THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

Devoted to Our Own Locality—We Labor for Its Interests.

TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1904. NO. 34. WHOLE NO. 1437

HUPP FARM

PURE BRED PEKIN DUCKS and DRAKES FOR SALE

HUPP FARM.

Christmas Gifts

Our Holiday preparations are now complete. Never before have we shown such an elaborate display of

DIAMONDS
WATCHES
CLOCKS
FINE JEWELRY
SILVERWARE
CUT GLASS

From which you can easily select an appropriate gift or prizes to suit your purse. Remember that our guarantee backed up by a reputation of thirty-one years standing is behind every article which bears our mark.

Bring us all the high cost jewelry troubles or old Goods of Quality or watch repair prices than those Woodward avenue dealers.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS EXCURSIONS via Grand Trunk Railway System.

One and one-third fare for the Round Trip, all trains Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, 1904, Jan. 1st and 2nd, 1905, with additional selling date of Dec. 23rd to Michigan points only. Return limit any date to and 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. 4t

However, Nature is Only Human.

When a man on the street sneezes so hard that his hat falls off into the dust, it is too much for him to expect that the pretty girl who is just passing by will politely refrain from laughing.—Somerville Journal.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

We offer for your inspection a fine line of HOLIDAY GOODS—Articles that will make suitables and useful presents.

Ladies' Outing Gowns, 50c, 75c, $1.00.

Ladies' Fine Fleeced 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 Mits, Side and Back Combs, Hair Ornaments, Jewelry, Broaches, Stick Pins, Collar Buttons, Cuff Buttons, Aprons, fancy and plain, Ways' Mufflers 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.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS

Birmingham, Mich.

F. Blakeslee

We Order Butterick's Patterns.

If you are in want of a Stove, Range or Coal Stove, come and look my stock over before buying elsewhere.

Oil Heaters from $2 75 up.

J. R. BLAKESLEE
Hardware Merchant, Birmingham, Mich.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN CHOOSING Christmas Presents how much wiser it is to consider utility of the article as well as the beauty. One wants both—UTILITY so that the present will be a constant reminder of the giver, and also that the recipient will receive something of use, something from which they can get some good and some help. BEAUTY in the gift as the appearance has a great deal to do with the impression made.

A GOSHEN CARPET SWEEPER combines all points to be considered, beauty, utility and economy.

Make mother, daughter, sister or friend a Christmas happy by giving her a GOSHEN SWEEPER.

Call and see our Stock of Fine Holiday Goods

2 STYLES, $2.50 AND $3.00

I. LEE TRUAX.

MITOPO!!

Have you ever used it to give your teeth that pearly whiteness so desired by everyone?

MITCHELL'S TOOTH POWDER will give it to you. Try it. Only 15c a bottle. BEST ON EARTH.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup.

Have you used it? You can cure any Cold and stop any Cough with it. Only 25c a bottle. IT CURES. TRY IT.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

THE ECCENTRIC 25c FOR 3 MONTHS

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Day Fittingly Celebrated in the Various Churches.

Everybody in this vicinity enjoyed Christmas this year, the little ones especially. Many private Christmas trees, loaded with favors from Santa Claus, made eyes grow large with pleasure and delight. As far as we can learn, old Kris Kringle had everyone's address and did not fail to call at the right street and number. The churches all observed the day in the right spirit and manner, and as it came on Sunday this year, the Christmas exercises were held on nights before and after. This is the way they did it:

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Christmas exercises, in connection with the Baptist Sunday school, were held on Friday evening. An enjoyable time was spent by all present, a program of songs and recitations being rendered by the children. Kris Kringle distributed quite a number of presents, including bags of candy and popcorn, thus adding to the pleasure of the evening.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Saturday evening the congregation of this society was treated to a supper that makes our mouths water yet when we think of it. No one could help but be happy at this church. There was speaking by the little ones and the presents on the tree were numerous and seemed to be heartily enjoyed both by the donors and those who received them. Little Alma Abell favored the audience with recitations both in English and German, and the little lady was cheered to the echo. She deserved it. Charlie Parks took the part of Santa Claus.

METHODIST CHURCH.

This society held their exercises also on Saturday evening, and speaking, singing and a cantata were among the pleasant numbers on the program. The tree and church were handsomely decorated and the children could find no fault with the presents given them. Joe Green was the good old St. Nick at this church.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Monday evening, despite the storm, this church was well filled with old and young all of whom enjoyed the exercises. The Christmas tree, the happy faces of the little ones and a most delightful program made the evening one that will be remembered long long into the new year. Ray Griffin acted as Santa Claus.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The Christmas doings at this church occurred last evening. As we go to press too early we can not give an account in detail of what was done but it what they have done in the past is any criterion we are perfectly sure and safe in saying that everybody had a most enjoyable time. The pictures shown were a great feature.

As we said above everybody in this vicinity enjoyed Christmas this year.

MISERIES OF A MEAN MAN

Wm. B. MacCloy Discourses Thusly in the Ortonville Mustier.

Sometimes we wonder what a mean man thinks about when he goes to bed. When he turns out the light and lays down. When the darkness closes in about him and he is alone, and compelled to be honest with himself. And not a bright thought, not a generous impulse, not a manly act, not a word of blessing, not a grateful look comes to bless him again. Not a penny dropped into the outstretched hand of poverty, nor the balm of a loving word dropped into an aching heart no sunbeam of encouragement cast upon a struggling life, the strong right hand of fellowship reached out to help some fallen man to his feet—when none of these things come to him as the "God bless you" of the departed day, how he must hate himself. How he must try to roll away from himself and sleep on the other side of the bed. When the only victory he can think of is some mean victory, in which he has wronged a neighbor. No wonder he always sneers when he tries to smile. How pure and fair and good all the rest of the world must look to him, and how cheerless and dusty must his own path appear. Why, even one isolated act of meanness is enough to scatter cracker crumbs in the bed of the average man, and what must be the feelings of a man whose whole life is given up to meanness?

Card of Thanks.

Miss Sara Stevens wishes to sincerely thank kind friends and neighbors, who came to her relief at the burning of her house, and so faithfully worked to save her from the destructive element.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears 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. Beall of Beall, Miss., 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 entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Coddy, druggists. Price 50c, and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Widening Radius of Action.

By the Del Proposto system for the propulsion of ships, it is claimed as the result of recent trials that the weight and cost of machinery will be reduced one-fifth on an engine of 1,000 indicated horse power, and the weight of the fuel will be 14 to 15 per cent less, or, with an equal weight the radius of action of the ship may be increased from 25 to 27 per cent. In this system the power is generated by internal combustion engine driving a generator, and an electric motor is arranged in the same line as the shafting and also the screw propeller. For ordinary speeds, to avoid the losses of electro-mechanical transmission, the screw is driven direct by the engine, the whole system being interconnected by means of electro-magnetic clutches. When slow speed or reversing is required, the clutches are disconnected and the screw worked by motor supplied with current from the generator.

Helps the Fruit Gatherer.

The harvesting of the fruit of the tree or vine is an exceedingly delicate performance, for the reason that the man engaged in this occupation must have several things on his mind at the same time during the performance. First of all, he must have a care to his own safety, as he moves among the loaded boughs of the tree, and next he must see that the fruit is not damaged in the process of picking by rough handling or by falling. Fruit which has been damaged in this manner fails to command anything like the price which may be secured for the more perfect specimens, when it comes to disposing of the product at market.

The little device which has just been brought out with the view of assisting the fruit picker is shown here-

with and any one who has had any experience on the farm will readily recognize the value of some such device. With this it is impossible to permit the fruit to slip from one's hand, and at the same time it is possible to gather a greater amount of fruit than could be done otherwise.

The apparatus is exceedingly simple and consists mainly of a pair of blades working much like the familiar grass shears, except that they are smaller and more suited for cutting a tough stem than the longer shears would be. The outer edges of the blades carry a bag which is designed to hang below the metal, and as the stem is severed the fruit will drop into the bag without any possibility of damage. This enables the picking to be conducted with one hand while the other may be used for hanging on to limbs and it will be readily seen that the field of labor of the fruit picker is greatly extended.

Autos for French Postmen.

Parisian postmen are soon to ride in their automobiles, and not only be grand but rapid. It is intended to run the wagons between the central postoffice and the different branch offices in the city. Some of the latter are located at a considerable distance. The new postal cars are operated by accumulators. The total weight of the car is 2.4 tons and the batteries figure for 1,300 pounds. The motor is placed in the center of the truck and drives the rear axle by chain gearing. The box which forms the body of the car is considerably larger than before. It carries a net load of 1,400 pounds. It is expected to run at a speed of fifteen miles an hour within the city, but the cars have been tested as high as twenty-five miles an hour. Of the fifteen cars which are to be put in service twelve will operate regularly and three will serve as relays. A charging station containing the latest appliances has been installed in the central postoffice building.

Large X-Ray Apparatus.

What is claimed to be the largest complete X-ray apparatus ever constructed in the United States has just been completed by the Carstarphen Electric company of Denver. The machine will be put in the Phipps Agnes Memorial Sanatorium at Montclair. The apparatus, cabinet, coils and all occupy about the same space in a room as an upright piano. At the cool end of the cabinet there is a controlling switchboard. The dynamo and coils are all neatly inclosed in the cabinet, only a small part of the delicate and intricate machinery being visible. The sparkers, or photograph-producing points, work perfectly twenty-seven inches apart. As the machine has a capacity of 50,000 volts to the square inch, it is possible to attain a current of 1,000,000 voltage, enabling the operators to take a photograph through an ordinary wooden wall, if necessary.

After Christmas Sale

WE OFFER THIS WEEK ALL

HANDKERCHIEFS

Soiled and Crushed During the Holiday Rush at

Great Reduction From Regular Prices.

BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, January 3d, 1905, we open our Great Sale of

HOUSE FURNISHING LINENS AND MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

These annual sales are a notable feature of our business and buyers will find unusual Values this year.

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25 HORSES

4 to 8 yrs old

WEIGHT 1200 to 1400 POUNDS

SHORTHORN CATTLE and O. I. C. PIGS

FRED E. BROOKS

Spring Brook Stock Farm. BIRMINGHAM, MICH

HE SETTLED

Frank E. Kirby, of Detroit, Pays $22.75 for Fast Driving.

On November 19 Frank E. Kirby, of 555 Woodward avenue, Detroit, the well known vessel man, drove through Birmingham in an automobile faster than the village ordiance permits. He was notified three different times to please call and settle but failed to do so until Saturday morning last when he appeared in Justice A. W. Campbell's court and plead guilty to the charge. He was fined $20 and $2.75 costs with an alternative of spending 30 days in the county jail at Pontiac. He promptly dug up the requisite, took the matter as a good joke and smilingly left the courtroom. Will he sail through town that way again? Well hardly, he enjoys sailing the lakes much better.

He Caught Santa Claus.

Mrs. S. H. Rogers and her next lady friend, both Birmingham ladies, went to Detroit to do Christmas shopping. Little Walter Rogers, not quite five years old, had to be taken along to see Santa Claus in all his glory. The party entered one of the large Woodward avenue stores and after making a few purchases they came out to go elsewhere. It was not until then that little Walter saw Santa Claus. There he stood on the pavement, dressed, in a long red coat, white fur cap and wearing venerable white whiskers of considerable length. In front of him stood a chimney, down which he was supposed to go, but before he could get in the chimney, little Walter ran and grabbed him, and said: "Oh, Santa Claus! befo' you goes down that chimney, I wants to tell you that I wants a automobile an' a try cycle an' a rocky-a-horse, an' mama wants a new pair of kid gloves—I heard her say so."—Birmingham correspondent in Detroit Journal.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists.

HURRAY FOR R. F. D.

Joe Schoonover Hands in a Sample of What Is Asked of the R. F. D. Boys.

A rural carrier in Saginaw county, which has complete county delivery, is said to have received the following:

"Friend Fred: As you run the free delivery by my house, I would like you to bring me on your next trip a barrel of salt, two sacks of flour, also a ton of coal and three spools of wire, then throw a set of whiffletrees and an evener under the seat. When you come by Marion Walter's get two of his largest chicken coops and bring them along; then I can have my turkeys caught so you can take them to town. It wouldn't detain you but a minute. And I have eight loads of wood to get to town. Had I better get it out alongside the road, or will you go into the woods after it? I think this free delivery is a great thing for the rural people."—Gratiot County Herald.

Taxpayers of Bloomfield.

I will be at the feed store of McClellan & Satterlee, Birmingham, every Thursday, and at the county treasurer's office, Pontiac, every Saturday, until the 10th of January, for the purpose of receiving taxes. G. H. SATTERLEE, 4t Treasurer.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at Southfield Burg, Tuesday, December 20, Erity's Mills, Tuesday, December 27, Exchange Bank, Birmingham, January 5; Bingham's store, Franklin, Monday, January 9; and at my office at home in Southfield every Friday during month of December, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

1jan JAMES S. PARKS, Township Treasurer.

Notice to Taxpayers of Troy.

I will be at the following places for the purpose of gathering taxes for Troy township:

I will be at home, Friday, Dec. 16, and every Friday until Jan. 10.

At Birmingham Exchange Bank, Saturday, Dec. 17, and every Saturday until Jan. 10.

At Troy Corners, Monday, Dec. 19, and every Monday until Jan. 10.

At Big Beaver, Tuesday, Dec. 20, and every Tuesday until Jan. 10.

At Cole Rain store, one day, Wednesday, Jan. 4. Hours from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

JOHN TRUESDELL, 6jan Treasurer Troy Township.