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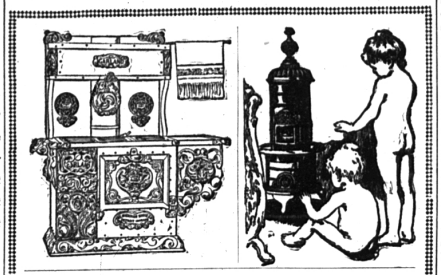

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## A GREAT SUCCESS

### The Banquet Tuesday Evening by the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church.

### MUSIC AND INTERESTING SPEECHES.

**Plates Were Laid for 150 and the Supper Was All that Could Be Desired--Cash in Treasury Greatly Increased.**

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church has good reason to be proud of their success at the St. Valentine banquet Tuesday evening of this week. Seated at several handsomely decorated tables were about 150 people despite the below zero, blizzard night.

One great disappointment happened and that was the failure of Toastmaster Judge J. S. Stockwell to be present owing to the storm which hung up the trolley cars all along the line so badly. Mr. Stockwell telephoned his sorrowful regrets which had to be sadly accepted.

Promptly on time the eating began, and such a supper was never better served. The edibles were fine and most generous in quantity and with plenty of ladies to wait on the guests all went merrily and happily.

George H. Mitchell as toastmaster presided over the "Feast of reason and flow of soul," as well as he knew how which seemed to satisfy the congregation, and nearly every one of the speakers got back at George in a way that pleased everyone in the room. Rev. W. Jamieson of the First Presbyterian church was surprised as well as pleased to know that Mr. Mitchell, the toastmaster, knew one prayer, and glad to hear D. M. Johnston tell about his attending prayer meeting a few months ago in company with Dr. Shaw in the very room that they were seated in now, and by actual count only seven people were present, and he confidentially advised Bro. Williams to set up a free lunch and catch all these people for if they will come out on such a night as this for a meal, what would be the number on a pleasant night?

We couldn't even guess.

The program was as follows:

Address of Welcome.....Rev. S. R. Williams
Quartet—Selected
Toast—My First Valentine.....Geo. H. Mitchell
Toast—Valentines in War Times.....J. A. Bigelow
Solo—Selected.....Mrs. Warren Brown
Toast—A Valentine Story.....Rev. W. Jamieson
Toast—Growing Old.....Miss M. Baldwin
Toast—Miscellaneous.....Dr. D. M. Johnston
Toast—The Parson's Valentine.....Rev. Maxwell
Quartet—Selected.....Messrs. Rainey and Smith and Mrs. Brown and Miss N. Randall.

Rev. S. R. Williams in his address of welcome pleasantly made everyone in attendance feel "At Home" at once, and again testified to the hospitality of the M. E. church and parsonage, and you will always find the latch string on the outside whenever you have a mind to call.

The singers of the quartette all were at their best. Mrs. Warren Brown never sang in better voice—ditto Miss Nellie Randall, while Messrs. Rainey and Smith pleased all who heard them. Judge Stockwell by his next best friend George H. Mitchell introduced the said Mitchell who told about his first valentine. The first valentine—the very first—was received for a dose of castor oil taken. Strange but true.

J. Allen Bigelow interested his hearers with a good war story, and Rev. W. Jamieson got acquainted with a whole lot of warm friends who all insist that the new resident among us is all right and everybody wished for a better acquaintance with the gentleman, which, of course, will come in due time.

Miss Juanita Plumstead then helped out Mr. Jamieson by reading an original poem written by him entitled "My Valentine." It was an excellent poem and well rendered.

Miss Mattie Baldwin told very pleasantly about "Growing Old," and held her listeners very much entertained to the end and received a hearty, generous applause.

No one can beat Dr. D. M. Johnston in an after dinner speech, but when he says that "Grin and bear it" is a bible quotation, we can't see it although we have searched the scriptures.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell closed the banquet in fine style and told us a lot about Presbyterians, the different species and how they occurred, that the ancestry of Presbyterianism exceeded the Methodists by many hundreds and even thousands of years, in fact away clear back to the time of Adam and Eve, while Methodistism is quite modern, only going back to the days of John Wesley.

Brother Maxwell closed the speaking, and the quartette sang "Good Night" very sweetly and all departed for their respective homes having enjoyed a most delightful evening.

Judge Stockwell, by his proxy Mr. Mitchell, secured a standing vote of thanks from the entire guests for the ladies from the Committee of Arrangements all along the line to the pleasant, cheerful ladies who waited on the tables, serving 150 plates. The ladies will put away in their treasury stocking $25 profit on the St. Valentine banquet.

On behalf of the Ladies' Aid, The Eccentric wishes to extend thanks to all who helped in anyway to make the banquet a success, and especially to thank Mr. Mitchell for numerous courtesies extended.

## SUGAR BEETS

### Prospects Are Good that They Will Once More Be Raised in this Vicinity--Land Wanted.

The Mt. Clemens Sugar Co., of Mt. Clemens, Mich., one of the strongest sugar factories "financially" in the state of Michigan, having no bonded indebtedness, and with abundant working capital, has begun to interest the farmers of this community in the culture and growing of sugar beets for their factory at Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Mr. Jim Todd the old time sugar beet hustler is representing the Sugar Co. at this point and he would like all farmers having suitable ground for growing sugar beets, to contract with him for acreage for the coming season of 1905.

Sugar beets are the best paying crop a farmer can grow, and all public spirited and intelligent farmers should contract with the Mt. Clemens Sugar Co. to grow some sugar beets this season.

The beets will be weighed at Birmingham, and if the farmers will only do their part, the sugar beet will be the means of bringing a great deal of new business and money into Birmingham and vicinity.

Let's all take hold and push the sugar beet industry to a permanent success.

## School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.

Editor-in-Chief—CLARENCE WEST.

School Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Exams next week Thursday and Friday.

Miss Mable Zimmerman is attending school in Owosso.

Valentine day was observed in the lower rooms Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Wilson and Mr. Wylie Bassett are again in school.

Mr. Maxwell had charge of the opening exercises Wednesday afternoon.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Ray Leonard to our number in the high room.

Prof. Bellis is reading a series of interesting articles during the opening exercises.

The German II class having completed Wilhelm Tell, will now read Herman and Dorothea.

Miss McGraw has added the following pupils to her botany class: Lehlia Davenport, Ella Davenport, Alta Nixon and Clarence J. West.

Remember the next literary meeting on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22; the debate, "Can Lincoln justly be called as great a benefactor to his country as Washington?" and come.

Owing to the fact that the new automatic valves, which were placed in the high room Saturday, proved to be unsatisfactory, and refused to operate, the high room was quite cold Tuesday morning. Repairs were soon made and all is well again.

### "SWAPPED" HOUSES.

Nelson Shattuck has "swapped" his house and lot on Oakland avenue, Detroit, to Mrs. Sawyer for the old Brownell homestead. Mr. Shattuck will make two houses out the one in the spring.

### SAN MARTO BLEND.

We could not refrain from mentioning that the fragrant coffee so heartily enjoyed at the St. Valentine banquet given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E church by all, was the justly celebrated San Marto Blend from The J. M. Bour Co., Toledo, Ohio. This firm generously supplied all that was drank by the 150 guests and we heard many words of praise for its taste and flavor, which with the rich cream furnished by Mrs. W. E. Smith, made a drink seldom equalled and never excelled. Our modesty will just barely allow us to say that this delicious coffee is sold in Birmingham by Whitehead & Mitchell.

### SINGERS.

There are two bands of natural singers—the birds and the poets. Others are trained to sing well, but their songs never equal the lark's, anyway. We can all hear the birds sing, and you would think it crazy of a man to go put cotton in his ears so's not to hear them. Well, you can now get a thousand of the choicest songs that ever came from a poet's heart for 17c in our NEW HOME LIBRARY. Don't put cotton in your ears.—The Birmingham Eccentric.

### AGONIZING BURNS

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### Pig a Wonder for Fatness.

J. Andrew Hanley of Damariscotta, Me., butchered a pig five months old that tipped the scales at 300 pounds strong. When two months old he was judged to weigh thirty pounds, and for the next ninety days he gained almost three pounds per day.

## CARS CRASHED

### But Fortunately Passengers Escape with Only Slight Injuries.

A run away car on the suburban line between Royal Oak and Birmingham smashed another car about 9 o'clock Tuesday, and gave half a dozen passengers a scare they will long remember.

Four cars were stalled in a snow bank when the last of the string came down almost full speed on the car ahead of it. The motorman reversed and jumped, escaping injury, but six passengers in the car ahead were thrown from their seats. Ed. McNeil, of Grand Rapids, smashed through the smoking compartmentdoor, eight or ten feet behind where he was standing looking out ahead of the car.

Leonard W. West, of Lapeer, was a passenger and was badly shaken up when he arrived in Detroit.

"After the impact, and while the motorman was lying in the snow beside the track, the car which hit us bounded back, the motors being reversed, and half a mile away was stopped by the coductor," said Mr. West. "Our car burned out and the passengers, one of them a woman, were transferred to the car which hit us. The windows were badly out of plumb and broken and the whole car damaged, but it was able to bring us in to Detroit."

## IT'S A BASE LIE

### No Truth in the Assertion That Phil Durkee Had Been Sent Up For Life

For more than a week the many friends of Philip H. Durkee have been horrified over a report most generously circulated to the effect that Jack Wardell, Phil's supposed business partner, had been hung in Colorado for murdering a soldier, and that Mr. Durkee, as an accessory, had been sent up for life. How such a story ever got started is one of those unsolvable mysteries.

Word just received from Mr. Durkee brands the story as a base lie. Phil is the genial proprietor of a flourishing restaurant at Sedalia, a thriving town 18 miles from Denver, and has never had any connection in the saloon business with Wardell. During his short stay in the west Mr. Durkee has become very popular and is one the Arapaho county game wardens.

One their arrival in the west Wardell opened a road house near Sedalia, and about a year ago he got all the money he could get in, stole a valuable team of horses, took another man's wife and skipped for parts unknown. Since that time Wardell has been heard from at Columbus, Ohio.

## A TRIP ABROAD

### Frederick M. Butzel Takes His Audience to Europe on a Pleasure Trip

### THEY SEE EUROPE IN ONE HOUR

**After Showing Them Naples, Rome and Other Points of Interest Mr. Butzel Brings them Back Home.**

One of the most interesting and instructive lectures of the series given by the Business Men's Club was delivered Sunday afternoon by Frederick M. Butzel of Detroit. His older brother was to have spoken, but was called away suddenly to New York, and his brother kindly consented to take his place.

We are sorry that owing to the very stormy day, the meeting was not largely attended, but those present will long remember with pleasure the pleasant trip they took abroad with Mr. Butzel.

He took his audience from New York to Gibraltar, down the Mediteranean, piloted them through the bay of Naples, had them take part in the impressive scenes in Vienna, let them view Vesuvius and Ætna, tarried a while in imperial Rome, gave them a ride in gondolas through Venice, and after having them soar through realms of beautiful scenery for a few brief moments he let them drop back in Birmingham so suddenly that the discourse seemed to them like a pleasant dream.

At the earnest solicitation of Rev. W. S. Watson, rector of St. James church, Mr. Butzel has consented to come to Birmingham again in the near future, when it is hoped he will have a large and appreciative audience to greet him.

Congressman Elect Denby of Detroit district will deliver his famous lecture on "China" before the club on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Denby's father was once United States minister to China.

Every man in Birmingham should welcome these free lectures and he should avail himself of the opportunity to attend them.

### POISONS IN FOOD.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food—or money back. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. Try them.

## FOUND HIM DEAD

### Henry Dewey, of Troy, succumbs to Heart Trouble Saturday Morning Last.

### WIFE FOUND BODY IN THE BARN

**Had Gone to Do the Chores and not Returning as Usual Caused Investigation to Be Made--No Inquest Held.**

Mrs. Henry Dewey, of Troy, had the frightful experience Saturday morning of going to the barn and finding her husband lying prostrate on the barn floor. An examination revealed that he was dead.

Mr. Dewey went to the barn in the early morning to do the milking. He was apparently in good health. It was his custom to first do the milking while his wife got breakfast and then go out to feed the cattle and do the chores. Mrs. Dewey became anxious for him to return from his first early morning duty but indulged the thought that he had decided to finish all the work before returning to the house. The hours dragged along and Mrs. Dewey became worried. She stepped to the door and noticed that the barn door stood open. This was unusual on a cold morning and she started to investigate. As she approached the barn door she became frightened at the form of her husband lying prostrate on the floor. She was at a loss to know what to do but finally gained presence of mind and summoned the neighbors for help.

Coroner Farmer, of Pontiac was summoned and Dr. Strain, of Rochester, was sent after. He found that decessed came to his death from heart trouble and the coroner decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Mr. Dewey was born and brought up in Troy and has lived there a greater portion of his life. He was 69 years of age and greatly respected in the community. He leaves a widow and three daughters, Maude, of Detroit, Blanche, of Rochester, and Mrs. Edith Ferguson, of Stone Shop. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Haines of Pine Lake, and four brothers, Augustus and Albert G., of Pontiac; Edward, of Detroit, and Miles, of Troy.

His funeral was held from his late home, a mile east and half a mile north of Troy, at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday.

### WANTS TO GO TO SOLDIERS' HOME.

William B. McCoy, editor of the Ortonville Hustler and a veteran of the civil war, now over 78 years of age, unmarried and without a home, is desirous of ending his days in the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, and his friends in Oxford are helping him all they can. A. B. Glaspie, of the Oxford Leader, has written to Senator R. A. Alger on the subject and he has stated that he will endeavor to introduce a bill to straighten Mr. McCoy's record so he can be admitted to the home. Mr. McCoy has been setting type continously for 63 years and is still at the case. He is in possession of a composing stick presented to him by Horace Greeley at Philadelphia. He was born in the north of Ireland of Scotch parents. "Mac," as everyone calls him, is a great smoker and has a meerschaum pipe which he has used for 20 years, and which he says is as "sweet" as the day when he first smoked it.—Detroit Tribune.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN LADIES

**Have the Next Innings—Will Give a Washington's Birthday Anniversary at the Home of Mrs. G. H. Mitchell.**

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will celebrate Washington's Birthday anniversary by giving a parlor entertainment at the home of Mrs Geo. H. Mitchell next Wednesday evening.

Local talent of the very highest class has been secured for the event and we are promised something new and novel in the line of entertainment. Music, both vocal and instrumental, will reign, closely accompanied by readings, all highly gratifying to the most critical.

We are promised a grand Amazonian march by eight Lady Martha Washingtons. This alone will be worth more than the price of admission. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold so that each one can have a cushioned parquette seat; 25c will get you in if you buy early and avoid the rush.

We would like to tell all there is to be seen and heard, but if we did the house would be jammed to an intolerable endurance.

Secure a ticket early. Don't refuse when solicited. This is a limited special.

### FRAUD EXPOSED.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada. Genuine remedies sold by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.