

FREE PRIZE OFFER WAS A BAD FIRE LAST IS THE BEST BETTER SERVICE

Just Read This and See What the Eccentric Has to Offer in This Line.

R. J. Coryell's Home a Half Mile West Was Burned to the Ground on Monday.

The Birmingham High School Cover Themselves With Glory and Deserve Praise.

Is What Is Coming From The Birmingham Exchange When Present Work Is Completed.

Because of the general intention to a law which is of great value to our readers the Eccentric editors propose some prizes this week. It is not the value of these prizes which we think will draw special interest to the work so much as the idea of getting into the race. People like to win—they like to win and have their winnings recorded. A boy will work ten times as hard if the work is put in the form of a prize as he would to earn the same money in picking up a basket of chips for his poor, tired mother. And the oldest of us are but "boys grown tall."

On Monday evening about seven o'clock the telephone gave notice that the newly built residence of R. J. Coryell, about half a mile west of the village was on fire. As it was out of the limits for the fire company, there being not enough hose to reach the fire, there was nothing else to do but try and save what furniture there was in the house, but before the crowd from the village had arrived the greater part of the house was in flames and consequently there was but little personal effects saved. We understand that there was \$5,000 insurance on the house, but as it cost a little more than \$2,000 to rebuild it last season, it will not make much of a place for the actual loss.

Last Friday night the assembly room at the Union School building was crowded to its fullest capacity and more, to listen to the address which was given by the Birmingham High School orchestra. The principal feature was the vocal solo by Mrs. Lena Hartman Kessler, the school principal, who sang "The Song of the Lark." The orchestra, all were very interesting and were applauded to the echo, as were the other numbers. The debate "Should alcohol be free," was out of course, the judges all taking a drink before deciding even the question for the affirmative and negative. The U. S. Senate ought not to worry over a question of this kind at all when we can decide it in an hour. The speakers, Messrs. Walker and Green for the affirmative and Messrs. Green and Streeter for the negative, all displayed careful study of this great question, and acquitted themselves with credit.

We are pleased to be able to announce to our readers that the era of better and more extended telephone service for our citizens as well as the surrounding country, is at hand and the day is not far distant when Birmingham will have both night and day service as well as Sunday; there will be free service to subscribers with Royal Oak, Big Beaver, Clawson and Franklin; new equipment for the entire office and perhaps a separate room for the central office.

They men and women taxpayers, must plant or have planted, in good, workmanlike manner in front of their premises at the roadside a sufficient number of forest trees, which, at twenty-five cents each, will pay one fourth of their road tax. For 1906, provided that not less than ten or such trees as maple, beech, elm, white-oak, white-birch, etc., be planted. These, if planted in rows, which will be of value to the highway, and in later years, must not be placed less than two rods apart, except that occasional clumps of not to exceed five trees may be planted at intervals to count for not more than two trees each. The trees thus planted, must be credited on the roadwork of the persons causing the planting at the legal rate allowed and reported by the respective owners of road districts in which planted. For the owners of the property. The three persons stipulating respectively, first, second and third on the list as to number planted on July 1, 1906, will each be given the Birmingham Eccentric, a nice little sheet, price \$1.00 per year, for two years each, and the one who has reported will be given the same paper for one year each. Now, friends, we want all these prizes to be won. Names duly reported, by claimants or pathmasters should be accompanied by full postal address, name of township, name of pathmaster crediting the work and number and kind of trees set. It is a work which will benefit those who come after us and will increase the value of your property now. You can make big wages in paying one-fourth of your road tax in this manner and all the time be adding to the value and beauty of your home. Can we have the 55?

The entire community sympathize most sincerely with Mr. Coryell in his loss and if the assurance of the surrounding country of their patronage and support will give him courage and energy, he can surely go on among the ashes and build a better and a bigger house than the house that was so unfortunately destroyed. The Eccentric hopes he will anyway.

Prof. Bliss announced that soon the orchestra will give a concert for their own benefit—to pay for music and other expenses. As we have all enjoyed their music this past year, everybody should give them a substantial benefit. Let's do it. They deserve it. The orchestra is not only the pride of the school, but have the best wishes of everyone who has been blessed with the privilege of listening to their playing. Just show your appreciation by buying a ticket and attending their concert when it is announced, which we will soon do.

Corn and bread are still offered by the pious banquets of the Pyrenees to the poor departed on their death anniversary. A traveler in Spain describes how at San Sebastian he has often seen some poor fisherman's daughter praying in a church for a dead relative, "amid baskets full of fruit, leaves of bread and corn, and kneeling upon the tomb of her ancestors."

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MAY DAY SUPPER.

THE FRISCO FUND.

DEATHS FROM APPENDICITIS.

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James Stewart, Flint.
Geo. H. Mitchell, Birmingham.
A. B. Graves, Oxford.
Literature Car Committee.
Detroit Address,
1309 Michigan Building.

The ladies of the M. E. church Aid Society will have a supper Tuesday, May 15th at the M. E. church parlors. Supper from 5 to 8 p. m. All are invited. A fine supper will be given by the ladies, worth double the price asked and plenty of time to get acquainted and visit. The bill of fare is as follows:
Escalloped Potatoes, Beef Loaf, Graham Bread, Rolls, Pickles, Coffee, Cake, Sherbet.

It was All Right
Primitive woman had bigger worries than ours, and the fair Miss Chubb "Oh, yes," and Ann, "but primitive man, they tell me, had longer arms."—Cleveland Leader.

Lake Orion Looking Up.

ATTENTION—GASOLINE STOVE USERS.

MOONLIGHT ON LAKE ERIE.

Wanted For Sale For Rent.

Work is beginning in earnest on the improvements contemplated by the new management at Lake Orion. The new office and shelter pavilion is in course of erection. Gravel walks and shrubbery beds have been laid out at the mainland, improving appearances greatly. Work will be pushed from now on at Park Island, which it is expected will be opened for the season. Regurgations to the Park are being booked. The Park pavilion with the orchestra for dancing has already been engaged for two evenings every week by Elletts.

Do not light your gasoline stove and go away and leave it. They are dangerous. Mrs. Dan's Bay, who lives south of the school house, let her gasoline stove burn just ordinary on Saturday, May 5th and waiting for her flat iron to heat, went out to get a new one. In a few minutes, a neighbor came rushing in and saying that the flames were coming through the roof of her kitchen, and so it was, the house was on fire.

A moonlight scene on Lake Erie is sublime. At twilight as the sun, like a golden ball of fire, gradually descends from view in the western horizon, the moon rises in its stateliness, at first modestly spreading its milky light and, growing bolder, bursts forth in one pure sheen of grandeur.

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ATTENTION—ALL PEOPLE.

THE CHURCHES.

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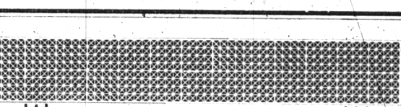
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