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WE WANT LIGHT

An Interested Resident of Birmingham, Gives His Views. We Wish Others Would Follow.

To THE EDITOR: As a citizen I wish to express my opinion on our local lighting situation. As I understand it there are at least three separate parties in the field for a franchise to furnish the people of Birmingham, light in their homes and places of business, and perhaps at a later date, when the gas contract expires then light for the streets.

In the old days before the big lighting companies were thought of, towns like our own had their small private companies and had to be content with light only from evening until midnight or at best during the dark hours. That style of electric service was un satisfactory, because should anyone want light in a dark cellar, or other dark place, during daylight, the old-time hand lamp had to be used. Then again there were the dark stormy days when light was absolutely necessary.

Believe that the merchants and a majority of the householders of Birmingham are in favor of twenty-four hour electric service. Again let me say that there are other advantages from a day-time supply. Electricity for small power is unsurpassed. Many households would welcome the small motor to propel her sewing machine, washing machine and wringer. She could do the ironing, do small cooking, have an electric chafin dish, curl her hair, have an electric warming pad that does not spring a leak, like the hot water bottle, and numerous other handy devices that would lighten her toil. I am sure that every man in Birmingham wishes to lighten his wife's burden.

Now the question is, who can give us twenty-four service? Truly not a small concern for just one reason, and that the greatest of reasons, namely, they could not afford to do it for the price and give good service. It is the large concern like the one in the field, that can give good 24 hour service for a fair price. That Company is the St. Clair Edison Co. As an example of good service and happy-pleased patrons, look at Royal Oak. Look out Birmingham, you may pass us yet.

Our village is a beautiful little town, admirably situated and would be vastly more popular, if we were a little more modern. So let us be modern and have electricity for all purposes, the kind that is with us every moment of the 24 hours test make the day, and in unlimited supply. Yours truly, CITIZEN.

Rank Foolishness.

When attacked by a cough or cold, or when your throat's sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery. It has cured Dr. Eldridge, of Empire, Georgia, says "I have used New Discovery seven years, and I know it is the best remedy for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Know the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies, it has a guarantee at C. J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. Price, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

NOTICE TO BLOODED TAX PAYERS.

For the purpose of receiving Taxes, I will be at the Exchange Bank, every Friday, until January 10th, and at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac every Saturday up to and including January 17th, 1908.

NOTICE TO TELEPHONE USERS.

All Tolls are requested to be paid before January 31, 1908, in order that Birmingham will stand at the head of Michigan's state offices in this regard. If you want the manager, operators and company to have a Happy New Year, be sure to call and settle.

NOTICE TO TROY TAX PAYERS

After Dec. 15th and until Jan. 10th I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Troy: Tuesdays at Cutting's store, Troy. Thursdays at Lamb's store, Big Beaver. Saturdays at the Exchange Bank in Birmingham.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on December 28th, 1907. Mr. Lou P. Jackson. W. C. Poore. Mrs. John Bradley. Miss Lucille Bannor. Route 3, Box 11, Mabel Howitt. JOHN HANNA, T. M.

WHITEWASHING A POULTRY SHOW NUMBER PLEASE

The All Do It and if They Don't They Wish They Had. It Pays To Jolly, maybe.

A preacher came at a newspaper man in this way: You editors do not tell the truth. If you did you could not live. Your newspapers would be a failure. The editor replied: You are right and the press and the pulpit go hand in hand with white wash brushes and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues in to big ones. The pulpit, the pen, and the grave stones are the great splat making triumvirate. And the great minister went away looking very thoughtful while the editor turned to his work and told of the unsurpassing beauty of the bride, while in fact she was as plainly as a mud fence.

Captain U. E. Barnes' farm in Troy, on Beverly road, has been duly christened and a bottle of bubble water broken on the front door steps. The name of his pleasant "land home" is "Farm #1."

J. H. SNOW DEAD

Was One of Birmingham's Most Prominent Citizens. His Death a Shock to the Community.

The death of John H. Snow, at his late home on Maple avenue, at eight o'clock Sunday morning last, was a great shock to his many friends, who knew of his illness for many months past, but did not expect him to pass away so soon.

The deceased was born in this village September 13th, 1843. He was married to Miss Emily E. Miller, Oct. 13th, '69, living on his large Town Line farm, until about three years ago, when he came to our village. During his life time, Mr. Snow has been elected many times to different township offices, and ever since his advent among us he has always been identified with the village life, and at his death, was a member of the common council.

HAVE YOU NOTICED YOUR LABEL?

Time to look up that label again. We have been trying to get the Excelsior label on the box in a fairly paid up condition, and each correction of past due labels help out amazingly. Just notice yours and if the date is not up to the present time, it should be and your attention is invited. "Every one has his label" and though your individual account may not be large it will help to swell an aggregate.

NOTICE TO R. F. D. PATRONS.

All patrons of Rural Free Delivery routes should stamp all mail water bills before putting it in the box for the carrier to take and raise the signal. Other wise the matter will be properly prepared and the carrier is not compelled to take it out.

Made All the Difference.

"What shall I play" asked the orchestra of an absent-minded organist.

Singularly Appropriate.

"She-Deer, where shall we make an appointment to meet in the conservatory?"

Done on Purpose.

Cubick-Old Soak is an habitual drunkard, isn't he? "Kamie,"-Well, I would call it symptomatic rather than habitual.

The Michigan State Poultry Association Getting Ready for their 14th Annual Exhibition.

The Michigan State Poultry Association will hold their 14th Annual Show, at the Light Guard Armory, in Detroit, January 11th, to 15th, 1908. Everything is being done, to make this show the largest and best ever held in Michigan, and will repeat the exhibitions held at New York, Boston or Chicago. There are 43 handsome cups, costing hundreds of dollars to be given as prizes, and only have to be won once, also nearly 400 valuable specialties, such as dining tables, tea sets, graphophones, barrels of flour, etc., etc. Besides large cash prizes and beautiful ribbons, all the premium ribbons, this year, will have on them the Michigan emblem, making them the most handsome ribbon premiums ever given by any show. There will be on exhibition, the new discovery of hatchling and brooding chickens by electricity, this is very interesting and should be seen by all poultrymen.

There will be other attractions which will make this the best show in America. Every fancier should attend the big show, as he will be royally entertained and honorably treated.

CAPTAIN MORTIMER O. BIGELOW OF THE U. S. REGULARS FAVORS THE ELECTRICITY WITH A LETTER.

Fert Yellowstone, Wyoming December 21st, 1907. My dear George:

A Merry Christmas to you and yours. Wish that I could be there with you. I feel that I really ought to get back once in a while to help you look after Whitehead, Wilson, Johnson, and all. I hope that the steam plant and the elevator service in the Majestic building has not been interfered with by the cold weather. I think that there will have an early fall here. The coyotes seem to have an extra trick this year, the bears have hold up, and yet had a frost the other night so bad that I had to take in my geraniums. I noticed by the thermometer that the wind dropped below zero, still it is probable that winter will set in shortly.

The weather has been pretty good here. Sometimes it does not snow. Goodbye for now. Faithfully Yours, M. O. Bigelow.

IT DOES THE BUSINESS.

E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve: "I have used the business I have used for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed without leaving a scar behind." 25c at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

SOMETHING OF A LAWYER.

"Well, yes," replied the landlady of the tavern at Polkville, Ark., when an attorney, appearing for a drunken railroad conductor in a fairly paid up condition, and each correction of past due labels help out amazingly.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louisville, South Carolina, who called Electric Bites, and comes in 70c bottle. It breaks up a case of chills or a malarial attack in almost no time and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back and stiff under guarantee at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

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The New Directories of the Michigan State Telephone Company All Ready for Delivery.

Manager Mitchell, of the Michigan State Telephone Co., announces the arrival of the new issue of company's directory. This book is an expensive one for the company to furnish, and contains nearly 60,000 names. It is the Detroit District Directory, and includes all the Exchange and toll stations in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Monroe and Washtenaw counties, and Windsor and Amherstburg, Ontario. In order to assist and facilitate quick, rapid and satisfactory service at the switch-board, please look up the number of the party you wish to talk to, before calling center. While this may seem arbitrary and useless to some, of the part of the company, it is a great help to the operator at the switch-board, to give rapid service in securing your party. By giving your number wanted, you save your time, and the operator's in looking it up for you, and with from one to five calls in before you, you can readily see the cause of apparent delay.

The Michigan State Telephone Company, under its new management, wishes to impress upon your mind, "the following declaration, and they mean every word it says."

THE DECLARATION.

To furnish the best grade of telephone service which skill and money can supply.

To adopt every improvement which may make the service better.

To charge rates which will furnish a fair profit to our stockholders, reducing rates whenever business safety will permit.

To investigate, remedy and adjust fairly, each complaint from our subscribers, whether it relates to our service or our methods.

To treat courteously and as man to man our subscribers in each and every transaction.

To entirely remove any feeling, which may exist that our subscribers are dealing with a soulless corporation, and to bring about a personal, friendly feeling between the company and its subscribers.

THIS IS OUR POLICY - to carry it out we need and ask your co-operation.

With 250 telephone to attend to, to be in easy and light matter to make connections for all, when it is realized that the calls from each phone are nearly five each day on an average.

Miss Gertrude Mudge, chief operator, assisted by Miss Aana Stahl, day and night operator are both pleading young ladies, and patrons will find both of these ladies willing and anxious at all times to live up to the above declaration.

A Cure for Misery.

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Holiday Attractions. A Full Line of HOLIDAY GOODS at F. Blakeslee's BIRMINGHAM

To Our Customers. We feel that we have received our share of your patronage during the year just closed, and want to thank you for it. We have done our best to give value received, for every dollar spent in our store and take this opportunity to wish our patrons one and all A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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State of Michigan, In Probate Court for the County of Oakland, At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 28th day of December, 1907. Present, Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate, in and for said County of Oakland.