

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 19.

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?

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

HOME NOTES.

Christmas is almost here.

We are having delightful winter weather.

A back comb awaits an owner at this office.

Have you paid your taxes? Tom is always ready and willing to receive 'em.

Communion service will be held in St. James' church next Sunday at 8 o'clock.

Fred M. Warner is a much talked of man for the next governor of Michigan. The metropolitan dailies are full of it.

Just pause and think. Forty-one marriage licenses were issued in Wayne county on the day before Thanksgiving.

The railroads have made half rates for the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association to be held in Saginaw Dec. 29-31.

The quarterly meeting service will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday evening at the regular hour of evening service. Presiding Elder Stier will preach.

A Northville man was accidentally given a dose of powdered alum by a Detroit druggist and they have been trying to pull the pucker out of him with a stump puller ever since.

Turkeys are scarce in and around Pontiac as well as here. The scarcity of turkeys and chickens does not concern us as long as our old cod fish skin hangs together. Remember the blue cross.

Maybe you have heard the story of the widow who bought a monument for her husband's grave. She found one with "Rest in peace" cut on it, and she had these words added: "Until we meet again."

Only those present at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Saturday evening can appreciate what a grand organization is before the young men of the town. The good attendance is certainly encouraging.

The third of the series of lectures which have been appointed for Advent season will be given in St. James' church this Friday evening by Rev. J. C. H. Mockridge, of the Church of the Messiah. All are welcome.

Mrs. Edgar Parks has some new and desirable Christmas novelties which she will be pleased to sell at her home on Henrietta street instead of her usual holiday sale. She has a few articles done in burnt wood and will take orders.

A certain young man who detected a piece of bark in his sausage went to the butcher's shop to know what had become of the rest of the dog. The butcher is reported to have been so affected that he could only give him a part of the tale.

The Ladies' Literary club met last Monday evening with Miss Baldwin, with a goodly number present despite the storm. This was the last meeting before the holidays, the club being adjourned till January 5th, when it will meet with Mrs. Satterlee.

Investigation has shown that 60 per cent of cigarette smoking boys had poor memories, 40 per cent had untalented, 60 per cent had bad manners and 90 per cent were slow thinkers, while the average efficiency of boys not smoking was 95 per cent.

A new manufacturing enterprise is being tried at the factory of J. N. Zimmerman. He is now putting out polo sticks, and this department alone will give employment to many men. Next season he will go into the business in dead earnest and this industry will be working a good deal to Birmingham laboring men.

A casual glance at E. J. Kinnien would lead one to think that he was in the Spanish war and drawing a pension from Uncle Sam. Not so. He went to call on Daddy Lamb took a tumble and drew out of his fall a bouncing black eye and a cut on his temple. The other day his favorite dog bit his finger and later on the family cat took a fall from E. J. It never rains but it pours.

There is nothing that hurts business so quickly as the prominent presence in the community of the tight-faced, claw-fisted, hawk-eyed, cat-footed, hawk-hearted and penny-squeezing man-hating cross between a glue pot and a vinegar jug, who never spends a dollar until he sees a dollar and ninety-eight cents in sight.

A dollar spent with the mail order house is locked behind the iron doors of a safe and never gets back inside your pocket or to your vicinity. The dollar spent with the home merchant helps pay county and town taxes and helps to educate your children. Think of these things before you send your money away.—Wyandotte Republican.

You can scarcely fail to notice the fine healthy, hearty and attractive advertisement of the E. H. Traver Company, the leading clothiers of Detroit. This reliable house is one of Detroit's most solid firms and enjoys a large trade and a reputation second to none. Everybody trading there gets full value for his money and satisfaction is guaranteed to all.

Did you ever notice in passing down the street that no two men have mouths alike and that the shape of the mouth reveals the character of the man? The jolly old fellow has a mouth like this (the crabbed man like this) the precise man like this (the easy mark like this); the stubborn grump like this (the easy mark like this) and so on down the line. You can spot them every time.

The practice of butchering an animal on the street is an advertisement of Christmas meat has been tried in some towns and has met with the severe criticism it deserves. It is barbarous and disgusting, and more than one person, men as well as women, have been heard to say, "I have never bought a pound of meat there since." Streets are not for that purpose.—Citizen.

The Michigan Beet Sugar Manufacturers' Association, which comprises all the sugar manufacturers in the state, are moving to prevent congress from making any cut in the sugar tariff with Cuba. W. S. Humphrey of Saginaw, president of the association, is steering the movement, and has drafted a letter which is an appeal to Senator Alger to stand by the beet sugar interests.

One of the finest pieces of hewed oak timber that has been seen in this vicinity in a long time was brought to the Birmingham depot one day last week for shipment to the Soo. Its dimensions in the clear are 28x28 inches square, 42 feet long and contained 2740 feet of lumber. It was cut on Mr. Hyde's farm west of Birmingham by W. B. Ewing of Detroit who shipped it to the Soo to be used as an anchor stick for a dredge.

Gen. "Phil" Sheridan was at one time asked at what little incident did he laugh the most. "Well," he said, "I do not know, but I always laugh when I think of the Irishman and the army mule. I was riding down the line one day, when I saw an Irishman mounting on a mule that was kicking its legs rather freely. The mule finally got its hoof caught in the stirrup, when, in the excitement, the Irishman remarked: 'Well, begorrah, if you're going to get on, I'll get off.'"

It has been repeatedly shown that the annual rental paid by government for the use of a postal car is enough to pay in six months for the construction of the car itself. It has also been shown to the department that the annual payments to the railroads for the use of their cars have been on certain routes estimated on mails artificially swollen for a few months for the purpose of securing high figures. And yet all the consequences of corrupt postal outlays are shouldered off upon the weekly press.

Our cold weather is with us and our coal is not—wuh. Theron B. Smith took a trip to Buffalo one day last week to find out "Why-and-by-gosh-why-are-getting-no-coal?" He found out this, from the manager of the greatest coal fields in the world, the D. Lawrence & Co. of Lackawanna, that all coal mined is being sent east to the large cities like New York, Philadelphia, etc., and he further stated that it would be so all winter, as they considered that western people, especially Michigan, could get along with wood and soft coal. Bring on another ton of "Poky Hoots."

A good deal of criticism and condemnation is heard concerning the action of the Royal Oak township officials over the smallpox quarantine, and there are some who even go so far as to say that it wasn't smallpox at all. The state board of health, through Dr. Roney, says it is smallpox, and we believe that the officials acted perfectly right.

Although no one died and the disease was checked, it is owing to the strict quarantine and it is a case for congratulation to Supervisor Lavery and other officials rather than a case for condemnation.

Rev. St. Johns of Cole Station, a former Congregational, Episcopal and Methodist minister, was sentenced to serve eighteen months in Jackson by Judge Smith last week for conviction on charge of statutory assault. It will be remembered that St. Johns was arrested some time ago on the allegations of Eva Ross, a 15 year old colored girl who was taken from the Coldwater school seven years ago. This girl recently gave birth to a child. County Agent Stuart has taken her child to Coldwater and will try to secure a home for her with some good family.

A swell looking stranger put up at the Hotel Hodges recently, got the best room in the house, set up the best cigars to everyone in sight, ordered champagne water sent to his room and lorded it over everybody about the premises, and no one suspected that he was an escaped "natic" from the E. M. A. until after calling for a telegram ball he sent a telegram to a St. Louis, Mo., bank asking that they send him a statement of his account and the small sum of \$15,000.00. This was a dead give-away and he was soon back behind the bars.

The Ladies' library's new settled and arranged in its down stairs quarters. The rooms are large and patrons will find not only the library room but the reading room comfortable and easy of access. They are open Saturday afternoon and evening. If you wish to refer to a book, or to look over magazines and papers, you are welcome. If you are waiting for the car or waiting for a friend during open hours Saturday, stop in and you will find a comfortable and welcome. The ladies in charge wish that the rooms could be kept open every day and hope the time is not far distant when it may be done.

It was a country school boy who, on being asked to write an essay on the newspaper, wrote: "Newspapers are called vehicles of information. Editors are men who know everything that happens above and the earth beneath. They are writers who doesn't write anything whatsoever. Printers' devils is the most important persons in a printing office. They does the hardest work and gets the least pay. If ever I start a paper of my own, I'll call it the Umbrella. Everybody will take it. One day was walking down the street the other day with a little boy at his side when the little fellow cried out, 'Oh, pa, there goes the editor!' 'Hush, hush,' said the father. 'Don't make sport of the poor man. God only knows what you may come to yet.'"

Card of Thanks.
We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those friends who so kindly assisted us during the illness and at the burial of our husband and father.
Mrs. HORACE LEET AND FAMILY.

PROFIT

The matter of feed is of tremendous importance to the farmer. Wrong feeding is loss. Right feeding is profit. The up-to-date farmer knows what to feed his cows to get the most milk, his pigs to get the most pork, his hens to get the most eggs. Science.

But how about the children? Are they fed according to science, a bone food if bones are soft and undeveloped, a flesh and muscle food if they are thin and weak and a blood food if there is anemia?

Scott's Emulsion is a mixed food; the Cod Liver Oil in it makes flesh, blood and muscle, the Lime and Soda make bone and brain. It is the standard scientific food for delicate children.

Send for free sample.
Be sure that this picture is the form of a label on the wrapper of every bottle of Scott's Emulsion you buy.
Scott & Bowne
CHEMISTS,
409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and \$1. all druggists.

Miss Lena Bartram and Mrs. Seely Peck have been visiting friends in Pontiac this week.

Prof. George H. Mitchell treated the Epworth League to a free graphophone concert in the M. E. church Tuesday evening. He sang songs in all languages and in close g, just before coming out of his trance, he gave his latest and most original composition, "Please go away and let me sleep." Many thanks, and come again.—League.

The next devotional meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Whitehead & Mitchell have a fine array of Christmas presents and respectfully ask your investigation. Prices are low and those who buy and are not satisfied can have their money back and the goods are ours. Call in and see a fine line of cups and saucers, crockery, glassware, books, toys—just new and fine. We have a new and fine line of perfumes in cut glass, the finest odors in bulk and bottles. Pine tooth brushes, etc., etc. Dolls and dolls' heads in endless variety. We will be pleased to help you select a gift.

Mrs. Lena Paine-Taylor is daily expected home from Kalamazoo. She has almost recovered from a serious attack of diphtheria and we all congratulate the little lady on her safe recovery.

Say! can you think of a finer Christmas present for the family and yourself than to go to Whitehead & Mitchell's and buy a Columbia disc graphophone? Twenty-five dollars will put you in the house in fine shape, and give you music for the rest of the winter, and forever and ever after. Try it.

Dr. J. L. Campbell, H. A. Poppleton and T. A. Wood took a trip to the ice fields of Ohio and witnessed the shooting of their well No. 3. The "go devil" did its work fully and the prospectors returned for all its good. Rich for the oil wells and the Birmingham Oil Co.

John McKelvey of Southfield, father of James and David McKelvey, died the early part of this week. The funeral was held Tuesday, burial in Southfield.

Long Hair

"About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast, so I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling and made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 45 inches in length."—Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

There's another hunger than that of the stomach. Hunger for the intellect. Hungry hair needs food, needs hair vigor—Ayer's. This is why we say that Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color, and makes the hair grow long and heavy. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office.—Ayer's Hair Vigor Co., Lowell, Mass.

Notice.
DETROIT, MICH., 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.

Vours, etc.,
BIRMINGHAM & PONTIAC PLANK ROAD COMPANY.
By STRATHAIR HENDRE, President.

To Southfield 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 Ertz'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. HAYES,
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, 16, 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, at E. D. Cutting's store, Troy.
Wednesdays, December 10, 17, 24, 31 and January 7 at Samuel Levy's store, Big Beaver.
Tuesdays, December 16, 23, 30 at Geo. Harris' store, Colerain.

J. CHAFFIELD,
Township Treasurer.
Better Than a Plaster.
A piece of Ranel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster. A same back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell, druggists, Birmingham, Mich.

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, gripping feeling. Six million people take and recommend GASCARETS. Try a box box. All druggists.

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Holiday Book Department

Some Books

People must have if they do not want to fall behind the times: The Virginians, Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Castle Craney Crow, Hound of Baskerville, The Two Vanities, The Needle's Eye, Kingsley, Blazed Trail, Little White Bird (Harris), Speckled Bird, Cecilia (Crawford), Story of Mary MacLane, Hearts 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 Slaves (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 Connor's Four Books—the most popular edition—Black Rock, The Man from Glenrory, Sky Pilot, Glenrory, School Days (just published). Over 750,000 of Connor's books already sold—and still an increasing demand.

Detroit People Should Certainly Read
Daughter of France, Heroine of the Straits, A Little Girl of Old Detroit, by Mary Catherine Crowley.
Ann Arbor Tales, that book so eagerly expected will be on sale soon as received from the publishers.

Woman's Books that are Quoted
Winemore 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, Henry's new books, With Kitchener in the Sudan, The British Legion, The Treasure of the Incas, all of Henry's.

Optics 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 30c.
Children's "Can't Tear Sort" Books
Picture Books, paper or board covers, hundreds of them to choose from.
Moon Children, Yankee Mother Goose, Old Mother Hubbard, Night Before Christmas, Gussie Again, Chatterbox—books children are improved by reading—no person can invest money to better advantage. Awfully sweet "Little White Book 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, 15c. Special Books of Poems, bound leather, 75c.
Father Ryan's Poems, Lyrics of Lowly Life, Xmas Carols, Ancient and Modern.
Riley's Farm Rhymes, 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 to Bibles from 50c. to \$5.00.
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, 25c and 50c.
More books, better books, better 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

XMAS FOLLY

It is folly to delay purchases too long, to wait until assortments are broken. Choosing gifts while there are plenty to choose from results in satisfaction for everybody concerned.

This is the week to buy. Every day will count—every day articles will be leaving the store that would have suited you exactly. Our goods will go rapidly because we have put attractive prices on them.

PERFUMES, CROCKERY, DISHES, GLASSWARE, PLUSH GOODS, TOILET GOODS in Ebony and other woods, POCKETBOOKS, PURSES, Etc.

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Everything home-made and palatable.

Patrons checked free.

Birmingham people specially invited to come to this restaurant and be at home.

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Go and rent a Safe Deposit Box in the Exchange Bank at \$1.00 per year and

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Ask 'em about it.—A new safe of 140 lbs has just been installed. All the old ones were rented.

Cross?

Poor man! He can't help it. It's his liver. He needs a liver pill. Ayer's Pills.

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