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THE COMING HOME

If Thomas A. Edison's Plans For Cement Houses Do Not Fail to Work, Cement Is King.

While the plan of Thomas A. Edison to build complete houses of concrete in twelve hours has in some quarters been regarded as a visionary scheme, it is a significant fact that Mr. Edison has been invited to exhibit his forms and demonstrate his system at the Chicago Cement Show, December 17th. to 21st. As this exhibition is being is being promoted by some of the most far-seeing cement men in the country, it may be that the famous inventor will turn out to have hit upon one of the right lines of concrete construction as he has in many other fields of mechanics.

"By means of a system of patent moulds" says Mr. Edison, "it is possible for any contractor to build a house of cement twenty-five feet wide and forty-five feet deep, three stories high, and capable of comfortably housing three families for $1000. Three families in a house built on this model will give each family lots of room.

"The most important feature of the patent lies in the moulds, which are of iron, but the material of the house is to be composed of a new composition of mine consisting of one part of cement, three parts of sand, and five parts of quarter inch crushed stone. The only part of the house not built of cement will be a strip of wood around the ends of the floors on which to tack down carpets.

A house like this will abolish insurance forever. By pouring the cement into the moulds, beginning of course at the top until the whole mixture overflows the edifice; it will be possible to build the house in twelve hours and in six days more it will have settled and hardened so as to be absolutely indestructible.

"I have built the model of this house on the basis of a laborer-owner getting $1.50 per day. The moulding forms are of cast iron, and for $1000. the entire house can be built. This is to include heating pipes, staircases of cement, floors and mantels of cement and a cement roof that won't leak. Plumbing and even bath tubs will be of cement.

"The durability of the house is unquestionable. It will last forever. Even children may go around with axes and chop as long as they like without doing any material harm."

Even if Mr. Edison should not get to the Chicago Cement Show to give demonstrations of his new device, there will be on exhibition a sufficient variety of systems of concrete construction which have already been proved successful to make the show a valuable exposition of this growing infant industry.

The industry is so comparatively new, however, that education is sorely needed. It is on this account that so much attention is being given to concrete block construction at the various conventions and exhibitions, such as the Cement Products Exposition to be held in Chicago, December 17th. to 21st. No one can attend such a show without gaining ideas which are bound to be beneficial both to the individual and to industry at large.

The cement industry in Birmingham's considers by advanced along the lines of block building and also brick making cement. Ed. Holloway is the pioneer of the industry in this vicinity, and is still engaged in it, and also is the sidewalk maker of the village. Charles Shuler is an expert in building sidewalks, too. Will Crary has the largest plant, and the most money invested of anyone in our village, and is enthusiastic and successful over his results. William Morris, on J. West Patchett's farm is a big block maker, and has the contract for the big Chittenden home, at Bloomfield Hills, and will work on his contract all winter under cover.

Passed Examination Successfully.

James Donahue, New Britain, Connecticut, writes: "I tried several kidney remedies, and was treated by our best physicians for diabetes, but did not improve until I took Foley's Kidney Cure. After the second bottle I showed improvement, and five bottles cured me completely. I have since passed a rigid examination for life insurance." Foley's Kidney Cure cures back-ache and all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. All druggists.

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A GRAND SCHEME

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It is not generally known that Michigan has traveling libraries from which any public library can get the loan of any reasonable number of books for certain periods of time. The B'ham Public Library has just received a case from Lansing and below we give a partial list of the same. The chances for choosing reading is at your call. Are you getting your share?

Sermons by Philips Brooks,
In The Tiger Jungle,
The Bible and its Story,
Problems of the Poor,
Revolutionary Tendencies of the Age,
Familiar Features of the Roadside,
Domesticated Animals,
Easiest Way in Housekeeping,
Food Products of the World,
When Life is Young,
The Blue Poetry Books,
Author's Readings,
Triumphs of Modern Engineering,
House and Home Papers,
Ten Dollars Enough,
Chase of the Meteor,
The Little Regiment,
Lad's Love,
Dr. Warwick's Daughters,
In Wild Rose Time,
Pontiac, Chief of the Ontarios,
Paul, a Herald of the Cross,
Scarlet Poppy,
In the Face of the Waters,
The Lollipop's Vacation,
Zig Zag Journeys in the White City,
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A Girl's Winter in India,
In Savage Africa,
Around the Camp Fire,
On the Edge of the Orient,
Great Cities of the Ancient World,
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Abraham Lincoln,
Private Life of the Queen,
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ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES.

The Choir of St James' church in preparation for Christmas is practicing twice a week, on the evenings of Thursday and Friday. The number of the choir members will be increased very soon and the music of the services much strengthened by the addition of seven or more men. Through the kindness of All Saints' church, Pontiac, in loaning vestments, the new members will be vested by Christmas Day. The full choir, and processional up the aisle, will make the service at 10:30 Christmas morning particularly pleasing and impressive. You are invited.

We hear often the question, why don't people go to church? I want to put before you a question both more interesting and more profitable; why DO people go to church? And I'll tell you why. Because people are human beings unlike animals, have deep feelings, high aspirations, great dreams, strong hopes, large visions, mighty conviction, holy affections. And people go to church because they have found that to meet together once a week in the thought of a Father God, and in united following of a Holy Master has made their feelings sweeter and deeper; their aspirations loftier, their dreams truer, their hope more sure, their vision more far-reaching, their convictions more solidly grounded, their love more pure. In a word, they have found that to worship God together and together to follow Christ, make their humanity larger and their animality smaller. And because people are made to be human and not animal, and the human within them is restless and dissatisfied unless it is growing, and in the need for growth is ever crying out for food, for this reason—to feed their souls—people go to church.

Are you feeding your soul—feeding it generously, abundantly, as abundantly, as generously as you feed your horses or your cows? or are you starving it?

L. W. S.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, New York, had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed. Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness, and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by Charles J. Shain and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. 50c.

BOILER LETS GO

Grand Trunk Locomotive Boiler Lets Go, Killing Instantly the Fireman, and Injuring Engineer.

Just back of Charles Stinchfield's home seems to be a hoodooed spot for the old reliable G.T. Railway, as this accident is the third that has occurred at this point in past years. Tuesday morning of this week at about 6:30 a double header pulling a freight from Detroit to Pontiac, when just back of the Stinchfield farm, the boiler of the second engine exploded with disastrous results. E. Montgomery, fireman whose home is in Detroit, was instantly killed, and William Brown, engineer also of Detroit, was badly burned and seriously injured by the explosion. At this writing no cause is known for the explosion. Engineer Brown was taken home the evening of the accident, on the same train that conveyed the remains of Fireman Montgomery, to his family in Detroit. According to the statements of Engineer Brown, the wrecked locomotive carried 185 pounds of steam and there was plenty of water in the boiler.

The rear end of the boiler was blown out and Montgomery evidently was directly in its path. He was blown completely out of the cab and over the tender and five freight cars where his body landed beside the track

Engineer Brown was sitting on the engineer's seat with his hand on the throttle. There was a terrific report and when he regained consciousness he was sitting on the trucks of the wrecked engine. The boiler and smokestack landed a hundred feet away. The explosion had driven the boiler into the ground and it bounded along until it settled in the adjoining orchard. The smokestack and part of the cab accompanied the boiler. The rest of the engnie remained on the track. A hole several feet was dug in the ground. The head engine and freight cars escaped damage. Engineer George Masmer of the front engine quickly stopped and when he discovered Brown raced with him to Pontiac, where Dr. Chapman, the road's surgeon cared for his wounds. An engine was immediately sent back to the wreck and the remains of Fireman Montgomery were taken to Pontiac for inquest.

Here's Good Advice

O. S. Woolever, one of the best-known merchants of LeRaysville, New York, says: "If you are ever troubled with piles, apply Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured me of them for good 20 years ago. Cures every sore, wound, burn or abrasion. 25c at Charles J. Shain's or Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

A COLD DAY.

A merchant in Wisconsin town, who had a Swedish clerk, sent him out to do some collecting. When he returned from an unsuccessful trip, he reported:

"Yim Yonson say he will pay ven he sells his hogs. Ole Oleson, he vil pay ven he sell him wheat; and Bill Pack he vill pay in Yanuary."

"Well," said the boss, thats the first time Bill ever did set a date to pay. Did he really say he would pay in January?"

"Vell, aye tank so," said the clerk. "He say it ban a dam cold day ven you yet that money. I tank that ban in Yanuary."

Danger in Asking Advice.

When you have a cough or cold do not ask some one what is good for it, as there is danger in taking some unknown preparation. Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs, colds, and prevents pneumonia. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. All druggists.

NOTICE TO TROY TAX PAYERS

After Dec. 15th and until Jan. 10th I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Troy.

Tuesdays at Cutting's store, Troy. Thursdays at Lamb's store, Big Beaver. Saturdays at the Exchange Bank in Birmingham.

CHARLES W. CLARK,
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OBITUARY.

MRS. GEORGE W. HETH

Died Thursday, Dec. 5th, at the home of her son John N. Heth in this village, aged 81 years, 11 months, and 29 days.

Miss Martha Covert was born in New York state Dec. 6th 1825 and came to Michigan in 1834. Was married Nov. 10 1847 to George W. Heth and settled in Southfield at that time on the farm where she always has lived up to the time she moved to Birmingham, living for nearly 60 years on the same farm, making her one of the really Southfield pioneers.

Her husband George W. Heth died 14 years ago and up to about three or four months ago she always enjoyed pretty good health for one of her years. Deceased was the first grandchild of Grandma Huff, who died in Clinton, Wis, aged 101 years and 6 months old, about 24 years ago and Mrs. Elizabeth Voorheis a daughter of Grandma Huff who died recently in Montcalm county at the great age of over 103 years.

Mrs. George W. Heth is survived by her only son John N. who, with his wife, faithfully cared for the mother the last 11 years.

Funeral was held Saturday, from the late home of the deceased, by Rev. Dr. Jameison after which her remains were deposited in Greenwood Cemetery for her last long sleep.

FREDERICK BRACE.

Died, at his residence in Royal Oak village, on Thursday Dec. 5th. '07, after an illness of three months, caused by valvular heart trouble, aged, 79 years.

Deceased was born in Hereford, England, January 14, 1829. He came to this country at the tender age of three years. He lived in the state of New York and Canada for a short time coming to Michigan. in 1837, where he settled with his parents on a farm near Royal Oak village.

At the age of 22 years he bought the farm, then a wilderness on which he resided continuously until April last, when he retired to a quiet restful home in Royal Oak village. He was a consistent member of the Big Beaver M.E. church, and his funeral services were held from his late home in Royal Oak, last Saturday, Rev. A. Smith, of the Royal Oak M. E. church officiating; assisted by Rev. L. L. Houghten, of Birmingham, and Rev. G. L. Wibbert, of Detroit. Burial at Troy cemetery.

Deceased was twice married, and is survived by a widow, and daughters, Mrs. R. Haeckler, of Detroit, and Miss Violet who lives at home, and Mrs. H. C. Sage, of Belding, Mich. His surviving sons are; Cyrus, of Colo, Charles, of Chicago, Illa., Isaac and Thomas, of Nome, Alaska, and Harry, who lives at home. Two brothers survive the deceased, Thomas, of Colo; and Isaac, of Warren. Mr. Brace was a good citizen and had many friends here in Birmingham, who respected him as an upright honest man, whose death is a loss to the entire community.

FRANK E. BROOKS

Died, at the residence of his father, on Pierce street, on Thursday, Dec. 5th., 1907, Frank E. Brooks in the 34th. year of his age.

Everybody in town knew Frank Brooks as an honest, upright young man. We all know of the ineffectual battle against disease which the poor boy waged for four long years, said destroyer and peacefully passed away.

He was a graduate of our high school, and was born on the home farm, in Troy, 34 years ago. Six years ago, he commenced a medical course in the Detroit College, but his health failing, he tried the different changes of climate, advised by his various consulting physicians, but all to no purpose.

His faithful wife, whom he married in Florida, deserves the respect and condolences of our entire community; for a more devoted helpmate and support in time of trouble, no man ever had. The parents and widow of the deceased request that we express their sincere thanks to the many kind friends who were a very present help in the time of trouble, and the beautiful floral offerings were tributes to the living more than to the dead, and were duly appreciated.

The remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Jamieson, officiating. The large attendance at the funeral filled the family residence to overflowing

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NOTICE TO BLOOMFIELD TAX PAYERS.

For the purpose of receiving Taxes, I will be at the Exchange Bank, every Friday, until January 10th. '08: and at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac every Saturday up to and including January 11th. 1908.

SAMUEL C. MILLS,
Township Treasurer.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—Probate of Will.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1907. Present, Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of EDWARD B. SCHLAMHITE, Deceased.

Mary J. Schlamhite having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to Probate, and that the administration of said Estate be granted to herself, the executrix named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 30th day of December, A. D. 1907, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,

(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk. 2-27dec