

BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 26.

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, made your trading and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.



Merry Christmas!
Mrs. Theron Smith was in Detroit Friday.
Wm. Wallace, a well known Pontiacer, is dead.

Colvin Smith of Detroit called in town last Friday.

What's that about a green Christmas makeh a fat graveyard?

Miss Florence Hilliard was the guest of Detroit friends Friday.

Miss Belle Carson is home from the U. of M. for the holidays.

All the compliments of the season to you and yours, and many of them.

Capt. M. O. Bigelow of West Point is home for the holidays. He "sautinly" is fine and dandy.

Miss Flora Keyes of the Ladington schools arrived in Birmingham Saturday for the holiday vacation.

Three children of Adam Reid, who lives southeast of this village, are recovering from scarlet fever.

Do you know of anyone who wants to rent a good farm on shares? Read Wm. Satterlee's advertisement in cheap column.

E. C. Poppleton of Cass City was in town last week and reports the banking business good up in the thumb of Michigan.

C. H. Hoffman and wife are spending the holidays at Deford. They will return here in about two weeks for the winter.

Miss Harriet W. Soules, principal of Liberty school, Menominee, is spending her Christmas vacation at her home in Birmingham.

The tax man is quietly gathering all the money possible that is left after after Christmas and when the Monitor Insurance Co. is paid.

A new parsonage is being built at Troy for Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe and family. Big Beaver units with Troy in building the new home.

An 8-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Visger Spicer last week Thursday. The mother is very ill at this writing, but we hope for the best.

Mrs. Phillip Bott of Gagetown, with her little daughter, were among the many friends called here last week by the death of her father, John McKinley.

John McGee of Pontiac, aged 42, is dead. He was a leading spirit in religious life at Pontiac and was a business man for several years at the county seat.

Wanted—to rent, a cottage for family of three persons, convenient to electric cars, at about eight or ten dollars per month. Inquire at Exchange Bank.

Wm. Pallister has not yet reported to us how he is satisfied over his new experiment, but everybody says "Billy" struck it rich this season and we are glad of it.

Howard King, Jack Whitefoot, Will Castle and Ed' McHugh went hunting at Ortonville last Friday and bagged 35 rabbits, and it wasn't a very good day for rabbits, either.

Have you noticed Cobb & Cobb's electric light window? This is the very first firm in Birmingham that ever had an electric light in their place of business and the effect is something beautiful, indeed.

Mrs. Cordelia McStay, who went to Houston, Texas, to spend the winter with her son Charles, has returned with her dear old Michigan home. Like all good Michiganders she says, "Michigan is good enough for me."

Here is an item of information, which, if true, is of special value this season: It is said that a piece of zinc thrown into a bed of hot coals will clean out the stove, and pipe of a stove, in which soft coal is burned.

Brother Fox of the Rochester Era got out a Fox Christmas number of the Era and it is a byte. Twenty pages of choice reading matter. Fine paying advertising maketh the heart of y editor Fox gay and happy this Christmastide.

The W. F. M. S. will meet with Miss Daisy Durkee next Wednesday p. m.

At Big Beaver the K. O. T. M. boys will give their annual New Year's dance at the hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 31. Good music, supper, horses cared for, good time to all. What more can one ask for 50 cents? Try it.

Frank Blakeslee is in San Francisco at this writing. He made his trip of 3000 miles safely and is enjoying coast life for all it is worth and expected to meet his son Bert the 20th inst. on the arrival of the government transport.

All our dealers are well pleased with their holiday trade. The stores are all nicely decorated. V. Nixon of the fine window display showing much work and a deal of artistic skill. E. M. Matwain's is by far the prettiest window in town.

Anyone wishing Christmas meats need not pass by Schlaack Bros., looking for oysters, turkeys, ducks, geese, fine roasts or anything else in the meat line. They have a fine display and it really makes one hungry to look into the window.

W. I. Deer's tonsorial parlor got a soaking one day last week. A new skylight was being put in for Photograph Clark, down came the rain while it was uncovered and Deer sold shower baths all the next day. We came near getting one.

The closing exercises of the Parkersburg, south of Birmingham, were held last Friday evening under the direction of the teacher, Miss Iva Felder. There was a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, music and recitations and an address by Rev. Mr. Watson.

Tea drinkers will be pleased to know that on the first day of the new year the ten cent tea on tea, levied on tea during the Spanish-American war, will be abolished. Under ordinary rules of business this should reduce the price of tea ten cents to the consumer.

Did you see the crowds on the streets Monday? Did you hear the bands playing? Did you see the flags flying? Say, the excited populace could find Dan Davis' picnic last fall, and what was it all about? Smith & Co. received two car-loads of hard coal—real coal—anthracite.

Lost on Pontiac car leaving Detroit at 5:30 p. m., Dec. 16, a pocket book. Owner sat on rear seat with three Birmingham ladies. Besides money, the pocket book contained valuable office keys. Will the party who picked same up kindly return to this office and receive suitable reward.

C. A. Beardsley of Pontiac, who is interested in a projected electric road from Pontiac to Saginaw, via Holly, Long Lake and Flint, says the financing of the road has been arranged for and the road will be put through over a private right of way. He says work will be begun on the Pontiac end next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morelock of St. Joseph, Mich., were the welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawthorn of Troy last week and the quartette of old friends did have a grand reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Morelock visited friends in Detroit before coming out to Birmingham and all around have had a most enjoyable trip. Mr. Morelock is one of St. Joseph's prominent business men and enjoys a little recreation from business care, and "Billy" does too; so the team travel along at an easy clip and enjoy life as it runs on and out.

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Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back. For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 400-410 Fifth Avenue, New York. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

By telegram from F. Blakeslee the very latest: "Just met Bert on U. S. transport 'Columbus'—all right and well."

Mrs. Austin R. Parks, we are pleased to say, is slowly convalescing. Her burns are healing very nicely and it is thought she will not be crippled or scarred. Mr. Parks and his whole family wish to extend their sincere thanks to all their friends for their kindly aid at the time and since the accident. These many acts of neighborly kindness will never be forgotten.

There are 16 factories in Pontiac engaged in the vehicle business, 10 of which make the finished rigs. Most of their product is sold in the west and northwest, although a few rigs are exported to Africa and South America. The plants of the city have a capacity of 75,000 vehicles per year, although not that many are now being made.

The troubles of M. M. Fisher and Wm. Cockerline appear to be long drawn out. It all started over a five year lease of a farm. The landlord changed his mind and the tenant refused to quit. Then came eviction proceedings. The eviction was effected and now is the damage suit on the part of the former tenant to recover damages for being put off the farm. Had either man given in at the time of the first disagreement it could have been better for both.

The display of fresh meat, especially of fat turkeys, at the market of A. R. Parks is something unusually fine. Six of the best, the choice of the herd, that were bought up north from the Cocker farm, were selected by Austin and the feeding began in September. They are a fine lot and Birmingham people are to be congratulated on the fine eating ahead. Veal, nice fat lambs, turkeys, chickens, etc., are on the side waiting the call of his numerous customers.

While you are doing your best to give silly, useless gifts to friends—who nine times out of ten will find your lack of taste, hadn't you better give a sack of flour or a fat turkey to that poor widow or to the man whom everyone despises as a sot, but whose little ones are starving this Christmas-tide, when we are welcoming our friends and singing "On earth peace, good will to men." Think it over and then sneak over to the grocery and tell the man to take something good to the poorest family you happen to know.

Cornelius Sullivan of Hoyd's corners is justly proud of his season's work as weighmaster for the Detroit Sugar Co. He gave out tickets correctly for 1046 loads of beets. All went to Rochester of course and the factory shut down last Saturday after a most successful season. Wilbur Donaldson drew the largest load, weighing 6960 pounds, and Len Carmer had the smallest load, weighing less than a ton. Say, it was a single year. All beet raisers satisfied this year, and the prospects for a large acreage next season are good.

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Bronchitis

"I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my house for a great many years. It is the best medicine I know for the world for coughs and colds."

J. C. Williams, Andover, N. Y.

All serious lung troubles begin with a tickling in the throat. You can stop this at first in a single night with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Use it also for bronchitis, hard colds, consumption.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Consult your doctor about the size you take. It should do no harm. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. The Knows.

You should promptly correct any constipation or biliousness with Ayer's Pills, small, laxative doses. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

Well, in common parlance, in regard to coal, it is like this. Smith & Co. received two carloads of stone coal on Monday. They expect one car more this winter and are not betting on getting any more. Mayor Maybury of Detroit called a meeting of the coal dealers of that city for a conference and a class meeting and it was thoroughly understood that Detroit people must go to using soft coal or freeze. No anthracite in sight by a dern sight. "Burn soft coal or freeze." Isn't that a corker? In Pontiac they say the dealers are receiving anthracite and that in a week there will be plenty. The next three months are going to be hard on coal users who were not wise enough last summer to buy their winter supply. Well, we were foolish.

Many men have attempted to immortalize themselves by truthfully characterizing the country newspaper, among them the late lamented Bill Nye. He said the country newspaper is a library, an encyclopedia, a poem, a biography, a history, a prophecy, a directory, a time table, a romance, a cook book, a guide, a horoscope, an art critic, a political reverse, a sermon, a song, a circus, an obituary, a picnic, a ship-wreck, a symphony in solid brevity, a medley of life and death, a grand aggregation of man's glory and his shame, in short, a birdseye view of all the goodness and meanness, the joys and griefs, the births and deaths, the pride and poverty of a community; to say nothing of its being a long felt want, a nine-column paper in a five-column town, a lying sheet, a feeble effort, a financial problem, a tottering wreck, a political tool, a sheriff's sale, a lining for carpets and a covering for the pantry shelves, all at a dollar a year in advance, wood and potatoes taken on subscription.

The village of Birmingham is liable to become a veritable American Naples, the Neapolitan feature being the tame pigeons or doves which seem to have taken a firm hold upon the affections of nearly all our citizens. They are pretty, innocent creatures and we really consider it a fine feature in the general verdict of the public who refrain from disturbing them. They have taken to nesting, during the summer, in the tower of the fire department house and some time ago they were declared a nuisance by the village fathers and one of their number was deputed—upon his own request—to have a wire screen placed over the open windows to keep the doves out. The screen has never been placed and now Charlie Fom, who is in the employ of Cobb & Cobb, has the pretty pretense under such objection that he comes to the front of the store at a time during the day and a shrill whistle will bring the doves, who swarm over his head and arms and take the food from his hands. The ordinary pedestrian is scarcely noticed by them and they merely step out of the way, but the strangest thing about it is, that the "gamins"—as the French call them—the boys of the street, who are generally ready to destroy anything which is possessed of life, seem to think as much of the doves as anybody and are ready to fight for their favorites at any and all times. They are beautiful little pets and we believe we voice the sentiment of the community when we say "Don't hurt the doves."

Better Than a Plaster. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected part, is better than a plaster for a first aid and for pain in the head 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 medicine, griping feeling. Six million people take and recommend GASCARETS. Try a box. All druggists.

Willam H. Elliott Co. Detroit

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 Vancueles, The Needle's Eye (Kingsley), Blazed Trail, Little White Bird (Barrie), 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 Splendors, Making of an American, Battle with the Slimes (Jacob Rius), 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 Glenary, Sky Pilot, Glenary, School Days (just published). Over 75,000 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
Winsome Womanhood and Lyrics of Love, by Margaret F. 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.

December Clearing Sale OF MILLINERY

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

E. FLYNN, Pontiac

After Christmas Sales

We offer on Friday morning, Dec. 26, all crushed and soiled Handkerchiefs at

20 per cent Less than Regular Prices

Bargains in Christmas Goods in every Dept.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.

Woodward Ave. and State St. DETROIT

Big VAUDEVILLE BOOM

WONDERLAND AND TEMPLE THEATRE DETROIT, MICH. 2-BIG SHOWS DAILY--2 AFTERNOONS AT 2:15. ADMISSION 10 TO 25 CENTS. EVENINGS AT 8:15. ADMISSION 10 TO 50 CENTS. ALL THE BIG AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ACTS...

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Manufacturers of Trusses can say what they will, we know that the same make of truss does not fit all persons equally well. Different persons and different cases of Hernia, call for different kinds of trusses. We have all kinds and we fit every person perfectly. That is why our trusses have such a reputation for ease and comfort. It is because we pick the right truss for each particular case and then adjust it until the fit is perfect. Come in and talk the matter over with us. We guarantee satisfaction on every truss or money refunded.

E. L. KEYSER PONTIAC

Dizzy?

Appetite poor? Bowels constipated? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use Buckingham's Dye

10c. of druggist or R. P. Hall & Co., Nashua, N. H.

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

BANK OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, MICH. Transacts a General Banking Business. Loans Money on First Real Estate Mortgages. We have a Savings Dept. on which we pay interest at the rate of 4 per cent if left three months or more.

D. H. POWER, Pres. H. LEWIS, Jr., Cashier.

Christmas Turkeys and Chickens

No Scarcity of Fowls as formerly

ALL KINDS OF MEATS

Oysters, Etc. FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE

A. R. Parks

FENWICK'S

Lunch Parlors

99 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Everything home-made and palatable. Pastry checked free. Birmingham people specially invited to come to this restaurant and be at home.

G. G. FENWICK.

Don't Blame Your Wife

If your papers are lost, burned, mislaid or stolen

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

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