

To Our Friends.

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In the spring the young man's fancy, lightly, in a modest way, turns to thoughts of summer garments. On the first big balmy day, but if he is long on wisdom, he will not at once get gay, but will hang on to his flannels. That the latter part of May.

Home in Southfield to rent cheap. Read advertisement.

Louis Hard of Detroit visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Clara Hanna of Detroit was a Birmingham visitor Sunday last.

Miss Minnie Wilson is on a canvassing tour in the northern part of the state.

Miss Belle Carson of the U. of M. is spending a week's vacation at home.

James Wooster of Clarkston was the guest of Birmingham friends over Sunday.

Rev. H. S. Justina and family are guests of Mr. Henry Stone of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Caroline Usher spent several days last week with Wm. Hagerman's family at Circle.

Farmington is to have a \$4,000 church which will be built by the German Evangelical society.

Mrs. Taylor, widow of the late George Taylor, passed away Tuesday and was buried yesterday morning. Obituary next week.

Miss Vera McKinney was the guest of Miss Rilla Highy of Orchard Lake a part of last week.

Let's all go to Dr. John May's lecture at the M. E. church, Friday evening, April 25th. Let's will.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson have returned once more to village life from the big city, and we are glad of it.

A funny want, but he knows how to have it filled. Read the ad. in cheap column of "Setting Hens Wanted."

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 220, next Wednesday evening, April 23.—Elva Daniels, secretary.

The April term of Circuit Court commenced on Monday last with 74 cases on the calendar, only four of which are criminal.

Gentle spring does not seem to catch on in any hurry at all—at all, much to the sorrow of numerous cold bins in this vicinity.

Garner Miller and wife now occupy the east side of the Crosby home on Maple avenue, lately vacated by Ed. Russell and wife.

Mr. Frank Artbur of Pontiac conducts the worship at the Presbyterian church on Sabbath morning. There will be no service in the evening.

Last year over five and one-half million pounds of milk was used in the manufacture of "Warner's Oakland County Cheese" at Farmington.

The Ladies' Church society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. McKinley next Wednesday afternoon. All are cordially invited.

The ladies of the St. James church will serve a supper in the church parlors Saturday afternoon of this week from 5 to 7 o'clock. Price, 15 cents.

All old soldiers are requested to meet with Rev. M. H. Bartram at the M. E. church next Tuesday evening to arrange for Memorial services.

Capt. and Mrs. Coy of the Salvation Army will hold their last meeting in Birmingham next Monday evening. The public are invited to attend.

Some careless and ungrateful customer borrowed our ten-foot step ladder nearly a year ago and has it yet. Say, good Mr. Man, will you return it?

Married, April 3d, in Des Moines, Iowa, by Rev. Knive at the U. P. parsonage, Mrs. Eva A. Young of Denver, Col., to Mr. J. S. Lorimer of Winterset, Iowa.

One night last week two drunken men, surrounded by a crowd of admiring boys, had full possession of one of our sidewalks and passers-by could take the street and listen to a stream of vulgarity and profanity.

Our old friend, Ira Reed, has moved to his farm home and hereafter his post office address will be Commerce, Mich. Good luck to Ira and his good wife.

Regular communication of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93. R. A. M., Monday evening, April 21. Communicators, please be on time.—J. Allen Bigelow, secretary.

Eugene Heth is painting everything in the J. N. Henth farm, in Southfield, in beautiful red. John says that he will supply paint as long as Gene has the muscle to put it on.

E. B. Converse is away on an excursion for a short time. His destination is Douglas county, Washington. We trust the good man will have a nice trip, a good time and a safe return.

Neil Blumberg has had a good lot of experience in the ice cream soda business and is going to put it to use this summer at Featherston's restaurant. See advertisement in another column.

John McCarroll of Flint was down among his many Southfield friends over Sunday last. John looks first-rate and is enjoying life, and hopes soon to dispose of his farm in his old town of Southfield.

The youngest railroad superintendent in Michigan is an Oakland county boy, W. D. Trump, who started in as an agent operator at Millford, and is now at the head of the Saginaw division of the F. & P. M. R. R.

Mrs. Emily Leonard attended the meeting of the Detroit W. R. C. Monday afternoon in company with the Pontiac corps. The ladies passed through Birmingham on the 1 o'clock car, a merry crowd with small flags galore.

Genesee county takes the lead of the world, it is claimed, in commencing last week the naming of county highways and the numbering and marking of the houses. Each supervisor names five persons as a committee for the work.

In view of the fact that a village flower was voted for this week, the paper "Our Flowers," read by Mrs. Mary Cooper at a recent meeting of the Literary club and which appears on another page of the ECCENTRIC, seems very appropriate.

The Ferry addition to the city of Pontiac contains about ten acres of brick clay and at present there are two or three firms outside the city who are figuring with the Investment and Improvement Co. for this ten acres with a view to establishing a brick yard thereon.

All diseases start in the bowels. Keep them open or you will be sick. CASCARETS act like nature. Keep over and bowels active without a sickening griping feeling. Six million people take and recommend CASCARETS. Try a box too. All druggists.

Here is a chance for our boys and girls to take lessons in vocal culture at a very low rate. Mrs. Carrie Brown, who is gifted with a fine voice and has had it cultivated under the finest teaching, will accept a few pupils. Read her advertisement in another column.

If there is a good German girl, middle-aged woman or young girl that wants a good home like place and fair wages for work in the home of a lady living alone that will call on Mitchell at the ECCENTRIC office, he will be pleased to direct the inquirer to a fine desirable place.

Messrs. Parks and Carter have just finished Wm. McBride's home in this village with a dandy coat of paint, white trimmed with green, and it gives Neighbor McBride a very pretty home. Parks and Carter are fine workmen and do a nice job of painting every chance they get.

Having sold my farm, I will sell at auction 2 1/2 miles north of Warren and 4 miles east of Big Beaver, on Tuesday, April 26th, at 100 p. m., horses, cows, pigs, chickens, harnesses, wagons, plows, cultivators, drag, corn, etc.—Geo. Getz, proprietor, M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

About 200 residences were erected in Pontiac last season and it is believed that 250 will be erected this, and the new houses scarcely keep up with the demand. Pontiac is rapidly becoming one of the noted manufacturing cities of Michigan; hence the rapid increase in population.

The Chrysanthemum Pedro club spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Parks. The club presented Mrs. Parks with a rattan foot-rest as a little remembrance for the pains she has taken with the club's pictures. Ace prizes were won by Mrs. L. M. Hubert and S. C. Mills; lumpy prizes by Mrs. S. C. Mills and Ed. Daniels.

James Camp and family will live at "Whysall," John T. Shaw's country home, for the future, Mr. Shaw having engaged Mr. Camp as overseer and manager of this beautiful piece of property. This is a very desirable home and both parties should be suited, as Farmer Camp is O. K.

Boys and girls, don't make a practice of "cutting across" every yard you come to. If this practice is followed long enough it makes a lawn look bad. This cutting corners across lawns and yards is not done maliciously but thoughtlessly, but property owners who are thus used do not like it.

Ira J. Chaffield is building up a fine reputation for a careful, conscientious, painstaking, economical painter. This week he is busy brushing on Detroit White Lead Works' best liquid paint for C. W. Bruce and does it, too, in such a way that it maketh glad the hearts of all connected therewith.

Guy Blair has a good job as a base ball player with the Logan club of Utah. This is in a regular league and young Mc Blair draws a good healthy salary. His playing, is up to date and his services have been much sought for. Lansing gave a good bid for Mr. Blair, but too late, as the young man had left for the west.

Dr. John May, who will give his stereopticon illustrated lecture on Jerusalem at M. E. church next Friday evening, is an old friend of J. Allen Bigelow, A. Whitehead, G. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. V. Lee and others. He is a gentleman of fine address and a great traveler so we are sure no one should miss this treat.

First of the season—cheap excursion to Grand Rapids, Lansing and Battle Creek on Sunday, April 20, at the following low rates, giving 10 hours at Lansing, 7 hours at Battle Creek and 8 hours at Grand Rapids. Round trip to Grand Rapids, \$2; to Battle Creek, \$1.50; to Lansing, \$1. Train leaves Birmingham at 7:54 a. m.

F. F. Evans is wondering if it is liable to occur again. His wife presented him with twin babies last Tuesday morning and a nice boy and girl are looking for board at the Evans home. As Mrs. Evans herself was the girl part of a twin arrival some years ago there is no reason for wondering. Good luck to the wee ones.

A Washington dispatch states that the senate committee on public buildings have agreed to report favorably the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a postoffice building at Flint. Even if Flint should manage to land a postoffice and Pontiac be passed by, the latter city will lose by only a narrow margin and be right in line for the next plum that falls.

Mrs. Emily Leonard who has been spending the winter with Mrs. Esther M. Leonard, left Wednesday for a protracted visit at Fenton and Chesaning. She expects to spend the summer at the "Soo" in company with friends. Mrs. Leonard has made many friends during her stay in our village and we hope she may return for a short time before leaving finally for her home in the far west.

The Eugene Brooks family are all home again from their sunny southern home. Mr. Eugene returned last week and we enjoyed some nice oranges that he picked himself from their own trees. They were fine. Tuesday Mr. Frank and his wife arrived, and in company with them from Cincinnati came Mesdames Mitchell, Corey and Andrus, all well, happy and glad to get back to "Michigan, my Michigan."

The Pontiac Knitting Works, the oldest of Pontiac's manufacturing concerns, has been sold at auction. For some time the property has been for sale, the sale being postponed from time to time in consequence of negotiations and legal proceedings, but the last obstacles were finally cleared away and the entire plant, with its land and water rights, was put up for sale and knocked down to Joseph Nussbaumer for \$25,000.

Since the dawn of history men and women have been searching for a method to "get rich quick." Here is one who if persisted in, will surely bring the desired result: Just deposit 1 cent in the bank today, tomorrow 2 cents, and so on, doubling your deposit every day. At the end of the year you will be surprised to learn that you have over five million dollars to your credit—providing your capital doesn't give out too soon.

The latest figure to appear in the political field as an aspirant for congressional honors from the sixth district is Edward D. Black of Flint. Hitherto the fact of his possible can-

didacy has been successfully kept in the background, but it is stated that when the time is opportune he will formally announce himself as a candidate to succeed S. W. Smith and it is said that he commands a following of no inconsiderable proportions.

The vote for the village floor was taken in our school this week with the following result: Fanny, 120; sweet pea, 77; morning glory, 24; nasturtium, 15; aster, 6; lily of the valley, 1. Total, 173. This gives the pansy a clear majority of 47 over all others. Doubtless the pansy will be greatly in evidence in Birmingham gardens hereafter, and certainly it is one of the sweetest things that the Creator ever made and "forgot to put a soul into."

Mitchell, "eye junior editor" received a polite invitation to send up to Clarkston, in a dainty little pink bag that accompanied the call, a penny for each year he had lived to help the Baptist ladies to pay for a new carpet for their church. Being very sensitive on the age question, Mitchell sent 14 pennies and received a hearty postal-card "thank you," addressed to "Master George Mitchell."

Wes Faint, veteran painter of 30 years in Birmingham and vicinity, has charge of the exterior and interior decorating, painting and varnishing of the summer homes of John P. Shaw (Whysall) and Chas. Stinchfield (Stoneycroft) near Bloomfield Center. Although Mr. Faint is busy traveling for the Detroit White Lead Works he has time to see that the boys use his house's famous products, stain floor, hard oil finishes, and the celebrated Detroit White Lead Works' best liquid paint.

Samuel M. Crombie of New York City was in town one day last week, shaking hands with his old friends whom he had not seen for 25 or 30 years. Sam's first move was to hire a lively driver down to his old home known then as the Peter Crombie farm. He then visited the graves of his father and mother in the Royal Oak cemetery. His brother James is in business in Colorado; his half-brother, John Martin, is a successful merchant in Appleton, Wis., and his half-sister, Jennie Martin, died about two years ago.

Now, you men who are afraid of the woman vote, read this carefully: When man is placed, a waiting infant, in our arms, we receive him as the greatest treasure in the world; we feed him until he can feed himself; later we invent a language to amuse him; all through life we are his best friends. Yet men are still afraid that if they gave us the franchise we might make some bad use of it, though we assure them that we would not, and that we would perform all our motherly and wifely duties as well as ever.—Mrs. Caroline E. Merrick, New Orleans.

Dr. John May, who visits us regularly in the interest of the optical business and who has had wide experience as a traveler in Egypt and the Holy Land, has accepted an invitation from the members of the M. E. church to deliver his popular and entertaining lecture, entitled "The Highways and Byways of Jerusalem," on Friday evening, April 25. His collection of pictures of places visited in and about the Holy City with descriptions of his experience on excursions over the hills and valleys of Judea, during his three-months stay in the City of the Cross, gives assurance of a very interesting evening of entertainment.

The following are among the recent real estate transfers: Thomas Farise to John G. Quarten et al, 50 acres of e. 1/2 of s. 1/4, section 22, Bloomfield, \$2,200. E. Wilcox to Metta V. Wilcox, lot 2, blk. 7, Campbell's add to village of Birmingham, \$1. Estella M. Henningway, to Mary E. Keyser, lots 111, 112, Merrill's plat, village of Birmingham, \$330. David Todd to F. and P. Schlaack, land in sections 35 and 36, Bloomfield, \$150. Albert W. Campbell to E. Wilcox, lot 2, blk. 7, Campbell's subdivision, Birmingham, \$140. Frank Ford et al to James Davenport, lot 32, Torrey's plat, Birmingham, \$400.

The Michigan crop report for April speaks of the exceptionally fine weather that prevailed throughout March. There was very little freezing and thawing, so that wheat and clover were not damaged to any extent. Correspondents generally agree that wheat is in good condition, everything being taken into consideration. There are but few

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