

THE BIRMINGHAM I. S.

Urges Many Needed Improvements for Our Village--A Great Work and Just What We Need.

The Village Improvement meeting was well attended. There seemed to be much interest in making our village neat and attractive.

The iron rail at the park and the fountain at the depot are to be repaired. The society urged the removal of the hitching posts from the street near the M. E. church.

The D. G. H. & M. R. Y. Company was called to the old corn huskers that have stood so long on the depot grounds.

Attention was called to the condition of Turley Street where rubbish has been dumped, and to the use of a waste pipe from the drinking fountain.

The Orkpeo Club are to plant a group of trees in the new park, called the Orkpeo group.

It was decided to ask that when hydrants are flushed a short hose be used so that bare are worn and trees killed by the water.

Attention was called to Mrs. Wilson's little flower bed that attracted such favorable comment last year.

The Women's Literary Club contributed money to purchase vases which will be used to cover brick walks.

With the help of every one of our citizens in keeping their own grounds neat, of our merchants in keeping their business places clean, both front and rear.

The following letters from the superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway System, was read at the Village Improvement meeting.

DETROIT, Mich., April 8, '07. PRESIDENT, Village Improvement Society, Birmingham, Mich.

DEAR MADAM--Your letter of the 5th inst., in reference to beautifying the station lines along line of Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

I wish to advise that as soon as the weather is favorable, we expect to take this matter in hand.

Thanking you for suggestions in connection with this matter, I remain, Yours very truly, F. W. EGAN, Supt.

This May Interest You. No one is immune from kidney trouble, so just remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will stop the irregularities and cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble.

Woman's intuition. Most women, nice, or otherwise, have more or less the great natural gift--possession by "feeling" our "small" and "masters" of intuition.

Too Late for Him. Manuscript of "Scotts Hair" has been sold for \$1,718. Burns missed lots of fun by not being able to touch the publisher at that rate.

The One Exception. "Perseverance," said the orator, "leads to success. The only exception to this rule is the case of the hen that sets on a china egg."

ADVERTISED LETTERS. List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on April 25, 1907: Richard Egman; Charlie D. Miss Agnes Reaves, R. P. D. No. 4; Mrs. George Wetzel.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Let's Talk It Over, Anyhow.

A friend from a western town writes: "We can trace at least a thousand increase of population the past year from the fact that the fifty-four members of our Commercial Club about a year ago all agreed to have printed on the back of their business letterheads a description of the town, its location, climate, natural advantages, possibilities for business, etc."

The town booming matter was artistically printed, and the catch line being visible as the folded sheet was taken from the envelope, few persons failed to read it. Inquiries for more information came pouring in, and then the people came pouring in. Why don't you try to have your people do likewise?

Now that looks like a sensible proposition. Suppose fifty of our citizens should have their stationery printed with such matter on the back? Say they will average a thousand letters a year. That would be fifty thousand little booms for the town, going out to all quarters of the compass.

One of these things might strike the eye of just the right party and bring us a new factory, an educational institution, or even a good substantial family looking for a desirable home place.

It is worth trying. We can get up the descriptive matter for you and do the printing.

Why don't you start the ball?

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GOLDEN WEDDING A COMING EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Osterhout Have Passed Their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Osterhout celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Saturday with their family around them and the Rev. Dr. E. C. Clemens and wife of Duluth, as their guests.

A number of appropriate gifts were received from the family and friends and many hearty congratulations and good wishes were showered upon them.

Horace H. Osterhout and Exie A. Hall were married in Birmingham, Mich., April 13, 1857, and their lives have been eventful and full of useful service. They are still young in years, hopes and ambitions and as the boundaries of youth recede their sympathetic emotions and useful activities keep them on the road of happiness with better things farther on. Mr. Osterhout is an enthusiastic churchman and Sunday morning preached a splendid sermon to a large congregation in the Methodist church.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Osterhout in Michigan and Minnesota will wish them many more anniversaries and years of happiness--From the Atkins Age, Atkins, Minn.

Mr. Osterhout is a staunch friend of Birmingham and THE ECENTRIC. He has written many interesting articles for our paper, more particularly in regard to Royal Oak. We join in with their many friends in congratulations over this happy event.

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Nature's Mutability. Emerson: Nature is a mutability which is always and never the same.

Evils Cured by Delay. Science: What reason could not avoid has often been cured by delay.

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CLEANING-UP DAY

Our Village President, John W. Perry, Sets Aside April 30th, for a General Cleaning Up.

LANSING, Mich., April 15, '07. PRESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE, Birmingham, Mich. MY DEAR PRESIDENT--Do you take pride in your city? Of course you do. Then inaugurate a "cleaning-up day."

The movement appeals to the State Board of Health as being a very practical one. Springtime should be a reminder to all of the necessity to clean up the yards. The usual accumulation of garbage, ash piles, vegetable refuse, manure piles, etc., which necessarily accumulate during the winter months, should be removed from the premises of every home each year during the month of April.

Neglect to do this not only results in untidy and unattractive homes, but if these accumulations are left upon the surface until the coming of the spring rains and warm weather, they become a source of filth and a menace to health. The odor arising from them vitiates the atmosphere, the leachings find their way into the subterranean water channels leading to wells, causing typhoid fever and other diseases; and the manure piles are prize incubators for hatching the myriads of flies that infest our homes.

Vigilance must be the watchword, that the air, the food, and the water upon which man lives, retain their virgin purity. Therefore, the State Board of Health would recommend to the mayors of our cities and the presidents of the villages: That you issue a brief proclamation at an early date, naming a certain day, and calling upon your citizens to devote this day to cleaning up around their homes and business places.

Very respectfully yours, F. W. SHUMAY, Supt.

The above suggestions from our State Board of Health, should receive the approval of all the people of Birmingham.

It should ever be our aim to do what we can to preserve the public health and to make our homes as attractive as possible.

To this end, it would seem entirely proper to devote one day of the year to the cleaning up of our streets and premises. Lead in this movement by getting out your "white wings" and take care of the public thoroughfares and alleys. My word for it, a day spent in this way will give greater returns in health and happiness than the efforts of any other day in the whole year.

JOHN W. PERRY, Village President, Birmingham, April 23, 1907.

There are many tones in the land, As by the papers you can see; Borne on the wind, they all are true, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.

CHARLES O. WRIGHT was born in the town of Southfield, July 10, 1858, and was married to Anna Dumay, of Detroit, Feb. 7, 1880. He died April 14, 1907, at the age of 48 years 5 months and 4 days.

At the age of 21 years he left the farm and went to Detroit, where he has since resided. For the past three years he had been employed by the Detroit Creamery Co., where he has been a faithful worker.

At his request he was brought home and laid beside his little daughter, Viola, who was buried just 8 months ago. The deceased is survived by a wife, an aged mother, three brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Mudge, of Birmingham, and Mrs. Delling, Mrs. Sturman and Mrs. Huston, all of Southfield, besides a host of friends to mourn his sudden demise.

Doing Business Again. "When my friends thought I was to be scattered to the winds by account of indigestion, nervousness and general debility," writes A. A. Chisolm, Treadwell, N. Y., "and when it looked as if there was no hope left, I was persuaded to try Electric Bitters, and I rejoice to say that they are curing me. I am now doing business again as of old, and am still gaining daily."

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