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We are not given to boasting; but we are proud of the farmer boys of this vicinity. They are, with rare exceptions, a healthy, intelligent and happy class of young men. We feel like talking our hat clear off when we meet them upon our streets, and no class is more welcomed to our office. Too many boys leave the farm where they were made substantial and good citizens, and go to the city where they are a thousand times more successful in life's battle. There are farmers who fairly drive their boys away. There is no excuse for this. The farmer boy is entitled to his vacations, to several relaxations, his visits to the city, good books, magazines and his home paper. To the observing one it is plain to be seen that the farm is the best place in the world for the average young man and never fails to bring a happier and more useful life than the city. Young men, you who till the soil and earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, we are proud of you; our latch string is always out to you and you will always have a friend in this paper. Come and see us and give us the news from your neighborhood.

The End of the World

Of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of his home, la. of all usefulness, when he began taking Electric Bitters. He writes: "Two years ago kidney trouble caused me great suffering, which I would never have survived had I not taken Electric Bitters. They also cured me of general debility. Sure cure for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney Complaints; Blood Diseases, Headache, Dizziness and Weakness or bodily decline. Price 50c. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb."

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When we recommend and guarantee Allen's Headache Tablets for headache and neuralgia it is because we know you must obtain relief or we stand ready to pay your ten cents' back. Safe, sure, always cures. Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

WHY HE WAS DISAPPOINTED

Five Nickel Cigars Thought by Statesman to Be Low Price for Vote.

"Didn't your son Jim run for the legislature last fall?" was asked of the farmer by the village merchant after his butter had been weighed and his eggs counted out.

"Yes, and he was elected, too," was the answer.

"And how was things gone with him at the capitol?"

"Mighty poor."

"How'd he get on?"

"Somehow he hadn't, and he's a disappointed man. He was home for one Sunday, and he said he almost wished he hadn't run for the place."

"What did he say seemed to be the matter?" continued the merchant as he measured off five yards of calico warranted not to fade.

"Why, the only fellow that come to Jim and asked him to vote again the railroad bill up in the house talked for three long hours, and then only left five nickel cigars behind him when he went away. Jim was lookin' for at least five dollars in cash, and he was so disgusted about it that he went and introduced a bill that no one should fish for suckers in the waters of this state in the months of July and August."

HER JOY WAS SHORTLIVED

Delightful Dream of Bliss Rudely Interrupted by the Morning Alarm Clock.

"Oh, thank you," exclaims the delighted wife, as her husband hands her a large bunch of money and tells her to go right down town and buy everything she likes.

"Don't mention it," replies the husband. "I want you to have everything your heart desires in the way of dresses and bonnets this summer. I realize that I have not been as generous as I should have been, and I hope I may be able to make up for it here. Here, take this double handful of gold 50-pieces, too. Look out there! You're dropping them!"

But the double handful of gold twenties fell to the floor and went jingling here and there and the husband laughed merrily until—

Flip—Well, er—I knew it had gone!—Detroit Free Press.

First Aid To Beauty.

Nothing is more certain to benefit your complexion than a cent box of Laxakola tablets. They freshen the skin, give color to the cheeks, cure constipation, and give you a clear, vigorous, healthy complexion. Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

He "Drugged" the Prisoner.

Dr. Horatio Perkins, a medical expert described at the Michigan state bar, and his experiments in the life of a young ambulance surgeon.

"An ambulance surgeon of my acquaintance," he said, "had a curious experience the other night. He was summoned to a police station to examine an unconscious prisoner. The prisoner, very ill, had been taken away on the floor of the cell room. The physician bent over and examined him and then, rising, said in a loud, stern voice—

"This man's condition is not due to drink. He has been drugged."

"A policeman turned pale and said in a timid, hesitating voice:

"I'm afraid you're right, sir. I drugged him all the way from Carson's saloon, a matter of a hundred yards or more."

St. Alban and His Teacher.

By some strange irony St. Alban, the martyred but possibly mythical Roman soldier, whose festival falls on June 22, has quite overshadowed his probably historic instructor, St. Amphibalus, whose anniversary comes on the following day. About Amphibalus we know that he was a native of Caerleon, which the Golden Legend expresses by dubbing him "a prince's son of Wales in great array." He was buried at Rebourne, but "translated" to St. Alban's abbey, where his cup was preserved, "which they of the common sort call St. Alban's bottle." In former times children were frequently christened with his name, and Elizabeth Partridge was godmother to Queen Elizabeth.

Consolation.

A minister, who has since attained prominence in New York, was writing a 40c Sun, was in his earlier years allied from a village church. One of the sisters expressed grief at his going. "They will not be a better preacher to take my place," he consoled her. "No, that's just the trouble," she said. "Every preacher, lately, is worse than he was."

WELL SATISFIED THE TELEPHONE EDITORS AT LAW

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bortle Pleased With Their New Home, and Find the Glad Hand On All Sides.

Birmingham, July 26, 1906. — Please allow us a small space to say thanks and acknowledge the generous reception bestowed upon us while we were moving in and getting settled in our new Birmingham home. My first move was from New York State to Detroit, in 1844, and we settled in Bridgewater township, Washington county, among the bears, wolves, Indians and bull-frogs. At the age of twelve years I worked in the "Tecumseh Herald" office as printer's devil, served three weeks and then went to Saline, where my parents lived at that time. Next, in the war three years, then back to Saline where I married. We lived and did business there until 1892. The first general move was to River Rouge in '92 where we reestablished our business and at which place our young people are now doing business and where we left many kind friends and neighbors having been out of business ourselves for the last ten years. The down river village has grown so rapidly that the noise and the of constant trains and traffic caused us to seek a more quiet place to rest our tired nerves, and we chose Birmingham. From the way the good Samaritans welcomed us and handed out rations, we really had no reason to regret our choice of our new home. Again we say thank you.

J. H. BORTLE.

A NEW STATION

The Grand Trunk Railway System To Themselves Proud and Give Battle Creek a New Station.

The opening of the new passenger station at Battle Creek for the Grand Trunk Railway System, the 21st day of July, was a notable day for the Breakfast Food City.

This beautiful building is in accordance with the well known policy of this great railway system showing that neither the pains nor expense were spared to meet, and more that need, the needs of a traveling public. The architects of this handsome edifice are Spier & Robbins, of Detroit, and the builders are M. M. Lewis & Sons, of Battle Creek. The general design of this structure is of the modified mission style. It is built of Maine granite and paving blocks laid in Flemish brick and roofed with semi-glazed Spanish tile. It gives to the public everything it can ask for and supplies for the Assistant Superintendent, Train Dispatchers, General Roadmaster, Special Agents, etc., Battle Creek takes pride in this edifice and the Grand Trunk Railway System has been "Lucky Battle Creek."

A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off perillie attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The perfect satisfaction to everybody and money refunded. Only 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's, and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

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His Little Joke.

"Yes," admitted the drummer, "there are a great many skins in my business."

"What is your line?" asked the porter.

"Leather," answered the drummer, as he lighted a fresh paper coffin nail.—Chicago Daily News.

Forced to It.

"Well, Mary, I'm going to smoke those cigars you gave me last Christmas."

"I knew you would smoke them some time."

"I didn't think I ever would, but the doctor has just told me that I must not use tobacco any more."—Houston Post.

Flausible Scamp.

"I suppose you lost your employment because of drink," said the severe housewife.

"Yes, lady," answered Plooding. "Irene and me got a system full of water did, but he's bottled and degerms did de rest."—Washington Star.

Didn't Know Where To.

Mrs. Flip—I have just been talking to a specialist, and he says my brain vitality has all gone to my long hair. Do you believe it?"

Flip—Well, er—I knew it had gone!—Detroit Free Press.

Handling the Knife.

"You say he is a professional sword swallower?"

"Yes."

"I don't understand."

"You would if you'd watch him eat."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Unappreciated.

"This paper says Americans work too hard," said Mending Mike.

"Dey sure do," answered Plooding. "An'er de public won't realize what foreigners do an' me is."—Washington Star.

Concentrated Hopes.

"Has that young man any expectations in life?" asked the stern father.

"He has," answered the heiresa.

"What?"

"Me."—Washington Star.

EDITORS AT LAW

Editor Fox, of the Era, Sues Editor Seed, of the Clarion, for Criminal Libel.

Next Monday, before Justice Snowdon at Pontiac, Editor Seed will be tried for criminal libel, by Editor Fox. The charge is based on an article in the Clarion of June 23, referring to Fox as "a home breaker, a moral degenerate" and like appellations, which was Seed's way of replying to Fox's charge that he was a dead beat. Fox, considering himself wronged by this language, has recourse to the law.

At a preliminary examination, in Pontiac, a week ago Thursday, Mr. Seed appeared in answer to the summons. He had no legal counsel and told the court he was unfamiliar with the charge brought against him and did not know that bail might be required. The complaint was read by Justice Snowdon and during the reading, Editor Seed calmly looked over the warrant, after which he stood mute, equivalent to pleading not guilty. He informed the court that he and his family contemplated a two week's outing near Battle Creek but had to postpone the trip until Monday to appear at the examination.

In Self Defense.

Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutional, Eminence, Ky., when he was fiercely attacked, four years ago, by piles, bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of which he says: "It cured me in 10 days and no more sore times." Quilting Sores, Burns, Sores, Cuts and Wounds. 2c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Nothing is being left undone to make our coming school year the best ever. Everything and everybody is working very harmoniously for a successful school year. Ahead of us teachers have been engaged for the coming school year, and all are selected with an eye to a profitable school success. The teachers for the coming year are as follows:

Superintendent—Prof. A. E. Bellis, Principal—Miss Ethel Trahagen, English and Biology—Miss Sue Spencer, Eighth Grade—Miss Bessie Kelley, Sixth and Seventh Grades—Not engaged, Fourth and Fifth Grades—Miss Katherine Lewis, Third Grade—Not engaged, Second Grade—Miss Elsie Myers, First Grade—Miss Mabel Smith. The above places not yet filled are soon to be, and the teachers filling these positions will be selected with care and with an eye to their qualification to fill their respective positions.

ATTENTION—TAX-PAYERS

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

M. R. BLAIR.

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.	
Balance on hand July 1, 1905	\$1,577 11
Received primary money	1,066 80
Received from State	4,824 84
mill-tax, Bloomfield	1,307 26
do, Troy	1,620 72
do, Royal Oak	115 00
do, Southfield	27 00
mill-tax, Royal Oak	5 20
do, Southfield	94 12
primary money	32 80
foreign taxes	97 21
miscellaneous	15 56
Miss Jenks	12 00
miscellaneous	1 25
Total amount received	\$12,524 69
EXPENDITURES.	
Male teachers	\$1,130 00
Female teachers	1,350 00
Food and interest	1,390 00
Janitor	267 50
Insurance on building and contents	201 00
Gasoline	200 00
Laboratory	292 10
Books	1,041 19
Business expense, including coal	1,239 45
Repairs	1,620 72
Balance on hand	2,913 22
Total amount expended	\$12,547 43

Each on hand July 1, 1906 \$41 39
Paid for library supplies 149 60
Balance on hand July 10, 1906 8 07 79

SUMMARY

Balance on hand, fiscal year July 1, 1905 \$1,577 11
Receipts during year, both funds 10,947 58
Total cash 12,524 69
Disbursements during year 11,611 43
Balance on hand, both funds 913 22

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 - 1 lot Men's Fine Balbriggan Underwear, go at, garment, 1.00
 - 1 lot Men's Oxford Shoes, go at, per pair, 1.50
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