

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
 ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE
 WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL, PUBL.
 BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 24.
To Our Friends.
 When trading with any of our advertisers
 either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit,
 it will be a great favor to let us know you
 would like to see our paper. A word from
 you at the time of trading, could you
 mention and benefit us greatly. Will you
 be good and do so?
 THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

HOME NOTES

A Modest Maid.
 An old maid lived in our town,
 Her name I have heard of.
 Who, if you should see a dress or gown,
 Would think like a puppy that
 Her maid was neither tall nor weak—
 Her in stony was rare.
 Of such a kind she never speak
 Because their limbs are bare.
 When going to the stable allows them,
 Her horse she leads in a
 If you should see her from a view
 The man in the moon.
 She never says a word—
 A very modest maid.
 To think of one as I thought was wrong
 Because it was a maid.
 A plumber caused her death one day—
 'Tis as the story goes
 In asking her to be a wife
 To let him see her nose.

Miss Blanche Greer has the mumps.
 Miss Mary Tom is visiting friends in Owasco.
 Prof. E. F. Waldo was in Detroit Saturday.
 See E. M. Stabler's change of advertisement.

Mumping—Master Tommy Harris and Clara Mason.
 See John Hanna's new advertisement in this issue.

Miss Martha Baldwin was a Detroit visitor Monday.
 Justice Chauncey Stuart of Ohio was in town Monday.

Mrs. Ellen Drew is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.
 Miss Bessie Bigelow has been a victim of the mumps the past week.

Mrs. E. L. Hubbard of Pontiac visited Mrs. E. A. O'Neal Tuesday last.
 Harold Corson was quite ill and confined to the house a part of the past week.

Mrs. Samuel Masters is quite ill at this writing. Dr. Campbell is in attendance.
 Rev. M. H. Bartram was called to Wayne last week Thursday to officiate at a funeral.

Erastus Kimball, brother of Mrs. Marion Wooster, will make his home with her the rest of the winter.
 Mrs. Charlotte Dwyer is nursing a case in Southfield and expects to be engaged to two or three weeks.

Mrs. Grace Eldred is able to be around the house again, much to the gratification of her many friends.
 Editor McCracken of the Farmington Enterprise was a pleasant caller at this office Monday morning.

Mrs. J. F. Rundel entertained the ladies of the Whist club last Friday. An enjoyable time is reported.
 Remember the Lady Macabean tea meeting at Mrs. Fannie Shain's this Friday afternoon and evening. Supper 10c.

A detachment of the Salvation Army was down from Pontiac Monday evening and held a short service on the street.
 Mrs. V. Lee is visiting in Detroit. Miss Mary Lee of Farmington has been spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Fuller.

It is expected that the next Michigan State Poultry Show will be held at Pontiac and will be a pronounced success, second only to the state fair.
 The many friends of Miss Martha Baldwin are glad to see her again in our midst after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Chicago and Milwaukee.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star, chapter No. 220, next Wednesday evening, Jan. 29. All members urged to be present—Eira Daniels, secretary.
 There will be a box social held at the home of Wm. Hunt on Monday evening, Jan. 27, to which everybody is invited.—By order of B. V. P. U. social committee.

Charles B. Pittman of Pontiac, well known throughout this part of the county, died at his home in that city last week Wednesday evening from cancer of the stomach.
 The annual meeting of the Monitor Fire Insurance company of Oakland county was held at the court house one day last week and George D. Cowden of Oakland was re-elected president for the 15th consecutive time.

Miss Bertha Park is quite ill and threatened with a siege of lung complications. She is attended by Dr. C. M. Raynald and we hope she will escape a long term of trouble.

This office has recently received an invoice of several fads of fine new job type and is better equipped than ever before to gratify our patrons in all lines of fine job work.

The Birmingham Eccentric has an article headed "What one hears at the phone." Now please, Mr. Eccentric, don't tell; it would be too utterly utter.—Pontiac Gazette.

Dentist D. M. Johnson has used one hundred dollars' worth of gold in filling and crowning teeth since the first of January. Must be he is putting in some busy days this first month of the new year.

We wish to call your attention to the change in the time table of the D. G. H. & M. R. Y. No. 11, west bound, which was being arriving here at 4:33 gets here now at 4:43, making it ten minutes earlier.

Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Bartram expect to leave the first of February for Florida, where Mrs. Bartram will remain for a few months to escape the rigors of our Michigan climate for the remainder of the season.

Messrs. D. M. Duty of this place and Dick Cummings of Franklin are in attendance at the Grand Chapter of the R. A. M. held in Detroit this week. They represent Birmingham chapter, No. 93, and do it in a qualified manner.

Mr. John Barron of Barron & Wines, the leading pharmacists of Howell, visited Whitehead & Mitchell over Sunday last and held a public reception in front of the store and shook hands with so many different people that Teddy R. will have to look to his laurels or lose 'em to John as a public reception hand shaker.

County Clerk G. A. Brown has concluded the annual report on divorce cases in the Oakland circuit court. January 1 of last year there were 21 bills or petitions pending and during the year 57 more were filed. During the year there were 37 divorces granted, one refused, three disposed of in other ways and there were still pending December 31, thirty-seven cases.

The following is recommended as a suitable form for our clergymen to use in their opening prayer: "O Lord, bless those who are present, and those who are now coming in at the door, and those who are on their way here; and O, Lord bless also those who are still at home getting ready to come, and do not even withhold thy blessing, O Lord, from those who may arrive in time to hear the benediction."

Mrs. Hattie McDowell, who lives on Twelfth street, Detroit, and has been an invalid for some time, called Dr. J. L. Campbell of Birmingham, who decided that a delicate operation was necessary. Accordingly on Wednesday of last week he performed the operation and at this writing she is doing nicely. Her many Royal Oak friends will be very much pleased to see her around again.

The Michigan crop report for January states that the temperature during December was below the normal. The weather during the first half of the month was moderate, while the latter half was cold. Altogether it was the coldest December in recent years. The ground was fairly well covered with snow during the latter half of the month. There was but little freezing and thawing, so that no perceptible damage was done to wheat.

A stereopticon lecture and entertainment, accompanied by the Edison concert grand phonograph, itself a marvelous entertainer, by W. F. Bird of Ann Arbor this Friday evening in the M. E. church. Subject, "Shall the Saloon Stay, or Go?" A large number of fine pictures will be displayed by the stereopticon and music by Gilmore's and Sousa's band will be rendered through the phonograph. Admission 15 cents; children under twelve years 10 cents.

It is a fact not generally understood that salt will destroy a cement in less time than anything else known. The salt eats into the cement and destroys the original surface, leaving it rough and uneven. People sprinkle salt on it in the winter to thaw the ice, in the spring they find the surface eaten away, and blame the men who put down the walk. Fine sand will answer the purpose as well and not injure the walk.

Mrs. Richard Lusted, who was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago, at her home north of the city, is reported as seriously ill, but it is believed her condition has slightly improved during the past few days. The above clipping from an Albuquerque (New Mexico) paper refers

Ernest Seton Thompson lectured Wednesday afternoon and evening in Pontiac under the auspices of the Woman's Literary club, who are raising money to defray the expense of the Women's Rest Room. A number of our club women attended.

Have you a child who wish instructed in music? Here is a chance. Miss May F. Well of Pontiac, a fine pianist and a graduate of Prof. Julius Y. Seyler of Detroit, will start a class at once in this village. Those interested please call on Mrs. Potts, at the Delia E. Crosby home, who will be pleased to give all necessary information.

Easter falls this year on the 30th of March, which is very nearly as early a date as it ever occurs.

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, or the 21st of March. It is an old saw that an early Easter will surely bring an early Spring. Just paste the old saying in your book and see if there is any truth in it.

The monthly meeting of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church will be held in the church parlors Jan. 29, at 3 o'clock p. m. A short program will be given, refreshments served, and a good social time enjoyed by all. This is not for members only, all who come will be welcome. Don't forget the date or hour.

Mr. John Barron of Barron & Wines, the leading pharmacists of Howell, visited Whitehead & Mitchell over Sunday last and held a public reception in front of the store and shook hands with so many different people that Teddy R. will have to look to his laurels or lose 'em to John as a public reception hand shaker.

County Clerk G. A. Brown has concluded the annual report on divorce cases in the Oakland circuit court. January 1 of last year there were 21 bills or petitions pending and during the year 57 more were filed. During the year there were 37 divorces granted, one refused, three disposed of in other ways and there were still pending December 31, thirty-seven cases.

The following is recommended as a suitable form for our clergymen to use in their opening prayer: "O Lord, bless those who are present, and those who are now coming in at the door, and those who are on their way here; and O, Lord bless also those who are still at home getting ready to come, and do not even withhold thy blessing, O Lord, from those who may arrive in time to hear the benediction."

Mrs. Hattie McDowell, who lives on Twelfth street, Detroit, and has been an invalid for some time, called Dr. J. L. Campbell of Birmingham, who decided that a delicate operation was necessary. Accordingly on Wednesday of last week he performed the operation and at this writing she is doing nicely. Her many Royal Oak friends will be very much pleased to see her around again.

The Michigan crop report for January states that the temperature during December was below the normal. The weather during the first half of the month was moderate, while the latter half was cold. Altogether it was the coldest December in recent years. The ground was fairly well covered with snow during the latter half of the month. There was but little freezing and thawing, so that no perceptible damage was done to wheat.

A stereopticon lecture and entertainment, accompanied by the Edison concert grand phonograph, itself a marvelous entertainer, by W. F. Bird of Ann Arbor this Friday evening in the M. E. church. Subject, "Shall the Saloon Stay, or Go?" A large number of fine pictures will be displayed by the stereopticon and music by Gilmore's and Sousa's band will be rendered through the phonograph. Admission 15 cents; children under twelve years 10 cents.

It is a fact not generally understood that salt will destroy a cement in less time than anything else known. The salt eats into the cement and destroys the original surface, leaving it rough and uneven. People sprinkle salt on it in the winter to thaw the ice, in the spring they find the surface eaten away, and blame the men who put down the walk. Fine sand will answer the purpose as well and not injure the walk.

Mrs. Richard Lusted, who was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago, at her home north of the city, is reported as seriously ill, but it is believed her condition has slightly improved during the past few days. The above clipping from an Albuquerque (New Mexico) paper refers

to former Birmingham lady who has many friends in this vicinity and her relatives have the sympathy of a host of warm friends here in their sorrow.

The local option proposition in Oakland county does not appear as promising as it did a year ago. The agitation was begun more than a year ago but the dry men failed to find sufficient petitioners when the supervisors met in January of 1901. They then announced that they would begin anew and have the matter ready to submit at the election of 1902. So far only one petition has been filed by the county clerk's office and that is from the third ward of Pontiac and bears but twenty names.

The extent of the ice industry in Oakland county is almost incredible. Bailey lake is one of the most important points in the county and Putnam & Dean, owners of the ice cutting privileges, have recently finished harvesting the first crop. They employed sixty-five men and filled ten ice houses which hold 900 tons each, making 9,000 tons of ice in store. In addition they shipped to Detroit 324 cars for their Hastings street houses. As many as sixty-four cars were loaded per day.

Hurrah for Daniel Case. His farm is now watered by a whale of a flowing well. This farm is the Utter farm, later owned by Messrs. Wooster & Rundel and sold by Mr. Rundel to D. L. Case of Detroit. The well is a dandy, flows more than a barrel a minute and will go as high as twenty feet above the surface. This is all Harvey J. Carter's work. The well is about 60 feet deep and Harvey made a good thing of it, taking on a contract—no flow, no pay.

There are some things in this world that don't cost any money, and yet which money could not buy. One of these is just a cheerful disposition. That was a wonderful epitaph carved over one woman's grave in only four words—"She was so pleasant." Smiles don't cost anything, so scatter them like the rain—on the just and the unjust. Somebody will rise up and call you blessed, and you will have done more to brighten the world than some millionaires.

The S. D. Beckman estate has been decreed settled and the real estate assigned to the surviving heirs. This farm was originally 160 acres. Twenty acres were sold and 30 acres lost to mortgage, leaving 110 acres to be divided. Martin Beckman bought Henrietta Ward's share and in the division is given 55 acres, Frank Beckman 27 1/2 acres, Geo. Beckman and J. H. Lynch each 13 1/4 acres. The case will be appealed at once to the Circuit, and Fred A. Baker will conduct George and Frank's side of the case.

The last meeting of the L. L. C. was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Dr. Raynald. The membership was well represented,

About Several Things.
William H. Elliott Co.
 A CHANCE FOR YOU to buy Good Shoes awfully low in price. To stir up a business in the usual quietness of January, we purchased close to 500 pairs of "Sample Shoes" from one of the best makers of Ladies' Shoes in this country. None are under \$3.00 value and up to \$4.50.
Choice for \$2.69 a pair.
 Our regular Elliott \$3.00 Shoes for Ladies is not in the lot; the very low price we ask for this Shoe precludes any cutting of prices, they are fully as good as most of the \$4.00 and \$4.50 sort. Just investigate.
 OUR ANNUAL JANUARY SALE of Linens and Housekeeping Goods is now going on. Assortment is larger and prices lower than ever before, it's to your interest to come.
 MUSLIN UNDERWEAR also—January Sale of it. Our strong points are Gentility in Style, Nice Materials, Neat Work. Prices as low as asked for "Sales Garments" elsewhere that are simply show.

all feeling glad to see the president, Miss Baldwin, again in the chair after her recent absence. Members responded to roll call by citing some interesting historical or current event. The feature of the evening was the club newspaper, edited and read by Mrs. Austin Parks. The various departments of a regular family newspaper were represented and arranged in an exceedingly versatile and entertaining manner, reflecting much credit on the editorial management. The story by Miss Julia Post was especially commended.

M. R. Blair JUST RECEIVED
 —DEALER IN—
Fine Groceries.
 I carry the best
 35c and 50c Teas
 that can be procured and sold at that price. Try them.
 Extra fine Coffees at
 15c, 25c 30c and 35c a pound.
 Fine Tobacco and Cigars a Specialty.
 News Depot
 Latest Magazines and Novels.

STATE PRIZES
FAIR
 W. L. SABINE,
 Pontiac's Leading Photographer,
 received FIRST PRIZE for the finest collection of Photographs, also FIRST PRIZE for the finest collection of Miniatures over all other exhibitors at the Pontiac State Fair.
 Mr. Sabine's Studio is situated on the Ground Floor with no long stairs to climb, as every room is on the street level. Visitors are always welcome to call and see his work and the
Ground Floor Gallery,
 102 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac,
Enlargements a Specialty.....

Miss E. Flynn
 Pontiac, Mich.
FENWICK'S
Lunch Parlors
 99 Woodward Avenue,
 Detroit, Mich.
 Everything home-made and palatable.
 Parcels checked free.
 Birmingham people specially invited to come to this restaurant and be at home
 G. G. FENWICK.

FACTS!
 WE ARE ONLY A
Few Steps from Woodward Ave.
 We do not pay high rents and
CAN SAVE YOU MONEY
 on Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silverware, etc.
Joseph Engross
 JEWELRY CO. OPPOSITE 22 GRAND TRAVEL WOODS
 Open Evenings. Near Woodward Ave.

Rheumatism.
 Nobody knows all about it, and nothing, now known, will always cure it.
 Doctors try Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, when they think it is caused by imperfect digestion of food. You can do the same.
 It may or may not be caused by the failure of stomach and bowels to do their work. If it is, you will cure it; if not, you will do no harm.
 The way, to cure a disease is to stop its cause, and help the body get back to its habit of health.
 When Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil does that, it cures; when it don't, it don't cure. It never does harm.

Do You Want
 To know of the best place in the County to buy
Furniture and Carpets
 I would like the opportunity to convince you that it is at my store. I have been a long time in the business and understand the lines of goods and the needs and tastes of the people of this county.
Wm. E. Williams
 Pontiac, Mich.
Caracat
 Genuine stamped C.C.C. Never sold in bulk. Beware of the dealer who tries to sell "something just as good."

It Takes Skill. . . .
 To do Good Laundry Work.
 We secure desired result of superior laundry work with least possible amount of wear on goods.
Birmingham City Laundry.
 E. MONTGOMERY, Prop., First door west of Bank.

New Goods
 arriving daily
 New line of Dry Goods and Hosiery with the latest and the best of the spring trade.
TAFFETA DRESS LININGS
 Peraline, Canvas and Stays
 New line of Ladies' Shoes
JOHN HANNA.

Berkshire Boar
 NEW BLOOD
 LIMITED SERVICE
HUPP FARM.
 CHOICE CUTS OF MEATS
 Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats of all kinds.
 Vegetables in Season.
 Prices reasonable.
 Goods delivered to any part of village.
 A share of your patronage solicited.
A. R. Parks,
 Birmingham, Michigan.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Kermott's Chocolates
 Laxative, Quinine.
 THE ONE DAY COLD CURE.
25c.
 For Sale in Birmingham by COBB & COBB, WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

Clarence L. Cowles, Architect.
 21 and 23 Chase Block,
 Saginaw, E. S., Mich.
 Phone 1025
Banker's Recommend.
 Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 30, 1900.
 The White Cross Medical Co. of Saginaw: I have given your Eucalypti and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a fair trial, and am more than satisfied with the result, and can safely say to those suffering with skin troubles to buy and use it. Respectfully yours,
 F. L. PRATT,
 Cashier Oakland County Bank