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CATALOG HOUSES

How Local Dealers Have Them Beat on the Start but Are Not Aware of the Fact.

The Globe Wernick Co., extensive manufacturers, who are selling largely through advertising and who publish a periodical in the interests of their own trade, have just published an article which throws much light on the mail-order business. They say: "It is possible for the mail-order house to reach the consumer only through advertising. There is no other possible means of communication. They publish an immense catalogu and carry liberal spacee in papers and magazines where big prices have to be paid for the space. Many of them pay as high as $2,500 for a single advertisement." The company then goes on to urge the local dealer to use the same means to fight the mail-order house. There is cheaper advertising and much more space at the command of the local merchant than can be handled by the mail-order house. The business man who thinks that he can play a game of freeze-out with the mail-order competitor by sitting down and watching the enemy congeal, will get left. The mail-order man will get there with the goods if he is not headed off; but the advantage is with the local dealer who is alive. He can get the goods right and sell them right. Farmers are buying some classes of articles cheaper outside and the way to command their trade is to get next to them with the same goods at the same price or better. It can be done.

DEATH OF MRS. ESTHER M. LEONARD.

For nearly a week Mrs. Esther M. Leonard, aged 75 years, had been very near death's door, and when the end came Tuesday morning it was expected, as the good woman had been steadily failing for several days. Deceased was one of the very early settlers of Royal Oak. A descendant of the Starr family, she is the last to pass on. Her brother, David Starr, preceded her only three months ago, he having died May 18 last.

Mrs. Leonard was a noble woman and had a great number of warm friends. She has been a resident of Birmingham for 30 years. Her husband, Charles Leonard, died 26 years ago, at Pontiac. She had one son, Mason N. Leonard, who died two and one-half years ago. Her descendants are her grandchildren—Dr. Chares Leonard, of Berlin, Germany; Dr. Steward Leonard, of Detroit; Harry, of Arizona, and Bert, Roy and Homer.

Her funeral was held from her late home Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. G. H. North, after which her remains were laid by the side of her husband in the Crooks Cemetery, in Troy.

Announcement.

We call your attention to the fact that Dermakola Ointment is a positive cure for eczema, ulcers, wounds, piles, and every kind of skin or scalp trouble. It costs 25 cents if it cures. If it don't we return your money. Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

Senator Cares Little for Wealth.

In the course of a conversation with the president Senator Pettus of Alabama confessed that he would take rank among the poorest men in the senate. "I agree with William Wirt, who was attorney general of the United States, that industrious lawyers work harder, live better and die poorer than any other class of people," said Senator Pettus. He does not believe in leaving money behind him and thinks it encourages laziness. "I have grandsons and great grandsons, and still another generation coming on," said he. "I do not want to leave them so that they will not have to work, for these men with millions do not have to labor and consequently they do not work." "Is it true, senator, as quoted in the newspapers, that you said if you had life to live over again you would get out in the middle of a big farm, and stay there?" "Well, I don't remember saying that, but I certainly have thought it a number of times," was the response.

Spectacles for the Schools.

A letter in the Times signed by Princess Christian, Lady Plymouth and Lady St. Helier may strike some as revealing one of the curiosities of charity. They write on behalf of a society for supplying spectacles to school children. Those who smile do not understand, for the matter is quite serious. Mysterious collapses of the nervous system and general poor health may be due simply to defective sight which spectacles would remedy. It is an admirable society and it exists because the London county council have not the legal power to supply spectacles in the schools. A society to supply tooth brushes and tooth powder would save poor children from untold misery.—London Saturday Review.

How to Earn $5.00 a Day.

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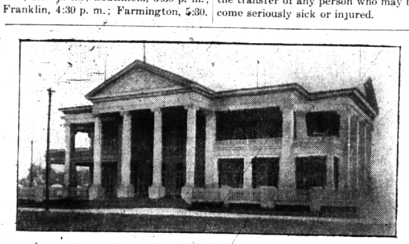
THE NEW MODE

Our Governor, Lieut.-Gov. Kelly, Samuel W. Smith, M. C., With the County Officers, Are in It.

In a flying trip with automobiles all around Old Oakland, will travel in the near future, Governor Fred M. Warner, Lieutenant-Governor Kelly, Congressman Samuel W. Smith and the county officers. They begin at Novi, Thursday, September 13, 1906 (look out boys—the 13th!), arriving at 7:30 a. m.. It is estimated that three days of travel will be sufficeient to make a visit at every burg, hamlet, village and city in the county. Everybody invited to be present at these gatherings and to bring your friends and neighbors. Beginning Saturday, September 13, this notable body of officials will make the following stops in our vicinity: Orion, 7:30 a. m.; Oakland township, 8:30 a. m.; Goodison, 9:00 a. m.; Rochester, 9:30 a. m.; Amy, 10:30 a. m.; Troy Corners, 11:15 a. m.; Big Beaver, 11:45 a. m.; Birmingham, 12:15 p. m.; Royal Oak, 2:30 p. m.; Southfield, 3:30 p. m.; Franklin, 4:30 p. m.; Farmington, 5:30.



MICHIGAN BUILDING, STATE FAIR GROUNDS.

THE FAIR IS ON

The Best Ever—All Buildings are Completed—Exhibitions Numerous—Prospects Brilliant.

In the past the exhibits have been frequently lacking in certain lines, but this year every department bids fair to be filled to the limit. In some they have far more entries than could be placed.

The buildings are all completed and the finishing touches made. Every accommodation has been provided at the grounds. Among the conveniences are a post-office, where mail can be posted and received regularly. Mail addressed to the grounds will be delivered four times a day. Those who want to cash checks or transact other financial business may do so without leaving the grounds, as the People's Savings bank has arranged to conduct an office there. Every precaution against accidents will be taken, and an ambulance from Grace hospital will constantly be on hand for the transfer of any person who may become seriously sick or injured.

THE BUELL PLAT

Auction Sale of These Desirable Lots on Saturday, September 8, at 3 P. M.—A Big Deal.

No one opening this interesting paper can fail to see and read the big three-column advertisement of E. L. Buell's new addition to the Village of Birmingham. Now mark what we say. These lots will go like hot cakes. The sale is absolute and final. E. L. Buell has done a most wonderful, generous and energetic work on this sub-division, and he is going to sell them at auction. Every lot put up will be sold to the highest bidder, with no reserve. O. Wardell & Sons, the famous Detroit auctioneers, will do the selling. Special cars will bring out the city people.

The location is unsurpassed. The right side of the street. The right location for city people to buy. It is without doubt the best proposition for a home seeker that ever came up in our village. Each lot is 50x150 feet, and with each lot goes a Crawford & Crawford abstract down to the date of purchase. Less than one hour's ride in the most natural suburban town outside of Detroit. It is a chance of a lifetime to secure a home lot in Birmingham, and when you get it at your own price, what more can you ask? No safer investment can be had. Real estate dealers, speculators, home seekers—all should attend this sale. All 1906 taxes paid.

No postponement on account of rain. Every lot is staked and numbered. More that 500 feet frontage on Woodward Avenue, with most desirable lots on George, Ann and Purdy Avenues.

This sale begins at 3 o'clock p. m., Saturday, September 8, under a large tent on the premises, and will be rushed to a finish. Terms are so easy that any one can secure a lot—$10 cash at time of sale, with only $15 more inside of one week; balance to suit purchaser.

We think this sale will be the greatest event we ever had, and that the town will be greatly benefitted by purchasers who will at once proceed to erect homes. Everybody come out and see, and have a half day's interesting doings.

JULY

Clearance :: Sale

From one-quarter to one-third reduction from former prices.

1 lot Ladies' Mercerized Sateen Waists go at, each,	$1.00
1 lot Men's $2.00 All-Wool Pants, go at, pair,	1.50
1 lot Men's Overalls (just received), go at, pair,	.50
1 lot Men's Fine Balbriggan Underwear, go at, garment,	.50
1 lot Men's Oxford Shoes, go at, per pair,	1.00
1 lot Men's Negligee Shirts, go at, each,	.49
Odds and ends of Wall Paper, go at	Cost

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Governor Fred M. Warner Desires to Entertain Newspaper Association.

Governor Fred M. Warner has expressed a desire to President Powers of the Michigan Press Association to entertain the members of that association at his home at Farmington sometime in September. The invitation will undoubtedly be accepted.

Two years ago this month the governor entertained about 60 of the members of the Eastern Michigan Press Club at his home. Dinner was served on the lawn after a business session of the association and speeches followed.

Galveston's Sea Wall

Makes life now as safe in that city as on the higher uplands. E. W. Goodloe, who resides on Dutton street, in Waco, Texas, needs no sea wall for safety. He writes: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption the past five years and it keeps me well and safe. Before that time I had a cough which for years had been growing worse. Now it's gone." Cures chronic Coughs, la Grippe, Croup, Whooping Cough, and prevents Pneumonia. Pleasant to take. Every bottle guaranteed at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottle free.

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM."

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D. & B. STEAMBOAT CO.,
7 Wayne St., Detroit, Mich.

First District Legislative Convention.

The First District Legislative Convention for the County of Oakland will be held in Library Hall, in the Village of Birmingham, on Friday, September 7, 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m. standard time, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for the Michigan State Legislature for the First District of Oakland county. Following is allotted to each township and ward: Avon, 7; Bloomfield, 6; Farmington, 5; Oakland, 2; Pontiac town, 2; Royal Oak, 3; Southfield, 3; Troy, 3; Pontiac city—1st ward, 4; 2d ward, 6; 3d ward, 6; 4th ward, 7; 5th ward, 5.

Dated Pontiac, August 24, 1906.

W. A. FOX,
S. S. CROHN,
L. D. BURCH,
Legislative Committee.

Notice.

To the Electors of the Township of Bloomfield:

You are hereby notified that at the Primary Election to be held in the Village of Birmingham, this State, on Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 1906, a candidate for the Republican Party for Representative in Congress shall be selected by the qualified electors of said party.

BY ORDER OF TOWNSHIP COM.

In Self Defense

Major Hamm, editor and manager of the Constitutionalist, 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 trouble since." Quickest healer of Burns, Sores, Cuts and Wounds. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

A COLD COUNTRY

Tommy Brace Writes a Very Interesting Letter to His Brother, From Alaska.

NOME, ALASKA, Aug. 9, '06.

DEAR BROTHER HARRY:

I received your letter some time ago and I guess you will soon think it is time I answered it. We have had a very nice summer here—no rain is the only draw-back. The Big Ditch Company has built several big ditches, 40 to 50 miles long, to bring the water in to where the mines are. They are building a railroad to the Kougarok; it will be finished before October as the rails are laid to Salmon Lake now. The big companies are buying up most all the mines in the country, so there is not much show for a poor man here now.

The S. S. Corwin goes on an excursion Sunday to Point Borrow and then to Siberia, then back to Nome. They will be gone about a week. The Prout family are talking of going.

We have an election here the 14th of August for the purpose of sending a delegate to Congress, which will be the first representative from Alaska. The Governor has been here for a week looking over the country. They had the soldiers out and the Nome brass band and two big cannons at the beach to welcome him, and then in the evening gave him a big banquet. Governor Hoggart is all right. There was a big parade, several hundred men in line following him to the hotel.

Issac and McMillan are going to Bluff City in a few days which is about 60 miles down the coast.

Well, by the way things look here now I guess I am here for another winter.

I have received a few comic postal cards marked H. M., so I guess they must be from Harmon Mageehan.

I sent Mary some pictures some time ago, of my dogs. I guess you have some, but if you have not I will send some but they are not good anyway.

We have been busy prospecting all summer, but as the Esquimo says "gold all peluck."

There are several Esquimos here from Siberia. The police took one squaw by here last night and, as she was intoxicated, they put her in jail so they could find out where she got the whiskey.

I guess I have told you all I know, so bye bye. We are all O. K., hoping you are the same.

TOM BRACE.

P. S.—Lots of salmon in Nome now. You can buy a nice big one, two feet long, for 25 cents.

The End of the World

Of troubles that robbed E. H. Wolfe, of Bear Grove, Ia., of all usefulness, came 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.

THE CHUTES.

Chicago's Famous Water Park Furnishes New Sensations.

No more wonderful pleasure resort exists than Chicago's famous water park, "The Chutes."

Its fame is international. This season it offers two sensations which have set the big city agog. One is "Elter," the Beautiful Mystery of the Lake," and the other King Humboldt's Royal Italian Band, led by Maestro Francesco Pozzi. The "Banda Italiana Abruzzi" is an organization of forty skilled musicians, which creates a furore in Europe. It is touring the world and will delight the Chutes' patrons this summer.

"Elter," who is a beautiful young woman, emerges from the depths of the lake and disappears beneath its waves like a fabled nymph. Her marvelous feat amazes and mystifies.

"Shooting the Chutes" over the biggest artificial cascades in the world is the favorite pastime of Chicago. Shouting and laughing throngs descend the glistening cascades with the speed of the wind until their gay gondolas splash in the lake and glide swiftly forward on foam-crested waves to a placid harbor.

While Pozzi's big band fills the park with majestic strains, delighted celebrants are whirled through mid-air at marvelous speed; phantom cars flash across the horizon laden with gaily attired children and young women; mists of opalescent spray cool the beautiful park; its blue lake glistens and scintillates under the glorious sun and against the blue sky fluttering and gleaming countless flags and variegated lights.

A more entrancing spectacle cannot be imagined than The Chutes, a citadel of beautiful pavilions, thronged with happy people, animated by a thousand gay activities, illuminated like a fairyland and ringing with the melodic of its world-famed band.

Among its unique devices are the Velvet Coaster, Aerostat Flying Machines, Radium Zoo, moving pictures of the San Francisco Fire, Electric Theatre, troupe of entertainers, Figure 8, Toboggan, Giant Automatan, Katzenjammer Castle, free Children's Playground, Thousand Anamorphoses, Laughing Gallery, Helter Skelter, Mammoth Carousel, Mystic Hill, a Subterranean River, Haunted House, Pendant Swings, and a thousand others.

This matchless resort is Chicago's favorite playground, a Coney Island, circus and world's fair, all in one. No visit to the big city is complete without "seeing the Chutes." Access to all of its bewildering activities may be had for ten cents. Street cars transfer passengers to The Chutes from all parts of Chicago for five cents.

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