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ROYAL OAK.

Comers and Goers Church Notes Eyesight Restored Citizens Attended the Wiseman Trial Sad Case of the Appetite for Drink.

Preparations for Christmas is the order of the day.

Mrs. J. A. Campbell visited at Dr. Campbell's, in Birmingham one day last week.

Royal Oak seems to be singularly healthy this season. We do not know of any seriously sick in our midst.

The old saying that "winter will not come until the swamps are full of water" seems likely to be fulfilled this season.

Mrs. Cassius Carter of Birmingham was the guest of her sister, Mrs. McClure, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ira Barnum went to Southfield last Sunday to spend a week or ten days with her aunt, Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. McCormick has returned from a short trip in the South.

Little Merrill Merritt was suffering the past week with a bad case of eczema on his face, but it has nearly disappeared under Dr. Hammond's treatment.

On Monday, December 9, your correspondent noticed a pansy blossom in the open yard of one of our townsladies. A pretty good indication of a mild season, is it not?

Quite a number of our townspeople attended the Wiseman trial at Pontiac last week and heard his sentence. Mrs. Conrad of this place was a witness and several of her lady friends attended with her.

Those who are obliged to wait for the electric cars are glad that the work on the waiting room is completed so that it can be used again. While the work was going on the room was closed and travelers had to wait outside in the cold and storm.

The W. C. T. U. meets this Friday at the home of Mrs. Warner. All ladies are invited to attend and join the ranks, for the need of organized temperance women is sadly evidenced even in as small a place as Royal Oak.

Last Sunday was one of the gloomiest days that we have seen in a long time—a good day to stay at home. Very few people were seen on the streets. Only twenty-two persons were present at the morning service in the M. E. church and there was no Sunday school, Epworth League or evening service.

There have been services for several Sundays in the Congregational church and if the people are united in their desires it is possible that a regular pastor may be secured. It is to be hoped that such a result may be obtained as it is a pity to see the vacant churches in this place. The Baptist church has been closed about four years.

Mrs. W. Campbell, who has been detained in one of the Detroit hospitals for about six weeks on account of an operation on her eyes, was able to leave there on the last day of November and has since been staying with her son, Dr. Campbell, at Birmingham. The operation was entirely successful and she will return to her own home later on.

The house occupied by the Huss family has never been occupied since the disappearance of the ill-fated woman who was once its mistress. It stands empty and desolate like a haunted dwelling and no one who is acquainted with the subsequent history of the case will be likely to care to occupy it. Thus even buildings seem to become cursed through associations with crime.

Mrs. Decker, who was sentenced to the Detroit House of Correction for 65 days, completed her time last week. It is sad that women as well as men will become slaves to the drink habit. We suppose a woman has just as good a right to get drunk and ruin her home as a man has, if she wants to, but it looks worse, especially when she is the mother of a large family of innocent children.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

CLAWSON.

Miss Emma Toms of Birmingham visited at Francis Poole's last week.

Mrs. Sarah Ferguson of Lapeer and Mrs. Stitt of Orion visited Mrs. G. W. Hunt recently.

H. J. Bowers was on the sick list recently.

S. L. Robbins of Big Beaver takes possession of the Clawson store this week.

Francis Poole is putting up a new wind mill.

Lee Halsey entertained his Sunday school class Thursday evening, the occasion being his 20th birthday.

BIG BEAVER.

Winter must be here the Robbins are going south.

No school last week on account of the illness of the teacher.

Miss Mabel Sage visited her friend, Mrs. Stevenson of Royal Oak over Sunday.

We understand there will be at least two weddings at Christmas time. Now put on your guessing caps.

Taxes are ripe at this season of the year, also Christmas is coming. These two events empties the pocketbooks of the average man.

Mrs. D. Harris spent a day in Detroit with her sister, Mrs. Ross Smith, last week. We are glad to learn that Mr. Smith is convalescing.

The Lady Maccabees will give an amusing entertainment entitled "The Old Maid's Convention" at Maccabee hall on Friday evening, Dec. 20th. Admission 10c. Come and get a dollar's worth of fun for only a dime.

A Good Cough Medicine.

From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.

I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. Wockner. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefitted, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

TROY.

Mrs. Geo. Morriss, who has been visiting her parents at the Sloan farm for some time, has gone to Dallas, Texas, where her husband is putting in an electric road.

Claud Harris and wife took in the "Bostonians" at the Detroit opera house last week.

Miss Pearl Lamb, who is now teaching in district No. 4, is doing nicely and is very much liked by her pupils.

A stranger related this little anecdote which happened a few days ago.

"I was a little amused while riding on one of the suburban lines, when an old timer boarded the car, with his long, distinguished-looking locks floating about his ears, which gave him the appearance of a great poet or speaker. But when he opened up conversation with the conductor I found my mistake, as he evidently thought he owned the road and ought to be transported free of charge. 'Because,' said he, 'don't you know my Georgie? He's my boy. I'm his father, don't you know?' Evidently he was trying to identify himself through Georgie. I wondered if Georgie, whoever he was, could have seen his father just then, if he would be as proud of him as the father seemed to be of Georgie. What a pity that such smart looking men should be such a disgrace to themselves and family, when they might be a blessing to the world, cut out whiskey."

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL.

Council Room, November 11, 1901.

Regular meeting.

President Rundel in the chair.

Trustees present: Daines, Parks, Smith, Whitehead and Schlaack. Absent: O'Neal.

On motion of Parks supported by Whitehead, that the following bills be allowed as read and orders be drawn for the same.

Water Works Fund.

Claud Reynolds, labor	$ 2 25
Geo. Shain, labor	3 50
Chas. A. Strelinger Co., valve	1 08
Brooks Oil Co.	18 55
H. D. Edwards Co., Jenkins	3 17
C. E. Mudge, labor	11 50
E. R. Smith & Co., coal, cement and lumber	96 26

Highway Fund.

E. R. Smith & Co., cement	$98 97
C. E. Mudge, labor	14 22
Levi and John Allen, labor	48 00

General Expense Fund.

L. B. Peabody, oil and chimneys	$ 4 75

Voted by roll call: Ayes—Daines, Parks, Smith, Whitehead and Schlaack.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.

T. H. Cobb, Clerk.

J. F. Rundel, President.

Federal Buildings for Small Cities

It is reported that Congressman S. W. Smith expresses himself to the effect that the federal government could save money by erecting government buildings in most cities of over 10,000 inhabitants, and that he will introduce a bill in congress covering his views. He is quoted as follows:

"In Washington the government is renting buildings at 6 to 7 per cent on the money invested. The government could borrow money, build its own buildings, and pay only 4 per cent. I am satisfied that it would pay to erect buildings at a cost of from $40,000 to $50,000 in every city in the United States of between 10,000 and 20,000 population. Such a bill will hit every Congressman, and should interest them all in its passage. There is no need of reducing government revenues. A better way to invest surplus revenues couldn't be found. I know it would pay the government to erect federal buildings in Flint and Pontiac."

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Wanted—A good blacksmith at Harmon, Mich. A good workman and a sober man can find a good thing. Address James S. Parks, Harmon, Mich. 30t3

For Rent. The south part of Mrs. Hemenway's house on the corner of Townsend and Pierce streets. 52tf

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NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT. Notice is hereby given, that I, A. B. Bixby, County Drain Commissioner of the county of Oakland and state of Michigan, will, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1901, at the residence of John D. Evans in the township of Southfield, in said county of Oakland, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the cleaning out of a certain drain known and designated as "Evans Drain," located and established in the township of Southfield, in said county of Oakland, and described as follows, to wit: Commencing on the division line between the east and west halves of the northwest ¼ of section 12, town 1 north range 10 east, 6 rods 19 links south of section line between sections 1 and 12, thence west to stake 25 rods and 5 links, thence northwest 19° west to stake 13 rods 15 links, thence north to the roadside [illegible] from the east 53 rods 11 links, thence west along the road to the northwest corner of section 12, 55 rods 19 links, thence north along Stinson road to bridge 45 rods 2 links, thence north [illegible] west to stake, near Ash Tree Bench, 70 rods 25 links, thence north 48° west to stake at bee tree near Hickory Bench 23 rods, thence north 81° west to stake 23 rods, thence north 46° west to stake 14 rods, thence north 2 rods 10 links along division fence of John N. Heth to John Crawford's south line, thence west on between Crawford and Heth 33 rods 15 links to stake at cross fence. Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of the said drain will be let first, and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the said county of Oakland, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting. Notice is further hereby given, that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Evans Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof will be awarded by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon. The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said drain, viz: North ½ of w½ of ne¼, section 12, 30 acres, town 1 north range 10 east, s½ of e½ of nw¼, section 12, 40 acres, n½ of w½ of nw¼ sec. 12, 80 acres, ne¼ of sw¼ sec. 1, 40 acres, w½ of sw¼ sec. 1, 80 acres, [illegible] of nw¼ sec. 1, 20 acres, e½ of w½ of ne¼ sec. 2, 60 acres, [illegible] of ne¼ except 10 acres on southeast corner sec. 2, 30 acres, [illegible] of sw¼ of nw¼ sec. 1, 20 acres, se¼ of sw¼ sec. 1, 40 acres, sw¼ of se¼ sec. 1, 40 acres, 60 acres off east end of [illegible] of se¼ sec. 2, 60 acres, south 10 acres of north [illegible] acres of w½ of nw¼ sec. 2, 10 acres, ne¼ of ne¼ except 15 acres off the north sec. 2, 25 acres, south 10 acres off nw¼ of nw¼ sec. 1, 10 acres, [illegible] of s¾ except 20 acres off west end sec. 2, 60 acres, se¼ of ne¼ sec. 2, 10 acres, e½ of nw¼ sec. 1, 80 acres, 13 acres off south end of w½ of [illegible] of ne¼ sec. 1, 13 acres, 15 acres off west side of nw¼ of se¼ sec. 1, 15 acres, east 15 acres off west 30 acres of nw¼ of se¼ sec. 1, 15 acres, w½ of se¼ of se¼ sec. 1, 20 acres, 4 acres off north end of e½ of w½ of ne¼ sec. 11, 4 acres, e½ [illegible] of e½ of ne¼ sec. 11, 30 acres, north 9 acres off northwest corner of [illegible] sec. [illegible], 9 acres, a piece of land bounded north by McBride, east by Keyser, south by Saltzer, west by highway sec. 1, 3 acres, a parcel of land bounded north by Davenport, east and south by Keyser, west by highway sec. 1, 12 acres, s½ of w½ of e½ of sw¼ sec. 36, 30 acres, town 2 north range 10 east, s½ of e½ of e½ of sw¼ sec. 36, 20 acres, south 15 acres off the north 53 acres of w½ of se¼ sec. 36, 15 acres, 15 acres bounded north by Daniels, east by Mrs. P. A. Stanley, south by J. W. Perry, west by highway, sec. 36, 15 acres, south 10 acres off w½ of se¼ sec. 36, 10 acres. Now, therefore all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you Beekman estate, Wm. Parks, John Keyser, John Crawford, Daniel Nixon, Mrs. Perkins, John N. Heth, John Nixon, C. W. Crawford, J. D. Evans, J. W. Crawford, Mrs. Simonson, A. C. Blumberg, E. Parsons, H. Spicer, M. McBride, James Davenport, A. B. Saltzer, A. L. Davis estate, S. Daniels, H. F. Daniels, J. Todd, J. W. Perry, George Bingham, supervisor, and David C. Brooks, highway commissioner of the township of Southfield, and Andrew H. Porter, supervisor, and William Brown, highway commissioner, of the township of Bloomfield, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Evans Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated, and also, that at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the Evans Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review. And you and each of you, owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

A. B. BIXBY,
County Drain Commissioner of the county of Oakland.
Dated Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 9th, A. D. 1901.
Dec 13-20

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Ebb. Voorheis, AUCTIONEER. **Brown Bros.,** PROPRIETORS.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE. In the matter of the estate of **Ellen S. Hood**, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 11th day of November, A. D. 1901, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 17th day of December, 1901, and on the 11th day of May, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day at the store of Whitehead & Mitchell, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Commiss'rs.
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Nov15-Dec13

CHANCERY SALE. In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the county of Wayne, state of Michigan, in Chancery, made and entered on the 17th day of September, A. D. 1901, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Elizabeth Pengelly, Complainant, and Jacob Rieger, Ann Rieger, Christine Jonach, Mary McNutt, Charles Rieger, Elizabeth Rieger, Charles Rieger, guardian of John Rieger, an insane person, Christian Rieger and ——— Rieger, his wife, whose first name is unknown, and Minnie Morris, Defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the westerly or Griswold St. entrance to the City Hall in the city of Detroit, county of Wayne, state of Michigan, that being the building in which the Circuit Court for the county of Wayne is held, on Tuesday, the 31st day of December, A. D. 1901, at twelve o'clock noon, Detroit city time, on said day, the following described property, viz: The south ½ of the east ½ of the east ½ of the southeast ¼ of section number twenty six (26) in the township of Royal Oak, county of Oakland and state of Michigan, together with the tenements and hereditaments thereunto appertaining.

Dated Detroit, November 11th, 1901.

SAMUEL L. MAY,
Circuit Court Commissioner, Wayne County, Michigan.
LUCIUS H. COLLINS,
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