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SOCIAL LIFE IN BANTON.

Bert Blakeslee and His Partner Entertain Guests

Amusing Experiences of the Boys in Learning to Cook—They Sigh for One of Mother's Meals.

BANTON, P. I., Nov. 15, 1901.—Dear Folks at Home: A typhoon has been blowing the last three days and the tail of it has just reached here. Me! but it rained for about an hour. We filled every dish we had and now we have plenty of drinking water to last us for some time.

Last Saturday morning two of our boys, who teach 15 or 20 miles from here, came over with their muchacho. They brought five chickens and their blankets, so they could sleep here, too. We had sweet potatoes, rice, bananas and hardtack, so we fared very nicely. A muchacho is a boy or man who works for you, at home we call him the hired man. He does all the cleaning up and cooking, hunts around for eggs, potatoes and chickens, brings wood, water, etc. They get from $2 to $5 (gold) per month, feed themselves and often even support a family on it.

We didn't have enough knives and forks, so when they ran out we used our jackknives and spoons. We had a great time making pancakes; they had been using only baking powder, flour and water. Behner and I had been putting in eggs and condensed milk and it made them a little richer. But we can't make them light and full of holes like they are at home—here they are heavy and about like so much rubber. The boys had taught their muchacho how to make them, but one day he got things mixed and put in a box of baking powder, a teaspoonful of flour and the rest water. The boys declare those were the only light pancakes they have had since they came from Manila.

We had a couple of cane bottomed beds besides our cots, so they rolled up on the beds in their blankets just as we do in our cots. It would seem so funny to crawl into a bed, for we have had such an experience since Aug. 23. We put on our nightgowns, roll up in a blanket and sleep like a log, sometimes with a pillow, more often without. I really believe it is better and healthier than the beds at home and after you get used to it you don't notice it.

Well, we had a good visit with the boys and they went away Sunday afternoon. On Monday afternoon a detachment of soldiers and native constabulary ran in here and stayed until 3:00 a. m., when they left for Maestro de Campo, an island 30 miles from here and five miles from Mindoro. The insurgents are being hard pushed in Mindoro and so are to our boat to Campos. The soldiers go there before daylight, captured two or three large boats and overhauled the entire island so it will be some time before they work any farther into this province. The American soldiers are not like there, but are made much of because they are feared. As the vice-presidents put it, "Los soldagos son malos amigos pero los maestros son buenos amigos"—"The soldiers are bad friends but the teachers are good friends."

In all probability I will spend part of the Christmas holidays at Romblon and part at Manila. We have been told where there is a lot of fine clothing and personal effects of the priest at Romblon and we are going to make a raid on it and get some for souvenirs. Some of the robes are great, silk interwoven with gold and silver. If the soldiers haven't found them we will. We expect to go down December 18.

I find it harder to study here than at home, get thoroughly tired out and feel as if I'd rather sleep. At times a fellow gets so his eyes close in spite of him. I go to bed between 8:30 and 9:30 each evening and get up at 5:30. We are eating only one hearty meal a day. Dinner is a light meal and breakfast is one-half cup of tea and two hardtacks. Eating like we do at home makes one dull and listless, causes the stomach to swell and one feels used up.

We have two muchachoes who do our work, that is, they carry water, sweep, wash dishes, do a little cooking and run errands. We pay them each 50 cents (gold) per month. Our food is getting better now, for we can get more eggs and sweet potatoes are getting ripe. This island is way behind all the rest in ripening its fruit and we are just getting the good of it.

All coins and stamps I send home are for my collection. The gold 25's is for a pocket piece for father. The box that opens our ways is for a butt on box for Roy. The shells and such things can be divided up as you please. I send them so you can see what I am running across here. In this letter I will enclose the seal of the Padres of this province. As for the papers you send, I have read them and sent them on to Cuthfield. I see by the paper that he has just had a scrap with the ladrones. These are robbers who live in the mountains and live like the western bandits at home.

What recipes do I need for cooking? All we have to cook in is a kettle and a frying pan—no oven. We have flour, sugar, milk, baking powder, eggs and water, also lard, butter, salt and pepper. So send us all the recipes you can think of in which we can use these. Soups, fried cakes, pancakes with holes in them, these are what we want to learn about. Don't suppose you'd find our cooking very palatable. When we put our frying pan on the fire it is full of ants; when it gets so hot they die we wipe them out—if we are not in a hurry—and then cook. They don't trouble us much unless they are the big ones which won't strain through our teeth.

Really, some days we have real good meals, and then again they get pretty slim; but we are both healthy as we would be at home. I miss the cold weather, though, that always braces me up. Today sitting here in our room by the open door I am perspiring so that it is hard to write. This evening during the cold rain it was quite chilly. At first we feel the heat here, but after we get used to that we feel the cold. When I go home I'll try to land there in June so as to get my blood thickened up before winter.

BERT

A New Court House for Oakland County.

The question of building a new court house for Oakland county is being agitated and as far as we are concerned we are in for it and will crack our voice yelling "hurrah" if the Board of Supervisors will locate it at Birmingham. We need something in town to brighten us up. However, if we can't have the new building we will submit to Pontiac's having it. The following figures bearing on the subject are very interesting:

It is pointed out that if the sum of $50,000 should be expended for a new court house, the amount which each tax payer would have to stand would be so small as to be scarcely felt. The total assessment on each $1,000 valuation in the county required to raise $50,000 would be $1.69. If this were spread over a period of ten years the annual assessment would be a trifle less than 17 cents. Estimated on this year's valuations the amount each township would have to raise by taxation would be as follows: Addison, $1,102; Avon, $2,548; Bloomfield, $3,474; Brandon, $1,300; Commerce, $1,340; Farmington, $2,554; Groveland, $880; Highland, $1,256; Holly, $1,094; Independence, $1,441; Lyon, $1,808; Milford, $1,795; Novi, $1,707; Oakland, $1,416; Orion, $1,397; Oxford, $1,948; Pontiac township, $1,355; Pontiac City, $8,980; Rose, $1,019; Royal Oak, $2,055; Southfield, $1,847; Springfield, $1,048; Troy, $1,866; Waterford, $1,830; West Bloomfield, $1,936; White Lake, $904.

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MARDI GRAS.

New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola.

The Mardi Gras Carnivals will be held this year in above cities, from Feb. 4 to 11. For this occasion the Louisville & Nashville R. R. will sell round trip tickets to New Orleans, Mobile and Pensacola at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Feb. 4 to 10, and are limited to Feb. 28. For a very interesting illustrated booklet giving the history of the Mardi Gras, address

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MARRIED A LAKE CHARLES GIRL

Good Luck That Befell Mr. Simonson of Houston.

J. F. Simon of Houston, Texas, and Miss Corinne Godard of this city were quietly married at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11, 1901, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rev. Father Van de Ven officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Z. Godard and is an accomplished young lady. She is a devout Catholic.

Mr. Simonson is superintendent of the Houston Heights oil mill and is every way worthy of the lady whose affections he has won.

Shortly after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Simonson took the 5:30 west bound train for their home in Houston. The bride is followed by the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their journey through life to be one of undisturbed happiness.

The above item we clipped from the Daily American of Lake Charles, La., and refers to a former Birmingham boy, son of Mrs. P. C. Simonson, now of our village. Here's for a long and happy life.

WARREN.

Rev. F. W. Tyler has been very ill for two weeks from over work. He is able to be out on the street at this writing.

The receipts of the Ladies' Aid and Epworth League sale amounted to about $10.

A little daughter came to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Tyler on December 30. Mrs. Tyler's mother, who has been with her for a few weeks, returned this week to her home in Defiance, Ohio.

Presiding Elder Stewart preached here Sunday evening and Rev. L. L. Houghton in the morning.

The Congregationalists had a chicken pie supper recently which netted $15.

The stockholders of the canning factory held their meeting last week and re-elected the old officers.

Julia and Allie Wilson were home for the holidays.

F. B. Bell of Ottawa, Ill., was a visitor at Chas. Wilson's Christmas week.

Will Lamb, who used to live near the Bowery now of Harbor Beach, was in town last week.

Rev. M. Oakley, editor of a newspaper in Detroit, preaches at the hall Sunday evenings as a supply.

Mrs. John Reddick is convalescent.

The Misses Edna and Jessie Murthum rejoice over the possession of a new piano, also Mrs. Julia Smith has just received a similar treasure.

Rev. John Gunn is to preach on Sunday morning at the hall and in the evening at the church.

CLAWSON

Mrs. Henry Blair is quite sick.

Chris Burkhart is building a new barn.

Mrs. Snyder's children have the measles.

Lily Ssencer is sick with scarlet fever.

Mrs. Baker of Grosse Pointe is visiting at Eli Phillips'.

Dr. Anderson left for Colorado again Tuesday night.

Frank Westfall has moved back again on the Wm. Bell farm.

Mrs. Hattie Rice of Toledo visited Mrs. E. E. A very Saturday last.

Fred Goldsmith's small children are sick with quinsy and bad colds.

Mrs. Laura Pearsall of Amy visited at H. J. Bowers' a few days last week.

A surprise pedro party was given Myron Bailey and wife Monday night. All report a good time.

A Christening.

A very happy company assembled at the home of Mrs. Mary Bleakley of Troy on Thursday, January 9, to witness the baptism of her grandchild, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White. Rev. Mr. Peters of Detroit officiated. The babe was attired in white merino, trimmed in white satin ribbon, and presented a lovely appearance, receiving the name of Ruth Joeann. Before the baptismal service a bountiful dinner was served. About 5 o'clock the guests departed, all feeling that the day had been well spent. Among the guests present were Mrs. Mason Leonord, Miss Bessie Davis, Mr. James McClure and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. West.

A READER.

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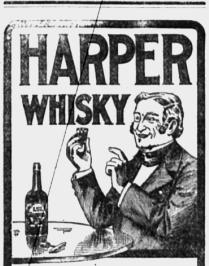
TO RENT—A very desirable farm of 186 acres, 4 miles from Birmingham. Inquire of Mitchell at the Eccentric office. 41

FOR SALE—A fine new milch registered Jersey cow, bred by W. H. Elliott, with a fine calf by her side; also a few good big Durham cows ready to calve at any time. Inquire at the Fred Brooks farm, 1½ miles west of Birmingham. 37



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Church Notes.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—Rev. Wm. Watson, Rector. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. All are cordially invited.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. A. J. Bartram, Pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00 p. m. All are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. H. S. Justema, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00. Everyone invited.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—M. S. Maxwell, Pastor. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Public worship and sermon at 3 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. each Thursday evening at 7:30. All invited.

BAPTIST—Warren L. Rogers, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 10th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.
Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Mary S. Park, incompetent.
On reading and filing the petition of Ameron Wayhead, guardian of the estate of said Mary S. Park, incompetent, praying for license to borrow money by mortgaging the real estate of said ward for the purpose of maintaining and educating said ward.
It is Ordered that Monday, the 10th day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in the estate appear at the time and place of hearing and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Jan17-Feb7 Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 23d day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.
Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
William J. Emmons, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Jeffries T. Emmons praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Alonzo Whitehead or some other suitable person.
It is ordered that
Monday, the 20th day of January next
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
[A true copy.] Judge of Probate
Atterson & Patterson, Attys. for Petitioner. Dec27-Jan17

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac on the 30th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.
Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Ellen McKay, deceased.
On application of Peter McKay, the administrator of said estate, for the examination and allowance of his final account and the settlement of the estate.
It is ordered that
Saturday, the 18th day of January next,
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account, and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Dec27-Jan17 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 6th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.
Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
Mary A. Robinson, deceased.
Eugene Robbins, administrator, de bonis non with will annexed of said estate, having filed his annual account and made application for the allowance thereof,
It is ordered that
Monday, the 3rd day of February next,
at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said annual account, and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Jan13-31 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 13th day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and two.
Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of
David John Parks, deceased.
On reading and filing the petition of Chas. G. Parks, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, to the best of his knowledge and belief, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased.
It is ordered that **Saturday, the 8th of February next,** at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate Office, be appointed for proving said instrument; and it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.
JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
[A TRUE COPY] Judge of Probate.
Patterson & Patterson, Attys. for Petitioner. Jan17-Feb1

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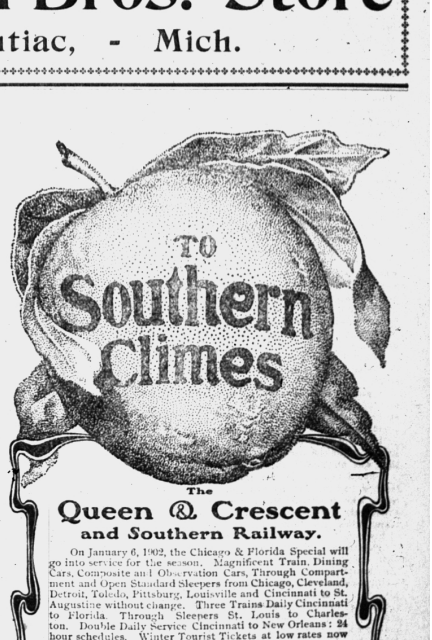

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