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EXTRA FAST TIME

Promised at the Great Blue Ribbon Meeting in Detroit Next Week.

The great Blue Ribbon meeting at Detroit, July 22 to 26, promises to surpass in greatness all other great Blue Ribbon meetings. The list of entries, which will be ready for publication tomorrow, shows more than 20 above the record-breaking list of the last meeting; and the class of horses is the highest that ever met on a race track, including such celebrities as Highball, 2.06¼, champion green trotter of the world: Grat, 2.02¼; Angus Pointer, 2.02¾; and others that will meet in the free-for-all pace, the fastest harness class in the world. Special features of attraction have been arranged throughout the week in order to make every day a big day. Commencing Monday the Chamber of Commerce $5,000 pacing class, with 16 eligible horses, is the greatest field which has ever started in this event since they had to step the record-breaking gait teat prevails in these six days. Tuesday is the M. & M. day, in which the great Highball will either establish his reputation forever or give way to a better horse. Wednesday is the day of the free-for-all pace, the fastest class that has been given over the Grosse Pointe track in years. Thursday will occur the 2.08 trot, a great trotting sweepstake. It is the first meeting on any track of Nut Boy, 2.07¼, grand circuit champion of 1906, and Charley Belden, 2.08¼, the great Western champion of the same year. The winner of the 2.08 trot will be the champion of chalnpion of champions. Friday is the M. & M. consolation, the 2.06 pace and 2.15 trot. The program has been arranged regardless of expense, and promises to be the greatest race meeting in history.

THE E. M. P. CLUB

Enjoy a Midsummer Business Trip and Holiday at Chicago---Everybody Happy.

Fifty members of the Eastern Michigan Press Club enjoyed a fine business trip and social gathering at Chicago the latter part of last week and the first of this. The party started from Detroit Friday noon, went to Durand over the D., G. H. & M. R'y., and there their special car was coupled onto one of the Grand Trunk's through fast trains from the east.

From New York to Chicago without change, is a fad of this Grand Trunk System, but from Portland, Maine, is a much greater run and quickly accomplished. The Grand Trunk System is one of the very best railroad lines in the state. From Port Huron to Chicago is a double track on the finest road-bed ever yet constructed, and the ride over it is certainly a pleasure. Easy, smooth, quiet and quick--the Grand Trunk is a competitor not to be overlooked. The dining-car is a feature. Fine meals are served satisfactorily, at a price no higher than the same grade of service at any cafe.

At Battle Creek our car was invaded by the business men's committee, headed our old friend and fellow member, A. E. McKinnon, with printed matter relative to the business growth of Battle Creek that was very interesting. The gentlemen had cigars passed them and every lady received a fine box of Allegretti's famous chocolates. At Chicago we put up at the new Brevoort Hotel on Madison Street, just off LaSalle, in the center of the city, and the best place in Chicago to stop at, 12 stories high and every room occupied--the new Brevoort is great.

Saturday afternoon we were guests at the Illinois Theater. Mr. Davis, manager, invited the gang to witness "The Man of the Hour" Without doubt it is the finest play "on" today. If you are in Chicago, attend the play and you will thank us for the tip. In the evening The White City was thrown wide open to the Michigan editors and I went wid 'em. G. H. M.

Grand Trunk Excursion on Sunday, July 21.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will give another of its popular excursions to Saginaw and Bay City on Sunday next, July 21. A special through train (no change of cars at Durand) will leave Birmingham at 7.52 a. m., arriving at Saginaw at 11:20 and Bay City at 11:55 a. m.; returning, train leaves Bay City at 7:30 p. m. Fare for round trip, $1.55; children half price. The new hall of the Arbeiter Society will be dedicated with imposing ceremonies on that day, at West Bay City.

Round trip tickets will also be sold from Birmingham to Grand Rapids, $2.10; to Lansing, $1.25; to Battle Creek, $1.75; to Owosso, $1.25; to Ionia, $1.75. Tickets good only on train leaving Birmingham at 7.52, Sunday, July 21, 1907.

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PLANTING FISH

If You Would Reap, You Must Sow---A Good Description of How the Fish Were Planted.

BIRMINGHAM, July 11, '07.

MR. MITCHELL:

Please allow me short space to report the receipt of and distribution of seven cans of big mouth bass. They came on the 11th of July and it rained some that day, but the fish had to go to the lake rain or shine, and as we got notice at 8 p. m. that the fish would be here at 7.52 a. m. the next morning, there had to be something doing P. D. Q. As my horses were just the common wooden ones, I started out to borrow, buy, beg or steal a rig and and a man to help plant those seven cans of bass.

Well, the first good-looking, pleasant man we met was Dr. Shaw, but he had an engagement for early morning, and with some "ifs" and "ands," the telephone rang and ordered him to grab his grip satchel and meat saw and skip down the D. U. R. line.

The next big, good-natured Isaac Walton we met had his bristles up and was grunting around the hog-pen and throwing boquets at the G. T. for its prompt delivery of cars for the shipment of his last drove of hogs.

Well, we approached the big man with fear and trembling and told him our tale of woe, and, Mr. Editor, imagine our delight when he beamed a bright sunny beam down upon us and said, "You can have my horse and wagon for that purpose, but I am penned up with these dod gasted hogs today and can't go with you," and as I thanked him and turned away, I thought I saw a big tear-drop in his eye, but it proved to be rain-water.

Now we had got the rig and the cans of fish and must have some brawn and muscle to handle them,—and it rained—so we did just as we always do when in trouble, applied to Neighbor John Heth. He responded promptly as usual, garbed in his long mackintosh and a smile—and it rained. We went to Wing Lake,—and it rained—and we planted on the north and we planted on the south—and it rained. We did not plant in hills as they do corn and potatoes, but we sowed broadcast in very low, damp places.

Now ye local fishermen, please raise your hat to Mr. Bray for the use of his rig, and to Mr. Heth for assistance, and to Mr. Van Avery for the use of his boat. BIG MOUTH.

BOY AND THE GUN

Produce the Usual Result at Boys' Camp on Thursday of Last Week.

A dozen boys from this village and Detroit were encamped at the mill-pond just west of here last week, enjoying themselves after the manner of 20th century youngsters.

Anticipating a possible attack from the "mosquito fleet," they were promiscuously armed with shot-guns, rifles and revolvers, ranging in calibre from 22 to 32, and while Hal Schlaack was loading a rifle, the weapon was discharged, and Nye Donaldson, of Detroit, was struck just below the temple by a 22 long bullet, inflicting a painful flesh wound, which was dressed by Dr. N. T. Shaw.

The boy, while not seriously injured, had a very narrow escape from death. This should serve as a warning against allowing children the unrestricted use of firearms, but will doubtless be unheeded, and sometime the undertaker will be furnished with a job by a similar accident.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Birmingham Is Now in Line With All Up-to-Date Places---Wylie Bell to Arrange Little Details.

Thursday evening another step was taken in the right direction when the Village Council unanimously accepted the deed for the library property in behalf of the village. Wylie Bell was appointed a trustee to receive the assignment of the mortgage held by Miss Baldwin, and see that the conditions of the gift are fully carried out. The matter has been placed in excellent hands, and a short time hence the people will wonder how they ever got along without a public library.

A Memorable Day.

One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our health, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifiers that cure headache and biliousness, and keep the bowels right. 25c at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's, drug stores.

James Anderson mistook his hand for a watern e'on Saturday evening, inflicting a painful cut on the palm of his hand.

POPPLETON WILL

Is Being Contested by Mrs. Ella Poppleton, Who Objects to Its Provisions.

The contest over the admittance of the will of the late Mrs. Sarah Poppleton, was commenced Tuesday in the probate court.

Herbert A. Poppleton, of this village, petitioned for the probation of the will, and Mrs. Ella Poppleton, of Detroit, is fighting it on the grounds of undue influence and incompetency.

The testimony of several witnesses was taken, Dr. J. L. Campbell and wife, Ellen E. Campbell, who witnessed one of the codicils to the will, were placed on the stand as was also Miss Isabelle Curtis, of Birmingham, who witnessed two more codicils. The deposition of Mrs. Ellen Drew, who witnessed the original will, had to be taken at Birmingham because that lady was too ill to go to Pontiac. The judge, lawyers and witnesses all went to the Drew home and held court there. After the taking of the testimony the case was continued, no date being set.

Patterson & Patterson are looking after the interests of Herbert A. Poppleton, and Van Zile & Bronson, of Detroit, appear for Mrs. Ella Poppleton.

CARD OF THANKS.

With heartfelt gratitude through the kindness of The Eccentric, the undersigned extend thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses rendered by our friend during our late bereavement, the death and burial of Mrs. Ella Cutting, of Troy, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

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MR. AND MRS. C. BLOUNT.
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MRS. MAUDE SMITH.

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AFTER 25 YEARS

Joseph Nusbaumer, of Pontiac, Seeks to Realize on an Old Judgment.

Joseph Nusbaumer has commenced suit in the circuit court against Gilbert M. and Mildred Newton, of Royal Oak township. The suit is based on a judgment of 25 years' standing secured by Nusbaumer against the Newtons in a justice court on December 29, 1882. Judgment was rendered at that time for $300. The judgment ran along for a period of years and the case was carried to the circuit court in 1898, where a judgment was rendered again for Nusbaumer for $796.26. Several times the sheriff has been ordered to make an execution on Newton's property, but owing to the fact that it had been placed in his wife's name, no judgment was ever secured.

Nusbaumer claims that in 1891, Newton sold his farm in Royal Oak township to Reuben Russell and the latter turned it over the same day to Mildred Newton, each exchange being on file in the register of deed's office. The exchange of the property, Nusbaumer claims, was merely a sham, no money having changed hands. He brings suit this time to get Newton, his wife, and Russell into court and make them answer whether or not there was any money consideration in this transaction and whether or not Newton has at this time any personal property that can be levied upon for the debt.

WANTS TO KNOW, YOU KNOW.

EDITORS ECCENTRIC:

Can you advise the taxpayers of Birmingham school district, also of the township, whether there is a law compelling a town board to publish the financial situation of said school district and township? TAXPAYER.

MY DEAR TAXPAYER:

I will answer you in the next issue of this great moral engine.

THE ECCENTRIC.

Columbus just landed: meeting a big Indian chief with a package under his arm, he asked what it was: "Great medicine, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea," said the Injun. 35c, Tea or Tablets. Charles J. Shain.

Mrs. Rose Thomas, of Mason, daughter of Frank Allen, is home for a summer's vacation. She has her nine-year-old boy with her and both enjoy Birmingham life to their fullest capacity.

58 YEARS ON FARM

Obediah Kemp Died Last Week Friday, After Only a Few Days' Indisposition.

After living on the same farm for over half a century, Obediah Kemp died Friday afternoon of heart failure at the age of 85 years. Mr. Kemp resided on a farm one and a half miles east of Pontiac. For several weeks he had been ailing but was able to be around and did not entertain any thoughts of death. Thursday he had a bad spell and Friday died before anything oculd be done for him.

Mr. Kemp was a well known farmer and pioneer of this county, having come here from England in 1849 and settled on the farm where he spent the rest of his life.

Obediah Kemp was born in Sussex county, England, on July 22, 1821. He came to America at the age of 28, and in 1850 wrote for Miss Sabina Selma, one of his youthful companions, to come over here and marry him. She left her home and friends, came to this country and assisted in making a home for her husband. Two children were born to this union and both survive. They are, William H., who owns a farm adjoining his father's, and Mrs. Fanny B., wife of Frederick Dandison, also of Pontiac township. The widow also survives, and a sister, Mrs. William Harding, who lives at Orion.

The funeral was held from the residence; Monday, at 2 o'clock, standard, Rev. G. W. Jennings officiating. Burial at Oak Hill.

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JUST ORDINARY

Was the Attendance at the Annual School Meeting—Only Routine Business Transacted.

The annual school meeting was held at the school house last week, and tho' the attendance was smaller than usual, it was fully 200 per cent better than that reported by neighboring districts. The report showed that the sum of $11,533.45 was paid out during the year, and that a nice little balance of $4,400.54 was on hand in the treasury.

James W. Cobb, Samuel Herbison and Frank Schlaack were elected members of the School Board, the two former to succeed themselves.

GRAND TRUNK--GRAND RAPIDS.

At the eastern approach of Grand Rapids' new solid concrete bridge is the new passenger station of the Grand Trunk Railway System. No better site in the city could have been selected. It is centrally located near the corner of Canal and Bridge streets, only a few steps from the heart of the city and to the leading hotels and mercantile establishments. Four different street car lines pass directly by its door affording its passengers direct transfer to all other railroad stations, hotels, furniture buildings and other important places of business. Less than one block distant are three other street car lines, a total of seven lines distributing people in 14 different parts of the city.

The building was designed by Spier and Rohns, Architects, Detroit, Mich., and erected by C. Hoertz and Son, Grand Rapids, Mich. It is constructed of Maine granite, semi-glazed pressed brick, laid up in Flemish Bond and trimmed with Bedford Limestone. The roof is constructed steel, covered with green-glazed Spanish tile. The first story floor is made of re-inforced concrete finished off with mosiac floor-tiling. The main waiting-room has a wainscot 13 feet high of scagliola marble finished off with friezes and cornices in white and gold. The ceiling is arched, divided into three panels by girth arches extending down to the top of the wainscot. A series of clere story windows along the riverside of this room and also a large arched window in the rear furnish good and effective light for every part. The decorations of this room are a light green and cream embellished by ornamental friezes and panels. The ticket office front consists of marble ornamented wrought iron and beveled plate glass. The north-east corner is provided with a news stand built of quarter-sawed oak. The ladies' room is treated in white and gold. Men's smoking room in dark red, both rooms have quarter-sawed wainscoting, and connected with these rooms are the toilets. All plumbing fixtures are of the most modern design. The building is heated by steam, with some indirect radiation for ventilation.

Talk about your breakfast foods,
A thousand you can see;
I would not have them as a gift,
But would have Rocky Mountain Tea.
—Charles J. Shain.

The Swastika

It is the oldest known symbol and is found in pre-historic graves and ruins in all quarters of the globe.

It is carved upon the solid rock in the mountains of India and painted upon the walls of the canons of Arizona and New Mexico.

It is dug up out of the ruins of ancient Greece; from the graves of the Mound-Builder Indians in Ohio; found on the pottery of the Cliff Dwellers in North America, and upon pre-historic pottery in Brazil, and is common in China and Japan.

Thomas Wilson, Curator of the U. S. Museum, in his book, "The Swastika," says of it: "What seems to have been at all times an attribute of the Swastika is its character as a charm or amulet, as a sign of benediction, blessing, long life, good fortune and good luck."

At the present time the Navajo Indians use it symbolically in some of their religious ceremonies, and also weave it into their blankets, and make it in silver charms, pins and buttons.

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