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Election Notice.

To the electors of the village of Birmingham, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the next ensuing election for the said village will be held at the town hall, at which election the following officers are to be chosen, viz: One village president, one village clerk, one village treasurer, three trustees for two years, and one assessor.

The polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. of said day of election. By Order of the Board of Election Inspectors of said Village.

A. W. CAMPBELL, Clerk of said Village

KILLED BY THE CARS

Mrs. Martin Stepped in Front of Moving Train.

Tragic End at Royal of a Brilliant and Worthy Woman's Life.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. Geo. W. Martin was struck and instantly killed by a fast Grand Trunk express in Royal Oak while crossing the tracks but a short distance from her home on her way to the village.

The train shoots through the place like a bullet every afternoon about 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Martin, occupied in thought and unconscious of her danger, stepped on the tracks at the Fourth street intersection. The train rounded a curve before reaching the crossing, but it was too late, and she was struck a few seconds to clear the track in case of danger. The Rochester electric car was awaiting the passing of the train at the crossing, and the car crew suddenly became aware of Mrs. Martin's danger, as did a section hand of the Grand Trunk. All three shouted their warning, but the next second the engine struck her, the pilot picking up the body and carrying it 200 feet beyond the crossing.

The train was stopped and people rushed from all directions to the spot. Life was extinct and all that was left to do was for a Justice of the Peace to issue a certificate of death.

Mrs. Martin was the wife of George W. Martin, a Detroit mail carrier, and the sister of Dr. H. K. Litthrop of 190 Lafayette avenue. She was born in Royal Oak July 23, 1852, and lived there until her marriage twenty years ago, when she removed to Detroit where she lived up to her return to the Lansing household at Royal Oak about a year ago. Mrs. Martin was considered a woman of brilliant intellectual attainments. She was one of the early members of the Twentieth Century club and the Woman's Historical society, in the theatrical auxiliary of the latter of which she displayed considerable histrionic ability.

The funeral was held the following Saturday at Royal Oak and the remains were buried at Elmwood cemetery.

The village of Royal Oak has an ordinance prohibiting the running of trains at a greater speed than 10 miles an hour within the limits, but the railroad has never paid any attention to it.

In Memoriam.

MRS. GEORGE W. MARTIN

With profound regard the members of the Royal Oak Women's Club desire to record their sense of personal loss in the sudden death of Frances Litthrop Martin, their late beloved and dear friend.

Resolved, That, while we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, her untimely death will cast a deep shadow upon our future meetings. We wish to record our appreciation of her hearty interest in calling us first together at her home for study and intellectual improvement.

Her courteous and kindly nature endeared her to all. We honor her memory for her high ideals, her noble example of confidence and for the beauty of her personal friendship. The memory of our first president will long and lovingly be cherished among us.

We direct that this minute be entered upon our records, and a copy thereof transmitted by the secretary to the family of our late president and that the same be published.

CLARA L. ERBE, CLARA E. STARR, MARY L. DAVIS, Secretaries.

Registered Notice.

To the Electors of the Village of Birmingham, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the village above mentioned will be held at the office of A. W. Campbell, Ford block, within said village, on Saturday, March 7, A. D. 1903, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors and who may apply for that purpose; and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid. Dated this 24th day of February, A. D. 1903.

By Order of the Village Board of Registration. A. W. CAMPBELL, Clerk of said Village.

Hurrah for the Navy!

An examination will be held at the court house in the city of Pontiac, state of Michigan, Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 and 19, for the purpose of selecting one principal and five alternates to take an examination at Detroit the third Tuesday of April following, for the selection of a midshipman (formerly naval cadet, at Annapolis) the physical examinations will begin at 9 a. m. the first day, and those who pass the physical examination will be admitted to the mental examination.

It is suggested that all applicants at once take the physical examination and with special reference to their eyes, ears and nose. The examinations will embrace the subjects of geography, U. S. history, grammar, algebra, arithmetic, punctuation, geometry, world's history and spelling.

Boy Fears of Murder Charge

Webster City, Ia., dispatch: The grand jury failed to return an indictment against Bankie Flygstad, the 16-year-old boy who killed his father Feb. 10. The failure to indict is equivalent to an exoneration.

Robs Brother; Kills Self

Kansas City, Mo., dispatch: Clifford Davenport, wanted in Kansas City, Kan., for holding up his brother and robbing him of \$2, killed himself one mile north of Lenape, Kan., rather than surrender to officers.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Alexander Parks Laid to Rest in Greenwood Cemetery.

Miss Anna Eliza Robinson, daughter of Austin and Polly Robinson, was born in the township of Troy, October 29, 1848, and departed this life at Birmingham on February 26, 1903, in the 55th year of her age.

She was married to Mr. Alexander Parks on March 14, 1866, with whom she has shared the joys, the labors and the loving companionship of life for 37 years. Mr. and Mrs. Parks settled on a farm in Troy where they spent 21 happy and prosperous years, and where their three children, Austin, Polly and Edward were born, when they came to Birmingham where they have lived for the past 16 years. About 20 years ago she was converted and united with the Presbyterian church, in the good fellowship of which she remained until called to the church triumphant in heaven.

Mrs. Parks possessed strong points of character, among them was a very strong faith, a strong abiding faith in the Providence of God, in His word, and in His love. She sought for herself high standards of Christian experience and life, and lived them out before her family and the world; therefore the heart of her husband rested in her, her children loved and revered her, and her neighbors found her a friend in the truest sense of the word.

She was thoroughly domestic in her tastes and habits, she made home a safe refuge from the storms of life, a haven of rest to her family to this sacred altar of their family life came her husband and children at the close of the day, to find that all their wants had been anticipated and all their temporal wants provided for, and so that in her presence they could feel and say "this is our real, blessed home, for mother is here and has made it so." And in after years when her children came with the companions they had chosen she opened her heart and took them in. They were all to be her children together, to be loved, to be thought about, to be prayed for, to receive her motherly council and Christian companionship. Such has been the manner of life of her whose memory we revere, and whose death we sorely grieve.

One of the Jewish Rabbin of olden times once said: "God found it impossible to look after everything he had made so he made mothers to care for the children of men." That is a beautiful sentiment and one that every mother should experience it is very easy for all to believe it.

A few days ago Mrs. Parks was taken severely ill and all that could be done for her recovery and relief was promptly done, but her eyes were closed in her bed, and anxious hearts prayed for her recovery. All the skill known to medical science was employed, but the Master whom she had served these many years called, and hearing His voice she followed the path to the portland into the endless life, where the weary rest, the weak grow in eternal beauty and strength, and the pure in heart see God.

To her family she leaves the memory of a devoted Christian life, to her only sister the memory of the happy days spent in childhood and the constant companionship of half a century of years. Surely the memory of the just is blessed.

Her funeral in the afternoon was held at the family residence on Sunday last, and were conducted by the Rev. M. H. Barram of the M. E. church, ably assisted by Rev. Eugene Allen of Detroit, one of her former pastors, after which all that was left to be done was to be laid in Greenwood to await the resurrection of the just.

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The Origin of Pie.

The early form of pie was undoubtedly a filling of meat, and meat which needed "the grinding of the teeth," writes Ellen H. Richards in "Good Housekeeping." In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries meat was not often kept until tender. The result of the hunt was cooked and eaten at once, only a small amount being carried away. When the guest was desired on the neighboring hill, or when the sound of the horn announced his approach, the domesticated animal was killed; to appear on the table only a few hours later. Tender meat was not always possible, because some fowl and small birds would not be carried away and also which should eke out the oftentimes scanty supply would become a popular one. Another advantage of the early pie was that the ingredients of a meal were served all together and hot, or if cold, the "pasty" was still savory. The derivation of the word "harm" and "pig" or "pittan," defined by the dictionary as "a dish consisting of a thin layer of pastry filled with prepared meat, fruit or vegetables, seasoned, generally covered with a thicker layer of pastry and baked." This applies to the earlier forms. An essential diet of the English in early New England days was the chicken pie of this description. Not pie and beefsteak pie of the restaurant survive to remind us of the ancient form.

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School Notes

ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN SLIGHT during the past week on account of colds.

Fred Yack has entered the fourth grade. Pro. Field held devotional exercises on Monday morning.

Going to the absence of one senior the debate which was to have been given on the 4th program has been postponed. The members of the U. S. history class spent part of their time last week drawing maps.

Are you to have two weeks' vacation during Easter? Probably not. Lucy Ward, Ella Poppleton, Charlotte Blanding, Bessie Bell, Emily Walker, Ida Hill, Earl Barr and Ed Hanna are again attending school after various periods of sickness.

The two new dictionaries have arrived. They are all that could be desired. No danger of freezing now. The new boiler has arrived and is being put in place. The fact causes a broad smile to appear on "Foxy Grandpa's" face.

The botany boys went in search of specimens Monday night. Are you coming to the art exhibit Friday and Saturday? In order to give you an idea of the feast in store for you we mention a few of the more than two hundred specimens with artist of each.

West Supper, De Vinci; King of the Forest, Landsker; Lions at Home, Bonheur; Courthouse of Miles Standish, Turner; Morning on the Seine, Pittier; Halt at the Oasis, Scherer; Sistine Madonna, Knappell; Ploughing, Bonheur; Moonbeams, Gue; Thomsen in Leash, Bates; Roll Call, Thompson; Returning Home, Manne; Dutch Houses, Israels; Gleaners, Miller; The Loose Pair, Bonheur.

WESTERN EXCURSIONS. Via Grand Trunk Railway System. One year Colonial tickets on sale Feb. 15th to April 30th, 1903, inclusive, to certain points in Montana, Utah, Washington, Arizona, Oregon and California at greatly reduced rates. For further information call on local agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A. Advertising Dept., Chicago, Ill. (Feb 27 April 30)

Wedding Bells.

At the M. E. parsonage in Pontiac, Tuesday, March 3rd, Rev. G. W. Jennings, in the presence of near relatives, united in marriage W. Claire Aldrich, of St. Johns, and Miss Carrie E. VanVier, of this village. The groom is a well-known newspaper man formerly employed on the Pontiac Gazette, Birmingham Eclectic and Livingston Herald, and at present in the employ of the St. Johns Republican. The bride is a very popular young lady of this village. The young couple left on the afternoon train for their new home in St. Johns.

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