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IDEAL HOME SITES

On the Old Dr. Swan Homestead on Woodward Avenue, Just North of Birmingham Village.

After spending several months in looking California over with the intention of locating there, Mr. Shattuck turned his back on the land of gold and earthquakes and turned his eyes toward Michigan, where we have the "good old summer time" in place of six months of dust and where the snowflakes linger long enough so you can enjoy the real Eastern oyster, as they call them out there, for the Pacific-coast oyster amounts to very little.

Well, on his return, like many a prodigal son of our State, he was captivated with the charms of our village and the surrounding country.

After looking around for some time Mr. Shattuck decided to purchase the old Dr. Swan homestead, consisting of about one hundred acres, then lying in a state of neglect and almost ruin, but full of many natural and pleasant advantages. Two forks of the River Rouge rippled through the farm over a pebbled bottom and among magnificent elms.

After clearing away the brush, weeds, old fences, tumbled-down sheds and applying a coat of paint to the main buildings, it began to look like old times and home. The buildings originally being well built, were much better than they really looked.

Other eyes now began to see the advantages of the place, with the D. U. R. electric line passing through the property, and being on Woodward avenue, Detroit's main thoroughfare, and one of Michigan's principal roads, over which so much of our commerce passed before the ring of the pioneer's axe and the crack of the stagedriver's whip were supplanted by the whistle of the railroad engine and the hum of the automobiles and electric cars.

Among the first to notice the convenience of this location to Detroit, Birmingham and Pontiac, was John Merritt, who purchased a piece of the land, as Mr. Shattuck had by this time platted it into little suburban farms of from 5 to 10 acres. A handsome stone house and barn now shows the place which he selected.

John Hanna, our genial Postmaster, was the next to purchase a site, and when he gets his house built he will have an ideal home overlooking the village.

E. Donald Roberts bought about ten acres. He has already expended a good deal in beautifying the grounds, and intends to erect a fine stone house and studio in connection, in the near future, and has also planned to have an artificial lake near the creek.

Adelbert Clark purchased twelve acres on the east side, and under the supervision of his brother Jay, has just completed a modern house, one of the cozy type. He seems to have a practical piece of suburban life as poultry houses and high-bred poultry are already in evidence.

John H. Wendell, one of Detroit's well-known citizens, next bought twenty acres, including the buildings. He has remodeled the house in true colonial style and beautified the grounds in many ways. Mr. Jewett, his son-in-law, of the firm of Jewett, Brock & Co., of Detroit, intends to erect his summer home on a portion of the property.

Arthur Ford, of our village, has purchased five acres on the east side of Woodward avenue, directly opposite Mr. Merritt's. Arthur King, of Bloomfield Hills, has bought fifteen acres lying between Mr. Clark's and Mr. Ford's, and if this valuable piece of Woodward avenue property don't induce some pretty girl to end Arthur's bachelor days, we will miss our guess.

Mr. Shattuck still owns a portion adjoining our village, on which he is building a modest little home, and when he finishes his house, which is to have a brick and stone front toward Woodward avenue, he can watch the progress of our village on one side and the enjoyments of rural life on the other. We expect in the near future to see this suburban arrangement extend from Detroit to Pontiac. Many miles are already occupied in this way.

Worth Knowing.

When you have headache, we ask you to try ACE-IN-THE-HEAD TABLETS and you can have your 10c back if your head ache or neuralgia is not relieved in 15 minutes. Safe, sure and never fail. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb. 4may

Unexcelled Service to Cuba.

Effective January 5th, 1906, through Pullman sleeper will leave Cincinnati at 8:30 a. m. every Friday via Queen & Crescent Route and Southern Railway to Mobile, connecting with Munson SS Line's Steamer "Prince George" at 4:30 p. m. on Saturdays, and through sleeper from Mobile every Friday at 7:00 p. m. north to Cincinnati on arrival of steamer "Prince George" from Havana.

Tickets now on sale good until May 31st at the rate of $65 for the round-trip from Cincinnati, including meals and berths on steamer.

For information address Frank Johnson, Special Agent Passenger Department Munson SS Line, Washington C. H. Ohio, or W. C. Rinearson, GPA Queen & Crescent Route, Cincinnati, Ohio.

OLD-TYME SUPPER

Will be Given in Ye Johnston-Shaw Hall on Ye Twenty-First Day of February.

Grate gatherin of ye old tyme folke to supper in ye halls of ye bigge bricke blocke of ye citizens, Johnston-Shaw, on Wednesday night, Feb. 21st, by ye womin of ye First Presbyterian church. Ye bigge doore will be open about candle lightin', where you commence eatin' at five o'clock and ye winsome damsels will serve you with hot baked beans, meat, molasses cake and lots of other things.

After eatin' ye younge men that desire to walk home with ye sweethearts will plees ask them before ye singin begins in ye concerte hall that there may be no confusion while ye singin is goin on.

Ye coste to eat this supper and here this grate concerte will be two Yorke shillings.

Ye Mrs. Sweetsinger, Samantha Furbelow, Angelica Guzzler, Tabitha Steadytalker, with others wommen will give a singin nice. "Ye Highe Schule Orchestra" will play. A new fangled harpsicord called a piano will be used at this grate meetin'.

The Father of His Country will tally once more on Thursday next—all day.

SAME OLD GAME

College Students Enjoy Visits From Their Sister, or Some Other Fellow's Sister.

A young Ann Arbor student one day received an unexpected visit from his pretty sister and was indignant that she came without a chaperon. "Look here," said the young fellow, "I will not have any of the boys see you in my room, so if any one knocks at the door you just get behind that screen."

In a few minutes a knock was heard, and the girl ran behind the screen as her brother went to open the door. An old gentleman stood there, who, after apologizing for his intrusion, said:

"I am just home from Australia, and many years ago I occupied these rooms. Would you allow me to look at them once again?"

"Certainly," said the student, "come in."

"Ah!" exclaimed the old man, "everything is just the same. Same old table, same old fireplace, same old screen"—then, catching sight of the girl—"same old dodge."

"Sir!" exclaimed the student, "that is my sister!"

"By Jove, sir," was the rejoinder, "same old story."

VERY BUSY LIFE

Was that of the Late Joseph R. Cooper, Who Recently Passed Away at Hancock.

Brief but impressive funeral services were conducted over the remains of the late James R. Cooper at the Cooper home in the Quincy addition by Rev. J. Sydney Gould, pastor of the Congregational last week, after which the body was shipped to the former home of the deceased in Detroit, this State. All of the members of the family were present, a son, James B. Cooper, arriving from New York, where he was visiting at the time of Mr. Cooper's sudden death.

In the death of Mr. Cooper, Hancock loses an ideal citizen, one whose every effort was always devoted towards upbuilding and upraising the community. Born in Monroe county, New York, in 1829, he came to Michigan when but four years of age and his parents settled in Oakland county, a short distance north of Detroit. On May 10, 1851, Mr. Cooper, then 22 years of age, entered the employ of the Waterbury & Detroit Copper Company, in Detroit.

John R. Grout was the originator of the Detroit works, and he had preceded the veeture with an experiment in smelting the richest copper rock from the lake district direct in a cupola. The experiment was made in a small iron cupola in the Smith foundry, in Birmingham, Oakland county. The Detroit works were built in 1850, and not over 150 tons of copper had been refined previous to Mr. Cooper's entering the employ of the company. As the Lake Superior copper industry was scarcely more than five years old at that time, it may be said that Mr. Cooper was connected with the industry practically from the start.

In 1860 the Portage Lake Smelting Works was built at Hancock, and Mr. Cooper's first visit to the copper country from Detroit was to superintend some changes and repairs at these works in 1867. He remained one year. This was at the time of the consolidation of the Portage Lake and the Detroit companies under the name of the Detroit & Lake Superior Copper Company, with Mr. Grout as general manager.

In October, 1873, Mr. Cooper removed to the copper country permanently, taking the superintendency of the works then and becoming general manager of the company on the death of Mr. Grout in 1881.

The Detroit & Lake Superior Company and the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company joined in the erection of a smelting works at Lake Linden in 1886, and Mr. Cooper was made its agent. Mr. Patch, now superintendent of the C. & H. Buffalo works, was superintendent at the Lake Linden works, having formerly been connected with the Hancock works. He was afterward succeeded as superintendent by James B. Cooper, a son of Jas. R. Cooper. The Detroit plant of the company went out of service in January, 1887, after 37 years in operation.

Between 1867 and 1873 a small portion of the Portage Lake works was rebuilt and when Mr. Cooper took charge in 1873 the entire plant was reconstructed.

In the month of May, 1898, the Quincy Mining Company began the erection of its own smelter east of Hancock. Mr. Cooper designed and superintended the construction of the works, and a lease was entered into whereby Mr. Cooper should operate the works for five years. In the meantime he had severed his connection with the Dollar Bay and Hancock plants. The lease became in force on Nov. 1 on the calculation that smelting should start at that time, but the work did not begin until Dec. 1. However the terms of the lease were not altered.

The J. R. Cooper farm, one-half mile north of this village, one of the most valuable and productive pieces of land in Oakland county, consisting of 250 acres, with a fine palatial home recently built, will suffer no change in its management. Wilborn B. Harris, who has had charge of this property for eleven years past, after working on the place for thirteen years, will continue in charge as usual. This makes 24 years in all for Mr. and Mrs. Harris to have lived on the J. R. Cooper farm successful and satisfactory to both employer and employes.

An Invitation.

We ask you to try a 25c bottle of CROMBIE'S COUGH CURE, and we will pay back your money if it fails to cure. A single dose loosens the hardest cough, allays inflammation and gives restful sleep. For sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's. 4may

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CAVALRY CAPSULES

ECHOES OF '61-'65

The winter of 1862-3 the Michigan Brigade of Cavalry was formed. The Fifth Michigan was encamped in the chestnut woods near Fairfax Court House, Virginia.

The Department had been sorely tried in furnishing equipments for the fast-growing cavalry organizations. A few companies, or troops, would be furnished, and the others must drill bareback, or with blanket and cirengle. This was severe upon the men, as the drills were taking on more hard work and more hours, and it made the men very sore.

The authorities, who had previously opposed the acceptance of cavalry regiments, had been persuaded by the Governors of several States, and the consent finally obtained. The rapidity with which men joined the cavalry organizations swamped the Quartermaster's Department for saddles and accoutrements, and it was not until January, '63, that the Fifth Michigan received its outfit. To explain further, I must tell you that the saddles and all the belongings of a cavalryman's outfit would come all "knocked down," as you would express it—that is, the trees in one box, the skirts in another, the croupers in another, the saddle-bags in another, the stirrups and bridles and bits, and all the 15 or 20 different articles must be assorted and put together by the men themselves. There were three sizes, Nos. 12, 14 and 16, and to green men in the saddlery business it was a task.

One day, as the men were trying to get things in shape and saddles fitted to their horses as well as themselves, Colonel R. A. Alger was strolling around, giving a word of advice here and there, he accidentally came where Merriman, our sailor-soldier, was struggling to fit his saddle to the horse—and he knew as much about a horse as any farm boy would know about a ship. Some of the boys had helped Merriman a little, and his saddle was nearly all together, and had placed it on the horse, but had it wrong end to, the cantle and crouper to the front, and it did not some way suit. Col. Alger walked up quietly and said:

"What seems to be the matter, Merriman?"

Stepping back, coming to a man-of-warman's salute, said:

"Sir, there is something wrong." Turning and taking hold of the crouper he stretched it to the horse's ears. "Here's a main back-stay running fore and aft, and no bowsprit to fasten it to."

BUGLER OF CO. G.

JAY CLARK DEAD

Lingered Nearly a Week After the Operation at Harper Hospital, Death Resulting Saturday.

Jay Clark, of Birmingham, who was recently operated on at Harper hospital for an intestinal obstruction, died at that institution on Saturday morning.

Mr. Clark had a large circle of acquaintance about Oakland county, through his connection with various newspaper enterprises. Of late he had left the newspaper business and taken up farming. He was prominent in church and fraternal life, but domestic in his tastes. A widow and a brother survive him, the brother being connected with the Detroit News.

The deceased was a man of considerable grasp on affairs and took a deep interest in all the problems of the day, including politics. His death was very sudden.

Mr. Clark was born in the Township of Waterford, near the brick schoolhouse, February 4, 1858. His early education was in the district school, after which he entered the Pontiac high school where he graduated. June 9, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of Waterford, at Birmingham.

The funeral was be held at the residence in Birmingham Tuesday morning, and was private.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our gratitude to friends and neighbors and also to the D. U. R. for kindness shown in our recent bereavement.

MRS. JAY CLARK.
D. ADELBERT CLARK.

Frightfully Burned.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electrical furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for burns, wounds, sores, eczema and piles. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's druggists.

A SURPRISE.

One beautiful day, just a short time ago,
The first of the month, if the date you would know—
The ladies of Circle" called "three ninety eight"
Surprised this Companion as surely as fate.
They came from all ways—from the east and the west;
From the north and the south; and along with the rest
Were some that are living not far from my door—
And my house was so full 'twould not hold any more.
From Royal Oak, Clawson, and old Palmer Park;
From Greenfield and Ferndale—all out for a lark,
With their baskets of food all ready to eat—
Fine salads and beans, and everything sweet.
But a bottle and glass one brought from close by.
Now, don't draw down your mouth, or roll up your eye,
For 'twas only mixed pickles and jell, if you please,
To go with the fried cakes and mince pie and cheese.
They met here to finish a quilt that is tiger—
If my ticket gets it 'twon't cost me but a dime.
But then, if it don't, some one else will fare well,
For it's worth lots of dollars if put up to sell.
For on one block has blossomed a beautiful rose—
On another, a sea gull is hiding his toes.
The quilt is a crazy one, and, I know it's true,
A stranger might thought we were all crazy, too
But we worked with a will—our fingers just flew—
And our tongues kept good time, as all women's tongues do.
And when we were tired of laughter and jest,
Mrs. H., with her phonograph, gave us a rest.
But all pleasures of earth to an end surely come,
So ere night came upon us they started for home,
And as nothing had happened our pleasure to mar,
They left in good time to catch the next car.
But I hope if they ever surprise me some more,
One small third will be more a few hours before—
'Twould give me a chance, just a small chance, to know
If on foot, or on horseback, that day I must go.

—EVA B. JENKS.

A Card.

Miss Eva McClellan would like pupils in physical culture and elocution. She will be glad to talk with any one interested in these subjects. feb

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List for Feb. 10, 1906.

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JOHN HANNA, P. M.

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