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A SURPRISE, YES

Mr. and Mrs. Edson James Celebrate Their Silver Wedding Rather Unexpectedly.

"Oh yes, it's a work-a day world and life ain't worth the livin' anyhow. Children gone away and lookin' after themselves and left the old folks to do the best they can. Daughter married and got a nice little girl and I ain't never seen my own grand child yet. Guess they've forgot all about the old folks anyhow. Gosh dum it, but I'm tired."

Thus thought Edson James of Southfield on Friday evening last as he sat out on the porch and smoked and looked at his sweaty old blue jeans and plow shoes and wondered why other people were having such a good time and there was little else but work for himself and his good wife. But here was some one coming up the road in a buggy—probably some of the neighbors just stopping to look in on 'em; but the people kept coming and pretty soon Edson's son George, a big husky fellow who is one of the best workmen in the employ of Berry Bro's., Detroit, came and shook hands with his father and then the daughter, Mrs. Minnie Coe, also of Detroit, and yes! Her husband and that blessed little granddaughter and didn't give him a chance to get those old plow shoes off but brought in with them all the neighbors, and everything good to eat and drink and smoke, and a whole lot of presents and then Edson and his wife began to verify matters and after close calculations they decided that it was just twenty-five years that very night that they had jumped over the broomstick together—and that explained it all.

Well, there wasn't much sleeping in that old house the rest of the night and when the sun came peeping over the hills it saw the last of the merry-makers just dragging their weary way homewards.

And now Edson thinks it is a bully good old world after all and he and his good wife are going to stay just as long as they can.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Sir Knight George F. Aldrich, therefore, in view of the loss we have sustained, and the still greater one by the bereaved relatives, be it

Resolved, That the members of this Tent hereby desire to express their sense of bereavement and loss of a true brother Sir Knight; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to the relations and friends of our late brother. And in taken of our sorrow it is

Resolved, That the charter be draped for a period of 60 days, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family, and also spread on the records of this Tent and published in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

M. V. BLAIR,
PETER KERR,
Committee Hall Tent 227.

A new "Mark Twain" story is going the rounds. The humorist takes long rides in the country in his auto and one day the mud was so deep that the machine stuck in it. On a railroad near by an Irishman was seen bossing a gang of Italians. "I called to him," said Mark, "and he brought the whole bunch over to lift the machine out. We clashed right away. The Irishman insisted on hoeing the job and I wouldn't stand for it. 'All right,' said the Irishman, and he took his men back to the railroad. There was nothing for me to do but give in. I sat in the car for about an hour and then called for the Irishman to come back. 'Am I to be boss?' he asked. 'You are,' I said. And he was."

The American horse refuses to go, and his value has advanced. On January 1, 1897, there were 14,364,000 horses in this country. On the first day of 1906 there were 18,718,000. In nine years there has been an increase of 30 per cent. The gain in the number of mules has been great, but not so large. In 1897 there were 2,215,000. This year, notwithstanding the heavy purchases made by the British government during the Boer war, there are 3,400,000.

Boston Excursion via the Wabash.

The Wabash R'y will sell excursion tickets to Boston, May 31 to June 9, via Niagara Falls and direct line, via Montreal, or via New York, at one fare plus $1.00 for the round trip. Extended return limit July 15, 1906. Write for printed matter and full details.

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ABOUT ROYAL OAK

By H. H. Osterhout, an Old Time Resident, Who Now Lives in Aitkin Minn.

Some early recollections of Royal Oak:—

In your article under date of April 13, speaking of railroad interests carries ones thoughts back to the time when the railroad was first built from Detroit by a man known as "old salt Williams." When the track was laid to Royal Oak they said the train would come out next day. All business was suspended and all the people in the town and many from the surrounding country went out to see the great marvel of the 18th century. Some of these people had never seen a train of cars or heard a whistle. After waiting some time they looked down the track and the train was coming. As it drew near she blew her whistle and such a scene. Women screamed and said, "There she has busted", but she had not. The train was called first class equipment which was true.

The first accident that occurred that I remember was some time later and happened down the road at the gravel pit. My father owned a saw mill there. A farmer by the name of Colling owned a large vicious bull that was always looking for trouble. That morning the bull came onto the track, looked up and down the road and saw the train coming on time. As it came nearer it blew the whistle to "throw the scare", but he did not scare. When it got quite close he threw his tail into the air and made a head on dive for it and when they came together it brought every thing up standing. Of course it brought every thing up standing. Of course it put the bull out of business and threw the engine off the track. Then the company began to talk about fencing the road in order to protect their rolling stock. There was one man connected with the management of the road whose services were indispensable. His name was Henry Corey or "Hank" as he was called. He buckswawed the wood and pumped the water for the trains; he had muscle and brains and his humor was sled length. He held this job for a number of years, but the business of the road increased until he had to work over time. Then the company put in a water plant. It was the horse power of a threshing machine. They hitched a blind horse to it and started him going. While he kept going the water poured into the tank. With only the wood to bucksaw, Corey had a "snap". He lived about two blocks from the Methodist church which set upon blocks. Corey had an old sow with a litter of pigs running the streets. The Methodist preacher met him on the street one day and after exchanging the compliments of the day the preacher said "O by the way, Mr. Corey, that old sow and pigs of yours nest under our church and I thought I would speak to you about it and perhaps you would take care of them as they disturb our worship." "Why yes", said Corey, "while I have no particular objections to the old sow going there, I don't want her to get those pigs in the habit of going to that church."

While sitting at my desk I look out of the window onto the tracks of the Northern Pacific railroad and there is a freight train on the way from the west to Duluth. The engine weighs one hundred tons, it is hauling seventy-five loaded freight cars and many of them are eighty thousand pound cars and over loaded at that. Surely railroading has grown some in my day and verified the old adage "Great oaks from little acorns grow".

Out of the opposite window I see the mighty Mississippi river, that is covered with pine logs carried down by the current at the rate of four miles an hour. Much of the time one can walk across the river on them. They are going down the river for hundreds of miles and are sawed up by the mills below and this goes on from the time ice breaks up in the spring until it freezes up in the fall.

Surely things do move some.

H. H. OSTERHOUT,
Aitkin, Minn.

$50.00 REWARD.

I will pay fifty dollars reward for the arrest and conviction of the chicken thieves who stole about two dozen white Plymouth Rock chickens and two dozen white Wyandottes from my premises last week Friday night.

J. H. WENDELL, Rosedale Farm.
Half mile north of Birmingham.

She Had Principles.

Mrs. West (recently divorced)—Don't you want the candy, Gertrude?

Little Girl—No, thanks; it's against my principles to accept gifts that are purchased with alimony.—Life.

Too Busy.

"When a man is sho' 'nuff lookin' foh work," said Uncle Eben, "you wants to remember dat yoh good advice an' sympathy is mebbe jes' wastin' his time."—Washington Star.

There's nothing unlucky about the opal for the October girl.

Worth Knowing.

If you have any kind of scalp trouble, skin humor, eczema, ulcer, wound, piles, cut or old running sore remember that we guarantee Dermakola ointment to relieve you or we will pay your 25 cents back at Whitehead & Mitchell's or Cobb & Cobb's.

POPULAR ROUTE

Daily Run of Steamers Between Detroit and Buffalo—Certainly a Fine Trip.

We had the pleasure of a trip from Detroit to Buffalo and return within the past week, and it was perfectly satisfactory and most delightful in every respect. Of course as went by water and by the ever popular Detroit & Buffalo Steamboat Co's lines. With a party of fifty fellow scribe all members of the Eastern Michigan Press Club we all set sail for Buffalo, a week ago this Friday night, the far end of the trip being East Aurora, N. Y., the home of Mr. Elbert Hubbard and the Royerofters. On a boat, the Eastern States, licensed to carry 3500 people, we found plenty of room for swinging round the circle and to enjoy ourselves. The D. & B. Line have without doubt two steamers, the Eastern States, and the Western States, that are not excelled by the Hudson river steamers, or even ocean steamships, comfort, style, and equipment. Three dollars are saved in fare from Detroit to Buffalo, to say nothing of the restful night's rest one gets in travelling this way. Only 15 hours to make the run in comfort, speed and safety. Each boat is 366 feet long over all, and 80 feet wide, and cost each $650,000. Each boat has a 5000 horse power engine to push her along at a 30 mile an hour clip, and there you are. What more can you ask? For the next five months there is only one way to Buffalo. Next time try the D. & B. next time. Let's will.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

[OFFICIAL.]

SPECIAL MEETING.

Called by the Pres.

BIRMINGHAM, May 22, 1906.

President Johnston in the chair.

Trustees present, Snow, Whitehead, Crawford, Mills, Schlaack. Absent, O'Neal.

The president appointed Eugene Brooks and Frank Ford as a board of review. Snow moved supported by Mills that the appointment be confirmed. Carried.

Snow moved supported by Whitehead that $3000 be raised for the General Expense fund; $750 for Interest fund and $750 for Highway fund. Carried.

Mills moved supported by Snow that the proposition of Riggs & Sherman Co. for plans and survey for sewer be accepted. Voted by call of roll, ayes Snow, Mills, Schlaack, Crawford and Whitehead. Nays, none.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn. Carried.

G. H. SATTERLEE, CLERK.
D. M. JOHNSTON, President.

OBITUARY.

MRS. WILLIAM FORD.

Lydia P. Shadbolt was born in Troy Oct 15, 1846 and died at her home of heart failure May 24, 1906. She was married to Edward Ford September, 1870, who died in 1895. She was married to William Ford about a year later. She has lived in the neighborhood of Birmingham most all her life. She was a devoted mother and kind neighbor. Her journey is finished. She has gone to meet her Lord, and may God help us all to be ready for the change that may come suddenly. May divine grace sustain all who mourn.

Political Geography.

A new study has been added to the curriculum of certain American colleges. It is known as political geography and is defined as the study of geography in relation to political and social institutions. To teach economic subjects, as well as other university branches a knowledge of elementary geography is required. It was found that many students, though primed with Greek and Latin, lacked anything approaching familiarity with this old-fashioned study. Hence the invention of political geography. The elementary side is taken up and, in connection with this, emphasis is laid upon an explanation of how each country studied came to be a separate, distinct country; upon its political institutions and the geographic influences that have affected them, and upon the present political problems of paramount interest in connection with each of the countries studied. The world events of the past two years have greatly assisted in making the course interesting. This year, while the class was studying Great Britain, the Irish question was agitating British politics; in the study of France, the great question of separation of church and state came up for discussion; the interest of the class in Norway and Sweden was enhanced by the events that have led to the separation of Norway from Sweden; the Balkan question has been at the forefront for a few months past and for two years the great Russo-Japanese war has made the study of Russia and Japan of especial interest.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Birmingham Orchestra Will Give Concert in the M. E. Church on May 8th.

Program of the Birmingham orchestra concert to be given at the M. E. church June 8, at 8 p. m. standard time.

Overture "American Patrol" F. W. Orchestra Meacham
Overture "Glittering Nuggets" L. O. Orchestra DeWitt
Vocal Solo "Armourers Song" Reginald Dr. Rainey DeKoven
Selection "War March of the Priests" Orchestra Mendelssohn
Selection "Au Moulin" Ernest Gillet Strings and Traps.
Vocal Solo "Cupid at the Ferry" Bessie M. Kelly Edward German
Overture "Feast of Laterns" E. W. Orchestra Bennet
Selection "Alita" F. H. Losey Orchestra
Vocal Solo "My Lady June" Frank Ethel E. Egeler Lambert
Mexican Waltzes "La Carmela" F. M. Orchestra Witmark
March "Dustye Syde" Sidney Lagatree Orchestra
Overture "Lustspiel" Keler Bela Orchestra

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

Notes for women and workers.

There is no form of flower-planting that is more effective than window boxes yet how few we see.

Some who were not able to bake for the Improvement food sale sent in money so that the fund now stands $20.26.

Galesburg Ill., has an illustrated weekly paper with history of municipal Improvement Co's and pictures of parks and other works of the societies.

The tree spraying committee of the City Beautiful committee of the 150,000 club of Spokan, Wash., reports 3000 trees sprayed at cost of from 12c to $1 per tree.

Last week Tuesday was report day in the woman's club of our village and each of the various committees showed the work had been done all along the line.

The outdoor art department of the Woman's civic league of Kalamazoo offers prizes for best improved back yards, best window boxes best exhibits at flower show, best school gardens etc.

Don't forget that our own village improvement society has offered a prize to the room in school that makes the best display at flower show.

The forest fires in Mich. have in this one season destroyed more property, ten times over than the entire cost of the Forestry commission wanted our last legislature to establish.

The South Park Improvement Association of Chicago, not satisfied with what the city officials call 'clean' collects monthly assessments from individuals, stores, churches etc and keeps clean in fact as well as fancy.

When our Village Improvement Society was first organized it was the only one in the state. Now nearly every Village has one and we must look to our laurels.

The general federation of women's clubs known as the 'Biennial' is now in session at St. Paul.

Chicago women are working hard for the recognition of women in the new city charter. Women represent the part of the population that stands for law and a great force for good is lost when women are not given the ballot.

These are busy days away up in Oregon especially at the suffrage head quarters. Women are volunteering by the score to direct, fold, stamp and send out literature Type writers click busily, dictations are taken down in short hand, letters written, routes laid out, reporters interviewed, councils held with women from all parts of the state, Miss Shaw is speaking night and day, Miss Lordon speaks three and four times a day while Miss Clay, Gail Laughlin and scores of others work without ceasing, and from all over the county those who can not be in Oregon are sending on the 'sinews of war'. Postage of the society alone is going up to the thousands. Now is the time to help an Miss Authony's dying wish that Oregon should become the fifth free state.

The club women of Detroit have secured the $20,000 appropriation for free public baths for which they have worked two years. Mrs. James Arthur, Pres. of the Detroit equal suffrage club, was the leader. She enlisted the club women, the clergy, the board of health, the chamber of commerce, the mayor, the aldermen and worked until cleanliness won.

The Iowa Legislature has passed a law forbidding the wearing of birds' plumage of any kind on women's hats.

Which would be for the best interests of our village, to keep the pretty library corner, to turn the building into a free public library building with reading room literary club rooms etc or for the society to sell it to some one who would build out put in a meat market, a shoe shop, and a saloon. Which do you think?

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