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To Our Friends.

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HOME NOTES.

New Advertisements.
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The J. L. Hudson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.

Maccabee dance February 19.

Monday and Tuesday of this week were zero days all day long.

Peter Baxter has been very sick but is better at present writing.

Look up our legal adv'ts. We are advertised by our loving friends.

Mrs. Geo. Greer entertained the Euchre club Wednesday afternoon.

If you want a fine history of the state of Michigan, buy Pearson's Magazine for February.

Miss Orpha Spicer is home again after a three weeks' visit with her brother Will and family.

Harrison Bray is able to be out again after being confined to the house for five weeks with lumbago.

Judge Stockwell, of Pontiac, was in town on business last week and made several pleasant calls on old friends.

Miss Carlisle, sister of Miss Carlisle our new preceptress, and a student at Ypsilanti, Sundayed here with her sister.

Wanted, straw for bedding. Call and see R. Peterson, Woodward avenue, or at the Birmingham greenhouses.

Mrs. A. H. Carpenter is sick with a threatened attack of typhoid fever. Dr. N. T. Shaw has the case.

Chicken pie supper at the M. E. church Thursday evening next. Proceeds to be applied on the parsonage debt.

Mrs. Everette Niles and Mrs. Henry Stevens, of Southfield, were guests of Mrs. C. H. Hoffman one day last week.

H. W. Baxter has no intention of leaving Birmingham reports to the contrary notwithstanding, and so authorizes us to state.

V. Vixon now gives two yellow trading stamps where you formerly received but one. Read his new adv't and learn all about it.

Married, at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. M. H. Bartram, February 3, 1904, Irving Raymond and Miss Minnie Green, both of Rochester.

Mrs. Theron Smith will entertain the Ladies' Church Society, of the Presbyterian church, next Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 17.

Mr. C. H. Barlow, of Ann Arbor, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church, Sunday morning, Feb. 14. Subject, "Christianity and Missions."

Ira Reed will soon take charge of the Watkins Pony Farm while Mr. Guy Watkins will have charge of the pony department as usual.

John Laidlaw is away on a short vacation to see the Mardi Gras at New Orleans and also visit his brother near that great Southern city.

The thaw of Saturday and the freeze of Sunday produced a miniature lake on Maple avenue, and the "kids" enjoyed themselves as only kids know how.

Miss M. Baldwin has gone to Washington, D. C., as a delegate to the National Equal Suffrage Association which meets in that city February 11-17.

Will J. Keeney, of Detroit, called on us Tuesday. He was in attendance at the funeral of John G. Wilson. Will had a picture of the new boy and he is a fine lad indeed.

Drop a postal card to the Pope Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn., or Chicago, Ill., and get their St. Valentine greeting. It is a very beautiful affair and will be an ornament to your parlor.

Pedestrians the first of the week needed skates on in order to get around our streets. The thaw of Saturday and the freeze of Sunday made walking a hazardous "feet" indeed.

If you are looking for some Barred Plymouth Rocks cockerels to improve your flock, we saw some beauties in the yard of E. C. Popleton. He said he could spare a few if anyone wanted them.

Frank Young is enjoying one of Job's comforters on the back of his neck. Job himself was not more patient than Bro. Young, who certainly makes the best of everything, even to a boil.

Your last chance to attend one of those dances at which you always have a good time, will be at Library Hall, February 19. The dance is given under the auspices of the Birmingham K. O. T. M. M.

One evening last week the many friends of Renerick McKinney swooped down on him, a genuine surprise party. His Southfield friends came up en masse laden with good things to eat, and a pleasant evening was spent by all.

Charles Cowles, of Saginaw, was in town over Sunday calling on relatives and old friends. Mr. Cowles has severed his connection with the Saginaw Courier-Herald and accepted a position on one of the leading newspapers of Norwalk, O. He begins his new duties this week.

Mr. James Wright, of Pontiac, formerly of our town, was called suddenly to Toronto, Ont., last Saturday by a telegram announcing the sad news of the sudden death of his mother at that place. Mrs. Wright during his absence visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young.

The many old time friends of Dr. Wattles, of Battle Creek, once a Birminghammer, will be glad to know of a successful surgical operation that was performed at a Chicago hospital last week. The doctor and his good wife have the sympathy and best wishes of a large number of Birmingham friends, all wishing him a safe, speedy recovery.

Farm changes are numerous this spring. John Laidlaw leaves the Park farm and ties up to Fountain farm, owned by I. Mabee; Robert Moore goes to John Keyser's farm, and it is reported that H. G. Spicer will take C. W. Crawford's farm, and Mr. Voorheis will move to town and be a Birminghammer with the rest of us.

C. A. Kelley, R. F. D. No. 3, is in evidence this week with the Moses Schug farm of 110 acres for sale. "Bert," as we all know him, is administrator of the Schug estate and wants to close up the affairs at once. Good buildings, 6 acres of excellent fruit and an abundance of pure water. Ask him about it.

Mrs. M. J. Quick is dead after a lingering illness of two years. She received a bad fall two years ago and has been a great sufferer ever since. Mrs. Quick has been kindly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Carter, and Miss Eva Lombard and other relatives. Deceased was 73 years of age and had been a resident of this vicinity for forty years.

Oh, Dear! Oh, Dear! What a calamity when the fire eats up the savings of a lifetime. Baltimore is our latest horror. Millions in smoke and ashes. Protect your property with a policy in the grand old insurance companies the Hartford or the Etna; also your life and health against accidents and sickness in the latter company. J. Allen Bigelow, Agt.

Last November at Paw Paw, Mich., at a state meeting of the Equal Suffrage Association, Miss Mattie Baldwin was appointed delegate to the National Equal Suffrage Association which is now "on" at Washington, D. C. Her many friends are anxiously awaiting her return, knowing full well that Mattie will acquit herself with all honor and to the praise and glory of her home town dear old Birmingham.

The Ladies' Aid and members of the M. E. church will give a dinner Thursday evening, Feb. 18, from 5 to 8, at the church parlors. Menu: Chicken pie, cabbage salad, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, cheese, pickles, brown and white bread, cake, tea and coffee. Supper 25c. As the ladies of the Aid Society have taken upon themselves to pay $100 more on the parsonage, all are invited to come to supper and assist us in this worthy cause. Addie Hoffman, Sec.

The regular monthly missionary meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. James church, will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Edward Smith, Maple Ave. East. Miss Trowbridge, of Detroit, will tell how she interests young people, especially boys, in the church and Sunday-school. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in this branch of the work. All the workers in all the churches are welcome to these meetings.

The stockholders of the Fortune Oil Co., of this place, are jubilant over the news of their third well which came in last Saturday. This well filled up 500 feet of solid oil after the well was shot and they then tried to bail it down but could not make any impression on it. It will be set to pumping at once and the development of the well will be waited for with interest. This makes three fine producing wells on this property and assures the success of the enterprise and we extend our congratulations to the fortunate stockholders.

The Birmingham Order of Eastern Stars is a social set and fairly outdid themselves Wednesday night of this week, when they entertained the Rochester Stars in a royal manner. The visiting Stars conferred the floral degree on three new candidates of the Birmingham chapter. After the ceremony was over a bounteous banquet was next in order and all made merry. The Rochester Stars are a fine lot, twinkle brightly and are of the six point variety. They came and departed on a special trolly car. Come again some time—any old time—especially the Grand Treasurer of Fenton who was also present.

Summer's heat or winter's cold seem to make no difference with the real estate business of the Exchange Bank. The sale last week—and we try not to let a week go by without at least one sale—was the old Dawson farm of 160 acres owned by William Parks, which was sold by Whitehead for Mr. Parks to Clarence R. McDonald who has immediate possession. Clarence had tired of renting farms and working on shares for somebody else's benefit and now he will have a good home of his own and one of the very best farms in the township of Southfield, only a mile from Birmingham, with good buildings and everything to make him a happy and prosperous farmer. Good luck and long life to himself and his estimable wife.

J. F. Rundel, president of this village, tells a good dog story and says he believes it is true: "James Old, a farmer at Square Lake, owns a collie dog that is endowed with almost human intelligence. One day recently Mr. Old discovered a man fishing through the ice out on the lake. Now as fishing is not allowed on Square Lake Mr. Old, accompanied by the dog, walked out to where the offender was and told him he must stop at once. Words between the two men followed, during which Mr. Old told the man he must pull up the lines at once. After he had said this, both men were surprised to see the dog grab the fishline in his mouth and running back away from the hole actually pull the line and hook out of the water. The fisherman said the dog was well trained and that it was time for him to be making tracks for home and do no more fishing in a lake where a dog pulled up his lines faster than he could put them back in the water."

The evident trend of real estate deals for the past year or two, by city people has been to buy nice rolling property between Pontiac and Birmingham and it would seem that, provided the property suits the city customer, the matter of the price is of little importance. Vide, the recent sales of—well we won't say what they were, for it might hurt somebody's feelings. But really, we have a ben-mot along this line of real estate this week and it is entirely fresh. Never been offered for sale before, by the present owner and it can be bought for what it is well worth. Listen! An even hundred acres between Pontiac and Birmingham, half a mile from the electric line. Rural free delivery of mail every day. Beautiful little gravelly-bottom creek runs through the farm and never dries up. Thrre miles from Birmingham, four from Pontiac. No waste land, ten acres of timber, nice big house 10 rooms, 5 acres of orchard, 6 buildings worth at least $5,000, soil best gravelly loam, whole place under high state of cultivation and—Oh, well! we can see that you are interested already and the best way for you to do is to write and ask the price and the other particulars. Only cost you a cent and we will give you full particulars.

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Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING.

[OFFICIAL.]

COUNCIL ROOM, Feb. 8, 1903.

Meeting called to order, President Rundel in the chair.

Trustees present—Whitehead, O'Neal, Johnston, Parks and Snow.

Absent—Daines.

Moved by O'Neal, supported by Johnston, that the bills be allowed as read.

Vote by call of roll. Ayes—Whitehead, O'Neal, Johnston Parks and Snow.

The following bills were allowed:

HIGHWAY FUND.

Al Hutton	$ 12 00
Charles Schuler	1 80
Fred Gravlin	60
Charles E. Mudge	8 20
H. D. Wolcott	5 00
E. R. Smith	50
J. H. Blakeslee	28 53
F. Hagerman	5 48

WATER WORKS FUND.

E. H. Randall	$ 50 00
H. D. Wolcott	1 80
E. R. Smith & Co	262 21
A. Johnston	1 81
The Brooks Oil Co., Cleveland	39 95

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

H. W. Hedding	40 00
Charles E. Toms	100 00
V. Nixon	2 00
H. W. Hedding	1 50
Matthew McBride	1 00
Stephen Newman	1 00
Thos. Cobb	1 00
Calvin Ellenwood	48
Ed Holliway	48
Albert Gravlin	48
John Keyser	1 00
Louis Stauch	1 00
Jas. B. Hunt	1 00
D. M. Doty	5 15
Geo. W. Fay	2 30

INTEREST FUND.

Wayne County Savings Bank	7 50

Moved by Whitehead, supported by Parks, that the claim of Andrew Cole against the village be laid on table.

Carried.

Moved by Johnston, supported by Whitehead, that the appointment by President Rundel of Snow, Johnston and Toms as a board of registration be confirmed.

Carried.

Moved by O'Neal, supported by Snow, that the appointment made by President Rundel of Whitehead, Parks and Johnston as election commissioners be confirmed.

Carried.

Moved by Snow, supported by Whitehead, that the appointment made by President Rundel of O'Neal, Snow, Johnston and Whitehead as election inspectors be confirmed.

Carried.

Moved by Whitehead, supported by Snow, that Mr. Edwards' bills be laid on the table until next meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Johnston, supported by Parks, that there be transferred from the General Expense Fund $1,900.00 to the Highway Fund, and also $250.00 from the General Expense Fund to the Water Works Fund.

Carried.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn until Monday evening, Feb. 15, 1904.

Carried.

CHAS. E. TOMS, Clerk.
J. F. RUNDEL, President.

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A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

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Good skating all over our streets and sidewalks, the skating is no better, smoother or desirable on the millpond or creek. Say, you just ought to have seen John Laidlaw and Geo. H. Mitchell carry a sewing machine from a sleigh to Mitchell's steps. First, John says, "Now Mitch, you'll slip going across the icy walk, so I'll carry it," and suiting the action to the word he picked up the machine by clasping it in his arms and started. The moment his feet left the snow and touched the ice covering the walk the dance began and the machine began to do preparations for grand and lofty tumbling. John's feet acted very queerly, his right leg and foot corkscrewed toward Southfield Burg while his left foot, with leg attached, ziz zagged toward Big Beaver and Troy, John yelling at Mitchell all the time to save the machine and to bury him (John) right where he fell.

Mitchell made a grab at the whirling machine and getting a hold both the men at once side stepped, two stepped, back stepped, front stepped and waltzed, polkaed, schottisched, dipped, rippled, gavotted, minuetted, ran, walked, slid, staggered and then mercifully reached a six foot snowbank where John and George pushed their legs clear in above their knees and holding the machine between them called for help. The marshal came to their relief and by carrying the 'chine over the snow, steering clear of the ice, it was landed safely on the front steps when the two men swooned and were dragged into the house out of sight of a shuddering public.

When you hear some people abusin' of a man des put it down dat he's de owner of some good quality de could never hope ter possess.

In my day en time I has seen many a lean dog barkin' at de moon; but of de moon ever said anything ter de dog I has yet ter hear it.

It's one thing to have a big reputation, for seldom en another ter ketch cold in a shower or rain bekaze you left yo' umbrella at home.—Atlanta Constitution.

CARPETS AND RUGS

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$1, 1.10, 1.25 — 47-inch Colored Canvas, Crash, Crepe and Armure effects in new shades.

$1.25 yd — 54 inch Novelty Effect Suitings for Tailor Suits. This cloth is confined to us.

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REMINISCENCES.

An Interesting Article Concerning an Old Southfield Landmark.

The old Cornelius Lawrence homestead which was burned in Southfield recently was closely connected with the early history of the township, and ought to have more than a passing notice, as some are yet living who are interested in and who have been associated with the old Southfield hotel in various ways.

It has been asked if it was not the oldest frame building in Southfield and how old it was.

Mr. Lawrence being a carpenter planned and built the hotel mostly himself in 1839, two years after Michigan was admitted to the Union as a state. The Southfield "Tavern" was used as a public house until sometime in the 50's, about '55, when what had been used as a barroom was fitted up as a store. In this room in connection with the store was to be found the postoffice, where the people got their mail twice a week, which was brought from Birmingham via Franklin. The remainder of the building, except the ballroom, became their private dwelling.

Until the Town hall was built town-meetings, justice courts, shows, singing school and many private parties were held in the old ball room. A select school was taught in that room for a number of years by O. L. Mann and Fred Rowe, of the U. of M., who succeeded Prof. Geo. Newcomb and others whose schools were held in the old Presbyterian church.

At the time public parties were held there they started in the afternoon. A young lady was expected to carry a band box containing her ball dress of white if she could afford such luxuries. My earliest recolections of the place was seeing the merry-makers arrive, the young gallents assisting their lady-loves to alight and the bandboxes taken from under the seat.

A supper was served and at midnight a dinner consisting of roast pig, turkey, chicken pie and many other good things. It was a well-kept house but the time came when it was no longer needed for the convenience of the travelling public.

A number of old frame buildings still stand which are older than the old landmark recently destroyed. The present homes of Mrs. Wither White and Marion White, built by the Fullers in the early '30's; the home of Mrs. James Harmon, built by the late Amos Davis of Birmingham.

The Southfield flouring mill had been built some time previous by Ezekial Sabin, father of Mrs. Lawrence. The old "mill house" is now a barn on Mrs. M. L. Palmer's place.

The farm is now owned by an only son, E. S. Lawrence, of Pittsburg. He had rented it to Mr. Beam who occupied it when it burned.

A. READER.

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