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THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES

'Tis often claimed the vision
Of the pessimist is droll;
In looking at a doughnut
He only sees the hole.

This optical delusion
By the optimist is matched
Who counts his broods of chickens
Ere one of them is hatched.

Shade trees must go.

Go to Shain's Fountain for a Merry Widow Sundae.

A. R. Parks has a change of advt. in this issue. Read it.

Too much shade makes the road on Maple east the worst piece of roadway in Oakland county.

Regular meeting, Order of Eastern Star, Wednesday evening, April 22nd. MAME DANIELS, secy.

The Maccabees of the World will hold another one of their famous pedro parties at Mrs. Theron Smith's Friday evening, April 17th.

Fred Rainey and his mother, Mrs. David Rainey left last week for Stewart, British Columbia, where they will join Mr. Rainey for the coming summer. Howard Bell went with them and will get his first taste of western life. Good luck to all.

The other day a family living near the school house, planted two small trees on their own grounds, promptly at the close of school, children rushed into the yard and broke them down giving the wife who tried to stop them any amount of impudence. Now we have been long suffering and patient. How much more?

For more than three months Henry W. Bassett has been out in Montana soliciting orders for his firm. He returned unexpectly last Sunday night and his family was highly delighed to have him home again. The last four days of his trip was in Chicago where he and another member of his company bagged only $20,000 worth of orders. That's going some these dull, dry, and hard times.

The following books have been added to the library: Nine Little Goslings and Not Quite Eighteen, by Susan Coolidge; Running the Cuban Blockade, by W. O. Stoddard; The River's Children, by Ruth McEvery Stecarf; Kate Bernet, by Frank Stockton; The King's Mirror and A Serv ant of the Public, by Anthony Hope; Story of the Red Cross, by Clara Barton; Lady of the Flagflowers, by Florence Wilkinson; Duffels, by Edward Eggleston; The Heart of the Doctor, by Foster; Heart of Rome, by Crawford; Affair of the Inn, by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

The last social event of the season was given by the January club last Friday evening. Before the evening program took place the president of the club presented Mr. W. H. Burtraw in behalf of the club and friends, with a very nice umbrella, the ocassion being his birthday. Lunch was served at 11 o'clock after which Mr. W. H. Wood, in behalf of the club and friends presented Mr. and Mrs. George Dawson with a very nice present in silver ware it being their 14th wedding anniversary. Friends from Detroit and Northville were present as well as from our home village. A very pleasant evening was passed.

The Warren Watchman thus truly speaks: Oakland county goes "dry" by some 73 votes. One brewery and all saloons in the county go out of business May 1st and then the plaintive little ditty of "How Dry I Am," will be heard thruout the county, and when the tax cometh there'll be much wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then will many a voter in old Oakland say unto his brother. "I wot not when I voted yes, in April, that we would get it in the neck in December, but lo, we are even now getting it in good sized hunks.—Not only in December will we "wot" but in July when a $500, help to village taxes will be missed by reason of this spring vote, we will have still another "wot" on hand.

Miss Ward was the guest of honor at a linen shower given by Miss Lou Mae Dougall and Mrs. F. G. Crawford at the latter's home last Thursday evening. The house was very prettily decorated, the decorations were suggestive of belles and hearts. The weather forecast for the second Ward last Monday evening was a shower. Mrs. Lawrance McHugh, of Royal Oak, entertained for Miss Ward. The home was beautifully decorated in carnations, sweet peas, and smilax. A very heavy clap of thunder summoned them to the dinning room. After a dainty repast a miscellaneous shower was given. After a very enjoyable time, they escorted Miss Ward to the car amid showers of rice. Miss Ward will shortly marry Rev. A. Johnson, of Chicago, and they will reside in Marengo, Iowa, where Mr. Johnson has been called to the pastorate of one of the Presbyterian churches.

Attention! R. A. M. 93. Special convocation Monday evening, April 20th. Work in M. M. degree. J. A. Bigelow.

If we have lost a business block and a modern hotel of cement and brick, we will find out next July that we haven't lost any taxation.

FOR RENT—Modern lower flat, five rooms, bath, hot and cold water, and a cellar. One block from Pontiac car. E. R. Smith, Birmingham.

Piano, $350, elegant mahogany upright. Will take horse or cow and balance cash or time. For further particulars address 160 Hendrie avenue, Detroit. 2t

The few street gardens that we had last year received much favor and comment from the strangers who came here. Can we not have more and better ones this year?

FOR SALE—Choice settings of Rhode Island Red eggs, $1. per setting of 13. These are from the finest birds and the best ever. Mrs. Ed. Schanhite, one mile west of Birmingham. apr24

From all our cities, towns and village come reports of work along the lines of town improvement. We have some places right in the heart of our village that we hope may be made more attractive in the near future.

One can hardly imagine that anyone living among civilized people would throw old tin and kettles into the street. Yet this has been done on Pierce street, just opposite the place formerly owned by Mrs. Hemenway.

Fred Taylor, one of our most popular tonsorial artists, sold out his share of the barber shop to his brother, Guy, and has purchased a first class shop in Kalamazoo. He has moved there and many hearts are sad over his change of business plans.

Last Sunday some of our boys tried to convert our cemetery into a playground. They were driven out by our sexton. Impudent and saucy? Of course. The whole town seems to be at their mercy. Arrests are promised if the thing is repeated.

The following books were recently donated to our Library by Mrs. Bertha Bigelow Neff; The New Race Diplomatist, Ransom's Fall, The Conjurer's House, The Firm of Girdlestone, On Board a Whaler, The Torch, Life of Kit Carson, My Life as an Indian, and Mansfield Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ford and daughter, Miss Minnie, left the latter part of last week for Minneapolis, where the latter will be united in marriage to Albert Lipka. Mr. Lipka's business interests were unexpectedly changed and he was unavoidably detained in Minneapolis.

Wednesday, April 15th, the many friends of Mrs. Cal. Ellenwood gave her a birthday surprise party. The big crowd brought many fine and valuable gifts to her as proofs of her popularity and all had a delightful time. None of your business as to the age of the recipient—thats her business. Anyway all left her pleasant home wishing her many happy returns of the day.

The Maccabees of the World held their regular meeting at the J. & S. hall last Monday evening. Mrs. Alberta Droelle, deputy commander of Detroit, presided at the meeting, after the order of business she drilled the guards. The entertainment committee gave a short program consisting of two selections from the orchestra, a solo by Mrs. Peck and two readings by Mrs. Droelle,

At the Woman's Literary club held Tuesday, papers were read by Mrs. Parks, on Cecil Rhodes, and on the Cape to Cairo Railroad. On the Development of Africa, by Mrs. Clizbe; on Natal, by Miss Julia Post. Great indignation was vehemently expressed by every member at the mere thought of cutting down any of our beautiful shade trees: the only thing in our town we have to be proud of.

FOR SALE—2 Velvet carpets as good as new, 2 bed steads, springs, and mattresses, 1 commode, 1 decorated chamber set, 1 decorated dinner set, 1 extension table, dinning chairs, rocking chairs, 1 upholstered skirt box or chest on casters, 1 four burner gasolene stove as good as new, 2 base burner stoves, 2 hanging lamps, 16 yards linoleum, 1 sewing machine, and several other articles. Mrs. C. T. Beardslee at R. H. Weller's Southfield ave. 2t

A big land deal and a fine block of stores was lost to Birmingham on account of the result of the local option vote. If this question had not carried, where the old frame building on Pierce street stands, now you would have seen erected this summer a fine city block of stores and flats overhead for families to rent. Aside from this big loss we lose a $15,000 cement and brick hotel that faces the wayside, the result of local option carrying.

A proposition is before the village board to cut down most of our trees along our streets, convert them into stove wood and sell it. The proceeds to be used in buying gravel to make our roads much better. Too much shade makes the streets very wet, muddy and in the spring of the year, almost impassable. We have heard it said that the street from the steam railroad east to Adams ave. is worse than any other piece of mud the same length in Oakland county.

Charles Todd, of Koal Kabin farm, was called to Flat Rock, Tuesday by the death of his father, Mr. James Todd, who 50 years ago was a Troy farmer and at that time owned and lived upon the farm now owned by Charles Moore. His first wife was Martha Stanley, who lived only a few months after the wedding. After her death he moved to Flat Rock where he has lived ever since. He was 76 years old, and was preceeded in death by his second wife, who died the 30th day of last June. Four children survive them. Funeral was held at Flat Rock yesterday (Thursday).

Look at the South African relics in Shain's window.

Ferris Frazier, of Detroit, is spending his vacation with Birmingham and Pontiac relatives and friends.

David Hanna, of Fairgrove, is calling on his many friends. He "called" at this office and we were easily one dollar ahead.

Easter services at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at the usual hour. Recitations, songs and addresses will be the program.

WANTED—Board and room in private family in Birmingham or Royal Oak and who has house with bath. Address Mrs. E. R. Thomas, General Delivery, P. O. Detroit.

Eighteen K. P's went to Detroit to listen to an address by Judge Van Zile. It was a fine affair and enjoyed perfectly by all. The gang discovered Mitchell.

The Epworth League, of Pontiac, entertained the Birmingham League Tuesday night. A large number of the Leagures went and had a most enjoyable time.

Don't fail to read the first Excursion advertisement of the season. See the agent, Mr. Crane for full particulars. The Grand Trunk R. R. will be a busy System this season.

Alfred Parks, of Rondo, Mich. is visiting his parents and other relatives. His father-in-law, Mr. Herman Bartels is with him, and they are doing this vicinity in real good shape.

The Birmingham Epworth League were entertained Tuesday evening by the League of Pontiac. Seventy-five persons took advantage of the occasion and report a splendid time.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a food sale at the market of Austin Parks, Saturday afternoon, April 18th, at 2 o'clock p. m. All kinds of home made bakery for sale.

The Polly Ann R. R. after years of trials and tribulations will be sold at auction next August. Anyone wanting a white elephant can get it cheap. The highest bidder gets it. Money talks.

William Cockerline has already had his first barn raising this season! He is building a fine barn for Herman Hendrickson, of Troy, and the raising was a fine success in every particular.

Easter services at St. James' church: Holy Communion at 8:30, children's service 9:30, morning prayer and sermon 10:45, evening prayer and sermon 7 p. m., annual meeting, Monday 7:30 p. m.

At the last meeting of the village board, April 30th was appointed as clean up day, and it was resolved to request the school board to give the children a half holiday to do work in their own yards.

A generous appetizing roast beef supper Friday evening, April 17th at L. O. T. M. Hall. Brown gravy, mashed potatoes, and all necessary trimmings for a first class meal. 25c pays the bill. You are invited.

Idiots, criminals, paupers, lunatics and women may not vote but that ours made as good a financial showing as is sometimes made by the other sex is proven by the statement of cemetery finances published last week.

Charles Parks, of Troy, has been a great sufferer from a cut on his second finger of his left hand some months ago. The trouble all ended, we hope, Tuesday last when Dr. Shaw assisted by Dr. Campbell amputated the injured finger.

You will read in another column, Richard Belt's formal announcement of his candidacy for the office of Sheriff. If any republican has this job, it should be Mr. Belt's by all rights. Any way, here is Success to Richard with a big "S"

Everybody in the boy and girl class are roller skating on the sidewalks. With many and many miles of cement walk, the boy or girl that has a pair of steel wheel, ball bearing skates can skate for miles with the wind. It is an old craze revived.

A little late in the season but a big chance for all. John G. Quarton sold his farm last week to a Mr. Trebilcock, of Detroit, and hence this auction sale of the finest and best farming tools, etc., four good horses, 46 ewes, hogs, cows, poultry, and everything he has to run his magnificent and complete farm. Sale is to-day (Friday, April 17.) M. H. Blunt does the talking and when this is over its John for Virginia on a tour of investigation. We hope he won't stay but we feel worried.

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Czar of Russia Oats for seed, also some nice barley at C. G. Parks. Prices reasonable. Address C. G. Parks, Birmingham, R. F. D. No. 1. 2t

Wanted—Board and room in modern house for gentleman and boy. State price and kind of accomodations. Address J. H. Sanford, 972 Warren ave., Detroit, Mich. 2t

FOR RENT—On Pierce street, Birmingham, the residence recently occupied by Ward H. Lessiter. Inquire of Mrs. Fuller, owner. 2t

FOR SALE—Quantity of dirt for grading. Inquire of E. C. Gardner, Birmingham. Phone 108 L. apr

House and lot in Flint within four blocks of the Buick Motor Engine Works; worth $1800, can be traded for a house and lot of equal value in Birmingham, or will trade for 15 to 30 acres of farm land near Birmingham. Any one interested please call on Mitchell at the ECCENTRIC office. A machinist could get work at Buick's the year round at good wages. apr24

FOR SALE 25 Throughbred Brown Leghorn chickens, including two roosters. A. E. Rosso, Willow avenue, Birmingham. tf

FOR SALE—House and lot in Birmingham on Forest ave. Two blocks from electric line. Finished in oak, upper and lower story. Heated with new furnace both floors, gas, basement under all, bath room on first floor. For particulars address box 83 Birmingham. tf

AGENTS WANTED 16x20 crayon portraits 40c, frames 10c and up, sheet pictures one cent each. You can make 400 per cent or $36. per week. Catalogue and samples free. Frank W. Williams Company, 1208 W. Taylor st. Chicago, Ill. apr18

HOUSE TO RENT Inquire of E. A. Parks. tf

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45-inch Pure Wool Twine Cloth, like heavy Etamine, $1.25 value, at 75c.
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50-inch Tailor Suitings, invisible herringbone stripe with small white hairline. This style cloth very desirable at $1.25.
44-inch Fancy Mixed Stripes, confined styles, greys, tans and new greens; from the best German manufacturer offered at $1.25.
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