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THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Wood spent Sunday last with friends at Northville and had a jolly good time.

Be sure to read Smith Bros. & Hagerman new advt. in this issue. To farmers it is of particular interest.

The Rev. Fothergil, of Detroit, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church morning and evening, on Sunday January 5th.

Marshal Bray picked up an inmate of the E. M. A. who had strayed away from the Asylum. After a night in jail at Pontiac the wanderer was returned home.

The alleged postoffice safe blower, St. Clair, was arraigned before Justice Campbell, Monday of this week and his examination adjourned until next Wednesday Jan. 8th. '08

Fenn Weston wishes to thank his R. F. D. 3 patrons for their many Christmas reminders. He thinks that he fared almost more than he deserved and takes this method of saying "thank you" to the donors.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will hold its monthly business meeting and dinner at the home of Mrs. Charles Todd. Conveyances will be at the postoffice at 10 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the home of Miss Ella Adams on Saturday evening, Jan. 4th at 7 o'clock. The attendance of every member is especially requested.

Finney's little fat man, so popular with the Birmingham young people, will help furnish the music for the dance to be given by the youngsmen at Johnsson-Shaw Hall next Thursday evening, January 9.

Miss Mabel Lownsbury, a popular teacher of Chelsea, is the New Years guest of Miss Winnifred Jenks. Miss Lownsbury is a graduate of the Birmingham high school, and of the Ypsilanti Normal and enjoys a fine reputation as a successful teacher.

John W. Hawkins captured first prize at the Pontiac poultry show on his Barred Plymouth Rock hen. He offers for sale in season eggs from this stock. Also has chickens for sale now. Any one wanting this strain will look up his new advt. in this issue.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Baptist church was held on New Years day when the usual business of such occasions was attended to, in addition to which there was a dinner served at the noon hour, by the ladies of the church, in a manner which did much credit to themselves and the occasion.

Quite a number of Birmingham people attended the play Tempest and Sunshine at Pontiac last week. The pretty little theatre, Howland, was not filled by any means but enough to warrant the company doing good work. The parts were all well taken, Mr. Webb as Richard Miller being particularly fine. Montgomery Hulland made a fine Joshua Middleton being very strong in his part while his daughters, Julia and Fanny, were excellent.

Mrs. Mary E. Hudnutt, of Hanover, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mary Irene, to Mr. Harold Bateman McKale. This wedding took place the 24th. of December '07 and the happy couple will be at home in Lansing after February 1st. The groom is a son of William McKale and is a fine young man of great ed ucational attainments. His father, Mr. William, is one of Lansing's prominent and most prosperous citizens, holding many public offices of elective and appointive. Success to the happy couple.

If you don't just like everything you see in your home paper, go around the streets and howl. The editor is never supposed to make a mistake and of course cannot do so. Other people can but the editor is obiquitous, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, "omnivorous" If you can't see a good point, don't fail to see a bad one. If a thousand pleasant things are said of people hunt for something unpleasant. If you cannot find it, howl anyway. Never mind your own business; watch for something to find fault within some other man's business, this will make you great.

Lucky is the man in business who doesn't feel occasionally like giving up the fight. There are times when everything seems to go wrong, and one is almost ready to say the plank is greased for him to slide into the great ocean of distress. But this is just the time to put up a bold front; that is just the time when you need to have faith in yourself and your business. It is just the time you need to keep a clear thinking and a stout heart. Cowards slide off into drink and financial ruin, but the brave, the true, the men of worth stand unmoved in the face of what seems inevitable.

'Penyeah,
Happy New Year,
Now bring on your winter,
We wish you a happy and prosperous coming 1908 year.

Mr. R. Sayles, of Butte, Mont., is a guest at the J. Allen Bigelow home.

A COW FOR SALE CHEAP—A good Jersey can be seen on the premises of E. J. Pospeshil, R. F. D. 3.

Mr. Hiram Myres is visiting his son, John, during the holidays. Mrs. Authur Carpenter is staying with her mother during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Craft, of Dresden, Ont., were holiday visitors of Dr. and Mr. N. T. Shaw. Mr. Craft is a brother of Mrs Shaw.

Farmers! Don't fail to call on Burr Brothers for your tile. A large stock on hand all sizes, except three inch size. See advertisement.

Mr. C. D. Dickinson and wife, we are glad to say, are back home again in Birmingham. Mr. D. looks as if western life agreed with him.

Mrs. George Dixon returned Sunday from a five days visit in Detroit and brought her sister-in-law, Miss Bessie Dixon, with her for a visit.

Attorney D. T. Minbock and wife, of Detroit, spent Christmas, with Mr. and Mrs. Edward McHugh. Mrs. Minbock and Mrs. McHugh are sisters.

Mr. John Crawford and his sister, Miss Ann, who live over on the west side of the township, have both gone to Crystal Lake, Fla. for the winter. We wish them a safe journey, and a sure return.

Mrs. Ed. F. Hulbert, of Kenosha, Wis. was home a few days enjoying a visit. His firm is moving their entire manufacturing plant 'way down east as to be near their oyster beds. The job is a huge one.

Santa Claus this year to the D. U. R. employees, the conductors and motormen, was Charles Stinchfield, of Stonycroft, who presented all the boys with a big fat dollar. Of course the boys are duly and truly thankful.

Dr. George P. Raynale and wife, of Harbor Beach, were Christmas visitors at his fathers. George is in love with his location, Harbor Beach; stepped at once into a fine practice and is happy. We are glad to congratulate him on his success.

Christmas day was joyfully spent at the home of Nathan Fall. Those present being Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fall, of Orion, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Vorheis, of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carson and family and Miss Mary Fall, of Detroit, also Mrs. Mary McBride, of this village. The day was spent in music and singing and all joined in saying that home was the only place to Christmas day.

Miss Olive Dennison, a graduate from the ECCENTRIC office, has accepted a position on the greatest paper in New Mexico. It is the Albuquerque Citizen, and this bright young Miss has a salary better than $50. per month. She is reporter, society editor and proof-reader. Her "Society" column in the daily received by us proves her to be a regular newspaper woman. Success to Olive.

Rush Haskins was arraigned in Justice Campbell's court on the charge of violating village ordinance number 21 (relative to discharging fire-arms) and plead guilty thereto. The court passed sentence upon him that he pay a fine of $3 and $3.60 costs of prosecution. R. C. paid. In hunting sparrows he inadvertantly got inside the corporation limits and a friend #? made the complaint.

Volney Nixon shows us a lemon raised on a tree in his own home, that measures 12 inches around the larger way, and 11 inches the smaller way, and weighs 11 ounces. It is a whopper and Volney says his home grown lemons make better pies and lemonade than the boughten ones. This year the tree only bore three, and last year it gave out nine. The tree is a fine sight to see even if it bore no fruit at all.

Mark B. Armstrong, well known in these parts, is looking up the office of Secetary of the Monitor Insurance company. One thing about it if the stockholders elect him they will make no mistake, as he is a gentleman of ability, knowledge and competent in every way to fill the office with honor to himself and satisfaction to his followers. Among the qualifications this candidate possesses is that he has been a member of the company for 20 years, lived in Oakland for 51 years, and made cheese second to none in this vicinity for 20 years. As the present incumbent has enjoyed this office over a dozen years, why not pass it around once in a while.

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STEEPLEJACK'S STRONG STRAIN OF SENTIMENTALITY.

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Big Jack Norton, the steeplejack, was busily daubing away on the huge 150-foot smokestack of the Union station power house, says the Indianapolis News. He sat suspended in a small chair, which was swinging from the top of the stack supported by two three-quarter-inch ropes. The crowd in the street far below was "rubbering" up at the daring steeplejack and stack painter.

While the crowd watched it saw Norton quit his work and begin drawing himself nearer to top of the stack. Then he put forth his hand and grasped something, the crowd did not know what. After a moment or two the people in the street saw the steeplejack begin lowering himself back to earth.

Down down he came, slowly and deliberately. Several of the watchers ran over to the power house to have a closer view of the daredevil and to try to satisfy their curiosity as to what he came down from his lofty perch when the morning was not half worn away.

Norton reached the ground safely and swung himself free from his chair. Those gathered near saw him put his hand in the pocket of his jacket, and, to their amazement, bring forth a little sparrow.

"There you are, you poor little fellow," he said to the bird, giving to be hoped to the crowd around him. "Nearly frozen to death, aren't you? Well, I've got a good warm coat pocket in here in the power house and you can rest there and go to sleep."

With that tenderly spoken comfort to a half frozen sparrow, the strangest of all birds, the steeplejack hurried into the power house and found his coat. Into one of the pockets the suffering sparrow was deposited. Then Norton went to his lunch basket and found among his other noonday viands, a bread sandwich. One of the slices of bread was broken into crumbs and dropped into the pocket containing the sparrow.

"Now, Mr. Sparrow, you stay there and fill up and get warm," he said as a parting comfort to the bird. "When you get all straightened out again I'll turn you loose." Norton then turned to a negro ash hauler and said: "Give me a boost on the ropes, will you, John? I've got to get back up to the top of that stack and get busy. I had to come down with the bird. Poor little devil! He was up on the flange of the stack and was almost frozen to death. You fellows don't make enough smoke come out of that stack to keep a bird warm! That's one thing I've got against smoke consumers."

"Did you come all the way down from the top of that stack just to save a sparrow?" a bystander asked.

"It's a cinch," answered the steeplejack, "I always do it. I always have and always will. When a bird gets into trouble I'm never too busy nor too high up to give it a helping hand. My wife laughs at me and says I'm sentimental. If that's what it is, well, we'll just let it go at that."

The steeplejack then went on to tell stories of experiences he has had with birds while he was working at lofty heights. Pigeons, sparrows and every other species of bird that soars to Jack Norton's workshop—steeples and smokestacks—find a friend in him. Time and again he has found them crippled, just as he found the sparrow on the flange of the stack. The birds are his only companions away up there and he frankly admits that he is fool enough to believe they feel pretty kindly toward him. Norton says that he never harmed a bird in all the years of his life and that he would come down a stack or steeple any day to do a friendly turn for one of his feathered friends.

Origin of the Steel Shoulder-strap.

If it were possible to compile such data, it would be extremely interesting to know to what extent women have influenced the uniforms and equipment of their fighting mates. A little instance in point is the steel curb shoulder-strap of the British cavalry.

When Sir George Luck was setting out for Kandahar during the Afghan operations Lady Luck, knowing probably something of the fighting methods of the tribesmen, whose fair foot knife can cut clean from shoulder to belly, sewed a couple of steel curb chains under each of the shoulder straps on her husband's tunic. As a protection from sword-cuts these proved so effective, that at the end of the campaign Sir George made a report in relation thereto, with the result that they were adopted as a permanent feature of the cavalry uniform.—Harper's Weekly.

Jimmie Comes Home.

Thirty years ago Jimmie Carson, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., had his jacket well dusted by his father for breaking the limb of a young apple tree. Jimmie was then ten years old.

That night he ran away, and after living in Philadelphia for three years he went to sea, and has since wandered all over the world. He was thought to be dead, but the other day he returned up at his old home. His father and mother were yet alive and living in the same house.

The apple tree was grown until the trunk was the size of a small barrel, and Jimmie picked and ate some apples and said it seemed good to be home again. He rather expected another licking, but his father was too old to give it to him.

A Woman's Aim.

Mr. Kidder—I think a woman's club to be successful should aim at something far removed from "female suffrage."

Miss Strong—I don't agree with you, sir! That should be its sole object.

Mr. Kidder—Yes; but it's more likely to hit that object if it aims at something else.—Philadelphia Press

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METHODIST—Rev. W. A. Kishpaugh, Pastor. Sabbath services—Preaching at 10a. m. and 6:30 p. m.; class meeting at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:00 m.; Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. Official Board meets first Monday evening of every month. Ladies' Aid Society meets first Friday afternoon of every month. Business meeting of Epworth League last Saturday evening of every month. All standard time. All are welcome to these services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. W. H. Jamieson, D. D., Pastor. Sabbath services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m., standard time. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. John W. Good, Pastor. Services held on standard time. Communion—Sunday before the 2d Sunday in each month. Sunday school 1:30 p. m. Young people 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:00 p. m. Ladies' M. Society, 4th Thursday, 2 p.m. Jr. M. Society, 3d Saturday, 2 p. m. Theo—Preaching 9:40 a.m. Sunday school 10:40 a. m. Young people 7 p. m. Ladies' M. Society 1st Friday at 2 p. m. Come, worship with us.

BAPTIST—Rev. H. P. Welton, Acting Pastor. All services on standard time. Morning service at 10:00 a. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meeting 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society 2d Wednesday of the month. B. Y. P. U. business meeting 1st Tuesday of the month. A cordial welcome to every one at all the services.

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Estate of William Reity,

Late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 27th day of April next, and that such claims will be heard before said Court on Monday, the 27th day of April next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.—Dated December 26, A. D. 1907.

JOSEPH R. STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.
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