down over her, Next a kiss, a sudden sting, And that watchful boy announces, "Ethel's caught a kissing bug!"

Remember the contest, Labor Day next Monday. School begins next Tuesday.

V. P. C. U. Assembly Wednesday. Don't fail to hear the Silver Grays. See what R. H. Traver says about comparison this week.

Musical by the little blind boy Tuesday evening next.

"C." Shafer is doing a rushing trade these days. See ad. Experience social in October—given by Presbyterian ladies.

An autumnal attraction will be the Eggsbergier Sossible. Monday next is a legal holiday. Bank will be closed.

Haste the glad day when we can have more wells and plenty of water. Don't fail to attend the musicale at the home of Mr. Murch Tuesday evening.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Wm. Parks is more comfortable at this writing.

For school children, stalls to rent at \$1 per month. S. Peck, Bates street.

The M. E. church society of Big Beaver are enjoying a good old-time picnic today—Friday.

Come to the school house next Monday evening and vote for good men to fill the Board out.

Next Tuesday evening at the M. E. church will be held the first Silver Gray contest. Try to attend.

What benefit has Clizbe been to our school and its success during his three years' run? Ans. O.

Farmers who wish a genuine wheat fertilizer will do well to buy Pure Ground Bone of Smith & Co.

Mrs. B. Shain has taken possession of the cozy apartments in Mrs. E. A. Crosby's house on Maple Ave.

Cinderalla-footed people are the favored ones at C. H. Going's Shoe House, Pontiac, this week. See ad.

Covenant meeting at the Baptist church Saturday of this week, at which the Rev. I. J. Bicknell, of Ypsilanti, will preside.

Boys and girls, go into Whitehead & Mitchell's and get your pencils sharpened in the new machine—the greatest invention on earth.

The B. Y. P. U. Convention at Orchard Lake last week was very largely attended and the program was one of unusual inspiration and interest.

Annual school meeting next Monday evening. Let everyone who attended the one adjourned in July be on hand to vote as they talk and all will be well.

The ball game played at Franklin between Clawson and Franklin 29 nine last Saturday afternoon resulted in a score of 36 to 6 in favor of the latter.

Ground was broken last week for a new residence on Brown street. It will be erected by Volney Lee, who has been rooming at Mrs. Taber's for some time past.

FOR SALE—A 5-burner Gasoline Stove with Oven, in first-class condition. Must be sold within two weeks and will go very cheap for cash. Owner will remove to city and use gas. Mrs. John Harley, Chicken Hatchery, opposite tollgate north of Birmingham. 1812

Married, at the residence of Thos. O. Tyack, in Troy, by David M. Doty, Justice of the Peace, August 27, '99, George Wager and Miss Lizzie Poland.

Rev. Eugene Allen addressed a Sunday School Convention at White Lake Thursday evening of last week, and one in Davisburg last Tuesday evening.

The village treasury will no doubt soon be enriched by some \$5 fines for violation of the sidewalk bicycle law. People are very indignant and threaten to do something.

Umbrellas were in vogue a short time here last Saturday, which came near causing several cases of nervous prostration, but nary a drop of rain did Pontiac get.

Last Friday evening was the second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. Harris, of Big Beaver, who were tendered a pleasant surprise as a reminder of the occasion.

Henry Miller, of Southfield, has without doubt raised the best crop of oats in this vicinity. From his field of six acres he raised \$3 bushels of oats to the acre and is quite pleased with his crop.

John McKee, who not so very long ago was a South Lyon school boy, has entered the missionary service and takes his departure soon for his field in Siam.—Pontiac Times and News.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society were very pleasantly entertained at the residence of Mrs. Theron Smith Wednesday. The menu was all that an epicurean could ask for.

John Wilkinson is quite a poultry fancier and has two fine golden pheasants born in old Birmingham. They are going to be beauties, but have that gold look and instead of a free flyer of the air.

Frank Schlaek, who fell through the upper floor of the old Schlaek building while tearing it down some two weeks ago, is slowly convalescing. His injuries were of an internal nature and quite serious.

Rev. I. J. Bicknell, of Ypsilanti, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, September 7.

The Lord's Supper will be observed immediately after the morning service.

A fair subscriber asks us about kissing bugs and concludes: "Is there really any such thing?" We don't know. But years ago there was a kissing bee at nearly all social gatherings of the young people.

Four stalls for pupils' horses, who will attend school, adjoining the school ground can be had at very reasonable rates by applying on the premises. Mr. Schoonover, in Elder Houghton's west of school house.

LOST—On Thursday, Aug. 12th, between the postoffice and Geo. H. Mitchell's residence, a small silver friendship heart marked "Ala." Will the finder please return to Carrie E. Mitchell and receive her grateful thanks.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday, September 5, at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. Waldo. This will be a meeting of special interest and it is hoped all the members and as many of their friends as possible will be there.

Rev. H. S. Justema occupies his pulpit again as usual next Sabbath, September 3, both morning and evening. "The Apostle's Therefore" is the morning theme. Evening subject—"Pressing Into the Kingdom."

What has Clizbe succeeded in doing during his three-year run on the school board? Two things—smoothed a grade in the Ford block and destroyed a good chimney in the school building, both a damage to health and building.

Rochester firemen have received official information that the electric line from Royal Oak will be in operation to the top of Butts Hill by September 15, and they are making extensive preparations for a great field day on that date.

The dancing party in Library Hall last Friday night was one of the most enjoyable of the season. LeBaron Conn, of Pontiac furnished the music, which was of a very satisfactory order. The young man knows how to manipulate the violin.

Miss Sadie Sly arrived home from the east Saturday, coming from Buffalo on the Northwest of the Northern Steamship Company line. Miss Sly has been connected with the Penn Hospital in Philadelphia for the past year and a half.

Several from Birmingham attended services in the Woodward avenue Baptist church, Detroit, Sunday evening. Rev. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, Ky., is supplying that pulpit at present, and the

gentleman is a person of no ordinary ability.

Let every mother who has the interest of the school at heart, every woman who owns property and who has the interest of the village at heart, go to the school meeting next Monday evening and vote for persons who will not repeat the events of the past year.

Whew! But that September Clearing Sale now on at Frank Blakelee's is really keeping track of, and we would advise every one to do so. All kinds of summer goods go at prices that will astonish the natives. The articles are too numerous to mention. See adv for further particulars.

Who would make good school board members? We have no choice. Anybody not controlled or led or moulded by Clizbe like a wad of putty, would suit us. How would A. Partridge, Eugene Brooks, Martha Baldwin, Frank Blakelee, Lyman Peabody, D. M. Johnston, or Harvey Wilson do?—and a few such.

The threshing machine is abroad in the land—looking for something to do. The jobs are thick enough, but there's nothing to thresh. When a farmer harvests 50 acres of wheat and threshes out nine bushels, there's something wrong with the thresh, or else Mark Hanna has got back from Europe.

Did you know that there is a furniture store and repair shop located near the water works building in our town? Well, there is, and it is a very useful institution. You can purchase furniture outright or have it made to order, or your old furniture made new by repairing. See Mr. Davis' new ad in this issue and give him a call.

Hurray for the annual school meeting at the school house next Monday evening. Let every voter be present and exercise his right and will to put in three good men. We have 'em in our midst. Men who want a new building—men who have sense enough to do it and can act on their own judgment and not be ruled or guided by any one short or long.

The Farm Journal is choke full of gumption and has the largest circulation of any farm paper in the world. It is good everywhere. We offer it for a short time as a prize to advance paying subscribers to the Eccentric a year ahead and the Farm Journal for the balance of 1899 and all of 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, all for the price of our paper alone.

Little Wilson March, the 9-year-old blind prodigy, will give a musicale at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murch, who reside in the Blumberg house on Pierce St., next Tuesday evening. The little fellow is totally blind. On this occasion he will play four different instruments, and will be assisted by a violinist. The finances are to help defray the expense of sending the boy to the Blind School at Lansing. Everybody turn out and help a worthy cause. The admission will be 10¢; children 5¢.

Once on a time Clizbe complained in a Pontiac paper that we had the best of him because we could get our opinions to the public through our paper and he could not. Another misleading fact. He knows he has been told that our columns are open to him freely, as long as he writes nothing obscene or profane. We never have refused him anything he might say about us in our own paper.

We believe in a free press for a free people. He uses our paper for it is free, but when he has a cash job of course he takes his work elsewhere. "Twas ever thus."

In a recent letter from our old time friend W. N. McKee, now a resident of Lake Forest, Ill., he gives the following particulars regarding certain members of the family: "John and his bride leave here today (August 23) for Los Angeles, Cal. They sail on September 11 from Vancouver, B. C. for their new home in Bangkok, Siam. Julia leaves today for her position at Bozeman, Mont, where she enters upon her fourth year's work." We're always glad to hear from Will, and so are the rest of the people around here.

When you take a check, draft, or in fact any other paper to be cashed at your bank, first endorse your name on the back of it and then present it at the wicket. You might say that this would be a risky thing to do before you find out if it will be cashed or not. If it is refused, it is the simplest thing in the world to run a pen through your signature, thus relieving you of any responsibility in the matter. Always put your name across the left hand end of the back of the

check, because this leaves room for other endorsements, and if they are all on the left end they will follow consecutively in the order of the endorsement. This is the right way, it expedites business, and always gives your banker an idea that you are used to doing business in a business-like manner, and it is just as easy to do it right as wrong.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Jane Todd is very ill. Mrs. T. B. Eldred Sundayed in Detroit.

Miss Delia Crosby spent Monday in Holly. Mrs. W. Wood has been enjoying a visit of several days in Detroit.

Master Herbert Meyer, of Detroit, visited Glenn Robinson this week. Master Frank Deir has returned from a visit with friends in Canada.

Mrs. L. M. Hubert is visiting relatives and friends at Osley, Ont. Miss Maude Campbell visited relatives in Royal Oak a part of last week.

Mrs. T. W. Christian is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Toms this week. Mrs. J. L. Dunbar, of Flint, was a guest at Mrs. F. Packard's last week.

Miss Emma Reed returned Saturday from a pleasant outing at St. Clair.

Miss Sarah Reed, of Detroit, is spending the week with her sister, Miss Emma.

Mrs. W. H. Ward, of Buffalo, N. Y., is a guest of her sister Mrs. Will O'Neal.

Miss Nellie Gould is enjoying a two weeks' vacation with her parents near Sand Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Banghart, of Rochester, were guests of Mrs. Theron Smith Saturday.

Miss Eva Ewing, of River Rouge, visited among her many Birmingham friends last week.

Mrs. Sarah Carter is spending a few weeks with friends in Holly, Flint and Saginaw.

George Ford, of Cross Village, Mich., is spending a week in Birmingham and vicinity.

Miss Allie Crosby, of Clarkston, has been spending a few days with her Grandma Crosby.

W. B. Ewing, of River Rouge seemed right at home on our streets Monday of this week.

Prof. Zimmerman, of Pontiac, has been rustimating at the home of his parents in this vicinity.

Miss May Stowell, of Drayton Plains, was entertained by Miss Minnie Staley this week.

Messrs. Frank and Bert Shearer, and Ward Boulier, of Detroit, spent Sunday with friend in town.

Mrs. Albert Simpson and little daughter, of Clarkston, visited relatives here a part of last week.

Miss Viola Pickering was a most welcome guest of Miss Annie Johnson of Detroit, one day last week.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons, of St. Marys, Ont., visited Mrs. E. A. O'Neal and Mrs. Dan'l M. Johnston last week.

Miss Glaspie, of Oxford, and Miss Dinsmore, of Imlay City, were guests of Mrs. Escar Hough Saturday.

Geo. Cronk, of Flashing, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Emeline Richardson.

Miss Blanche Reiss, John Hawley and Russell Clemons, of Detroit, were Sunday guests of Miss Minnie Wilson.

Miss Bertha Bigelow has returned from a delightful outing at St. Clair Flats.

Rev. Blanchard, of Vernon, after attending the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Orchard Lake, visited Birmingham and Troy friends.

The Misses Emma Blakelee and Mable Koont visited their old schoolmate Ethel Parkinson; at Port Huron a few days this week.

Mrs. Alex. McKellop, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Blauevelt, returned to her home in Chicago Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Crosby entertained her sister-in-law Mrs. M. Johnston, of Saginaw, and her daughter Mrs. Lewis, of Clarkston, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fralic and two daughters, Annie and Louise, of Toledo, were welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Langley a part of last week.

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Fine "Photo Charm" Pictures of Belle Isle Scenery, 25c each—Art stores ask 50c for them. Our special 30c Summer Corset equals many 50c sorts elsewhere.

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ROY BLAKELEE, Wesley Goodwin and Gus Vermilyea took in the sights at Niagara Falls last week, also visited the cities of Toronto and Buffalo. They had a grand time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. Christian spent a pleasant day on Wednesday last with Mrs. G. W. Dawson; the following day with their son C. F. Jarvis and family of Troy.

Visitors at Frank Blakelee's last week: Mrs. Jessie Mayber, of Clarkston; Mrs. Elmer Robbins, of Waterford; Miss Mina Cooney, of Pontiac, and Herbert Russell, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Howard and daughter Miss Marjorie, after nearly two months with relatives and friends in Birmingham and vicinity, and a pleasant outing at several northern resorts, have returned to their home in Owosso.

Miss Ida McKinney, who was called to Vernon several weeks ago by the sudden death of her sister, returned home Friday. She was accompanied by the motherless little ones who will remain with their Grandma McKinney for a time.

One day last week Stephen Hill and Miss Jennie Clift of Big Beaver, Mrs. Geo. Dawson, baby, and Master Cecil of Troy, and Mrs. Lydia Musgrave, took a day's outing in Detroit, visiting Grosse Pointe, the Water Works, having a delightful ride on the river and an enjoyable day all around, especially for Master Cecil.

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