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To Our Friends

When dealing with any of our advertisements, either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great pleasure to us if you would send us a check, as this method of advertising in our papers. A word from you, at the time of dealing, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES

Cutter for sale; inquire of W. A. Kinnear, 14.

FOR SALE;—two year old Durham heifer with calf by her side. R. J. COVELL, 21.

What did old Santa Claus bring to you? Hops he was generous, and not affected by the "stringing-up."

Capt. Edward of Beverly Road, Troy, has been quite ill for the last few days. We hope the good man will speedily recover.

A big, heavy fall of wet snow came Sunday night last and it was a bumper, delaying the street cars to some extent.

FOR SALE CHEAP!—A 24 foot snow case and a ten horse sweep power. Anyone needing these articles can get a big bargain by calling on Penn Weston R. F. D. Carrier Birmingham, 31.

Robert D. Sweet, a highly esteemed citizen of Orion, was buried on Friday. Deceased was aged 54 years, and for 30 years had been employed by the Michigan Railway company.

In order to enable The Eccentric force to properly enjoy the coming holidays, correspondents and contributors will please have their copy handed in not later than next Tuesday morning.

As far as the Probate court is concerned Henry C. Ward is of sound mind. He spent his money so very fast that he has nearly relatives called a hater. A petition is filed to have a guardian appointed.

As a Christmas token to our correspondents we will send a copy of the Eccentric for one year to any relative or friend they may designate. Send in the names and we will start them immediately.

Mrs. Cora Brown Lewis passed a very pleasant day calling upon her many friends in Birmingham. Her home is in Saginaw, where her husband, Mr. Walter Lewis, is the leading groceryman in Saginaw valley.

The ladies of the Maccabees of the World, are planning an entertainment for the near future. It will be composed of our good home talent assisted by a reader and two little dancers from Detroit, who will surprise you.

The collector of the Monitor Insurance Company of Oakland Co. will be at the Exchange Bank, in Birmingham, Monday Dec. 30th. '07. Any money left over from taxes and Santa Claus may safely be brought to the collector, Fred R. Giddings, who will pleasantly relieve you of what you have left.

Capt. Chas. Barnes has cut out sailing for the next few months and is at his country home in Troy enjoying the rest he has earned. He has been enjoying a visit with Knickerbocker of Otisville, Mich., the past few days, and the two men have enjoyed being landlubbers hugely. That section of Troy naturally have a strong nautical air, as the Captains Still, Eade and Barnes are all in a bunch together—a happy lot of farmers.

The following clipping from Life-Craze, Wis. Leader-Press, and as the trouble arose last week, while a junior editor was away on a trip, that he says was to Chicago, the item about the night-sleepers and was handled by a substitute writer for publication. It reads as follows: "A constable arrests a Bszgar! Stranger working the 'Sore Hand' deal! With his hand tied up with bandages and his breath indicating that he had been drinking, a stranger giving his name as George Mitchell, was arrested on Main street by Constable L. B. Ormerberg charged with begging. At the time of the arrest Mitchell accosted two women and badly frightened them. At the central police station Mitchell's pockets were found to be filled with banagos and acids with which he kept his arm in a bad condition, purposely to excite sympathy.

Hanging in the postoffice, according to law, is a list of over 230 names asking that prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors be submitted to a vote of the people at the coming election in Oakland county. Chairman William E. Williams of the anti-saloon organization says that more than enough names have already been secured throughout the county to warrant the petitions being placed before the board of supervisors at the January session but that the canvassers will continue their work until every portion of the county has been canvassed. As fast as additional names are secured they will be added to the lists. The complete list must be returned ten days prior to the time it is turned over to the county clerk. T. C. Williams of our village had no trouble to secure more than the legal requirement needed in Bloomfield.

Bring in Your Soiled Clothes Early.

The Birmingham Steam Laundry will wash only on one day each week during the coming holidays—Tuesday, December 24 and 31. Therefore, please bring in your laundry work early.

Frank Rose, the Royal Oak singer, called on his Birmingham friends, the evening of the 23rd.

Charles J. Reynolds cigar store window Christmas display is a dream, and the most artistic one for miles around.

Found—a fountain pen. Owner will be put next and wide by calling on Mitchell, at this office and paying for this advertisement.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Crawford left Monday noon for Toronto, where they will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Parkinson.

There will be a silver medal contest at the R. P. church, Southfield, on Tuesday evening, December 31st. Admission, free. Everybody invited.

Oh Dear! I wish I was a member of No. 93, R. A. M. for just a little while to-night, as they have installation of officers, and my! my! such good things to eat.

Miss Belle Ward is home from her Kindergarten work, in the Cadillac, Mich., school for the holidays. She will be in Birmingham at her home for the next two weeks.

Rev. John God, pastor of the U. P. church, has been a very ill man. Last Monday Dr. J. M. McCallan, of Grand Loyal Campbell performed an operation, since when he has been more comfortable. As soon as he is strong enough to be moved he will go to his Tennessee home.

Messrs. Schlaack Bros. for Christmas had a very hand some assortment and fine display of holiday meats. Their display of dressed turkeys, chickens, ducks, etc., were especially fine.

All vegetables were fine and inviting. Under the celery and lettuce was certainly the best we have seen in many a day.

There is no better Christmas present for the price—\$1.00—than a year's subscription to the Eccentric, to send to some absent relative or friend. It tells all the news of the former home much easier and better than you can write it. Less than two cents per issue. Next year there will be 53 issues.

Postmaster Hanna and his able assistant Miss Rena Demmon, for the three days before Christmas, had their work more than full doing the postal service Christmas work. Packages outgoing and incoming, Postmaster Hanna, says were more numerous than ever, showing that financial stringency has not hurt Santa Claus very hard yet.

The whole D. U. R. system has jumped on us ever since last Friday because said Frank McHugh and his running mate killed ten fat rabbits on a days hunt last week. Messrs Cowan and Leland utterly contradicted the statement they say they shot the huns and sold them to McHugh for 50 cents each, which is rather a high price for fresh meat, don't it?

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Baker, of Southfield avenue, gave a delightful party with their many friends and entertained their 25th wedding day anniversary. A large number of friends were present and through Charles Reynolds as a presentation speech maker, they received a very handsome present as an earnest token of the respect and esteem in which this good couple are regarded by their many friends.

The great number of calendars printed by the Eccentric, for merchants of Pontiac, Royal Oak and Birmingham have been delivered and all satisfactory. The prices are right, and the printing is not equalled by foreign work. The Eccentric will be in the field for 1908. We will have new samples and can and will save you from one to three dollars per 100, and a good healthy sum besides. The prices are right, and the printing is not equalled by foreign work.

How many local telephone calls come into the Birmingham office daily? The 10th day of this month was the regular day of the quarter for keeping an accurate account. This is the first time since the advent of the many new subscribers during the past three months, and the records show 1005 connections made on that day. So when you call for a new line, you are giving your number ready and help along quick service. Birmingham Exchange is steadily growing; new subscribers are daily being added, and in the past three months 60 new telephones have been installed.

Last week Thursday our village experienced a sudden and a startling shock, when the unexpected death of our old friend and neighbor, Edward L. Schanhi's one mile west of Birmingham.

Have you stocked up on calendars? Pontiac won't have it's new postoffice in 1908.

Have you noticed the lengthening of the days?

Oh the snow—the snow the beautiful—Oh Fudge.

Miss Edyth Koontz, of Dollar Bay, is spending the holidays at home.

Leonard Jamieson, from the Toronto University, is enjoying the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKinney and daughter Mildred spent Christmas with relatives at Holly.

FOR SALE; Good soft wood, elm and ash, \$2.00 per cord, delivered. Address, Colby Bros., Birmingham, RFD. 2.

Will McKinney of Hamilton ave. has bought the home of Volney Lee on Brown street. From and Mrs. Lee will reside in Detroit.

The muskrat sign is no good this winter. But perhaps that extra strong and warm house was built for the rigors of next March and April.

The Library will hold its open New Year's Day. From one to five o'clock p. m., some one will tell stories for the children. All children are invited to come.

Miss Marjorie Clibe, of Southfield, left Saturday morning for Bay City, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her uncle, Mr. Bert Richardson.

Miss Mabel Lola Stitt and Harry M. Baldwin were principals in a swell wedding at Orion on Wednesday evening of last week. Over 250 guests were in attendance.

Messrs. Burtraw, JDD, Bailey and Dawson, with their wives, all enjoyed a recent visit with the Wayne Chapter O. E. S., of Detroit, and report a most enjoyable time.

Miss Margaret McCallan will certainly have a happy Christmas with their children at home, Eva, from the Chicago University, and Robert's first visit since he left for the West a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hoffman are visiting relatives up in Tuscola, Chas. has not forgotten his trade and Monday last set up a few sticks full of regular matter, just to see if he had forgotten how. He hasn't.

The Presbyterian ladies and society gathered in over ninety dollars for their chicken pie supper and bazaar last week. The grab-bag was a big success, and the little girls' booth was among the best money getters there.

NOTICE: The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church, will meet at the church, Friday p. m., January 3rd. '08. All members are requested to be present, as we have important business to transact.

Down at the Parker school house last Friday evening Miss Felder, teacher, gave the parents of her school a fine Christmas entertainment. The teacher, scholars and patrons all were delighted and every one says, "there is none better."

The several petitions for local option have received 229 signatures in Orion township. In the county about 2,000 more than the required one-third of the voters have already affixed their signatures, thus assuring the submission of the question at the election next spring.

The Men folks of the M. E. church, will give an oyster supper, and all its supplemental food, at the M. E. church on Friday afternoon and evening, Jan. 3rd. '08, from 5 to 8 p. m. Come and see how men cook is there. Everything clean and comfortable. Fred King is chief Chief, and has a worthy array of skilled help to give the best of satisfaction. All Everybody invited.

Up in the Thumb, a Tuscola county editor is laid up with a sore head. He wrote a nice local about a man who was sick and said he had been sleeping so close to a window. The printer who set the type made them read, "sleeping too close to a widow" forgetting the "n." The stick man went after the editor, and the editor is chasing the frightened comp. and he is running yet.

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METHODIST. Rev. W. A. Kinnear, Pastor. Sabbath services—Prayer at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. Official church meeting first Monday evening of every month. Ladies' Aid Society meets first Friday afternoon of every month. Business meeting of Epworth, last Saturday evening of every month. All stand times. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D. D., Pastor. Sabbath services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. John W. Kinnear, Pastor. Services held on Sunday morning—Morning Prayer, 10:30 a. m. Young people 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society, 1st Monday evening of every month. Second, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 25th, 28th, 31st. Young people 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society, 1st Friday at 2 p. m. Come and see how men cook is there.

BAPTIST. Rev. H. P. Walton, Acting Pastor. Sabbath services—Prayer at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Ladies' Aid Society, 1st Monday evening of every month. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Business meeting 1st Tuesday of the month. A cordial welcome to every one at all the services.

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