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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 this paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

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HOME NOTES.

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Mrs. Edward Miller, who has been ill with pneumonia, is recovering.

Mrs. A. Whitehead visited her sister, Mrs. Chas. Howard of Ann Arbor, last week.

A social meeting of the Epworth League was held at the home of Miss Verna McKinney last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna visited Mrs. Jennie Craft near Fenton and Miss Belle Arthur of Holly last week.

Miss Emma Cochran of Ft. Huron and Mrs. Alva Townsend of Detroit were recent guests of Mrs. Seely Peck.

The Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the M. E. church at 10:30 a. m. Rev. Montrose Maxwell will deliver the sermon.

McClellan & Satterlee's flour mill is grinding the rate of 50 barrels of flour besides a large quantity of corn and oats for feed, daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinder Worth have returned from their northern trip, bringing with them three deer as the result of their expedition.

Election of officers of Mary D. Hove, L. O. T. M., at the next regular meeting, Dec. 6. All members are requested to be present.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at Mrs. Miller's on Tuesday, December 2, at 3 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Ira Chaffield Friday afternoon, Dec. 5. Tea will be served from 5 to 7 p. m. Ten cents.

The regular Sabbath services of the First Presbyterian church will be resumed on Dec. 7 at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath school at the usual hour. All are invited.

It is claimed that hunters from the city are adding insult to injury by actually cutting wire fences on the farms in this vicinity to make easy runways.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lewis celebrated their third wedding anniversary last Saturday evening, when fifty guests were pleasantly entertained at their home.

Sas Alexander, now park botanist of Detroit, has sold his farm of 175 acres near this place for \$15,000 to a Detroit party who will make extensive improvements.

A beautiful bouquet of pansies made Miss Emeline Mitchell very happy one day recently, sent to her by Miss Daisy Durkee. They were beautiful and no mistake.

Dr. J. E. Jackin of Detroit gave an inspiring address in the M. E. church last Sunday morning on the subject of the great missionary convention recently held in Cleveland.

Mrs. Eli Phillips and Mrs. Chas. Baker of Clawson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Churchill (a bride and groom), by the way were guests of Mrs. C. H. Hoffman one day last week.

Mrs. N. M. Corey and daughter Ida passed a very pleasant day recently visiting with their former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. McLuckie of Pontiac. They were royally entertained.

The stories about the extent to which potatoes are rotting are not exaggerated. Instances are continually reported where farmers have had to take them out of their cellars and scatter them over the fields for fertilizer.

L. H. Tolles of Watkins Farm fame is away for a week or so looking up a farm to buy in Saginaw county. While away he will lose Mr. Tolles and family will be left with the best luck in the whole world, as well as Saginaw Co.

The two cottages recently erected at the E. M. A. are nearly crowded to their limit with patients who have been received during the past two years. There is room for only twenty more patients and the vacancies are being rapidly taken.

Mrs. Fred Taylor, formerly Miss Lena Fant of this place, now of Kalamazoo, has been seriously ill at Burgess hospital in that city. She is now convalescing from an almost fatal attack of diphtheria. Lena's numerous friends and relatives in Birmingham extend their sympathy and good wishes, hoping her recovery may be speedy.

The ECCENTRIC is issued a day earlier than usual this week on account of Thanksgiving coming on our regular press day. We wish our readers the fullest of joy in the blessings of home, friends and feasting, not forgetting the deeper significance of the day in the true spirit of gratitude. It has been a good year. Let us be thankful.

Several of our townsladies, together with out-of-town guests, visited the new school building last Saturday and noted the improvements there. They were greatly pleased with all they saw, especially the janitor's work. The entire building was as neat and clean as could be. Verily, we are fortunate in our janitor and his good wife.

The village of Pontiac was incorporated in the year 1837, the same year in which Michigan became a state. Oakland county, of which it is the county seat, is the largest county in southern Michigan, with 4,977 farms with an average of 110.2 and more than 400 lakes. Pontiac has only one rival in the state as a carriage town, and boasts of her ability to turn out a carriage of some nature at the average rate of one every three minutes.

Every one of Chas. Tom's friends (heart) had a taste of venison, some of it in the form of shooting, and he proves to be the only Birmingham hunter who has deer meat to give to his admiring friends. They do say that Web, Gray shot and brought home two of the antlered beauties, but it is a rumor. Guess we will have to run it down and if true will promptly report the same. John Biddow of Biddow one and one say the Purdy Bros are disgusted with hunting and that George sold his gun and all the paraphernalia that went with it and renounces hunting forever. J. C. says he fired the outfit into a river, completely disgusted with his luck. This also is a rumor.

The latest reports from Bert N. Blakeslee, in the Philippines, state that he packed up and left Banton in less than four hours' time and went to Manila, expecting to be transferred to another island, although he had not been as well as usual since having the tropical fever in August. The doctor at the hospital in Manila told him, however, that he had better get to a cooler climate. He applied for transportation and was granted and will be soon as his work is completed and a transport leaves he will start for his native land. His father, F. Blakeslee, is planning to make a trip to San Francisco to meet him and as they will spend some time in California, it will probably be February before Birmingham friends greet Bert again.

Literary Club.

Last Monday evening was "Vespertine's Day" at the literary club. The hostesses were Mrs. H. B. Ryland, Mrs. Audie L. Stern, Mrs. Carrie R. Satterlee and Mrs. B. E. Smith, but instead of the above held four Dutch matrons, who were introduced as Gretchen, Frieda, Huldah and Katrina. The costumes were pretty and the discussion so pertinent that their best friends scarcely knew them.

At Miss Wilson was dressed in costume and sang a charming Dutch song. Her call was responded to with Dutch stories and anecdotes. Mrs. Blakeslee sang in her usual pleasing manner, and then followed a vocal hour.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, and these consisted of wine, sweet, sausage, Eleanore's sandwiches and coffee.

It was a duty exacted in the minds of the club members in regard to the meaning of "Vespertine's Day"—it now knows that it means a jolly good time.

New Books in the Library.

"Black Rock" by Ralph Connor. The great success of "The Gentleman from Indiana" is the best advertisement for Booth Tarkington's new book, "The Two Yanderbys."

"The Leopard's Spots" is the title of a book by Thomas Dixon. It treats of the reconstruction period in the south. It is a strong book and a treat of fact.

"By Pike and Dike" by Henry Perceval. This is a book which will find few descriptions of the ways of Holland and Leyden. It is full of interest to every one.

AT THE THEATERS.

LYCEUM.

Without a question, Magician Kellar, who comes to the Lyceum next week, is the peer of any neomancer or exponent of pure sleight-of-hand who has lived within the past century. He is a highly educated man, and as a mathematician has few, if any, equals in the world. He uses the smallest possible amount of apparatus, yet his results are at times astounding. Spiritualists have claimed that he is a master of unusual power, but Kellar says he is a trickster, nothing more nor less. He has made a careful research into the mysteries of the famous Mahatmas of India, and in exposing some of their illusions for imposture, a competitor who ever attempted this work.

WHITNEY.

Here is a menu for the millions, in the revised "Hot Old Time" which will be shown at the Whitney theater all next week. An immense chorus of young ladies especially selected to interpret the concerted numbers of the piece, dancers, specialists, and scenery of the latest and most off beat architecture. Add to the above the laugh-provoking incidents and a merry sound of rollicking catastrophe and the revised edition should indeed be called "A Hot Old Time."

Notice.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the following places from December 5, 1902, to January 10, 1903, from 10 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of receiving taxes.

Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, 26 and January 2, 9 at home.

Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27 and January 3, 10 at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

Mondays, December 8, 15, 22, 29 and January 5, 12 at P. D. Cotton's store, 1st Wednesday, December 10, 17, 24, and January 7 at Samuel Levy's store, Big Beaver.

Tuesdays, December 9, 16, 23, at Geo. Harris's store, Cokran.

JAY CHAFFIELD,
Townsship Tax Assessor.

A Magazine Thirty Years Old. The Christmas Number of THE DEKALINATOR is also the Thirtieth Anniversary Number.

To be precise to this number, which for beauty and utility touches the highest mark, it would be necessary to print the entire list of contents. It is sufficient to state that in it the best modern writers and artists are generously represented. The book contains over 300 pages, with 10 full page illustrations, of which 20 are in two or more copies. The magnitude of this December number, for which 725 tons of paper and six tons of ink have been used, may be understood from the fact that the press running 14 hours a day, have been working for 10 days, the binding alone the addition of 90,000 representations of 30,000 articles which had been gathered industrially by human hands.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM EXCURSIONS.

Chicago and Return.

One fare plus two dollars for the round trip amount of the International Live Stock Exposition. Tickets good for 10 days, to 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 119, 126, 133, 140, 147, 154, 161, 168, 175, 182, 189, 196, 203, 210, 217, 224, 231, 238, 245, 252, 259, 266, 273, 280, 287, 294, 301, 308, 315, 322, 329, 336, 343, 350, 357, 364, 371, 378, 385, 392, 399, 406, 413, 420, 427, 434, 441, 448, 455, 462, 469, 476, 483, 490, 497, 504, 511, 518, 525, 532, 539, 546, 553, 560, 567, 574, 581, 588, 595, 602, 609, 616, 623, 630, 637, 644, 651, 658, 665, 672, 679, 686, 693, 700, 707, 714, 721, 728, 735, 742, 749, 756, 763, 770, 777, 784, 791, 798, 805, 812, 819, 826, 833, 840, 847, 854, 861, 868, 875, 882, 889, 896, 903, 910, 917, 924, 931, 938, 945, 952, 959, 966, 973, 980, 987, 994, 1001, 1008, 1015, 1022, 1029, 1036, 1043, 1050, 1057, 1064, 1071, 1078, 1085, 1092, 1099, 1106, 1113, 1120, 1127, 1134, 1141, 1148, 1155, 1162, 1169, 1176, 1183, 1190, 1197, 1204, 1211, 1218, 1225, 1232, 1239, 1246, 1253, 1260, 1267, 1274, 1281, 1288, 1295, 1302, 1309, 1316, 1323, 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