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Miss E. Flynn, Pontiac, Mich.

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MATINEE CLUB RACES

Again Proved a Success on Tuesday Last—Baum, Jenks and Rainey Carry off the Honors.

The second race meeting given by the Birmingham Matinee Club Tuesday afternoon last was a success in every way.

The crowd in attendance was larger than before and everyone enjoyed the sport.

Besides the regular races there was foot-racing by some local sprinters and the finishes were of a very exciting nature.

The summary of the races is as follows:

FIRST RACE.

Free for all pace won by Baum's Rex; Fred Brook's Freddie B. second. Oyster Joe owned by Harry Lowe, was entered in the race but was conspicuous by his absence. Whether it was because it is out of season for oysters or whether the speed shown at the last meet was too much of a handicap is not known which kept this promising horse away.

SECOND RACE.

The 2:40 trot won by Charlie Jenks' with Goldie McGregor; Billy Duff a close second with Morella acting good Springsteen third, with Percy Parmenter's Fleeta chasing in the bunch.

THIRD RACE.

Dr. Shaw's Daisy won first heat; Harry Rainey's Sandy came in second. The next two heats however Sandy took quite handily, winning the race. Sandy had new shoes and it took him some time to get used to them, but when he did he showed Daisy a clean pair of heels as the Russian warships say to the little Japs.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon of next week and you are cordially invited to be on hand and witness the sport.

NEWS FROM ALASKA

Told by Tom Brace in a Letter to his Father at Royal Oak.

NOME, Alaska, July 26, '04.

DEAR FATHER:—I received your letter some time ago and was glad to know you are all well.

I met Mr Frank Ford of Birmingham here. He is here a few days on an excursion from Seattle. He is the most interesting man I have ever met from Michigan. He was here about three or four days. He knows most everybody for miles around Birmingham. Messrs. Ford and Case have a bank at Waterville, Washington. Mr. Case is a brother of Dan Case, of Warren. Mr. Ford is going to St. Louis on his way home. He will be home on or about September 15.

Quite a number of excursionists came to Nome this summer. Nome is a fine place to live in in summer, it is so cool and a nice sea breeze.

Mr. Ford has some business at Silver City, Idaho. I told him to be sure and go to Delamar and see Dave Bleakley and he said he would.

Joe Prout, my partner, and his wife were standing on the wharf watching the excursionists land, and to their surprise there was Mrs. Prout's father and mother and sister from Omaha.

This is the most backward season we ever had here. The ground froze so deep last winter and no rain to take the frost out, the miners are just getting started to work. I am not able to say whether I will be home or not, for a few weeks makes a lot of changes in this country. I may have some winter work. I will let you know in my next letter.

A great many leaving here this summer for Fairbanks on the Tannah. A big stampede from Dawson and the outside to the new diggings.

Ike and I are in the best of health.

Mr. Ford said he read a number of my letters in THE ECCENTRIC, I told him he did not have much to read when he would fool away his time reading anything I could write. I said if I don't write so often they won't publish so much. Meeting Mr. Ford was just like getting a letter from home.

Yours,
TOM BRACE.

YOUR SUMMER OUTING

A duty all people own themselves that they may live long and prosper is to take a certain amount of recreation. The least expensive and most enjoyable we can recommend is a lake trip; it gives you a complete change, new surroundings and scenery. Send 2c. for folder, map, etc.

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There are countless monograms, but none so indicative of refreshing, wholesome travel as the "D & B," the famous water route connecting Detroit and Buffalo between twilight and dawn—the lake and rail route to St. Louis. Your railway ticket, if issued by the Grand Trunk or Michigan Central Railways, will be honored either direction.

Send 2c. for World's Fair folder.

A. A. SCHANTZ,
Gen. Supt. & P. T. M.
DETROIT, MICH.

FRIENDS of the ECCENTRIC are requested when they have probate business, to ask the Publication of the legal notice in this paper.

ELECTRIC ROAD COMING SURE

From Pontiac to Holly Will Be Part of Detroit-Grand Rapids Line--Prominent Capitalists Interested.

E. M. Hopkins, of Detroit, was in Holly last week looking over the route of the Pontiac and Owosso proposed electric road. The line was laid out by John P. Hopkins, brother of E. M. Hopkins, and Frank Westcott, a Vernon lawyer. E. M. Hopkins is to look after the financial end of the deal and says he has a number of Detroit and Grand Rapids capitalists interested in the project and that it will be a sure go.

Mr. Hopkins has financed a number of successful electric lines around Grand Rapids and says the Pontiac Owosso line is a most feasible idea. It will pass through Gaines, Linden, Fenton, Holly, Davisburg, Clarkston and Waterford.

Among the projectors are: J. L. Hudson, Hamilton Carhart and Ex-Gov. J. T. Rich, of Detroi: Boyd Pontland, of Grand Rapids, and Gov. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw. The line will be one link of system which it is claimed will eventually reach from Detroit to Grand Rapids.

The system to be used is that known as the third rail system.

THE BEST FAIR OF ALL

Will Be the One at Pontiac Next Month--Inquiries for Space for Exhibition Purposes, Greater Than Ever Before.

Secretary Butterfield, of the Michigan State Agricultural society, has received the first consignment of the 1904 premium list and souvenir booklet, designed for advertising the fair and giving information as to entries and premiums. The edition will be 100,000 copies, the largest put out by any Fair association in this country. The booklet gives the information that the entries at the fair last year were more than 50 per cent greater than when the fair was first held in Pontiac, in 1901. In 1902 the entries showed a gain over 1901 of 29 per cent and in 1903 a gain of 16 2-3 per cent over 1902, or 50 1-2 per cent more than when the fair first showed in Pontiac.

The cover of the premium list this year is made from a design suggested by Secretary Butterfield and is by far the handsomest cover ever seen on a premium list. A copy of the book can be had on application to the secretary.

Secretary Butterfield states that inquiries for space for exhibition and display purposes are more numerous than ever and so far the indications are that this year there will be more entries than last year, thus maintaining the reputation the fair has attained since coming to Pontiac of each year exceeding the previous year's event.

The business end of the state fair may now be said to be in full swing. The officers are all busy and meetings will be held frequently until fair week.

Fire Chief Turk states that he has sent invitations to a number of cities in the state asking them to compete in the fire team races during the fair. The replies seem to indicate a series of lively and exciting contests.

THE BUSINESS WAY

All First-class Firms Are Using First-class Newspapers--Pardon our Blushes.

An exchange says: "The legitimate way of advertising is through the newspapers and not on fences, trees, posts or by covering lawns with posters and papers." Every housekeeper in this village will say "Amen" to this. Four times during the past week have our streets and lawns been littered with bills advertising some outside firm. It is not fair to our own merchants and it is not fair to our people.

No first-class firm resorts to this and there are few people in this town that are caught this way.

Why not tax outsiders who advertise in this way as peddlers are taxed?

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice August 13, 1904:

Mr. Harry Robertson care of W. R. Smith, Mr. Fred Smith, Mrs. Malisa Bylow, Miss Bertha Colter, Mrs. Louise Durkee.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

The Avenue theater opens for the fall and winter season with a Sunday matinee on August 21. The bill consist of high-class extravaganza, vaudeville and comedy. This theater is one of the cooleest places of amusement in the whole city. Over a hundred of the best stars on the stage today has been booked for the season and there's fun and pleasure ahead for the patrons of this popular house.

End of Bitter Fight

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abcess on my right lung" writes J. F. Hughes of Du Pont, Ga. "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by White head & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb Drug Stores Price 50c, and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

DEATH OF MRS. A. B. PARKER.

Harriet Newell Castle, wife of Asher B. Parker, daughter of Heman and Nancy Castle, was born in Victor, Monroe county, New York, of New England ancestry, November 4, 1819. Her parents removed to Michigan in 1830 when she was 11 years of age, and settled in the northwest corner of Royal Oak, Oakland county, her father taking up the farm from the U. S. government and locating in the woods.

Mrs. Parker was a woman of great spirit and energy and at the early age of 15 and 16 taught the backwoods district schools in that vicinity.

In 1839 she was married to Mr. A. B. Parker, a neighbor's son, who had settled nearby in 1832. For the first four years they lived in Genesee county,

MRS. ASHER PARKER.

Mich., but in 1840 returned to Royal Oak and ever since have resided on the farm.

Mrs. Parker was the mother of seven children, R. A. Parker, of Detroit; Julia A. Wilber, of Ypsilanti; Lore E. Holser, of White Lake; Ella V. Benjamin, Lydia S. Blodgett, Will H. Parker and Jessie L. Keist all of Royal Oak.

Mrs. Parker was a member of the Universalist church of Detroit, Mich., and had been a member of that denomination all her lifetime.

One of the pioneers of Michigan she was greatly instrumental in transforming the wilderness. As a woman, a wife, a mother and a friend none were her superiors. The angel of death called her Sunday last and she was ready for the summons.

Her funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, Rev. M. Nash, of Holly officiating. Burial at Royal Oak.

A JUNKET.

The President and Board of Trustees together with half a dozen leading citizens made a trip to Wayne on Monday evening last to inspect the acetylene gas plant in that town, which was understood to have proven so much of a failure that the village was in darkness, and some of the board who had seen a sample plant in Ohio which was doing remarkably well, wanted to see the other extreme and inspect a plant which was supposed to be a complete failure.

President Johnston and Trustees O'Neal, Parks and Mills were accompanied by Messrs. Whitehead, Anderson, Mitchell, Dr. Campbell and Alfred Johnston and took the 6:00 p. m. car and soon arrived at Wayne, via Detroit, where the president of the village, Dr. Bennett, introduced them to Mr. Schute, the proprietor of the acetylene gas plant and and although the whole town was in darkness the arc light in the middle of the most important square in town, was lighted for our benefit and then one of the street lamps was made the center of attraction while it lit up the street for two or three blocks, and the general impression given to the visiting council and their friends was a most favorable one, not only as to the excellent light furnished by acetylene, but the the delightful spirit of hospitality extended to them by all the citizens of Wayne with whom they were fortunate enough to meet, but more particularly Dr. Bennett, who made the boys feel as if they had always lived in Wayne.

The real trouble at Wayne is not on account of the inability of the acetylene to light the town, but is in consequence of a fight between a large manufacturing concern who want to light their factory and the town by electricity and the board are divided as to which would be the cheaper and better light. Meantime the very pretty little village is in utter darkness.

"There was a donkey who starved to death
Between two bundles of hay.
He said, 'I'd be happy with either,
Were 'tother dear charmer away.'"

YOU NEED A REST

If you are not feeling well, don't call a doctor but take a lake trip! You return home feeling new life and your brain blown free from cobwebs. Send 2c. for folder and map.

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DETROIT, MICH.

The Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c, at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's Drug Stores.

THE HUMAN FAMILY AT ST. LOUIS

Strange Peoples That Have Been Gathered Within the World's Fair.

Of mechanical devices, all more or less familiar to persons even ordinarily well informed the supply for the amusement of the masses is almost limitless at the great World's Fair now at the height of its beauty and impressiveness in St. Louis. But nothing pleases the intelligent visitor more than the strange and wonderful peoples from distinct coutries or remote parts of our own fair land whom the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, as it is called, has gathered within the corporate confines of the metropolis of the Mississippi Valley. The most interesting because the better known are the tribes of North American Indians concerning whom even considerable to anyone's stock of general information. The best of these purely human exhibits is to be found at the Cliff Dwellers' exhibit. Not only are the people within that great enclosure of rare and curious origin, not only are their manners and customs without a parallel in so called Indian lore, but they have without much contact with the white man learned the arts of peace to so fine an extent that they are not only good jewelers and silversmiths, excellent weavers of rare blankets for which they design the strangest of patterns, but they are fine actors, better dancers and the best purveyors of the mysteries of sleight-of-hand now to be seen at the World's Fair.

These Indians live in the clefts of the rocks, hundreds of feet above the surrounding country and to-day occupy caverns that thousands of years ago were the habitation of the cave bear, the mountain lion, the puna and the wolf. But the Cliff Dwellers and their descendants were always a peaceful people and it is perhaps for this reason that they still survive and with them their ancient, wonderful arts still flourish. The most remarkable feature of their diversional exhibit is their Snake Dance in which 10 to 12 young men of tremendous strength and endurance take part. This dance is an invocation to Gitche Manitou, their deity for rain. During this wild terpsichorean orgy, the dancers charm rattlesnakes, cobras, gila monsters and the terror of mankind, the cobra di capella, or hooded snake of the desert, whose bite is death to any white man in 30 seconds. The Moki and Zuni priests and snake dancers inoculate themselves with a virus before entering upon the dance only to be seen at the Cliff Dwellers' exhibit at the World's Fair and in this way alone are they able to withstand the consequences of a sudden assault of these venomous reptiles as the dancers carry them in their mouths to the terror of their white spectators. The Snake Dance at the Cliff Dwellers' is today the one topic of discussion among the visitors to the great World's Fair at St. Louis.

CLASS RE-UNION.

The second reunion of the B. H. S. class of '98 was held on Friday, Aug. 12. A merry crowd assembled in Pontiac laden with lunch baskets, and boarded the car for Orchard Lake.

The forenoon was spent in exchanging reminiscences and in completing the class history from '98 to '04. It was found that 12 are living of the 14 who graduated together; of these three are married, leaving three bachelors and six bachelor maids.

After an abundant dinner, a unanimous vote was taken for a trolley ride, so after a delightful two hours' ride on the Northwestern car, Detroit was reached. Then a pleasant hour was spent on the river, after which a tour of Belle Isle was made and supper served.

The evening ride back from Detroit was cool and restful, and all said good bye with many regrets that the day's outing was over. May the '98ers meet again.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN EXCURSIONS via Grand Trunk Railway System.

Extremely low rates of fare to Traverse City, Bay View, Mackinaw City, Tawas City, Au Sable, Alcona, Alpena, Frankfort, and and return. All trains Tuesday, September 6th, 1904. Return limit September 16th, 1904. For fares and further information consult local agent or write to GEO. W. VAUX, G. P. and T. A., Chicago, Ill. Sep 2.

THE STATE FAIR.

We have received the Premium List of the State Fair to be held at Pontiac, Sept. 12-16, next.

It is elegantly printed on fine book paper with choice illustrations, and is altogether the finest premium list ever issued in Michigan.

The management authorizes us to say that everything is in order for a most successful Fair, and that every effort will be made for the comfort of both exhibitors and visitors.

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A grevious wall of times comes as a result of unbearable pain from over taxed organs. Dizziness, Backache, Liver complaint and Constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb Drug Stores.