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Detroit Oil	60 00
Kentucky Colonel	2 15
Leamington Oil	14
Oldsmobile	14 10
Detroit-Panama	05
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MATINEE CLUB RACES

Fine Sport at Tuesday's Meet--Rainey, Shaw, Brooks and Schoonover Were the Lucky Ones.

At Tuesday's meeting given by the Matinee club the fun was fast and furious and a large crowd witnessed the sport. Four races were pulled off with the following results:

In the first race, a half mile trot, the first heat was won by Harry Rainey's Ursa beating C. Jenks' mare Goldie McGregor in a hard drive. Time, 1:27. In the second heat Jenks turned the tables on Rainey, Goldie McGregor winning. Time, 1:26. Third heat was won by Ursa with a little to spare, Harry Rainey driving a good race. Time, 1:25.

Second race, half mile pace. Fred B., owned by Fred Brooks, won first heat from Baum's Rex in the fastest time made on the track this season. Time, 1:21¼. Second heat was won by Rex by a nose, Fred B. breaking at the start. Time, 1:21½. Third heat Fred B. won all the way in an easy drive. Time, 1:22.

Third race, half mile pace. Dr. Shaw's Daisy won first heat easily, Sandy, owned by Harry Rainey, acting badly. Time, 1:27. Daisy won second heat and race in a hard drive just nosing Sandy out. Time, 1:26½.

Fourth race, half mile trot, to top buggy. Joseph Schoonover defeated Dr. C. M. Raynale in a very one-sided contest. The prize in this race was a box of cigars.

These Matinee club races are becoming more popular each meeting and the next meet will be held Tuesday afternoon of next week.

Heard at the track: "What has become of Oyster Joe, wonder if he has become a clam or a lobster?"

HE SOAKED 'EM

Two Detroit Autoists Face Justice Campbell and Pay for Their Sport.

Leon A. Gleason, demonstrator for the Packard Motor car company, Detroit, was fined $20 and $3 cost by Justice Campbell Tuesday morning, for breaking the speed limit of six miles an hour within the town limits. Gleason says this morning was the first time he ever saw Birmingham. He went through so fast Sunday that he did'nt see the town at all and wonders how anybody saw him. He was demonstrating to a man named Conklin the speed of one of the Packard Co's large silver bronze racers. It is said that he was running so fast that the suction of the machine tore great limbs from the shade trees along the road and tore up miles of fence. He only touched ever other high spot in the road.

Auto No. 458 just plowed a few furrows down Woodward avenue as it jogged through town last Sunday—it wasn't going any faster than it could and it was run by Ralph Robitaille, of Detroit. Wednesday afternoon T. H. Wilson owner of the machine, came out and paid Justice Campbell $20 fine and $5.30 cost for "his man" Ralph. Next!

THANKS TO GOV. WARNER.

The following figures, results of the recent state census just finished, comes straight to us from Fred M. Warner, secretary of State, and are reliable. Birmingham not only has held her own during the past ten years but has increased in population, we wouldn't dare say just how many. We note that the result is very disappointing to many of our sister villages:

OAKLAND COUNTY.

Addison twp, (including Leonard vill 328) 1059.
Avon twp, (including Rochester vill 1618) 2694.
Bloomfield twp, (including Birmingham vill 1251) 2358.
Brandon twp, (including Ortonville vill 561) 1256.
Commerce twp, 1031.
Farmington twp, (including Farmington vill 589) 1723.
Groveland twp, 801.
Highland twp, 1124.
Holly twp, (including Holly vill 1429) 2215.
Independence twp, (including Clarkston vill 403) 1170.
Lyon twp, (including South Lyon vill 707) 1624.
Milford twp, (including Milford vill 1033) 1766.
Novi twp, 1272.
Oakland twp, 767.
Orion twp, (including Orion vill 764) 1442.
Oxford twp, (including Oxford vill 1323) 2115.
Pontiac city, 10,884.
Pontiac twp, 970.
Rose twp, 826.
Royal Oak twp, (including Royal Oak vill 577) 2150.
Southfield twp, 1267.
Springfield twp, 872.
Troy twp, 1603.
Waterford twp, 1094.
West Bloomfield twp, 1152.
White Lake twp, 664.
Total population of county, 45,846.

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.

BIRMINGHAM UNION SCHOOLS

An Institution We Are Pleased and Proud to Tell About.

The Birmingham Union School will reopen Tuesday, September 6, and from all present prospects we are to have a larger attendance than ever before.

A new department for the wee ones will be opened, a kindergarten school under direction of Miss Hulbert who is a teacher of great renown and lots of experience in her work.

Prof. Belles comes recommended to the very highest notch for superintendent.

Five new faces will be among the corps of teachers, all gilt edge and of superior quality for their respective rooms.

All the pupils are ready for their work, and Birmingham Schools never had a more brilliant prospective opening.

The janitor has cleaned, scrubbed and polished up everything. Carpenters, plasterers, plumbers and others have overhauled the building and everything is all ready for the winter's run.

J. Allen Bigelow has made the school census and has found more children than ever. His searching has discovered 376 pupils for the state's money.

All the members of the board are painstaking, carefui and bound to make the school an educational institution for our pupils and they should appreciate it by giving their school work the best attention thus proving to their parents, who stand the great expense, that they are appreciative and want an education.

The new school catalogue, which is a fine work, is in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution by the time school opens.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

A. Larkins Killed by Northwestern Car at Clarenceville While Unloading Milk.

A. Larkins, a Southfield farmer aged 35, was killed Wednesday morning at Clarenceville while unloading milk.

At this milk house it is a case of drive into a dangerous place to unload or carry the heavy cans some distance. Mr. Larkins drove up to the car track as usual but before he could unload a Northwestern car bore down upon him and all but crushed his life out.

He was picked up and placed aboard a special car and started for Detroit, but his life went out ere the car reached the city limits and he was brought back to his home.

Mr. Larkins was married two months ago.

OUR KINDERGARTEN.

With a kindergarten in charge of an experienced teacher and with a special teacher of music and drawing our school promises to keep up with the best in the country.

Not long since a family wanted to come to Birmingham to live but went to another town because we had no kindergarten in our public school. We will lose no more citizens on that account for no school in the country has a teacher of that department who can compare with ours.

The California Kindergarten Association is responsible for the assertion that of all of the thousands of children from these same districts that have enjoyed kindergarten training not one has ever had a criminal record.

SOUTHFIELD.

Mrs. Ellen Beam is on the sick list.

After an absence of several weeks Nathan Simmons is home again.

One of the heaviest rains ever known to fall at this time of the year fell here Friday night.

Anyone wishing a thresher will do well to see Daniel Hough. Wheat, rye and barley 2½, oats 1½.

One of the best games of ball of the season is looked for at Sand Hill between the Redfords and Southfields.

A good game of ball was played here Saturday by Redford and Southfield, the score being 16 to 12 in favor of Southfield.

Died, Saturday last, after an illness of 35 years, Mrs. C. B. Hooper aged 72 years. She was born in England in 1834 and came to this country with her husband in 1855 settling in Southfield where they have since resided. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss. The children are Mrs. William Davis, of Farmington; Mrs. John Dufty, of Southfield; Mrs. Fred Harris, of Canton; Henry Hooper, of Pontiac; Frank, Charles and Clyde B. Hooper, of Southfield. Mr. Hooper and family have the sympathy of the whole community. The funeral was held Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., Rev. Clark officiating. Interment in Southfield cemetery.

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.

AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

Birmingham people who have attended the avenue this week say they never laughed so much in all their born days. They say the "Misfit Family" furnishes one continual round of fun from start to finish. The girls are fine, costumes gorgeous and the acting of the highest class, and one need look no further for a place to while away an afternoon or evening.

Next week Robert Fulton's Travesty and Extravaganza Co., with lots of pretty girls, funny comedians, graceful dances and high-class vaudeville artists, will be the attraction.

The avenue theater is one of those popular priced play houses where you more than get your money's worth.

LYCEUM.

"At the Old Cross Roads" comes to the Lyceum next Sunday. When Arthur C. Aiston, who has given our theater goers "Friends," "Tennessee's Pardner" and several other first-class attractions, announced a new production three years ago, in "At the Old Cross Roads" our public knew that it must be a meritorious play or Manager Aiston would not be connected with it. As a consequence the play was given a cordial greeting from the start all over the country, the tours which have been from coast to coast being to a succession of crowded and enthusiastic audiences. The engagement at the Grand Opera House, New York City, was one of the most successful ever known, even for that big playhouse, which is noted for its enormous receipts. People were turned away at every performance, the police on several occasions even stopping the sale of standing room. Manager Aiston has spared no expense in the way of proper stage environment, correct costuming, and properties. The company contains such well known people as William Brummell, A. J. Edwards, Philip Conner, Harry L. Dunkinson, Jas. B. Martin, E. Francis Cochran, E. J. Brune, May Nannery, Alice Clifton, Mildred Hyland, Mrs. Chas. G. Craig, Adeline Mann, and several others of equal note.

WHITNEY.

At an enormous expense for an entirely new scenic equipment Harry Clay Blaney, the popular and clever little comedian, has practically created a new play out of "Across the Pacific, which opens at the Whitney Theater for a week's run beginning Sunday afternoon. At that, the play is not an old one, being the outgrowth of the later periods of the Spanish-American War. There is much to be said for the new scenery, particularly so for the magnificent scene showing the dock at San Francisco, with the big transport taking on volunteer troops; the street scene in Chinatown, with the interior of a Chinese restaurant and opium den; and the blockhouse in the jungle of the Philippines. The latter is from actual photographs taken at the scene of action. It is during this scene that a genuine rapid-fire Gatling gun is brought into use. The dramatic action of the play has been brought to a high order of perfection. Harry Clay Blaney, who created and still portrays the part of "Willie Live" the war correspondent, has introduced a number of new features, as the result of his further studies of the situations surrounding the U. S. troops in the Philippines. The character is a romantic comedy one, and Mr. Blaney is making more out of it than he has ever done before. The supporting company is better than ever, and the Rough Riders' band is still one of the many features.

Cuspidors vs. Long Skirts.

After observing the manner in which our wives, sweethearts and mothers-in-law sweep up all those nice juicy spots on the sidewalks with a silk petticoat that costs us a "V" or saw buck, Editor Smith of the Farmington Enterprise, suggests that the difficulty be overcome by placing cuspidors on the street corners. He has suggested that the village council of Warnerville set a pattern for other burgs in this respect. A man cannot expect to rate as a gentleman, Brother Smith, who expectorates so promiscously. Why not have the ladies trim off about three inches from the bottom of those fast specials. We never could understand why a woman should go around dragging a long stretch of costly cloth on the street or else handicap herself with a handful of slack. What would they think of a man if he reached around, grabbed the slack of his nether garment, wound it around to display the outlines of his manly form and proudly strutted down the village thoroughfare? Cuspidors are all right, but we'll be cussed if we adore the style that makes them necessary.—Oxford Leader.

Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nervine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb Druggists.

DEADLY "MILK SICK WEED."

Tennessee Cattle Eat It, and Those Who Drink Their Milk Die.

From time to time in the past five decades Tennesseeans have been stirred to a profound sense of interest in the State's mysterious malady, "milk sickness," as its deadly reappearance in certain sections of the State has been followed by fatal results to human beings and to stock, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. No one has ever discovered the cause of the malady from which death relieves the victim after such physical agony as almost deprives the human species of the power of speech, and dumb brutes express their sufferings by frenzied search for water to cool the thirst which consumes them. Once by a stream, they plunge or fall into it and quickly drink themselves to death.

The fatal sickness is known to a limited extent in several sections of the State, but exists principally near Sparta, in White County. It is contracted through drinking the milk of cows that have eaten a certain weed known as the "milksick weed," which looks somewhat like clover and grows thickly on the infested land. But what constitutes the poison in the weed is no more determined to-day than it was when first located by the keen-witted, nature-wise mountaineers, who have been its chief victims. It has been ascribed at various times to minerals whose poison is absorbed in the roots of the "milksick" plant; to a vapor from some fungus growth, and to the action of the dew producing, in connection with the life of the plant, a certain poisonous acid. But all of these by practical science. On the largest theories have failed under tests applied by practical science. On the largest infected section known to exist in the limits of the State, "Milksick Mountain," in White County, no mineral whatever exists; cattle which ate the "milksick weed" after the dew had dried died in agony just as those who ate it when the dew was fresh and sparkling, and the strictest search failed to find any fungus growth whatever.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

"Holiness is the reaching after rather than the arriving at perfection."

The power that comes down is the only one that will lift up.—Ram's Horn.

Duty is a power which rises with us in the morning, and goes to rest with us at night.—Gladstone.

Give your whole attention to whatever you are doing, and think nothing unworthy of careful consideration.—Confucius.

Do you know a man against whom you have most reason to guard yourself? Your looking glass will give you a very fair likeness of his face.—Whateley.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. By one health is preserved, by the other virtue, which is the health of the mind, is preserved.—Sir R. Steele.

To meditate daily, to pray daily, seems a means indispensable for breaking this surface crust of formality, habit, routine, which hides the living springs of wisdom.—Orville Dewey.

Impatience relieves no ill; on the contrary, it is a sharp additional pang added to all the rest. But resignation soothes and lightens all we suffer by showing the gain there is behind.—Fenelon.

A man's true wealth is the good he has done in the world. When he dies men will ask what property he has left behind him; but angels will inquire, "What good deeds has thou sent before thee?"—From the Arabic.

If thou wilt keep a guard on thy thoughts thou must in the first place keep a guard on thy eyes and ears, and taste touch. Let not that come into these outer parts which thou desirest should go no further. Open not the door to them if thou wouldst not let them in.—Richard Baxter.

The Untidy Housewife.

Mrs. Craige, writes Cousin Madge in London Truth, has discovered a bit of social custom in England which is quite unknown to the English. I find it in her new book, "The Vineyard." Writing of an English village, she says:

"In that part of the world no lady was ever expected to be quite prepared so far as her own raiment was in question, to receive sudden callers. Rooms were supposed to be swept and garnished—that was the infallible sign of good management—but a housewife who was always found spick and span in her best gown and did not have to keep visitors waiting while she dressed in order to receive them, would have made a bad impression. In the first place, she would have the air of one who looked to find the whole neighborhood on her doorstep—an arrogant assumption; secondly, it would point to extravagance, vanity or wilful pride."

This is described as part of the social system in Frampshire. Surely this Frampshire must be in New England, not our nice, tidy old England, where decent people are neatly attired in the afternoon, even though they may not have their "best gown" on.

Washington's Wheat Crop.

The wheat farmers of Eastern Washington expect to harvest a drop of 20,000,000 bushels this season. They planted a larger area than ever before, and have a favorable season. Much of the harvesting is performed by modern machines, which head the grain and thresh it at the same time. Five men and thirty horses harvest twenty acres a day.

Bamboo sprouts shoot upward at the rate of three feet a day under favorable circumstances.