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TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1902.

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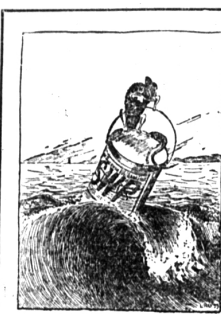
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the drill myself and it takes about half hour, then I bathe and turn it. It keeps my muscles good and hard and I am feeling pretty good again.

Although I send some seeds home for planting, you must not be surprised if they don't grow for the climate is very different. I planted lots of American seeds and only about six radishes came up. I am going to send some morning glory seed as soon as I can; they grow well by the sea here, I eat big ones, twice as big as those at home—all red, no other color.

You ask about the wines, etc. they have here. Well, the Americans are accused of bringing them over, but it is a mistake—these people are worse than the Americans ever thought of being. The native drink, called tuba, they get this way: a native climbs a cocoanut tree and cuts a leaf off, then he fastens a bamboo pall right at the end of the stem on the tree tree and the juice flows into it. In two days this juice gets to be stronger than vinegar and even when you mix it has that taste. After two days it will make a man so drunk that you can hardly arouse him, but seems to leave no after effect. Every night the "up-to-date" people go down to the tuba or cocoanut grove for a drink-me, women and children and they drink two and three glasses of it. Another drink is "beno"; it is pure alcohol flavored with anise, you can burn it like alcohol. When a man gets drunk on it he is like a crazy man and eventually it eats the stomach right out of a fellow. Then, they sell the wines, beers and whiskeys like we have at home. As soon as you go to a home the first thing is to offer you wines or whiskey, cigars, every

FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

An Interesting Letter from Bert Blakeslee.

Writes About His School Work and Cooking—Planting Seeds—Wines, Etc., Army Castles—The Matties, Etc., War and Their Religion.

(BANTON, Rambon, P. I., Sunday, 12 o'clock noon.)

Dear Folks at Home—
The last two weeks have been very busy ones, with my school work, cooking and study the days have passed very rapidly. Today we had soup for dinner. We don't get breakfast more—half a hardtack is enough, as it takes too long to chew a whole one. Yesterday we bought half of a kid, dressed our share and we made it into soup today with 1 1/2 of little dumplings. Also have 23 eggs now—we get 8 each morning. Our kid cost us 15c gold and eggs are about 6c gold a dozen. Our expenses are averaging about 30c gold a week. We eat lots of sweet potatoes and stewed dried apples, besides eggs. Last Friday we bought two chickens about a third grown for 3c gold for bath. Not bad, eh?

I feel quite satisfied with the way my school work is going. Did you ever stop to think how funny it is—when it is about midnight with you it is about 10 a. m. the next day with us? And at 10 a. m. more than 1,000 American teachers are teaching English to more than 3,000 Filipino teachers and during the day these teachers will have taught more than 250,000 children. Add 10 hours and 40 minutes to your time and put us a day ahead and you'll know about what I doing. I teach from 8 to 11 and from 2 to 3, rest of time I study and work in my rooms. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights I teach night school from 6:30 to 7:40 to a class of 25 boys. Give them a good gym and let them go. Every night I go tho!

They have Christmas and New Years just the same as we do and celebrate with a big fiesta. In school we teach music, writing, drawing, arithmetic and reading. When they know more English we will teach history and geography. Begin with the little boys 4 years old and when they are 16 they get married and go to work.

With much love,
BERT.

(Only through car line to Asheville, N. C., Queen of Crescent Route and Southern Railway.)

A SOUTHFIELD NONEGENARIAN.

Through the courtesy of the Michigan Christian Advocate we are permitted to present to our readers this week a fine picture of one of the oldest and best known pioneers of this locality. Mrs. Permelia J. Johnson of Southfield. Mrs. Johnson was born in the town of Lee, Oneida county, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1811. When quite young, her parents, William and Mary Ives, moved to Vermont, and in the fall of 1828 they came to Michigan, where they settled on a farm near Buffalo, to Detroit via steamer, crossing Lake Erie in nine days, arriving at Detroit Oct. 19, 1828, after many detentions and a tedious journey of seven weeks. The day following they set with on their feet for their future home in Southfield. The direct route being impossible, they were obliged to come by way of Birmingham, reaching their future home in two days, where they remained for a few days, then they moved to Southfield and settled on a farm, a pioneer life. May 11, 1835, Permelia Ives was married to Horace J. Johnson, their home always being in Oakland county, a number of years being spent in Rochester. For thirty-seven years their home was in Southfield, where Mr. Johnson died in 1888, after fifty-three years of wedded life. In the spring of 1839 Mrs. Johnson was converted at her home in Rochester. After moving to Southfield she united with the E. church and is still an honored member. Since the death of her husband she has been tenderly cared for by her only daughter, Mrs. Montgomery, but a year ago she was sadly bereft when her daughter was called to her heavenly home. Mrs. Johnson retains all her faculties in a wonderful degree, usually enjoys good health, and has not lost her interest in life's affairs.

meal and on all occasions. There are not half as many saloons in Manila today as when the Americans entered and the soldiers' canteen saloons is established to give our men good beer and to save them from these poisonous drinks. People who talk so much about the army canteen and American introduction of drinks don't know what they are talking about.

How do natives eat? All gather round the dish, stick in their fingers, get a handful and put it in their mouths. Just now all they eat is sweet potatoes and bananas. When their boats come back they will have rice, then they will eat just that. Once in a while they kill a pig, a goat or a cow and then they have meat. This is the bill of fare, and an American can't live on it.

How do they dress? The men wear shirts and pants and some have hats and slippers for Sandaya. Some boys wear only a shirt and I have seen lots with nothing. All females from the time they walk till they die wear a loose undershirt, another skirt that trails a yard behind them and a low cut wrist with wide loose sleeves. On Sunday they wear slippers and look pretty neat, but on other days are a fright.

Yes, all are Catholics and have their churches and some are very nice. In Manila is a steel church which was made in Germany and shipped here in sections. The roles and dishes, etc. used by the priest in the services are finer than anything you have ever seen. We never go unless the officials call for us with the band.

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MRS. PERMELIA IVES JOHNSON, SOUTHFIELD. (Aged 90.)

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Shortly after the car had gone Miss Carrie Popperton was passing that way and hearing the cries of the infant, entered the store with Mrs. Victor Van Every and told the babe in the mob's of a plentiful supply of beautiful clothing. A note accompanied the bundle directing the care and food of the child. Deputy Sheriff Van Every was notified, and then John came forward with evidence. He had seen her board the car and the officers at Pontiac were notified, who apprehended the woman on her arrival.

Bell-McGaffey.

A charming home wedding was celebrated Thursday evening, May 15th, at the residence of Mrs. Mary Bell of Southfield, in which the contracting parties were her daughter, Miss Anna Bell, and Daniel A. McGaffey, of Oxford. The house was prettily decorated with flowers and at eight o'clock the wedding party entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Nettie McBride. The bride was attended in a dainty gown of white silk and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Cutler, pastor of the Baptist church at Oxford, in the presence of over 100 guests from various parts of Oakland county. The bride's brother, William Bell of Florida, was also present. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable gifts. Following the congratulations, a choice wedding collation was served to the assembled guests. Mr. and Mrs. McGaffey left at once on their honeymoon and have gone to housekeeping in Oxford, their future home. The ECENTRIC joins with their many friends in wishing them long life and happiness.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending May 17, 1902:

Cecil Adams, Earl Riggs, James Robinson, Ernest I. Heyward, A. Johnson, W. J. Tabor, D. F. Meyer, Miss Laura B. Ward.

Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised."
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R. H. TRAVER CO.,
171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

A Babe in Town.

Last week Wednesday night a mysterious woman in black left a pretty little girl baby in the store of E. C. Popperton, Mr. Popperton and Geo. Shain were sitting in the office when the infant entered the store with Mrs. Victor Van Every and told the babe in the mob's of a plentiful supply of beautiful clothing. A note accompanied the bundle directing the care and food of the child. Deputy Sheriff Van Every was notified, and then John came forward with evidence. He had seen her board the car and the officers at Pontiac were notified, who apprehended the woman on her arrival.

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The woman was taken to the jail and she remained there three days, when she was released on \$2,000 bail. The officers were unable to ascertain her home or name, although she gave the name of Mary Benson at the hearing. Saturday afternoon a strange elderly woman called at the Popperton home and took away the babe, whether we know not.

The examination was set for June 5, but it is not thought that the woman will appear.

In her possession was found a letter, written in a Greek cipher to her betrayer, also a map showing route to Birmingham, Michigan, no clue can be found whereby the names of the interested parties can be known. The cause of her trouble will probably never be brought to justice as the girl refuses to talk and says she will not prosecute.

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- Lewis C. Payne, 28, Ray.
- Mattie E. Downing, 24, Orion.
- Wm. H. Harris, 25, Pontiac.
- Lothie E. Groover, 24, same.
- Ora G. Beatty, 21, Pontiac.
- Belle Thompson, 20, Plymouth.
- Duncan Gray, 23, Pontiac.
- Jennie Mitchell, 24, Cass City.
- Herman Pretzer, 28, Pontiac.
- Blanche Hazen, 20, Birmingham.
- Archibald Kinney, 38, Pontiac.
- Mamie Biaga, 21, Pontiac.
- George F. Crawford, 22, Pontiac.
- Grace M. Sprague, 19, Pontiac.
- Daniel A. McGaffey, 28, Oxford.
- Anna B. Bell, 28, Birmingham.
- James McGraw, 49, Oxford.
- Mrs. Teresa Miller, 68, Plymouth.

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Ladies' Serge Slippers.

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