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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.



HOME NOTES.
The Editor.
Who wraps with you when you are sad
And laughs with you when you are glad,
And wears with you when you are mist,
The Editor.
Who has to be both kind and wise
And never, hardly ever, lies,
Who writes his words, creates his art,
The Editor.
Who answers as best as he can,
In power out of a spirit gone but in ink,
And lives a forty cent a week,
The Editor.

Do you get "fole"?
April showers are in order.
John Nye was in town over Easter Sunday.

Miss Martha Baldwin has been spending three or four days in the city.

Prof. Waldo and daughter Lulu spent last Friday in the University city.

Mrs. W. E. Aldrich of Fenton visited G. F. Aldrich one day last week.

Mrs. Walter Nichols and two sons are spending the week at Farmington.

The first electric car for Pontiac now leaves at 6:30 instead of 6:00 a. m. as formerly.

Mrs. S. Fuller has been spending a week with her friends in Detroit and Farmington.

Will Fay has left Battle Creek and is now an employe of the United Railway in Detroit.

Miss Froua Flynn of Orion was the guest of Mrs. E. R. Smith the fore part of the week.

Don't miss the phonograph entertainment at the Presbyterian church next Tuesday evening.

Our thanks are due to Mr. John Quartaro for a generous Easter offering. Especially by.

Miss Mabel Pearson took in the county examination of teachers at Pontiac the latter part of last week.

Don't forget the Ladies Aid at Mrs. James Shain's this Friday afternoon. Tea ready at 5 o'clock.

Visitors at J. D. Van Every's the past week were Miss Annie Berger of Franklin and Arthur Allee of Detroit.

Don't don't don't turn down leaves in a library book. A piece of paper will mark your place and spare the book.

March, it will be remembered, came in very lamb-like, and the last day of the month found the ground covered with snow.

F. B. Schanbitt, formerly of our village, has opened a cafe at 32 Cadillac Square, Detroit. He will be pleased to have you call on him.

David Hanna of Tuscola county is smiling on his many friends and looks hale, hearty and healthy and just as if Tuscola air agreed with him.

Mrs. H. P. Saitzer and little daughter Ruth of Detroit have been spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt of this village.

Wesley Goodwin has accepted a situation in the great hardware store of H. J. Willitt at Almont, Mich., and is proving himself worthy of the situation.

A new \$500,000 pump for the Pontiac water works is being constructed by the Snow Pump Co. of Buffalo. The city's water system is to be greatly extended.

The Post says that Pontiac suckers are shy several hundred dollars on the Pontiac swindle which has been doing a flourishing business in that city for over two years.

L. M. Hubert of electric fame made a flying business trip to Toronto last week, and aside from business interests had a jolly good visit with old friends in the King's domain.

The finest offering from the real estate department of the Exchange Bank is the farm just north of Royal Oak village, formerly occupied by the late Ed Poole. Fifty acres at the lowest price ever heard of. Good buildings, fine soil, and at the low price of—but if you will call and see Whitehead he will whisper it to you. Honestly, its too ridiculously cheap to be spoken aloud.

"The Old Settlers' Night" is the latest and most novel social that we have heard of. It abounds in songs and reminiscences of pioneer days. What's the matter with some of the societies having one here? There are many old settlers in this vicinity who could make some valuable contributions to the program.

A Kansas preacher recently hit an original method of getting a good collection. As the contribution box was being passed around, he announced in a loud voice, "Those of you who are in debt are not expected to give anything." Collections had been fairly rained into the box.

The sweet Easter bonnet was not greatly in evidence last Sunday—at least not in Birmingham, where a heavy down-pour of rain prevailed a good portion of the day and kept the people closely housed. Only a very few of the faithful ventured out to church in the morning and the Easter services were considerably dampened.

The regular meeting of the W. M. S. of the M. E. church will be held in the church parlors next Thursday afternoon, at which time the meeting boxes will be opened. A literary and musical program will be given and supper will be served, to which all are welcome, the admission being a free will offering.—Florence M. Gillett, secretary.

The morning service at the M. E. church next Sunday will be given over to Miss Grace Todd, a returned missionary from China. We bespeak for her a large audience and assure our readers that they will be well entertained by Miss Todd's account of her experiences in the land of the Celestials. In the afternoon she will speak especially to the ladies at 3:30.

If the rush continues Pontiac carriage factories will put the local freight handling facilities entirely out of business. There is more vehicle freight than the railroads can handle. Shortage of cars compels them to ask factories not to deliver freight. The rush which is now on is of annual or semi-annual occurrence and points out the need of better freight facilities.

The women's clubs of Oakland county are many of them working to abate the dangerous as well as filthy practice of spitting on the walks and leading to stores and public places. If the club in this village takes up this work we bespeak the help of every citizen in the cause. Surely those of us who have to wash and sweep our walks every day will be glad of the club's help in the matter.

From Lansing comes the announcement that friends of Arthur Tuttle, who was the prosecuting attorney of Ingham county during the trials of the Pingree military board, are urging him to be a candidate for Congressman in the sixth district against Samuel W. Smith of Pontiac. It is stated that Ingham county will be solid for Tuttle.

It was a great wonderment when the apple blossoms were obtained for the Easter decorations at "Wart Bros." store until it was learned that their decorator went to an orchard a month ago and cut off a lot of branches. These he placed in water and set them in a warm, moist atmosphere. The branches blossomed and the decoration scheme was perfected.

Clean up your yards. Nothing gives a stranger more prepossessing impressions of a village than to see well-kept lawns and gardens. In the winter rubbish will collect which ought to be removed from sight as soon as spring opens. Get out your rakes and wheelbarrows and let everybody vie with his neighbor in the effort to make Birmingham the cleanest, prettiest village of its size in the state.

Mrs. Andrew Quick, one of our finest old ladies, fell in her own home and severely injured her hip and thigh. Her attending physician, Dr. C. M. Raynale, fears a fracture of the thigh bone, besides a severe wrenching of the muscles, which made the good lady suffer greatly. She is as comfortable as possible and all her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Waite Bros. & Robertson of Pontiac, who are among our liberal advertisers, have made another improvement in their cloak and suit department. The floors have been covered with heavy rugs and electric lights have been added to each de-

partment. The top of each suit and cloak rack is lined with little electric bulbs which when lighted give the department a very beautiful appearance.

Let all voters carefully consider every side of the court house question before voting next Monday. It is undeniable that in the present structure the records of property and of the county are unsafe and room for the people's business is inadequate. Let our voters remember that never before have they paid a dollar toward erecting a court house, and never will be called upon again, unless unforeseen disaster should happen. If the proposition is defeated at this election, it must in a short time be again brought before the people, as more room and better facilities are imperative.

The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company of Neagane, this state, who have bought Grand Island in Lake Superior, embracing 13,000 acres, for a game preserve, have made negotiations with Joshua Hill of Pontiac whereby twelve magnificent elk will be transported from his beautiful park to Grand Island, where it is to be hoped they will thrive and multiply to the delight of all admirers of this fast disappearing race of mammals.

The happiest man in town is Jonathan Todd who bought this week from James Davenport the little farm home that Edson James sold to James J. a short time ago. Both made a big bargain. Mr. Davenport is a born real estate man. It's in him and he can't help it. Mr. Davenport bought four acres of the Wallace land from Messrs. Ford and Peabody and will proceed at once to build himself another new home in Birmingham.

A self-denial week, beginning next Sunday, is announced by our friends the Salvationists. Suspecting by their many deeds of charity that they have not much to give themselves, although there is no doubt as to the willingness and cheerfulness with which they will give what they can, it will be perfectly in order for the charitably inclined to take this means of helping them to replenish the coffers of the Army. There is no doubt that such funds will be conscientiously employed.

The Christentum Pedro club who were invited to spend the evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Todd, and if you think they didn't enjoy themselves just ask S. C. Mills. After spending the usual length of time playing prelo and all did justice to the dainty luncheon Mrs. Todd had prepared, and any time you want a fine dish of ice cream just call on Mrs. Todd. Ace prizes were won by Mrs. W. A. Burtraw and S. C. Mills; booby prizes by Mrs. L. M. Hubert and M. R. Blair.

Word has been received from Washington that the rural free delivery service from Birmingham will commence May 1. The length of the routes is 72 miles and the population served numbers 2,227. The number of houses on the route is 995. The men who will work for Uncle Sam in the capacity of mail carriers are Louis H. Rousseau, Joseph Schoonover and Penn Weston. The postboxes at Southfield, Beddow and Circle will be discontinued and mail for Beddow will go to Sand Hill and Birmingham and mail for Circle to Birmingham.

When anyone says an unkind thing about you or offers you an open insult, all the more cutting because of its renned malignity, don't you make a fuss and cuss back. We confess a secret liking for the old law, "an eye for an eye"; but in these days of a larger, nobler manhood and womanhood it is not well.—Better copy the calm and equitable temperament of the Man of Galilee that will put to shame all the covert or open attacks of the slanderer who goes about like a boa constrictor, seeking whom he may devour.

De we carry about with us as cheerful a face as we might? These are times that try men's souls; we are living at high pressure; cheerfulness is as imperative in our business and social relations as is the relative amount of oxygen in the atmosphere. "Your face does me as much good as a scripture lesson," was remarked to a very commonplace woman who often carries an aching heart and weary brain behind the cheerful exterior, and who had no idea of the effect which her attempted cheerfulness had on her more fortunate neighbor who made the remark. Do we carry about a psalm or a prayer on our faces? Poise of character, expressed by cheerfulness and restfulness of countenance, stand one in good stead in these troublous times.

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Good farming land in Oakland county seems to be in good demand and there has not been a time in years when the price for this class of real estate was held as high and when the price was as willingly paid. It is many years since so many sales of farms have taken place in Oakland county as at present, and many of them have been made to people who are not farmers but have made the purchases for an investment of surplus money, believing it to be as good as can be made at the present rate at which money can be loaned, methods of taxation, etc. This condition of things does not apply to this county alone, but seems to be general throughout the state.

The new offerings in the real estate department of the Exchange Bank this week are two excellent ones. We will just tell you where they are, who owns them and the price, and see if you don't think they are bargains. First, house and lot just south of the Episcopal church, occupied by Prof. Waldo and owned by Miss Mary Uter. Price \$4,000. The other is a new house and lot on Fremont street, just east of Nate Falls, formerly occupied by Mr. Ball. The lot cost \$250 and there is a nice new cozy cottage, good enough for anybody, and the whole business goes at an even \$500, with terms so easy that a laboring man can just work himself into a pretty little home of his own in a very short time. Call on Whitehead at the Exchange Bank and he will tell you more about these very desirable places.

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