

# THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

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## To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers 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?

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## HOME NOTES.

Mrs. Ellen Jones of Detroit was in town Saturday.

Miss Minnie Peck is visiting relatives in Rochester.

Miss Nellie Lowes of Circle is reported ill with scarlet fever.

What shall I give for Christmas? A six months' subscription to the library.

Mrs. C. Bunnell of Goodrich was the guest of Miss Carrie Blodgett last week.

Regular meeting of the O. E. S., chapter No. 220, next Wednesday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Randall of Maple visited their mother, Mrs. Emma Randall, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Webster of Clarkson visited relatives in town a part of last week.

Clarence E. Bigelow of Pontiac fell under a load of gravel last week and broke his hip.

The Presbyterian society will meet with Mrs. Stearns next Wednesday afternoon. All are invited.

Pontiac manufacturers have just shipped two car loads of bean pickers to Birmingham, England.

Not very far from Milford one day last week a trapper caught in a trap a full grown Virginia opossum.

Lost—near Kool Cabin farm, a new Derby hat. Finder please leave at Cobb & Cobb's, Birmingham.

Do you want to keep your boy in the house nights? Give him a six months' subscription to the library.

Rev. N. W. Cary of Detroit will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening.

"A Strenuous Life" by Theodore Roosevelt is a book that every boy and girl should read. It is the last book in the library, No. 208.

The Catholic bazaar at Pontiac last week cleared \$2,500. J. S. Stockwell, Jr., won a gold watch, and Harry Lord a beautiful lunch cloth.

Born, on Tuesday, December 9, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Smith, a son. They are now receiving the congratulations of their hosts of friends.

The Progressive Pedro club were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wednesday evening. This club always has a good time and all they long for now is a bright new appropriate name.

H. J. Featherston's restaurant in this place furnished 400 lunches for the administrator's sale at J. M. Norton's farm near Rochester last week Wednesday.

We ought to be able to get some anthracite coal very soon, but Smith & Co. are still in a state of "no coal" and cannot hold out hopes to anybody that they can begin to make deliveries soon.

A Pontiac firm has made over 30,000 barrels of cider this season. My what they must have to answer for—the trouble caused by so much of the Devil's kindling wood!

We failed to make a note of the return home of Arthur Young from Colorado. He has been home now some three weeks and is gaining right along since his return.

C. Dickinson Dickinson, the happy purchaser of W. C. Jenks' beautiful home on Woodward avenue north, has christened the place "Elm Crest," a beautiful and appropriate name for the complete establishment.

Miss Flower and her sister, who have been quarantined for two weeks for smallpox suspects, are all over their trouble and Miss Flower has begun teaching her school again in Royal Oak township near the nine-mile road.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mattison are comfortably and cozily settled in the pleasant apartments over their store, in fact, they are living in a flat and enjoy all the benefits of city life, and they deserve to do so.

Fred Lambert is still setting up the cigars over the safe arrival of a bouncing baby boy who arrived on Thanksgiving day to help eat turkey and have a good time with the other girls and boys of the happy family.

Archie Adams, son of Wm. Adams, who has been employed at the Pontiac Savings Bank for four years, has purchased the furniture business of Prentice & Brace and will start in business for himself at Pontiac. Pontiac will not stand for disreputable houses. One recently started there, ran two weeks, was shut down and now about twenty citizens of that city are trembling in their boots for fear their names will be printed.

Another man made happy, and that is Lyman Hood, who Saturday night left separated himself from \$35 and took joyously home a Victor talking machine and two dozen of the most popular records made to-day.

An Elks' temple is one of the fine new things in sight for Pontiac, and what it needs for the offices that could be rented to many seekers. This building, with a new opera house, would be gladly received by the county seat.

The members of Piety Hill Primary, No. 55, P. P. P., are earnestly requested to be present at the next regular parlance to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. Election of officers and other important business.—C. H. Carter, Promoter.

C. Dickinson Dickinson will open his studio at Elm Crest on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 17th and 18th, and invites his friends and the public to call and examine his collection of hand decorated china and water colors.

Still another sub division of desirable lot lands is now being made by Pontiac and Detroit capital. Part of the Cartrite farm will be platted and several new houses erected. The consideration involves \$22,000 and will be of great help to the capital of Oakland county.

Not only are farmers in this vicinity experiencing trouble by having their potatoes rot in the pits, but the corn is said to be mouldering in the cobs also, especially that which was husked with the huskers. This, it is said, is due to the fact that corn did not ripen well this year and hence would not cure.

Licenses to shoot deer were issued to 175 ninorads in this county this fall by County Clerk Brown. If every hunter had been successful in killing one deer, the extermination of the antlered tribe would be threatened. This is the largest number of licenses ever issued in this county in one season.

Judge of Probate Stockwell has recently been appointed a member of the executive committee of the association of probate judges of the state. Some important changes in the law are desired by the association which they will endeavor to have the legislature act upon this winter.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A., which was to have been held at the home of Benj. Eldred Monday evening, will be postponed until this Saturday evening at the home of Louis Roy. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock. All interested in the work are cordially invited.

Oakland county has its share of blooded stock raisers and they have carried off some valuable premiums in open competition with the state. Several of the Oakland county breeders were in attendance at the annual fat stock show in Chicago last week.

Last spring the Detroit Sugar Co. offered a prize to the owner of the acre of land that raised the greatest tonnage of sugar beets. It was won by an acre of land on the Parly farm in Southfield, successfully cultivated by George Parly. Now his great question is, "How shall I reduce the surplus?"

William Watson, the terror of Pontiac, pretended to be an officer, arrested a man who was carrying his own overcoat on his arm, took the coat to carry and when the gentleman looked behind on the way to the coop the "officer" was not seen. From description Sheriff Brewster at once knew the "ferrior," who was soon jailed.

Waite Bros. & Robertson of Pontiac have been displaying a collection of copper ware in their window that is said to be over a hundred years old. It comprises a tea pot, a tea kettle, a pan, a jar and a dish that looks as if it might have been used for a pie tin, only it is about twice as large as the ordinary dishes of this kind nowadays.

We are pleased to announce the settlement of Thos. Cook and family in their own home in our village. That is the right move for a good Cook like them to make. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have served their time and done their share of farm work and Birmingham is the place for them to come and end their days in peace and comfort.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Samuel Lamb, who lives near Big Beaver, submitted to a very serious surgical operation at the hands of the aspiring young surgeon, Dr. George P. Raynald, at present house physician and surgeon at St. Mary's hospital, Detroit. The young doctor was assisted by Drs. Gass, Campbell and Raynald and the operation, while of a very delicate nature, was eminently successful.

One of the nicest jobs of decorating that we have seen this year is that done by Parks & Carter in the Presbyterian church. The wood-work is all grained to imitate dark oak, and this with the dark green side walls, blending to a delicate light green ceiling makes a very rich and attractive room. If you want any decorating done, either interior or exterior, give the boys a trial and we are sure you will be satisfied.

Early in the morning of January, 1903, a party of Birmingham ladies will start for Southern California to dodge the cold period for the next two or three months. They are Miss Mattie Baldwin, Mrs. Huldah Miller and Mrs. A. Whitehead. On their way Mrs. W. Adams will join the party at Chicago and then a jolly, happy, companionable quartette will soon be in the green fields of California.

In order to settle the estate of John McClure, Sr., Martin Blinn, auctioneer, will sell for Miss Emma R. McClure, executrix, on the premises, two miles north and one mile east of Royal Oak, and three miles west of Warren, on Saturday, December 20, at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, cattle, young stock, farm machinery, harnesses, farm produce, in fact everything that is to be found on a first-class farm; also 30 acres of land in same section. Free lunch at noon.

Frank Blakeslee, our genial merchant, just "hook" all his friends and started for San Francisco on Tuesday of this week. He goes through Chicago via the Burlington and Quincy route and Southern Pacific Ky. When in California he expects to meet his son, Bert, returning from the Philippines. Bert hasn't had the best of health and his many friends will be pleased to have him home again. Mr. Blakeslee expects to be gone from four to six weeks and Miss Jennie Keyes will conduct the store during his absence.

One weather prognosticator, who predicts that this winter will be remarkable for its mildness, bases his prediction entirely upon statistics, which, he says, show that for the past quarter of a century each year has had its average of about equal temperature, and this average has invariably been maintained. This leads him to the conclusion that the unusually low temperature of the past summer will be followed this winter by moderate weather that will bring the temperature for the year up to the established average.

The death of John Lawrence was announced Monday. Mr. Lawrence was one of the early settlers of Birmingham and for a great many years lived at his home, and the only one we can remember of his ever occupying, about two miles north of the village on the gravel road. The death of Mr. Lawrence is peculiarly sad because his last days were spent in the asylum at Pontiac, he having become insane with dangerous tendencies. His funeral was held yesterday (Thursday) in the M. E. church, conducted by Rev. M. E. Barram, and was largely attended.

An old love story, which was begun here in Oakland county fifty years ago, was brought to a culmination in Pine Run, Genesee county, last week, when John Kysar of Nebraska was married to Mrs. Eliza Scudder. Mr. Kysar is seventy years old and his wife is five years his junior.

Many years ago the couple were playmates, then schoolmates, and finally sweethearts near Highland Station. A quarrel sent the young man west. As time went on both married and both lost their companion. At last Mr. Kysar returned to Michigan to spend the remainder of his life with the above result.

During the absence of Dr. Williamson, Rev. J. P. Gibson of Tarkio occupied the pulpit at the United Presbyterian church, Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Gibson, who has been employed by the Tarkio college as their financial agent for the past five years, has resigned his position and will take up the pastoral work at Fort Morgan, Colorado, which is situated about 80 miles east of Denver. The church at that place at present is composed of about 30 or 40 members, but Rev. Gibson, with the co-operation of the people, expects to enlarge the congregation. His many friends will wish him success as he takes up the work in this new field.—Tingley (Iowa) Vindicator.

Mrs. S. Fuller of Pierce street has returned from a pleasant outing including attendance at the state S. S. convention at Lansing, where she was the guest of friends with whom she visited the Agricultural college, school for the blind and the Industrial school. She spent ten days with friends at Ionia, called on friends in Flint and visited the Arnolds in their pleasant new home at Rochester. She visited the state reformatories at Jackson and Ionia. At Ionia the city sounds the curfew whistle nine times at 9 o'clock p. m. In the house of correction, where so many young men are confined, there is a practical illustration of the results of the street night school. Mrs. Fuller's trip included 150 miles by electric car.

## THE BLUE CROSS.

"The winter has passed away. The twelfth speed along."

'Tis true one year follows so fast upon another that before you are aware the year has passed and Christmas is here. Tax time is in sight—and also the dollar that is due to "eye editare." That is why we call your attention to the Blue Cross which all our dear subscribers draw on the first issue in January, 1903. We do not mean this as a dun, but simply to call your attention to the fact that you have three hands—your right hand, your left hand and a little behind hand for the BLUE CROSS. It is so easy to tell if you owe you and just as simple for you to find out if you owe us. JUST NOTICE THIS. Look at the date following your name, no matter whether it is printed on the paper or on the wrapper that enclosed it. If the date has passed the tag "you're it," and it will get the blue X, but if the date is ahead of you we owe you, come in and we will congratulate you on your good luck and play for you our best graphophone record.

Now remember the Blue Cross doesn't show up until the first issue in January, 1903. Look up your date NOW. If it has passed come in and see us and don't wait for the blue cross, get in ahead of it and all will be well. It will be well anyway. Still, if we have your dollar we can have soup with an oyster in it instead of stone soup like we had to use on Thanksgiving day. Don't crowd; don't rush. Come one at a time and it will last longer.

## Notice.

DETROIT, MI., DECEMBER 1, 1902. To the Township Board of the Township of Bloomfield. The rights of the Birmingham & Pontiac Plank Road company to maintain the road and collect tolls thereon between Birmingham and Pontiac expires this day and possession thereof is hereby surrendered.

Yours, etc., BIRMINGHAM & PONTIAC PLANK ROAD COMPANY.

By STRAITHEN HENDRICK, President.

To Sanctioned tax payers:

I will be at the following places from 8 o'clock a. m. until 3 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of receiving taxes. At Leroy's mill, December 24, Parks' store, December 27, Franklin, December 30, Town hall, January 6, Bedford, January 8, and at home all Fridays until January 10, 1903.

L. J. HARK, Township Treasurer.

TO THE TAX PAYERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TROY.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at the following places from December 5, 1902, to January 10, 1903, from 8 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 E. F. Cutler's store. Wednesdays, December 10, 17, 24, 31 and January 7 at Samuel Levy's store, Big Beaver.

Tuesdays, December 16, 23 at Geo. Harris' store, Colerain.

J. V. CHATFIELD, Township Treasurer.

## Better Than a Plaster.

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## Holiday Book Department

### Some Books

People must have if they do not want to fall behind the times: "The Virginian," Mrs. Wiggs of the "Cabbage Patch," Castle Craney Crow, Hound of Baskerville, The Two Vaneuels, The Needle's Eye (Kingsley), Blazed Trail, Little White Bird (Barrie), Speckled Bird, Cecilia (Crawford), Story of Mary MacLane, Hears Courageous, Oliver Horn, Dorothy Vernon, The Mississippi Bubble, Donovan Pasha (Parker), Black Diamond Men, Confessions of a Wife, The Leopard's Spots, Blue Flower (Van Dyke), Istar of Babylon, Temporal Power (Corelli), The Spenders, Making of an American, Battle with the Slums (Jacob Riis), and the sweetest book of the day, "Emmy Lou," a book that brightens up the old readers and interests the young, too. Don't fail to read it.

Ralph Cennor's Four Books—the most popular edition—Black Rock, The Man from Glenagarry, Sky Pilot, Glenagarry, School Days (just published). Over 750,000 of Cennor's books already sold—and still an increasing demand.

**Woman's Books that are Quoted** Winsome Womanhood and Lyrics of Love, by Margaret E. Sangster, Janet Ward, her new book this season.

**Boys' Books Full of Life and Action** Ernest Thompson Seton's Wild Animals I Have Known and Lives of the Hunted, Henty's new books, With Kitchener in the Sudan, The British Legion, The Treasure of the Incas, all of Henty's,

Optic's and Alger's Boys' Books in fine binding clear type, nice paper. **Girls' Special Books—Ideal Stories** The famous "Pepper" Books, including the new one, Five Little Peppers Abroad. Alcott's Books—The newest editions of Little Men and Women. Many handsome books of celebrated authors, girls' favorites, 25c and 50c. **Children's "Can't Tell Sort" Books** Picture Books, paper or board covers, hundreds of them to choose from. Moon Children, Yankee Mother Goose, Old Mother Hubbard, Night Before Xmas, Guss Again, Chatterbox—books children are improved by reading—no person can invest money to better advantage. Awfully sweet "Little White Rabbit Books"—the daintiest sort of gifts, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

**Poems of** Tennyson, Whittier, Longfellow, Holmes, Milton, Scott, Burns, Browning, etc., beautifully bound volumes, best type and paper very low in price. Special Books of Poems, gilt edged, clear type, 50c. Special Books of Poems, padded leather, 75c. Father Ryan's Poems, Lyrics of Lowly Life, Xmas Carols, Ancient and Modern, Love Lyrics, Child Rhymes, Home Folks, Joyous Children. Markham's "The Man With the Hoe."

**Testaments, Bibles** In various bindings and sizes of type. Testaments 25c, up Bibles from 50c. to \$7.00. Catholic and Episcopal Prayer Books—books adapted specially for Sunday School teachers to present to the pupils—very large assortment, all good titles, 10c, 15c, 19c and 25c. More books, better books, nicer binding than usually found in dry goods stores.

## December Clearing Sale

## MILLINERY

All trimmed and untrimmed Hats in colors, to close out Black Velvet Hats \$1.50 at ONE-HALF PRICE

E. ELYNN, Pontiac

## Make Xmas money count

Those items we have in Our Lines of Holiday Goods

are sensible, pleasing ones; the kind that give full returns in usefulness and enjoyment for every cent of cost. We have made an extra effort this year to get practical as well as the newest and most attractive gifts in our lines; and we have put prices on them that will appeal to those who want worthy goods at the lowest possible cost.

In justice to yourself and those you buy for you should see what we have before making selections. We have told you previously something of the articles carried, but telling is largely in vain, you will have to see them to appreciate the goods and prices.

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