

# THE BIRMINGHAM ECENTRIC

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## To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will consider the fact that you are doing the most for your money by buying our paper. A week here is at the time of trading, one week there is at the time of trading, one week here is at the time of trading, one week there is at the time of trading. Will you be good and do so?

## HOME NOTES

**New Advertisements.**  
L. L. Truesdell—Birmingham.  
The J. L. Hudson Co.—Detroit.  
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E. K. Merrill—Shirts—Pontiac.  
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Mrs. K. Ryan—Millinery—Pontiac.  
The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.

Today is Arbor Day.  
Mrs. Charles Leet and son Bruce have been home for a short visit.

The World's Fair is beginning to be talked about in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Niles, of Rochester, were Birmingham visitors last week.

Coal ashes in any quantity for the hauling. See Mitchell at once at THE ECENTRIC office.

Wanted—A companion for an invalid lady. Apply to Dr. I. Nell, E. M. A., Pontiac, Mich.

For Sale—White corn meal in any quantity for feeding stock. See Web Bray at once before its all gone.

Even now were afraid to say "Spring has come, tra-la-la," lest there is a foot of snow before the paper is issued.

If you catch a bass you must put it back in the lake again. Far be it from us to suggest that you put a stringer on him first.

Rev. J. D. Jeffrey, of Detroit, will preach at the Presb. terian church of Southfield next Sunday afternoon at 7:30.

The regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter, No. 220, will be held Wednesday evening, May 4, at 7:30 o'clock, M. E. Daniels, Secy.

Dan McCaffrey, of Oxford, a former resident of this place, was burned out in a fire that did \$5,000 damage at that place one night last week. Mr. McCaffrey runs a barber shop. His loss is fully covered by insurance.

Died, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Purdy, in this village, Wednesday morning, April 27, 1904, after a lingering illness, Miss Clara Purdy, aged 17 years. Funeral this Friday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Last fall a wild goose, in passing with others over the farm of Dick Erwin fell to the ground disabled. It was caught, cared for and now the Erwin farm is the proud owner of seven wild goose eggs that are wonders in size and weight.

Andrew H. Porter has no more than got "comfie" in his new Woodward ave. home before he starts out bright and early every morning attending to his duties as supervisor of the town of Bloomfield which he does to the satisfaction of every tax payer in his district.

Mrs. E. L. Power, mother of Mrs. J. B. Field, died in Detroit, Sunday morning, April 24, 1904, at the age of 58 years. She had been a great sufferer for eight years and death came as a happy relief. She was buried at Novi on Tuesday.

The first libel suit in the history of the Oakland circuit court is on trial at Pontiac, being the case of Dr. Sidney J. Ransier of Davisburg vs. the Pontiac Daily Press. Ransier asks \$10,000 damages for alleged libel in an article published in the Press.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Mrs. Miller's on Tuesday, May 3, at 7:30. The membership contest will close on that day. Members are expected to be present and report their success in securing new members.

Men are at work for the Michigan State Telephone Co. erecting lines that will connect the following big farms with the Birmingham Exchange: Messrs. Barber, of Brier Bank, Troubridge Bros., Brady, of Oak Grove and Mr. Shattuck, a gain of six more subscribers.

Gov. Bliss is desiring of credit for one act at least. He has refused to call a special session of the legislature to regulate street car fares in Detroit. A special session of the legislature would

mean the expenditure of several thousand dollars of the state's surplus funds.

An up-state editor tells the following just as though it were original with him: "A man of this town was to be operated on by the physicians. When the doctors began their operations he asked for a preacher. They inquired what in the world he wanted with a preacher. He replied: 'I desire to be opened with prayer.'"

Our old farmer Trojan friend, S. T. Boyd of Vassar, sends us a copy of the Vassar Pioneer, a check full of fine half-tones showing the city under water. The Cass river rose so high that a ten-mile current swept down the main street, filling the business places with two feet of water. It beat anything ever seen by the oldest inhabitant. Thanks, Tib.

Next Sunday, May 1, the Grand Trunk Railway system gives another of its popular excursions. You can go to Grand Rapids and return for \$2.10; Battle Creek, \$1.75; Lansing, \$1.25; Sa. In and Bay City, \$1.55. Train leaves Birmingham 7:52 a. m., returning at 11:10 p. m. No baggage checked on Sunday excursions.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Zimmerman, Friday, May 6. A cordial invitation to all. Supper from 5 to 7. Table committee: Mrs. Hoffman, Aldrich and Blakeslee, cake; Mrs. Bird and Allen biscuit; Mrs. Houghten, sauce; Mrs. Bookham, butter. Addie B. Hoffman, Secy.

Just as soon as you can, rake together all that old rubbish which accumulated during the winter and burn it. Disease germs lurk there like fleas on a tramp dog and it is always best to be on the safe side, and how much better a nicely kept yard looks anyway. So if you have prejudices against cleaning up from the health standpoint, clean for style.

Prof. Waldo at Ovid has secured his corps of teachers for the coming year. Everything is satisfactory, prosperous and progressing with himself and family. Mr. Harold Waldo is developing into a poet and some day he will be famous. See if our prediction does not come true. In another column will be found his poem clipped from the Ovid Register Union.

In order that her boy may not be handicapped through life with a common name, an Oxford mother has named her only son Adolphus Ebenezer Nicodemus Obediah. The family name is Pigg. We used to have a boy in our town who rejoiced in the name of Clarence Brunson Norman Cassius Dallas Livingston Burton Harrington Nedroy—that's all.

Formalin is the proper chemical to treat your oats with before sowing. All history and experiments go to prove that formalin is a dead sure killer of smut or anything else that is detrimental to oats. Whitehead & Mitchell sell it every spring and now is the time. One pint will treat 50 bushels, and Mitchell or any of the polite clerks will explain to the prospective user how it is done.

Detroit went out on the state fair question. Now, as long as Pontiac could have the prize, we wish it had gone to Saginaw, Montauque, Oakland, or some other place, then Oakland county could hold a county fair that would be just as interesting and just as instructive an exhibition as the state fair, and we venture to say, just as profitable. But as it is we won't have to pay any more to attend the fair at Recreation park than to go to Pontiac.

Probably no man will be missed at Any more than the late James Pearsall who did more to build up that little village than any other man. He died Friday and was buried Sunday last. Mrs. Pearsall was brother of F. G. Pearsall of our village and Claud Pearsall of Ypsilanti. His business interests were great and consisted of wooded farms, cultivated lands, timber, lumber, etc., etc. He left a widow and two daughters, and the entire community to deplore his loss.

The Rochester Era is in its thirty-second year, and Brother Fox makes his bow in the following few lines: "With this impression the Era closes the thirty-first year of continual publication in Rochester. With many warm friends to whom we are indebted for constant obligation and a few enemies for whom we don't care a rap, the Era pushes into its new volume with high hopes of a bright future for not only the paper, but our beautiful city as well. The Ladies' Literary club met Monday evening with Mrs.

Popleton. Three papers were listened to with great interest, John Woolman and the Quakers, Mrs. George Shain; "Channing and the Growth of Unitarianism," Mrs. Stearns; "A Tourist in Mexico," Mrs. Wilson. The guests of the previous week paid the club many compliments upon the parliamentary order, and upon the quality of the papers read, and the discussions that followed.

Judge Smith has rendered his decision in the case of the Livingston county superintendents of the poor versus the Oakland county superintendents of the poor. The case was tried some time ago. Judge Smith took the main matter under advisement. The judge's decision was no cause of act. The case will probably be appealed to the supreme court by Livingston county. The suit was brought to determine which county should bear the expense of the maintenance of a family which lived in both counties.

We hear that Ben Cline is the lucky enumerator for this township. Any receiver a call from him is required to answer all questions without prevarications or concealment. The formal instructions to be issued by Secretary of State Warner will be as follows: Any enumerator who violates his oath of secrecy will be fined \$100. The enumerator will work through the month of June, receiving \$3 per day. The enumerators are given the same right to enter any dwelling as are given to other enumerators, and people who refuse to give them all information asked may be fined from \$50 to \$100.

## ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

The Best Village in the State We Are Growing Daily—We Are Advertised by our Loving Friends—Great Rush from the City for Royal Oak Homes.

William Wilson, of Roseville, was in town Sunday. Albert Walker, of Detroit, was a Sunday visitor in town.

John A. Merritt, of Birmingham, visited friends in town Sunday.

Mr. McInnis will move into Mrs. E. K. Merrill's home on Market street.

E. L. Knowles is putting up a barn and it will be a dandy when finished.

Mr. M. Robinson of Southfield was the guest of her sister, Rosita Rose, over Sunday.

Oliver Hamilton's house on Williams street is now occupied by George Rollins and family.

Charles Campbell has received the appointment of carrier on rural route No. 3, length of route 24.

A \$200 house belonging to Peter Backer turned up his toes one day last week—a big loss to a deserving man.

Our former business man, George A. Dewey of Armada, saw his old friends last week. He is getting rich and has a business over at Armada.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krois, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. William Trussell, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kostner, a daughter.

Our farm work is simply in bad shape. Not a furrow turned yet, and oats are supposed to be up by this time, while not have been sown yet. Discourage.

Two funerals on the same day saddened our town one day last week—John Jones and William Behrendt. They were both highly respected citizens and their funerals were largely attended.

The Colored Eclipse Concert club of Detroit will give an exhibition at the Town hall, on Friday evening, April 29. The proceeds will be for the benefit of Brown chapel church, Thirtieth and Jackson streets, Detroit.

The new hotel is growing. The foundation is being laid with those celebrated building blocks from the Birmingham Brick & Tile Co. These blocks are said to be better than stone, last for ages and are far more economical to the builder. A word to the wise is sufficient.

The demand for homes in our village is unprecedented—not enough of our ill orders. Our money men should at once go ahead and build houses to rent. If we have no more houses to rent for \$5 to \$12 a month, they will be snapped up within a week. Let's build some homes as a business speculation.

The Royal Oak base ball club has been reorganized. Gus Dondoro is captain this season and James Lawson will captain the team. There were beautiful offers from the Clawson Baseball school and friends. The family feel deeply grateful for the many acts of kindness shown by the life-long friends of the deceased.

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## EXCURSION TO BUFFALO, N. Y.

Grand Trunk Railway System.  
Selling Fare plus 25c for the round trip (including meals) May 11 and 12, 1904, and valid to and including May 23, 1904. For further information consult the local agent, or write to Gen. W. Van A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

## Makes a Clean Sweep.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the sweeps you ever heard of, Bucken's Arrow Sweep is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Blisters, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions, Itch and Piles. It's only 25c a quart. Get it at Pillsbury's, or write to Whitfield & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists.

have had to raise him to take the steps he did. Mr. Froda, proprietor of the hotel where the deed was done, is greatly wrought up over the affair.

## TROY.

Eugene Barrows is laid up with a lame leg.  
Blount Bros sowed five acres of oats Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Niles spent Sunday in Troy with relatives.

Chas. Clark went back to his work in Detroit on Monday.

The Sheriff's family is lately located in Wm. Jennings' tenant house.

Mr. Taylor entertained friends from Orion at the Barron home Sabbath.

Mrs. Sue Frank helped care for her sick daughter's family part of last week.

M. S. Mabel Nichols, of Pontiac, was caring for her sick mother last Sunday.

Mrs. Will Wayson, of Farmington, had her goods sent to that place the last of the week.

C. C. Clark lies very ill at his home in Troy. Dr. Spencer is attending him.

At this writing he is slightly improved.

Rev. Sutcliffe preached in Cass City Sunday. Miss Hirsch, from the Deaconess home, Detroit, occupied the pulpit here Sunday morning.

Medames Hadden, Wells Johnson and Hilda Houghton are hard sick with the measles. The Jennings family are recovering from them.

Mrs. Curtiss and son Frank attended the birthday parties of Mrs. Clark's and Mrs. H. C. Clark's children given Wednesday and Friday of last week.

The Forester ladies met with Mrs. C. Sullivan last Friday and put together their crazy quilt. The drawing will take place in the near future. Tickets 50c.

## HIG BEAVER.

Mr. L. S. Pearsall is very poor health. Mrs. Eliza Love is visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Mr. L. G. Vlier and family have moved to Rochester.

Mrs. G. C. Gibbs is ill at the home of her niece in Detroit.

Mrs. Lottie Bookham visited the E. M. A. last Saturday.

Mrs. Stephen Cooper has been threatened with pneumonia but is better.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McInnis was buried last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pallister have commenced housekeeping in the L. G. Smith house.

Carrie M. Bingham was a delegate to the District Woman's Home Missionary convention held at Saginaw last week.

Mr. L. L. Houghton and daughter Lucenia attended the home of her father, Mr. James Pearsall's funeral at May last Sunday.

A number of ladies and their little ones attended a baby's birthday party given in honor of little Marcus Harris by his parents.

Miss Harste, a Deaconess of the Detroit Home, had charge of the services here Sunday. Her talk was very interesting and instructive.

## CLAWSON.

Mrs. Bert Poole has improved in health.

Harry Goldsmith has returned from his travels in the South.

Sam Groves is recovering from an attack of malarial fever.

Mrs. Benjamin and Mrs. Alfred, Ladies of Relief Corps, called on Mrs. Azel Blair.

There will be a Sabbath-school Friday at the home of Mrs. E. L. Fall, Friday evening, April 29.

Mr. Compie, of the Rochester Acetylene Gas Co., has placed a 15 lamp power machine in H. J. Bowler's house.

Visitors at Clawson: Mrs. Frank King, of Buffalo; Mrs. Susan Houghton, of Big Beaver, and the Misses Iva Keller and Florence Irlman, of Birmingham.

Died, Eleanor C. Halsey, April 20, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Annie Poole, of Troy. His age was 78 years and 6 months. He was born in New York state and came to Detroit in early boyhood with his parents, three brothers and one sister. At the age of 22 he was married to Cornelia M. Morse and with his family resided at the old Morse place until his death, a period of 58 years. Two brothers were present at the funeral services. He leaves one son, Payson, of this place; his daughter, Mrs. Poole, with whom he has made his home, since her marriage, and Mrs. Mary Brock of Olivet. There were beautiful floral offerings from the Clawson Baseball school and friends. The family feel deeply grateful for the many acts of kindness shown by the life-long friends of the deceased.

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# MILLINERY—WILLIAM H. ELLIOTT

This Store is Noted and Quoted for its High Grade Mohairs and Sicilians. Prices are Low.

Black Shirt Waist Suits, Mohair and Sicilian, blue, brown, gray—no blouse sells better at 75c—special now at 50c yard.

Imported Mohairs and Sicilians with woven or wadded muslin, polka dot, stripes or checks—nearly 400 to choose from—50c yard.

64 inch English Sicilian, heavy weight and highly lustrous. Blue, Brown and Gray—full \$1.00 value—now on sale at 75c yard.

Melange Sicilian Mohair, Champagne Shades and Blue, Brown and Gray—48-inch cloth of high character—usually \$1.50 yard, for \$1.25 yard.

Silk Finished Sicilian, 50-inches wide, very heavy weight, Grays and Castors—can be equaled under \$2.00 elsewhere—now \$2.00 yard.

Flammé effects in small designs in popular English "Panama" Suitings—excellent value for \$1.25—now on sale at \$1.00 yard.

Cross-stitched Cloth for Ladies' Rain Coats or Separate Skirts—guaranteed water and dust proof—very complete assortment for \$2.25 yard.

Black and White Melange Spitting, Thoroughly water proof for Coats and suits—ots of goods offered about town at \$1.00 yard no better—our price 75c yard.

## SOUTHFIELD.

Our farmers are busy plowing. Mrs. LeVerne Bloomberg is on the sick list.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wright, a boy, Arthur, on Monday.

William Root spent two days of last week in Pontiac.

Walter Sturman has been building a barn for Joe Crofts.

The Willing Workers met with Mrs. Joseph Croft Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Nellie Wood, of Franklin, visited her sister, Mrs. Daisy Miller, Saturday.

Hamilton Irish from Kansas spent Sunday with his niece, Mrs. E. G. Tucker.

Miss Marcia Metcalf will close her school this week and begin clerking for J. M. Beldow.

Clyde Douglas and Susie Larkins were united in marriage Wednesday evening of last week by Rev. Johnson.

Communion services will be observed at the U. P. church next Sunday, preparatory services on Friday and Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The missionary meeting held at the Misses Purly was largely attended and the society in token of its esteem presented to the treasurer, Mrs. Lizzie Miller, who is expected a bride, a nice comforter.

Mrs. J. R. Brooks of Detroit and daughter Eva, have been visiting at Mrs. Volney Miller's. They also visited at Pickering's at Franklin and called at Joseph Brooks'. Mrs. M. H. Brooks and Mrs. R. P. Brooks.

There was a big sensation in Loeveline, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured awful suffering agonies from Asthma, but New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cases of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. It cost 50c and \$1.00 guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. Trial bottles free.

There is no shore to the bitter sea of Birth and Death.

With one hair of a woman you can tether even a great elephant.

Even the touching of sleeves in passing is caused by some relation in a former life.—From Lafcadio Hearn's "In Ghostly Japan."

ALL TRUE.

Law is a great thing—for lawyers.

There is considerable of the tyrant about the woman who is engaged.

Men like to feel that advice to a woman is an evidence of true friendship.

The limit of patience is reached through the single sentence, "I told you so."

The man who falls in an undertaking always wants to be given one more chance.

To a woman there is a sense of satisfaction in exhibiting original ideas in dress building.

When a man goes to a funeral he thinks it necessary to assume a woe-begone expression.

When a man places reliance on a woman's judgment he is apt to go to a man to have it confirmed.

FROM THE PENCIL'S POINT.

It isn't the mirror's fault if the woman isn't faultless.

A man with a good wife is apt to hear too much of a good thing.

## NOTE THE BARGAINS BELOW

100 pieces Towel and Insertion to match, 1 to 3 1/2 inches wide, a flyer at 5c a yard.

Just received—a complete line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear, and Corset Covers at 25c, 35c and 50c. Drawers, 25c to 50c. Skirts, 50c to \$2.00. Gowns from 50c to \$1.00.

Spring Dress Gingham 3c per yard.

My line of Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps is the largest in town and they are all new and up to date.

SHOES of all descriptions in the latest styles. These goods were bought for cash and you get the benefit of the discount.

Come and buy your goods of me and save from 10 to 15 per cent, the amount of some of my competitors have added to their goods save the advance in cotton. Yours for good goods and low prices.

V. NIXON.