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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1907. NO. 21.

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## GIVES UP LIFE FOR EDUCATION

### Rev. Reginald Jamieson Drowned in French River While Seeking Relief for Wife and Family.

On Monday Rev. W. H. Jamieson and wife, of this village, were apprised of the death of their son, Rev. Reginald Jamieson, by drowning in French river a week previous.

### A Fine Educational Program to be Given Next Friday Evening at the School House.

The Woman's Literary Society will hold its annual educational meeting at the school house on Friday evening, September 27th, at 7:30 o'clock standard time. A cordial invitation is extended to all persons interested in educational affairs and especially to the patrons, officers and teachers of our public schools.

The following program will be rendered:  
Roll Call  
Vocal Solo  
"Relation of the Community to the Public Schools" Supt. A. E. Bellis  
Reading "Resistants of the Schools to the Community" Miss Post  
Vocal Solo Mrs. Miller  
Reading "Our New Public Library" Miss Davis  
Reading Mrs. Crawford

### A Word About the Marengo Portland Cement Company--No "Get Rich Quick Scheme."

A. W. Wilson, of Detroit, is representing the Marengo Portland Cement Co., of Marengo, Ind., in this vicinity; and we are glad to say that this is not one of those get rich quick schemes, this being one of the best cement positions that has ever been presented here. The company has plenty of both rock and shale on its own property, and coal can be bought at 90 cents per ton delivered at the plant, as the pits are a coal mine within 50 miles of the property.

Three of our former well-known conservative Birmingham boys have made large investments in this company after looking very carefully into the financial end of it. E. L. Buell, now one of Detroit's successful business men, after visiting the property at Marengo and having samples of the rock and shale analyzed by Dr. Clark, the well-known Wayne county chemist, not only invested \$6,000 but has entered into an agreement with the company to assist in financing the enterprise. This alone assures the success of the company. Our own Henry Simpson has also taken 50 shares (par value \$100 each) of the stock; and where will you find a more careful or capable financier than Harry? And J. M. Donaldson, of Pontiac, who has come out on top of the heap, after having enough misfortune to kill half a dozen men, has also taken 50 shares. The company is offering a small amount of this stock at 25 per cent for the purpose of getting the buildings started, their engineer on the ground, etc., before going on the market at par.

### MRS. ROBERT J. STORR.

The sudden demise of Mrs. Storr made a deep impression on Oliver and the whole community. She had just returned from a delightful visit with her daughter, Mrs. Reynolds, of Menominee, Mich., a reunion of the entire family, only to encounter an acute and fatal illness which ended so tragically. Both the absent children, Mrs. Reynolds, of Menominee, and Hal Storr, of Boston, happily arrived in time to be with their mother in the parting hours. Mr. Reynolds came later.

Mrs. Storr's life is so well known in Olivet that it may be briefly told. Mary Ermina Halsey was born at Troy, Mich., February 4, 1851, and died Sunday, September 1, 1907. She was married October 8, 1870, to Robert J. Storr, in 1870, she had been a student in Olivet college. Her husband and three children survive her. The youngest, Julia Storr, alone remaining in the home.

A lifelong residence in Olivet had made Mrs. Storr an essential part of it and she will be missed everywhere. She has been an active and faithful member of the Congregational church, an officer in the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, a member and officer in the Ladies' Society, and she was also a member of the Winegar Club and of the Kedronites.

But most of all she will be remembered as a kindly neighbor and a lover of home. Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her. The 31st chapter of Proverbs read by Dr. Daniels at her funeral, Tuesday afternoon, is a happy and fitting tribute to this noble Christian woman. --(Olivet-Mich.) Optic.

### TO CHECK A COLD QUICKLY.

Get your druggist some little candy called "Preventic." Preventic is sold everywhere and is now dispensing Preventics, for they are not only safe, but decidedly certain and prompt. Preventics contain no quinine, no laxative--nothing harsh nor sickening. Taken at the "onset stage" Preventics will prevent pneumonia, bronchitis, a gripe, etc. Hence the name, Preventic. Good for feverish children, and Preventic 25c. Trial boxes, 5c. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

### A GOOD ILLUSTRATION.

It does not pay to advertise, say some merchants who have done but little of it and that without keeping it up. The incident of the boy and the pump illustrates the matter very well. The boy was sent after a pail of water. He poured in the priming and pumped out as much as he poured in. Then he stopped to rest and the priming ran down. After some time of alternate pumping and resting he concluded it did not pay to pump and quit in disgust. The merchant who does not believe in advertising does it like the boy did the pumping. He advertised a few weeks and then stopped advertisement and allowed the people to forget him and his business before he advertised again and then concluded advertising didn't pay.

### The New Pure Food and Drug Law.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung troubles, is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug Law, as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe and reliable remedy for children and adults. All druggists.

### Birmingham's Annual Flower Show at the School House Proves a Big Success.

A fine display of flowers was made at the flower show on Saturday last. The ladies were ably assisted by Prof. and Mrs. Bellis and by three of the teachers, the Misses Smith, Simpson and Meyers, each of whom did much to make it a success.

There were beautiful flowers of all kinds, the cactus, dalia, exhibited by Mrs. Ferguson, attracting much attention because it is something new. The first prize, a picture, was taken by the fourth and fifth grades; the second prize, a picture, by the sixth and seventh grades; and the third prize, a year's subscription to "Bird Lore," by the first grade. The prizes were given by the Village Improvement Society.

### FROM THE WEST

### Frank C. Deir, a Birmingham Boy, is Making Good in North Dakota.

McVILLIE, N. D., Aug. 22, '07. DEAR MITCHELL: Father just sent me your dear old ECCENTRIC. You may be sure I was mighty glad to receive it, for I don't get much news of the east away out here.

This town just saw light June 1, 1906, and now we have three large general stores, two hardware stores, two butcher shops, two hotels, two candy stores and ice cream parlors, one drug store, one barber shop, (shaves 15 cents, hair-cuts 35 cents.) one newspaper, four elevators, three lumber and coal yards, one livery with an auto garage in connection, two millinery shops, two contractors, ten pool rooms, glad to say we have no saloons, one race-track, ball ground, feed mill, two churches post-office and telephone service, creamery, and 300 energetic citizens. Most of our business men are young fellows under 30 years, and all of this in one year. We have reason to be proud of our town, with its cement walks, opera house, etc. The Great Northern starts train service on Monday. The people in town dress very stylishly and are up-to-date in every way--this is just an idea of how quickly a town springs up out here in this country.

### Who Said Coffee?

We feel more than pleased this year, for all around us crops have been spoiled by the hail and frost, but for some reason we escaped in Nelson county. It froze ice here in the wash basin on 20th of August. Crops will be much lighter this year than last, mostly fax and wheat are raised. Our land is rolling hills and all I can see for 20 miles is golden grain, a very beautiful sight indeed.

Well must close, but I wish I could send you some of my butter so it would reach you in good shape. When winter season will open in another week, and then the way will make the chickens and ducks fly will be great. There are a great number of both here--only need to walk a mile or two to get a good day's shooting.

### CHARLES J. SHAIN

A PRETTY WEDDING.

A very pretty home wedding took place Thursday afternoon, September 12, 1907, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. James Harmon, when Miss Mary Harmon was united in marriage to Clyde East of Ypsilanti. Rev. Clark presiding over the ceremony.

The bride was prettily gowned in white cocoanut fibre over white silk. Only the immediate relatives were present to whom were served dainty refreshments. The presents were numerous and beautiful, among which may be mentioned--\$100 from Mrs. J. Harmon, \$25 from the groom's father, \$5 from Uncle E. A. Smith, and Mrs. Dr. Powers also presented a beautiful gift to her niece. The happy couple left at 6 o'clock for Orchard Lake where they will remain at the hotel for the present. Attached to their auto were the wedding bells with good cheers for Mr. and Mrs. East, and after them were thrown rice and old shoes. We wish them all kinds of success.

If real coffee disturbs your stomach, real coffee disturbs your stomach, your heart, or kidneys, then try this clever coffee imitation--Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee. Dr. Shoop has classified matched old Java and Mocha coffee in flavor and taste; yet it has not a single grain of real coffee in it. Made in one minute--Health Coffee is made from pure toasted grains or cereals, with milk, nuts, etc. Made in one minute. No toxins, long wait. You will surely like it. Get a free sample at my store. Charles J. Shain.

## Just Received

### 3 Lots Men's Wool Pants

Lot 1, worth \$2.00 per pair, we offer at \$1.50 pair  
Lot 2, worth \$2.50 per pair, we offer at \$1.75 pair  
Lot 3, worth \$2.75 per pair, we offer at \$2.00 pair

## New Fall Ribbon

10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c and 25c yard

# F. Blakeslee

## Best Cigars

You would be as uneasy as a fish out of water if you couldn't put your hand on a generous supply of smokers on Sunday. Might as well have the best while you are about it. The best brands of Cigars to be found in the village are to be obtained here and they are kept just right.

You won't find them dry and brittle, with the wrappers peeling off. When you want a good smoke come and inspect our choice lot of goods.

## Spencer & Wolcott

## Who Said Coffee?

Just a line to remind you that old "San Marto" brand is still on the market--no better than ever, but just the same--a Coffee that runs uniform and always pleases. The Coffee father bought, the kind mother used to make, and the only kind you ever found that didn't "run out."

Always fresh, ground to suit, and sold at the popular price of 25c lb.

## CHARLES J. SHAIN

A PRETTY WEDDING.

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You Light it With a Match and There is No Coal or Ashes to Carry



SAVES WORK SAVES TIME SAVES FUEL SAVES MONEY

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Elgin or Waltham 14k Gold Filled



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We have placed on sale 1,000 of these High-Grade Watches. The cases are 14k Gold Filled, include an enormous variety of all the newest and most beautiful hand-engraved designs, and each one is guaranteed for 20 years.

You may have your choice of Elgin or Waltham works, warranted by the makers and by us to keep accurate time.

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Mail Orders Filled.

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Of meat are to be found in our ice boxes--the kind, quality and in the condition desired by epicures.

Tender meats daily, and no other kind is permitted to be sold over our counter or enter our market.

We take pride in cutting meats to please our customers. You are not compelled to take what you do not want.

Should you ever buy of us meat that is not as represented, bring it back and we will return the money cheerfully.

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Men who admire quality in laundry should not pass up this. The superiority of our work is particularly noticeable in full-dress shirts and like garments, which require skill and care to produce the best results. Not a cheap glass, but a real distinguishing color and finish is given to every piece--a finish that you can display with pride and satisfaction. Men we deliver on the spot, as promised.

## BIRMINGHAM STEAM LAUNDRY.

L. O. GREEN, Prop.

### NUMBER PLEASED?

Call the Central Office and General Triplex You to New Directory--Just Out.

After waiting for more than two years, the long promised some telephone directories are now ready for delivery. Every patron of the Michigan State Telephone Company is entitled to a copy and a new corrected one will be given out every three months hereafter.

It appears that Mr. Jamieson, accompanied by his wife and a lady friend, was enjoying a ride in a power launch on French river on Saturday, September 8, when their craft was driven on one of the numerous islets in that great Canadian stream during a sudden storm. Here the party remained without food or shelter till the following Monday, when the young man determined to swim to shore. He succeeded in reaching an islet between the ship-wrecked party and his goal; crossing this mile of land he again entered the water and was lost to sight. Three hours later a rescue party arrived and cared for the surviving survivors. Immediate search was made for the heroic young man who bravely strove to cross the cold and rapid current. My friends directed were shut down and hundreds of men patrolled the shore and forest, but after a week's patient search all hope has been abandoned.

The missing man is 27 years old and the brightest graduate of Toronto University, having already received his mark as preacher and writer. For a time he was managing editor of the Toronto Saturday Night, and his communications in that journal attracted widespread attention. He was placed in charge of French River Mission, a lumber district in Northern Ontario. He had been married about a year.

Stomach troubles, heart and kidney ailments, can be quickly corrected with a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The prompt and surprising relief which this remedy immediately affords, is directly due to its restorative action upon the controlling nerves of the stomach, a weak stomach, causing dyspepsia, a weak heart with palpitation or intermittent pulse, always means weak stomach nerves of weak heart nerves. Strengthen these inside or controlling nerves with Dr. Shoop's Restorative and see how quickly these ailments disappear. Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wis., will mail samples free. Write for them. A test will tell. Your health is certainly worth this simple trial. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

### BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES.

Enrollment in the 4th and 5th grades is 56, with Miss Simpson at the helm. EAR Ward was a pleasant visitor on Monday last. He will soon return to the U. of M.

The kindergarten is filling up nicely with the little folks. The enrollment is now 22. We still have room for more, so send on that little one of your's.

Tuition for the semester thus far is something over \$470. Remember that this is for one-half the year. This is quite a nice increase over last year. We are in hopes that it may reach the \$500 mark or an even \$1,000 for the year.

Physics and chemistry laboratory work began this week. Those students who soon learn what accurate work is, that a second is a large unit instead of being of no value. We deal with time to the thousandth part of a second. Come up and see them work some Monday from 1 to 2:45.

The annual flower show was held in the school building Saturday last. The prizes were awarded as follows: first prize, fourth and fifth grades; second prize, sixth and seventh grades; third prize, first grade. The first and second prizes were pictures, and the third, a year's subscription to "Bird Lore."

### OBITUARY.

### MRS. JENNIE BAILEY.

Wife of F. G. Bailey, of Pontiac, formerly a resident of Birmingham, died Monday at 5 o'clock a. m., after a lingering illness of three months.

Mrs. Bailey was born Feb. 3, 1840, at Pine Run, Genesee county, Mich. Services were held at St. Jude's church, Pontiac, September 18th. Interment also at Pontiac. She leaves a sorrowing husband, one daughter, Mrs. L. A. Turner, of Detroit, a grandson, and the memory of a most lovable character to her friends.

### His Dear Old Mother.

"My dear old mother, who is now 83 years of age, is greatly strengthened," writes W. B. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. "She has taken them for about two weeks, and her appetite, digestion, feels strong and sleeps well." That's the way Electric Bitters affect the aged, and the same happy results follow in all cases of female weakness and general debility. Weak, young children, and the greatest strength-giver. Guaranteed also for stomach, liver and kidney troubles by Charles J. Shain and Cobb & Cobb, druggists, 50c.

### STRAYED.

Came into my enclosure Thursday, September 12th, a small brown horse, 800 to 900 pounds in weight. ROBERT CASHMAN, 33 miles south of Birmingham, on the 12-mile road. Owner must prove property; pay charges and take it away.

### TOURING CAR FOR SALE.

FOR SALE--Thirty H. P. five passenger touring car, equipped with three extra tires, full leather top, gas lamps, Prest-O-Lite gas tank, baggage carrier, full set of curtains, complete set of tools, harness, etc. Car has never been used by anyone but the owner; has been kept in first class condition by experienced chauffeur from the factory. For sale at a very reasonable rate. Will pay railroad fare of buyer to see the machine. Call at The Eccentric office, 27 St.

### The Best Laxative for children.

Parents should see to it that their children have regular bowels. The best laxative for children is not the kind with salts or irritants, but the kind that is gentle and does not hurt the bowels. It is called "Preventic" and is sold everywhere. It is a safe and reliable remedy for children and adults. All druggists.