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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 so?

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HOME NOTES.

New Advertisements.

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Plenty of rain now-a-days.

Mrs. Thomas Koontz is on the sick list.

Raynale A. Whitehead was home over Sunday last.

No more cement walks for Pontiac at present says the mayor.

Eddie Zimmerman who has been ill for some time is convalescent.

George W. Fay is away on a visit to his son Lewis in Battle Creek this week.

Miss Belle Arthur; of Holly, is a guest of her brother, Wm. Hanna, this week.

Mitchell has 20 lunch fiends waiting the arrival of Warner's full cream cheese.

Irvin Hanna, who is attending the Detroit medical college, spent Sunday at home.

The next regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. M. will be held on Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Hattie Waters, of Detroit, is spending some time with her sisters, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith have rented their Maple avenue home and gone to Pontiac to live.

Everyone is welcome to all sessions of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Oct. 19-20. Come.

Sig. R. N. Liuzzi, harpest; Sig. Luigi Motto, cellist, with Haug-McQuillen Co. tonight at the M. E. church.

Miss Gertie Mudge is spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. R. C. Wright, and her aunts in Southfield.

The recent rains have very materially delayed the work on the new Howland theater at Pontiac. Brick laying has begun.

Plan to take advantage of the Entertainment Course to be held in the Methodist Episcopal church this fall and winter.

Ticket No. 57 drew the Sherman boat at the raffle Saturday night. Geo. Douglas was the lucky man. Where art thou, George?

Mr. John Barclay, superintendent of the Pontiac division of the D. U. R., is cosily settled the Simpson house on Maple avenue east.

The caves in the gully back of John O'Connell's residence were dug by some small boys and used by them in which to play Indian.

Don't forget the date of the entertainment to be given at the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the choir, Oct. 27. Tickets 15c.

Whitehead & Mitchell are having their boiler for the heating system renovated, overhauled and renewed. Wm. Hilliard is the man behind.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co., the popular Detroit dry goods firm, has an adv't in this issue. Don't fail to read it. You will find it on page 1.

Mrs. Bert Gravlin has sold her Bates street property to Mrs. Thos. Koontz, and has bought the Will Barker place on the Randall addition.

The young people of the Baptist church will give a New England supper on Friday, Oct. 21. Supper served at supper time and during evening.

No town in our state has an entertainment course offered them of higher quality than is to be the privilege of Birmingham citizens to enjoy this winter.

Two of the ladies of the L. O. T. M. M. surprised the members at the last regular meeting with ice cream and cake and fruit, which was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Raviler, Principal of the E. B. R. School of Elocution and English Literature, Detroit, will give an entertainment at the Presbyterian church Oct. 27.

For Sale—4-year-old dark bay mare, Clyde and Royal George, well broken single and double, sound and kind. Inquire of W B Harris at the Cooper Farm.

The Misses Smith and Mitchell at Kirksville, Mo., have made their debut into the dissecting room of the College of Osteopathy and both stood the ordeal in great shape.

For Sale—Horse 5 years old, wgt about 1100, sound in every way; also a top buggy nearly new; also a light driving harness nearly new. Inquire at Brady farm, 2 miles north of Birmingham.

Mrs. Emily Snow and Miss Esther Chapman are attending the Michigan State Federation of Woman's Clubs, at Bay City, delegates from the Literary club of this village.

The Ladies' Church Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Rundel next Thursday afternoon, Oct. 20. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend this meeting.

Did you ever drink a cereal coffee? If you have not used the Pontiac Cereal Coffee for a coffee substitute, you have not tried the best yet. Ten cents buys a great big package. Read new adv't.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith and Mrs. J. N. Dawson left yesterday for South Passedena, Cal., where they will spend the winter. The best wishes of hosts of Birmingham friends accompany them.

Seeley & Son, of Amy are very anxious to furnish electric lighting for Pontiac both for municipal and private use. They have ample power, and for economy can not be discounted by anyone.

Mr. Stephen B. Cooper visited his daughter, Miss Jennie, in Detroit, Sunday last, and for an old gentleman proved himself quite a traveler and had a fine day's visit, full of interest and enjoyment.

A bounty of three cents per head for sparrow heads is contemplated, owing to their surprising increase. They are to be killed from November 1 to March 1, with a fine imposed for killing them at any other time.

A goodly number of Birmingham Masons by invitation of Ashlar Lodge, of Detroit, visited their Lansing brethren Tuesday night of this week, saw the third worked right, had a banquet and all night out, returning happy the next day.

The total paid admissions to the recent State Fair were 48,574. This is not quite so many as last year, but the society has about the same sized balance, $6,000, after paying all expenses, as the cost of running the fair this year was not as large as it was a year ago.

Dr. J. L. Campbell and wife enjoyed the St. Louis World's Fair last week. We think the doctor must have went down the Pike and landed in "Old Vienna" judging from the postal card we received last week as it surely has a German flavor.

The frosts of two weeks ago did great damage to the tomato crop in Oakland county. Thousands of bushels were just maturing and the frosts stopped further growth. Those that matured will ripen, but the rest will stay as they were when the frost struck them.

Mrs. Forest S. Rose, at Pontiac, was severely burned by a lamp falling into her lap. It then fell to the floor and exploded. By rolling over on the lawn and with the help of rugs that her mother, Mrs. Harper, hastily applied, the fire was extinguished. Both ladies suffered very much.

There was a reception for the Rev. S. H. Williams held in the M. E. church parlors Tuesday evening. About 75 adults and many young people turned out. There were also about 50 of the younger class who were very much in evidence. Refreshments were served.

E. D. Benjamin, who for the past six years had general charge of the manufacturing department of Nelson, Baker & Co., wholesale chemists and druggists, of Detroit, has acquired an interest in the drug business of Perry Weed, of Pontiac, and has already taken a position in the store.

The Haug-McQuillen Concert Co. opens the Citizens' Entertainment Course at the M. E. church this Friday evening. Numbers on the harp and cello will be rendered as well as selections on the guitar, banjo and mandolin. A specially fine evening is promised. Single tickets 25c.

Miss Jennie Young, backed by other teachers and all the village residents, and every patron of the D. U. R., is circulating a petition asking for a waiting room to be established in our village for use of the traveling public who patronize the D. U. R. daily. It is a much needed convenience.

Wm. P. Doggan was found guilty by a jury Friday in Justice A. W. Campbell's court of the larceny of a blanket from George E. Randall's cutter last winter. The justice thought 90 days in the Detroit House of Correction was about the proper punishment and the prisoner was taken there Friday evening to begin his sentence.

Mrs. P. J. Simonson has just received word from Kingman, Ks., that John B. Simonson, a brother of her late husband, is dead. Mr. Simonson was born in Birmingham, May 18, 1833. He joined the Masons here in an early day and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was the last of the original Simonson family.

M. H. Blunt will sell at auction for Wm. Sullivan one mile north and one mile east of Royal Oak, on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, mare, 9 cows, Jersey yearling heifer, 2 brood sows, 30 chickens, wagons, harnesses, all kinds of farming tools, household furniture, etc. Terms easy. Geo. Geddes, clerk. Free lunch served at noon.

The contract for putting up the buildings for the acetylene gas plant has been let to Contractor Smith and work has already commenced. The piping, machinery and other equipments will be furnished and put in by the Acetylene Apparatus Mfg. Co., of Chicago, and work will be commenced early next week.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Michigan Agricultural society, the site known as the seven-and-a-half-mile site on the east side of Woodward avenue was accepted as the permanent location of the State Fair. The citizen's committee of Detroit has decided to ask the next legislature to appropriate $200,000 for buildings and improvements for the new fair site.

Rev. John Woods D. D., who occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church last Sabbath, will preach again next Sunday morning and evening. His subject in the morning will be "Life after Death; the Rational Argument for Immortality." In the evening, "A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ." Dr. Woods will hold an afternoon service at Southfield.

Frank Salimony, who escaped from the village jail Sept. 24, and who had been in hiding ever since, returned Wednesday morning and after the charge of jail breaking had been withdrawn, he plead guilty to a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct, and Justice Campbell fined him $17 and $3.25 costs. It is hoped it will prove a good lesson to him.

Wm. F. Rasmussen's auction will be held Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the Jim Campbell farm, on the Ten Mile and Campbell Road. One mare, wagons, compressed air sprayer, cultivator, plow, drag, corn planter, harnesses, 3 tons Hungarian hay, quantity of cornstalks, cider press and grinder, household furniture and many other articles will be sold. M. H. Blunt auctioneer.

The dearer a friend, the more claim she has upon our courtesy. It is a pity that we should ever be more particular about telling a stranger that we are glad to see her, and seeing that she has a comfortable chair, than we are with those we love most. Even if our friend understands that the omission of these little courtesies does not spring from a lack of kindly feeling, it is a pity we should leave them out.

Next Sunday, Oct. 16, the Grand Trunk Railway System gives another of its popular excursions. You can go to Grand Rapids and return for $2.10; Battle Creek, $1.75; Lansing, $1.25; Saginaw and Bay City, $1.55. Train leaves Birmingham 7:52 a. m., returning at 11:10 p. m. No baggage checked on Sunday excursions. Don't forget that this is the last excursion of the season to these cities.

About one dozen friends of Mrs E. F. Peabody, Detroit, gave the good lady the surprise of her life Thursday night of last week by going in a body to celebrate her birthday anniversary. The surprise was complete but the recipient was not so much overcome but that she served a fine lunch and entertained the jolly party with cards, games and social conversation, and they all caught the last car wishing Mrs. Peabody many happy returns of the day.

The washings and combings of baby ants by their mothers and nurses, would satisfy the most careful human mother. The streets of the ant cities are kept a great deal cleaner than the streets of many of our cities. No ant would litter the streets as we sometimes litter our streets and parks with newspapers, banana skins, cigar stubs, and peanut shells. All the ants in the city unite as one to keep the city clean.

The last monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church, which was held at the residence of Mrs. Nellie Camp, was a grand success. There was a little impromptu program furnished. Mrs. Bert Bird and her sister, Mrs. Parker, sang a duet, Miss Mayme Taber gave one of her inimitable recitations and Miss Annabelle Corson furnished some excellent instrumental music. The collection was $12.10, which means that there were quite a few people there at 10c each.

Monday, Oct. 24, at 10 o'clock a. m., Christ. Kiel will sell at public auction on the premises, 1 1-2 miles east of Woodward avenue on the Nine Mile Road and Oakland Ave., the following property will be sold: Horse, mare, colt, 2 new milch cows, 5 milking cows, heifer, bull 18 months old, wagons, 10 ton of hay, 1 2-horse power, cutting box, horse rake, hay rack, pair bobsleighs, U. S. cream separator, fanning mill, drags, plow, corn drill, platform scale, harnesses, etc. Usual terms. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer; J. B. Grow, clerk.

The new ticket system installed the first of this month by the Detroit United Railway does not seem to be as rapid as the old register way A good deal of punching of the ticket requires a light and Sunday night last coming from Detroit we noticed passengers burning matches so the Con could see what he was punching. In a crowded car we think a few passengers would escape before the conductor could reach them, owing to the time it necessarily takes to complete a ticket after the fare is paid.

Otto Nuernberg was killed in the Grand Trunk collision which occurred near Bloomfield Hills, two years ago, and his father as administrator, brought suit against the Grand Trunk railway to recover for his son's death. The case was tried in the circuit court, and the plaintiff had judgment. Nuernberg was not satisfied with the amount, and moved for a new trial, which was granted. Negotiations were then opened by the railway company, with a view to securing a settlement of the case, and the same has been adjusted.

Here is a good word for Birmingham sidewalks seen by other eyes than our own. It ought to please John L. Keyser street commissioner and his right hand man, Chas E. Mudge, and the rest of the sidewalk gang: Chief of Police Toynton, of Pontiac, says: "In Birmingham they build the finest cement walks I have ever seen. They are laid with a light crowl in the center of the walk and as a result there is no water standing on them as is the case in Pontiac. The walks seem to be of better quality than those in Pontiac and the price is lower, if anything, than in Pontiac." At Oxford the walks are laid with even more of a crown in the center, than in Birmingham.

Last week Thursday the Democrats of the first legislative district of Oakland county held a very enthusiastic convention in this village and nominated a candidate for the legislature to run against Mr. Harry McCracken, of Farmington, the Republican candidate for the same office. This body put up Dick Dewey, of Pontiac, as the candidate for representative in the state legislature. There was an active discussion of district politics. Attorneys W. F. North, M. F. Lillis and James H. Lynch were named as a committee to wait upon Mr. Dewey and deliver the official notification of the nomination. The new district committee named is as follows: Chairman, Pierre Buckley, Pontiac; secretary, George H. Mitchell, Birmingham; Clyde McDermott, Farmington; Oakland, Frank Shoup; Pontiac, Fred Giddings; Royal Oak, Chas. Allen; Southfield, Henry Miller; Troy, Harry Wattles; Pontiac, first ward, Frank Millis; second ward, James H. Lynch; third ward, B. J. Kelly; fourth ward, Daniel Thomas; fifth ward, J. L. V. Shepherd.

Every man swears allegiance to a reason; every woman to a cause.

A joint debate between husband and wife is rarely a two-handed affair.

The mind is a storehouse, but a woman's pent-up wrath is never kept in cold storage.

This year vexed thing about cutting the Gordian Knot could have been solved in Dakota in jig-time.

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More New Fall and Winter Garments await your inspection. As usual quality is the best, prices the lowest. When alteration is necessary—Satisfaction is guaranteed.

TOURISTS COATS in Coverts, Kerseys or the new Mixtures; neatly trimmed; new full sleeves. We have just received an entirely new lot of **CRAVENETTE COATS**—full length, ideal garments for travelling and your auto—all weights and colors—every style that is newest,

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NEW WAIST of Chiffon Taffeta, made catchy—black or blue, **$6.00.**

We also have a fine assortment of **TAFFETA** in plain or fancy effects at

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NEW PLAID WAISTS of finest Brilliantine, neat stock and Silk tie, limited quanty, at

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FALL SUITS in Tourists or fitted styles; Cheviots Worsteds and Fancy Tweeds; long and short coats, even length skirts, $18 00 Suits, at

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Directoire and fitted effects, also long belted styles in Fancy Cheviot and Cravenette; many new styles, trimmed with vests of leather shade—also special Cravenette Suits for automobiling.

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GIRLS' COATS of fine material, chic, natty style; we sell them cheaper than usual—

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Meltons, Cheviot, Zibeline or Kersey.

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The quantity is unlimited.

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29c a yard for very choice designs in fine **CHALLIES**—50c quality.

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AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

Messrs. Drew & Campbell, proprietors of the Avenue theater, are giving the Detroit play goers an entirely new line of attractions. This season they will present at the Avenue theater first class high class extravaganza companies, linked with the best vaudeville specialties that money can provide. "Everything Upside Down" is the title of an amusing first part in Sam Devere's own company, which will hold the boards this week at the Avenue theater. It is a pot pourri of genuine fun and of the kind that will please. There are three scenes to the part, and each is side splitting in the extreme. It is not of the clap trap, cut and dried order, but thoroughly up-to-date and orginal. It is augmented by an excellent chorus clever and chic, brilliant lights, exquisite costumes, etc. Sam Devere has the reputation of having the finest chorus on the "wheel" circuit. He has selected the prettiest girls, and these can compare favorably with the chorus of any so-called prententious show or musical comedy.

WHITNEY.

Patrice and her carefully selected company of recognized players will be the attraction at the Whitney all next week. Both star and company will doubtless receive a warm welcome here, as the former is known to all who are posted on things theatrical, and in the latter you will recognize many of the old favorites. The play, "Driven from Home," is one of the kind that we have too few of. It is of that heart interest order that seems to linger and cause you to feel that you must see it again. You have a vivid mind's-eye picture of the beautiful stage settings, the handsome hero, the stern old father, the devoted brother and the kind old mother, and Patrice, who, as Margie Maynard, the farmer's daughter, gives us a delightful bit of acting that is bound to win you over to the long list of admirers she has in every city in America.

LYCEUM.

There is a certain class of plays, the atmosphere of which is so clean, the fun so innocent, yet as irresistible, that time has no power to destroy their lasting qualities. In this class is Denmon Thompson's and Geo. W. W. Ryer's character play, "Our New Minister," which the patrons of the Lyceum will see for the first time next week. The play is sustained by its own real merit, not depending on any clap-trap or scenery to please an audience. The dialogue is brilliant and excruciatingly funny. It fairly bristles with bright, sparkling comedy. The original New York cast will be seen. It includes Ernest Hastings, Joseph Conyers, John Barker, Louis Pierce, Fred Clarke, John P. Brawn, W. H. Harriman, J. H. Lawrance, W. C. Tanner, Gertrude Perry, Alice Washburn and Phila May.

Two was company, but three wasn't a crowd at a political meeting.

DIGESTION DECIDES IT.

Good Digestion More Than Half the Battle.

Life is a ceaseless struggle for success. Competition is everywhere. Everybody wants to reach the top. Success is sought for because it is supposed to insure happiness.

Ambition and ability make for success, but without health too, failure is more than probable.

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Whether you make much or little of life, whether you fail or succeed, your digestion largely decides it. So confident are Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb that Pepsikola tablets will renew your energy, steady your nerves, drive away that tired feeling, give tone to the digestion, improve your appetite, bring up your weight to where it should be, put new color into your cheeks and new life into your stomach, that they continue to sell this grand dyspepsia remedy on the money back plan.

Have confidence. The guarantee absolutely protects you. Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb will gladly pay back your money if at the end of the ten days' treatment you have not been cured or decidedly benefitted.

TO LIVE IN PEACE.

A woman may accept a man in haste, but man chooses his wife at leisure. It is to be supposed that when a man asks a woman to marry him he has decided that he can not live without her. If he can't live without her it is certainly his duty to do his best to live with her. This is not always so easy as it sounds. Here are a few simple rules for the wise husband:

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The Grand Trunk Railway System in connection with the Illinois Central R. R., are now operating a through Tourist Sleeping Car from Michigan points to St. Louis, in addition to the standard Pullman sleeping car service inaugurated early this summer. This car will leave Port Huron every Thursday 11:55 a. m., Lapeer 1:00 p. m., Flint 1:32 p. m., Durand 2:20 p. m., Lansing 2:47 p. m., Charlotte 3:15 p. m., Battle Creek 4:00 p. m., Vicksburg 4:38 p. m., arriving St. Louis 7:45 the next morning. For Excursion fares and further particulars call on local Agent or write to GEO. W. VAUX, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

JOTTINGS.

Many a young man marries in haste and repents at his father-in-law's.

A wise man doesn't encourage indolence in others by doing their work.

One can prove anything by statistics except the truth of the statistics.

A Kentucky man was recently arrested for having a collection of curiosities. He was the husband of seven wives.