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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 favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in this paper.

At the time of mailing, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES

The Exchange Bank opens early morning at 8 o'clock standard time and closes every day at 4 o'clock standard time; Saturdays and holidays excepted.

Carl Jackson, of White Lake, is guest of Cassius Crawford and family.

Call and select your bath room fixtures, at Wilkinson & Wood, Tel. 99.

A fine entertainment at Mrs. A. L. Stearns' residence tonight. All are invited.

It is not generally known that eggs covered with boiling water and allowed to stand for five minutes are more nourishing and easier digested than eggs placed in boiling water and allowed to boil for three and one-half minutes.

I. Lee Trux has closed out some winter goods at a very low price. Read his ad next elsewhere and profit there. You cannot get these goods at his prices elsewhere.

FOR SALE—Farm of 80 acres near Kingston village, Tuscaloosa county. Has small house and barn, young orchard, 46 acres improved.

FOR SALE—Terms easy. For village lots or acreage see J. W. Perry, Batsa Street, Birmingham.

A chicken pie supper will be given in Franklin by the Cemetery association at Maceboe Hall, Thursday evening, February 22nd.

Mr. J. Roy, on account of ill health, has given up his position at Toledo, and he will visit his mother and father, who live with a trip to Colorado in the future.

The Ladies Aid, of the M. E. church, will meet at the home of Mrs. C. Blake, 2115 1/2th St., Friday afternoon, March 1.

Wm. H. Lamb, of Big Beaver, is selling goods at a very low price and is highly rated, in fact, he is so well known that he is bringing cigars all over the safe arrival of a bounding baby girl at his home one day recently.

Don't forget the Silver Medal Contest, at the Southern Reformed Presbyterian church, to-night, Friday evening, February 22nd.

You will be sorry if you don't attend the Presbyterian ladies' entertainment at Mrs. A. L. Stearns' home this evening, next, Friday, Feb. 22nd.

John M. Colquhoun, who is administrator of the estate of the late Tom Cooper, who was killed in New York City automobile accident, left Detroit recently for New York to look up records of damage suits against the Cooper estate.

The great event of the season is the K. P. annual ball to which invitations will be out. It will come off at the Johnson-Shaw hall, Friday evening, March 1st.

George Ford, son of Arthur Ford, of our village, was home over Sunday with his wife for a short visit.

The Ladies' Library Society, of Birmingham, has offered to give to the village library 100 volumes and 500 pamphlets, also its title in a \$2,500 brick building and through in a \$2,500 mortgage on the place, provided the building is used for a library and municipal building and provided that the village shall vote an amount of one-half mill on a dollar on the assessed valuation of the property in the village, and some people are kicking like the d--- about it—won't have it, etc.

Thirty couple over enjoyed the dancing class assembly last week Friday night.

Telephone men invaded our town and made preparation for four more new telephone lines.

Miss Muri Springstead, of Rochester, has been awarded the free trip to Cuba prize recently offered by the Detroit Free Press for the most popular young lady and wears her good look modestly.

This great man, second only to Washington in the United States.

Dr. Pentecost, who is stirring things up religiously in Detroit, related the following "good one." Monday night, as told by Williams, of the Episcopal church: "Your good bishop told me a story that I would not venture to tell had he not told it first. A colored mummy went into church and took up a prayer-book, but here and there he would say, 'Bless the Lord, Amen,' 'God be merciful,' and a warden stepped up and said: 'My good woman, you're disturbing the meeting and you're very unhappy to find the Lord here that I can't help it.' 'But you must keep still,' the warden insisted. 'But, massa, I've got religion.' 'This is not the place to get religion,' said the warden. 'This is an Episcopal church.'

We wonder how many of our boys realize that land is going fast—America brought up to think that in a land can never be scarce, that when they have played out at everything else they can simply buy a piece of land for nothing and the next day it is a prosperous farmer, can with difficulty be made to see it. In 1865 there were but little over 100,000 acres under cultivation in the United States.

If you could get someone to sell that farm, or house and lot, or vacant property for your own price, you would be willing to give him at least two per cent for selling you the property.

The Wolf in Switzerland.

Is It Your Own Hair?

Do you pin your hat to your own hair? Can't do it? Haven't enough hair? It must be you do not know Ayer's Hair Vigor! Here's an introduction! May the acquaintance result in a heavy growth of rich, thick, glossy hair!

Use this splendid hair-food, stop your falling hair, and get rid of your dandruff!

"Sold for over sixty years."

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Wanted For Sale For Rent

Rooms to rent for light house keeping. Inquire of Mrs. Flora Starman, near the school-house. Feb. 22.

FOR SALE—12 acres of land; good woods, barn and other buildings. A showing well right by the door. A bargain for some one. Call and see the owner for particulars. Wm. WEST, R. F. D. 1.

Slender Suit.

Singleton—So you think Oldbitch counting a do you? Weddely—Well, it is down to that. He is calling on a woman twice a week—Chicago Daily News.

THE USEFUL PHONE

BY NO MEANS USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR BUSINESS.

One instance Where Wire Conveyed the Voice of Consciousness—How Farmer Saved Long Trip After His Cow.

A group of telephone men were telling telephone stories when their dinner was interrupted. "A couple of young lawyers were shuttling up long to go home one evening not long ago," said one. "It was in a large building and there was about six o'clock, nearly all the windows were dark. One window across the alley, however, was light, and the curtain partly up, and just after the light had turned off their own lights the two young fellows saw a man who was dictating in this room reach over and kiss the stenographer. They knew the man's name, that is, they knew the name lettered on his sign, so they looked him up in the telephone book and he kept watch at the window, while the other rang him up."

There were signs of perturbation in the room as the stenographer told the bell rang. When he finally answered, the young fellow at the phone said: "Stop kissing that girl!"

"Who—who are you?" came a quavering, stuttering voice from a quarter of the room.

"I am the voice of your conscience," said the other, and he hung up and silently hung up the receiver."

"The marvelous extension of the rural telephone system out there," said a western man, "has introduced an element of variety and interest into the lives of the farmers that can hardly be computed. In remote sections of the country, the telephone exchanges, and then each man runs his own line in his own house, and has nothing to say thereafter, except to keep his own line in order, and his share of the cooperative central office. The women on the farms, when their work is done in the afternoon love to go to the telephone and stand listening for hours to everything that buzzes over the wires. It is as good as going to see all their friends, and these she sees when they get their standing up and holding the receiver to their ears, and have to sit down and rest once in a while."

"But one day I found an old lady who had solved that problem. She had the receiver to the back of her rocking chair, and these she sat comfortably knitting, with the phone close to her ear, listening to all the telephone talk of the county."

"If I could tell a horror more than that about those farmers' exchanges," said another caringly. "You know they utilize their labor, they fence for telephone lines, and these she saw when they get their standing up and holding the receiver to their ears, and have to sit down and rest once in a while."

Knew Him at Once.

There are other sure ways of bringing a man to mind besides mentioning his name. Among the candidates who were sent from Princeton to a Philadelphia church was one young man whose language was of the sort which dazes and delights the younger members of a congregation, and sometimes pleases the elders as well.

"Please send me that flower, streats, violet crown and a primrose beam young man. We've forgotten his name, but we've no doubt you'll recognize him."

"We do," wrote the professor, and the desired candidate was sent, and subsequently was called to the parish.—Youth's Companion.

To Make Stones Stronger.

Almost everybody knows the rule of the masons that stone used in building should be so placed that it will be as it lay in its natural bed when quarried. But Francis W. Hoyt, in the Engineering News, says that this familiar rule needs in some cases to be supplemented with other precautions. There are three planes of fracture known to quarrymen. The "right" one is directed to the face of the stone and splits most easily; the "head" that which offers the greatest resistance.

PARENTS, ATTENTION!
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To make more room for our Men's Underwear Dept., we will "QUIT THE BOYS' CLOTHING BUSINESS JANUARY 1ST" and to sell the stock quickly, we have marked prices on every Suit and Overcoat that will insure you bargains unprecedented in the Boys' Clothing Business in Detroit. Stock and complete, comprising about \$60,000 of the best Suits and Overcoats we could buy for last fall and this Spring. Suits \$10 to \$75; Suits \$10 to \$75; Suits \$10 to \$75; Suits \$10 to \$75.

Boys' Winter Coats

\$5.00 each for all \$8.50 and \$7.00 Coats.

\$3.50 each for all \$6.00 and \$5.00 Coats.

Boys' Russian Overcoats

\$3.75 for choice of \$10.00, \$8.00, \$7.50, \$6.50 and \$5.00 Coats.

Boys' Spring Overcoats

\$2.00 for choice of \$4.50, \$4.00 and \$3.00 Coats.

Bought on this season's trade.

\$3.75 for choice of our \$6.00 Coats.

\$3.00 for choice of our \$5.00 Coats.

\$2.50 for choice of our \$4.00 Coats.

Young Men's Suits

\$9.75 for choice of \$18.00 and \$15.00 Suits.

\$7.75 for choice of \$12.50 and \$10.00 Suits.

\$4.75 for choice of \$ 8.50 and \$ 7.50 Suits.

Young Men's Overcoats

\$9.75 for choice of \$18.00, \$15.00 and \$12.50 Coats.

\$4.95 for choice of \$9.50 and \$7.50 Coats.

Boys' Fancy Vests and Caps

10c for choice of Vests formerly \$2.00 and \$1.50.

25c for Boys' Caps.

Boys' Norfolk Suits

\$4.50 for our noble \$8.75 and \$7.50 Suits.

\$3.75 for our stylish \$6.50, \$6.00, etc., Suits.

\$2.75 for our desirable \$4.50, \$4.00, etc., Suits.

Boys' Double-Breasted Suits

\$4.50 for our swell \$9.00, \$7.50 and \$6.00 Suits.

\$3.75 for our popular \$6.00 and \$4.00 Suits.

\$1.75 for our reliable \$3.00, etc., Suits.

Boys' Odd Pants

98c pair for our regular \$1.50 sort.

75c pair for our regular \$1.00 sort.

50c pair for our regular 75c sort.

39c pair for our regular 50c sort.

3-piece and a Few Dress Suits

\$2.00 each for Suits that were \$8.50, \$7.50, etc.

\$1.50 for Boys' Reefers, 3, 4, 5, were \$5.00, etc.

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Novery Russian and Sailor

\$4.50 for Russian \$8.50 and \$7.50 Suits.

\$3.75 for Russian \$6.50 and \$7.50 Suits.

\$3.25 for Russian \$4.50 and \$5.50 Suits.

\$4.25 for Sailor \$8.50 and \$7.50 Suits.

\$3.00 for Sailor \$5.00 and \$4.00 Suits.



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