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Library Discussed it Sunday Afternoon

CARNEGIE TO BE ASKED FOR HELP

as M. Baldwin to Address Busin

Owing to more streamons pressure Congressman Denby was unable to keep nis engagement to address the Basiness Men's club Sunday afternoon, and his place was ably filled by President Utley of the Detroit Public library, who gave the club a good talk on libraries in gen-eral, the benefit stobe derived from them and gave many good reasons why every town of this size should have a public library. He showed himself, ann well Owing to more strenuous pre tibrary. He showed himself a man well qualified to handle the subject and was tendered a vote of thanks for his instruc-

iendered a vote of thanks for his instruc-tive discourse.

In the after discussion Miss M. Bald-win made a few appropriate remarks and presented a petition to the voters of Bir-migham, asking that a Carnegle Public library be established here. In her remarks Miss Baldwin said the Ludies Library of this place stood ready to do-nate their library of nearly 1, 2do volumes and would also donate a site for the new Carnegle building. She hoped every tax payer in the room would sign the petition and vote for a public library at the village election in the spring. Mr. Carnegle stands ready to help any town that will raise ten per cent of what he donates for the maintainance of the

he sonates for the maintainance of the library, and there is no reason why Bir-mingham should not be rurally away. An \$5,000 library building in town would add to the attractivened of Birmingham, and in connection with our high school, five churches, beautiful lights, water-works, factories, and other attractions, it would prove a good drawing card to people who are desirous of finding a mit-ble country home.

nitable country home.

Miss Baldwin will address the meeting Miss Baldwin will address the meeting next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and will tell us what has been done for Birmingham and what needs to be done in the future. She will take up the public library subject, and discuss it thoroughly. You are cordially invited to attend and express your views on this subject.

Magazine That Has an Idea Back Of It."

Have you keard that Hon. Thomas E. Watson of Georgia has begun the publication of amagaine?
You know who Mr. Lawson is? He's the man who wrote "The Story of France." Life of Napoleon" and "The Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson."
He was the People's candidate for President later later.

He was the People's candinase to ident last year. The first number of Tom Watson's Maghtine will be published Pebrusy 25. For sale at all news gasad—price toc. By mail \$1.00 year. You will miss the most interestlict 35-page magazine, the most interestlict 35-page magazine. American Hewsded! For Tom Watson's Magazine, or better still, and a dollar for year's subscription to Tom Watson's Macazine, Tom Watson's Macazine, 121 West 4 and street, New York City,

THE AX ROUTE.

One evening a short time ago Mrs. I ee Truax and Miss Truax alone in the

One evening a short time ago Mrs. It. Lee Truax and Miss Truax alone in the house heard the furnace door rattling in the basement of their home. Says Mrs. Truax to baby Truax: "It is an awful cold night and that is some noor, home-less tramp of a man looking for a warm place to aleep tonight and we won't disturb him, will we, dearie!" Baby said nit, and so they waited a little "akeer," but strong in their faith and charity. When Mr. Truax came home before a word was said about the tramp in the cellar, his loothalip heard the furnace door rattline, and not wishing to lose his injob as justion of the Truax staft, he hastened to make an exploration, and what do you than be for a great big masker tunning rearing, testing the property of the transparent to the same property of the transparent to the transparent to the same property of the same property of the same property of the same heard the shoot hack. "All drains was heard the shoot hack." All drains assed out by the Axe Route he ard to shout back, "All drains ke to me!"

POISONS IN FOOD.

Mindoo Tribesmen Wage War.
Calcutta cable: Chiefs of the Dir-and Nawagal tribes have declared war against each other and fighting has begun. The Nawagal have won the first engagement and have captured a Dir fort.

MRS. AGNES GROVES.

Med., at the residence of her daughter,
Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, in Troy, on
Wednesday of least week, Mrs. Agues
Croves, in the 86th year of her age.
Agues Martin was born in County
with her husband and children nearly of
years ago, and settled on the town line
between Troy and Royal Oak. She has
lived in that vicinity during her residence
in this country. She was the mother of
sleven children all of whom survive her:
Samuel, Alexander, Arthar, Robert,
George and John Groves, and Mrs.
Elizabeth Anderson, Mrs. Isabelia
Hrown, Mrs. Saam Harbison, Mrs.
Agues White and Mrs. Margaret Davenport, all of whom live in this vicinity,
except Arthur, who is a resident of
Colorado.
There has been only one death in this
family, Mr. Groves having died 20 years
family, Mr. Groves having died 20 years

family, Mr. Groves having died 20

ago.

Mrs. Groves' funeral was largely atteuded at her late home Saturday afternoon, and the remains interred at Royal
Oak.

REV. JOSEPH McCRACKEN.

Word reaches us of the death of the Rev. Joseph McCracken, at York, Mr. McCracken was born at F

Mr. McCracken was born at Rathfri. land, County Down, Ireland, October 21, 1825, and came to this country with his parents in 1832. He took a classical course in Temple Hill academy and graduated from Union College in 1838. The following year he went abroad and studied theology in the seminaries of Paisley and Beliburg, Scotland, and was licensed to preach by the Rochester Presbytery, May 11, 1851.

of Pailey and Edirbury, Scotland, and was licensed to preach by the Rochester Presbytery, May 13, 1853.

After occupying pulpits at Clarinda, Jowa, and St. Louis, Mo., he resigned, and accepted the chair of mathematics in Geneva college, Northwood, Ohio, and resigned September 15, 187.

He then accepted a call to the Remained for 25 years, He then retired from the ministry and after a year's residence here moved to his old home at Vork, N. V., where he has just died. He will be buried there by alde of his father and mother.

He was moderator of the synod in 1873.

Mr. McCracken is survived by a wide and four children. William McCracken, professor of Marquette high schools; Dr., James McCracken, physician for an Ohioralbood company, Dr. Archie Mc Cracken of Seatile, Wash., Mrs., J. S. Crawford, a missionary to Syria.

MSC (DONETHIES ERDANCS)

TOM WATSON'S MAGAZINE MRS. CORNELIUS BROOKS.

Death has claimed another old pioneer Death has claimed another old pioneer of Oakland county in the person of Mrs. Cornelins Brooks, of Southfield township, who passed away Sanday moraing, Mrs. Brooks was born in Newburg, Mrs. Brooks was born in Newburg, settling in Southfield township. New York, April 11, 1511, and came to Michigan in 183, and came to Michigan in 183, settling in Southfield township. She was married in 1847 to Cornelius Brooks and with him moved into a squatter's cabin in the woods on the farm where she has since resided.

and with him moveen into a squatters ache in its the woods on the farm where she has since resided. After year, for each since it is the capital and the next day the neighbors came from miles around with or feams, field the timber and when the day closed, they went to bed in a new log house which had been erected in one day.

In this log house her five children were born and after 35 years' residence in this log shanty, a new and modern farm house was erected.

Those were strenuous days in the life of Mrs. Brooks. Their farm was a wilderness by itself, and she aided her husband in felling the timber and hewing out a home for themselves in their old age.

Mrs. Brooks has been an invalid for two years and faulty securious do to the converse and faulty securious do to the converse and faulty securious do the converse and faulty securious do to the converse and th

Mrs. Brooks has been an invalid for two years and finally succumbed to the infirmities of old age. She is survived by four children, James Brooks, of De-troit; Joseph and David Brooks, of South-field and Miss Sarah Brooks of the same

The funeral was held Tuesday at one o'clock, the Rev. Clark of the Southfield U. P. church officiating. Burial in the family lot in Southfield cemetery.

The funeral of Cecil McKibbon, who died as the result of a fall from a fourstory window in Providence, R. I., was held from the residence of his uncle, Albert Donaldson, at 363 Fifth street, Detroit. The services were private and the
remains were interred in Crooks cem-

ont.

emains were interesting the state of t

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

day evening at his home in this village day evening at his home in this yillare, the occasion being the anniversary of his hirthday. The surprise was gotten up by his wife and it was a surprise. Pedro, flinch and crokinois, and a most obounteous supper made an evening long to be remembered by all present. Mes, a Lond Harmach helped Mrs. Carter entertain. A graphophone operated by Mr. Clearence Riffenberg added greatly to the pleasures of the evening.

BIRMINGHAMMER SHOPS IN DETROIT

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And so she took it back.

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And so she took it back. Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of lett February 18, 1905: J. E. Gardner, Rev. E. Miller, Mis

Mamie Powell.

R. CRUSOE---MARINER.

"There's no use in talking about any of these new-fangled stories—there is nit one of them that can touch good old Robinson Crusoe!" That's the sentiment of the average healthy minded boy—and he's right, too. Poor old Robinson Crusoe and the goats and parrots and his wonderful man 'Priday! Has your his wonderful man Friday! Has votus boy ever read this great story? If not, we can help you give him one of the greatest pleasures of his life—and for rzc, too. We have a splendid edition of this old and time-woru book in Our New Home Library, and we want to show it to any parent who thinks of giving his boy a nice birthday present. Your boy will always be grateful for a present that will give him so much enjoyment.

🖁 A BABY-STORY AND A STORY-BABY

Last Monday morning W. F. Story of Briar Bank Farm came hurrically into the Exchange Bank and asked Whitehead if he could borrow a suit of his clothes and a hat.

Of course when Whitehead looked up-his mind that his good friend Story of Briar Bank must be damaged in the cupols, but imagine his surprise when he discovered that Story had grown about a foot, his hat was perched on the top of his head for all the world like Happy a foot, his hat was perched on the top cohis head for all the world like Happ Hooligan, his pants were of the hig water variety and the whole suit has evidently been picked too soon for it we impossible to button vest or coat about

impossible te button vest or coat al his ample person. "Well," said Whitehead, "that's greatest metamorphosis that I heard of."

heard of."
"Taint any such thing," said Story.
"It ain't a—what you said. It's a boy!
He came last night and he's a dandy and
everybody is well and happy this morning! Hoop la! Hurrah for our side!"
Well, after Whithead had gone home
and donned his blue jean fishing suit he
let Story have his only good suit of
clothes to wear until he regains his
normal size.

THE BIRMINGHAM STORK

a Very Busy Bird Just at the Pr

Time.

Last Saturday the stork had a busy day for her ladyship. At the Brooks farm very, very early in the day this generous bird left a fine ten-pound baby girl and Papa Brooks is busy now-a-days passing round the cigars to celebrate the event. Miss Madel is very proud of her baby sister, and all are doing finely.

At Mr. and Mrs. Ed McQuarter's this busy bird made no mistake the Monday following where a bouncing baby girl was left among three brothers much to the joy of the parents. To all these new dwellers among us we wish a long and happy life.

time ago, and in good time to celebra Washington's birthday.

WHOLE NO. 1445 MODERN SURGERY

Dr. Geo. P. Raynale Reads Pa Pyloric-Stenesis Gastro Enterostomy.

any of the Birm

Dr. George P. Raynale properly diag-nosed the case of Chas. G. Reynolds as being of this class, and he was removed to Harper hospital, operated upon and came home again within two weeks, upon his feet, when we all looked for his home-coming in a box. When he left the hospital he weighed 120 pounds and he now weighs 170 and

And Learn What Nice Exercises Will Be Held at the M. E. Church Sunday Next.

AT THE THEATERS.

Rice and Barton's big extravaganns/
company is paying its annual visit to the
Avenue this week, and this fact is the
signal for crowded and delighted houses
who epjoy to the limit the endless list of
good things incorpora

Splendid Granite Pilla Splendid Grante Pillar.

In Oakwood cemetry at Troy, N.
Y., there is a grante monument erected to Gen. John E. Wool on the style of an obelisk. The needle is one solid piece and is one and a half feet longer than the obelisk in Central park, New York. It was cut, in this country in the state of Maine.

Puzzle: If the parior clock says 11:40, and the library clock says 12:03, and the kitchen clock says 11:54, and the dining room clock says 11:40, and your watch says 12:07 and your wife's watch says 12 o'clock to a second, what time is it?—Somerville Journal.

when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is aback, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Glay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neurarjas of the liver and stomach, ny heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very had for a long time, but in Electric Bitters, I found just what I seeded, for they quickly relieved and cared me. Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Whitehad A. Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists, at 30c a bottlé,