

To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers... it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed this advertisement in our paper.

HOME NOTES

New Advertisements. H. B. Morris—Shoe—Pontiac. L. Lee Trust—Hardware—Birmingham.

Charles Reynolds is now carrier on E. F. D. No. 2.

The W. C. T. U. met on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Grace Trumbull.

For Sale—Early and late seed potatoes. Inquire of H. F. Daniels.

Mrs. Eugene Allen of Ypsilanti, was a guest of Mrs. Dr. N. T. Shaw, part of last week.

Mr. Adam Fox and son of Saginaw, Mich., were the guests of Elmer Munro last week.

Bert Bird and family will leave in the near future for Seattle, where they will make their home.

New hymn books have been purchased for the Presbyterian church and were used for the first time on Sunday last.

Mrs. William Storey, of Brier Bank farm, visited friends in town last Tuesday. Young Mr. Storey remained at home.

For Sale—Good hickory mill wood, \$3.00 per cord, delivered. Inquire of W. L. Miner at handle factory.

Property for sale on Saginaw street. Terms reasonable. For particulars inquire at Exchange Bank or of Mollie G. Smith.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold a maple sugar social in the basement of the church, on Tuesday evening, April 25, to which everybody is invited.

Arthur Bellarby was brought to the Oakland county jail recently on a charge of non-support preferred by his wife. His wife lives at Clarkston. He is 41 years of age.

It would seem as though there should be no trouble in securing legislation to help the work of our village improvement society for the cleanliness of our alleys.

Last week a pair of gold glasses with chain attached. The finder will confer a favor by leaving them at Whitehead & Mitchell's store.

William Hutton will occupy the Hanna property on Merrill street. Mr. Hutton has decided not to go to Ohio to live but to remain here in Birmingham. Good for him.

The Junior and Senior classes in our High School, do laboratory work, from 10:30 to 11:15. Why not step in some day and see the business methods pursued?

For Sale—One lot and a-half on Southfield Ave., 60 feet front, south of W. D. Clizbe's residence. It can be bought cheap. T. Robinson, 476 Belvidere Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Pupils Wanted—I am prepared to take a few pupils in piano music. Terms and known at my home on Ann street. Lessons given at home of pupils if desired. Mrs. J. B. Parker.

The Ladies' Church Society of the Presbyterian church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. John Snow, Wednesday afternoon, April 19. All are invited.

Walter McBride has gone to Casopolis, Mich., where he has secured a very lucrative position in a dentist office. His many friends here wish him the very best of success.

Miss Mayme Taber has an interesting class of young eclecticians coming forward. She says they all have great talent and it won't be long before we all will have speaking galore.

Prof. J. B. Field smiled on his many friends Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He has purchased a fine home on First street, in Jackson, Mich., and is waxing rich and successful.

All the improvements and beauties brought to our village by the different societies in our midst, cost the taxpayer nothing. The least we can do, is to appreciate them and say so.

A cheap home for someone. I offer for rent tenant house on my farm in Southfield, one-half mile

south and two miles west of Brity's Mills. Call or write Jno. Young, R. F. D. Birmingham, Mich. 3. The Wilson Railway Gate Co.'s works are just rushing business. Seven orders in one day were received this week. A full force is constantly employed in turning out satisfactory gates, and the proprietor, H. C. Wilson, is talking of a night shift and enlarging the plant.

Died, at his home near LeRoy, N. Y., Tuesday, March 28, Ransom Hoffman, in the 83rd year of his age. Deceased was the father of Charles R. Hoffman, who lives just east of this village, and who was with his father during his last illness.

The annual report of the Pontiac postoffice shows a very gratifying increase over that of last year. The receipts for the year ending March 31, 1905, were \$35,650.25 as compared with \$32,321.67 for the year of 1904. The net gain for the year was \$3,328.58.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney H. Lee have returned home to Birmingham, their old home, and are now comfortable in their Brown street home. Mr. Lee will still continue his labors in the city and Mrs. Lee will settle down happy and satisfied in their old Birmingham.

The boys of Birmingham are selling tickets to raise money to organize a baseball team for the coming season. Tickets are good for any one game. Everybody should buy one and help them out as they hope to put a fast team in the field and furnish good amusement for the people.

Mrs. Lynn Richards, of Colerain, gave a granite shower in honor of her sister, Miss Phila King. About 25 young lady friends spent a very pleasant afternoon, and after a bountiful supper they departed, leaving 22 pieces of nice granite ware. The table decorations were pink and green.

Levi P. Goodwin, our boy preacher of whom we are so proud, preached a masterly sermon at the M. E. church Sunday night. It was an off-hand sermon and the points of his text were brought out in a manner calculated to leave a lasting impression on the minds of his hearers.

John E. Curtis, age 20, a young man of Southfield, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Curtis, last Friday night. Funeral held Monday at his late home, services conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Jamieson of the First Presbyterian church of this place. Remains were buried in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. I. Lee Trux and daughter Miss Vallier, are away on a visit with relatives at Eau Claire, Wis. This is a 700 mile trip and the young lady expressed her delight over the varied scenery she beheld while traveling. Mr. Trux is very lonely in his loneliness but will bear his cares bravely like a man until his family returns— we hope.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bishop, of Maple avenue, have been entertaining a bridal couple on their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. C. Six from Bryan, Ohio. The bride's name was Miss Terry Rhodes and a sister of Mrs. Bishop. They were married by Rev. S. R. Williams at the M. E. parsonage last week Wednesday and now are in their new home at Bryan, Ohio. "Rah for Bryan!"

E. L. Lamb is redeaved over the gas plant and expresses himself in no doubtful terms as to the fact that they furnish light for our entire town and do not have a light in front of their own plant. Ed thinks that for an adv't of itself they ought to have a dazzler right out in front while as to the disposition of their waste and used carbide ??????—but that is still another matter.

A gang of students from the Detroit University School of learning made merry all night long recently at Cranbrook farm of Geo. G. Boia. Initiating a pair of novices into the secret mysteries of a secret order of that institution. The street car line and an auto containing eight members brought out the gang and what the candidates didn't get done to 'em 'isn't worth mentioning.

Rev. W. S. Watson addressed the Business Men's club on "The Slum of New York" last Sunday. It was a portrayal of how the lower grade of humanity exist in such places, and many scenes degrading to christian life were depicted. This was Mr. Watson's last appearance as pastor of the St. James church. A new pastor will be located here and Mr. Watson will devote his time to his Detroit congregation.

Some years ago Detroit fought against the establishment of an Art Museum. Last Sunday afternoon Prof. Griffith received

the thanks of the immense audience gathered there for the instruction that the museum had enabled him to give. So every town, small as well as large, comes in time to prize the gifts offered. We at one time spurned water and light. Now we are glad we have them. There may be other lessons to learn.

James L. Todd and George Purdy are getting beat land to beat the band. When Messrs. Todd or Purdy tell the farmer man that they will furnish fresh seed, pay all the freight charges on seeds to Caro, and pay for the best \$5.00 per ton flat on E. R. Smith & Co.'s scales—its easy getting acreage. We are glad to know that the farmers are taking kindly to the proposition and we hope to see the old best fields in full feather again.

The Woman's Literary club is the guests of Mrs. C. M. Rynald during the month of April. Last week the subjects discussed were Civil Service Reform, and the Evils of Spoil System, also Journalism in Japan. This week the topics were The Working Woman and the Working Girl, Manners and Customs in Corea, Current Literature, The Japanese in America. Several members have recently withdrawn from the club and their places were filled from members on the waiting list, but the waiting list is still long.

A plan is under way by which the Detroit automobile club may erect a country club house in the neighborhood of Pine Lake. This move is said to be the outgrowth of the popularity of Oakland county roads and scenery for the auto men, the members desiring that a place be provided where they can entertain themselves while in this vicinity. Negotiations are now being carried on with a party who owns much frontage on Pine Lake and the deal is very apt to go through. The membership of the club will not altogether be limited to automobiles, but a limited number of Pontiac people, it is said, will be invited to join.

At the annual meeting of the Village Improvement Society held last week, a number of suggestions were made for the improvement of the village. The planting of hardy vines was urged as a means of adding permanent beauty to the homes. The planting of trees for people unable to plant for themselves, was offered both by the Village Improvement society and by the Town Improvement committee of the Woman's club. The seats along the streets were ordered painted like the fountain. The purchase of \$75 packages of flower seeds by the school children through the Improvement was resorted to. A few more street signs were ordered painted. The question of cleaner alleys was discussed at length. Most of the members of the society felt that it was useless without some law of the board forbidding the sweeping of stairs and public buildings into the streets, and the placing of papers on public or private property without immediately burning the same. With the assistance of such a law the society will buy furnaces to be put in three places where most needed. The society will hold its annual food sale May 27, and hope to realize a sum sufficient to carry on all this work. The officers of the society are: President, Miss M. Baldwin; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Cooper; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. F. Shain.

The Mexican Indians deal on the radio, a heavy machine. They are very intelligent and are a fair race for their kinsmen in the United States and South America. Among many of the tribes I found a higher degree of morality than in civilized countries. The worst of the worst forms of disease are unknown among them. The land is held in common.—Dr. Carl Lambolt.

SURPRISE TESTS FOR ENGINE MEN

Queen & Crescent Inaugurate a New System of Examinations.

From the Commercial Tribune, Friday, Mar. 31. The Queen & Crescent is putting its engine men and trainmen through severe tests in the interests of safety, better and more expeditious service. The management has quietly put into effect a system of "surprise tests" which are calculated to awaken engineers to their responsibilities.

ISSUE A CIRCULAR. In a circular letter addressed to engineers previous to the inauguration of the "surprise" tests, most stores have been advised to follow printed rules to the letter, and not rely on "customary practice," in cases of doubt.

The circular was headed "Etternal Vigilance is the Price of Safety." The company stated in cases of "secret tests" engine men never knew when a red light would be turned against them or when they would be placed in a position to choose between their own discretion and the letter of printed rules.

The company of "surprise tests" not only included the use of semaphore signals, but while signals of all sorts placing of rear-end flagman, torpedo testing, burning face tests and all kinds of "surprise" tests. The time and places for the tests were kept secret. Engine men and trainmen did not know when a trainmaster, a road foreman, superintendent or train rule examiner was standing behind the glare of a red light or in the shadow of a section house.

A train rule examiner is a new functionary. The Queen & Crescent has appointed one for every division. The manner in which their duties are arranged is illustrated in the case of an engineer who unwisely followed what he thought was "customary practice" instead of plainly printed rules. When this engineer failed in the surprise test he was notified to appear before the train rule examiner. The latter subjected him to a rigid examination on his knowledge of the rules.

HOW THE CHECK IS MADE. The engineer passed a high average and the record was certified to the Superintendent. The latter looked it over, saw that the engineer could quote the rules correctly, and, therefore, was correct in assuming that the engineer's failure at the "surprise test" was entirely due to carelessness.

It became the duty of the Superintendent to decide what disciplinary measures were necessary. Since the "surprise tests" were inaugurated the discipline of the engine men has greatly improved. General Manager W. A. Gardner said yesterday he was much gratified by results.

In order to ineffaceably impress upon every engineer the fact that speed is not the first consideration the management of the company has given orders that the words "Safety before Speed" shall be enclosed in bright letters on the cab of every locomotive where the eyes of the engineer will constantly see them.

ENGINEER ON RECORD. A feature of the new system is placing every engineer on record as to his views. When the signal circles were sent out, engineers were asked to write their views as to whether they thought that the record of a certain Chicago line could be equalled. This record showed 500 "surprise tests" in one month without a single failure on the part of the engine men. It is the call of every locomotive where the eyes of the engineer will constantly see them.

EFFORTS ARE INEFFECTUAL. To Give Suburban Passengers Preference on Suburban Cars in Detroit. From the Pontiac Press. So far the efforts of attempting to get proper accommodations for the interurban patrons of the Detroit United Railway have resulted in but little. Out of town people are of the opinion that Detroit people should be kept out of the interurban cars so as to give those taking the longest ride the benefit of the seats. The matter has been referred to F. W. Brooks, assistant general manager of the Detroit United. He expresses his sympathy with the move but says that the course suggested would not be consistent with their franchise that is running the interurban cars as specials and stopping only to take on suburban passengers. Mr. Brooks suggests that the board of trade take the matter up with the Detroit board of commerce and through them, get it before the common council. This course is being pursued and besides, Mayor Cold has been written regarding the grievance.

Advertised Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice April 3, 1905. Chas. Sherman, Mrs. W. B. Bacon, Miss Josie Miller R. F. D. No. 2, Mrs. Thos. Taylor. Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

A Daredevil Ride often ends in a sad accident. To be accidental injuries, use Buckner's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuchle of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Buckner's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Sootless and greaseless, it is made by Dr. J. C. Buckner & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

William H. Elliott Co.

"Even the Brightest Day Hath a Cloud"—We offset the "Clouds of April" by the silver lining of money saving evidenced by the items in this advertisement. We invite your personal inspection of the goods. It's to your interest.

COLORLED GOODS FOR GOWNS.

60c yard—Pretty effects in Shadow Check Mohair, in new Blues, Browns and Greens. Lots of goods at 62 1/2c below town are not so attractive.

75c yard—All-Wool Bluffs of fine quality, in Tans, Blues and Browns. This material is 40 inches wide and is worth at least 90c a yard.

\$1.00 yard—Silk finished Mohair, 40-inch, in Greens and Blue Check, uncommon tints that most stores have had—and can't get.

\$1.00—40-inch Impotted Henriettes—also Silk Warp Henriettes.

\$1.25 and \$1.50—Very swell for Dress Gowns and much more—New York.

\$1.25 yard—Dainty little Check for Light Weight Tailor or Shirt Waist Suits, 50 inches wide. New Browns and Blues.

\$1.50 yard—58-inch Raincloth which we guarantee to be the best quality, six new shades just unboxed. Actual value \$2.00 a yard.

\$1.10 yard, etc.—Stylish Covert Cloth, 54-inches wide for long or short Coats, the correct shades of Tan. You can get a Coat up unexpectedly.

Novelty Mohairs, the largest assortment in Detroit, 50c to \$2.00 a yard.

Cloud Dispellers on Our Fourth Floor. 7c a yard for fine quality Muslin for Curtains.

10c a yard—Fench designs in Cretonnes—regular 15c. val.

10c yard—Best Silkolins, either solid colors or fancy.

75c for an attractive Sanjo Rug, 30x60 inches.

80c for a Stylish Dutch Rug, 27x54 inches.

80c a yard for handsome Velvet Carpeting.

90c, 75c and \$1.00—3 specials in Nottingham Lace Curtains. Actual length and good quality.

SILKS OF CLOUDLESS VALUE.

Bright and fresh from the best makers—at special prices.

49c—18-inch Black Taffeta Silk, pure Silk and 75c value.

39c—37-inch China Silks in all desirable shades, pure silk and the equal of any 50c elsewhere.

50c—Gladia Lining Taffeta. We get 58c for it usually.

50c—Washable Habutai Silk Novelty effects, choice and new.

75c—24-inch Natural Pongee Silk in 15 select designs.

59c—Chargeable colors in Check Saiting Silk—sur 75c quality.

Black BUT CLOUDLESS

We excel in Black Fabrics—1 fact well-known. Items below mean money saved.

39c—All-Wool Black Panama Cloth for Skirts you desire to get wear out of. Value 50c a yard.

59c—42-inch Fine Black Panama Cloth, perfect in every way and well worth the regular price—75c a yard.

59c—Heavy Black Sicilian, excellent lustre and of good wearing quality.

\$1.00—Fine English Sicilian, beautiful Black with a rich lustre—unqualified elsewhere even at \$1.25 a yard.

89c—Black Voile of fine texture, close weave and Chiffon weight. A saving to you of 1c a yard—as most stores are asking \$1.00 for no better.

\$1.00—50-inch Black Ename, medium coarse weave. Mohair warp. Ideal for Walking Skirts. A prompt offer to a well-known maker secured it for our customers. The usual price is \$1.75 a yard.

59c—Very last lot of that Special Cream Worsted Serge. There'll be no more at this low price when this lot is gone.

35c—Dainty shades for Evening Gowns in Albatross—a 50c quality, to close out quickly.

THE BIRMINGHAM GAS COMPANY. Is now ready to make connections with stores and dwellings. Acetylene light is the 20th century light. It is absolutely safe and clean. It requires no care, and is always ready for instant use. It is cheaper than electricity or city gas. It is cheaper than kerosene or gasoline, when allowance is made for lamps, mantles, wicks and care. It is so satisfactory that almost every customer has testified to the company their appreciation of the light and its moderate cost. Birmingham residents have a better light for less money than residents of Detroit. Why not get rid of the dangerous and bad smelling gasoline and the dirty oil lamp when you can save both money and care by so doing? Summer days are coming when a brilliant light with almost no heat will be doubly appreciated. Did you know there is 10 per cent less heat in any given candle power of acetylene than in electricity? It's a fact. Free service will be run to all stores or residences where an order is given prior to May 1st. Give us an opportunity to present you with detailed information.

GROW SUGAR BEETS FOR Mt. Clemens Sugar Co. Not owned or controlled by the Sugar Trust. HAVE SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO OFFER. Don't contract with anyone until I call on you. J. F. Rundel. Grows the only Beet in the world that is guaranteed to produce 16,000 to 18,000 feet of Perpetual snow in the only limit to lowering plants. In fact these have been found growing freely at heights of from 16,000 to 18,000 feet. Mexican Pumpkin. A curious plant has recently been found in Mexico. It is similar to a pumpkin, with a rough, corky bark, resembling that of an oak. It has been named "palma."

We Trust Doctors. If you are suffering from impure blood, thin blood, debility, nervousness, exhaustion, you should begin at once with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the Sarsaparilla you know all your life. Your doctor knows it, too. Ask him about it. The man who has suffered from impure blood and thin blood, debility, nervousness, exhaustion, should begin at once with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the Sarsaparilla you know all your life. Your doctor knows it, too. Ask him about it. The man who has suffered from impure blood and thin blood, debility, nervousness, exhaustion, should begin at once with Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the Sarsaparilla you know all your life. Your doctor knows it, too. Ask him about it.