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OLDEST UNSETTLED ESTATE

On Record in Oakland County Now Being Probated in Pontiac.

Historical Facts and Biography of a Well-Known Pioneer.

Anent the interest that attaches to the old Beckman estate, the oldest unsettled estate on record in Oakland county, the following historical sketch of the property and its late owners will be eagerly read by our many readers.

Samuel Beckman, born Sept. 1st, 1790, in Hillsboro, town ship, Somerset county, N. J., came here from New York city in the year 1818 and took up from government the west half of sec. 2, section 12, and the east half of sec. 3, section 12, both town 3 range 10e. This proved to be a most excellent selection, as the land, although rather heavily timbered, was rich and well watered, being a spring-fed creek that runs through the high ground ridge that runs through the middle of these farms, and empties into the Clinton river.

He returned to his native home and married Miss Catherine Bergen, a neighbor's daughter, and returned with her to Michigan. In 1818 he came back to Detroit, by the way of Lake Erie, and purchased his farm. He was a man of sterling integrity, honest and temperate habits, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church, and was one of the first members of the church in Pontiac, and was a liberal supporter of the same. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was one of the first members of Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, F. & A. M. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, R. A. M. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. E. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. C. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. G. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. H. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. I. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. J. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. K. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. L. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. M. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. N. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. O. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. P. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. Q. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. R. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. S. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. T. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. U. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. V. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. W. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. X. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. Y. He was also a member of the Pontiac Lodge, No. 10, K. T. Z.

Presbyterian Ladies' Society.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Church society of the Presbyterian church was held on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. George H. Mitchell. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. L. A. Popplerton, president; Mrs. L. Weller, vice president; Miss Carrie Satterlee, secretary; Mrs. A. L. Scales, treasurer.

The society received during the year $138.30. Paid out $69.04, leaving on hand in the treasury $134.26.

A motion was made to raise the monthly dues from 2 cents to 5 cents, but it was voted down as the society's meetings held each month are purely of a social nature.

Mrs. G. H. Mitchell, the treasurer, had offered a prize to the lady securing the greatest number of handkerchiefs for the recent sale. It was very interesting to the lady who had previously sold what all thought to be a full line of handkerchiefs, but when the 12th hour struck she made a neat speech and gave to Mrs. Pickering, who had secured none at all but found her cards with just such sales away in her dress, where she found them after the excitement.

At the close of the meeting little Miss Pauline Mitchell was presented with a pretty doll by the society for being the youngest member and doing so much church work, she making them so from her 20 cents on the investment fund. The doll was named after the three of the society, Ellen Savannah Elizabeth Hannah Mitchell.

The society feel very much pleased with the year's work and would like to see more members of the church and their friends attend the meetings and become better acquainted. The next ones are held the third Wednesday of each month.

Death of James Harmon.

It was with sorrowful hearts that many people gathered at the late home of James Harmon in Bloomfield on Saturday, December 21, to pay the last tribute of respect to a man esteemed and loved by all. At the early age of 18 years he came to Michigan from Ireland, his native land, and immediately left from Detroit to Pontiac, where he resided for a number of years. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Hall, of Pontiac, in 1847, and to them were born 12 children, 10 of whom survive him. Mr. Harmon spent the early years of his married life on a farm in Bloomfield, but for the past 18 years has resided in Birmingham. He was a member of the Catholic church, and during his long residence in this village was highly respected by all who knew him. He was a kind husband and loving father, and his death will be mourned by all who knew him. He was survived by his wife and 10 children, all of whom were present at the funeral except one son, who is in the west. The pallbearers were all old friends of the deceased, and were Messrs. Hall, Dwyer, Lynch, Dolan, Cahill and Dwyer. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church, Rev. Father Considine officiating, and the remains were interred in Oakland cemetery.

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Over one-fifth sugar is an index of the high profit which may be realized from beet growing when it is made a regular business and attended to on strictly business principles. There is money for the farmer in beet raising.

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THAT REDUCTION SALE

OF BOYS' SUITS GOES ON

$5 Suits for $3.50

The holes caused by last week's selling have been filled so that selections are as great and values are as strong now as when the sale began.

You've lost nothing by waiting—gained by it if anything. These are double breasted overcoat suits for boys 7 to 12 years old at their regular price, $5, while they last.

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Albert Geddis Burned to Death Tuesday Night.

Notice to Southfield Taxpayers.

Notice to Bloomfield Taxpayers.

Says He Was Tortured.

Salesmen Wanted

AT THE THEATERS.

WHITNEY

"On the Suwanee River," which will be the attraction at the Whitney opera house for one week beginning next Sunday afternoon, brings to what are known as home folks, that is, plays that can be patronized without fear of offense. While the late W. E. Rogers was the star in the production of "On the Suwanee River," which was written by Stephen C. Foster's dear old song, it is not claimed that the development of the play are entirely new, nor that the story possesses any great amount of originality in its setting. It is presented as a piece of the usual kind, true in character and full of interest. The stage settings for the four acts are carried by the company and are said to be realistic pictures of Florida. The company is a good one. Miss Mack Maclew is still playing the character of Aunt Linda, and she introduces some new songs that beat any she has ever had. Matinees will be given this week on Wednesday.

LYCEUM

Very few theaters seen in stage work such a real picture of the combination of comedy and drama as it is depicted as was shown in that delightful play, "Held by the Enemy," at the Lyceum theater, Miss Hopkins, which comes to the Lyceum theater next Sunday evening with matinee Wednesday and Saturday, with Miss Rose Melville in the title role. Miss Hopkins is a star herself, Miss Melville originated as assisted by a few years ago and which has created such a furore in the principal cities of the country. Miss Melville's third year as star. Hopkins and although she is only twenty years old is playing the same piece she has for last season in the past. No attractions have a new play.

Food Changed to Poison.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending December 21, 1901.

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Persons calling for the above will please say advertised.

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