

# THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

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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 so good to do so?

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## HOME NOTES

The Message of the Robin.  
A robin sang at my window,  
And his notes had a gladness ring.  
He sang old Winter's requiem,  
And then he sang a song, costing you nothing and benefiting us greatly. Will you be so good to do so?  
With a prophecy of spring.

A little more like March this week.  
Remember the box social at M. E. church tonight.

The "wearing of the green" was in evidence Monday.

Will Fay of Battle Creek has been spending the week in town.

April showers, March squalls and winter freeze-ups—such is the record of March 1912.

Oakland county Macabees are anticipating a big jubilee to be held in Oakland the 19th of May.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Mutual Home Insurance Company in this issue.

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 220, Wednesday evening, March 20. Etta Daniels, Secy.

The Epworth League will give a box social in the basement of the M. E. church this Friday evening. Will also have a short program.

Say, if you want a nice up-to-date phaeton at less than half price and as good as new at R. L. Fisher's, 3d house south of Eccentric office.

Married, at the U. P. parsonage on March 19, at 2 o'clock, Mr. Will McClure and Miss Esther Parks, both of Troy, by Rev. M. B. Maxwell.

Probably the record for many years in the plowing fine was made last week when clay ground was plowed in Oakland county without finding frost.

There will be held a special meeting of the K. of P., March 21, 1912, at 7:30 p. m. Work in the 1st and 3d degrees. A. W. Campbell, K. of R. and S.

At the gospel services at the U. P. church this (Friday) evening the sermon will be preached by Rev. A. W. Martin, subject, "Christ or Barabbas." Everyone is invited.

Merchants should remember that country weeklies are read by country people more thoroughly than any other publications are read by any readers in either city or country.

It is stated that Winter & Lau, the electric road promoters, have been done up by Frank C. Andrews to the tune of \$396,000, virtually leaving them financially stranded.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed both in the U. P. church here and the Troy church on next Sabbath, at which time the pastor will be assisted by Rev. A. W. Martin.

People in this locality read with interest and wonder the accounts of floods and storms in the east while we have been enjoying regular April weather. The weather conditions in this part of Michigan seem to be changing year by year.

Frank Andrews, of Green Oak, sheared 50 sheep in 12 hours recently and helped the part of the wool. Who can beat that record?—South Lyon Excelsior. Frank C. Andrews, of Detroit, not only sheared more sheep, but he reared more on the shearing.

Perhaps not one person in ten is aware that when he is driving on a public road and some one drives up behind that it is as much his duty to pull over and give half the road and let them pass as if you meet.

This is the law on the subject in morals and etiquette.

All sorts of life and health and accident insurance policies are offered by sundry unreliable companies. The grand old Aetna will insure you upon any reasonable contract and meet all competition. They have no undefeatable terms or issues, but all is fair, open and easily comprehended. From \$5 to \$50 per week indemnity. The grand, reliable old Aetna & Hartford Fire Insurance Co., still doi-g business.—J. C. Allen Bigelow, agent.

All diseases start in the bowels. Keep them open or you will be sick. CASCARETS act like nature. Keep liver and bowels active without a sickening, gripping, or painful cathartic. Millions of people take and recommend CASCARETS. Try a box. All druggists.

Speaking of lies, now here's a full fledged qualified member for the Lyre club at Petoskey: Our friend, Jack Whitefoot, says, coming up Tuesday morning of this week, the weather froze up so quick it froze a frog's head sticking through the ice—and Jack is a good man.

Birmingham has been honored. Prince Henry on his whirl throughout this great country, and while being entertained at West Point, N. Y., was duly honored by being presented to Miss Bertha Bigelow of our village, while Capt. Mort O. Bigelow conversational with his royalty.

A big fat man in a neighboring town, says the Pontiac Democrat, was looking for a piece of meat, having walked quite a distance. Some practical joker sent him into a grocery store where the proprietor never advertised. All the time he was in there the boss was picking the top of newly hatched mice out of his coffee grinder.

Special administrator's auction sale on the Ferdinand Kirchoff farm 2 1/2 miles north of Sand Hill and 2 1/2 miles south of Bedford, on Thursday, March 22nd at 1 o'clock p. m., horses, heifers, chickens, farm implements, wood, coal, hay, corn, oats, etc. F. M. Harmon, special administrator; M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

The lakes and streams in the vicinity of Davisburg have long had the reputation of being an ideal fishing ground and are likely to retain it. During the past two years 100,000 wild eyed pike and 30,000 small mouthed black bass have been deposited in Big Lake, and 32,000 brook trout in the Shawassee river at that point.

The following warning from our state fish law is reasonable: "It shall be unlawful to catch or attempt to catch by any means whatever, in the inland waters of the state, any black bass from and after the first day of April up to and including the 20th day of May." Violation of this law is punishable by a fine of from \$5 to \$50, or three months in jail.

Miss Ethel Cull of Royal Oak on returning home with her mother the other day, noticed that someone had been there since they left. A search revealed two big colored chaps in a closet. Without further ado Miss Ethel picked up a revolver and commenced to blaze away at them. However, her aim was not up to the standard set by Annie Oakley and the fellows escaped in safety.

A proof of success and expansion is shown in the fact that our popular dentist, D. M. Johnston, after 21 years of steady pluck in Birmingham, has sold out one-half interest in his business to Dr. Fred Crawford, a graduate in dentistry next June from the Detroit Medical college.

Mr. Johnston is fortunate in securing Mr. Crawford. The new firm will have a branch office at Farmington and we predict the greatest success for them.

The family of Miss Jennie Rennie of Royal Oak deny that the unfortunate young lady took carbolic acid with suicidal intent. Miss Rennie was subject to headaches and not feeling well, had gone up stairs to bed, leaving word for the family to call her when dinner was ready. When found she was beyond medical aid. The family believe she reached toward a shelf on which medicine bottles are kept and got hold of the acid by mistake. Justice Hanger decided no inquest was necessary.

We were shown a very ornamental adjunct to a young man's "den" the other day in the shape of a pipe rack, in the making of which George Kaynale had been whileing away his leisure during his recent indisposition. The back of it is decorated with a fine painting of the noble red man in all the glory of paint, feathers and tribal distinctions. The painting is a work of art and is from the brush of George's mother, Mrs. C. M. Rynalce. Combining his own and his mother's handiwork it will form a valued keepsake.

A drug clerk was waiting on a "school marm" who was buying some school books. She asked for a copy of Steele's Physics. The clerk looked blank but made a thorough search of all the shelves on the patent medicine row and then returned to the school marm and said: "I am sorry, madam, but we are just out of Steele's physics, but

we have others just as good, however." "What are they?" asked the teacher somewhat puzzled. "Well, there's seditiz powder—and seditiz and castor oil—but the school marm had fled—E."s

In another column we are pleased to announce that the cadets of the Michigan Military Academy will give their annual minstrel show at the Pontiac opera house Saturday evening, March 22, which means that a very excellent entertainment is coming. This annual evening of music and song is anxiously awaited as the best local talent is interested and every effort is made by the management to give their patrons something to talk about for a year, or until another one is given.

Our people of Birmingham and vicinity are cordially invited. Electric cars run so conveniently that all can attend who wish, and we advise our readers, if you want a fine and most enjoyable entertainment, attend this one. Don't forget it.

Unconventuality is the key note of Clyde Fish's work in "The Cowboy and the Lady" which is being produced at the Lyceum theatre next Sunday evening. The cowboy in question comes from the East, being a Harvard graduate. His dress is in the latest fashion and is described as a dudu by the lady whom he falls in love. The piece has been staged in a superb manner and the cast is a very clever one.

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## BLEW HIS OWN HEAD OFF

Horrible Suicide of Fred Kirchoff of Southfield.

Was Melancholy and Disappointed Over Domestic Troubles and Had Frequently Threatened the Past Year to Take His Own Life.

One of the most horrible spectacles that could be imagined for a man's family to look upon was witnessed last week Wednesday afternoon at the home of Fred Kirchoff in Southfield.

He had taken a double-barreled shotgun, having loaded both barrels, sat down on the steps between the kitchen and dining room, placed the gun between his knees with the muzzle in his mouth and left hand grasping the gun and, apparently, with his right hand and a stick of wood had pulled the trigger and fired the gun.

His head from above the muzzle was entirely blown off, destroying the forehead and only leaving a part of the earlobe. The force was so great that portions of the brains were found plastered on the windows and ceiling of the room.

The son and son's wife were at the barn when he took the opportunity to commit the fearful deed and did not hear the report of the gun. Coming to the house, the son entered and discovered the father sitting in an upright position in the condition described. Although nearly overcome, the young man retained his presence of mind, quickly turned and forcibly prevented his wife from coming to the window to permit her to look upon the awful sight.

The news of what had occurred soon spread and the neighbors rushed to the Kirchoff home but nothing could be done until the arrival of a justice and the body remained in the same position, the head still grasping the gun, from the time of the tragedy, about 1:30 p. m., until about 7 o'clock that evening, when the requirements of the law were complied with and the corpse was taken in charge by Undertaker Neundor.

The funeral was held at the house Friday afternoon.

Kirchoff was about 40 years old. About three years ago he parted from his wife and since that time had been very despondent at times and took to drinking heavily. It is said that for the last year or more he had threatened to take his life, but no one took the matter seriously. At noon the day of the deed he was in Losher's store at Sand Hill and bought some groceries. He was so talkative at the time that Mr. Losher was obliged to speak to him about it, but he had been seen the same way often that time was thought of it. He performed the rash deed very soon after leaving home.

David the Psalmist once sang "If I make my bed in Hell, thou art there." He could have sung the same song and so-called M. J. Jones, who lives in Detroit, partly satisfied when he went up stairs in his own little home last Friday night and found his wife a mass of bones.

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