

To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word says for you the time of trading, come to our office and see how we can help you. Will you be good and do so?

HOME NOTES

Big Beaver dance to-night!
Birthday social at Baptist church to-night.

Miss Florence Darham of Northville is visiting Mrs. J. B. Parmentier.

Gen. Miles was in wicked Paris recently—but then his wife was with him.

This evening at Baptist church—birthday social—good program and light refreshments.

Miss Mahel Berridge of Orion, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Browne last Friday.

Money to loan at the Exchange bank, Birmingham, at low rates on first-class securities.

Coming sure! Thurbur of Chicago with his art collection, March 6 and 7. Remember the date.

Free rural delivery still goes marching on! There are now 12,500 routes. There should be more.

Mr. Chas. H. Castle of Armada was in town Monday last, looking fine and dandy. That boy never will grow old!

Our Uncle Samuel now owns a canal. He bought that little Panama canal for the insignificant sum of \$40,000,000.

Want any wood? Read Davenport Bros.' ad in cheap column. Say! Those old rails burn fine—we've tried 'em.

The Sultan of Morocco has purchased an automobile and his fanatical subjects are trying to drive him from the country.

If you see a man driving a mule or a span of them you can safely bet he attended Leonard & Duffy's sale here recently.

Rev. A. Marsh of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson of Detroit Sunday with the family of George H. Mitchell.

Rev. W. T. Nixon, wife and two sons, of Detroit, spent Saturday with Prof. Field's family. They were friends in Chesaning.

The lower house of the Oregon legislature has just adopted a memorial favoring the election of United States senators by the people.

Bring in 25¢ for three months subscription to the ECCEMTRIC and get your gold chain and locket, set with three pearls and one diamond.

Special communication of Birmingham lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., Friday, February 27. Work on M. M. degree, followed by banquet.

Lieut. Gov. Tillman of South Carolina should petition the legislature to change his name. "Killman" would be much more appropriate.

The annual meeting of the W. H. and F. Missionary society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Stearns on Wednesday, March 4, at 3 p. m.

The oyster supper and musical which was to be given by the O. E. S. on Wednesday evening, March 11, has been postponed until further notice.

Another one of those small social functions, where pedro and dainty lunches hold sway, was given by Mrs. Fannie Shain last Monday evening.

Miss Nellie Randall has been ill in bed for some time with a bad throat, but under the efficient care of Dr. C. Raynolds she is now convalescent.

The funeral of Arthur Wright of Troy Corners was held on Monday last and the remains interred in the Crooks cemetery. The attendance was large.

Captain Hobson, the kissable hero of the Merrimack, has resigned from the navy and hereafter the roar of his guns will be heard from the lecture platform.

Joe Smallbones will be the man behind the plow on the Ellenwood farm and Mack Shain will grip the handles on the Dewey farm the coming season.

On Thursday, March 12, Martin Blunt will sell at auction for A. Chittick, one-half mile east of Royal Oak, a lot of household goods, etc., at 1 o'clock p. m.

Chas. H. Tomp is in Detroit this week, attending the 18th annual convention of Forerresters as delegate, and of course the Birmingham lodge is well represented.

Leonard & Duff will have an auction sale of horses and mules at their stable in Birmingham on Wednesday, March 4. All animals will be as represented.

About 200 members of the Michigan gas association met in convention at Battle Creek last week, and discussed the rate to scratch a match while they were there.

Hurrah for Volney Lee! He was the only patriot in town who had life and thought enough to put out a flag in memory of George Washington. We salute thee.

"Because she loved him so," a New York woman horsewhipped her husband. At least that is what she said about it. The husband hasn't expressed his opinion yet.

Mrs. McDonald entertained her Sunday school class on Friday evening of last week. Of course the boys took their best girls and a very pleasing evening was passed.

Mrs. Alex. Parks is very ill at this writing with a severe attack of pleuro-pneumonia. Her friends are much concerned over the result of the attack, but all hope for the best.

Our old friend and veteran, H. O. Buckley, is under the weather again and we are sorry to say it, but we trust he will soon regain his usual health and come out all right in the spring.

Rev. J. M. Miller of Ridgeway, Ont., is expected to occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning. A large attendance is desired and an offering to defray expenses.

The Rev. H. P. Collin of Coldwater is offering prayer for the girls of that town who indulge in booze and cigarettes. If you will chop it off short, girls, we will lend you our office hatchet.

New advertisements this week: Elliot, Traver, Whitehead & Mitchell, Merritt, Enggass, Michigan Central R. R. and Leonard & Duff. Look them up, read what they say and profit thereby.

Oh say! If you have a ticket in Mitchell's music box distribution you can attend the concert free at Liberty hall. The date will be as announced as soon as the end of the ticket sale is in sight.

Mr. Clare Aldrich, our former competent typist, is progressing onward and upward. He has left the Livingston Herald to work on the Clinton Republican published at St. Johns. Here's hoping, boy.

Albert B. Howlett, an eccentric widower of Syracuse, N. Y., celebrated his 82d birthday by giving a banquet to 100 widows. He will banquet 100 old—maiden ladies to celebrate his 83d anniversary.

All are requested to wear some emblem designating the month of birth. A prize will be given for the best representation, at the birthday social to be held at the Baptist church on Friday evening next, February 27.

We having missed S. H. Borel on our streets lately, made inquiry and found the old veteran quip and under the weather. Had cold, gripe and few such are after him, but you can't keep a good man down.

On Saturday, February 28, at one o'clock p. m., M. H. Blunt, auctioneer, will sell for E. Yammere in the village of Warren, horse, cows, ice saw, a large assortment of farming tools and other articles too mention.

Mrs. E. Montgomery gave a very pleasant pedro party one evening last week. A dainty lunch was served, and Miss Hila Montgomery rendered several selections on the piano, much to the enjoyment of the guests.

Down in Southfield Mr. Charles Parks is busy taking care of his bouncing baby boy who arrived safely last week. Aunt Anna is just pretty busy caring for and looking after the wants of the new nieces and nephews that help to make life worth living.

E. C. Fish has leased his hotel to Andy Anderson, and while we are sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Fish surrender the reins, we predict for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson a continuance of the patronage and popularity this hotel so justly deserves. Mr. and Mrs. Fish will reside in Birmingham.

Died, at her home in Marion, Wis., recently, after an illness of several years, Harriet, beloved wife of David C. Churchill, aged sixty years. In 1886 Mr. Churchill and his family moved to Birmingham and lived here three years, returning to Marion, Wis., in 1889. The bereaved family has our heartfelt sympathy.

The O. E. S. will give an oyster supper at Masonic hall on Wednesday evening, March 11th. The Masons and their families are cordially invited to attend. Ladies of O. E. S. are requested to bake. By Order Com.

An exchange says the biggest trust on earth has been discovered at last. It is the country newspaper trust. It trusts everybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for trusting, and if it busts for trusting, gets cussed for busting.

Our thanks are due Mr. David Bleakley of Silver City, Idaho, for files of the Silver City Nugget, the principal paper of that far-famed mining town. We are glad to say David is prospering and growing right up with the west.

There will be a special meeting of Mary D. have No. 303, L. O. T. M. M., Friday evening, February 27, for school of instruction, at 7:30. Also Saturday evening, February 28. All members are requested to be present. N. Cobb, R. K.

The ladies and society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Labor on Friday, March 6. Table committee—Melanah Brooks, Hannah, Field, Smith, Peck, Simpson, Barram, E. South and B. Sham. Mrs. F. B. Kimball, secretary.

Big Beaver Tent, No. 547, K. O. T. M. M., will give a social hop at MacCabe's hall, Big Beaver, Friday evening, February 27. Zsler Bros. will furnish the music and give prizes the fiddler. Supper will be 25 cents and your horses will be cared for as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Zimmerman attended the funeral of Mrs. Zimmerman's aunt, Mrs. Helen Sprague, at Tecumseh, Mich., last week. On their return home Mr. Zimmerman's brother, Martin A. and wife accompanied them and remained for a short visit.

In spite of the fact that the get-rich-quick firms dealing in "sure thing" race track bets, are being arrested and shown up by the public every day, thousands of "seasys" are still sending in their money. Truly, there's a sucker born every minute.

The Franklin hive, L. O. T. M. M., have postponed their social from February 20 to February 27. The same literary program and fish pond will take place. Admittance free and supper will be furnished for all who wish to buy. One week from to-night—not to-night as previously advertised.

Suppose a newspaper man, every time he hears a man criticize him or his paper in public, should retaliate by holding up to public gaze the faults and shortcomings of said fault finder, what would be the result? The editor may not know it all, but he does not live in a community long without knowing a deuced sight more than he publishes.

The Maccabee dance at Liberty hall last Friday night was all that could be wished for. The music was good, the crowd large and happy, and the forty who took supper with mine host Fish of the National came away well pleased with the repast set before them. We hope the hive will repeat the program in the near future.

Harry Nichols, aged 8 years, had the misfortune to break his leg while playing at school on Thursday last week. He jumped on another boy's back and told him to run as fast as he could. The boy started to run, but fell down and Harry's leg came underneath in such a manner as to break it just above the ankle. Dr. C. M. Raynolds reduced the fracture.

Charlie Toms, the popular and pleasing clerk at Cobb & Cobb's, has resigned his position to accept that of cashier of the Bank of Birmingham. Mr. Roy Maxam resigns this position to go up higher; that is he goes to Kingsley to take charge of a bank there. Mr. Toms will be in charge next week and we predict that this rising young man will acquire himself with credit in his new business.

Lewis Sylvester Hough, distinguished as educator and author, a lawyer of prominence and a veteran of the civil war, is dead at his home at Media, Pa., aged 82 years. He was an authority on American and English history and wrote many books, his best known works being "America and her Tariff" and "The Principles of Coinage and Currency". Mr. Hough was a cousin of Mrs. John Waters of Southfield.

The receipt given by the editorial board of B. H. S. on Monday evening last was a thorough success. Prof. Field extended talk on his trip to Washington and Mr. Vernon who visited the home of the "Father of his Country," and was given a thorough course of study by interested listeners. We are in hopes that he will give us another such talk in the near future.

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Most comprehensive assortment shown in Detroit—Prices very low

Three hundred pieces of blue alone in Crepe Cloths, Crashes, Canvas and Basket Cloths, Etonnes, London Twines and Mohair—prices range from 50¢ to \$2.00 yard—every article is new—many shades of blue you never saw before.

Six entrancing colors of Wool Crash with the "Mohair Knub" effect—a fetching material for complete gowns—50 inches wide at \$1.00 yard.

38 inch fine satin finished Venetian Cloth—ten shades—entirely new—positively guarantee it will not roughen in wear—\$1.25 yard.

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Fashionable weaves in Etonnes, London Twines and Mixed Twee Weave Effects—new and handsome—they're 46 inches wide—\$1.00 yard.

The new "Wool" Cloth—merely of this season's best weaves, can't be described here very well—it's 46 inches wide, for \$1.25 yard.

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The manager of the place was immediately notified, but "he didn't seem to notice it at all." Sunday night the police nabbed a man who had snatched a lady's purse and ran out of this penny store. Watch out!

REFUGES FROM WINTER
The Great Resorts of California and the Southwest Reached by Michigan Central.

From the Michigan Central comes a reminder that this winter every where and that, while in this part of the world the snows are falling and the earth is icebound, there are spots not far away and easily accessible by the "Niagara Falls Route" where the heavens are blue and smiling, and the sun is shining at their brightest, where colds, ice, snow and slush, sisters and Artie overbore them.

This is the time of year when the wise people of the North, who are situated in this, are able practically to apply his wisdom, takes his vacation and goes where summer awaits him on the shores of the Pacific Coast of Arizona.

Within a few years the winter resorts of California and Southern California—Monterey (the most beautiful place in the world), San Diego, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Paso Robles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Redondo Beach, etc.—have become world-famous. Their uncanny natural beauties and advantages have been supplemented by a man's enterprise that scores of the largest, finest, and most complete hotels in the country have been established at these points and everything that can contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of guests have been provided. Though thousands of these resorts in the fact that they can be so easily and comfortably reached by residents of this part of the country by means of the Michigan Central, which with its magnificent trains replete with every comfort and luxury that modern railroading offers to the traveler, makes the journey a pleasure instead of a weariness, so quickly accomplished that the tourist leaves his "hotel on wheels" almost unawfully.

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"Truth is stranger than fiction" with some persons should be rendered, "Truth is more of a stranger than fiction."

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Abrast of the times offers:

Rich Black Grenadines of French make—in dotted, hem-stitched, and embroidered designs—they're more silk—42 inches wide and low prices than at \$1.69, \$2.00 and \$2.25 a yard.

45-inch Black Silk Grenadines—very new numbers in small and large mesh—particularly good value for \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.

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