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To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

HOME NOTES.

It did rain easy Saturday night. Next Thursday is Thanksgiving. Mrs. Ed. Miller is ill with pleuro pneumonia.

Miss Jennie Keyes visited in Detroit Friday.

See notice to water takers in an other column.

Mrs. Edwin James suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days ago. Henry Randall, one of our old residents, is in very poor health.

It is feared that at least 25 per cent of the potato crop is rotting.

Physicians state that the past year has been "distressingly" healthy.

Alonso Lyon, an old soldier, was brought here for burial last Saturday.

Miss Lena Blakeslee visited with friends and relatives in Pontiac this week.

A lodge of Elks will be instituted at Pontiac Nov. 25. Get on your antlers.

Mrs. T. Bookham, who has been ill for several weeks, is slowly recovering.

Water tax at Pontiac this year is \$10,000. Fourteen miles of mains have been laid.

The many friends of Horace Leet are greatly concerned about the condition of his health.

Volney Lee will have his home on Fremont street heated by a new furnace this winter.

Miss Bessie Skinner of Bad Axe spent a few days with the Misses Blakeslee last week.

City Clerk Geo. T. Gaston and wife of Detroit visited at Dr. D. M. Johnson's this week.

Judging from reports, farmers' losses on their potato crop will run from 2 to 10 per cent.

J. D. Evans' ten-acre orchard yielded 1275 barrels of apples this year, which he sold for \$350.

Mrs. Fred Vorheis of La Porte, Ind., is visiting Mrs. Nellie Camp and other friends this week.

Rev. Mr. Riley of Oxford spoke on the anti-saloon movement in the M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Charles Parks has sold his milk route to Mr. Rodgers, who will thereafter serve the former's customers.

Mrs. Marsh, the wife of a former Presbyterian pastor of this place, called on old friends in town last week.

Farmers around Farmington are on the trail of Sunday hunters and propose to prosecute them to a fine finish.

A voting machine is being considered by the town board with an idea of a purchase. Cost \$350.

What do you say?

Jonathan Rossman of Metamora, aged nearly 82 years, once a resident of Bloomfield, has committed suicide by cutting his throat.

Eswell Dudley of Pontiac goes to Detroit House of Correction for 90 days for using obscene and profane language on the streets.

School district No. 4 of West Bloomfield is enjoying a school board row with a mandamus from circuit court to make it interesting.

Visitors at Mrs. Nellie Camp's last week were J. D. Coney, wife and daughter of Detroit, Mrs. J. E. Coney of Jackson and Mrs. Carl Kelley of Minneapolis.

Geo. Hupp will experiment with feeding beef supar pulp to his farm stock this winter, having obtained a carload for that purpose from the Rochester factory.

Dr. J. E. Jacklin of Detroit, assistant editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, will occupy the pulpit in the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

There was a spirited game of basket ball Friday afternoon at the close of school on the Birmingham high school grounds between the Central high school team of Detroit and the Birmingham team.

The result was a score of 10 to 0 in favor of the Birmingham boys. Raynolds Whitehead umpired the game.

Frank Roch has this season made for Michael Griffin of Pontiac 4,500 apple barrels. He could have made double the number had it not been for the scarcity and high price of material.

A "measuring" school for the benefit of the Popieton school house library was held at the home of Adams Bayley last Friday evening and in spite of the rain about fifty were present. The receipts were \$7.50.

J. N. Lowry, on the Butolph farm two miles south of Troy, has decided to retire from the dairy business and will sell his stock at public auction Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 2. Sale begins at 1 o'clock. Martin Blunt, auctioneer.

A nice contented home with house, barn, woodshed, cistern and plenty of small fruit, in a good neighborhood in this village. The price will sell it before the week is out. Only \$800. Ask Whitehead at the Exchange Bank.

John Lawrie, one of Bloomfield's oldest citizens, age 78 years, lately became violently insane and last week was taken to the E. M. A. at Pontiac for treatment. At this writing his health is very poor and his death is not an unexpected event.

On account of the Presbyterian society entertaining the Presbytery on Dec. 4, the regular monthly November meeting will be omitted and a business meeting to which all members are earnestly requested to be present, will be held at Mrs. Popieton's next Wednesday afternoon.

Here is what Ed. White says he did for Thos. Thurlby one day last week. He solemnly avers that he split and piled ten cords of wood for Thos. and quit at 4:30 p.m. He must have flew around like a bean on a hot skillet. One of the brick yard boys says they never saw such motions down at the brick yard yet.

L. J. Phillips of Woodward avenue is enjoying remarkable success in the poultry business on a small scale. Since March 1 he has realized from 80 hens \$55 from the sale of eggs, besides supplying the eggs used by the family. He has also raised 45 young chickens.

On election day, Conductor Wm. Gordon of Pontiac found a pocket book left in one of the Detroit and Pontiac cars by a passenger, containing \$17.50.

He returned to Mrs. M. M. Wilcox, the owner, of Royal Oak, who immediately sent the conductor a check for \$5.

At the meeting of the Ladies' Literary club Monday evening the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the thanks of this club be given to the members of our village board who voted for the ordinance against expectorating on the sidewalk.

The secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to those who had assisted the club in their efforts.

Our old friend, Henry O. Buckley, has undergone a successful operation for a cataract on his right eye. He was treated at Harper hospital and is real glad to return home again to Mr. Sky's. As soon as he gets around to it another cataract on his other eye will be treated and then Henry will have two good eyes and we hope will live long to enjoy them.

Died, at his home in this village, Monday night of this week, George W. Brumman, aged 53 years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Baptist church and was conducted by Rev. W. Rodgers. Deceased leaves a wife and nine children. He had been in poor health for twelve years and much of the time helpless. Remains were buried in Greenwood cemetery, followed by a large crowd of mourning relatives and friends.

Although the price of fuel is coming down the prudent housewife has another hardship to contend with for the reason that the price of turkeys is steadily climbing skyward.

Thanksgiving turkeys will probably be rated at 16 and 18 cents per pound. During the holidays they will be about 20 cents per pound and scarce even at that price. Wet weather is bad for turkeys, hence they are particularly scarce in Michigan this season.

Not only Pontiac but all the villages and towns in the county are to be freed from the loafers, who hang around the streets insulting both men and women by the use of profane and obscene language. We have a law in Michigan, with severe penalties attached, against the use of such language within the hearing of women and children. Prosecutors Rockwell is out on warpath and has requested all the deputy sheriffs in the county to take the matter in hand.

That the potato crop is by no means a failure in this vicinity is evidenced by the following reports: Eugene Smith has harvested this fall 300 bushels of potatoes from two acres of ground. Henry Grenell, who lives north of the village of Franklin, has gathered 300 bushels from five acres, while A. J. Marble, living east of this village, has done still better in raising 600 bushels from three acres.

Many old residents of Birmingham will learn with regret that Mrs. Martha J. Willis was buried from her home in Detroit on Saturday afternoon, her death being due to the effects of paralysis. She was the widow of Wellington Willis, who was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Detroit and also captain of Co. E, Seventh Michigan Cavalry. She is survived by four children: Mrs. W. G. Smith, Mrs. D. O. Wiley, Rev. O. W. Willis and C. G. Willis.

The Detroit and Pontiac electric railroad would be one of the most profitable pieces of property in the country were the company able to carry their passengers as cheaply over the entire line as they do between here and Pontiac. The meager quantity of power expended between the two places is most surprising. The cars slide gracefully down the hills and the momentum is such that when the foot of the hill is reached there is sufficient power to carry the cars nearly up the next hill and so on through most of the trip.

People are beginning to appreciate the convenience of having their valuable papers, etc., in a safe place, secure from thieves, fire and misplacement. This is shown by the safe deposit vaults of the Fidelity company of the larger cities, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars and guarded night and day. This is expensive and the boxes in such a vault cost an annual rental of from \$5 to \$250. But to come down to our own village, the Exchange Bank has added another new safe—this is the third one—and now have 140 new safe deposit boxes for rent at \$1 a year. Why, you worry more than a dollar's worth in a single night over valuable papers which have been mislaid or stolen. The boxes are not burglar proof, but they are safe from fire, sneak thieves or misplacement. Ask Whitehead.

Mme. Janauschek's Portrait. The Berliner Tageblatt, in acknowledging the receipt of a sum of money for the paralyzed actress, Mme. Janauschek, calls attention to the fact that her portrait is generally known in Germany, it being on one side of the thaler pieces coined at Frankfurt.

Proof of Old Saying. "Dear me, John," called the cobbler's wife, "are you never going to stop work?" "I'll stop in 12 o'clock," "What's the difference?" answered the busy man of the last. "It's never too late to mend."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Electrical Manufacturing Widespread. While electrical manufacturing is chiefly concentrated in some six Eastern and two Middle or Western states, the industry is fairly widespread, its data being furnished by no fewer than nineteen states.

Too Much to Believe. "Six feet in his boots!" exclaimed Mrs. Beccaw. "What will his line of the world come to, I wonder? Why, they might as well tell the man had six heads in his hat!"—Pearson's.

In Prohibition Kansas, Too! An Atchison husband hovered at death's door so long his wife remarked that she supposed he was having his usual trouble finding the keyhole.—Atchison (Kansas) Globe.

Congestion in British City. Birmingham, England, has upward of 40,000 back-to-back houses and 6,000 courts, which are entered by tunnels from the street, states the city's medical officer.

Whip-Cracking is Forbidden. Whip-cracking by drivers of vehicles has become such a nuisance in some German towns that special by-laws have had to be passed against it.

Good Profit on Monopoly. Last year the French government made a profit of over \$70,000,000 on its monopoly of the sale of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and matches.

Bank of England Employees. The Bank of England employs about 1,000 people, pays a quarter of a million in wages and \$250,000 a year in pensions.

Population of British India. According to the census of 1901, the population of British India amounts to about 285,000,000 people.

Consumptives in Germany. The number of consumptives in Germany is estimated at over 225,000.

All diseases start in the bowels. Keep them open or you will be sick. GASCARETS act like nature. Keep liver and bowels active without a sickening, griping feeling. Six million people take and recommend GASCARETS. Try a box box. All druggists.

School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPIL.

Theodore Gracey of the first primary room has returned to school.

The first grade has commenced the first book in arithmetic and next week the advanced class will commence the same.

The first primary has an excellent piece of a pony on their blackboard.

All the rooms are busy with the quarterly examinations this week. This is the first time the second grade ever took an examination in arithmetic and as many as one of the pupils scored 100.

Charles Shain visited the high school Monday morning.

New ink wells have been placed in all the desks of the high school and matting on the main aisles.

Workmen are covering the lead pipes of the heating system with asbestos and the pump in Mr. Craft's room have been newly painted.

The basket ball game between the B. H. S. team and the Detroit Central high school team resulted in a score of 10 to 0 in favor of the B. H. S. A large attendance of friends was present and the game was greatly enjoyed by all. A foot ball team will soon be formed of members of the B. H. S.

Thanksgiving Day Notes.

One and one-third fare for round trip between stations west of Detroit and Pt. Huron. Tickets good going Nov. 26 and 27, valid to return Nov. 28.

THE KISS.

Some years ago the following definitions of a kiss were published, and they are here reproduced, being considered well worth the space they give them.

Nothing divided between two.

The name of agony to a fearful man.

The food by which the flame of love is fed.

The sweetest labial of the world's language.

The in which two heads are better than one.

A thing of use to no one, but much prized by two.

Everybody's acting edition of "Romeo and Juliet."

The drop that runneth over when the cup of love is full.

Not enough for one, just enough for two much for three.

The flag of truce in the petty wars of courtship and marriage.

That which you cannot give without taking, and cannot take without giving.

A telegram to the heart in which the operator uses the "sounding" system.

The only really agreeable two-faced action under the sun, or the moon, either.

What the child receives free, what the young man steals, and what the old man buys.

The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the parents' benison and the hypocrite's mask.

The sweetest fruit on the tree of love. The often plucked the more abundant it grows.

A kiss is an insipid and tasteless morsel, which becomes delicious and delectable in proportion as it is flavored with love.

A woman's most effective argument, whether to cajole the heart of a father, or control the humor of a husband, or console the grief of childhood.

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Eight rich "Guendjes," "Kamak" and "Shirvan" Oriental Rugs, good value at \$25.50, cut down to \$17.20.

Ten exquisite "Shirvan," "Guendjes" and "Kamak" Oriental Rugs that were \$25 each, marked down to \$18.50.

Special prices will prevail on all our higher grade Oriental Rugs as well, during this sale. "Will you pay to buy now? The following low prices on Brussels Rugs means a saving to you—a rug \$12 carpets the average size parlor or library.

9x12 "New York" Tapestry Brussels Rugs, were \$15.00, for \$11.50.

Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12, splendid patterns, were \$20, for \$13.50.

Lower Brussels Rugs, 8.5x10.5, elegant designs, were \$18, for \$10.

Choice Wilton Rugs, 10x12 inches, perfect articles, were \$20, for \$12.50.

Selected Brussels Axminster Rugs, 9x10 inches, choice designs, were \$4.50, for \$3.50.

"Ready-to-Wear Garments"

For \$5.00 each, Girls' Keweenaw Cloth Box Coat, velvet or satin collar, as you prefer, double breasted, color red, blue, brown, castor. These coats are made full weep, are very stylish and comfortable. They have plain or fancy linings. Tailored Cloth Suits, skirts are plaited, jackets house style, colors brown, blue and gray, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$11.50.

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