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THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES.

50c stocking caps and tams, 39c at Levinson's.

Bert N. Blakeslee was home last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Grace Blakeslee is visiting at the Quarton farm.

The annual financial statement of the Village Council is published in this issue.

The man who persists in doing business below costs must eventually beat his creditors.

Spring—say did you ever think of spring. That ethereal mildness that poets rage over. Well it's coming.

Now is the time to buy your embroideries, laces and white goods, and Levinson's is the place to buy them.

Another delightful snow storm Tuesday morning. If the good work goes on the sleighing will be the best ever.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. Church will meet at the church Friday March 6th. Supper 15c. All are welcome.

Mrs. Frank E. Brooks started home to her mother in Florida last Wednesday. She is called there by the severe illness of her mother.

Special meeting of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 220 on Wednesday evening, March 4th. Initiation.
MAME DANIELS, SECY.

Discouraging reports come to our ears that the Birmingham people who are in New Mexico for their health, are not as well as usual. We trust it is only temporary.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will be held at the home of Mrs. Stearns on Wednesday afternoon March 4th at three o'clock. Gentlemen are invited for tea.

Oxford has all fish stores skinned and laid away in cold storage. The latest is that a hen was killed last week that weighed eight pounds without the head and feathers and nearly filled a three-pound pail with chicken oil. Some cakes fried in this lard were revelations in daintiness and fine flavor.

"Queechy," an old book written by the author of the "Wide Wide World," in 1852, sold by the thousands in England and America and was translated into German, French, and Swedish. Mrs. Browning wrote of it to a friend; "I think it very clever and characteristic, Mrs. Beecher Stowe scarcely exceeds it after all her triumphs." This book can be found at the library.

Andrew Anderson and wife, much to the sorrow of their many friends in this vicinity, give up the management of the National Hotel at the close of this month, which is to-morrow. For the years that this worthy couple have been in charge of this hotel, they have had only words of praise and commendation. Wherever they go this worthy couple will be followed by the best wishes of a host of warm Birmingham friends. James F. Wooster and wife succeed and no doubt will keep the National at the front, as they both have had plenty of experience in keeping hotel.

A pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sigsland, of Detroit, Tuesday, Feb. 25th, when their daughter, Catherine, was united in marriage to Mr. George Marble, of our village, at high noon, in the presence of 30 guests. The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Jamieson, of Birmingham. The bride was tastefully dressed in white silk, and carried a bouquet of carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Sadie Sigsland, as maid of honor. The groom was attended by William Blackman, of Pontiac. The presents were many and beautiful. The guests were served to a bountiful seven course dinner. The happy couple will be at home in Birmingham to their friends, March 25th.

The first masquerade ball in Birmingham for many years was held at the Johnston & Shaw hall last week. It was a fine affair, and most successful both from a financial and a social standpoint. The usual crowd of Columbines, Nights, Queens, Gypsy Maidens, Spanish Señoritas, Wash ladies, school girls, etc., etc., with an equal number of Kings, Princes, Dukes, Indians, Clowns, etc., enough altogether to number over 200. The hit of the evening was Carrie Nation with hatchet and baby, Mr. Nation and the Master Nation in knicks, all big headed and represented by Ed. O'Neal, James F. Wooster, Da. N. T. Shaw. They were the observed of all observers. Birmingham can stand one of these entertainments successfully every winter. Say, this is confidential. Dr. Campbell danced all the evening and when the ball was over and he all in with fatigue, he made the discovery that he had danced all night with his rubbers on. Selah.

50c fascinators 43c at Levinson's.

Mrs. J. Reynolds is visiting relatives at Armada.

Miss Jennie Keyes is taking a two weeks vacation.

Bargains in Ladies' Outing Flannel night gowns at Levinson's.

Joe Wilcox has returned from a two-weeks vacation in Ypsilanti.

Children's Jersey ribbed shirts and drawers, small sizes 15c at Levinson's.

White Rock Cockerels (Fishel's) for sale. Inquire of X. Post, Birmingham, Mich. 2t

'Tis rumored there will be an anti-booze ticket in the field at Milford this spring.

Lace curtains, handson patterns, excellent values. $1. to $4. per pair at Levinson's.

Mr and Mrs. Marvin Phelps, of Detroit, were guests of Mrs. N. M. Corey the fore part of this week.

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Queen Quality and Douglass shoes and Bell Brand rubbers at Levinson's; you know these names stand for quality.

The Young Men's Dancing club give a dancing party at the J. & S. hall this Friday night. It will be an extra affair.

Ask to see those nice white bed spreads, with or without fringe, at Levinson's. Prices range from $1. to $3.

Patriotism in the younger generation has shown itself this last week, in the call for books on Lincoln and Washington.

Summer must be coming sometime for Charles J. Shain has been rigging up a modern up to date ice cream fountain.

Although the circulation of the D. C. Public Library has increased twenty seven per cent, the use of fiction has decreased twenty per cent.

A. J. Phillips, born in Milford township on December 7, 1836, died last week Thursday on the farm he has owned and occupied since 1865.

Birmingham was well represented at the annual military ball given by Company No. 14, U. R. K. of P., at Pontiac Wednesday evening.

Owing to the storm on Tuesday, the big auction sale of D. I. Pearsall, at Big Beaver, has been postponed until tomorrow (Saturday) at 9 a. m.

Miss Belle Corson has resigned her position for a time, owing to recent illness and will take the rest of the year resting and recuperating in health.

Best 80 acres in the township of Southfield for sale at almost any price. Ask for particulars of A. Whitehead, guardian.

Frank C. Deer attended the Dairymen's Convention at Battle Creek last week, staying over Sunday with friends in Marshall.

Wedding bells in Troy are beginning to vibrate. An adjoining county young man voluntarily goes to Jackson for life. He is brave and deserves the fair.

LOST—A ladies fur collar with double tabs, on Townsend street shortly before three o'clock Tuesday of this week. Finder please leave at the ECCENTRIC for the owner.

The Royal Oak bank statement appears in this issue. It is a good showing and reflects great credit on the directors and the gentlemanly cashier, George J. Baker.

Tuesday evening, March 3rd the L. O. T. M. M's. will give a progressive pedro party. Each member has the privilege of bringing her husband or a friend. Refreshments will be served.

We all thank the carrier on R. F. D. No. 5 for the service, but the carrier must thank the man that shovels out the roads instead of the man on the bridge with the shovel on his back.

Cold and stormy weather doesn't have much effect on the improvements being made on the Chittenden place at Bloomfield Hills. Tree planting and work on the new mansion is progressing at a good rate.

Messrs Tom Wood, Ralph Pierce, Alex Considine, Mrs. Thomas, of Detroit and Harley Shafer, of Pontiac, helped Miss Jessie Baker celebrate her birthday Sunday last. She was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

We are delighted, as well as our many readers, to be able to give you a very interesting letter from Mrs. A. A. Rust, of Franklin, from the far West. Her description of the country, climate and incidents are most entertaining.

Ed. McBride in falling that big cottonwood tree on his place, nearly five foot in diameter, didn't do a thing to the telephone lines. The tree in falling broke 14 wires and severed connection with all the west for a short time.

The D. U. R. boys have the laugh on Supt. Barclay. Just before the big blizzard snow storm of last week, John told one of the boys "there will be no storm, for I am locked up with the Government." Alas! the Government weather bureau made a big mistake that time.

The death of Mrs. L. L. Houghton was announced around town Monday. Funeral was held on Wednesday. This most estimable lady has been an invalid for a long while, and leaves many to mourn her death. Mrs. Volney, Lee, another of our estimable elderly ladies is very low at this writing and not expected to live.

The dancing class under the competent instruction of Miss Georgia Hoyt is thriving. Even at this late date five new members joined Tuesday evening. Miss Hoyt had to have an assistant and this position is satisfactorily filled by Miss Ruth Crofoot, of Pontiac, a very pleasing young lady and a good teacher. Of course Miss Marion Bruce presides at the piano, and the way she can emphasize "one two!! three!!" will make any one waltz.

A CHALLENGE

A Chance to Debate the Local Option Question is Offered. Will It be Accepted? Yes? No?

Inasmuch as the question of local option is before the people of Oakland county for decision, and inasmuch as every fair minded citizen is not satisfiuntil he hears both sides of a subject impartially presented, it is the opinion of the township committee, that a public debate should be held in our village at a time and place hereafter agreed upon, in order that the question may be held up in its true light; therefore we hereby challenge any opponent of local option, for a friendly discussion of the following question; Resolved, that the manufactnre and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, should be forever prohibited in Oakland county. Any one accepting this challenge, will please address, T. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman, Bloomfield Township, Local Option Committee. Birmingham, Feb. 25th, 1908.

County papers please copy.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 17, '08.

Adjourned regular meeting.

President J. W. Perry in the chair.

Trustees present—Mills, Smith, Nixon, Cobb, Schlaack and Crawford.

Cobb moved, supported by Nixon, that the village pay the expense of the committee to investigate the electric-light franchise. Carried.

Miss Baldwin submitted the report of the Public Library. Cobb moved, supported by Nixon, that the report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

The financial report of the village was read. Nixon moved, supported by Smith, that te report be accepted. Carried.

Smith moved, supported by Schlack, that the appointment of A. Whitehead, F. Hagerman and J. W. Cobb as Election Commissioners, be confirmed. Carried.

Cobb moved, supported by Nixon, that the appointment of Smith and Schlaack as Election Inspectors be confirmed. Carried.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn to February 27, 1908. Carried.

G. H. SATTERLEE, Clerk.
J. W. PERRY, President.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The following is the financial report for the Village of Birmingham, Michigan for the year ending March 1, 1908:

WATER WORKS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1907	$ 882 73
Water rates collected	2,733 15
4-months loan	1,000 00
Transferred from General Ex. Fund	1,550 00
	$5,672 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

116 vouchers paid	$5,641 45
Balance on hand March 1, 1908	30 93
	$5,672 58

HIGHWAY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1907	$ 4 64
By general tax	1,290 00
By special tax	176 19
Pavement walk	1,222 79
Transferred from General Ex. Fund	125 00
	$2,778 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

61 vouchers paid	$2,695 56
Balance on hand March 1, 1908	83 26
	$2,778 82

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

By general tax	$750 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1 voucher paid	$750 00

GENERAL EXPENSE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1907	$ 818 72
By general tax	3,000 00
By liquor tax	466 00
By returned tax	2 18
By fines	3 00
By license	51 12
Excess of roll	15 01
By 6-months loan	1,000 00
	$5,084 83

DISBURSEMENTS

77 vouchers paid	$3,011 81
Transferred to Water Works Fund	1,550 00
Transferred to Highway Fund	125 00
Balance on hand March 1, 1908	398 02
	$5,084 83

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand in all Funds March 1, 1907	$ 906 19
By general tax	5,000 00
By liquor tax	466 00
By fines	3 00
By returned tax	2 18
By special tax	176 29
By license	51 12
By water rates	2,749 85
For cement walk	1,222 59
Excess of roll	15 01
By loans	2,700 00
	$12,811 23

DISBURSEMENTS FROM ALL FUNDS.

General Expense	$2,011 81
Water Works	5,644 65
Highway	2,695 56
Interest	750 00
Bal. on hand in all Funds March 1, 1908	712 21
	$12,811 23

We, the undersigned, Finance Committee of the Village of Birmingham, have carefully examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer of the village, have checked off and cancelled all vouchers, and find that the above is a true statement of the finances of the said village, according to our best knowledge and belief.

S. C. MILLS,
T. B. SMITH.
Finance Committee.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Porter entertained a number of guests at dinner on Saturday.

Mr. Will Paxton, from White Plains, N. J. spent the week end with Seymour Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris, of Big Beaver, had friends from Detroit and Troy to help them eat the biggest cream cake seen in the neighborhood for many a day. Everyone had enough and to spare and all are going again some day sure, so says one of the eaters.

VILLAGE HONOR

Let All People Know That It Is An Honor to be Nominated as a Member of the Council.

One of the adherents of the People's Party says, "that party is not in the field for either 'fight or frolic' but business. Last year four members of the Village Board were nominated by one Caucus held and two of the four accepted which caused the offices to go begging. These honorable places are not to be hawked about the street this year. The town has many good men who will accept office when they know their fellow citizens really prefer them. Let us dignify these offices. It must be hereafter an honor even to run for office in Birmingham, though defeated. Get serious gentlemen. The business of this village cannot be well done in a frivolous manner."

Those who take part in the Caucus, on Friday night, will not be allowed to help choose candidates for the People's Party, at Saturday night's caucus.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORTS.

Report of the Secretary of Birmingham Public Library from August 12, '07, to February 15, 1908:

Paid expenses of moving books and for work and supplies in fitting up library, $32.36; for magazines for library, $12.40; total, $44.76. This amount was from Birmingham Library Association, and did not come into Treasurer's hands.

Paid for supplies and work done in fitting up library and for cataloging books, $82.02; printing, $8.50; stove and pipe, $18.69; coal, $31.25; insurance, $31.20; books, $18.89; gas and oil, $8.54; janitor, $15; librarian, $75; total, $289.

VERONA L. POST, Sec'y.

Report of Birmingham Public Library from August 12, 1907, to February 14, 1908:

Number of books rebound, 5; books on shelves, 2,331; books bought, 46; books donated, 14; periodicals bought, 7; donated 10. Books drawn—fiction, 1,781; non-fiction, 54; juvenile 726; traveling library, 96; women's club, 59; total, 2,716.

Fines collected, $6.91; dues, $2; total, $8.91

DAISY M. DURKEE, Librarian.

Birmingham Public Library receipts from September 7, 1907, to February 17, 1908, inclusive, $511.18. Disbursements—checks issued to February 13, 1908, $289; balance on hand, $222.18.

A. WHITEHEAD, Treasurer.

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Fine Muslin Short Skirts, beautifully trimmed with lace insertion, from 75c up to $3.00.

A big selection of Plain Muslin Skirts, with deep muslin tucked flounces, selling for 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.30 up to $3.50.

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Also Muslin Drawers with deep embroidery ruffle; regular 75c values, at 50c.

Also Best Cambric Drawers, with deep hemstitched ruffle; regular 75c values, at 50c.

Big selection of Fine Drawers, lace and embroidery-trimmed, from 75c to $5.50.

CORSET COVERS

Big selection of Corset Covers, trimmed with lace insertion and ribbon; regular 39c values, at 25c.

Also lovely Plain Covers; regular 39c covers, at 25c.

Big selection of Corset Covers, trimmed with lace and ribbon; regular 50c covers, at 39c.

Also Corset Covers prettily trimmed with embroidery and ribbons; regular 50c covers, at 39c.

Our 75c Corset Covers, beautifully trimmed with deep lace insertion and ribbon, for 50c.

Also Corset Covers prettily trimmed with embroidery and ribbon; regular 75c values, at 50c.

See our Linen Plain Corset Covers, regular 75c values, at 50c.

Also a few Very Fine Lace-Trimmed Corset Covers, regular $2.00 values, for $1.00.

A specialty in Combination Drawers and Corset Covers, lace and embroidery-trimmed, from $1.50 up to $15.00.

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Velvet, 50c to $1.00 pair; Leather, in opera or Everett cut, chocolate, tan, black, wine, 50c to $1.50 pair; Chocolate or Black Romeo, $1.50 to $2.00 pair.
Ladies' Felt Romeo, fur trimmed, black, green, red, grey or brown, 75c to $1.50 pair.
Overgaiters, Ladies' and Men's, 25c to 75c pair.
Leggins for the Children, 35c to $1.00 pair, made in Black Jersey, Astrachan in colors, Corduroy and Canvas.
All kinds of Rubbers, Arctics, Felt Boots, Lumbermen's Sox, Lamb's Wool Soles, etc.
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Assets, - - 600,000.00
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