

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
 500 DOLLAR PRIZE YEARLY AWARD
 HOSTESS—M. MITCHELL, LADY

To Our Friends.

When reading with any of our advertisements in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed these advertisements in our paper. A word from you at the time of reading, sends you a note and a hearty greeting, with you help us to do our best.

HOME NOTES

Skating's great
 Ice cutting in order now.
 Mrs. S. J. Harris, who broke her hip two weeks ago, is slowly convalescing.

Miss Hila Montgomery is now employed as reporter on the staff of the Pontiac Daily Press.

Mrs. Minnie O'Neal attended a party at the Masonic Temple, Detroit, on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams and Miss Anna Quick were guests at Mrs. S. J. Harris' on Tuesday.

Alec Adams, who has been visiting his parents returned to his home in Council Bluffs, Iowa, this week.

Eggs, 30c; Myer's Poultry Spice makes 50c per lb. packages 30c at Whitehead & Mitchell's. All Linbury of the great city of New York, was a guest at dinner at the H. C. Wilson home this week. Same old Al.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Smith attended a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Linbury at Pontiac on Tuesday evening.

Lost—A Masonic pin blue and gold. Finder please leave at this office and ease the aching heart of a sorrowful brother.

If horses could talk they would say, "Give me Myer's Horse and Cattle Soap." Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell, 215 1/2 403.

For Sale—Stove wood 16 inches long, hard. Delivered to any part of the village. Address Ward Park, Birmingham, R.F.D. 1, 12343.

Mrs. Jane Lamb, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Kändall, has returned to the home of her son, W. H. Lamb, of Big Beaver.

Watch for further notice of the entertainment to be given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church on Feb. 22nd, 1906.

Wanted—To buy a second-hand coal heating stove. Must be good and cheap. Mrs. Anna Smith, Birmingham, opposite schoolhouse, 314112.

Mrs. Marshall, who has been spending the past two weeks with her niece, Mrs. Fred Crawford, has returned to her home in Toronto, Ont.

I have stalls in my barn to rent at reasonable rates. Also fine potatoes for sale cheap. Call at my home in Birmingham, Thomas Cook, 12343.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their monthly meeting at Mrs. Stearns Wednesday p. m., Jan. 17. Come and have a social time.

Two accomplished young ladies are canvassing the town for Zolten's having great success. It is the best stuff made for teeth. For sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

These moonlight nights are great for skating and every night the mild mood presents a gay and festive scene. "Shiny" is the favorite game and it has many followers.

The regular annual meeting of the Ladies' Library Society will be held at the Library room Saturday, Jan. 16, at 8.30 p. m. All members are asked to be present. M. Baldwin, Sec.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Lodge No. 149 K. of P. Monday evening, Jan. 15. Installation of officers and work in firm and third ranks. Every member is requested to attend.

You can rent a safe deposit box and have it to the exclusion of every one else for a dollar a year, at the Exchange Bank. Commence the New Year right and try it. You'll never be without it again.

Miss Caroline Poppleton entertained at dinner a bridge last Thursday evening. The guests were Miss Grace White, Birmingham; Dr. Clarence E. Simpson, Pontiac; and Dr. Robt' W. Gillman, Detroit.

The Russell House in Detroit and the old M. I. James house in Birmingham are each disappearing evenly, rapidly and surely. In place of the old Russell House will be erected a new \$1,000,000 hotel. Wonder what will be in place of the M. I. James old home! What if it has not yet been announced by Destroyer Sherman (F. H.).

Birmingham Lodge No. 149, K. of P. has been invited and will attend a meeting of Olympic Lodge in Detroit Friday evening, Jan. 19. A special car will leave Detroit, at 12 o'clock midnight for the return trip. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Campbell entertained about twenty of their neighbors with cards on Thursday evening. Miss C. Blanding and Theor Smith won first prizes, Mrs. Albert Campbell and John Snow, consolation.

Holders in this county will need to be careful now, for the following men have been appointed deputy assessor wardens in this county: E. K. Botsford, Holly; George H. Toms, Birmingham; and Chas. Van Bosker, Pontiac.

Among the letters advertised at the Birmingham postoffice last week was one from Fred Bech. It is no doubt "uncalled for," but we feel it is no wonder if Fred is not a haberdasher. It is not a queer where Fred has been. In North's Record.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox of Detroit will give the first of a series of lectures and class drill on Parliamentary Law at the home of Mrs. A. L. Stearns Friday at 7 p. m. standard. All ladies interested in this subject are cordially invited to attend.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, the ladies of Myer's have presented a beautiful silver tea set to Mrs. Nellie Blair, who is the retiring Comptroller, having held that office for three years and was absent only three meetings in that time.

According to all the good-brother, muskrat-trappers, and various other kinds of prophets, this is going to be a bad winter for the supply. However, as time has demonstrated over and over in this uncertain thimble prophesies never cut any ice, anyway.

Have you caught that range yet? Well, if not, call on J. R. Bakeler in his new store in the Johnston-Shaw block. Roy has anything you want in the hardware line and he and his able assistants are dead willing to show it to you. See their new ad in this issue.

A number of young ladies met at the home of Miss Rena Detmold last week and organized a dancing club by the name of Fleur de la Club, which will give a party at the Johnston-Shaw hall on Friday evening, Jan. 26. The young ladies will endeavor to make this a memorable evening for the young men.

The old saying, Begin the New Year Well, was remembered when about fifty friends and relatives greatly surprised Louis Harnack at his home New Years night, this celebrating the tenth anniversary of their marriage. After joyous time and best of all hearty supper they returned, wishing Lou and his frau many Happy New Years.

A cigarette is a small amount of tobacco rolled up in a paper with a fire at one end and a fool at the other end. Some of the chief enjoyments are considered to be fits, nightmare, cancer of the eyelids and stomach, spinal trouble and softening of the brain, and the result is usually a funeral procession and a family shrouded in gloom.

The order permitting mail to be addressed to numbers on rural routes has been rescinded. The boxes will be numbered hereafter, but no mail addressed to these numbers without the names of the owners of the boxes will be delivered. It is classed with all other mail matter addressed to numbers or initials, as "fictitious matter," and goes to the dead letter office.

Congressman Samuel W. Smith has introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$100,000 for a federal building at Pontiac. The building would be used for postoffice purposes. Pontiac citizens have been working to secure such a building for several years and their hopes are likely to be realized by the passage of the bill now before the House.

Ira Beddow, Professor in Olivet College, spent New Years with his mother and sister in this village. While calling at the library he expressed his surprise that so progressive a town as Birmingham should not have a free public library, saying: "It would add thousands of dollars to the value of property here. Schools may teach, but it is familiarly with books that educates."

The busiest place we have visited recently is W. B. Smith's feed mill near the railroad. Gene is as busy as can be attending to his mill and when not grinding, which seldom happens, he or some competent salesman can sell you sewer crocks, chimney linings and hard wood lumber of all kinds. "Careful attention to business—all goods guaranteed" is the motto of W. Eugene Smith.

Lost—Two bills, a ten and a five dollar bill at Levinson's store or in the street across to hotel. Reward to finder. Leave at Eccentric office. J. W. Hawkins, 1st.

Several have subscribed for the Eccentric to be sent to friends as a yearly reminder for the coming year. We still have room on our books for more such names, and we will be perfectly willing to print the extra papers every week. Now what do you say to subscribing for that father, mother, son, daughter, or any other relative or friend, who may have been a resident of Birmingham or vicinity, and is interested in the doings here.

Don't be a kicker—no man ever made a dollar kicking except a professional ball player. No man ever helped himself up permanently by kicking his neighbor. Speak to God, others kind word and give it freely. It won't cost you a penny, and remember you may want a good word some day. You may have thousands today and tomorrow be without a shive. Don't be a kicker. It don't pay. You can't afford it. There is nothing in it. If you want to throw something at somebody, throw a bottle of cologne, and don't throw mud and brick bats.

Now, here's a farm which we own and don't want. We have lots of farms for sale, but they belong to other people. This is ours and we don't want it. Consequently we will take just what it cost us and let it go at that. How much is it? \$250. How much land? 80 acres. That's only a trifle over \$30 per acre. Good buildings, fairly fenced, good soil, up waste land, and the south 1/2 of north-east 1/4, section 34, in Southfield township. Terms easy and low rate of interest if enough cash is paid to amply secure. Talk to Whitehead about it at the Exchange Bank. The place is well worth twice the money, but we don't want any more farms.

Here's to the spitter of spittle, town, who spotted a spitter and called him down. Detroit's Council has passed a law punishing with fine of not less than one dollar or more than fifty dollars, or imprisonment of sixty days, any one who spits, on any public sidewalk or upon any part of the floor of theatre building, or public hall or other public building, or the platform or steps of any railroad coach, street car or in or upon any omnibus, hack or public conveyance in use upon the streets of the city. If our people had been taught that lesson at home they would be safer in Detroit, Mifflord, Battle Creek and about a hundred other Michigan towns.

There is a beautiful specimen of the head of a wolverine mounted on exhibition at the Exchange Bank this week. It was shot by the Cas-McCade outlaws in Alaska, by John M. Bedford, while on a hunting trip with his brother-in-law, David Kainey, formerly of this place. Frederick Ireland, one of the most charming writers on natural history in describing his experience in pursuit of this animal, says: "The most charming incident of that which I met in the Cascade Mountains were the white goats. What do you think of a wild animal which, after he knows you are on his track, will stop and turn back, to peer around the corner and see what you are?"

Wanted, For Sale, or Rent.

Wanted—Pupils in voice culture at my home on Woodward Ave. Mrs. R. D. Bird.

For sale—A heating stove in excellent shape, as good as new, in use 18 months, burns coal or wood. See Willis B. Carter, Birmingham.

Hiram Parks and wife of Troy, want a young girl to assist in house work and care for the baby. Call on or address R. F. D. Birmingham, if wanted—Pure. Highest market price paid. J. F. Kunkel, Birmingham.

Ross A. Lamb, Treasurer of the Township of Troy, will be at Big Beaver on Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. on Thursdays, at home on Fridays, and at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, on Saturdays up to Jan. 10th, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

Wanted—A girl to assist in house work, fair wages and good home to work for. Apply to Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, Birmingham, if.

Break of Lightning Bolt. A lightning bolt struck the home of Keller Cresson, at Ringwood, Mo., running down his straw hat to above his left ear, then down the side of his neck to his body, tearing the shirt collar, then down his right leg, tearing the shoes and splitting the leg, great too. His skin was scorched, but his hair was not even singed.

William H. Elliott Company
 DETROIT

Our January Sale of Desirable Linens, Table Cloths, Napkins, Doilies, Centerpieces, Towels, Sheets, Slips, Etc., is Now in Progress. Prices Never Before Quite So Low.

- Materials for Curtains and Draperies at Little Prices**
- 10c a yard for Silkline that is always 12 1/2c and 13c yard.
 - 10c a yard for Crystone that is always 12c a yard.
 - 10c a yard for Cretone that is always 12c and 30c yard.
 - Curtain Mosaic, Dennis, Regs. and all kinds of Rice good way down to price. Georgian in Screens.
 - 39c for fine Nottingham Lace Curtains—good value at 50c.
 - \$3.98 for fine Nottingham Lace Curtains—extra value at \$5.00.
 - \$2.50 each for fine Irish Pointe Lace Curtains—extra value at \$3.00.
 - \$3.98 for fine Brussels Net Lace Curtains—extra value at \$5.00.
 - \$4.98 for handsome Handed Tapestry Portieres—\$4.00 value.
 - \$7.75 for Tapestry Portieres, Mercerized and Wide Velvet Borders—\$10.00 values.
- Rugs and Carpets Read**
- 75c each for 30x60 Samarra Rug—\$1.25 value.
 - \$1.49 each for 27x54 Wool Velvet Rug—\$2.25 value.
 - \$16.00 each for 8 ft. x 10 ft. 8 Wool Velvet Rug—carpet \$1.98 each for extra quality Axminster Rug, 27x54 value \$2.50.
 - \$16.00 each for extra quality Axminster Rug, 27x54 value \$20.00.
 - \$1.50 each for 18x36 Wilton Rug—value \$2.50.
 - \$4.00 each for 30x48 Wilton Rug—value \$5.50.
 - \$27.50 each for 8 ft. x 10 ft. 6 Wilton Rug—value \$30.00.
 - We cut the price on every Rug in stock, and the quantity is so large that it is impossible to enumerate them here.
 - 45c a yard for 50c Axminster Super C. C. Ingrain.
 - 52c a yd for 60c All-Wool Extra Super Ingrain Carpet.
 - 62c a yd for 75c Wool Tapestry Super, with or without border.
 - 67c a yard for 80c and 90c Fine Wool Velvet Carpeting, with or without border.
 - 4 yard for \$1.19 Best 10-Wire Stimson Velvet Carpeting, with or without border.
 - 85c a yard for \$1.20 and \$1.35 Axminster Carpets, with or without border, edges slightly walked.
 - And so up the entire Carpet Line.

Our LADIES' GARMENT DEPARTMENT is to be torn to pieces and new fashions put in. Carpenters want room to work. So we're simply sacrificing goods without regard to cost, even putting in this sale Wats bought for season of 1906. IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Cut in Prices

The best is cheapest at all times, but when the best can be had at the lowest price it is doubly cheap.

Until further notice I will put on a set of Four New Shoes for \$1. or Reset 4 Shoes for 50c, at the old reliable Stone Shop of

J. M. Clement,
 Birmingham, Mich.

Funny

That you leave the stable door unlocked until the horse is stolen—but it's history and human nature. Now, why don't you be odd and

Peculiar

and lock the door NOW by renting a safe deposit box in the Exchange Bank for \$1.00 per year? And if you want any deeds, mortgages, leases, wills or other legal papers made, here is the place to have it done, not only in a neat manner

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Music Lessons
 on Piano or Organ

Lessons given in Birmingham or the country. Those desiring to take lessons please drop a postal.

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Tenth Annual January Clearing Sale
 of Winter Footwear.

Every pair of Ladies' Warm Lined Shoes and Fur-Trimmed Slippers at reduced prices, \$2.50 Shoes, \$1.95; \$2.00 and \$1.75 Shoes, \$1.45; \$1.50 Shoes and Slippers, \$1.15; \$1.00 Slippers, 79c; 75c Slippers, 63c.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S LEGGINS.
 The sale on these goods has been very slow this season. We have cut the prices away below cost to manufacture to close them out. We can sell a good Jersey Leggin, high cut, button, at 39c, 49c, 59c, 69c.

A FEW OF OUR SPECIAL BARGAINS:
 All Men's \$4.00 Heavy-Sole Winter Shoes at \$3.45
 All Men's \$3.50 Heavy-Sole Winter Shoes at 2.95
 All Ladies' \$3.50 Gun-Metal Calf Lace or Button Shoes, 2.95
 All Ladies' \$3.00 Gun-Metal Calf Lace Shoes at 2.45
 One table of Ladies' \$3.50 Hand-Turned Shoes at 1.75
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 Men's Best Fleece Lined Underwear only 29 Cts instead of 50c, as announced in hand-bills.
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