

To Our Friends.

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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

HOME NOTES.

New Advertisements.
Adolph Eggans—Jewelry—Detroit.
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Walter Bros. & Robertson—Dry Goods—Detroit.
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H. H. Merritt—Shoes—Pontiac.
M. S. Ryan—Millinery—Birmingham.
The Taylor-Wooden Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.

TALK HAPPINESS!

Talk happiness! Not now and then, but every blessed day. Even if you don't believe. The half of what you say: There's no room here for him who whines as on his way he goes; Remember, son, the world is sad enough without your woes. Talk happiness each chance you get—and Talk it good and strong! Look for it in The byways as you trimly plod along; Perhaps it is a stranger now who visits your door; Comes: But talk it! Soon you'll find That you and Happiness Are chums.

—New York Sun.

Mrs. J. B. Field is visiting at Chesaning.

A new bar has been placed in the National hotel.

Ben Gage of Deford is working for Mel Clement.

Lillian Spencer visited at E. R. Smith's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tenney are visiting Dr. C. M. Raynale.

The food sale of the Sorority will take place next Saturday.

The improvement society will hold a food sale on June 11.

The Misses Denison of Troy are visiting Mrs. A. W. Wooster.

Walt Thurlby of Detroit spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Irma Aldrich, a Rochester teacher, was in town one day last week.

Miss Lema Bartram has returned to her school duties at Royal Oak.

The Lady Foresters of Troy held their annual banquet Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tracy recently visited friends at Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mattison were guests of Mrs. Ellenwood last week.

G. F. Aldrich spent Sunday with his son George and wife at Battle Creek.

Mrs. Fannie Shain is visiting her friend, Mrs. Thomas Eades, at Port Huron.

Dan McGaffey, of Oxford, called on his friends in town one day recently.

Mrs. Nellie Smith has returned to her home here after an absence of two years.

A. Ford is building an addition to the rear of his house on Townsend street.

Myron Rhdell of Caro, is now employed at I. Lee Truax's hardware store.

Mrs. M. H. Bartram is slowly improving and is able to ride out in a wheel chair.

Miss Ethel Dunbar, of Franklin, was a guest of Miss Winnie Van Every last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Abelt and daughter, Alma, spent Sunday with Detroit relatives.

Walter Nichols has built an addition to the rear of his factory to be used as a store room.

Wanted—Farm hand. Steady job to the right man. Inquire at this office. Frank Evans.

Mrs. Harry Featherston, of Hale, a former resident of this place, is a guest of her uncle, F. G. Fearshall.

Mr. Newman, a veteran of the civil war, is training the high school boys for a drill on Decoration day.

A new cement walk has been laid from the veranda of the M. E. church parsonage to the sidewalk.

Mrs. T. A. Ward is very ill and under the doctor's care. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Pinderworth and wife visited relatives and friends at Romeo last week and had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and daughter Lucile spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Russell last week.

The regular meeting of the O. E. S. will be held Wednesday evening, June 1, at 7:30. Mame Daniels, secretary.

Lost, on Monday last, a ladies' leather purse, containing a sum of money. Please leave it at this office—if you find it.

Wanted—Board and room for the summer by a lady. Address with price, M. A. D., 138 McDougal avenue, Detroit.

Miss Sybil Shaw, eldest daughter of John T. Shaw, of "Whysall," just north of the village, died at her city home last week.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have a food sale Saturday afternoon, May 28, at Whitehead & Mitchell's store.

Ira J. Chatfield has been sicking up J. A. Bigelow's house, and he is doing a neat job. Detroit White Lead Works paint was used.

Mrs. Minnie O'Neil, a graduate of Grace hospital, is caring for Mrs. Poppleton, who has been under a nurse's care for more than a year.

Business meeting of the B. H. S. Alumni will be held at the home of Mrs. James Cobb, Tuesday, May 31. A full attendance is requested.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reddick, of Sterling, on May 15, an 8th. boy, Mrs. Reddick is a sister of Mrs. Albert Hanna, of this place.

The town records have been moved to their new home in the Shaw & Johnson building. The steel cells have also been placed there.

The Sigma Tau society gave a granite shower at the home of Miss Lou McDougal, Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Grace Robbins of Clawson.

Web Bray says there is trouble brewing if the pesky dogs don't quit racing across his garden. Well, we wouldn't miss fifty or sixty dogs, anyway.

The Presbyterian Foreign Missionary society will meet Wednesday, June 1, with Mrs. M. E. Hemenway. A full attendance is requested.

Frank Deer, a professional surfer from Detroit, is home for a short visit. He is almost continually on one case after another and is in great demand.

The Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian met with Mrs. Weller one day last week. Supper was served from 5 until 7 and a very pleasant afternoon was passed.

Rumors of a new hotel, yes three new ones fill the air in and around our village. We are on the eve of great advancement. Give us sewers and electric lights and we cannot be beaten.

Alex Parks' house has a coat of Detroit White Lead Works paint, applied by those artistic painters, Parks & Carter. The house certainly looks 100 per cent better with its dark paint than it did before.

The thanks of the Improvement society are due Mrs. Riggelman for some fine ornamental work at the depot grounds. The name of the station is prettily made and attracts much attention.

Everybody come to the May festival, given under the auspices of the Epworth league, at the M. E. church, tonight, Friday, May 27. Good program and refreshments served. Admission 15c.

James W. Cobb's recent loss of \$18.00 by fire on family wearing apparel was promptly adjusted and paid by the Connecticut Fire Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., through their local agent, A. W. Campbell.

The painting of Dr. C. M. Raynale's house and barn, by Bert Gravelin, with Bert Paint for an assistant, is a beautiful job, and the doctor's corner now shines like a diamond. Detroit White Lead Works paint did it.

Owing to the want of more room on account of enlarging his business Andy Anderson has closed up John

Nye's barber shop. The many friends of John Rainey can find him Saturdays at Taylor Bros.' shop doing business as usual.

Grand Army memorial services will be held at the M. E. church Sunday evening. The edifice will be decorated for the occasion and all are earnestly requested to attend and pay their respects to the memory of the departed heroes.

A Chicago club woman recently gave her club the following motto: "There is so much that is bad in the best of us, and so much that is good in the worst of us that it doesn't behoove any of us to say anything about the rest of us."

Mr. J. N. Zimmerman and family are touring in the northern part of the state with the family automobile. Mr. Zimmerman is having a well deserved rest from business

There will be but 104 delegates in the Republican nominating convention at Pontiac which will be held about the 1st August, for selecting a county ticket. Hitherto there has been 119 delegates for several years. The falling off was occasioned by the cutting given Gov. Bliss in 1902.

A postmortem was held on the body of Mrs. Henry Miller and as there has been considerable interest aroused as to the cause of her death we will say that the cause of her death was malignant typhoid fever, without any septic condition or putrefaction whatever, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Gay R. Watkins, of Watkins pony farm fame, has gone to Belle Isle with his string of ponies. He also has a lot at Bois Blanc Island, and we hope the coming season for profit will eclipse all former ones. He deserves success for by close attention to the smallest details he wins every time.

Fruit trees in this section are poor property this year, most of them having been killed or injured by the extreme cold winter. Especially is this true of the plum and peach trees. Eugene Mack of Addison lost ten acres of peach trees. The loss in small orchards will amount to thousands of dollars.

Austin R. Parks' old house on the east side of Woodward avenue is being moved back on one of the Brownell lots, recently purchased by William Parks, who will remodel the building and make it a thing of beauty in its new location. Austin expects to build a modern home on the old site at a cost of about \$3,000.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church meet with Mrs. Corey on Friday afternoon, June 3. Table committee: Mrs. Corey, sauce; Mrs. Camp, cake; Mrs. Field, cake; Mrs. Ford, cake; Mrs. Chatfield, biscuit; Mrs. Kerr, biscuit; Mrs. Lee, biscuit; Mrs. Smith, butter. Supper served from 5 to 8. All are invited. Ten cents pays the bill.

The Grand Trunk Railway system will sell Decoration day tickets at single fare plus 25c, to all points west of Detroit and St. Clair rivers, within a radius of 150 miles, except that tickets will not be sold in Canada. Tickets will be sold for all trains May 28, 29 and 30, return limit May 31. Children 5 and under 12 years half fare.

Mr. Charles Reynolds has severed his connection with the W. C. Wilson Railway Gate Co. of this place, and accepted a position with the Detroit Suburban Homes Co., of Detroit. He has charge of their interests at Delray and Woodmere.

He has a bright and promising future before him. We wish him success in his new field of labor and know that honesty, integrity and perseverance will win out for him.

Sunday was a lovely day. The street was filled with 6 o'clock auto, street cars were filled to the gunwales and everybody rejoiced over a warm day—our first warm Sunday in 1904. Many of our people went cityward, the woods were shorn of many wild flowers, while many enjoyed the dress parade at the military academy at Orchard Lake.

The Detroit Tribune offered 20 prizes to the R. F. D. carriers who would get the most subscribers for the News of Tribune, from January 1 to April 1. The first prize, a trip to the world's fair, and two day's expenses at a first class hotel, and \$25 in cash, was won by S. H. Rousseau, carrier No. 1 of Birmingham. S. H. Rogers won a pair of fine lined driving mittens.

James W. Cobb, our popular druggist, is improving fast and hopes to be out soon. A trained nurse

has been in constant attendance, and Dr. J. L. Campbell has been very attentive on the case. The dressing of his hands and face has been under the personal supervision of the doctor. It is hoped Mr. Cobb will not be scarred very much. He had a narrow escape from death.

Another profitable land deal for the owner has been consummated. Mr. T. G. Holmes, of Holmes Grove, sold through Mr. Shattuck last week, one half of his farm, 40 acres, to Dr. N. Webber of Detroit, for \$1,000.00. This is the Fred Stephens farm, and we can remember when, only a few years ago, Mr. Stephens offered the entire farm for \$10,000. Real estate around here must be growing valuable.

The Ladies' Literary club held the last meeting of the year with the retiring president, Mrs. Clizbe. Reports of officers were received; also reports of committees on education and town improvements. Miss Chapman and Mrs. Clizbe were elected delegates to the state federation to be held in Bay City next October. The social hour was most enjoyed and lunch was served by the hostess. Next week Thursday will be outing day, when the club will take the Palmer car for a basket picnic at Oak Park.

A colored preacher recently enlightened his congregation in regard to the conditions existing in the infernal regions in the following lucid manner: "Brethren, I have seen asked how hot is hell, and I say, after giving' d subject considerable reflections, that if you took all the wood in Michigan, all the oil in Pennsylvania and all the coal in Iowa, and set it on fire, and den took a man out of hell and put him in that burnin' mass, he would freeze to death before he hardly lit. Dat's how hot is hell."

Did you ever notice that some people always have a grievance with you? By close observation you will find those kind of people have a cold liver; they are irritable, cross, ugly, disagreeable mortals who believe you perform a Christian duty by curbing the frolics of childhood. The best thing they could possibly do would be to keep their noses out of the business which rightfully belongs to the children, and then they would not find the voyage of life's sea quite so rough as they imagine.

The politician is my shepherd. I shall not want for anything—during the Campaign. He fillet my pocket with cigars and my beer glass runneth over. He enquireth concerning my family—even for my mouth-in-law. Yea, even though I walk through the rain and mud to vote for him, and shout myself hoarse at his election, he straightway forgetteth me. Although I meet him in his own house he knoweth me not. Surely the wool has been pulled over mine eyes all the days of my life.

The board of supervisors met at the old court house one day last week for the last time. The meeting was called to legalize the \$100,000 bond issue, and other matters were attended to. The next meeting will be held June 15. The fence around the court house will be sold and must be removed within five days. Supervisors Andrew H. Porter, F. M. Jones, E. L. Davis, A. Terry and W. S. Seaver were appointed to draft a resolution on the death of Ex-Superior Joseph Allen, who was recently killed near Oxford. The resolution was also adopted.

The photographer says he saw the elongated gentleman from Tennessee leaning languidly against the community telephone box slowly absorbing the perspiration from his noble brow with a paint rag. In answer to a look of kindly interest the man of the brush explained that while he was standing upon the very top of his high stepladder slinging paint upon the "goat stable" in the new K. of P. "meatin' room, scratch! scratch!" went something against the door, which had been left slightly ajar. "Looking down, Sir," says he, "what do you suppose I saw?" The picture man couldn't guess. "Well, Sir," there was a little K. P. secret scratching away for dear life, trying to get out. Honest, I just jumped right down an' dippin' my brush full of paint I dashed it all over 'em and he's layin' in the corner 'n' now in there kinder makin' a few last kicks 'n' gettin' ready for Daines & Bell. "Makes me kinder faint for I'm naturally tender hearted an' don't like 'a hurt nothin', but then I didn't dare let the blasted thing get out."

Nurses as War Nurses.
Rome cables: The Russian Catholic authorities have proposed and the Vatican has assented to the sending of 100 nuns to the east of war to act as nurses. The Red Cross society nurses have proven inefficient.

William H. Elliott Co.

Our Annual May Sale of Table Linens, Cloths, Napkins, Towels, Sheets, Slips, Cottons, Summer Blankets and Comforts, ends June 1st. Prices are sufficiently low to ensure it being worth your time to come.

WASH SUITINGS AND WAIST FABRICS.

Light or Dark Baticas—a sale at 6c yard.
Fancy Mercerized Striped Organdy, 25c value, fine quality, 15c yard.
Light and Dark Fancy Dimities, only 12c yard.
New Colored Figured Swiss for Dresses, one lot 12 1/2c yard.
New Black Muslins, plain or striped, at 12c to 22c yard.
Fancy White Shirt or Waist Material, only 15c yard.
Fancy Cotton Challis—sale out at 5c yard.
Fancy Linens striped effects for Waists, 25c yard.
Robesid designs in Irish Dimity, 25c yard.
Fine lot of White Dimity. Lace Striped Muslins, and 32-1/2 inch White Madras, marked 10c yard.
Fancy Lace and Satin Striped White Mullins and Madras Cloths; also check and striped Dimities and Duck 15c yard.
White Marseilles and Fancy White P. K. Suitings—20c yard.
White French P. K. Suitings, new and very nice, 25c to 30c yard.
Yard-wide White Linen Suitings—40c, 50c 60c, and 75c yard.
54-inch wide White Linen Suitings—75c to \$1.25 yard.
Closing out of White English Madras Cloth for Shirt Waists or Suits—was 30c and 3 1/2c yard—for 19c yard.

MAFFAY SALE OF SILK CONTINUED.

Black Taffay, very brilliant quality, a number we guarantee—special 69c yard.
Black Pique de Creve and Louvine Suitings Silks, three good specialties at 75c, 85c and \$1.00 yard.
Black Japanese Silk—water of impregnation proof, 1 yard wide, for 59c, 75c and \$1.00 yard.
Shepherd Check Silks, black and white and blue and white, excellent quality—on sale at 69c yard.
The wanted and most sought for shades in Suitings—we have a line of them at 69c yard.
Navy Blue, Reddish, Pongee, 30 inches wide—a rare bargain at \$1.25 yard.
We make a special showing of Pongee Silks. Prices particularly low.

SALE OF TABLE DAMASKS, ETC.

Mercerized Damask, 3 yards wide, 75c quality, May sale for 50c yard.
Heavy Cream Table Damask, small quantity, 75c value, for 50c yard.
All our fine bleached Damask, \$1.25 and \$1.35 qualities, now, 1.00 yard.
Remnants of Table Damasks will be sacrificed.
All Scaled Table Cloths and Napkins will be Bargains for you.

We are Closing out Lines of Finely made Suits for Ladies at about half price—Garments are new and stylish and rare Bargains.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING.
(OFFICIAL.)
Council Room, May 23, 1904.
Meeting called to order President Johnston in the chair.
Trustees present—Snow, Parks, O'Neil, Mills, Daines and Crawford.
President Johnston appointed G. H. Satterlee as the third special assessor for the purpose of appraising the roll on the assessment of benefits on the opening of Elm street.
Daines moved, supported by Snow, that the appointment of G. H. Satterlee as special assessor be confirmed. Carried.
President Johnston appointed Frank Ford and J. A. Bigelow to act as the board of review.
Crawford moved, supported by O'Neil, that the appointment of Frank Ford and J. A. Bigelow as the board of review be confirmed. Carried.
President Johnston appointed John Keyser as street commissioner.
Daines moved, supported by Parks, that the President enter into a contract with John Allen, who is to furnish a sidewalk for grading gravel for street and boulevard purposes. Carried.
Minutes read and approved.
Moved to adjourn.
Carried.

THREE PIONEERS GONE.

Oakland county has lost three of her oldest pioneers by death—Edwin Phelps, aged 76; John C. Davis, 84; and Elizabeth B. Hendricks, 81. All had lived in the county more than half a century and were a prominent part in the development of this section.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MONEY.

The 31st semi-annual apportionment of the primary school interest fund, made by the Superintendent of Public Instruction is about to be sent out. Oakland's apportionment is not so much as May last, owing to a growing number, this month the amount to each school district, seems very small when compared with the \$2.50 which each school district received in November. The number of scholars in the county has grown from 11,085 in November to 11,750 at present, an increase of 145 pupils. The amount which Oakland county received in November was over five times the amount which she will receive this May. The amount apportioned to Oakland now is \$5,738.

County Treasurer Sibley has not received notice of the amount to be dispensed to each township, but the amount based on the number of scholars to each township last fall was as follows:

Township	No. of children	Amount
Addison	10,000	\$1,000.00
Auburn	1,000	100.00
Bloomfield	1,000	100.00
Brandon	1,000	100.00
Commerce	1,000	100.00
Concord	1,000	100.00
Greenland	1,000	100.00
Highland	1,000	100.00
Independence	1,000	100.00
Lyon	1,000	100.00
Novi	1,000	100.00
Oakland	1,000	100.00
Oxford	1,000	100.00
Pontiac	1,000	100.00
Royal Oak	1,000	100.00
Springfield	1,000	100.00
Troy	1,000	100.00
West Bloomfield	1,000	100.00
White Lake	1,000	100.00

QUICK ARREST.

J. A. Gulliver of Verona, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles caused 34 months. After doctors had run round for weeks, Buckner's Anemia Sative quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers scabs and kills cancer. 30c at Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb's druggists.

IN WOMAN'S REALM.

Generally when a woman says her heart is breaking she means she is mad enough to tear somebody's eyes out.

The woman who has mastered the art of holding her tongue, even when in the right, has little to fear from her enemies.

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

Peppicola Must Cure Indigestion or It Is Free.

Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb ought to sell Peppicola people with dyspepsia and indigestion or it will not cost a penny.

Peppicola has proven that PEPPICOLA cures dyspepsia in forty-nine cases out of fifty. This is a remarkable statement, considering how difficult it is to cure dyspepsia, but the facts in the case can be easily verified.

There is every reason to have confidence for Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb will stand back your money without the least hesitation should fail to be benefited and cured.

There will also a marked improvement right away. All kinds of food can be eaten freely—it is more easily digested—there is no fullness or distress after eating—and by using Peppicola to assimilate and digest, PEPPICOLA makes your red, rich blood to strengthen the body.

As a nerve tonic, nothing in the world will do you so much good as PEPPICOLA. It is the thing for those who feel run down, nervous, tired and worn out and need something to give them new life and energy. Don't hesitate minute but go right to the above druggists and try it on your recommended and guarantee, for PEPPICOLA must help and cure you or the cost is nothing.

BROTHER DICKER'S SAVINGS.

Of course, dis is one or de greatest worlds in de country. Leastways, it beats any dat ever I wuz in.

Lots or people wants de gospel ter try; but mighty few or dem is much inclined ter cry fer de wings.

De po' man carries or de Laws bears him. In fact, he des blege ter hear him, he keeps cryin' 'all day long.

Girls Are Grimated.

Stirling, Ill., dismishin: The farm destroyed near Rockton, Allee Porter and Miss Jennie Fogarty of Shirland, who was visiting at the Porter home, were burned to death.

Bilious?

Dizzy? Headache? Pain back of your eyes? It's your liver! Use Ayer's Pills.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use **Buckingham's Dye** 10c. Sold by Druggists R. P. Hall & Co., Newbury St.

Send for Advertising Rates

NOTE THE BARGAINS BELOW

100 pieces Torchon Lace and Insertion to match, 1 to 3 1/2 inches wide, a flyer at 6c a yard.

Just received—a complete line of Ladies' Muslin Underwear and Corset Covers at 10c to 25c. Drawers, 25c to 50c. Skirts, 50c to \$2.00. Gowns from 50c to \$1.25.

Spring Dress Gingham 8c 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 which you have added to their goods. See the advance cotton Traders' Yellow Rebate Stamps given with each cash sale.

Yours for good goods and low prices,
W. NIXON.