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THE TELEPHONE

Birmingham Telephone Business Has a Steady Growth—Cost to Company Will be Nearly $11,000.

Hon. Michael Bogan, foreman of a gang of line builders, has been in our midst for nearly a month with a competent corps of cable men, switchboard men, pole setters, linemen, and grunts putting in new work to connect up those who have had leases signed and in the hands of Manager Mitchell, many of them over a year old.

The work being done in the village is of the most expensive kind imaginable. A new 200 pair cable has been put up and divided into different directions, east, north and south. The west side is to be cared for later on. New subscribers are continually coming in, and without soliciting when completed, Birmingham will be crawling along towards the 300 mark. When the present manager first came in contact with the telephone business only two subscribers were known in Birmingham, Ira Slade and the Watkins Pony farm. For years these were the only two and about 2½ years ago the subscribers numbered 60. This was thought to be a big exchange. Now this office has over 200 phones installed and 25 leases not yet installed. The names of the new ones installed last week are:

114-L	Levanseler & Warner Bakery.
104	George W. Crary.
109	The Detroit Scenery Co.
105-L	M. Levinson, res.
107-J	Mrs. M. M. Parmenter, res.
109-L	George Purdy, res.
105-J	Otto Hecker, res.
112-L	A. E. Bunting, res.
112-J	Miss Agnes Parks, res.
111-J	W. N. Berger, res.
112J	John Weier, Blacksmith Shop
106-J	Richard Erwin, res.
106-L	George Ferguson, res.
108-J	Charles Reynolds, res.
116	D. W. Bray, res.
115-J	Sidney L. Clark, res.

Telephone subscribers should cut out the above names and paste them in their new directory.

Manager Mitchell has about 30 more leases for which telephones will be installed as soon as the company can get to them.

A weak stomach, causing dyspepsia—a weak heart with palpitation or intermittent pulse, always means weak stomach nerves or weak heart nerves. Strengthen these inside or controlling nerves with Dr. Shoop's Restorative and see how quickly these ailments disappear. Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wisconsin, will mail samples free. Write for them. A test will tell. Your health is certainly worth this simple trial. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosso, of Detroit, parents of Albert Rosso, of Willow Avenue, have been enjoying a delightful visit with their children. Albert had a birthday celebration on Thursday of this week, and the whole family joined in.

The Touch that Heals

Is the touch of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the happiest combination of Arnica flowers and healing balsams ever compounded. No matter how old the sore or ulcer is, this Salve will cure it. For burns, scalds, cuts wounds or piles it's an absolute cure. Guaranteed by Chas. J. Shain and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. 25c.

DEATH WON OUT

Mrs. Theron H. Blumberg, Aged 60 Years, Passes Away, After a Long Illness.

Alice R. Brace was born in Peru, N. Y., November 14, 1847, and moved to Southfield, Mich., with her parents when she was about seven years old. In 1869 she was married to Theron H. Blumberg, and lived on the Blumberg homestead south of this place for four years. They afterwards moved to the

ALICE BRACE BLUMBERG.

toll gate where they lived for 34 years, during which time three sons were born to them—Bert who died in 1891, and Will and Neil, who live at home.

Mrs. Blumberg was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham and a member of the Eastern Star Lodge. Her health had been poor for the last 26 years, and she was confined to her bed for eight weeks previous to her death. Her husband and two sons, survive her, also three brothers—P. H. Brace, of Cameron, Mo., William Brace of Redford, Mich.; and L. W. Brace, of Flint, Mich.

The funeral was held at the house Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., and interment was made at Greenwood cemetery.

In most cases consumption results from a neglected or improperly-treated cold. Foley's Honey and Tar cures the most obstinate coughs and prevents serious results. It costs no more than the unknown preparations and you should insist upon having the genuine in the yellow package. All druggists.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham post-office on Octocber 12, 1907—C. G. Brown, David Castle, Jim Cross, Henry Davy, Quincey Harmon, Gust Hummel, Malcom McIntyre, J. W. Purdon, Otto Schleichler, Rich Smith, Spencer Stephenson, Jas. Trombley, Robert E. Walker, Mrs. Clara Ferris, Miss Margaret Reid.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

The Best Laxative for Children.

Parents should see to it that their children have one natural, easy movement of the bowels each day. Do not dose the child with salts or griping pills, as they are too powerful in effect, and literally tear their little insides to pieces, leaving the bowels weakened and less able to act naturally than before. Laxative Bromo-Qui Tablets tone and strengthen the bowels, and stimulate all the little organs to healthy activity. Chocolate coated tablets, easy to take, never gripe or nauseate. 10c, 25c and $1.00.

OF IMPORTANCE

The Following Article on the Public Library Contains Facts That All Should Know.

The very existence of the public library in Birmingham shows that the village has a true appreciation of the value of books. The advantages of a public library and such larger phases of library work, then, need not here be discussed. Of more direct interest and benefit to you will be an explanation of the organization of the library.

When the organization is completed, the patron will find conveniently placed in the library a cabinet of six drawers filled with catalog cards, which will put the contents of the library before the reader. The catalog is known as the dictionary catalog; that is, one straight alphabetical file of cards representing the author, title and subject of a book. The reader looks up a book by its author, title, or subject as he would look up a word in the dictionary. In the upper left-hand corner of every card is the call number, in red; so named because it is the number by which one calls for the desired book. This number appears on the label of the book wanted and on no other.

Any subject must be classified to make it most accessible. The librarian's chief concern is to make the books of as much value to the public as possible, or, to make their contents as accessible to the reader as she can. It is desirable to have a uniform classification of books in all libraries; the Dewey Decimal Classification is not only the most prevalent, but is also the simplest and most efficient classification yet devised. This system is the one being used in the Birmingham library. In this system, "the entire field of knowledge is divided into nine main classes which are numbered by digits from 1 to 9. The decimal form means simply that the heads are grouped and numbered with the common arithmetical figures used decimally. Each class is similarly divided into nine sections and the process is repeated as often as is found necessary. Thus 512 means: Class 5, natural sciences; Division 1, mathematics; Section 2, algebra, and every algebra is numbered 512. The books on the shelves are arranged in simple numerical order. The Dewey Decimal Classification tables show the order in which the subjects follow another on the shelves." In the Birmingham library the following modifications have been made in the Dewey Decimal Classificatin; B stands for biography; BB, for collective biography; F, for fiction, and Y, for young people's and children's books.

As a guide in building up the Birmingham public library to one of good proportions, the American Library Association catalog, (familarly known as the A. L. A. catalog) published in 1904, as a part of the library exhibit in the St. Louis Exposition, will be found unparalleled. It consists in the main of a list of the best 8,000 books for an average model public library, representing in good proportions all branches of knowledge. Of geheral help to any interested collector of books will be found the publishers, the best editions, the prices and critical annotations, of the 8,000 listed books. By comparing the contents of a public library to this model list of books in its classed arrangement, one can readily tell what classes in the library need building up; for instance one would have a good precedent for devoting a given amount of the funds to Fine Arts. Of course every library needs to be modified to suit the needs of the community it serves. The subject of the catalog is brought up here, not merely because it is a good reference tool in building up any collection but with the suggestion that it be used as a guide in making gifts to the library.

The Birmingham library of 2,400 books which answered every demand as the property of the Ladies' Library Association is an infant as a public library and cannot supply the needs of readers of every age and class who now have a right to expect help. The growth of the public library to one of good proportions will have to take place slowly; the available funds which could keep a well-stocked library going comfortably are not enough to build up several classes of books at once. The more limited the funds, too, the more carefully they must be expended.

As individuals we can contribute in small ways to the growth of the library by gifts. No doubt many of us have books at home which have served our purpose and which we know we will never use again; yet influenced by our vanity in possession, we let them rest idly on our home shelves until in years to come they lose their value and are replaced by others better, when they might have served many a person from the shelves of the public library.

A newcomer views these struggling libraries from a widely different point of view from those who have seen them grow during a life time. The latter use them, if at all, in a matter of course way, and yet there is a sacredness about these libraries that does not associate itself with a thoroughly established library. We know that their builders have hoped and worked for much more than they have actually been able to accomplish. Imperfections exist which they recognize but have not been able to overcome. The least we can do is to be generous toward these imperfections. That there is much yet to do will be good news to those who want to "square" themselves for benefits received.

Stomach troubles, heart and kidney ailments, can be quickly corrected with a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The prompt and surprising relief which this remedy immediately brings is entirely due to its restorative action upon the controlling nerves of the stomach, etc. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

NOTICE TO GAS USERS.

Notice is hereby given that all gas bills not paid by the 12th of November next, service will cease to those remaining unpaid at that date. 4t

BIRMINGHAM GAS CO.

Lost and Found

Lost, between 9:30 p. m. yesterday and noon today, a bilious attack, with nerves and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the guaranteed cure for biliousness malaria and jaundice. 25c.

RURAL CARRIERS

An Examination for Rural Carriers to be Held at Pontiac, November 2nd.

Postmaster H. A. Wyckoff announces that there will be a free rural delivery carriers' examination in Pontiac on Saturday, November 2nd, at which time all applicants for a position in this branch of the service will be given an examination. Examination blanks may be had by applying at the postoffice.

For the benefit of those who are not familar with the qualificatioms demanded by the government for this branch of the service, Mr. Wyckoff states that—no person is eligible to the examination who is not a citizen of the United States; who is not 17 years of age, or except in case of honorably discharged United States soldiers or sailors, is over 55 years of age; who for the past year preceding the filing of his application has not been an actual resident of the territory supplied by the local postoffice; who is physically or mentally unfit for the position; or who habitually uses intoxicating beverages to excess.

The department states that it is not in the interest of good service to appoint women to the position of rural carriers. Women will not be certified while a register contains the names of male eligibles.

If real coffee disturbs your stomach, your heart, or kidneys, then try this clever coffee imitation—Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee. Dr. Shoop has closely matched old Java and Mocha coffee in flavor and taste, yet it has not a single grain of real coffee in it. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee Imitation is made from pure toasted grains or cereals, with malt, nuts, etc. Made in one minute. No tedious, long wait. You will surely like it. Get a free sample at my store. Charles J. Shain.

Those Lovely Blankets

For cold, nippy nights—Blankets. We have them with all the delicately tinted borders. No finer fleece ever grew on a sheep's back, and could that same sheep know of the small price we are asking for its product it would hang its head in shame.

Sixteen of the best blanket mills in the country stand back of this great sale. Every Blanket as good as gold. Don't bother about coal. Buy Blankets. Come and see these bargains before the best are gone. Weigh them; measure them; poke your thumbs into their heat-holding depths.

F. BLAKESLEE
BIRMINGHAM

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Hervey G. Spencer and Homer D. Wolcott, under the firm name of Spencer & Wolcott, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Theron B. Smith having purchased the interest of Mr. Wolcott will, with Mr. Spencer, continue the business under the name of Spencer & Smith, the new firm collecting all accounts and paying all bills.

HERVEY G. SPENCER.
Birmingham, Oct. 15, 1907. HOMER D. WOLCOTT.

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We have arranged for a Special Bargain Week in *Plain and Fancy Wool Dress Goods only.* A large variety of styles and colorings to select from; all new and desirable effects, suitable for street and house wear. Special price **69c**; regular values, 85c, $1.00 and $1.25.

Just opened a case of *All-Wool Challies* in Staple, Dresden and Persian designs. **50c** a yard.

CLOTH DEPARTMENT

Cloakings, White Polar Bear, **$2.50, $3.00** and **$4.00**; and in colors, **$2.25, $3.00, $3.50** and **$5.00.**

Black Astrachans, **$6.00, $7.50, $8.00, $8.50, $12.00** and **$15.00.**

Grey Astrachans, **$8.00.** *Cream,* **$7.00.**

Broadcloth, in prune, purple, egg-plant and copengahen blue, brown, tans, navy, green and blacks, **$1.25** to **$5.00.**

Louis Chiffon Vel Duvet, 24-inch, a costume Velvet, **$1.25.**

22-inch *Velvet Cord,* **$1.25.**

Manchester Dress Corduroy, 27-inch, **85c.**

FLANNEL DEPARTMENT

Inna Scotch Wash Flannels, **40c.**

Vigella Flannels, **75c.**

Silk and Wool Waist Flannels, **$1.25.**

Plain and Fancy Waist Flannels, **65c** to **$1.00.**

Kraukledown and Eiderdown Flannels, **55c, 60c, 85c, $1.00** and **$1.25.**

Outing Flannels, **10c** to **25c.**

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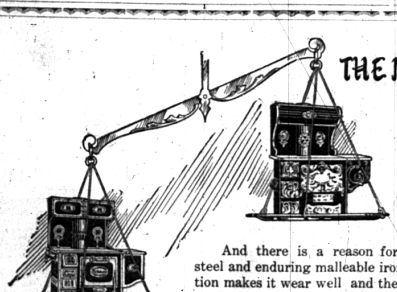

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