

**To Our Friends.**

When trading with any of our advertisers in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, you will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

**HOME NOTES**

New Advertisements.  
 A. B. Merritt—Shoes—Pontiac.  
 L. W. Truesdell—Hardware—Birmingham.  
 William E. Elliott Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.  
 Walter S. A. Robertson—Dry Goods—Pontiac.  
 The J. J. Hudson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.

Read E. & F. E. Clark's photo ad. in this issue.

Miss Jessie Carter spent Sunday at the Cooper farm.

Mrs. A. B. Carter entertained the church party Wednesday afternoon of last week.

The W. H. M. S. meet with Mrs. McDonald next Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will be entertained by Mrs. Miller on Wednesday, March 9.

The Ladies Literary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Cooper, Monday, March 7, at 3:30 p. m.

A splendid farm for rent—the Paul Parks farm 1 1/2 miles west of Birmingham, Mich. J. Allen Bigelow, Executor.

Miss Zina Carter has been spending the past week with Miss Florence Linabury of Pontiac, where she had a most enjoyable time.

Don't fail to attend the meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church tonight (Friday) at the residence of Miss Anna Parks.

Pontiac hopes to land the Welch Motor Car Company, an immense manufacturing concern, and we certainly do hope the county seat will secure the prize.

Next Sunday's comic supplement to the Free Press will contain many new and interesting features. Be sure and secure a copy of Michigan's Leading Daily Next Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. VanEvery entertained the flinch club Tuesday afternoon. Miss Grace Blakeslee won the first prize, but Mrs. John German carried home the booty.

If you praise a man who really ought to be in jail, it is said that he has a kind heart, but if you praise a worthy man, it is said you belong to a mutual admiration society and are slushy.—Ex.

How many will send in bids for the first go feet on the north end, next to Mr. Doty's of my property on Woodward avenue? Address Mrs. H. H. Sawyer, 158 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Jacob Trend is having a slow time recovering from his foot amputation. While he is carefully attended and has the best of everything, his recovery will be slow. No indications of his leaving the hospital for a month yet.

F. Hagerman has been ill for many days and confined to his home. He is out again and on the mend. During his illness his store was kept going by his two competent clerks, Master Bert Kerr and Miss Lou McDougall.

Mrs. Grace McQuarter, daughter of Joseph Egan, of Southfield, aged 18 years, died Sunday last of scarlet fever. Funeral was held Wednesday and was private. It is feared that many have been exposed to this disease but we hope not.

The committee to select a permanent site for the state fair is in session at Pontiac this week. The county seat has the pole in the race and there is little danger that the State Agricultural society will decide to hold their big show elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baldwin, of Grand Ledge, Mich., have been enjoying a few days' visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Baldwin, of this village. Bert's business in Detroit was principally attending a convention of some Baptist assembly as delegate from his home city.

One of our local hunters last week, while on a tramp through the woods, found a covey of quail. The little fellows were huddled closely together, and all frozen stiff. Starved to death as a result of the severe winter and no chance to find any thing to eat.—Fenton Independent.

The other was placed in the greenhouse of R. Peterson who will soon be ready to supply everybody with the finest products of a first-class greenhouse.

Anthrax case is not to be had in our village. Owing to delays in freight Smith & Co. have none at present. A car of furnace coal arrived one day last week and the stock lasted just 10 minutes. We will not suffer as this firm has a fine grade of soft coal—also for burning.

We are sorry to announce the death of Joseph Soules, editor of the Menominee Daily Leader, which occurred Tuesday last. Mr. Soules' parents live in this place and he was well known in Oakland county, having at one time published a paper at Royal Oak. He was 46 years of age and leaves a family.

The executive committee of the Eastern Michigan Press club will meet with the President of the club, Geo. H. Mitchell of THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, to spend April 8 at that village. Beginning July 8 a three days' convention will be held in Frankfort, Mich., with representatives from Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin present.

The Jefferson club, Oakland county's Democratic organization, is making arrangements to hold a banquet the latter part of next month. A good list of prominent Michigan Democrats will be secured to respond to toast, and an effort is being made to secure one man of national prominence.

On the evening of Washington's birthday interior of the M. E. parsonage presented a la' George Washington appearance. The rooms were decorated after the style in vogue in the days of Washington, and Miss Lena Bartram entertained the Royal Oak flinch club on that occasion. It is needless to say that a very pleasant evening was passed and all enjoyed themselves hugely.

M. H. Blunt will sell for Robert Mageehan, one mile east and two miles north of Big Beaver, on Friday, March 11, at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, cattle, cows, heifers, shotguns, Champion binder, Champion mower, wagon buggy, cart, roller, all kinds of farm tools, cornstaks, hay, and everything that goes with a general cleaning up.

John N. Heth was made happy by receiving a pretty little birth cake last week from his brother-in-law, Mr. James E. Bartlett, of Jackson, Mich. It read as follows:

Allen Edwood Bartlett, weight 7 lbs.  
 James Hendrie Bartlett, weight 6 lbs.

Remember that the United States law gives a mail wagon the right of way in the road in preference to all other vehicles. When you see a mail man coming don't try to crowd him into the road, for an inspector will be hot on your trail in less than a week, and Uncle Sam will make you wish you never saw a mail wagon.

Miss Maud Campbell, daughter of Dr. J. L. Campbell, graduates tonight, March 4, a trained nurse from the Grace School, Detroit. She is one of a class of 14 and stands high in her class, is in love with her chosen profession and we predict for the competent and pleasing young lady the greatest success as she deserves it.

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Oakland County Teachers' Association, will be held at the Court House, in the city of Pontiac, on Saturday, March 5, 1904. A varied program will be the order of the day and school work will be reviewed by able speakers. Every teacher in Oakland county should attend this meeting. The program will commence at 9:45 Saturday morning, March 5.

An Oxford woman has made the discovery that the good people who have been indulging in "finch" under the supposition of its innocence will have to go to picture cards or eschew cards entirely. Finch is only an American form of the Chinese game of "fan-tan," which is said to be the most seductive and degrading game of chance known to the heathen Chinese, and he is an artist in gambling.

A local observer says this of a man who always pays for his local paper in advance: "As a result he has never been sick a day in his life, never had any corns on his toes, never had the toothache, his potatoes never rot, his oats never rust, his babies are fat and never cry at night and his wife never scolds, and he succeeded in serving three years on the school board without being cussed."

Miss Jessie Duncan, daughter of John Duncan of Pontiac, was bitten by a dog at the Detroit Light Guard Armory last week. She stopped to pet this canine when the ungrateful brute fastened his teeth in her chin making a wound just below the lip and another on the left side under the chin. "This hurt is not as bad as they said at first," she said to a friend who called to see her at the Normandie hotel, "I had just stopped to pet the dog when he bit me. He was a nice big fellow and I had no idea he would do that. I am so sorry that anything was said."

Remember O. B. Fuller and who you used to live here and rented a portion of the Ellis House? Well, they live in St. Louis now and say they have some spare rooms at a few house and can accommodate a few desirable friends from this locality during the Fair season. If you write O. B. Fuller at Maplewood P. O. St. Louis, Mo., you will get full particulars and can be assured of pleasant environments and careful attention during your stay at the fair.

A. J. Marble will have an auction sale on the Purdy farm, five miles south of Birmingham and four miles west of Royal Oak, on Thursday, March 10, at 1 o'clock p. m.,—two horses, two-year old heifer with calf by side, four yearlings, three brood sows with pigs, harnesses, Deering mower, Deering corn binder, plows, cultivators, land roller, many other farm tools, 200 bushels corn in ear, 250 bushels of oats, ten tons No. 1 timothy hay, 20 tons No. 1 mixed hay, a quantity of shredded corn stalks and other articles too numerous to mention. H. H. Blunt will do the talking.

All our readers now have an excellent chance to secure a most interesting and valuable magazine free. Actually free and with no expense whatever. All new subscribers from now until the offer is discontinued will receive this most excellent magazine free. Do the old ones get a benefit also? You can rest assured that they do. By paying up all arrearages they get all the benefits that the new ones do and that means a fine magazine one year free. Try it. No cost to you. Absolutely Free. Secure the American Home Magazine, the best on earth. It is free.

Willugast Denison, administratrix, will sell at auction on the premises, 2 miles east and 2 miles north of Birmingham and 1/2 miles south and 1/2 mile west of The Corners, on Friday, March 4, at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, cows, pair fat steers, bull, yearling heifer, 75 Plymouth Rock hens, buggies, road cart, cutter, potato crates, chest of carpenter's tools, set bobsleighs, hay rack, wagons, mower, binder, plow, cultivator, grass seeder, grain drill, horse rake, 1/2 interest in hay tedder, fanning mill, harnesses, 175 bu. corn in ear, about 400 bu. corn in stack, 250 bu. of oats, 500 lbs. of bran, about 10 tons of hay and many other articles. Easy terms. Two auctioneers, C. W. Upton and M. H. Blunt.

The men of Birmingham met March 2 and after appointing Dr. D. M. Johnston permanent chairman decided to hold a banquet March 17 and have planned to do it on a large scale. Just think of it—25 waiters, 10 cooks, 12 on reception, together with a board of health consisting of every physician in town. Doors will be opened at 6:00 p. m. and closed at 9:30. The ladies will be admitted to every part of the building except the kitchen. The bill of fare will be published next week. Tickets 25c; children under 12 years 15c. Tickets can be had of Whitehead & Mitchell's, Frank Blakeslee, Roy Blakeslee, E. A. O'Neal's, D. M. Johnston's, and Dr. Shaw's office. Secure your tickets before they are all sold.

**AT THE THEATERS.**

**AVENUE.**  
 The avenue theater will present one of the best bills next week ever seen in Detroit. It's these fine attractions that keeps the seats full at this popular play house.

**WHITNEY.**  
 "The Factory Girl" will be the attraction at the Whitney next week. It is sensational and at the same time is execrably funny. It is a champion of the labor cause, and a play well worth seeing.

**LYCUEUM.**  
 "David Harum" will be presented at the Lyceum next week. The witty old gentleman will be and Deacon Perkins makes a bore trade, and is seen again trying to drive a balky horse in a heavy shower of rain. Aunt Polly will also be there to contribute to the fun and David will tell you how he went to the circus when he was a boy. Matness will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

**Wolcott**  
**WIND MILLS**  
 YOU SEE THEM EVERYWHERE  
 Every owner of a Wolcott will tell you "There is nothing better."  
 They run in light winds or high winds. They work white you sleep.  
 Your dealer will tell you the price and give you a booklet free for the asking.  
 We have both steel and wood towers, and all kinds of tanks.

**National Engineering Co.**  
 Saginaw, W. S., Mich.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Report of Finance Committee of the Village of Birmingham for Year 1903-4.

**GENERAL EXPENSE FUND**

July 26, 03, balance on hand	\$ 134 21
July 1, 03, raised by general tax	1,520 00
July 27, 03, raised by general tax	41 00
July 27, 03, raised by fire tax	45 00
July 1, 03, receipt of tax rolls	22 00
July 29, 03, raised by loan	150 00
Total	\$2,322 21

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Sept. 10, 03, transferred to W works fund	\$ 175 00
Feb. 8, 04, transferred to W works fund	1,000 00
Feb. 8, 04, transferred to highway fund	1,000 00
Feb. 29, 04, transferred to W works fund	100 00
Feb. 29, 04, seventy-four vouchers paid	1,421 13
July 26, 03, balance on hand	88 14
Total	\$2,874 13

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Feb. 26, 03, balance on hand	\$ 66 65
July 8, 03, raised by general tax	700 00
Feb. 29, 04, rec'd from cement works	1,585 53
Total	\$2,352 18

**WATERWORKS FUND**

Feb. 26, 03, balance on hand	\$ 98 72
April 1, 03, transferred from gen exp fund	250 00
April 8, 04, transferred from "	250 00
Feb. 27, 04, water tolls collected	1,069 75
Total	\$1,608 47

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Feb. 27, 04, fifty-nine vouchers paid	\$435 97
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**INTEREST FUND**

July 1, 03, raised by general tax	750 00
July 1, 03, raised by general tax	1,000 00
Feb. 8, 04, 30 coupons, Wayne Co. S. bank	250 00

**RECAPITULATION**

March 12, 03, bal on hand, all funds	\$ 503 21
July 1, 03, raised by general tax	4,000 00
July 1, 03, raised by liquor tax	45 00
From March, 1903 to Feb. 27, 04, fines collected	45 00
From March, 1903 to Feb. 27, 04, interest imposed	55 00
From March, 1903 to Feb. 27, 04, collection of water tolls	1,569 75
From March, 1903 to Feb. 27, 04, cement works tolls	1,585 53
Feb. 26, 04, raised by loans	150 00
Total	\$5,948 45

Feb. 27, 04, from the following funds, transferred as stated in the report:  
 General expense fund \$ 1,471 13  
 Highway fund 1,000 00  
 Waterworks fund 2,352 18  
 Interest fund 1,125 00  
 Balance on hand in all funds 55 14  
 Total \$5,403 45

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of the village of Birmingham, have carefully examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer, have checked and cancelled all vouchers, find that the above is a true statement of the finances of said village, this twenty-ninth day of February, 1904, according to our best knowledge and belief.

Finance Committee: JOHN H. SNOW  
 A. R. PARKS  
 GREG E. DAINES

**AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY.**

Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb will pay back your money if PEPISIKOLA fails to cure dyspepsia.  
 "Never in the history of this store," said one of the above druggists to a representative of a wholesale drug house, "has there been so great a demand for a new remedy as there is just now for PEPISIKOLA."  
 "Birmingham people are coming in every day inquiring if it really is true that we sell PEPISIKOLA with the understanding that we will cure dyspepsia or pay back their money." "Of course this guarantee plan is quite unusual but we do, just as we agree and we will hand back your quarter without the least argument if you are not decidedly benefited." "As a matter of fact," continued the druggist, "not one person in fifty has asked for their money, and it may surprise you to know at least a dozen within the last ten days have been in to sell us how much they have been relieved, and how glad they are to know at last there is a remedy that really will cure indigestion and dyspepsia."  
 PEPISIKOLA breaks up and tones every nerve and slow, builds up the system, gives new life into the digestive organs, improves the appetite, cleans up the complexion, cures biliousness, dizzy spells, coated tongue and sick headache.

Try it for ten days and if you don't see a big improvement step in and tell the above druggists and they will hand back your quarter cheerfully and without argument.  
 No wonder some are tired of religion when they take it all in kangaroo leaps.  
 Stillts of pride lift you above the people today and lay you in a puddle tomorrow.  
 People who cannot endure children in the house will find Heaven a very unpleasant place.  
 Good works in not the price of a ticket to Heaven, but the proof of the right to enter it.

The men who can stop drinking when they get ready usually stop because there are no saloons in the grave.—Ham's Horn.  
**THEIR ECHOES.**  
 Fortune befriends the bold.—Dryden.

**WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT CO.**  
 THIS Russo-Japanese argument will set SILKS UPWARDS, as Japan and China furnish much of it. The time to buy materials for Spring GOWNS IS NOW—While Prices are low.

**SILKS**  
 Fine lustrous Black Taffeta Silk, hitherto 69c, now 49c yard.  
 Yard-wide Rich Black Taffeta Silk, \$1.25 value, for \$1.00 yard.  
 Black "Reversible" Peau de Soie, hitherto \$1.00, now 85c yard.  
 Desirable Black Peau de Cygne—exceptionally good for 69c yard.  
 Dainty Crepe de China, 24 inches wide, equal to any store's \$1.25 value, but we offer you it here at \$1.00 yard.  
 The new Boucle Effects Silk for Suits, 75c value, now 69c yard.  
 Reversible Black Peau de Soie, three-quarter yard wide, material we fully guarantee—its value is \$1.30—now \$1.25 yard.  
 Habutai Silks have advanced ten per cent owing to the war. Our low prices still prevail.  
 New Pongees and Suiting Silks for Spring.

**Dress Fabrics**  
 Newest Colors.  
 Real Australia Wool Crepe Cloth, ten exquisite shades 400 yards, \$1.00 value, for 75c yard.  
 600 yards Mixed Scotch Tweed Suiting at 50c yard.  
 Fine all-wool Armure—high-class material for nice dresses—eight shades—46-inch, at \$1.00 yard.  
 42 and 44-inch fine all-wool colored Crepe de Chine and Silk and Wool Crepe at 85c and \$1.00 yard.  
 Tweed Mixture Cloth for Washing Suits and Skirts, 64 inch—only \$1.25 yard.  
 Best English make of Novelty Cracking, ideal for Shirt Waist Suits, 44-inch, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard.  
 46-inch solid colors, Wool Crabs, Canvas and Armure wares—popular for Shirt Waists, \$1.00 and \$1.10.  
 Many Mohairs, Sicilians, plain and fancy wares—all the stylish colors and different qualities—60c to \$1.50.

**Wash Fabrics**  
 Low Prices for Stylish Goods  
 Fancy Striped or Dotted Telfetia Cloth, a new wash fabric, 25c yard.  
 The very newest solid colors in same cloth.  
 Fancy Designs or Plain Challies, all wool, 50c and 55c value, for 39c yard.

**DOUBLE YELLOW STAMPS FOR FIVE DAYS**  
 I have just concluded arrangements with the TRADERS' REBATE CO., to give two Yellow Stamps with every ten-cent purchase made in our store during the period  
**From Feb. 22 to Feb. 27.**  
 If you are saving Yellow Stamps this is a splendid opportunity for you to fill your BOOK quickly, as you will receive TWO STAMPS instead of one for every ten-cent purchase.  
 Yours for Good Goods and Low Prices.

**Birmingham, Mich**  
**V. NIXON**

**READ THIS**

**TO ALL THOSE WHO HOLD COUPONS OR PHOTOGRAPHIC TICKETS:**  
 We will accept such COUPONS at their Face Value and give the Holder  
**14 ELEGANT CABINETS**  
 (EACH ONE GUARANTEED)  
 And one BEAUTIFUL PANEL 11x17 inches in size. Actual value \$9.00.  
**Those Who Have no Coupons**  
 Cut this Adv't out, bring it with you and get THE BEST BARGAIN of YOUR LIFE-TIME.

**14 TO EVERY DOZEN AND A BEAUTIFUL PANEL**

**E. & F. E. CLARK,**  
 PHOTOGRAPHERS,  
 Birmingham Mich.  
 Dated March 4, 1904.

This Order Good For 15 Days