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TWENTY-NINTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY AUGUST 10, 1906. NO. 15. WHOLE NO. 1477

K. PS. FELICITATE

Thomas H. Cobb Is the Recipient of a Beautiful Hand-Painted China Tea Set.

Nearly the entire membership of the Pythian Lodge met at Castle Hall, Monday even ng last, on short notice, to have a last fond farewell parting from their ever-popular brother, Thos. H. Cobb, who was to be married on the following Wednesday to Miss Florence King, than whom there is no more popular young lady today or ever in Birmingham. After a time spent in smoking and general conversation, the surprised Thomas was sent for, and on being brought before the Lodge was formally presented by W. D. Clizbe; in a neat speech, with the beautiful and useful gift, the hand work of Mrs. Wiley Bell. Tom was taken off his feet, but managed to pull himself together and returned thanks in a satisfactory manner, judging by the applause that greeted him. Everybody had a good time and the meeting broke up, all wishing the happy Tom all the happiness in the world for him in his new life to come.

The ladies in Birmingham were never yet behind the men folks, and have presented to the new bride an immense chop plate, hand painted by Mrs. I. Lee Truax, that to describe it is not in our vocabulary. It must be seen to be appreciated. Both presents from both sides of the question make the recipients a very happy and pleased couple.

THE ECCENTRIC, ABROAD.

IRELAND, July 1, 1906.

Dear Mr. Black:

I observed a paragraph in our local papers, a few months ago copied from THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, of Oakland county, Michigan, with reference to your brother Charlie. I have made inquiries among friends and among persons who were intimate with your Aunts Sallie and Elizabeth Black, while they lived in Belfast, but without success. I guess they must be dead.

I should tell you that I knew your father and mother intimately, it was in my mother's house they first met. I nursed you and your little sister many a time and played with your brothers Charlie and Edmund, although only a child of ten or twelve myself. I can remember you all perfectly, and would do any thing I could to help you to find your brother if I knew how to go about it. Please write to me, and believe me to remain, your sincere friend,

MRS. SUSAN G. ARMSTRONG

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham post-office, on August 4th—Mr. Wm. Cawan, care of K. Bassett; Master Robert Johnston, Mrs. Jas. Bauck, Gladys Dansen.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

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VERY SAD DEATH

Marguerite, Daughter of E. L. Keyser, of Pontiac, Succumbed to Peritenitis.

Little Marguerite, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Keyser, of Asylum Avenue, passed away Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock after a nine-day illness of peritonitis. The little one suffered intensely and hope for her recovery had been given up for several days. The little girl is next to the youngest of E. L. Keyser's three daughters and her early death is a blow to the parents, as well as to many friends. Marguerite was born in Pontiac and spent all the five years of her life in that city. The funeral was held from the home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock standard time, Rev. R. M. Traver officiating. The remains were placed in the vault at Oak Hill cemetery.

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ATTENTION—TAX-PAYERS

Village taxes are due and must be paid on or before August 10th to save the extra percentage.

2t M. R. BLAIR.

SUNDAY CLOSING.

BIRMINGHAM, Aug. 7, '06.

It is mutually agreed by the undersigned merchants of Birmingham that they will not open their various stores, or sell, or cause to be sold, articles of merchandise on Sunday, the first day of the week, except in cases of undisputed necessity or charity.

If any merchant believes the spirit of the above agreement has been broken, he shall name a merchant and the supposed offender another, and these two a third, and they shall speedily inquire into the facts and decide the question. All parties agree to stand by the decision.

This agreement takes effect after next Sunday, August 12.

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CHAS. REYNOLDS.

HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT.

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, made on the 23d day of July, A. D. 1906, four months from that date were allowed creditors to present their claims against the

Estate of James Shanklin,

Late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 23d day of November next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court on Friday, the 23d day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of that day. Dated July 23, A. D. 1906.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk. 27jul-2aug

HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, made on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1906, four months from that date were allowed to creditors to present their claims against the

Estate of Martin D. Masters,

Late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 13th day of November next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Tuesday, the 13th day of November next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of that day. Dated July 13, A. D. 1906.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk. 20jul-27aug

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of Fractional School District No. 1, of Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy, for the fiscal year ending July 10, 1906:

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 10, 1905	$3,577 13
Received primary money	1,026 80
" voted tax, Bloomfield	4,969 46
" mill tax, Bloomfield	1,267 68
" voted tax, Troy	458 73
" mill tax, Troy	117 00
" voted tax, Royal Oak	20 78
" mill tax, Royal Oak	5 20
" voted tax, Southfield	50 47
" mill tax, Southfield	12 99
" primary money	364 00
" foreign tuition	671 33
" for cement blocks sold	15 50
" Miss Jenks	12 00
" levy dog tax	4 51
Total amount received	$12,583 49

EXPENDITURES.

Male teachers	$ 1,109 00
Female teachers	3,360 00
Bond and interest	1,200 00
Janitor	367 50
Insurance on building and contents	261 00
Coal and coal	67 90
Laboratory	393 39
General expenses, including coal	1,041 13
Repairs	1,290 48
Balance on hand	2,813 22
Total	$12,583 49

LIBRARY FUND.

Cash on hand July 10, 1905	$41 29
Paid for library supplies	40 00
Balance on hand July 10, 1906	$ 1 29

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand, both funds, July 10, 1905	$3,618 42
Receipts during year, both funds	9,776 36
Total cash	$12,394 78
Disbursements during year	9,810 97
Balance on hand, both funds	$ 2,314 01

A. H. PORTER, Secretary.

MICHIGAN FISHES

The State Pays for Efforts to Learn What Fish of the Inland Lakes Eat, and of Their Habits.

All summer long people have watched three patient fishermen on Walnut lake, as day after day found them apparently breaking the statutes by employing nets and seines in their quest.

"Them fellers must be powerful fond uv fish," has been the frequent expression of those who were not aware that these men were employed by the State in what is known as a biological survey.

Under the direction of Dr. Jacob Reinhardt, of the biological department of the University of Michigan, the expenditure of an appropriation of $2,000 for the purpose of furthering a knowledge of the food and habits of the inland fish was commenced in June. Prof. T. L. Hankinson, of the State Normal School of Charlestown, Ill., has been in immediate charge of the work and has had from time to time competent assistants from different schools and colleges. Walnut lake was chosen not only on account of the large variety of species, but also because it is one of the few lakes where whitefish have been found to flourish. Of course the problem is an enormous one, and only a few of many possible branches of the inquiry can be followed out to a logical conclusion.

For example: The Professor finds that the presence of the whitefish is apparently connected with, if not dependent upon, a peculiar sort of moth which frequents this particular lake. That brings up the question as to why the moth should select the spot for a home. The natural hypothesis is that it, also, finds a growth particularly adapted to its needs, which leads to a speculation as to why the growth thrives here; and so it continues, on and on, to a practically unending cycle.

However it must not be concluded that no practical results are being accomplished. The knowledge of the conditions under which inland fish thrive has been materially added to and the report of the summer's work, which will probably be published in the Journal of the Michigan Academy of Science, is eagerly anticipated by the biologists and Fish Commission.

A visit to the scene of operations is well worth the time and trouble of getting there. The scientists are ensconced in a comfortable farmhouse by the side of the lake, but they also have tents where they conduct certain phases of the work, or which they use as sleeping quarters when they feel so disposed. Hundreds of dollars' worth of apparatus, designed for tests of every description, may be seen on all sides. There are nets and seines enough to conduct a wholesale fish business. One thing that the scientists have learned is the art of pulling a net without tangling it; a feat that a novice has only to attempt to find how difficult it is. There are unique and unfamiliar instruments of brass with recording dials to measure the most minute variations of temperature, wind velocity, turbidity of the water, and so on. There are little tin tags with which some of the fish are labelled and turned loose again, so that if they are caught again they may be recognized and their development noted.

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BADLY TREATED

Rural Carriers Underpaid and Overworked Is the View of Men Who Know Their Worth.

Addressing the Michigan Rural Letter Carriers' fifth annual convention at Battle Creek, on the afternoon of July 24, F. B. Dickerson, of Detroit, gave the government an awful rap for its underpaid postal service.

Mr. Dickerson spoke upon "A Square Deal in the Postal Service," making some contrasts that were notable. He declared the best paid postal employes do the least work—they clerk in Washington with 30 days vacation, 30 days sick leave, and only four hours a day work. The poorest paid are the rural carriers, who not only work all day on dusty or muddy highways, but have to own a horse or two, vehicles, and other paraphernalia, and are then begrudged the $720 they draw per annum.

The speaker added that the system cannot be changed, either, until public opinion is changed. Most farmers look at the rural letter carrier as a man holding a snap job, and would rise in open rebellion if his salary was raised. The Congressmen serve "the people," and hence cannot represent the rural mail carriers.

It costs a rural letter carrier $250 to $350 per year to sustain his outfit, feed his horses, repair his wagons, and suffer deterioration of property, so that the balance is less than fair living wages.

Mr. Dickerson stated that Detroit carriers, driving wagons over smooth pavements, get nearly twice the sum paid rural carriers, driving over hills and sandy roads all day.

Congressman Charles Townsend and Postmaster Homer Warren both put an "O. K." on Mr. Dickerson's address in every emphatic terms.

J. H. Brown, of Battle Creek, on whose farm near Climax the first rural route in Michigan started, told the historical story of those days, when L. A. Clark carried the mail for $25 a month and traveled 18,000 miles on a bicycle. He agreed with Mr. Dickerson that rural carriers are entirely underpaid.

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT.

Notice is hereby given that I, James S. Butler, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, will, on the 14th day of August, A. D. 1906, at the residence of John P. Leach, on Sec. 22, in the Township of Bloomfield, in said County of Oakland, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain drain known and designated as the "Sunken Bridge Drain," located and established in the Township of Bloomfield, in said County of Oakland, and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point in the east line of Section 15 of the Township of Bloomfield in the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, 17.56 chains north of the southeast corner thereof; thence running in a southwesterly direction across the lands of Hageman, Beth. Davis and Tesch to the Sunken Bridge (so called), on the west line of the n. w. ¼ of Section 22, in said Township of Bloomfield, a distance of 532 rods, following the present water course, deepening, widening and straightening the same. Said job will be let in one or more sections. The section at the outlet of the said drain will be let first, and the remaining sections, if any, in their order up stream in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the said County of Oakland, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given, that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Sunken Bridge Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments thereof, will be announced by me, and will be subject to review for one day, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said drain, viz: N 10a. s 40a. w ½ of n e ¼ of sec 28; e ½ of n e ¼ of sec 22; n 10a of n ½ of n e ¼ of n w ¼ of sec 22; w ½ of n w ¼ of sec 22, and the e ½ of n w ¼ of sec 22 (except e 10a of n ½ of e ½ of n w ¼, also except one acre in s w corner deeded to S. Lord); w ½ of s w ¼ of sec 22; w 50a of e ½ of s w ¼ of sec 22; w ½ of n e ¼ of sec 21; w 90a of s e ¼ of sec 21, e 60a of s e ¼ of s e 21; e ½ of n w ¼ of sec 21; e 60a of s e ¼ of sec 21; e ½ of n e ¼ of sec 21; e 10a and 10 rods w of e ½ of n e ¼ of s w ¼ of n w ¼ of sec 27; s ½ of s e ¼ of sec 15; s e ¼ of s w ¼ of sec 14; 40a of w ½ of s e ¼ of sec 15; s 80a of e ½ of s e ¼ of sec 15; n ½ of s e ¼ of s w ¼ of sec 15, one acre in s w corner of e ½ of n w ¼ of sec 22. All in the Township of Bloomfield, Oakland county, and State of Michigan. Also the said Township of Bloomfield at large.

Now, therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you, John P. Leach, Ellen F. Peabody, Edwin Miller, B. F. Brown, Fred Carter, Mary Carter, John Carter, Sarah G. Davis, George G. Booth, William Hagerman, C. N. Vaughn, N. N. Dennison, S. M. Beattie, Fred King, John Quarton, Thomas Langley, S. Lord; A. H. Porter, Supervisor of the Township of Bloomfield, and George H. Fowler, Highway Commissioner of the Township of Bloomfield, are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Sunken Bridge Drain," in the manner hereinbefore stated, and, also, that at such time of letting, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the assessment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Sunken Bridge Drain Special Assessment District, will be subject to review. And you, and each of you, owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire. Dated at Oxford, Mich., this 26th day of July, A. D. 1906.

JAMES S. BUTLER,
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Oakland.

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