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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1902.

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**OUR NEW SCHOOL SUPT.**  
Prof. James B. Field a Self-Made Man.

A Graduate of Albion College; in Two Courses and Still Striving for Higher Educational Attainments.

As school days are again close at hand, it seems appropriate at this time to present the portrait and sketch of our own superintendent, Prof. James B. Field, who succeeds Prof. E. F. Waldo in that capacity.

Mr. Field was born in the latter sixties in Hillsdale Co., Mich. He was lit-



**JAMES B. FIELD, S.**

fatherless at an early age and his present attainments, educational and otherwise, are the result of his own strenuous and unaided efforts. He entered Albion college and after a persistent struggle graduated with honors in two courses, the scientific and the normal. Since his graduation he has done some work at the U. of M. for an advanced degree and we understand, expects to continue to this end. He holds a B. S. certificate from the State Normal Education and by faithful and successful work has gradually risen from the superintendency at Parma, Quincy and Cheanning to that of the Birmingham schools. He comes to us with the best of endorsements as a scholar and an educator.

The many of our new experimenters consists of himself, wife and two boys. Mrs. Field was formerly Miss Birdie E. Powers of this county and was a musical student at her husband's Alma Mater. The family are cozy settled in the Bruce cottage on Broadway street. Mr. and Mrs. Field will prove welcome additions to the various departments of social life in Birmingham. Religiously, they are connected with the Methodist church. We believe that Birmingham and her schools are to be congratulated and that the prospects are bright for a happy and successful school year for our young people.

**School Announcements.**

The Birmingham school will open for the fall term on Tuesday, September 2, 1902, with the following list and assignment of teachers:

James B. Field, superintendent.  
Grace L. Smith, preceptor.  
Zilpha Campbell, assistant.  
The same floor are given as follows: 1st, 15, 25 and 30, 40, also a physical and physical laboratory 29, 36. Every detail of heating, ventilation, and lighting has been looked after. City water and wash basins have been placed in each floor and water closets in the basement.

As to text books, a few changes have been made thought desirable. In every volume we believe we have a better book and, fortunately for the pupils, usually at a much less price. In the grades we shall use the following two-book course in English, except grade 6—Whitaker, and 7 (Kellogg); thus saving the purchase of one book. Grade 9 will use Scott and Denney's composition and grammar, and in all other respects the same as last year.

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Particulars are earnestly requested to see that their children are to hand on the opening day and to do all in their power to maintain a record for neatness and order and tardiness. Have confidence in your child and his teacher and let all interested cooperate for the development and culture of the children of our own county.

As to the law, we have every reason to believe that the prospects for a successful year are of the best. We cordially invite to our midst any earnest boy or girl who is seeking an education under favorable surroundings.

By authority of Board of Education.

**IMPORTANT TO TEACHERS**

Announcements From Dept. of Public Instruction and Commr. Elliott.

The Department of Public Instruction in reading for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1902, will be based upon the following selections: October, 1902: "The Deserted Village"—Goldsmith. March, 1903: "The Vision of St. Laurant"—Lowell. June, 1903, "Seamus"—of "Seamus and Lilia"—Ruskin.

The examination in Theory and Art will be based upon the Manual and Courses of Study, and Tompkin's "School Management" of the Reading Circle Course.

The Reading Circle books selected for this year are: American Leaders and Heroes, Practical Agriculture and Tompkin's School Management. These books have been carefully selected by the State Reading Circle Board and should be in the hands of every teacher in the county. The board of examiners will give full credit in U. S. History on Theory and Art to those teachers who take up and do systematic work. The books sent at the usual price, \$2.00, and can be found at the Commissioner's office.

We have had a number of inquiries in regard to the Teachers' Institute which is usually held in the month of August. For a number of years we have overdrawn the institute fund for the support of a long institute. This year the department has arranged a list for us to have a short "inspirational" session in the afternoon. Next year we will have money enough for our usual two weeks' academic institute.

We believe every teacher should take at least one good journal and do a paper on current events. I know of no paper better suited to the wants of Oakland county teachers than The Modern for an Art and Time Topics. You will always find in the Moderator all articles from the State Normal Education and by faithful and successful work has gradually risen from the superintendency at Parma, Quincy and Cheanning to that of the Birmingham schools. He comes to us with the best of endorsements as a scholar and an educator.

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**All Last Week's Bargains**  
Hold Good This Week

Though the selling has been up to our expectations, we will continue the bargains of last week till Saturday night because we desire to clean them all up and not carry any over—so you've another chance at our

**\$1.75, \$2 and \$2.50**  
Men's Trousers for **\$1.45**  
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**BIG CROP OF SUGAR BEETS**  
That of Wm. Pallister of Big Beaver the Largest Individual Acreage in State.

A year ago he thought it doesn't pay to raise sugar beets, should visit the farm of Wm. Pallister, one mile east of Big Beaver, where 135 acres of sugar beets are "growing like weeds."

Notwithstanding the heavy rains that have proven so ruinous to many crops this season, Mr. Pallister's fields are "fat and flourishing," covered with the thirty beets of unusual size and even growth, with scarcely a bare spot or weed to be seen. This fine growth of beets is doubtless due largely to Mr. Pallister's thorough-going methods of farming; together with the fact that his land is well adapted to this crop. This is his first venture in sugar beet culture, but he does not consider them much more difficult or expensive to raise than other crops. This is the largest individual beet acreage in this part of the state and Mr. Pallister's prospects are good for cleaning up a fair-sized fortune from this one year's crop. The Detroit Sugar Co. had photographs taken of the fields recently and has given an ice cream social to the beet growers of the vicinity at Mr. Pallister's one day last week.

**BOND ISSUE OF \$500,000**  
Made by Detroit Sugar Co. the Bonds to Run Twenty Years.

The Detroit Sugar Company of Rochester has filed a mortgage for \$500,000 to cover a bond issue of that amount, in the file of the register of deeds. The Union Trust Company of Detroit is named as trustee.

The document filed shows the indebtedness of the Detroit Sugar Company to the plant and equipments to be up to \$1,000,000 and besides this more than \$100,000 and besides this more money is needed to carry on the business. Provision is made for an issue of one thousand bonds of the denomination of \$500 each. The bonds bear date of August 1, 1901, and will pay five per cent interest in semi-annual installments. The trust mortgage covers all of the property belonging to the sugar factory at Rochester.

Provision is made for creating a sinking fund beginning February 1, 1908. On that day the company is to pay the trustee the sum of \$25,000 and a like amount on each succeeding February 1 until such sinking fund has reached a sufficient size to pay off the bonded indebtedness.

The sugar company, which was organized four years ago, has so far taken care of its indebtedness without any bond issue.

**Notice.**

The republicans of Bloomfield township will hold a caucus at the town hall in the village of Birmingham, Saturday, August 30, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing six (6) delegates to the county convention for nominating county officers; to be held at the court house in Pontiac, September 2, 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m., standard time. Also, to elect six (6) delegates to attend the convention to choose delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Grand Rapids, September 23, 1902. Also, to elect six (6) delegates to the convention to choose delegates to the senatorial convention for the twelfth senatorial district yet to be called. Both of these latter named conventions to be held in the city of Pontiac, September 2, 1902; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order of TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

**Death of Mrs. Field.**

The death of Mrs. M. E. Field, sister of Mrs. Helle Gravin, occurred at Harper hospital Thursday, August 14, after an illness of four weeks. Mrs. Field had been a member of the Baptist church in Iowa for fourteen years and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Warren Rogers of Birmingham at the home of her mother, Mrs. T. A. Bigelow, five miles west of Birmingham, Saturday afternoon, August 16.

Mrs. M. P. Rae, a daughter of Mrs. Field and her husband, whose home is in Chicago, died everything that loving hearts could devise for the help and comfort of the deceased and was with her to the end.

**Paid Dear for His Ride.**

Ed Roberts of Franklin, while under the influence of a jar, took a horse and carriage night in this village belonging to Dan Crampton of Big Beaver on last Saturday and started on a run home. He collided with a tree on Southfield st., was thrown out and picked up by the officers. He was taken to Pontiac and a judge at the county seat dispensed a sentence of 90 days in the House of Correction and a fine of \$10.

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