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 HOME NOTES

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New Advertisements.  
 S. B. Flynn—Shops—Pontiac.  
 W. E. P. Ryan—Shops—Pontiac.  
 L. Lee Truitt—Shops—Birmingham.  
 The J. A. Wilson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.  
 William H. Nelson Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.  
 Write these a Subscription—Dry Goods—Pontiac.

Feather social tonight.  
 Wish you a Merry Christmas.  
 We wish you all the holiday greetings.

Miss Ella Popovitch is home from Kalamazoo for the holidays.  
 Hugh Savage, of Rochester, spent Sunday in town with friends.  
 Miss Alta Bradley of Detroit, is a guest of Mrs. John Bell at present.  
 Messrs. Sheffield and Reynolds were Birmingham visitors one day last week.  
 Miss Marie Bigelow is home from Tarrytown, N. Y. for the holiday vacation.

Frank Louche and wife of Ypsilanti, made a short stay with their cousin J. J. Todd.  
 Hon. Tom J. Patterson, of Holly has been on the sick bed for a week or so but now is all right.  
 Paul Field and family are about to move to Jackson to live. They many friends will miss them.

Miss Mattie Craft and brother Stanley were Pontiac visitors Friday and Saturday last.  
 The Blue Cross will soon appear in the lines. Look at the date on this paper or wrapper and see if you are to see it.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Deputat of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fay a portion of the week.  
 Wood for Sale—Good hard wood at \$2.00 per cord. Address: Chas. Rediger, Birmingham, R. F. D. No. 5.

Plans for the coming meeting of the Home Teachers Association are fixed 27-29. Hall fares have been given on all roads.  
 For Sale—Four small sea bass hoppers, one common and one good condition. Address: W. H. Box 55, Birmingham, Mich.

Mrs. Eva Russell and daughter Georgia, of Belleville, Mich. are guests of Mrs. H. C. Wilson for Christmas.  
 For Sale—Good, green hard wood at \$2.00 per cord. Address: James Daily, R. F. D. No. 3, Royal Oak, Mich.

Miss Rosa Dudley, of Redford, is spending a few days with her friend, Miss Alice Waterfoot, of Birmingham.  
 For Sale Cheap—One hanging hall lamp (kerosene), two hanging gasolene lamps, all in good condition. J. Allen Bigelow.

The officers of the O. E. S. are requested to be present at next regular meeting to practice fire work. By order of the Worthy Matron.  
 The only chance of the season to secure furs at right prices and right here in Birmingham at V. Nixon's store. See adv't on this page.

Wanted—Farm to work on shares—120 to 150 acres. Must be good soil, good buildings and well fenced. W. H. Shields, R. F. D. No. 2, Pontiac, Mich.  
 Some time ago Clarence Conway fell from a scaffold and injured himself internally. He was taken to Harper hospital Monday and is in a serious condition.

The sale given by the Queen Esther girls in the M. E. church parlors Friday and Saturday was well attended and about \$10 added to the treasury.  
 Prof. Howes of Detroit has organized a class in voice culture and you are invited to meet him, if interested in singing, at the residence of Mrs. S. Rogers next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams celebrated their thirty-third wedding anniversary recently at their home on Woodward avenue. A number of guests were present.  
 A Christmas dance at San Sara Hall, Royal Oak, this Friday evening.

Everybody invited. Fifty cents pays the bill. Light lunch served to all who wish it.

The last telephone installed for the Birmingham Exchange is one for the use of Chas. A. Brush and family No. 54. Several others are in the air, and a line up the Town line is one of the near possibilities. This will telephonically connect the Joy Farm, Snow and Waterloo farms with the outside world.

Mr. Smiley and family, of Detroit, now occupy the new house recently built by Albert Bradley on the Sam Donaldson place. Mr. Smiley is a Detroit business man going to the city daily. He will interest himself in poultry raising and we hope his fondest wishes for profit in the business may be more than realized.

The Linden Leader says: "Private right of ways are being secured for the Orosco-Pontiac electric road. E. R. Phinney, the company's representative, is experiencing little difficulty in securing the right of ways as the people want the road. It is stated that work will be completed in the spring on the new road."

Nothing takes with the Christmas shoppers so much as those so-called "bought" books at Whitehead & Mitchell for only 10¢. A great number of their patrons buy a copy of their catalog and a copy of the book, and one pleased customer walked away with just so volumes. Call early and get your choice. Only 10¢ each for a 60¢ bound book in cloth.

Frank T. Hopfinger, a leading grocer of Oxford, and who once owned a farm just south of here, is having serious trouble with his eye sight. Last week Sunday his right eye failed him entirely and total blindness was feared. With the best of ophthalmic treatment it is thought now that his sight will be restored. We sincerely hope so.

Patrons of rural routes should understand that the carriers, under the postal regulations, are not allowed to take stamps. They come some to the matter of a communication but do not have to, and people who habitually deposit money in the boxes with their stamps, letters can find no fault with the carrier into the mail go on unimpeded.

Mason N. Leonard was taken to Grace hospital, Detroit on Wednesday last for medical and treatment. It is thought that he will be more apt to recover there, and the wish of the family is certainly seconded by Mason's large circle of Birmingham and Troy friends. Our best wishes are with him for a complete and speedy recovery.

Send The Eccentric to some friend or relative for one year as a Christmas present and they will think kindly of you at least twelve during the coming year. It will be like a letter from home and save you the trouble of writing so often, and are doing the same thing again this year. It is in any manner in which to settle the question, "What will I give?"

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' Association will be held at Lansing, beginning Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27, and closing at noon, Thursday, the 29th. One of the strongest programs in the history of the association has been prepared, and Lansing people are making unusual preparations to take care of the large attendance that is expected. Half-fare rates have been arranged on all roads.

Ed Kresslin in the 4th grade at school furnished amusement one day last week for the entire room. The lad had some matches in his front pants pocket and in arising hastily, bumped against his seat igniting them. The motions Ed underwent while getting those matches out of his pocket would have made a dog laugh. The boy's leg was slightly burned and his pocket was a total wreck before he succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

The close of the year demonstrates the fact that the past twelve months has certainly been an era of unexcelled prosperity in Birmingham. There were 80-eight degrees conferred during the calendar year, that is from the annual election to the next annual election, to anyone can read the prosperity of the "old reliable 44" and that the officers have had something to do.

The National Business League of Chicago, is pushing its movement to amend the federal constitution so as to make the presidential term 10 years and making the President ineligible for re-election. The re-organized by the league for the change

is the constant danger of business depression following the presidential election. Indorsements of the plan have been received from business men and organizations throughout the country.

Frank Keyser, son of John L. Keyser, is home for the holidays and having a right royal visit. Frank is head man of Nelson Baker & Co.'s pharmaceutical business in the West. He is located at Kansas City, Mo., and is most successful for himself as well as for his employers. Ed L. Keyser, of Pontiac, was home one day last week and is getting well all right. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Keyser will celebrate Xmas day by having all their children with them for a big dinner.

The Ladies' Literary club of this village has sent Dr. Senator Alger a numerous signed protest against the use of the word "sex" in the new statehood bill. This bill classifies those brave pioneer women who have helped to build up the West with criminals, idiots and lunatics. We know these women to be as intelligent, just as capable as their husbands, brothers, and fathers. Shall our Congress put this insult upon them, without the protest of all women against it. M. B.

Mr. Joseph Guillet, the dealer in miscellaneous hardware, but better known to our readers as "Joe Junk" closed out his entire stock of iron, rubber and rags to Detroit last week. About 40 tons of material went to the city. It took two cars to carry it and Joe took a check for nearly half a thousand and in his inside pocket after settling, the Detroiters claimed they had never paid our dealer about a dollar and a half. Joe says if you can skin a "sheeny" in the day time right before his eyes, you are entitled to all you can get.

A very signal honor has been conferred upon Bellevue and one of her honored citizens. At the recent meeting of the State Central Committee of the Prohibition party Rev. Wm. A. Taylor was unanimously elected chairman of the grand jury coming wholly unassociated and as the reward of merit for untiring, unselfish faithful work. He believes in the principles of his party and is one of the best Prohibition speakers in Michigan. His pastorate will not be neglected because of the distinguished honor that has come to him, but on the contrary his usefulness and influence will be greatly increased. Bellevue Gazette.

Arrangements have been completed by the secretary and the chairman of the executive committee of the Eastern Michigan Press Club for their summer trip which comes off in June next. This trip President Mitchell tells us will run from Detroit to Toronto to Lewiston down to Lawrence through the Thousand Lakes to Montreal to Quebec in Vermont, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia. Then three days sailing on the Atlantic steamer to New York City then to Buffalo to Detroit thence home. It will be a ten day to two weeks trip. The Michigan Press Association will join in with the E. M. P. C. folks and all go together.

When the representatives and senator from this county make an effort before the next legislature to have Oakland county placed in a judicial circuit by itself, they will probably offer a proposition to take Lapeer county out of this circuit and either Tuscola or Sanilac county from the 25th, the next circuit north of this, leaving two counties in a new circuit. A tabular statement of population in counties which are circuits by themselves shows that Oakland county alone would have more population than any but one of the one-circuit counties. Members of the county bar association are now putting forth vigorous effort to secure the division.

The many friends of Raynald A. Whitehead will be pleased to learn that quite an honor has fallen to the young man, who is a student at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He has been chosen a member of the U. of M. Glee club, and will sing second tenor with that famous musical organization. On Christmas night he leaves with the club for an extended tour, visiting five different states before returning. Cincinnati, Kansas City and other large cities will be favored with a visit from the club. When it is known that Mr. Whitehead is one of six chosen from nearly a thousand students, it certainly speaks well for Birmingham musical talent.

Here is some sugar news from Rochester. May be our farmer friends can raise betts again. How is it, Jim? "The best growers" meeting at town hall last Saturday afternoon.

**Help! Help! I'm Falling**

Thus cried the hair. And a kind neighbor came to the rescue with a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. The hair was saved! In gratitude, it grew long and heavy, and with all the deep, rich color of early life. Sold in all parts of the world for many sixty years.



noon while not largely attended was enthusiastic. The company demand 4,500 acres before starting the mill, and there are 2,500 or 3,500 on sight. The meeting adjourned one week, and tomorrow a representative of the Detroit Sugar Co. will be on hand. A vigorous campaign for acreage will be started and there is but little doubt but that the factory will start. Our business men and farmers are awake to the fact that the mill is a good thing and they are willing and anxious to do their part toward its running next season.

The following are the state officers held by Oakland county people: Kay Wilson, of Oakland, and George Warrin, of Gaylord, positions in the census department. A. B. Glasgow, of Oxford, deputy factory inspector. J. B. Matthews, of Pontiac, and George McCoy, of Oxford, positions in the office of general officers. George Hudie, of Pontiac, position in the railroad commission's office. M. E. Ormsley, of Pontiac, position in the state library. A. Henry of Pontiac, junior in the auditor general's office. Margaret Brown, of Leonard, position in the military department. Dr. H. S. Chapman, of Pontiac, member board of trustees of the Eastern Michigan asylum. There is also a second trustee of the Eastern Michigan asylum which must be filled by a Detroit. H. Colman, of Pontiac, is the present trustee under this provision.

**Card of Thanks.**  
 C. I. and J. M. Johnson and families desire to thank their friends and neighbors for their assistance during the sickness and burial of their mother and grandmother.

**Fight Will Be Bitter.**  
 Those who will persist in coming their own against the continual recommendation of the King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles if not ended earlier by a fatal termination. Read what H. Bond of Bland, Mo., has to say: "Last fall my wife had a severe case of consumption. I bought the King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." (Testimony by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cogh & Cogh, druggists, Price 50¢ and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.)

**Can Strive to Do Right.**  
 Every one of us may do the wrong thing every day of our lives, yet wrong things should we get up each morning determined to do the right.

**Her Case Hopeless.**  
 The woman who is so emittent that she is uninteresting to herself can never hope to be successful or interesting to others.

**A Costly Mistake.**  
 Brokers are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gratis just throughout the world at Whitehead & Mitchell's & Cogh & Cogh's drug stores.

**SHORT-HORNS**  
 COWS AND HEIFERS  
 FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE  
 8 O. I. C. Pigs.  
 4 O. I. C. Boar Pigs.  
 1 Brood Sow and 8 Pigs.  
**Fred E. Brooks,**  
 Spring Brook Stock Farm  
 Ft. Mill West of Birmingham.

**BOOKS DETROIT PICTURES**  
**William H. Elliott Co.**  
 A Special Sale of Carpets, Rugs and Curtains  
 This week at Elliott's enables you to put your money into gifts that cannot be surpassed. Notice the drop in prices.

<p>Reversible Ingrain Rugs, 7x10 1/2, were \$7.50, now \$5.00.                  Reversible Brussels Ingrain Rugs, 8x12, were \$10.00, now \$9.00.                  Other sizes equally low.                  Kashmir Rugs, 8x9, were \$8.00, now \$4.50.                  Kashmir Rugs, 9x12, were \$11.50, now \$5.00.                  Sizes between just as cheap in proportion.                  10-wire Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 7x9, were \$12.00, now \$9.75.                  Bigelow Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12, were \$22.00, now \$16.50.                  Best Body Brussels Rugs, 8x9, were \$18.00, now \$15.00.                  Best Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12, were \$25.00, now \$21.00.                  Sizes between equally low in price.                  Rich Wilton Rugs, 9x12, were \$21.00, now \$17.50.                  Rich Wilton Rugs, 9x12, were \$33, now \$29.00.                  Exquisite Paris Wilton Rugs, 9x12, were \$50.00, now \$35.00.                  Delightful Velvet Rugs, 8x10 1/2, were \$20.00, now \$16.50.                  Delightful Velvet Rugs, 9x12, were \$25.00, now \$21.00.                  Bigelow Axminster Rugs, 9x12, were \$25.00, now \$21.00.                  Saxton Rugs, Oriental types, 30x40, 98c.                  Saxton Rugs, Oriental types, 36x72, for \$1.35.                  Popular Bath Rugs, 18x36, 65c. \$2.50                  Choice lot of new Carpet Hasocks, 25c</p>	<p>Nottingham Lace Curtains—Those that were \$3.00, now \$4.00                  And others between those prices also cut in price.                  Six Pointe Lace Curtains—\$1.00 quality cut to \$3.00.                  And every pair between these figures in stock cut in price.                  Brussels Net Lace Curtains—\$3.00 quality cut to \$4.00.                  \$5.00 quality cut to \$8.00.                  Every pair between these figures in stock cut equally low in price.                  Renaissance and Cluny Lace Curtains—\$5.00 quality cut to \$2.75 and \$2.50                  \$10.00 quality cut to \$7.50 and \$8.00                  Prax, Muslin Curtains ready to hang, \$9.00 to 98c pair.                  Roll of Net Curtains, full size, 98c pair.                  Silkoline, 12 quality, 10c yard.                  Tapestry Portiers, fringed or bordered Silk Cordage, \$7.50 and \$8.50 quality, now \$6.50.                  Tapestry Portieres, \$1.00 quality, now \$3.25.                  Velvet and Tapestry Portieres, were \$15 and \$18, now \$12.00.                  Fine Velvet Portieres, were \$35, now \$16.50                  Rope Portieres were \$2.00, now \$1.49.                  Rope Portiere were \$1.25 and \$1.50, now 98c.                  A pair of nice Couch Covers on sale at 98c each.</p>
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 MAJESTIC BUILDING, DETROIT.  
 WE OFFER AND RECOMMEND  
 \$50,000, 6 PER CENT FIRST MORTGAGE, GOLD BONDS OF \$500 EACH,  
 (Redeemable on or after May 1, 1909.)  
 OF THE  
**United States Hardware Manufacturing Co.,**  
 of Port Clinton, Ohio. Bonds will be sold at par.  
**ENTIRE ISSUE OF BONDS—\$100,000**

The avails of the bonds are to be used exclusively for building and equipping the Company's Plant, and to be disbursed by the Security Savings Bank and Trust Co., of the work progress, or by contract with surety bond.

The following industries are to be operated under the management of the United States Hardware Mfg. Co.:

Harness, Carriage, Wagon, Automobile and General Hardware.

Ohio Malleable Steel Casting Co.;  
 Malleable Steel Castings, lighter and superior to Malleable Iron Castings.  
 Consolidated Trunk Hardware Co.;  
 Stamped and Cast Malleable Steel Trunk Trimmings.  
 American Tubular Steel Ham Co.

A new Hama superseding Solid Iron and Wooden Hames, being lighter, stronger, cheaper and better finished.

Port Clinton donated 40 acres for the site and 300 building lots for homes for the laborers, also \$5,000 in cash.

Part of the Company's Plant is under roof and the company is now erecting, but at the plant of the Standard Steel Tube Works, Toledo, which latter they own and control. Estimated assets, \$300,000. A fact worthy of consideration is that the failure of a malleable casting plant is unknown within the history of the industry.

The Sadley Hardware Mfg. Co. and the North & Judd Co., of New Britain, Conn., who are in a like line, have paid 10 per cent quarterly dividends for 15 years; 15 per cent quarterly dividends for 4 years and 20 per cent quarterly dividends for 1 year.

The United States Hardware Co. will undoubtedly do better than the above. This company and its policy have been indorsed by the executive committee of the National Harness Makers' Protective Association of the United States.

The prime factor in the establishment of this industry is MR. CEO. F. EBERHARD, founder and for many years General Superintendent of the Eberhard Mfg. Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, the largest manufacturers of Harness Hardware in the United States.

The name EBERHARD as associated with the Manufacture of Harness Hardware stands as the highest guarantee of the success of this new organization.

If interested and desire to know more about the above, call at our office, 508-9 Majestic Building, Detroit, or notify us and our representative will call on you. Please bear in mind that the above is a strictly high grade and safe investment.

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