THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
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To Our Friends.

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

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HOME NOTES

New Advertisements.

William H. Elliott Co—Dry Goods—Detroit
The J. L. Hudson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.
Waite Bros. & Robertson—Dry Goods—Pontiac
H. B. Merritt—Shoes—Pontiac.

Village election coming.

More interest expressed in village election now than for many years past.

Going to the oyster supper? Where? Masonic Hall. When? March 3.

March butted in something like a lamb, but it is liable to butt out like a billy goat.

Free public library or not? Pools are selling right along 5 to 3 that the vote will carry.

Special meeting of O. E. S., Wednesday evening, March 8. Mary Gravelin, Sec'y.

Mrs. Herbert Poppleton entertained the Bridge Whist club on Tuesday afternoon.

Chapman Bros. of Southfield have four good milch cows for sale and they must be sold this month.

Mr. and Mrs J. G. Quarton entertained a select company of Birmingham young people on Thursday evening.

For Sale—Registered stallion King Nelson, No. 34280, by Nelson. Cooper Stock Farm, Birmingham, Mich.

Wanted—A girl for housework. Only two in the family. Call on Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Maple avenue, Birmingham.

Mrs. Delia Phelps and Miss Carrie Kimball, of Pontiac, made Mrs. Elizabeth Randall a visit a day long last week.

To rent or work on shares—A farm of 80 acres, one-half mile south of Erlty's school house, 2 miles west. John Youngs, Southfield.

I will meet you at Library Hall, Birmingham, Tuesday evening, March 7, 8 o'clock sharp. We will see Ben Hur together.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will be entertained by Mrs. Miller on Wednesday, March 8. Everybody welcome.

Farm for rent—55 acres in Troy, about 2 1-2 miles east of Birmingham, Mich. Apply to or address Peter Kerr, Birmingham, Mich.

For Sale—One small size baseburner, one season and in good condition. Address W. H., Box 55, Birmingham, Mich. tf

Benj. Tregent, of Pontiac, is dead. He died at the Hotel Clinton. He leaves two daughters, Miss Lola and Miss Ruth.

Take a policy in The Ætna Insurance Co., and in case of accident or sickness you get weekly indemnity. J. A. Bigelow, Agt.

From a business point of view, the offer made to this village by the Library Association is a good one, and one we may never get again.

All kinds green wood, all body beech and maple, $2.00 per cord. Other kinds cheaper. O. A. Hunt, R. F. D. No. 4, Birmingham, Mich. 3

The Ladies' Library Society offers to give to the village their 2,300 books, and a site—the best in the village—for a free public library, provided the voters will vote a one mill tax for its support.

V. Nixon is going to close out his large stock of goods in ten days and has placed his business in the hands of a reliable salvage company. See large adv't on inside page for particulars and prices.

The Rev. Dr. Jamieson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will address the High School Literary society at the high school building Thursday evening, March 9. There should be a full attendance.

If you need a watch, watch the Adolph Enggass Jewelry Co.'s new adv't this week. This firm enjoys a substantial trade among many classes of customers and their work and goods never fail to give the best of satisfaction.

After we get our free public library running, the next move will be a sewer system, and after that electric lighting, and after that paved streets, and after that—oh well, we won't any of us be here then to worry about it.

A late bulletin from Sam W. Smith's sick room says: General improvement is perceptible, but the patient is not yet in condition to be seen by friends." At best he will not be able to return to Michigan until some time after adjournment.

Miss Tillie Walker is at Briar Bank farm caring for Mrs. Wm. Story and the new boy who arrived there lately. She has so many "Don'ts" for Papa Story that he is beginning to think of publishing a book—a veritable ten-story affair.

Chas. J. Parks has builded for Whitehead & Mitchell a new handsled, ironed and painted it up in gorgeous style. Any lady wishing to go coasting with D. O. D. Mitchell, send in their formal notice not later than Friday of each week.

Supt. Barclay, superintendent of the D. U. R. railway, rejoices over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy at his home one night last week. It won't be long before the young man will help father to run the Birmingham Division of the greatest trolley system in the West.

Much to the glad surprise of her tenants and many friends, Mrs. Emma C. Tibbils has returned home from her winter's sojourn in Cleveland—and she's Mrs. Tibbils yet, contrary to the rumor that had married her off to a Cleveland millionaire.

The ladies of the O. E. S. give an oyster supper in Masonic Hall, Friday evening, March 3. Supper will be served from 5 until 8 for the small price of 25 cents. A short program has been arranged for the evening and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. S. W. Fuller on Tuesday, March 7, at 2:30. Reports will be expected, from the officers and Supt. of departments. It is important that there be a full attendance of members. Sec'y.

Farm of 117 acres for sale or rent in Royal Oak township, on 12-mile road, one mile west of Woodward avenue. A good improved farm, good, comfortable buildings and a never failing well of water. Money rent preferred. Apply to Frank Richard, Royal Oak Village.

The Gov. Warner special train to Washington, which left yesterday, took with it a large crowd of excursionfsts. Mr. and Mrs. Ira J. Chatfield of this place went along and after taking in the inauguration, will make a visit with their son, Lieut. Fred J. Chatfield, who is in the government employ there.

Our school board is "A1," and up to date in everything. They have just added to the laboratory for the class in physics the finest outfit in material and supplies that ever was put in commission by any school in the Wolverine state. This progressive board has signed a contract for a telephone in the superintendent's office.

Tuesday, March 21, at 1 o'clock p. m. the heirs of the Fred Langarman Estate will sell on the premises 1 mile west and 3-4 of a mile north of Warren village, a 40 acre farm, clay loam soil. Must be sold to settle estate. Terms, one-half down and balance on time to suit buyer, at 6 per cent. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

Back to the old home or very near it is the song in John Laidlaw's heart. No use of talking John could not be happy in the east. His heart was in the west, so last week he bought from August Miller the old Joe Parks farm west of the village. We are glad of it—this keeps Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw in our vicinity.

Mrs. John Toms and daughter, Mrs Addie Jenks, are off to Washington, going on Governor Warner's special train which left Detroit yesterday for the Inauguration ceremonies. They will be away visiting Mrs. Toms' sister for a month or so. Their headquarters will be with Wm. Fletcher, superintendent of pensions.

The January bulletin of vital statistics in Michigan shows that there were 73 deaths in Oakland county during that month, a death rate of 18.7 per thousand population. There were nine deaths from pneumonia. Of the total number of deaths 34 were of persons more than 65 years of age. Five deaths resulted from consumption.

The K. P. boys tendered Seymour Adams a reception Monday evening in honor of his marriage, which took place Wednesday eve. He was entertained in the manner usually adopted by the K. Ps. on such occasions, and he was presented with a beautiful double carving set by the lodge, and various other presents by individual members of the order.

Do we want to be without any library in this place? For years the Ladies' Library of this village has furnished the popular, new books to our people. Now the needs of the people are greater than their power to supply. They are willing to give all they have to further the needs of the village.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an entertainment on St. Patrick's day in the evening, Be Jabers. Next week we will be able to give full particulars.

The Pontiac Merchants many of them have discarded forever advertising in the way of circulars, dodgers, handbills, and the like, and judging from past experiences it is now declared that newspaper advertising is the best and most economical method. Hammond and Judd, recently announced that they see no reason why they should distribute hand bills or dodgers.

The graphophone has scored a new success. Mitchell sent a Columbia graphophone out to a farm on the hill side and a few days later the lady of the house called Mitchell up by phone and said: "Not an egg have we had all winter from a large flock of hens, but yesterday we got six nice, fresh eggs. The hens heard the music and they thought it was spring, so they got busy right away."

Mrs. Albert Jacobs was very much surprised when seven friends of hers walked in on her one day last week. Mrs. Dane Poppleton, Mrs. Neff of Pontiac, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Case, Miss Floyd of Detroit, Miss White, Mrs Stearns. After a game of bridge whist the ladies brought out the tea and sandwiches, ice cream and cake, and a right jolly time was had, if they did take Mrs. J. by storm.

The farm residence of Percy Parmenter was consumed by fire Monday afternoon. Mr. Parmenter was in town when he heard of it and hastened home to find every thing all in. The fire is supposed to have caught from a stove in a front room and was well under way when discovered. About 25 neighbors hustled but everything possible. The contents of the cellar and upper floors were lost; building fully insured in the Monitor.

E. J. Ferguson will sell at auction on the Stanley farm one mile south of Birmingham, Thursday, March 9, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Thirty grade Durham cows consisting of springers, milkers and dry cows, due at different times; wide tire wagon, set trucks, Deering hay rake, two hay racks, double breeching harness, cream separator, 2 plows, grain drill, mower, top buggy, pair bobsleighs, fanning mill, 8 milk cans, etc. Free lunch at noon. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

Vroom Bros.' auction occurs on the premises known as the Paul Parks farm, one mile west of Birmingham, on Saturday, March 4, at 10 o'clock a. m. Four mares, 10 cows, 2 plows, drag, binder, mower, walking cultivator, wagon, land roller, milk cart, harnesses, hay fork, 1,000 bu. hand husked corn, 800 bu. oats, 500 bu. potatoes, 40 chickens and other articles will be sold. Easy terms. Free lunch at noon. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

Miss Anna V. Whitney will give one of her most interesting and popular stereopticon lectures on Ben Hur, under the auspices of the Whitney Sunday school class, at Library Hall, Birmingham, Tuesday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock. Ben Hur has a thrilling interest that but few books possess. The dramatic force of this story cannot be realized unless you see the beautiful illustrations. Over 80 artistic views will be shown in connection with this lecture.

Gen. Lew Wallace's most famous work, Ben Hur, will be most beautifully illustrated showing the Magi in the desert, Ben Hur saves the life of Arrius, Ben Hur is made a galley slave, his mother and sister confined in a leper's cell, he beats Messala, the wealthy Roman, in the great chariot race. This wonderful race will be pictured most vividly. Ben Hur's death is plotted, but he escapes, etc. See it all at Library Hall, Birmingham, Tuesday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Zimmerman gave them a surprise party one night last week at which time friends from Troy and Pontiac were in attendance with a goodly number of Birmingham people. Progressive games and other kinds of amusements, with a delightfully served lunch of cake and ice cream. At a late hour the party broke up, all happy, having enjoyed themselves hugely. Miss Nellie Randall and Mrs. Benj. Converse were the ones who were responsible for it all.

Carrie E. Mitchell writes home of the great weather she is enjoying out in Missouri. Thermometer dropped down to 32° below zero Both the students, she with Miss Grace Smith, enjoy their studies and will have one year longer from Feb. 1st. They are talking of taking the Illinois examination in Chicago next April. Should they decide to practice osteopathy in Michigan, they will now be obliged to take a three years' course and their last year will be a post graduate year in Chicago or Buffalo.

Pontiac fair grounds may be sold to pay the bonded indebtedness. We think it an outrageous shame. In order to get the State Fair at Pontiac these bonds were issued to erect buildings expecting the fair to become permanent. The fair was at Detroit once, and lost. It was at Saginaw, and lost. It was at Grand Rapids and lost. It was at Pontiac and for the first time in its history was put on a paying basis. And in return therefor, the local association may lose its grounds, and Oakland county not have even the old time county fair.

A quiet family wedding was held at the residence of Mr. E. M. Rippon, 119 Langley Ave., Detroit, on the evening of Feb. 25. The contracting parties were Bessie M. Rippon only daughter of Mr. E. M. Rippon, and Dr. N. B. Webber, son of Dr. N. W. Webber of this village. The presents were numerous and costly. The happy couple immediately started on a prolonged tour in the South where they will spend the remainder of the winter. The happy groom is one of Detroit's leading young physicians. Misses Edith and Caro Nason, of this village, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nason, acted as maids of honor.

Now, about that Boyd farm in Troy. Thought it was sold, didn't you; well, it isn't. It is actually the cheapest proposition on our list and more than worth the money asked for it and it is the wonder of everybody that it hasn't been snapped up before this. An even thousand dollars cash will buy it and the balance can be paid on long and easy terms. This is the best chance we have had for a long time for a young man to work his way into the most desirable property in Troy at a low price. Now, wait a minute! Flowing well, good, comfortable buildings, right on the Electric road, R. F. D., farm 97 acres well fenced and thoroughly drained, good neighborhood and, well what do you want anynow? See Whitehead at the Exchange Bank, and Do it Today!

The Republican nominating convention of the Sixth Judicial district, comprising the counties of Oakland and Lapeer, met at the opera house in Oxford on Saturday last and the Oakland delagation had a special train over the P. O & N under the personal supervision of Geo. W. Dickinson. It was generally conceded that the only man in sight was Judge Geo. W. Smith of Pontiac and it was not generally known that there was any other candidate. But the Lapeer brethren had a candidate up their sleeves and as they had only eleven votes to Old Oakland's twenty-three, it was amusing to see the well laid plan that they tried on the Oakland delegates to win out for their man; but it did'nt work. Judge Smith was nominated to succeed himself by a strict county vote of 28 to 11. The Lapeer brethren put up such a smart scheme that it was really worthy of better results, but they discovered that they couldn't even make a deadlock of it. The Oakland delegation had their thinkboxes at work and were not to be caught napping. For further particulars ask some of the delegates A. Whitehead represented Bloomfield at this convention.

DEALINGS IN DIRT.

Last week the real estate department of the Exchange bank sold for W. N. Castle to V. Nixo lots 26, 27, 28 and 29, of Castle's plat Birmingham.

Also a tract of 11.66 acres on the west side of Woodward avenue, just north of the village, for Dr. Pomeroy of Cleveland, Ohio, to Nelson Shattuck.

The new offering this week is a little over two acres within half a mile of the village on the north, with house and barn, well, cistern, cellar, etc., and if you get busy at once you can get it for $300 cash. Ask Whitehead at the bank, and Don't Delay.

STARTLING MORTALITY.

Statistics show startling mortality, from appendicitis and peritonitis. To prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery, of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation & Biliousness." 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's, druggists.

Check on Lovemaking.

Atlantic City, N. J., dispatch: Too much lovemaking on the beach has moved Mayor Stoy to frame new orders for the life guards, who have police powers, to exercise censorship over bathers who "spoon" after a bath.

DETROIT
William H. Elliott Co.
Magazines at Stationery Department

SILKS—

Rajah Pompadour Silks, the first shipment of which to Detroit we display. Exquisite Pompadour effects, printed on genuine Rajah Pongee White and Naturelle ground, embellished with floral designs—width 30-in—Price $1.50 yard. We are its exclusive sellers.

The Genuine "Rajah" Pongee sold only at Elliott's. No matter what others tell you, fetch in the samples given out as Rajah and we'll show you the difference. In stock—Navy, Brown, White, Ceil Blue, Reseda, Burgundy, Cammagne, Black, Pasturelle, etc. Width 30 inches—$1 25 yard.

Suiting Silks in hair line and dot effects—very effective, stylish designs, and now 69c yd.

Louisine Check Silks in the much wanted "changeable" colors. Nothing to equal them elsewhere at our price. 69c yard.

Bonnet's Beautiful Black Taffeta Silk—We offer a regular 19-inch 75c number, for 63c, as an ad.

Yard Wide Bonnet Black Taffeta, $1.69 value, for $1.25.

New Taffeta for lining in fifty new shades, just unpacked. Plain colors and changeable effects. The best silk for the purpose made. To introduce it we offer the 85c quality for 75c yd.

WASH GOOD DEPT—

An assortment of Fancy Basistes in pleasing designs, 12½c quality, for 7c yard.

Very attractive designs—new Ginghams—also plain colors, 10c and 12½c yd.

Satin Striped Poplin Effects—very new—25c value for 17c.

Wash Voiles—new and attractive colors—15c yard.

COLORED MOHAIRS—

Though very scarce we have the best assortment in this city. We do not like to talk scarcity, but if you want a Mohair Gown Buy It Now.

50c yard—45-inch Sicilian and Mohair Blues and Browns, a special offer.

$1.00 yard—Novelty in Mohair. About half a hundred separate and distinct styles and colors, width 46-in —choice goods.

$1.25—46 inch Gray and Black Checked Chiffon Mohairs designs that can't be found in Detroit outside of this store.

$1.50—Those Awfully Swell Shadow Checks Mohairs from England's best mill, finished like silk—46 inches wide.

75c—Best English made Mohairs and Sicilians—our own importations—width 45 inches. Price from 75c to $1 25 yard.

50c, etc—Very fetching styles in Popular Checks, Blue and White, Brown and White, Red and White, Green and Blue—50c, 59c and 75c yard.

59c—All Wool Panama Cloth, woven especially for Plaited Skirts, extra quality and right colors. Just for an ad.

ELLIOTT'S FOR WHITE GOODS—

8c to 35c range the prices for White India Linon and Victoria Samis, from the best makers.

15c to 75c—Persian Samis, sheer and desirable.

25c to 75c—Finest Grades of Sheer White Mull.

25c to 75c—48-inch White French Batiste.

18c—Special sale of White Dimity and Dotted Swiss.

20c to 30c—Very desirable White Striped Madras for Waists and Skirts.

Very newest Styles in Imported Embroidered Waist Patterns, $1.98 to $8 00.

School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.

Editor-in-Chief—CLARENCE WEST.

Only four months more of school!

Only two weeks more of plane geometry.

The class in German I will finish their text book this week.

The 2nd and 3rd grade room has been furnished with recitation seats.

We will soon hear the hum of preparation for the Junior Exhibition.

After an absence of three weeks Miss Eva McClellan is again in school.

Miss Marion Clizbe and Emma Miller visited B. H. S. Monday afternoon.

The office has been furnished with new curtains. We congratulate Prof. Bellis upon his pleasant room.

The class in German II not being able to obtain the book "Hermon and Dorethea," are reading "aus danischer zeit."

The Junior social at Miss Agnes McDonald's was well attended, and the class treasury is now running over with money.

The Juniors are pleased to welcome Miss Olive Denison to their number. She entered school Monday, coming from Royal Oak.

Prof. Bellis has the program for next year all arranged. We present you a fine course of study. Foreign pupils, before deciding, will do well to call upon the B. H. S.

The last literary meeting was well attended. A fine program was well rendered. The center of interest was the debate: "Can Lincoln justly be called as great a benefactor to his country as Washington?" Affirmative, Clarence J. West, Grace Purdy; negative, Earl Barr, Cora Storr. The affirmative won, though we congratulate the negative upon their strong arguments.

Curious Traits of Ants.

In the proceedings of the Philadelphia academy Miss A. M. Fields records three instances of curious traits displayed by ants kept under observation in the laboratory at Wood's Holl, Mass. In the first case the actions recorded suggest something akin to hypnotism, while from the third there seems a possibility that these insects may be able to remember and recognize individuals of their own kind after a separation of several years. The reactions of ants to vibrations is the subject of another article in which it is urged that it is misleading to ascribe or deny hearing to these insects. They are very sensitive to the vibrations of solids, but not to those of air.

SOUTHFIELD.

Joe Gray is suffering with a felon.

The dance at Southfield was a great success.

Wm. Maltrott's family are afflicted with the measles.

Many friends visited Mr. and Mrs. Leman Jinks Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Church spent Sunday in Detroit with friends.

Many friends spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Millard.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lockwood is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Archie Hooper mourns the loss of a very valuable Scotch collie dog. The animal had many accomplishments, the smoking of a cigar or pipe being among them.

CLAWSON.

German measles are all around our vicinity.

Percy Parmenter was burned out Monday afternoon.

Mark Halsey takes vocal lessons of a teacher in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Groves visited in Detroit last Sunday.

Get your ticket of the Ladies' Improvement Society on the quilt. Only 10c.

Wm. Ambler, of Northville, spent Sunday with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Blair.

Miss Dora Lamb, of Big Beaver, spent Sunday afternoon with her friends, the Robbins family.

Mrs. H. J. Bowers and daughter Jessie spent Monday with their niece and sister in Pontiac at the Columbia.

Mrs Palliste and daughter Ella, of Big Beaver, spent Monday afternoon with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Hommel.

Joe Parks leaves Louis Stauch's farm. He has bought a farm near Union Corners and will move on it in the spring

Miss Bessie Robbins returned from Milford Friday where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. E. Stanley nee Grace Robbins.

Diaz Opens Big Hospital.

City of Mexico dispatch: President Diaz formally opened the new general hospital Sunday. The buildings are many and grouped according to modern requirements, the whole constituting a most perfect hospital.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
stops the cough and heals lungs

CLEARS UP THE COMPLEXION.

Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb Say Laxakola Tonic Tablets Work Wonders for the Skin.

It is hard to tell just why these little tablets have become so popular with Birmingham ladies but considering the short time they have been advertised, the demand for them has been cause for wonder.

They are no different in appearance from other laxative tablets, but they really must possess unusual merit for from our own personal observation we know that they always do just what is expected of them.

Their action upon the skin and complexion is remarkable for the principal ingredient in them is extract of dandelion, and your own doctor will tell you that dandelion is one of the greatest skin alteratives known to the profession

If your bowels are inactive, your skin sallow, your tongue coated, your breath foul, and if you are troubled with pimples, billious spells and sick headache, a 25-cent package of Laxakola Tonic Tablets will clear up your complexion, tone up your liver, encourage the action of your bowels and make you sweet, clean and healthy, inside and out, or these druggists will gladly pay back your money.

Left-Handed Compliment.

This was the felicitous compliment of the mayor of Coventry to Queen Elizabeth after the rout of the armada: "I always thought, your majesty, that the Spaniard, when he attacked you, got the wrong sow by the ear!"

AN INTERESTING STATEMENT.

Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb Say They Have at Last Discovered a Positive Cure for Indigestion.

"For years," said a member of one of the above drug firm, "we have been waiting for some one to discover a remedy that really will cure dyspepsia.

"We recently learned that a new remedy, Pepsikola Tablets, had been placed on the market, and on investigation we found that at last there is a remedy that surely will cure.

"We laid in a big supply because we knew that as soon as the people began to know about this remarkable remedy there would be a big demand for it, and it is selling beyond our expectations."

It is not often a druggist sells a new remedy on a positive guarantee, but unless cured of nervousness, dizzy spells, sour stomach, coated tongue, palpitation, and other symptoms of dyspepsia, these druggists will hand back your money cheerfully and without argument.

No one should hesitate on trying a 25-cent box of Pepsikola Tablets as they will not cost you a penny should they fail to relieve and cure the very worst case of indigestion and dyspepsia.

FOUR GREAT
CLOAK SALES
THE GREATEST CLOAK SALE OF THE SEASON

1st CHOICE of our entire stock of LADIES' Fine CLOTH COATS, former price up to $25, for - - - $7.50

2nd—All Our Ladies' Winter Cloth Coats
Former prices up to $15, for
$5.00

3rd—Women's Tight-Fitted Coats
In all-wool Kerseys, three-quarter length—sizes up to 36—former prices up to $15—for
$2.98

4th—A Large Lot of Ladies' 27-in. Coats
In Black, Brown and Castor—mostly small sizes—former prices up to $10.00 for
$1.98

THE J. L. HUDSON CO.,
"The Big Store"
DETROIT, MICH.