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## BIRMINGHAMITES NOT MOTOR HATERS

**Only Ask That Speed Regulation Law be Observed.**

One of the matters of vital interest to the members of the Detroit Automobile club at this time is the question of diplomatic relations with the village of Birmingham. The constabulary of that place has been, since the opening of the automobile season, unusually active in capturing motorists who defied the village ordinance and whirled through at a greater speed than six miles an hour. These have been fined and in certain quarters it stirred up a small feeling of defiance, which, however, has been nipped in the bud, by the good judgment of the officers of the local club. Now the strained relations are being patched up, and there will be an amicable adjustment with Birmingham which will work good for both sides.

At the annual meeting of the automobile club Wednesday evening, President Fred O. Page, who was re-elected, took this subject up fully and admonished the members to respect the Birmingham law, no matter if six miles an hour was an unreasonable limit of speed. This resulted in a resolution passed by the meeting, calling attention of all members to the law, and asking that it be explicitly obeyed. It was stated also that the Birminghamites seem to have a false idea of the purpose of the automobile club, due to a prejudice against the automobile, perhaps. The citizens of Birmingham received their first intimation of the action of the automobile club in the Free Press the next morning, and they hastened at once to commend the automobilists for their stand in the matter and to assure them that they are willing to be reasonable in every way.

President Paige, of the club, is much gratified at the turn affairs have taken. One of the members of the club has received a letter from a prominent business man of Birmingham, showing the conciliatory spirit of the residents of the village, and there will probably be no more trouble about violations of the ordinance. It is probable that a delegation of officers and prominent men of the club will wait on the members of the village council in the near future, when an understanding will be arrived at.

The above from Sunday's Free Press explains it exactly. Birmingham citizens are not motor haters, never felt hostile to the horseless carriage, and speaking from a Woodward avenue standpoint, and after interviewing the residents all over town, we find that almost invariably, in fact 99 out of every 100 people, would feel very sorry indeed if they never saw them passing through town. As to the club house we never heard a word regarding its location, only by those who wish it was right here in our village instead of two miles away.

The ordinance that the metropolitan dukes have made so much fuss about was made two years ago, and it was on account of the reckless, roystering, rowdy running and racing that Marshal Hedding threw out his drag net and gathered a few of them in and put a stop to the dangerous practice.

Beautiful machines are now viewed with pleasure as they pass through, filled with happy people, often accompanied by children full of health and happiness. Before all we could see was a red streak, blue streak, yellow streak, or a combination of streaks, and an immense cloud of dust. Now as the travellers go slower adown our beautiful village we are enabled to see that the autoists are human beings and really very pleasant people to associate with.

Now we say, on behalf of our people, Hurrah for the club house! Hurrah for the auto club and a tiger for the machine that passes through town and does not fall into Marshal Hedding's net.

Detroit papers please copy.

## Edwin Phelps, of Pontiac, Dead.

At 11:30 o'clock Monday night Edwin Phelps died at his home on Oakland avenue, Pontiac, of cancer of the stomach.

Mr. Phelps was born at Pittsfield, N. Y., in 1820, and was only four years of age when his father moved to Michigan, taking up what has ever since been known as the Phelps farm in Pontiac township.

In 1850 Mr. Phelps took the gold fever and with four others in the party went to California in quest of the yellow metal. Fortune favored him and when, two years later, he returned to Michigan, he was able to purchase the homestead of his father. From 1852 until 1880, when he became a sufferer from rheumatism, he confined himself principally to agriculture. He was for a number of years a director of the Michigan State Agricultural society and had been connected with the Oakland Agricultural society since its beginning. He held the office of justice of the peace for 25 years.

His widow and four children, Mary, Jessie, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. B. F. Mattison, and Edwin J. Phelps, survive him. The funeral services were held from his late home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

### A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says, "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb druggists. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c, $1.00.

## B. H. S.

**At the U. P. Church the Juniors Make a Fine Showing to a Large and Attentive Audience.**

Last Friday evening was a great time for the junior class of the B. H. S. During the afternoon it was rainy, dark and cloudy with a prospective bad night but in due time the clouds left and the spirits of the class rose correspondingly and the exercises were in a ratio equaling the class feeling.

The class consists of the following: M. Alberta Smith, Hazel Carter, Mabel Schoonover, Jessie Megaw, Eva McClellan, Maud McDonald, Retta McHugh, Lucile Hunt, Mabel Zimmerman, Idâ J. Hanna, Mamie Wilson, Grace A. Purdy, and Clarence J. West. The class consists of 13 members, 12 girls and one boy, they do not consider it a hoodoo by any means.

The exercises were plenty long enough but were listened to by an earnest and interested audience. The entrance march was played by Miss Winnie Jenks, and Rev. Maxwell followed by an invocation. The Misses McClellan and Schoonover came next with an instrumental duet. Miss Alberta Smith in a very pleasing manner delivered the president's address. Miss Hazel M. Carter gave "The Movement Cure for Rheumatism," and all enjoyed it hugely. Miss Jessie Megaw gave a comparison between Napoleon and Grant. Miss McNair rendered a solo. A story, "My trip to Europe," was read by Maud McDonald. A character sketch, "Lady Macbeth," by Retta McHugh, was well given. An analogue, "Life and the Seasons," by Lucile Hunt, was followed by a solo by Mr. John Rainey. Reading, "Whistling in Heaven," by Mabel Zimmerman; oration, "The Young Carol Singer of Esenach," Ida J. Hanna. The class poem deserved much credit on the part of Mamie E. Wilson, the composer. The oration, "Alexander Hamilton and the Constitution," which was given by Clarence J. West, will represent the B. H. S. in the G. A. R. memorial contest. Miss Eva B. McClellan gave a reading, "The Curtain," and Miss Grace A. Purdy an oration, "Purpose in Life."

The musical feature of the evening was fine and artistic. The teachers, Misses McNair and Carlisle being interested in the success of the event, sang their way right into the hearts of their hearers and were at their best.

Dr. John Rainey also contributed a number or two and as usual received his share of the applause. All the singers were generously encored.

The evening's program closed with the class song, composed by Mabel Schoonover, and benediction by Rev. Warren L. Rogers.

## AT THE THEATERS.

LYCEUM.

One of the most pretentious productions ever given at popular prices will be seen at the Lyceum next Sunday evening, May 29, when Eugeine Blair and excellent support will be seen in Bronson Howard's celebrated war play, "Shenandoah." The cast will be exceptionally fine. First two stars, Eugeine Blair and Eleanor Montell; Harry Keenan and Joseph Eggenton, who were in the last big production of this play when it ran for a season in New York. Besides these Edmund Mulkay, Seth Mabell Halsey, Harry Barton, Anthony Andre, Norman Travers, Katherine De Barry, Lucia Huxford, Gertrude Stanley and many others will appear. The regular troops will take part in the great battle scene. The scenery, costumes, etc., will be in keeping with the excellence of all these productions. This attraction will doubtless prove the record breaker of the season, as it will be the first time that "Shenandoah" has been given for less than $1.50 and $2.00.

AVENUE.

The balance of this week and next Sunday will be your last chance to visit the Avenue theater. This popular play house will close down for the summer after Sunday night's performance.

WHITNEY.

One of the greatest successes in recent years has been achieved this season by a melodrama in which love is the pervading sentiment. The title of the play is "A Hidden Crime," and will be presented at the Whitney Theater all next week. J. M. Ward, who has the play under his management, has spared neither expense or labor to make it one of the most entertaining and pleasing popular priced attractions extant. Five mammoth sets of scenery are carried complete, viz: The Golden Gate, Harbor of San Francisco, the Owl Gambling Den, a rose garden in full bloom, exterior of the gambling house on a moonlight night, the opium den of Chinatown, and the the sensational breaking of a suspension bridge. The comedy element is of an unusually hilarious nature, and the cast one of general excellence. "A Hidden Crime" should prove one of the banner attractions.

### Card of Thanks.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness through the late illness and after the death of my late wife. Such kind acts can never be forgotten.

DANIEL ALLISON.

### ATLANTIC CITY EXCURSION VIA GRAND TRUNK--LEHIGH VALLEY ROUTE

Single Fare, plus $1.00 on all trains May 31st, June 1st, 2d, 4th and 5th. Return limit June 15th, 1904, stop-overs at Philadelphia and Niagara Falls on return trip, for further information call on local agent, or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill. june1


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We have just opened one case of Fine Printed Lawns, purchased under value. The regular prices of these goods were 12c and 15c per yard; we have marked the lot 12½c yd. A direct importation of Ladies' Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, passed through the Custom House May 20. We offer from this shipment for one week, 3.50 dozen full size, All-Linen Handkerchiefs, 6c each, by the single handkerchief or dozen.

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With the intention of showing the work going on in our county in the line of forestry and town improvement we have secured permission to print from time to time the reports sent to this committee of the Oakland Co. Federation of Woman's Clubs.

"As I am one of the rural school teachers and very much interested in the beautifying of the school grounds, I will give you a little description of what I have done during the time I have been here.

Nine years ago I commenced teaching where I am teaching at the present time. There was not a tree or even a shrub of any kind on the school grounds. The public road runs in front of the door, across the yard, which completely spoiled the yard.

The first thing I did was to dig some holes, found some pieces of old rails which served as posts and strung some round fence wire around the yard. Then I went to work and took the sod from where the road should have been and filled in the road across the yard.

They had always been allowed to run across the yard, and in the day time they could see the new road, but at night one would run up against the wire occasionally. One morning when I arrived at school I found my posts, wire and all gone. I didn't let that discourage me, but went to work and replaced the posts and wire. That year I set out a mulberry tree which is a very large tree now.

Five years ago I set out eight maple trees which were all small except one because I had to get them myself. The next year my uncle said if I would take them out, he would help me to get larger ones and put them out. Now I have eight very nice trees around the yard. Last year I set out a maple in the center of the ground. Arbor Day we did not set out any trees as there were so many now, but we cleaned the yard, fixed our tulip bed, set out a pansy bed, and planted sweet peas. We made our vegetable garden the following week. I have been here nine years and we have had a garden every year.

I had a flag-pole 45 feet high put up, and furnished a flag until it wore out and now we go without.

I have to do most of the work myself as the district does not supply me with boys and most of my pupils are small girls.

Of course some say it is all foolishness, but I pay no attention to that for I know it is not." Yours respectfully,

MRS. FLORENCE LAWRENCE,
Teacher in Dist. No. 2, Avon.

### Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice May 21, 1904:

R. W. Bolaud, E. H. Cabahis, J. O. Cole, E. N. Cullon, Mrs. E. N. Cullon, E. J. Smyer, C. A. Stillman.

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## School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.

Editor-in-Chief—CLARENCE WEST.
Senior—BESSIE BICKLOW, '04.
Junior—MAMIE WILSON, '05.
Sophomore—CLARENCE J. WEST, '06.
Freshmen—ETHEL JOHNSTON, '07.

English III is reading Tennyson's "Princess."

Full account of the Junior Ex will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The 8th to 12th grades enjoyed a half holiday last Friday. Mr. Field attended the closing exercises in the old court house at Pontiac.

Our next professor, Mr. Bellis, visited school last week. We have tried to find out more facts in regard to him and his former work but have not succeeded.

Next Monday being Memorial Day no school will be held. The pupils are expecting to participate in the exercises of that day. Let every boy and girl be in line and thus honor the memory of our old soldiers.

## THE BARNUM & BAILEY SHOWS WILL SOON BE WITH US

Already the public is congratulating itself upon the fact that it is to have the Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show on Earth this season. The date has been positively set for May 30, 1904, and a great crowd as well as a great circus day are anticipated.

Detroit will be the only city in this vicinity where this greatest of all big shows will exhibit this year, and naturally there is a great deal of local interest in the event. Inquiries at the ticket offices of the various transportation lines elicit the information that special cheap rate tickets to the show will be on sale circus day, and that large numbers of people in this locality will take advantage of the opportunity to see the big exhibition. They will go expecting to see a great performance as well as a splendid exposition of zoological and other displays, and, judging from the unanimous verdict of the newspapers in New York City and elsewhere, they will not be disappointed.

A great company of 300 performers from all parts of the world presents all that is best and most startling in aerial, acrobatic and equestrian feats; there is a congress of high-class manege riders from the principal circuses of Europe and 40 clowns make the great hippodrome track resound with frequent and hilarious merriment. The comedy of the show is so interspersed through the performance as to relieve the excitement consequent upon the "thrillers" in the show. The greatest of these sensational acts are the marvelous feats of Volo, the Volitant, in riding the aerial arch, and of the famous Ancillotti in turning a somersault on a wheel while looping the gap. The menagerie, with its 30 elephants, its herd of 4 giraffes and its 50 cages of other rare animals, is in itself a great exhibition. The models of Uncle Sam's fighting ships also attract a great deal of attention. The circus engagement will be introduced with a monster free street parade.

### A Starting Test

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