

## To Our Friends.

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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCEMTRIC.

## HOME NOTES.

New Advertisements.  
Miss K. Ryan—Military—Pontiac.  
William H. Elliott Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.  
White Bros. & Robertson—Dry Goods—Pontiac.  
Taylor-Woolfenden Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.

Do we celebrate the 4th? Pay your Khorassan dues at the Exchange Bank.

Miss Dot Daniels will take up the study of proof-reading.

Ralph Bailey, of Clawson, was a Birmingham visitor Saturday.

Cyrus Jarvis, of Troy, called on relatives in town Monday last.

Miss Alice Packard, of Detroit, called on old friends in town this week.

Miss Adams, of Detroit, was a guest of Miss Libbie Goodwin over Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Randall of Lapeer, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Randall.

Dr. George P. Rayne, of the E. M. A., was a guest of his parents Sunday.

Stephen Baldwin, of Detroit, was a guest of his brother John on Sunday last.

Mrs. V. Goodwin was a little under the weather the fore part of the week.

Miss Marjorie Howard, of Ann Arbor, is visiting relatives in town this week.

It is reported that the army worm is doing much damage to orchards in this vicinity.

Zack Reynolds, of Armada, has been visiting relatives in town during the past week.

Four of the W. R. C. ladies of Pontiac, called upon Mrs. Carter one day last week.

Web Bray and Ellsworth Randall captured 42 pounds of pickerel on Tuesday last.

Miss Mollie Stein is again able to resume her usual duties, after an illness of two weeks.

The Troy Farmers' club met last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Harper.

Don't forget the food sale at the Library room, Saturday, June 11, for the Improvement society.

The contemplated W. C. T. U. banquet has been postponed from the 14th to the 28th of June.

Miss May Bell, of Southfield, is the latest apprentice at the millinery emporium of Mrs. L. Rousseau.

MONEY TO LOAN on improved real estate. Reasonable rates. Howard G. Carter, Birmingham, Mich.

The food sale next Saturday (tomorrow) is not for any church or society but for the whole village.

The B. H. S. ball team has secured new grounds on the Alex. Hutchinson property on Bates street.

Miss Madge G. Walker will be in town Tuesday next and will be pleased to meet all the ladies interested in health culture.

For Sale Cheap—One phonograph and one record worn in fair condition. Inquire C. R. Souths, Maple Ave., Birmingham, Mich.

Highway Commissioner Brown will receive bids for the construction of two steel bridges up to June 18. See William for specifications.

When you go down to the food sale Saturday don't forget to look at the new street signs that the Improvement Society has put up.

For Sale—A large refrigerator—large enough for any business, too large for small family. Good as new. Cheap. See H. Hamlin at once.

Confirmed Sunday at the St. James Episcopal church: Mr. and Mrs. James Cobb, Mrs. Walker and daughter Emily, and Miss Mabel Lonsberry.

Would you mind returning the small umbrella you borrowed one day last week? It stood near the safe in Whitehead & Mitchell's store.

Bert Baldwin of Grand Lodge, and Mrs. C. J. Mills of Pontiac, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

John Baldwin, the fore part of this week.

Maple avenue, along the south side of the Ford block, has been "picked up" by Mr. Ford and presents a much better appearance than formerly.

It is with sadness that we announce the return of Mr. Trend to the hospital to have his foot redressed and looked after. We trust it is nothing serious.

For sale at a bargain—A very pretty summer cottage on Union Lake in Commerce township, or will rent. Write Mrs. H. Eodris, 163 Columbia St., E., Detroit.

Miss Millie Crisp, of Flushing, has been a guest of Miss Belle Smith for a few days past helping along the good work and enjoying Birmingham life and the bridal excitement.

Visitors in town this week guests of Mollie G. Smith and in attendance at the Ward-Smith-shower-reception-wedding were Mrs. Bert Erving, Miss Carrie Erving and Miss Mary Stanley, all of Detroit.

Mrs. C. H. Hoffman was a delegate to the sixteenth annual meeting of the W. H. and F. M. meeting held at Plymouth last week. She read the corresponding secretary's report.

The past two weeks have been beneficial to the farmers in one way at least. They could figure out just where that tile drain ought to be put in, and Whitehead can tell them where to get the tile.

The Wilburn Harris house occupied by Mrs. Cooper, presents a handsome appearance in a new coat of paint applied by Parks & Carter. A new woodshed is also among the improvements.

Rev. W. S. Watson, of the St. James Episcopal church will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the B. H. S. in the Episcopal church, Sunday evening, June 19.

Correction: In our last issue, in speaking of the disfigurement of the country by advertising tags, we said if the farmers would take down their fences, etc., we meant to say if each person would take the tags off his own property, etc.

Owing to an oversight we failed to mention the fact that Rev. W. S. Watson was the orator of the day on Memorial day. His address was a fitting tribute to the fallen heroes and touched the hearts of many sympathetic listeners.

Jim Marble and Frank Ash are entitled to the medal for the best string of fish so far this season. One day last week they caught 14 pickerel in the lake at Commerce, which weighed just 13 pounds. The largest one weighed 13 pounds.

One of our former town boys, Fred G. Smith, now of Danville, Ill., and brother of Mollie G. Smith of this place, met with a serious accident in a railway wreck recently, and is in a critical condition. His many friends here hope for his speedy recovery.

Some queer combinations occur in this world. For instance, J. A. Bigelow had all his teeth extracted and a new set came in. Next he had his hair all shaved off and now a new growth has come in. Verily, if his arm would sprout, the age of wonders would be complete.

Street Commissioner Keyser has a gang of men putting in a much needed sewer on Fremont street. The village "dads" have had this improvement in mind for some time and the residents of Fremont street are a happy lot just now. It will connect with the main sewer on Woodward avenue.

Many club women throughout the state have received a package of seeds from the historic Washington elms, gathered and sent out by the husband and brother of Mrs. Martha Snyder Root who recently died at Bay City. Mrs. Root was an active worker for forestry and these trees will be her living memorials.

Our Levi Goodwin stood an examination for the ministry one day this week. Examination was held in Detroit at the Haven M. E. church and although the result is not announced yet, we predict it will be a success for Levi, who is a very earnest student. He expects to have a charge in early July.

Franklin will celebrate the 4th this year in an appropriate manner. From all day long Scottish games, greased pole, greased pig, horse race, etc., etc. Dance ball, afternoon and evening. Supper will be served. Don't fail to witness the grand display of fireworks. A good time for all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lamb have a pretty home of their own having purchased the house they now live in from Miss M. Baldwin. From

being the best tenant on record, for keeping things up fine and ready, we are at a loss to see what improvements Ed will make, but we wager he will do something extra on his own property.

Next Sunday, June 12, 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; Saginaw and Bay City, \$1.55. Train leaves Birmingham 7:55 a. m., returning at 11:10 p. m. No baggage checked on Sunday excursions.

It is said that the beauty of the beautiful town of Ann Arbor is greatly enhanced by the cleanliness and neatness of its back yards. How is it in our town? We have some back yards of which we are not proud, but with only one or two exceptions, the back yards in our residence portion are models of neatness.

Owing to poor health Frank Brooks has given up his medical studies for the present and left Monday last for Colorado where the bracing atmosphere will no doubt make Mr. Brooks himself again in a short time. Next fall he will return to Birmingham and with his wife will spend the winter on their ranch in Florida, after which he will once more resume the study of medicine.

Mr. Fred Snow, treasurer of Wayne county and a cousin of John Snow of this place, died Tuesday night at 10 o'clock, after an illness of several days from pleuro-pneumonia. He was a great sufferer and the best medical skill failed to relieve him. He was a very popular young man with a bright future before him and was respected by all who knew him. Funeral today in Detroit.

The hen with a brood of ducks is not having more trouble than some of the farmers, who have sowed poor seed corn this year. There seems to be plenty of corn but very little of it will grow. This is thought to be because it did not get ripe last fall before being cut, and was frozen before the cob got dry. Our dreams of corn bread and honey have received a sudden blight by these reports.

Cheap but comfortable and cozy little home on Middle St. near the railroad, and the cash will get it so cheap that you will care to look around where the Good house, excellent neighborhood, city water, etc. Take it right off the bat while the other fellow is getting ready and you will always thank us for calling your attention to it. The Exchange bank has it for sale and will give you all necessary information.

We are glad to welcome back home again Charlie Schlaack, who has made six weeks' western trip. Charlie looks fine and well. He made arrangements to return soon to the mining country where, with a dredge on Snake River in California, he is sanguine of washing out gold enough, not only to enrich himself but the others connected in the same company. We hope his wishes may be realized thereof. During his travels he met many pleasant acquaintances and his trip makes us wish for a western tour some day, which we hope will soon come to pass.

For more than two weeks Supervisor Campau with a large gang of men has been busily engaged in cabling the telephone wires of the Birmingham Michigan State Telephone Co. Two cables containing 150 pairs of wires have been installed, costing the Telephone Co. over \$1,000. Subscribers have been greatly inconvenienced during this work but that is now about over and Birmingham is telephonically supplied for many years to come. About 10 new subscribers will soon be added to the Birmingham Exchange and Manager Mitchell with Miss King's and Mr. Terry's assistance will try their best to give their usual satisfactory promptness in attending to the calls.

Fortune knocks at the door at least once in your life-time and maybe this is your knock. Listen! We have for sale all the right, title, interest and good-will of a first-class restaurant business on Saginaw street in Pontiac—the State Fair city—with all the dishes, furniture, cooking utensils, etc., ready to continue a profitable business. Lease runs for two years more and \$600 will buy the lease and all rights. Call at the Exchange Bank and you will receive full particulars. Remember that the State Fair will be little doubt that this fall and there is permanently. An excellent business chance and you'd better listen to our "knocking." The present owner would not sell for twice the money except for ill health.

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We are pleased to announce that George Purdy arrived safely home from Colorado with Rev. M. B. Maxwell last Friday. He stood the trip remarkably well and was pleased to get home again among his old friends, who all call and enjoy a pleasant chat.

The Hulbert home, despite the illness of father Hulbert, is a joyful dwelling. The cause of it all is the arrival home for the summer from Colorado Springs, Colo., the Misses Anna, Maude E. and Mary C. Hulbert. The trio will be "at home" until next fall, when they will resume their work again in Colorado.

KEEP THE PEOPLE AWAKE. No Quiet Dozes Permitted at Early Church Services.

There are many odd-fashioned church customs that nowadays do provoke a smile. In bygone days, for instance, when sermons were long and very often dull, the congregation was apt to become somnolent, and so it became necessary to take steps to remedy matters. To this end men, and sometimes women, were employed as "stagger wakers," that is, to rouse those who might be overcome by their surroundings; and occasionally parishioners would bequeath money for the payment of such officials. In an interesting book called "Old Church" mention is made of one of these stagger wakers, who as he walked carried a long, stout wand, with a fork at the end of it. At intervals he stopped steadily up and down the nave and aisles of the church, and whenever he saw an individual whose senses were blurred in oblivion he touched him with his wand so effectively that the spell was broken and at an instant the offender was recalled to all the realities of life. In another church, a boy employed on the mission used a long staff having a fox's brush at one end and a knob at the other. Should a lady fall asleep her face was tickled with the brush, but an unlucky man was roused by a sharp rap with the knob.

ACCENT HAD BEEN ACQUIRED English Inflection All Right, but He Was from Chicago.

The English of the Oxford accent is the stamp of culture and distinction in England, and Edgar Jepson, the author of "The Admirable Finkler," is famous among his countrymen for the perfection of his Oxford English. His fame abroad until it reached the ears of a rich young American violent in his tastes with Anglo-American tastes for success in London drawing rooms. The American asked Mr. Jepson if he could teach the accent. The Englishman thought he could, and he had progressed with distinguished success.

How long ago an American literary man, calling upon Mr. Jepson at his home in a London suburb, met an irreproachable young man with a superior English accent of the most refined and flawless type. Both visitors missed the last train to town and they agreed to walk to together.

The literary man listened and admired and finally remarked, in a burst of generosity: "You Englishmen of culture do your own language most delightfully."

"Ah, thank you," replied his companion, "but I'm from Chicago, you know."

The First Plowing. When the April air is in the pine-tree top it is time to get the plow into the field. The farmer hitching his team in the field, he cries, "come out and come out ye devils!"

Don't wait for the first plowing. The first plowing is the best. It warms up the April soil and earth. From the cold ground, "wings yet wet," the first crop of corn is raised. The first plowing is the best. It warms up the April soil and earth. From the cold ground, "wings yet wet," the first crop of corn is raised.

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St. Study in Nuiances. One little shank not so big as a rabbit can stand up a thousand sheep and then trot off with its tail over its back. One long tongue lying loose over its snout, it will dash about and snort the fairest character in it and trot off unharmed. Of the two I would rather be the shank, for the gossip's jaw to do is to die—Klamath Falls (Wash.) Republican.

Bones as Sound Conductors. It appears that the human bones are ready conductors of sound, and a knowledge of this character now renders practical attention by the employment of the tuning fork. The extent and nature of fractures. If there is no fracture then the bone will become so completely consolidated that the tuning fork will be broken in two and the sound is not heard at all.

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The cool weather makes a short season for Wash Fabrics—that is the reason for our "June Sale of White and Colored Wash Fabric" at such little prices.

IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

GRADUATES We Offer for your gowns.

25c 32-inch White Silk Muslin (Muslin de Soie) a quality that was 50c a yard, for 25c. Nothing makes lower quality.

5c About 4,000 yards nice quality White Muslin, one design, 5c yard.

10c About 3,500 yards fine White Muslin—many patterns, 15c and 20c value, 10c yard.

19c About 1,200 yards Merced White Muslin, were 35c to 50c, for 19c yard.

25c About 800 yards White French Lawn, 45 inches wide, 40c value—25c yard.

COLORED MUSLIN FOR GOWNS. At Sacrifice Prices. A lot of choice designs, good quality, fancy Muslin, at 5c yard.

10c A lot of nice designs, excellent quality, fancy Muslin—10c yard.

12 1-2c Fancy Colored Muslin—equal to many at 18c yard—12 1-2c yard.

SOUTHFIELD. Will Shepard is on the sick list. Mrs. L. C. Phelps is convalescing. Roy Johnston spent Sunday at home. Born, June 5, to Mr. and Mrs. George Stoll—a daughter.

Joe McCallender is making extensive repairs on his barn. Nye VanVey is employed at J. M. Beddoe's shoe factory.

Leslie Megaw and Mary Wallace are attending school at Big Rapids. Mrs. Miller is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Stephens.

The Wiling Workers will meet on June 19 at the home of Mrs. Harry Russell.

Children's Day will be observed in the Southfield Presbyterian church next Sabbath, June 12. Exercises will commence at 2:30 p. m., which is the usual time of service.

Miss Mabel Allen closed her summer term of school last Friday with the best of success. She gave her pupils a picnic in Mr. Henning's woods and it was a very enjoyable affair.

Ren Bell is on the sick list. Arthur Simmons spent Sunday at home. Mrs. Thomas-Hart visited friends here Sunday.

Clark Brooks, of Detroit, was home last week. Planting potatoes is the daily program in this vicinity.

Charles Jenks and wife spent Sunday at L. C. Phelps'. Joe Brooks is busily engaged taking the census nowadays.

Mrs. Beam is slowly recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. Mrs. Volney Miller has been visiting at J. R. Brooks' in Detroit.

The I. T. M. S. met yesterday afternoon as guests of Mrs. Bert Wood at Frank's last week.

Wm. Douglas has moved his sawmill to Mr. Polter's for a short time.

The Cleaner society met with Mrs. Charles Simmons last Wednesday.

Miss Wadsworth spent Sunday with her sister, Emeline Hayes, of Sand Hill. Miss Vena Purdy will lead the Young People's society of the U. P. church next Sabbath evening.

Mrs. Joseph Miller and daughter Emma were guests of Mrs. Bert Wood at Frank's last week.

The A. I. U. lodge of this place had Wednesday a fine set of dishes to be tried Wednesday evening, June 15.

Mrs. George Rusch has fully recovered from her illness. Stomach trouble was the nature of her ailment and she has been a sufferer for the past 10 years.

Worst of All Experiences. Can any thing be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes "I endured unbearable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I am completely recovered!" For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. It is guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb Druggists.

Driven to Desperation. Living at an out of the way place, removed from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation. The case of accident resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds, Ulcers, etc. lay in a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c. at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's Drug Stores.

Dizzy? Appetite poor? Bowels constipated? It's your liver! Ayer's Pills are liver pills.

Want your moustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Use Buckingham's Dye.

NOTE THE BARGAINS BELOW

100 pieces Torchon Lace and Insertions 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 25c, 35c and 50c. Drawers, 25c to 50c. Skirts, 50c to \$2.00. Towels from 60c to \$1.25.

Spring Dress Gowns 50c 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 10c and 15c 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 some of my competitors have added to their goods since the advance in cotton. Traders' Yellow Rebate Stamps given with each cash sale.

Yours for good goods and low prices.

W. NIXON.