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STILL THEY COME

George H. German Casts His Name Into the Field as Candidate for the Sheriff's Office.

George H. German is a farmer of "eye seldom times" and is a genuine whole soul gentleman and is out for the nomination of sheriff on the republican ticket and asks your votes for him in the September primary.

Mr. German needs no words of our help along his cause. He has followed farming all his life and owns one of the finest farms in West Bloomfield township, a pleasant home and excellent farm buildings. He has retired from active labor, yet his interest centers in the farm upon which he contributes all his personal efforts. It is not for us to say that he has been an ardent worker all his years in the republican party, having been chosen supervisor of his township many times besides holding, during his years, all the town offices from supervisor down to constable. He has for years been prominent in the affairs of the Monitor Insurance Company, is most liberal in his support of churches though not belonging to any denomination.

Mr. German will see you in time to tell you of his wishes, and when the September primaries comes round you will have a chance, if you are republican in politics, to give George H. a big boost towards his heart's choice.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS.

With wealth of rivers, lakes and rills,
In beyond's distant days,
I knew your many devious ways,
I sought your dingles and your dells,
Your verdant heights and shady fells,
Explored your tangled braes and breaks,
And glided o'er your placid lakes,
Lulled by the music of the breeze,
While prone beneath your leafy trees,
The murmur of the rippling stream,
I caused many a strange and varied dream,
I saw the lakelands, as of yore,
When savage splendor graced the shore,
The wild deer, roaming free at large,
Fed from the wolf-pack's snarling charge,
The black bear sought and ate his fill,
Wild turkeys robed in their dells,
Or nested deep within these fells,
And glided o'er your placid lakes,
With deadly meaning to its foes,
I saw the Indian maiden take,
Her silent way across the lake,
Her bright eyes seeking to discover,
Where in the wild-wood lurked her foe,
And then the circling hawk's shrill
screeam
Awoke me from my wild-wood dream,
Vanished the scene, on high and plain
I saw great fields of waving grain,
The orchard's deeply laden boughs,
Half hid the farmer's painted house,
And childish laughter, free from care,
Made music on the fragrant air,
While Nature, with a lavish hand,
Bedecked this fair and fertile land,
O beautiful Bloomfield Hills!
Like Eden's garden, fair,
May life's besetting ills
Ne'er find an entrance there,
May all thy future be as bright
As shines the stars on cloudless night,
And fortune be, for thy dear sake,
Fair as the lilies of the lake.

INTERESTING COMMENTS BY THE WAY

Interesting Comments by the Way-side by an Old and Valuable Contributor.

Another victory of woman's suffrage in Denmark. Now women have the ballot in Norway, Finland, Sweden and Iceland, and the bill on their third reading in the British House of Commons stands 420 for, 84 against.

Did any one ever complain that the telephone poles shade the roads and make them bad? From November to May, the bad road season, a tree is as large as a pole and it is drinking barrels of water all the time.

Gov. Warner says: "No monument that man can build is as imposing as a stately tree and he who builds it has a claim upon posterity greater than that of the artist or the sculptor. He who plants and watches it grow must love the land that nourishes it, the country that protects it, and the government that is over all."

Last Thursday was clean-up day and every citizen worked. Even father and son worked together. The Village Improvement society hired a team and men and worked all day. Some ask why had not anybody people for two years were carted off, and many dirty places cleaned up.

Last Thursday night some vandals, mad with liquor, set fire to the papers in the waste-baskets, fortunately our marshal was on hand and extinguished the flame or they might have spread.

Vandalism is getting too common in our midst. Trees, shrubs, and flowers are destroyed, much of it is done by children who do not seem to be taught any regard for other people's property.

SNORE AND SAWMILL

How the Fat Engineer Was Fooled by the Unusual Plankman

"I was asleep in the bunk shanty over in Delray," said the fat engineer, "when I awoke suddenly with a start. I could hear a 'sawmill going' to beat the band."

"Now that's a fine layout," I says to Blank Simms in the next bunk. How under the canopy do they expect a man to sleep, buildin' a bunk shanty right near a sawmill?"

"Sawmill nothin'," says Hank. That's Jerry Day, the new fagman for Archie Dunn, snoring over in the framan's bunk room. Ain't he a plump?"

"If that anti-noise society gets next to him," I says, "they'll hoot him out of this community instanter."

"There was no more sleep for us that afternoon, so we got up and sat in a hot garage till first."

"Jerry Day was first out with Archie Dunn that evenin' on the first '75 n'l we saw out on second '75 and that runnin' so heavy them days that they were runnin' the fast frights in two or three sections."

"When it came time for us to leave the freight yard the fog was so thick you couldn't shoot holes in it with a machine gun. I tell you I was mighty cautious, movin' along on only about a load of snow white his train is stalled on the main track."

"Pretty soon on the heavy air I heard a sawmill going full blast."

"Strange," I says, to myself, "that they're running a sawmill in these parts this time of the night."

"There was a peculiar sound to that sawmill that I'd heard before. All of a sudden it came over me like a flash what it was. That's that green fagman of Archie Dunn's; it came to me; 'his' just hidin' his red lantern under a bush of snow white his train is stalled on the main track."

"So quick a deaf 'n' dumb man can say: Jack Robinson I put my engine in a back motion. I couldn't do a thing but from the sound of that foghorn aloud we'd stopped about a fathom length this side of that warnin' siren."

"The fog shifted for a minute or two there was the tall lights of Archie Dunn's caboose almost restin' on the right of my cowcatcher. It was a lucky thing for me that I had been hidin' the deep noise of that fagman."

"Maybe I didn't climb onto that caboose 'n' give that new hand a brief 'n' pointed speech on the observations of sleepin' on duty, especially dwellin' on the necessity of the fagman tolin' his red 'n' white lights '75 seconds apart, or when his train stopped on the main track."

"A week or so after that I was sent out again behind Archie Dunn, but it was a week or so after that the eyes I was speakin' of before. Sherock Holmes himself couldn't penetrate the density of that mist."

"I was movin' along again under two speeds forward, keepin' my weather goggles trimmed for trouble ahead. Just as sure as you're born there came to me that the fog was movin' or snore of Archie Dunn's rear guard."

"So I says to myself: 'My little heart-to-heart talk with that fagman bofe no fruit, eh?' Well, I'll give him a little bump this time 'n' see what a little scare will do him."

"You can just imagine 'f was pretty well under the collar, 'boutin' up in to be a bump into."

"I got a little scared myself, then, thinkin' maybe I might hit 'em too hard, so I set up in the air 'n' we swung under the fog that was warnin' me. Well, now, maybe I hadn't made up my mind to write a round robin on that careless fagman of Archie Dunn's."

"You bet what I would say in your report would end his usefulness to the railroad. I hadn't reported him the first time, that's what was warnin' me how to the business, 'plyin' on my little talk to reform him. But it was all off now. Discipline required that I must make a report."

"We laid there a few minutes, with that feller snorin' 'n' pavin' to myself 'n' mebbe envyin' him just a little of his sound sleep, when all at once the fog cleared away as if it had been sent for. You could have bowled me over with a toothpick! Seen that track lead to me as far as I could see, I could detect no tail lights of a train ahead. But off to the right in the fields was a really truly awful, probably world's overblown on some little extra job."

"Now, say, mebbe I didn't feel as cheap as a pair of ice skates in the summer time. I nearly got laid off for two days myself for desavin' that fast freight."

CEMETERY NOTES

The new cemetery rules will be ready this week.

All the cans, vases, and etc. have been removed from the lots, all those broken by the winter's frost, have been placed in the house and may be claimed by the owners. After this all receptacles for flowers, plants and etc. must be sunk to the level of the surface of the ground.

Please do not have crocks from which plants have been removed, on the grounds.

Please do not take the time of the sexton for putting out plants. Please do not leave any weeds or rubbish of any kind on the lots or in the walks, but place it on the rubbish pile. Everyone can help by so doing and save the time of the sexton, who has a great deal of work on hand.

The World's Best Climate is not entirely free from disease. On the high elevations fevers prevail, while on the lower levels malaria is encountered by the winter's frost, according to altitude. To overcome climate affections, lassitude, malaria, jaundice, biliousness, fever, ague, and general debility, the most effective remedy is Electric Bitters, the great liver and blood purifier, the antidote for every form of bodily weakness, nervousness, and insomnia. Sold under guarantee at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. Price 50c.

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REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

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MAURICE R. BLAIR, Assessor.

MEMORIAL DAY

The regular annual meeting of the Birmingham Memorial Association will be held at the home of Mr. Bookham, president, at 7:30 Tuesday evening, May 5th. All members are requested to attend.

J. JENKS, Secy.

Return of the Flyers

The Grand Trunk railway system will resume the Steamboat Express trains between Detroit and Grand Haven, commencing Sunday April 26, 1908. Eastbound train will leave Grand Haven 5:45 a. m., daily on arrival of Crosby Line Steamer, making same stops as last year, arriving in Detroit at 11:30 a. m. Westbound train will leave Detroit daily at 6:05 p. m., making same stops as last year, arriving in Grand Haven at 10:35 p. m., connecting with Crosby Line Steamer for Milwaukee. For further information, call on local agent or write to George W. Vanx, A. T. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

The partnership between G. H. Satterlee and W. A. Burtraw is this day dissolved. G. H. Satterlee, receiving and paying all accounts, all persons indebted to the above firm please call and settle.

April 18, 1908. George H. Satterlee, W. A. Burtraw.

NOTICE TO R. F. D. PATRONS

All patrons of Rural Free Delivery routes should stamp all mail matter before putting it in the box for the Carrier to take and raise the signal; otherwise the matter is not properly prepared for the Carrier is not compelled to take it out.

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Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 5:25 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:45 p. m. Both ways until 9:35 p. m. Cars leave Pontiac for Birmingham at 5:25 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:45 p. m. Both ways until 9:35 p. m. Cars leave Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:45 p. m. Both ways until 9:35 p. m. Cars leave Pontiac for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:45 p. m. Both ways until 9:35 p. m.

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Operated over Detroit Union Railway, through express service between Birmingham and Detroit. Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:45 p. m. Both ways until 9:35 p. m. Cars leave Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 1:45 p. m. Both ways until 9:35 p. m.

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