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THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES.

Mr. Comfort, of Brown street, is home for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Mabel V. Roy, of Bates street, entertained friends from Toledo last week.

For a nice long bit of "ye country sausage" we are indebted to Bre'r W. S. Walker, who knows exactly when to fill a long felt want. Thaux.

Mrs. Jane O. Satterlee, one of Pontiac's oldest and most respected citizens died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank G. Jacobs, Sunday morning at the advanced age of 87 years. She was laid to rest in Oakhill cemetery on Wednesday.

"Ten Nights in a Bar Room" as shown up by Rev. C. A. Salyer in a lecture and with a stereoptican illustration drew the biggest crowd at the Baptist church one evening last week, that that edifice ever held. Every seat was filled and standing room only commanded a premium. Every hearer was delighted.

Mrs. Parkinson, of Southfield avenue, gave the Sunday school class of Miss Marion Porter, a fine afternoon's entertainment and a big dinner (6 o'clock) All this was caused by the offer of the Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school to the class securing the most handkerchiefs at their recent sale. The Misses Blanche Heth and Emeline Mitchell won the additional prizes for collecting the greatest number. Mrs. Parkinson proved herself a generous hostess and a delightful entertainer of young people.

A partition has been placed in the telephone office, separating patrons from the operators. People having business in the office are welcome. Loafing or visiting not allowed. This applies to the gentler sex as well as to the opposite. It has been demonstrated that there are girl loaferesses as well as boy loafers. The operators cannot give their attention to subscribers and have people in the room talking. They prefer to do the talking and have no noise to distract their attention.

Pontiac spiritualists have organized. There was a large attendance at both meetings Sunday afternoon and evening and Dr. Angus, the speaker, requested all those interested in spiritualism to remain in the hall after the lecture for the purpose of organizing a society. There were 30 names enrolled and officers were elected as follows: W. A. Yates, president; Mrs. G. W. Malcom, vice-president; Mrs. Clara Andrews, secretary; Mrs. Sylvia Walton, treasurer; W. A. Dodge, C. A. Tuffih, and D. H. Dodge, trustees.

At the present time Oakland county has $23,000 to its credit in the hands of County Treasurer John Power. This sum is left after every bill against the county has been paid and every bond or coupon that is due at this time cancelled. The amount in the treasury is ample to carry the county through until the next collection without having to borrow money from the banks, as has sometimes been necessary. Treasurer Power has not yet been notified of the amount of money that the county will receive from the State from the primary school fund. The school money should have been sent here the first of the month, but has been delayed for some reason best known to the State Treasurer. Mr. Power is expecting notice every day that the primary money is ready to be sent here from Lansing.

The troubles of Oakland's thirst arresters dates back to last August, when the Sadler Detective Agency of Detroit, furnished Prosecutor Covert with two men. These secured the evidence necessary to convict in ways peculiar to their trade. One of them passed as a wealthy young man with a well-developed thirst, who had been sent to "dry" Pontiac to avoid temptation, and was promptly steered to where his appetite could be appeased. Another ruse resorted to, was the story that he was wanted on a serious charge in some other city and was hiding from the officers. This appealed to a certain class in Pontiac and the detective had an opportunity to see the inside of another bit of society which ordinarily would not open its doors to strangers. The end is not yet, and quite a number throughout the county are suffering from nervousness.

One good thing about football—the season is short.

From Nov. 19, '07 to Nov. 19, '08, 6,296 volumes have been issued from the public library.

Want to buy a three light gasolene ligting plant. See the ECCENTRIC. $25 for $10. Hurry up. 'Rup!

The Majestic building, every floor, is now being beautifully illuminated with electric lights and what more can you ask?

Mayor Johnson, of Pontiac, has a gang of men at work erecting a handsome $11,000 residence on the Endicott farms.

There will be a silver medal contest at the Southfield M. E. Church, this Friday evening, Nov. 27. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

Poor old Polly Ann failed to get a proposal even at the bargain-counter rate. Better get busy, Polly, leap year is goin' fast.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A fine and perfect gasolene light plant of three lights. Now in use in the ECCENTRIC office. Cost $25 will sell for $10.

Owing to Thanksgiving day we are obliged to print one day earlier than usual, hence our short comings in this issue will be kindly overlooked.

Oakland county bovine family are entirely free from the foot and mouth disease that has spread consternation to all owners, buyers and handlers of cattle.

A problem: If a man and his wife can drink 30,200 pints of beer in three months, how much water can 10,000 people run through the garden hose during a dry season?

WANTED—A good girl for general housework; family of three. Must be good cook. $5.00 per week. Call on or address Mrs. R. L. Fisher, 45 Burlingame Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 2

Bob Purdy (everybody knows Robert) is sole manager of John Hanna's grocery store on the corner, and with two bright and accomplished young ladies to help, business is always humming.

George W. Dickinson, of the Railway-Crossing Board, says that when the Grand Trunk double tracks the Grand Rapids-Detroit line, the grade crossing with the D. U. R. at Pontiac will be abolished. Good.

About 35 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Helsom ran out from Detroit, Monday evening, and gave this popular young couple a house-warming. A good time was enjoyed by all and refreshments were served.

Every floor of the Majestic is now lighted by electricity. J. Allen Bigelow's home has been wired, and Mrs. Stearns' beautiful home will soon be connected, as will also the Mitchell double house on Brown Street.

Miss Hoyt opened an advanced dancing class Wednesday evening of this week (from 8 to 10) at the L. O. T. M. of the World hall in the Ford block. Those wishing to take beginning work can arrange for lessons by appointment.

Mr. Thomas Wendover, of Detroit, age 78 years, died at his residence, 1505 Woodward avenue, Wednesday of last week. He was father of Mrs. P. Gillespie and uncle of Mrs. N. T. Shaw, of this place. His burial was at Dresden, Ont.

L. Ferris Frazer is the wide-awake agent for the Detroit Free Press at 10 cents per week, and with Sunday edition for fifteen cents per week—and the Sunday edition is worth all the editions of the week. Try it a week and you'll never be without it.

It's the fashion to have electric lights. When you can buy the juice just as cheap as Detroit people, who use it in enormous quantity compared with our demand, you certainly are getting bottom rates. Nothing like it on earth. Beats tallow candles and kerosene lamps.

A man offering to bet $50,000 in Grand Rapids that every bank in that city would be closed four months from the day that Taft would be inaugurated nearly drew forth all the available cash reserve in the city from anxious takers until some shrewd fellow figured out that the wag meant July 4 next—a legal holiday.

Miss Beulah VanStearns, of San Antoma, Tex., one of the Lone Star state's brightest and best young ladies, enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at Long Meadow farm, the happy guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will S. Walker. This southern lady has been in attendance at the U. of M. for four years and no once, since she began her studies, has she enjoyed a Thanksgiving day at home. The next best, as we all know, is at Walker's.

An exchange tell the whole story as follows: "The stork appears and we look into the cradle and behold a male child. After running the gauntlet of measels, mumps and chicken pox, he enters school. At the age of 10 he is tow-headed, freckled face boy, the terror of the neighborhood; at 12 he is an apprentice in a printing office; at 18 he had acquired a bag of type and an old press and is the proud editor of a country newspaper; at 21 he is married; at 30 he is a bald-headed and stoop shouldered man; at 35 he is a corpse in a cheap pine coffin. As 500 delinquent subscribers file past his bier for a last look on his face they are heard to say: "He was a good fellow but he couldn't save his money."

Conductor McGuirk, of the D. U. R., is laid up with a smashed finger.

The oyster supper given at St. James' Church was a fine affair, and hugely enjoyed by the large number who attended.

What has become of the Birmingham ash man that gets the ashes at the farm houses and the school houses, where wood is burned—in Troy.

An Irishman is charged with saying: "Wimmin do be quare people. They scrames when they sees a house, but divil a wurrud will they say whin they has a rat in their hair."

Raynale A. Whitehead has gone to Oklahoma on a visit of business and pleasure. It may be possible that this young man may locate there and grow up with the big expanding west.

FURS WANTED—I buy all kinds of furs and pay the highest market price. Boys, see me before disposing of your stock. Peter Kenyon, at Frank Dunn's, near Detroit Scenery Co.'s studio. tf

The readings of Mr. O'Hara at the Presbyterian church delighted a goodly congregation. Mr. O'Hara was fine and the lady soloist was pleasing. The evenings entertainment was interesting and all present felt repaid in coming out.

According to the dope handed out by a weather-wise farmer, the coming winter is to be a long and severe one. The weeds have grown unusually high, which he says indicates a long siege of cold weather. He says nature causes the weeds to grow high so that the birds can feed off them when the snow is deep. Another indication, he alleges, is that the squirrels are carrying the grain into hollow trees. When they deposit it in less secure places a mild winter may be expected.

Every farm should have a name, and the name of both farm and the farmer should be posted on a sign at the farm gate. It is very difficult for a stranger driving along the road to know where to turn off into the farm he wants to visit when there are no sign posts up. It is as bad as a city would be without the streets named or without names on gas posts. Farmers who try to find a house in the city where street names are not posted can realize what it means to have a country district with farms and roads not named. It is even worse than a city with streets and names omitted because on the streets are people to direct one, while in the country often are nothing but sky, road, beasts of the field or the birds of the air—rather unsatisfactory pilots.

THE CHURCHES.

BAPTIST—Rev. C. A. Salyer, Pastor. A services on standard time. Morning service at 10:00 a. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. meeting 6:00 p. m. Evening service at 7:00. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society 3d 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.

ST. JAMES' PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL Mande Avenue—Rev. Laird Wingate Snell, Rector Sunday services—Morning Prayer, 10:45; 2nd Sunday Prayer, 7:00. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Holy communion on the second Sunday in each month at 10:45 a. m. At ROCHESTER—Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Evening Prayer at 3:30.

METHODIST—Rev. W. A. Kishpaugh, Pastor. Sabbath services—Preaching at 10 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.; class meeting at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.; Epworth League devotional meeting at 5:30 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. Jahnson, D. D., Pastor. Sabbath service 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 Sabbath—Sunday services at 2:30 p. m. 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. Thos—Preaching 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a. m. Young people 7 p.m. Ladies' M. Society 1st Friday at 2 p. m. Come, worship with us.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—Probate of Will.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1908. Present, Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

JENNIE DOUGLASS, Deceased.

Almeron Whitehead having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to Probate, and that the administration of said Estate be granted to Almeron Whitehead, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 21st day of December, A. D. 1908, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk. First—1066

MANIAC CONDUCTS PRAYER MEETING

RELIGIOUSLY DEMENTED YOUTH MAKES PASTOR PLAY PART OF "CONGREGATION."

LATTER RESCUED EXHAUSTED

Is Compelled to Sing Hymns and Offer Up Prayer at Demand of Crazy Man for Three Hours.

Galveston, Tex.—Compelled to choose between being pounded into jelly and being the audience of a prayer meeting conducted by a lunatic, Rev. Dr. George Francomb, pastor of the St. James Methodist church here, chose the latter. For three hours he sang all the hymns announced by the lunatic leader, and prayed loud and long whenever called on to do so.

When the minister was found by a member of his church and rescued from the madman, he was exhausted and a physician had to be summoned.

Dr. Francomb had been holding revival services at the First Methodist church, and among those who have shown a deep interest in the meetings was a young man whose name, Dr. Francomb says he never learned. The man became more and more enthused, and finally became so earnest that he went to the church between meetings and held service all by himself. Recently he found Dr. Francomb in the church when he went there and he requested the minister to hold a service just for the two of them. Dr. Francomb made some excuse and went away.

Nothing was thought of the incident until, when Dr. Francomb was in the church himself arranging the music for a meeting, the young man entered, turned the key in the lock and put the key in his pocket. Advancing up the aisle he saluted the minister and then suggested that they hold a prayer meeting for their mutual good. Dr. Francomb demurred and attempted to leave the church, but found that the church was locked. When he re-

"Your Only Escape Is to Hold This Meeting!"

quested the young man to open the door he was confronted by two huge fists, and he was asked if he wanted to receive a sound thrashing.

Dr. Francomb said he did not.

"The only escape then is to hold this meeting," was the rejoinder and Dr. Francomb was marched up the aisle and seated in the front pew.

For three hours Dr. Francomb was held a prisoner, and even then the insane leader would have continued had not one of the minister's parishioners, who knew he was at the church, come there to see him on a matter of business. He found the door locked, but heard Dr. Francomb singing lustily. Going to a window and climbing up the friend looked in and saw the two holding the meeting. At first he thought that the meeting was merely an incident of the revival services, but while he was looking through the window he saw the young man descend from the pulpit and engage in one of his exhibitions of pugilistic pantomime in front of the minister. Then the friend knew that he was a friend in need, and he sent for the police.

Brave Girl Throttles Mouse.

Bethlehem, Pa.—A mouse caused a small panic in Bechtel's restaurant at the noon hour, when the place was filled with diners, mostly women.

A waitress discovered the little rodent running across the floor, and shrieked. In an instant every chair was occupied, feet first.

Just then Miss Elizabeth Heatro, a pretty waitress, came in from the kitchen, and as the terrified little mouse came her way, quickly seized it back of the head with her hand and broke its neck.

Woman Whips Thieves.

Quakertown, Pa.—Discovering a man ransacking the closets in her kitchen, Mrs. George Zuck of Zion Hill trounced him with a horsewhip. After he had fled Mrs. Zuck found a second man in a bedroom, and she also flogged him as he ran downstairs. In trying to escape he was caught on the pickets of a fence, and while in this predicament the woman rained blow after blow upon him.

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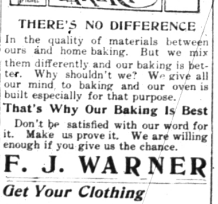

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