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TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1904. NO. 32. WHOLE NO. 1435

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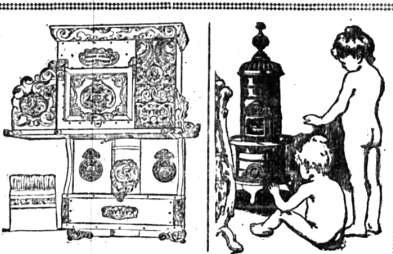
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We offer for your inspection a fine line of HOLIDAY GOODS--Articles that will make suitable and useful presents. Ladies' Outing Gowns, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Ladies' Fine Fleece Underwear, 25c and 50c. Ladies' Black Mercerized Skirts, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00. Ladies' Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy, Golf Gloves and Mitts, Side and Back Combs, Hair Ornaments, Jewelry, Brooches, Stick Pins, Collar Buttons, Cuff Buttons, Aprons, fancy and plain, Way's Mullers and Ladies' Over-gaiters, Fancy Baskets from 10c up, Fancy Plates, Cups, Bowls and Pitchers, Fancy Box Paper from 25c to 75c per box. Shopping Bags, Ribbons Perfumery and a general and useful line of goods.

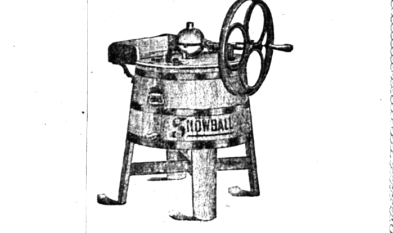
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BIRMINGHAM LADIES Should Come Early For Their CHRISTMAS MILLINERY REGULAR \$3.00 HEAVY HATS CUT TO \$2.00. We have many Beauties already trimmed. Our prices are adjusted to all purse strings. Our new made hats are not of the flimsy, gaudy sort, but are of good, substantial worth. Come any day for EARLY BIRD. MISS E. FLYNN.

OAKLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION O. E. S.

Holds an Interesting and Successful Meeting at South Lyon One Day Last Week--Nice chapters of the County Were Represented.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, Entre Nous Chapter of South Lyon entertained the Oakland County Association O. E. S. Just two yeas ago this association sprang into existence at Birmingham. Since then it has gradually increased in the number of attendance, and has now the cooperation of nearly every chapter in Oakland county. Nine of the eleven Chapters of the county were represented at this meeting.

The afternoon session was called to order by President Emma Kuttler in the chair. Prayer was first offered by Mrs. Davis, chaplain of Entre Nous chapter, after which all united in singing America. President Mrs. Kuttler in a few well chosen words introduced Mrs. Margaret Moore W. G. M. of the Grand Chapter of Michigan O. E. S. and she was conducted to a seat on the platform. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Kellum, and Mrs. Stull, of Pontiac, responded.

We next listened to a short address by the W. G. M., Mrs. Moore, who said in her remarks, "I am glad to be able to meet with this association today and I hope the time will speedily come when every county in Michigan has a county association." The time was then devoted to the business of the association. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved, after which F. Bos gave us an account of the picnic held at Orchard Lake in August.

The subject in regard to having two meetings instead of three was then considered and was decided in favor of two. The time of meetings will be May and October. An invitation was received from Rochester chapter and was accepted. The yearly report of the treasurer was next given and this was followed by the reading of the article of the constitution governing election.

We next listened to a few remarks from our president, who said, "I consider it an honor to be your president, and I have done my best, but I believe that a good thing should be passed around. There are others here who are capable of filling this office and I ask that you will not consider my name."

Great credit is due our president and vice-president for their work of the two years, and they retire from their offices having the good will of all.

We then proceeded to elect officers for the coming year which resulted as follows: President--Mrs. Powers, of Milford. Vice-president, F. E. of South Lyon. Secretary and Treasurer--E. H. of E. of Oxford. Marshal--Miss Flummerfelt, of Rochester.

In selecting Mrs. Powers we have chosen one whose heart is in the work and will fill the office with credit to herself and honor to the association. Miss Rose, of South Lyon, next gave a recitation and then no further business coming before the association we adjourned until 7:30. An elegant supper was served in the banquet hall and we all did justice to the good things.

The evening meeting opened in regular form by Entre Nous Chapter after which the chapters were recited for those chosen to exemplify the work. The W. G. M., Mrs. Moore, corrected errors and gave us many good suggestions.

The Question Box was conducted by President, Mrs. Kuttler with the assistance of the W. G. M., Mrs. Moore, and all questions were satisfactorily answered. There being no further business the meeting closed and the association adjourned to meet with Rochester Chapter in May. A MEMBER.

THE NEW LIGHT

Turned on the Village the First Time Saturday Night Last.

The Standard Heating & Lighting Co., of Detroit, has made a start on their five years contract to light the streets of Birmingham. While everything is new and working for the first time, the result is good in our opinion. There are few in town though, that because they are not out on their front doors and read the Eccentric, pronounce the light a failure. Others say our village is well lighted and that so town the size of Birmingham is better lighted. The four arc lights in the center of the town will be corrected by the replacing of a larger feed pipe which of course will give us "more light" where it is not needed.

Fight Will Be Bitter. Those who were present in closing their eyes against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles. If not ended earlier by fatal termination, read what T. H. Bell of Beal, Minn., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles completely cured her." Guaranties that Standard Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Joseph Parks, an Old Troy Pioneer Died Sunday Night.

Died, at his home in Troy on the William Park farm, on Sunday evening last, Joseph Parks in the 86th year of his age. Mr. Parks was born in County Down, Ireland, February 13, 1819, and came to this country in 1837, settling on a farm near Royal Oak. After a short residence here he purchased a farm in Troy township, just east of Birmingham, and with the exception of a few years residence in this village, he has lived there ever since. He was man of peculiar habits and seven years ago he expressed to his children a desire to live by himself, and his son William of this place built him a small house on the old farm and there the old gentleman has spent his time his mind occupied with the memory of his grandson, Hiram Parks, and taken to him.

Two years ago he was injured by a fall and took to his bed, and since that time he has refused to get up although apparently unimpaired. He would pass the days sitting up in bed or on the edge of it, and his bible was his constant companion. He was a great bible student and a life-long member of the Presbyterian church.

Half an hour before Mr. Parks was found dead, his grandson, Hiram Parks, went to replenish the fire, but was told not to fix it as he would not need any fire that night. A short time later Hiram returned and found the old gentleman dead. Mr. Parks was the first born of a family of thirteen and outlived all of them.

He is survived by ten children, fifteen grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren. The names of the children are Alexander and William Parks of Birmingham, Mrs. Eliza McRoberts, Ionia; Mrs. Margaret Winmarth, Detroit; Agnes Parks, Harbor Springs; Mary Parks, Detroit; Anna Parks, Indiana; Emma Parks, Grand Rapids; Joseph Parks, Royal Oak, and John Parks, Ypsilanti.

The funeral was held Tuesday at 10 o'clock, Rev. M. H. Maxwell officiating. The remains were interred in the Crooks cemetery in Troy.

DEATH OF JOHN BELL.

John Bell, a prominent farmer of Southfield, and a brother of William Bell of this place, died Sunday at the age of 56 years, pneumonia being the cause of his death.

Mr. Bell was born in New York City and came to Southfield township with his parents when only a few months old, and with the exception of two years spent in Birmingham, has lived there on the same farm ever since.

His last words to his family were to the effect that he did not want them to mourn for him as it was all for the best. He became a Christian and joined the Presbyterian church when a mere boy, and has lived a righteous and upright life all these years. His widow and five children survive him. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. M. B. Maxwell officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in Southfield cemetery.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING. COUNCIL ROOM, DEC. 16, 1904.

Meeting called to order. President Johnson in the chair. Trustees present--Snow, Parks, O'Neal and Crawford. Absent--Mills and Daines. Parks moved, supported by Snow, that the bills be allowed as read and orders drawn for the same. Vote by call of roll. Ayes--Snow, O'Neal, Parks and Crawford. NAY--None. The following bills were allowed:

Table with columns for names and amounts. Includes W. N. Cassel, Whitehead & Mitchell, F. Haerthman, A. Anderson, Wilson Ray, G. Crawford, J. H. Hoppson, Birmingham Brick & Tile Co., A. H. Ellison, Charles E. Hodge, Samuel Masters, Robt. Hanna, J. A. Roe, John Allen, F. Haerthman, W. F. Hamilton Coal Co., H. J. Wolcott, E. L. Hollway, W. S. Masters.

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Suitable Articles for Holiday Gifts

Shirt Waist Underties in Fancy White Goods; also in Persian and India Laces with embroidery--Boxes. Dress Patterns in Fancy White Goods--Boxes. Suit of the latest styles in Ladies' Stockings in the new Large assortment of Apron Laces. JEWELRY DEPT--A large assortment of Jewelry of all kinds and styles of popular prices. Openers, Pins, Hand Bags, Carriage Bags, Curt Cases, Bill Books, Notebook, Pansy and Palm, Burses, Also Writing Paper. Box From Patterns and Waists in Silks, Wool and Wash Goods. Choice of Ladies' Handkerchiefs, Scarves, Handkerchiefs, Mitts, and Little Hood. Leather Goods in great variety. An endless variety in Holiday Underwear. Large assortment of Ladies' Neckwear in the new Holiday suspenders in Boxes. Large assortment of Men's Neckwear. Square and Dress Coat Underties in many designs of four pieces in Scarves, Coats and Boyies. We are making special efforts to bring forward useful articles for the Holiday season in every department.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR DEPT--A splendid assortment of Plain Muslin Aprons, Fancy Aprons and Work Aprons. A large line of French Hand Embroidered Chemise from \$1.50 up. French Underwear of all sorts in the variety variety.

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FLANNEL DEPT--In this dept. we have a large lot of French Flannels among them some of the \$1.00 reduced to 75c. Also some of the \$1.50 reduced to 1.00. 50c reduced to 35c. 75c reduced to 50c. 60c reduced to 45c. 80c reduced to 55c. New line of Upholstered Vests, Flannels at 75c cents.

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Birmingham to Have One for the Consideration and Discussion of Practical Subjects--List of Officers and Members. Commission Man Veale Was Thrown by Swerving Car.

We, the undersigned, agree to associate ourselves in an organization known as the Birmingham Business Men's Club. The object of the club is the consideration and discussion of practical subjects, also the fostering of a feeling of fellowship among men interested in the besting of life, regardless of affiliation or belief. Addresses or papers will be given on various social, biographical, religious and other practical topics, by persons particularly fitted to handle the topics assigned, these addresses to be followed by an informal, frank discussion in the spirit of loyalty to truth as each one sees it for himself. The meetings will be held at St. James church, Sunday afternoons, at 3 o'clock, beginning in January.

- LIST OF MEMBERS. T. G. Holmes, W. W. Ellsworth, L. M. Brey, I. Lee Trux, S. H. White, J. Allen Bigelow, D. M. Bray, A. S. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. H. Cobb, Chas. D. Dickinson, Wm. S. Watson, William Meets, N. W. Webber, R. N. Crossman, COMMITTEES. Topic Committee: T. G. Holmes, J. Allen Bigelow, Wm. S. Watson, Jas. Cobb. OFFICERS. President, Rufus N. Crossman. Vice-president, J. Allen Bigelow. Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. H. Cobb. The meetings will begin soon and speakers will be announced. An invitation is extended to all men over 18 years of age.

A PHEASANT ARTICLE.

Pheasants can not be described by any one living. These gorgeous birds would make an artist tired if he were to try to blend the beautiful plumage and combination of colors on canvass, as they must be seen to be appreciated, and a person forever looking at them in their graceful attitudes. I now have the finest collection in Michigan. Visitors are always welcome except from May to July. I have five kinds Golden, Silver, Reeves, English and Chinese Ring Neck. BIRMINGHAM PHEASANT, JOHN WILKINSON, Prop.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street--clumping the occupants, or a head on other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves every body to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Buckle's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Scars, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 50c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS RECEPTIONS

Grand Trunk Railway System. One and one-third fare for the Round Trip on this date Dec. 26th, 28th, 29th, 1904, Jan. 1st and Dec. 1905, with additional selling date of Dec. 20th to Michigan points only. Return limit last date as set including Jan. 4th, 1905. For fares and further particulars consult Local Agent or write to GEO. W. VAUX, A. G. P. & T. A. Chicago, Ill.