

To Our Friends.

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HOME NOTES.

Anyone wanting wood should read our cheap column. Watch out for the date of the next Macabre dance. Miss Ceila Bowers, of Detroit...

At Birmingham. C. E. Hadsell, Troy, Mich. The Lincoln club's annual banquet at Pontiac, Feb. 17, promises to be a great success. Plates will be set for 60 people.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church instead of giving a supper as is customary at their monthly gatherings, are to give a dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the home of Mrs. Jackson.

Mr. Andrew McClelland, of Southfield, had an operation for appendicitis at Harper Hospital, Wednesday morning of this week. Dr. C. M. Kayale was in attendance, and as this is Mr. McClelland's third attack of this disease the doctors expect to cure him for all time to come and we think they will.

John Laidlaw is a man of truth and veracity and he says we don't know anything about snow here in town. He tells us that the snow is so deep out to the farm that he has had to dig a tunnel to the barn from the house and one from the barn to the watering trough.

Read the ads of home merchants and watch for the bargains they offer. Then trade at home and save money. Birmingham offers the advantage of the fierce competition in all lines and is thus assured of the square thing in prices and otherwise.

Miss Lelia Carlisle B. A., of Shelby, Mich., a graduate of the U. of M., has been secured to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Grace L. Smith. Owing to Miss Carlisle's ability and qualifications as a fine teacher in this department we opine that our school will proceed as usual without the least hitch.

The township unit system recently authorized in Michigan, permits all the schools in a single township to be merged into a single larger school, with better instruction at a less cost.

The country editor must and does depend upon his friends to help make his paper interesting. Show some interest in your local paper and give all the information you can to the publisher.

The alarm of fire Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock called out a crowd who flocked to V. Nixon's store where one of his show windows was all ablaze.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, instead of Feb. 6, the meeting having been postponed one week.

Three mild cases of scarlet fever in our village. That is two inside corporation limits and one beyond. All are safely quarantined. The sick ones are very mild and we think there will be no further spread of the disease.

will go ahead of the crowd—get there first and then what? But here is the information and should the burglars get ahead of us we will have to stand for it.

Oliver Davenport was, bitten on the thumb two weeks ago by a pet coon which he was handling, but paid little attention to it the first few days, and it finally got so bad that Dr. Shaw was called and he found a bad case of blood poisoning.

A friend hands in the following clipped from the Evening News: Fifty-three Oswosso business men put in \$200 each last winter, making a total of \$10,600, and organized under the name of the Merchants Beet Co. Ltd., to raise sugar beets for the Oswosso sugar factory.

At the Theaters. AVENUE. Among next week's attractions at the Avenue Theater will be found Edmund Hayes and Company, Klein Ott Bros. and Nickerion, Rejlander and Arthur, Sidney Grant, Heras Troupe, Misses Tye and Jermon, Brooks Bros., Mile. Flora, New Kinetograph. A good program and no mistake.

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Prosecuting Attorney Kiebler P. Rockwell has made his annual report to the Attorney General of the criminal cases prosecuted in Oakland county during 1903. Number arrested and examined, 358; number prosecuted and convicted, 359; acquitted, 4; non est, 37; discharged, 8. This is one of the best records ever shown in the state and Mr. Rockwell is justly proud of the showing.

Count Fride of the Oak, No. 24, P. O. A. Royal Oak, have installed the following officers for the current term: C. R. Silas Brasington; S. C. R. Erasus Wells; J. S. Anley Smith; P. S. Fred Puwogel; treasurer, Frank Hollander.

Royal Oak Circle, No. 350, Companions of the Forest, have installed the following officers: C. R. Mrs. S. Brasington; P. C. R. Dr. Analey Smith; S. C. R. Hattie Loucks; P. S. Louisa Grant; R. S. Mrs. A. Russell; treasurer, Silas Brasington; S. J. Simpson; L. G. Mrs. J. S. I. G. O. G. Mrs. W. Fisher; O. G. Mrs. J. Neigel.

Royal Oak hive, No. 409, L. O. T. M. A. have installed the following officers for the present term: P. Allen; L. King; P. C. C. Mrs. C. R. Mrs. J. C. Haver; R. K. Mrs. Nancy Richards; F. K. Mrs. F. Leich; sergeant, Mrs. William Scott; L. at A., Edith Bauns; chaplain, Mrs. Emma Wheeler; singer, Mrs. L. Store; picket, Mrs. A. Granger.

Escaped an Awful Fate. Mr. H. Higgins of Melbourne, Fla., writes "My doctor told me I had Consumption, and nothing could be done. I was given up to die. The offer of a 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." The great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. Price \$50 and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

IN FRONT OF SNOW PLOW

TWO LADIES WERE THROWN ON FRIDAY LAST.

Mrs. Mary Vermilya and Mrs. Gus Vermilya have narrowly escaped from death. The latter lady who is seventy years Old Still in Excellent Condition-Speder Car Carried Dr. X. T. Shaw is Suffering.

On Friday afternoon last while Mrs. Mary Vermilya and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gus Vermilya, were driving to their home one and one-half miles south of Troy, their horse became frightened at the snow plow on the D. U. R. just south of the village, and threw them out directly in front of the plow.

Mrs. Mary Vermilya is 70 years of age, and her wounds are quite serious. She was rolled about 10 feet and her head badly cut, the wound being in the shape of a V, extending from back of one ear down to the neck and up to the other ear, besides she was otherwise badly bruised, and great fears are entertained for her recovery, although at this writing the doctors are of the opinion that she will recover.

Mrs. Gus Vermilya was knocked about and escaped with a few bad bruises, but how they escaped with their lives she is unable to tell. As soon as the accident happened Dr. Shaw was telephoned for and a special car from the power house took him with speed to the scene of the accident.

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WHITNEY. One of last season's big successes in the Eastern cities was Will C. Murphy's stirring melodrama, "Why Women Sin". It will be produced at the Whitney, for the first time, with the original cast, scenery and mechanical effects, next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 7. The story deals with the most startling and best tale of New York society. Several beautiful scenes are introduced, such as a duel in the dark, Riverside Drive Cafe, The Millionaire's Club and Old Trinity Church. The scenes and plot of the play are of an new and novel, and the reason "Why Women Sin" is shown in a startling and sensational manner, but without anything suggestive or immoral. The cast includes such well known plays as Pearl Clayton Seward, Florence Ashbrook, Frank Hollander, and others. The engagement is for one week, with matinees daily except on Wednesday.

Better Than Gold. "I was crippled for several years by chronic indigestion and dyspepsia," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Ayer's Pectoral, which did me more good than any medicine I ever used. I have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just what she needs for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorant for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try one of our new and novel, and the reason "Why Women Sin" is shown in a startling and sensational manner, but without anything suggestive or immoral. The cast includes such well known plays as Pearl Clayton Seward, Florence Ashbrook, Frank Hollander, and others. The engagement is for one week, with matinees daily except on Wednesday.

Some people are able to talk a great deal and say nothing unkind. Only a few of these. Occasionally a woman can do as she pleases with no one to care, but a man is never so neglected that she woman is not watching to see what he is up to.

After a man has boarded about a year he longs to follow home every man he sees on the streets with a beefsteak under his arm—Ackison (Kan.) Globe.

Cable Ship at Guam. Manila, June 3.—The British cable steamer Angia, engaged in laying the Commercial Pacific cable has arrived at Guam.

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TROY. Mr. Sullivan is the proud purchaser of the Jennie Sloan farm.

Mysterions Circumstances. One was pale and yellow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? Why she is blushing with health use Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it.

Republican Caucus. The Republican Electors of the Township of Northville and Cass in the County of Washtenaw, Michigan, held their caucus on Saturday, February 12, 1904, for the purpose of electing 15 electors to the County Convention to be held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, February 17, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m.

You Need a Rest. If you are not feeling well, don't call a doctor but take a lake trip! You return home feeling new life and your brain blown free from cobwebs.

Pointed Paragraphs. Little white lies live long and prosper. It's impossible to defeat an ignorant man in an argument.

After a lingering illness death came to H. Butler at his late home Jan. 21, at 2 p. m. His parents were among the pioneers of this place, Henry being the second eldest son of Alva and Hilda Butler. Deceased is survived by a widow and one son who reside here.

Advertiser Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham office January 30, 1904: Mister Pancheri Giacinto, Mr. Henry Height, Mr. A. R. Mills. JOHN HANNA, P. M.

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