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### To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed our advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you go and do so?



New Advertisements.  
H. B. Merritt—Shoes—Pontiac.  
William E. Elliott Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.  
The Taylor-Woodruff Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.

The azure X.  
The Blue Cross.  
Happy New Year!  
The Blue Cross is here.  
It's azure a mind to have it.  
Our village is well lighted.  
Good skating on the pond now.  
Wm. I. McClelland is away on a business trip to Ohio.  
Our winter weather so far is o. k., all right and just right.  
Dick Jaynes spent New Years at his home in Manchester, Mich.  
Miss Grace Davenport returned to her school duties Sunday evening.  
Miss Hubbard, of Ann Arbor, was a guest of Miss Marion Clizbe last week.  
Dick Jaynes and Roy Montgomery visited at Walled Lake one day last week.

It is reported around that Seymour Adams is sick with an attack of typhoid fever.  
Bert Richardson, of Bay City, was home for a short holiday visit and Sundayed over.

About 80 guests were present at the Sigma Tau reception and all had a most enjoyable time.  
Home for the holiday season Miss Sara Ennis, of Jackson, returning Tuesday of this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Friday last—a daughter. Mother and child doing nicely.  
Miss Irma Aldrich and Miss Hilda Upton, of Rochester, were recent guests of Mrs. Fred Trumbull.

Miss Flora Keyes, of Ludington, after a week or two visit at home, will return to her school in a day or so.  
Fred Blanking returned Saturday from Wilkes Barre, Pa., where he has been attending school for some time.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Chas. Parks on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 2:30 p. m. All are welcome.  
Mrs. Tillie Rundel was home the holiday week and had a good time visiting with her many relatives and friends.

Auric Smith, wife and babies all went home to Mrs. Smith's folks at Mendon City for a holiday visit and had a good time.  
A washing woman in this town has rubbed out in the past years of her life in Birmingham nearly \$10,000 in good money.

For Sale—One new milch cow, calf by side, also one springer nearly due. Price reasonable. James Van Every, Franklin, Mich.  
The choir club of the Presbyterian church will hold a food sale at M. R. Blair's store on Saturday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock.

Lost, a lady's shawl, last Saturday evening, black and green, in this village. Finder please leave at this office for owner.  
For Sale—One small size baseburner, one season and in good condition. Address W. H., Box 55, Birmingham, Mich.

Miss Edna Brooks, one of Cincinnati's brilliant society ladies, has been visiting with Dr. C. M. Raynale and family the past week.  
Mrs. Martin Wilde, of Detroit, died Tuesday. She once lived on the farm just north of this village now owned by Nelson Shattuck.

Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will meet at Caleb Jackson's on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Conveyances will be at Kinnistat's at 10 a. m.  
Mrs. Hattie McBride who has been laid up with a sprained ankle since last August is able to be up and around the house once more.

Married, Thursday of last week in Windsor, Wm. Grooms and Miss Grace Beckman, both of this village. Good luck to the young couple.

Mr. Will Benedict and family, of Detroit, enjoyed and made merry the holiday week under the hospitable roof of their "Uncle Ike" and "Aunt Sallie" Dawson, of Troy.  
Tom Brace, of Royal Oak, is home after a five years residence in Alaska. He is looking fine and while he is glad to be at home says there is no country like the West.

A big five Tuesday night at the Western Newspaper Union in Detroit, made plenty of trouble for many Michigan newspapers and among them all The Eccentric is a sufferer.  
For the holiday week's enjoyment Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamm spent the period at Buffalo, N. Y., where they were most royally entertained by nephews and nieces. Wm. says it beats the blue lodge all hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bayley, Mr. Harry Bayley, Mrs. E. R. Smith and son, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gibbs and daughter, ate New Years dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Adams Bayley on Sunday last.

The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Library society will be held at the library room Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance is requested. M. Baldwin, Sec'y.

The entertainment given by the Juvenile Concert Co. under the direction of Mrs. E. Ravillier will be repeated in the Presbyterian church the third week in January. Exact date to be announced next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, of Hadley, now occupy one of Mrs. J. O. Beattie's houses on Woodward Ave., formerly occupied by Fred Burk. Mr. Burk and family will reside in Mr. Bruce's house vacated by J. B. Field.

Chas. H. Toms, cashier of the Casnovia Bank, was home during the holidays for a short vacation. Charlie has a fine situation and likes it, the town, and its people first-rate. Charlie looks well, feels well and is well. Well, we are glad of it.

Dr. Dan Campbell, wife and daughter, of Alpena, have been home for the holidays, returning after about a week of home visiting. Dr. Dan has caught on at Alpena and in going time is due to be a rich man doing dental doctoring.

Making New Years calls and enjoying a banquet in Detroit—Miss Virginia Hupp, accompanied by her parents. Miss Virginia was most satisfactorily entertained by Grandpa and Grandma Hupp and has not a fault to find.

In looking over the ads this week don't fail to read the Adolph Engass Co.'s announcement on first page this week. All through the month of January this popular firm will give bargains in their line. All goods purchased here are guaranteed to be as represented.

Will O'Neal, wife and family left Wednesday last for their new home in Seattle, Wash. They had an auction sale last Saturday cleaning out everything that he did not care to take West. Rev. Jamieson, the new Presbyterian pastor, is to occupy the vacant house.

Mr. Irwin H. Mason, of Chicago, who is connected with the National Facking Co., of that city, spent a few hours of last week with his uncle, T. G. Holmes, of this village. Mr. Mason is one of the most enthusiastic horsemen in the country and can talk horse all day.

The remains of Miss Belle Lovess were brought here from Albuquerque, N. M., for burial last Sunday. She was the oldest of the Lovess girls who were in business here over thirty years ago.

Two sisters, Mary and Nancy have also been brought back for burial within the past few years.  
A Christmas present came to the home on Christmas day, of Mr. and Mrs. Allie J. Cook, of Southfield. It was just one of the sweetest, dearest presents that ever fell from a Christmas tree and while papa and mamma are delighted beyond all measurement, Grandpa Thomas is the proudest of all.

Mrs. B. Shain, on Maple Ave., celebrated her—well, another birthday anniversary next day after New Years. She had for her guests all her children, grandchildren, and her brother Mr. Nort T. McHenry and wife. A good time was most heartily enjoyed by all and we trust the good lady will see many more equally as enjoyable.

A meeting of young people and all others interested will be held at Public Hall, Franklin, Saturday, January 7, at 7:30 o'clock. Steps will be taken to organize a dancing class. A dancing master will be secured and to all who join a good deal of knowledge will be imparted besides having a good time all this winter.

Mrs. Martin Potts, of the J. B. Peabody farm, has made during the past year by hand 364 lbs. of prime butter for every pound of which she received 25c—nearly \$1,000 for butter. A gasoline engine now does the churning and soon a butter-working machine will be put in thereby helping this energetic, industrious lady to a well earned rest.

The Bigelow homestead was bright, happy and hilarious celebrating New Years day. They had for dinner two turkeys and all that go with them, and to help disport of the edibles and drinkables they had Mott Leggett and Miss Kate, of Drayton Plains, and Dr. and Mrs. Neff with baby Mortimer Allen, of Pontiac. A big day was spent and fireworks at night ended the festivities.

Miss Ethel M. Gravin, of Franklin, was very pleasantly surprised by a party of about 35 of her young friends on Friday evening, Dec. 30, it being her birthday. Dancing and games were the order of the evening, everybody enjoying themselves until the small hours. The young lady was the recipient of many beautiful presents. May she have many more happy birthdays with the wish of all present.

The Pope bicycle daily memorandum calendar for 1905 contains a memorandum leaf for every day in the year, and 365 original sayings in favor of good health, outdoor exercise, and that great vehicle of health giving, the modern bicycle, by our most eminent living men of marked accomplishment. The calendar is free at Pope Mfg. Co.'s stores or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five cent stamps to Pope Mfg. Co., Hartford, Conn., or 148 Sigel St., Chicago, Ill.

The hoop and stave factory of A. Mark is just a booming. A great quantity of the finished product is made and sold daily. Our farmer friends are hereby notified that this factory is open always to the purchase of elm and basswood timber. Don't forget this! That Mr. Mills-paugh will, on the slightest provocation, call at your farms look at your timber and buy every bit of it and pay you the highest market price. Don't ever forget it. Bring your offerings to Mills-paugh in Birmingham.

We are in receipt of a very neat calendar issued by the Michigan Agricultural College. It contains 36 views of college buildings, campus and forest scenes arranged in 12 groups. The institution has made a remarkable growth during the past few years. In 1900 the total number of students was 652. This year the number will reach nearly 1,000. The advantages offered by this college are certainly worthy of very careful consideration by all parents who expect to send their sons and daughters away to school.

The annual meeting of the M. E. Sunday-school was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. A very successful year was reported with a treasurer's report in balance on the right side of the ledger. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Superintendent, Harvey Staley; Assistant Superintendent, Nelson Shattuck; secretary, Arthur King; treasurer, Mrs. F. Schlaack; librarians, Wesley Goodwin and Fred King; organist, Miss Nellie Randall; chorister, Mrs. S. R. Williams.

**OBITUARY.**  
Little Gracie Lazare, youngest daughter of Levi and Mary Bell Allen, passed away from their home on the second day of Jan. 10th at the tender age of one year, ten months, and seventeen days, after a lingering illness of several weeks, during which time it was done that a kind father and loving mother could do to make her comfortable and to alleviate her suffering. Little Gracie being a lovable, unusually bright child, she was the pet and darling of the entire household. She is the youngest of eight children and has gone from our midst where she will be sadly missed, but we must submit to say "God's will be done."

The funeral of the little one was held Wednesday afternoon, Rev. S. R. Williams officiating.

**Sickening Shivering Fits**  
of Ague and Malaria can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitter's Pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it excites a true curative response in the system, and drives out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday, of Hamlet, Wis., writes: "I was afflicted very low with malaria fever and jaundice, but I took Electric Bitter, which saved me." Wholesale & Retail at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb's drug stores; price 50c, guaranteed.

**Railroad Cutoff Sinks.**  
Salt Lake City, Utah, special: The Laeuen cut off across Salt Lake. Unopen for passenger traffic a few months ago, has sunk in spots clear across the lake. In some places the sinking being fully six feet.

**MISSOURI CHIEF.**  
Loss of Soil Nitrogen.  
The nitrogen of the soil is one of its most important constituents and a fertilizing element that quickly disappears. It volatilizes rapidly and is lost as the chief agent of holding it in the soil is the humus. When the humus is exhausted the nitrogen escapes with increased rapidity. Experiments with continuous wheat growing on the same soil have shown that the animal and vegetable matter in the soil disappears very rapidly. This causes the liberation of the nitrogen. As long as the nitrogen is in combination with and forms a part of the humus, or decaying animal, or vegetable matter of the soil, it is a stable form; but as soon as the humus decays the nitrogen is liberated in various gaseous and soluble forms, which are easily lost from the soil. It is the statement of scientists that there is no element of gas rising out of the soil as nitrogen. It is not possible for the mineral forms of plant food, such as potash and phosphoric acid, to be converted into gaseous forms by the ordinary chemical changes that take place in the soil, as is the case of nitrogen. With them the principal source of their removal from the soil as plant food. But with humus it is different. There is a loss of carbon and nitrogen by its being used by the crops, but much additional is leached downward by the soil water and some is sent out in the form of gas during the humus decays. We have an illustration of this in the decay of piles of manure and vegetable matter. We may say that it smells so strong that it rises from them; but that ammonia is the gas into which the nitrogen in the decaying mass is being changed.

The loss of soil nitrogen can only be prevented by keeping up the humus in the soil. In most countries the loss of crops alone is able to do this. Some men bring their soil to grow wheat year after year on the same soil for a generation without any loss of soil, but it is found that such soil was in the beginning very rich in humus. By all means rotate, and include in the rotation some of the legumes.

**Fall Sown Onions.**  
A correspondent for the Farm Journal discusses the question of fall sowing in the following manner:  
"Here is the way I plant my onions: Spade and thoroughly prepare the soil about the tenth of November; plant and then cover with straw or other mulch for the winter. Remove the mulch about the middle of March. Cut tops off liberally. Do not cultivate as soon as ground is dry enough to work and you will have onions fit for a queen."

In absence of definite information on this point, it may be inferred that this applies to onions raised from seed. Would this be a good plan to follow in case of seed onions? Perhaps it would be as well, as to set them in the spring if the mulch were thick enough, but the middle of March would be a very late time to move the covering in this climate. Onions are tough and a little freeze does not seriously injure the young plants. If there is any frost on hand the plan is a good one to try.

**Cooling Milk in Winter.**  
Most milk producers know that milk must be quickly cooled in summer to increase its keeping power, but many do not know that the process is also necessary in winter, that make a business of delivering milk that at certain times will follow in case of seed onions? Perhaps it would be as well, as to set them in the spring if the mulch were thick enough, but the middle of March would be a very late time to move the covering in this climate. Onions are tough and a little freeze does not seriously injure the young plants. If there is any frost on hand the plan is a good one to try.

**Wood Grouse.**  
The wood grouse is sometimes called the "cock of the woods." Early in the spring when the breeding season begins the male takes his mate on some elevation, displays his plumage in the manner of a turkey cock and utters a loud cry compared with the words "peller-peller-peller" frequently with increasing rapidity, terminating in a sort of a gulp and drawing of breath. The singular call brings the females to the scene, and cock birds are exceeding jealous, especially of the younger brethren, and will often try to keep from calling or displaying themselves.—Wallace's Farmer.

**Turnips for Ducks.**  
"Now a crop of turnips for ducks, if you intend to raise a large number of ducks. In the large establishments, several hundred of them are raised, and the principal food for them is cooked turnips, with a small proportion of ground grain. No crop can be grown to better advantage than turnips, and in no way can turnips be raised so profitably as to feed them to ducks. Ducks and turnips are adjuncts to each other on the duck farms, for without turnips the ducks could not be made to lay so well.—Exchange.

**Nitrogen Coast.**  
Nitrogen is the most costly element in feeds for animals on the farm. The nitrogenous or protein foods make the most costly part of the ration, and it is in this class of foods that is most lacking on most farms. Good dairymen and breeders make up this deficiency by supplying nitrogen, and have practically solved the question of profitable agriculture which all the scientists in the country have failed to do through the use of clear of agriculture.—Barman's Midland Farmer.

TO FAMILIES—  
NOW OFFERING  
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# William H. Elliott Co.

## Our Annual January Sale of Table Linens

at "cut prices," commenced Tuesday, January 3d. No Housewife, Hotel, Restaurant or Boarding House owner can afford to ignore this sale, some goods being sold at LOWER PRICES THAN IN MANY YEARS. Our buyer searched the Eastern Linen Markets for "good things"—he got them and at prices that enable us to mark them very low. IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

**SALE CONSISTS OF....**  
Bleached and Unbleached Table Damask, Napkins, Doyles, Center Pieces, Scarfs, Shams, Art. Linen Pieces, Towels, Toweling, Sheets and Slices, Quilts, Blankets and Comfortables, Cottons and Drawn Work Pieces, etc.  
**WE HAVE A REPUTATION FOR SELLING ONLY GOOD LINENS.**

A Further attraction is our Reduction Sale of Silks, Colored and Black Dress Goods, Waistings, etc. Every piece of Black Dress Goods in stock CUT IN PRICE. What we desire is a reduction of stock prior to inventory. You cannot fail of securing a bargain as stocks are NEW AND VERY COMPLETE.

**Greatly in Demand.**  
Nothing is more in demand than this medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb's drug stores, 20c, guaranteed.

**SOUTHFIELD.**  
Miss Emma Jenks is home for a while.  
The watch meeting at E. L. Forbes was well attended.  
Robert Church has a brood sow for sale cheap, for cash.  
After a week's vacation Miss Mary Wallace has resumed her school in the Klett district.  
Justin Jinks, of this place owns the smallest living calf known. It is alive and weighs 10½ lbs. and is 14 inches high.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, together with their daughters, Cora and Etta, and family, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church.

**CLAWSON.**  
Goldy Goldsmith is on the sick list.  
Howard Groves is visiting in Detroit a few days.  
John Gilbert and Hannah Davidson were married recently.  
Little Lyle Poole and Clifford Hunt have both been quite sick.  
Mrs. Hattie Rice, of Toledo, visited Mrs. E. H. Avers, Christmas.

Mrs. H. Avers gave her Sunday school class a party last Friday night. They surprised her by giving her a silver berry spoon and a silver meat fork. After supper games and music was the order of the evening.

**TROY.**  
F. D. Cutting is on the gain.  
Charles Clark is clerking for Cutting & Son.  
Mr. and Mr. J. Nichols and children were at the Jarvis home New Year's day.  
Mrs. E. M. Clark and sister, Ida Morgan, spent New Year's day at Bert Smiley's, south of Birmingham.

Mrs. Sarah Button has returned from Jackson, where she was called to attend Louis Patton, who has had diphtheria. J. M. Pickers of Leavenworth, Kan., is dead of pneumonia. He was the husband of Lizzie Rampton-Pickers, formerly of this place.  
The Carpenter family, quarantined for the past few weeks, is doing nicely. Miss F. Carpenter had a mild form of smallpox. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

George Wright considers himself a lucky fella. The street car's jammed and it's raining. The street car's jammed and it's raining. The street car's jammed and it's raining. No alarm, no light at night, and no waiting room on Sunday and after nine o'clock at night.

Of course your own baby is all right, but that of your neighbor is a crying shame.  
New York is to have a bank that will keep open day and night. They don't find it necessary, however, to open up many of the churches in that town except on Sundays.

The St. Paul girl who laughed so hard over a funny story that she died of the flu is back in town. She is located her jaw will be happy again until she can tell her acquaintances precisely how it happened.

"I never indulge in gossip," said Mrs. Jane Goodridge Mansfield of Lynn, when asked how she came to live to be 103 years old. A remarkable woman in several ways.

The Sultan says that he will protect the sale of the Bible in Turkey, but the world has discovered from long experience that it doesn't make much difference what the sultan says.

Justice Clark of New York's supreme court has now decided that a sandwich is not a meat. Never mind. A basket of baked beans and crisp pork and steaming hot brown bread is

**My Hair is Extra Long**  
Feed your hair; nourish it; give it something to live on. Then it will stop falling, and will grow long and heavy. Ayer's Hair Vigor is the only hair-food you can buy. For 60 years it has been doing just what we claim it will do. It will not disappoint you.

Reverse for French Troops.  
Paris cable: Private reports received here say that the French militia in force in occupation in Central Africa has suffered a severe reverse accompanied by heavy losses, near Timbuctoo.

Millionaire Lumberman Dies.  
Saginaw, Mich., special: Isaac Baeringer, a millionaire lumberman of this city, who also had large interests in Nova Scotia and in the iron mining industry of Minnesota, died suddenly of heart disease at Imlay City.