

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE
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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 2.
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 good and do it?
THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.



Happy New Year!
Did you draw a blue cross?
Keep one eye out for the Blue Cross.

Miss Grace White is spending the holidays at Toledo.
J. Snow and family have moved into their new house.
Pontiac people need a hospital and need it quick and bad.

This is the week of the whole year that the Blue Cross walks through the land.
Mrs. H. E. Dennis has been entertaining Mrs. Mildred Spaulding of Detroit.

If you got a blue cross you'll get a dollar—a fair exchange is no robbery—see?
Mrs. Garner Miller of Flint was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hubert, Christmas.

Miss Josephine Douglas of Ionia has been the welcome guest of Miss Marion Clizbe.
Mrs. Mary Sturman is spending the holidays with Mrs. Alfred Adams of Detroit.

It is not true that married men live longer than single ones—it only seems longer.
Mr. and Mrs. James Wooster and twins of Clarkston spent Christmas at E. A. O'Neal's.

Mrs. R. Jarvis of Armada was a Christmas guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peabody.
George Aldrich of Battle Creek and Claire Aldrich of Howell were home to spend Christmas with their father.

Anyone wanting to rent a fine cozy home should see H. A. Hamlin, who offers a good one on South field ave.
Will the societies of the various fraternal societies please hand in lists of the newly elected officers for publication?

You cannot trade Canadian coin for paper money, for Uncle Sam's postage stamps or any other supplies. Hear that now.
Jesse Skartett of Novi gets \$200 damages awarded by a jury in the circuit court from the town marshal, E. M. Goodell.

Mrs. M. H. Bartram expects to leave next week for Riverside, Cal., to escape the balance of our rigorous Michigan winter.
The Y. M. C. A. will meet Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church, led by Mr. Weller. All are welcome whether members or not.

About the most careless thing a person can do is to go away for the winter and make no provision for his sidewalk cleaned.
Mrs. Lewis Converse of Owosso is visiting her children during the holidays and having a real good old fashioned visit with many friends.

Mrs. Cordelia James is under Dr. C. M. Raynal's care and has been quite sick. We hope the good lady will soon be around again as well as ever.
A back comb awaits an owner at this office—Birmingham Eccentric. How did it get there, Bro. Mitchell?—Oxford Leader. Search me.—MITCHELL.

We have passed the shortest days of the year. "As the days begin to lengthen" the sun begins to strengthen—we hope—as our coal bin is quite skimpy.
Al Linabury of New York City and Joe Latchie of Detroit were entertained by the Orpheo club one evening last week. Good time—the best ever.

Coasting is all the rage. The boys, girls, Wm. C. Reynolds, the city marshal and the Messrs. Goodwin are all up in the air over this coasting business.
It looks now like as if we were going to have another change to vote upon a new county building, which means of course a new court house. Count two here.

The Pontiac Light Co. recently gave a carload of soft coal to the poor of that city. It was distributed by the Mayor in half-ton lots. Wish we lived in Pontiac.

E. B. Converse is home from the far west and we are glad to see him back again after nearly a year of travel and experience, during which he has enjoyed every day.
We recently received a short and pleasant call from our former clerk, Hal M. Gibbs of Big Rapids. Hal can now write his check for five figures and have it honored.

The first regular communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 8, Work. All are invited.—Will Masters, W. M.

Frank Blackless and son Bert were last heard from at Los Angeles, where they were living in a balmy climate and just gorging on the choicest oranges of southern California.
Thomas Dunn of Ottawa, Ont., a brother in law of Dr. Johnston, visited in town last week. He is a government employee of the Dominion and prominent in Canadian affairs.

Our postoffice department had the usual rush on holiday work and both John and Mollie are glad it's over. The volume of business was tally up to the high water mark and all went as well as usual.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keyser of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Keyser of Pontiac all Sunday with father and mother, John Keyser and wife of Townsend street. Good time all around.

Burglars have been in active operation lately at Orion. Their work shows that amateurs did it. The store of J. C. Predmore was robbed of a little cash and some merchandise. No clue.
John Kuckman, wife and baby are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ward. Mr. Kuckman is a government employee at Washington and with his family is enjoying a holiday vacation.

It is not true that the percentage of insane people in Michigan is increasing. It is a wrong conclusion and is so proven by an able paper from the pen of Dr. E. A. Christian of the E. M. A.

The Independent Telephone Co. at Oxford has sold out to the Oxford County Co. at Pontiac and now Oxford subscribers have prospects of being able to say "Hello" over their dead lines again.
The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Library society will be held in the library rooms Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present—M. Baldwin, secretary.

Lost—A Scotch collie pup about nine months old. A fine canine. The finder will receive a reward of two dollars by leaving at the farm of W. W. Goffier or notifying Mr. Chambers at same farm.

It is now said that the Pontiac-Flint-Saginaw electric will soon be under way; that the money is in sight for the project and that inside of thirty days things will be humming. We hope it is true.
Hiram Parks of Troy visits his brother Alfred at Rondo this week. 'Tis said that absence conquers love. Will it? Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Does it? Thou art so near and yet so far. We'll see.

Miss Mabel A. Stewart of Kalamazoo, who formerly taught in our schools, was visiting friends here during the holidays. She teaches languages at the Kalamazoo institute, with few hours and a generous salary.
It is up to Pontiac people whether they will hold or lose the Bacon Mfg. Co. If enough stock is taken by Pontiac people the factory will stop there. They manufacture light garden and field machinery, also the Bacon Ben picker.

Under a recent decision of the internal revenue department no more booze can be put into soda water as a stick. Of course that never was done in Birmingham, but in other places it has grown to be quite the proper paper. Cut it out.
Rev. M. H. Bartram will be giving special services in the M. E. church a week from next Sunday evening. It is hoped that the social interest of the season will be laid aside as much as possible while these efforts along revival lines are in progress.

Many school teachers in Oakland county have been swindled by the Chicago Teachers' Union. Notes for \$47 have been given and Commissioner Elliott is directing teachers to notify banks not to cash the notes and to refuse payment when due.
Mrs. Esther M. Leonard has been very sick. A hard cold with other complications made the good lady a deal of trouble, but Mason and his wife came to the rescue and all that could be done by bringing about a speedy cure was done with the best of results.

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

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Consumption

Salt pork is a famous old-fashioned remedy for consumption. "Eat plenty of pork" was the advice to the consumptive 50 and 100 years ago.

Salt pork is good if a man can stomach it. The idea behind it is that fat is the food the consumptive needs most.

Scott's Emulsion is the modern method of feeding fat to the consumptive. Pork is too rough for sensitive stomachs. Scott's Emulsion is the most refined of fats, especially prepared for easy digestion.

Feeding him fat in this way, which is often the only way, is half the battle, but Scott's Emulsion does more than that. There is something about the combination of cod liver oil and hypophosphite in Scott's Emulsion that puts new life into the weak parts and has a special action on the diseased lungs.



A simple will be sent free upon request. Be sure that you get the genuine Scott's Emulsion, the product of a fish of the size of this one, carrying a large cod fish on his back.

SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St. N. Y. See and try all druggists.

Holiday vacation in the schools for two weeks. Some of our teachers have gone away for the vacation. Others stay at home, rest up and are happy. Prof. Field is one of the latter and he has been very busy the past week getting ready for the long spring term.

Miss Mollie Smith, the faithful assistant at the postoffice, whose pleasant face and kindly manners are so well known to the people of Birmingham and vicinity, was the recipient of an elegant umbrella as a Christmas gift from the four rural route carriers.

Mrs. Lena Faust-Taylor is home with her parents—a very sick lady. She was carried on a bed from the depot by six friends, accompanied by her father. She is slowly gaining and is able to sit up in bed. Her family hope that she will soon be entirely recovered.

Lost on Pontiac car leaving Detroit at 5:30 p. m., Dec. 16, a pocket book. Owner sat on rear seat with three Birmingham ladies. Besides money, the pocket book contained valuable office keys. Finder please return to this office and receive suitable reward.

Our New Year's greeting to our old friend and fellow townsman, J. E. Quick, general baggage master of the entire Grand Trunk system, is an odd conceit—a folded card representing a large trunk with a check attached. It is a fine affair and our thanks are due the genial J. E. Q.

Many merchants who put large quantities of apples in their cellars last fall are now complaining that they are rotting very badly, and many people have been obliged to take out their apples and send them to the cider mill. Many persons are inclined to think that potatoes will not spoil as badly as was at first expected.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Pinder Worth on Brown street, Friday afternoon, January 9, at 2.30. Members are requested to be on time as business will be taken up as soon as meeting is called to order. A bountiful supper will be served from six to eight for rec. All are invited.

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Among your New Year's resolutions make this one good and strong and live up to it all the year through, that you will always and ever boast and boom Birmingham, that you will leave no stone unturned to help make Birmingham grow more in 1903 than ever. Let's all try it and try together.

Will the fire marshal or fire department look after some dangerous works, especially the using of an old large dry goods box for an ash house and kept on the second floor of the building—and this, too, in the largest block in town? If this is continued the insurance companies will take up their agencies in the village.—J. A. Bigelow.

It is now up to Pontiac to determine whether they shall have the state fair next year or not. Poor accommodations for caring for the crowds is one objection. Transportation facilities is another. We had hoped that Pontiac would always have the fair. 'Say, if it gets away, no doubt we can still keep in Oakland county Dan L. Davis' super-servitors' annual plan!

The very many friends of Charles J. Sham, our former clerk for three years, has accepted a fine situation with the H. M. Church Drug Co. at Holly. This firm has one of the finest stores in the state and carries a fine line of drugs and patents, sundries, wall paper and stationery. Charles is just the boy to fit in the place. His many friends there are glad to hear of his advancement.

As was expected the legislative committees of the state senate and the state association of Farmers' clubs at their convention in Lansing recently embodied in their set of resolutions of needed legislation, a clause asking the legislature to pass a law curbing reckless Sunday shooting. The move originated in Farmington and was approved by resolutions from all the farmers' clubs of the county.

This is tough on both parties. The Populists in Missouri recently passed the following resolution: We look upon the Democratic party as a party of bargain and sale, without any definite policy except to gain votes. Its history all along has been one of broken promises, intrigue and deceit, and while the Republican party does something and raises bills—the Democratic party raises bills—and does nothing.

After nearly two months' absence visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ross and family of Calumet, Cal. Forestwood is home again. He had a fine visit and enjoyed every day he was away. He brought home to us a copy of the "Glasrick," a busy paper published at Calumet. It is called "List-z slorenzve" several oostas zjednjenje v severskoozastozjedne dlozazne." The rest of the periodical is on the same lines and we enjoyed reading it immensely.—It's Holland-Polock.

The new extension of railroads hits the P. O. & N. Ry. very hard. Their taxes are more than double, with a jump from between \$500 and \$600 to \$1,689. To bring the other property of the state up to a value on an equal with that fixed up increases in every county in the state. The commission now proposes to go on and dig up personal property which has escaped assessment.

Ira Chatfield and family have been happy in entertaining General E. B. Williston of the regular army and his wife, who was formerly Miss Flora Chatfield. General Williston was in command of the 5th N. Y. Cavalry during the Rebellion and made a record to be proud of. During the war with Spain he was in active service and was stationed at Manila, and while there was in the thickest of the war. He will have a permanent location in the army at Washington, D. C., and with his wife will be comfortably situated for many years. Congratulations.

A Clearing Up Sale Now.....
WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT CO.
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Two Hundred Colored Dress Goods
In Skirt and Dress Length, consisting of about 1000 yards, comprising of
Were \$1.00 to \$2.00 yd, now 50c yd

Mistral Cloth	Fine Tweeds	Armures
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The colors and weaves are all right, the goods are perfect. We have too many of them—that's our reason for cutting. We will add 54-inch All Wool Scotch Tweed Suits, never sold under \$2.00 yard, for 80c a yard.

SILKS Slaughtered Simultaneously!
Black Taffeta Silks, our 50c quality—marked 49c.
Black Taffeta Silks, our 50c quality—marked 39c.
50 pieces, Japanese make of Cable Cord Wash Silks, the latest mod shades and White—cheap for 36c the yard and about what imported Gingham sell for.
We sell for 75c the yard Crepe de China in evening shades and solid black, that is nearly in the \$1.00 class our 85c grade.
Short lengths and remnants of our regular 72 and 84 Colored Taffeta put in 49c yard.
We've tabled a lot of High Class Novelty Silks that went costly for 75c and 85c a yard, reduced to 39c yard now.
Superb Pompadour Sixty's, highly impure, Persian Novelty Silk, Chambray, Scotch, Black, and exquisite Fancy Silks—reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.20 yard—out to 69c yard.
Every piece of our famous Black Mode Velour—Striped, Satin Spot, beautiful designs—stable every day shades and popular fancy shades—cut from \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard to 75c yard.

SPECIAL MENTION
Our regular "January Sale" of Linens and Housekeeping Goods commences.....
Friday, January 2
CUT DOWN IN PRICE
5K White Corduroy Velvet, very rich quality, cut to 49c.
Locations, the actual costume velvet—per yard—of the latest fancy designs never before under \$1.00 yard—69c.
Fin Stripe and Check, also Jam Metal Velvet—a royal choice to mix the 72c grade for 49c now.
Novelty Velvet, a specially designed fabric for Waists, and very effective—72c a yard—reduced to 49c yard now.
Fancy Persian Plaid Velvet, regular \$1.00 grade for 49c.
A table of Plain and Fancy Velvets, a little mused, some a trifle soiled—lights that sold up to \$1.00 yard, choice at 25c yard.

A General Clean-up in the Waist Dept.
LISTEN.
**\$1.95 is all we offer for clean, fresh Skirt Waists of Flannel, Scotch Plaid Goods and Brilliantines, that were \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$1.95! Notice, we have saved a whole good deal in our stock—we've cut prices on clean merchandise. \$2.95 each takes any one of our \$1.00 and \$5.00 Novelty Cloth, Embroidered Flannel, Flannel, White Damask and Imported Waists.
Waists Continued—Every Taffeta Silk Waist—colors that are popular, fur-trimmed—tagged \$5.00 each—was at \$2.95—We'll cut in this lot also our \$4.00 and \$5.00 Velvets and Corduroy Waists.
We've also—high class \$6.00 and \$7.50 Novelty Silk and Peau de Soie Silk Dress waists, suitable for the most elaborate functions—rich colors that you admire—choice now \$4.95.
Beautiful Flannels and Wool Stuffs for Waists—Short lengths of Flannels, formerly \$1.50—now to choose from—at 37 1/2c; fancy Velvet finished Flannels, beautiful colors, now 25c yard.
39-piece fancy Scotch Flannels, 3 1/2 inches wide, for 25c yard.**

Special Holiday Week Sales
FIRST FLOOR—
100 Pieces Wide Margin Embroidery worth from 50c to \$1.00 a yard, at 25c, 30c, 35c per yard.
DRESS GOODS
One case 28-INCH ALL WOOL PLAIDS, regular value 20c per yard, at 22c yd
Great Reduction Sale of HANDECHIEFS
Handkerchiefs from the window and all old and broken lots in the sale. (Ask to see them.)
1-ASK TO SEE THEM.
2-ASK TO SEE THEM.
3-ONE CASE—
42-inch Black Mohair Jacquards—regular value 75c yard—now at 25c yd
OUR GREAT SALES OF LINENS AND MUSLIN UNDERWEAR will commence January 2. Wait for them.
We still have an assortment of Printed French Flannels, 73c quality, cut to 39c yd.
We offer the balance of elegant line of Fans at Half Original Prices.
Also balance of Royal Morgan Ware and Japanese China at One-Quarter of regular price.
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WONDERLAND AND TEMPLE THEATRE
DETROIT, MICH.
2-BIG SHOWS DAILY--2
AFTERNOONS AT 2:15. ADMISSION 10 TO 25 CENTS.
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ALL THE BIG AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ACTS...
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Church Notes.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—Rev. Mr. Watson, Rector. Sunday services at 10:30 A. M. All are cordially invited.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. M. B. Butler, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. All are invited.

PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. J. Anderson, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. All are invited.

BAPTIST—Rev. J. R. Rogers, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. All are invited.

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Ask 'em about it—A new safe of 140 boxes has just been installed. All the old ones were rented.
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