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OUR ASYLUMS

Inmates Ought to Have Gentle, Kind and Loving Attendants. Qualifications for Admittance Stricter.

The following article was handed into us for publication some two or three weeks ago by our old time friend Penn Weston, who says it is about the most interesting article he has read in many a day, and that he secured it for us at a good deal of trouble and expense.

"We have made wonderful progress in the last few hundred years in the case of unfortunate people, the helpless and hopeless and especially our insane people. While I would not say anything that would humiliate or interfere in anyway with the work that is now being done, yet I have a few expressions which might be helpful. But outlined in three parts.

PART FIRST.
It ought to be made exceedingly hard to get people confined in the asylum. Of course a clear case admits of very little trouble, but when people can be as they have been, confined in our asylum because certain parties can get a certificate signed by two physicians as to their mental condition, it is altogether wrong. A man is arrested for felony, every safe guard is thrown around him before he has time to prepare his defence. A lawyer is appointed to defend him and he is tried before a judge, a jury is impanelled, witnesses for and against are summoned, the court sees the fullest investigation and have gone so far as to say that it is better that nine guilty men would escape rather than one innocent man should suffer; should we not be as careful in depriving an unfortunate person of his liberty as we are of the man arrested. Make it exceedingly difficult to get one incarcerated in our asylums.

PART SECOND.
Make it exceedingly easy for one who has been incarcerated to get out of the asylum. Some insane asylums establish boxes that can not be tampered with by the officials, in which their people may put their complaints and state reason why they should not be deprived of their liberty. These boxes are examined at certain times by certain officials and when needed, in their judgement, an investigation is ordered. A friend of mine made his way out of the asylum. He walked about 100 miles to avoid the public roads, traveled mostly at night to reach home and his wife and children. His wife said that he had showed such good sense in making his way home that he should not be sent away again.

PART THIRD.
They all should be treated as gentle, kind and loving as possible. Remember they are God's poor dear unfortunates. No brutal attendants should be allowed in the asylum, neither nurse, doctor or attendant, and most loving person in the world.

A Sunday school scholar of mine a year or so ago, was abused and maltreated by two attendants in the asylum until he died. One of the attendants was sent to the penitentiary and I understand, by you know that did not help matters, he should never have been an attendant. This did not occur in our state but it did occur in the United States and I can name the state and the asylum, if you wish to get our friends in the asylums and let us make it exceedingly easy for them to get out and while in there, treat them gently, kindly and lovingly."

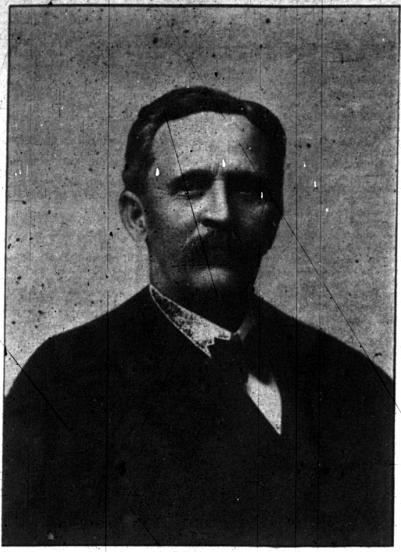
A Prescription for Constipation.
* Eminent medical authorities agree 90 per cent of their patients suffer from ailments due to clogged bowels (constipation).
The bowels become clogged with impurities and body poisons, causing biliousness, colds, stomach trouble, headache, rheumatism, derangements of the kidneys, etc.
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ADVERTISED LETTERS.
List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on May 23rd, 1908.
Lindley Jessup Esq., Mr. M. Parrall, Mr. J. Randall, Miss Sadie Lee Loveloy, Miss Agusta Rheunkroff, Mrs. Maggie Truscott.
JOHN HANNA, P. O. M.

Miss Winnifred Jenks has placed a very successful school, at Fowler, Ind., and is home for the summer.



JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL

Republican Candidate for Re-Nomination at the September Primaries for the Office of Judge of Probate.

TO THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND COUNTY:
I take this occasion to thank you for your support and confidence in the past.
Since occupying the office I have devoted my entire time to the work, and have tried to get right on all questions that have come before me, without fear or favor.
Have used all my efforts in every case that has come into the office to avoid all litigation and settle every estate with as little expense as possible.
Am deeply interested in the work and believe that after my experience in the office I am better prepared than ever before to fill the position.
The cordial expression of the people from all parts of the county, favoring my re-nomination, is very gratifying to me, and I would be glad of a re-nomination, if the majority so decide.
Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BIRMINGHAM, MAY 15, '08.
Special meeting.
Trustee Daines in the chair.
Prudettes present--Wilkinson, Smith, Truax, Nichols, Smith and Schlaack.
Trustees absent--None.
Wilkinson moved supported by Schlaack, that the bond of Charles E. Smith, for Marshal, in the sum of \$500, with W. D. Clizbe and Albert W. Campbell as sureties, be approved. Carried.
T. B. Smith moved, supported by Schlaack, that the interest, amounting to \$20, on the \$1,000 note against the Village of Birmingham, due May 14, held by Whitehead & Mitchell, be paid, and that the note be renewed, payable 60 days from May 14.
Voted by roll call.
Ayres--Wilkinson, Smith, Schlaack, Truax, Smith and Nichols.
Nays--None.
President Daines appointed James W. Cobb and Albert W. Campbell members of Board of Review.
Wilkinson moved, supported by Nichols, that they be confirmed. Carried.
T. B. Smith moved, supported by Wilkinson, that Dr. J. L. Campbell be appointed as Health Officer. Carried.
Minutes read and approved.
Moved to adjourn. Carried.
GUY L. WATKINS, CLERK.
GEO. E. DAINES, President.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT NOTES.

The Village Improvement society is to hold its annual food sale Saturday, June 13th, exact hour and place later.
DON'T'S.
Please don't sit on the waste baskets.
Please don't use the waste baskets for foot rests.
Please don't sit on the rail that encloses the library corner, it is easily bent.
Please don't use the rail at the library corner for a foot rest.
Please don't whittle the seats that have been placed on the streets for your comfort.
A few weeks ago all of the women's societies were asked to report what each would do this season for town improvement. They came before us many times during the year for patronage and this once a year request was very gladly responded to by nearly all of these societies. Next week we will print the full list and the very generous response.

The old barn near the little brick cottage, has been torn down, much to the joy of the neighbors. Mrs. Almon Parks, who owns the place, has made many improvements and Mrs. Smith, who lives there, is making it attractive. All of our hydrants have been painted. Mr. Fall was the artist and they look fine.

My interest in the fishing boat on the mill-pond is for sale cheap. Call at once. Samuel Bortle.

LONG LAKE.

There slumbers a lake,
Midst the Bloomfield Hills;
With borders fair to see,
Where the wild birds make,
In the shady brake,
Their nesting places free.
Oh, it's joy beyond compare!
To idly float
In a drifting boat
Over the ripples--anywhere,
She sits in the bow.
And you tell her how,
As she says in voice sweet and low,
"That you love her well,
More than words can tell."
For she's your very best girl,
While from her eyes,
Looks a frightened surprise;
As she says in voice sweet and low,
"I think it's going to blow."
Winds may blow! Storms may break!
And the battle of life be fighting,
But for your sweet Lady of the Lake,
I'm ready to do the fighting.
To watch and guard, and fend all fears
If you'll be mine for the coming years.
The south wind sought her blushing cheek
As you bent your head to hear her speak,
And looking up with her eyes so blue,
The lady said: "I can fight some too."
Tee winds may blow, the seas may curl,
It makes no matter, I've won the girl,
May the hand of Fate scatter coals on my head
If I ever forget what to her I said,
On that happy day, with its joyous thrills
When we went sailing midst the
Bloomfield hills!
C. A. B.

WHY BIRMINGHAM WINS PRAISE.

Local option and no whiskey.
The pretty little parks at the west end and the fountain below it.
Lover's lane, the shaded willow way leading to the creek.
Other attractions that are giving us a grand name and drawing persons to our borders.
Our good water supply.
Our public school.
Our beautiful trees and our beautifully shaded streets.
The general neat appearance of the town.
The half hour street car service.
Our free public library.
The fountains at the depot and library corner.
The flower beds scattered along our streets.
The clean-up work of our Village Improvement society.
We believe that since clean-up day we are the cleanest village in the county.
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dewey, of Pontiac, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, on Brown street, Sunday last.

BELL RINGERS

The Musical Eckards at the Methodist E. Church Thursday Evening June 2, 1908.

A newspaper clipping has the following to say of the Musical Eckards who will give one of their delightful entertainments next Tuesday, June 2nd, at the M. E. Church. Read about them--they are wonderful.

The Eckards consists of T. Eckardt and his family of three sons and one daughter, who play a varied program on many different instruments. They are equally at home playing music on a common baby's rattle up to the very difficult instrument, the violin. The father is a white-haired gentleman, who explained the various methods of obtaining musical sounds from articles which ordinarily would not be thought musical instruments, and took great pride in announcing the accomplishments of his company, who are versatile performers. Mr. Eckardt, Sr., was connected with the old original Swiss bell ringers in their extensive tours through Europe, United States and Canada. He is an accomplished gentleman, who loves the unusual in music. In the program of an hour and a half in length, the Swiss Bells, the common glass tumblers and glass dishes, which by rubbing the hands over the edge produced very delightful sounds, the chime bells and aluminum chimes, the tuba, the euphonium, the marimbaphone, the cornet, the violin and the piano were all called into use. Two of the young men gave exhibitions of trick playing with the violin, and Mr. Eckardt interspersed the musical selections with some unique characterizations. One of the closing numbers which was very beautiful was the chime bells and the violin in the famous "Glorious Song," which was sung so much at the Fifield revival meeting last spring. Another number of great beauty was a selection from "Il Trovatore." Each number was greeted with a storm of applause, but owing to the length of the program no encores were given. Those who were present were greatly delighted with the entertainment, which was given under the auspices and for the benefit of the Methodist church.

Valued Same as Gold.
B. G. Stewart, a merchant of Cedar View, Mississippi, says: "I tell my customers when they buy a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills that they are worth that much gold in weight, if afflicted with gonorrhoea, malaria or biliousness. Sold under guarantee at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores, 25c."

ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES.

To the Editor of the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC:
At a luncheon given in Detroit two weeks or so ago to the Rev. Dr. Worcester of Emmanuel church, Boston, there were present about twenty of the leading physicians of the city and an equal number of Episcopal clergymen. On this occasion the famous nerve specialist, Dr. Inglis, said that clergymen and physicians were alike engaged in that noblest of pursuits--the attempt to benefit and uplift humanity; that for his part, he knew he needed in his own work the co-operation of the clergy; he wished and hoped that clergymen would take hold and do for their patients what the clergy ought to be able to do and he could not do that was, heal the moral and spiritual ills underlying the physical ills with which he dealt, but could not reach by physical means.
If those who incline to be honestly critical of the "Emmanuel movement" should take at its worth this statement of an authority they could no longer criticize. They would recognize that a multitude of the ills the flesh is heir to are the outgrowth primarily of diseased moral and physical conditions; that the Emmanuel movement aims to go to the root of such ills by beginning at the right end--the most efficacious end that it does not try to do the work of the doctors but to supplement that work; and that it not only has the co-operation but is under the direction of eminent physicians.

One who is willing to be honest will not fail to take account of these facts before criticizing, and will be utterly unwilling to condemn a good work by attacking it as a despised name without first asking whether the works themselves are of God.
To ascribe a good work to the devil is to brand not the work but one's self.

LAIRD WINGATE SNELL.

East side of the old M. L. James' land has been sold to a Detroit party, who, it is said, will soon erect a beautiful home there. This is certainly the prettiest building spot in the whole village and we would be glad to see it covered with handsome homes.

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