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To Our Friends

When trading with any of our advertisers, either in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you, at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES

Don't forget the Epworth League food sale at Shain's.

It is far easier to make a village beautiful than a city.

Nice fresh cakes, cookies, home-made bread, fried cakes, Dutch cheese, salad dressing, etc., etc., can be had at the Epworth League food sale.

There will be a food sale on Saturday afternoon, August 15, at Shain's drug store, given by the Epworth Leaguers. Everything good to eat. Come and help the Epworthians.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A complete threshing outfit—engine, separator, husker, and cutting box. Having no use for them, will sell cheap.

pes4 MRS. ED. SCHANHITE.

After many years of steady application to work and his barber shop, W. I. Deer takes a week off, accompanied by his wife, and is happily enjoying a visit with relatives in St. Thomas, Ontario.

Enos F. Brayman now of Minneapolis, Minn. made us a short and very pleasant call Wednesday. Enos has a fine situation in an auto factory in the engine department, and is prospering finely.

Miss Mary Wilson, sister of H. C. Wilson, of Maple Avenue, straight from a summer at Chatauqua, is visiting here at present and enjoying the healthful air that Birmingham is noted for the year round.

Max Lenhoff manager of the Telephone Exchange at Oxford, and Dr. Bachelor, of the same place, with their wives, had an auto break down oppsite T. S. Sprague's Sunday night. The disabled auto was hauled home the following day.

The Masons of Old 44 are making great improvements in their Lodge room. A balcony to seat 45, a new steel ceiling and electric light fixtures are among the improvements, and when all are finished Birmingham Lodge No. 44 F. & A. M., will be second to none.

Mr. Wiley, of Alpena, who recently purchased 18 acres of the H. F. Daniels land at the corner of Pierce and Willow Streets, will begin at once the erection of a $2,500 house and barn. A fine location and a good investment for Mr. Wiley. W. B. Carter has the contracts.

The candidacy go Attorney-General Bird for a third term is rather discouraging to those persons who, only a short few weeks ago, were moving heaven and earth to induce Mr. Bird to become a candidate for Governor on an anti-third-term platform. Mr. Bird has made an excellent official and will doubtless be accorded a third term as Attorney-General by the people as a reward of merit.

Last week Oakland county's first two trials for violators of the prohibition law cost the county $900, with the spotter bills not paid. The cases were against Byron Woodard, of Pontiac, and James Smith, of Rochester, and the juries disagreed in both suits. The "drys" are despondent over the result while the "wets" are correspondingly elated. The prosecutor for the county, while he regrets that the county should have been put to such an expense without securing a conviction, does not consider the two liquor cases excessive and says that the expense of trying any criminal case would have been equally as large and in many instances larger, if more witnesses were required.

Certainly a man of such especial fitness for the place as K. P. Rockwell, of Pontiac, has for the position of Probate Judge, cannot but commend his candidacy for that important position. While a lawyer of many years' successful practice, yet he is one of those men who would rather reconcile trouble than encourage litigation. The office of Judge is far more important now, with many new duties imposed by the Legislature from time to time, than it was in former years. Mr. Rockwell without doubt would make almost satisfactory Judge, in whom all could place implicit faith. No one would leave his Court without being properly advised. —Milford Times.

The neighboring women were condoling with Mrs. S. Bennett over her latest affliction. With commendable cheerfulness she replied: "I've raised four girls and three boys, expectin' every time they'd be twins and red-headed like Grandpa Bennett, an' yet they ain't, an' I've worried considerable over smallpox breakin' out in my big family—so far 'taint. All last summer, July an' August' an' mebbe part of September, I was real melancholic, fearin' I'd got an appendix, but I guess I ain't; an' although it never onct occurred to me that I'd be the one to fall through them rotten old meetin' house steps an' break my leg in two places, but I be."

Our street have been well sprinkled the past few days.

The sidewalk on Cemetery Road is again in good serviceable condition.

A new $2,000 pipe organ is being placed in the Milford M. E. Church.

Frank Potter, the practical piano tuner. Leave orders NOW at Hanna's store. aug

Mr. J. R. Norton and daughter, of Bay City, are spending a few weeks at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Poole.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cavanagh, of Detroit, spent Sunday with their sister Mrs. Frank McHugh, and family.

Passenger traffic is so great on the Grand Trunk these days that No. 16 is run as a double-header between Pontiac and Detroit.

Passenger traffic on both steam and electric lines is booming at this time. Political job hunters are making the rounds in force.

Haven't heard Lew Rowley say one word about Dr. Jesse Wilson's 46 consecutive three-year terms. And all in one life time, too.

George H. Crawford, one of Oxford's early settlers, died last week at the age of 73 years. He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

Tomatoes are ripe, and fine for canning. Send your orders to George E. Starr, Royal Oak, and he will deliver them at [illegible] per bushel. 2t

According to some of the county papers and correspondents the Rochester Village Council is a "bigger man" than Tip Atwood's Legislature.

The purchaser of the M. M. A. plant will not convert it into a sanitarium, as at first announced, but will continue manufacture of tin soldiers.

In Huntington, Tennessee, the people first quarantined the town cow (as we did years ago). A park—a public flower garden—a library followed.

Thirdtermism has no terrors for Congressman S. W. Smith, and the outlook is that he will have to serve the Sixth District for the sixth time. Third term, indeed!

A revolver in the hands of the cook had no terrors for an Oxford burglar, who kept right on ransacking the home of Dr. Young in that place, while the "woman behind the gun" threatened to shoot.

The Republicans will hold their State convention in Detroit on September 29 for the purpose of filling in the State ticket and, in case no one gets 40 per cent of the primary vote, nominating a candidate for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

Some Detroit papers are making sport of Pontiac's latest brew, and say "That" leaves a dark-brown taste in the mouth, far from agreeable. All we can say is, if you don't like "That," call for what you want and you will get it—in Pontiac.

Dr. J. L. Campbell, of our town, performed a successful operation for appendicitis at Harper Hospital last Monday week on Fred Nisale, at Harry Rainey's. Dr. Campbell was assisted by Dr. Cassidy, of Detroit, and the patient is recovering just as fast as possible.

Mr. James Penman and wife, with his sister, Miss Lizzie Penman, from Scranton, Penna. are the welcome guests of Dr. C. M. Raynale and wife. Miss Penman is a noted journalist, connected with one of the most, very most important papers of the Keystone state.

The Oakland Electric Company, C. E. Unseld, manager, is the latest business established in Birmingham. The firm has headquarters with D. B. Wilkinson and deals in all electrical supplies, and does all kinds os repairing and wiring. The first job done in Birmingham by the young men was the wiring of the Masonic Hall. See their adv't in another column.

Last week Wednesday, while Fred M. Spicer was unloading gravel, accompanied by his son, Harold just south of the 12 mile road, two automobiles racing, suddenly appeared. One struck the wagon, throwing the little fellow up in the air sky high. His head was badly cut and bruised. An ear was slit and torn from his head, but Dr. N. T. Shaw, and a few stitches made the lad nearly as good as before the accident.

The McCormick Nursery Co., Monroe, Mich., one of the most reliable nursery firms in the United States, writes us that it wants a good, live agent in this section to solicit orders for trees, shrubbery, roses, etc. Experience not necessary. It offers good pay weekly and furnishes canvassing outfit free. We advice any man or woman in our community who has some spare time to take orders to write for particulars immediately. Mention this paper when writing.

Nothing like prohibition and a dry town to build houses in. In Birmingham seven new houses are under way, ranging in value from $1,800 to $3,500. The most valuable and expensive is Ed J. Ferguson's, on Woodward Avenue—paving-brick veneered house, fine and dandy; the pride of the avenue. Next, on Brown Street, it is Harry Lowe who is building on one of the Hutchinson lots a fine dwelling. Then Mr. Tuxworth further west, a large roomy house. On the old M. I. James lot a Detroit man is erecting a nice house—the first of several he intends to build. Frank Sherman has the roof on a good, nice-appearing house on North Woodward Avenue. Down on Maple Avenue East Knox Poppleton is building a cozy, pretty house, which will be completed as fast as money can do it, making a valuable addition to that end of the village. Last, but not least, is James J. Davenport's cozy home near the Baptist Church. The empty houses are filling up rapidly, landlords are getting a fair rental, and the winter "sure honest" looks good to us.

Five weeks more and the agony will be over—for the candidates.

Who said a woman can't keep a secret? Ever try to find out her age?

Union services at the U. P. church, next Sunday evening August 16th. Young peoples' service at 6 o'clock. Preaching will begin at seven.

The only man we ever knew who had advertised and said it didn't pay, was a fellow who advertised for a wife and got one with a mother and 11 children.

This is a funny world; base ball fans, many of whom earn no more than $5 or $6 per week, donate money to buy a present for Ty Cobb, who has a salary of $5,000 yearly.

Rev. James Milligan, from Cleveland, Ohio, with his family are camping out, at Pine Lake. The Rev. and his family spent Wednesday, the guests of Mr. Frank Young and wife.

The ladies of Mary D. Hive, No. 393, are invited to a one o'clock luncheon, given by the Royal Oak Hive, Thursday, Aug. 27th. Members are all urged to go and have a good time.

Did you ever notice how a man who never does anything to make his town better usually puts in a good part of his time counting up the vacant houses and telling everybody about them?

Good laundress wanted by the month. References required. Wages, $30 and good home. Laundry on ground floor. Apply immediately to Mrs. Geo. G. Booth, Cranbrook, Birmingham. Telephone 20-2r. aug2t

Visitors at Mrs. Nellie Camps, recently: Mr. John Coney and wife of Jackson James Coney of Detroit Mrs. Jessie Kilpatric and daughter Mary of Howell, and Mrs. Ella Coney, of Ionia, and Mrs. G. Bird, of Pontiac.

Happy trio of visitors at Lone Pine, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenkins, are Mrs. Sarah J. Watson, and Mr. Wm. Fletcher, and daughter, Miss Alice, all the way from Washington, D. C., the land of Teddy, the Roosevelt.

Royal Oak's delectable bunch, the Decker girls, broke loose in a new spot on Sunday. They were arrested in a negro dive on Monroe Avenue, Detroit; but Clara was too agile for the cops, who jumped from the window and escaped, when given permission to go into another room to dress.

An infant daughter of Louis H. Fay of Battle Creek, aged 14 months died last week Friday. Many friends of Mr. Fay here will deeply sympathize with the family in their sadness. Funeral was held Sunday at 4 o'clock conducted by Rev. Wm. S. Potter. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetry.

Bring the news to this office. We are always glad to have our subscribers send or bring us items of news. If each one of our large list of readers would give us one item each week what a grand local paper we could have. Send in anything but politics and we shall be thankful.

W. J. McKinney is the first, the very first purchaser of State Fair tickets, having been told by Editor Mitchell, that the ECCENTRIC, is the only place where you can buy 50 cent State Fair tickets for 35 cents each or three for a dollar. Limited in number. Elder McKinney bought six.

Wednesday noon during a heavy fall of rain, lightning struck William Allen's barn, about a mile and a half north-west of this village, and burned it up along with another one, and their contents. No one at home. Neighbors used their teiephones and hastily gathering saved the house.

Does this interest any ECCENTRIC readers? It is stated that the Economy separator sold by Sears, Roebuck & Co. has been declared an infringement on another patent and the courts have ordered the names of purchasers of the separators in order that a royalty can be collected from them.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church, will meet in the church parlors, on Thursady, Aug. 20th., at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Webster of Detroit, will give an address, and refreshments will be served. Hostesses, Mesdames Struble and Fuller. This is the last meeting of the year. All are welcome.

We heard on the street the other day of a man who claimed he was too poor to take his home papers, but all the same he read a notice in one of our county papers, telling how to prevent a horse from slobbering, and sent $1.50 for receipe. When the $1.50 worth of information came it said: "Teach your hdrse how to spit.

Few books have more universally read than "Tempest and Sunshine" and it will be very gratifying to local readers to know that W. F Mann, the producer of many successful plays, will bring to Pontiac on Sept. 1 his excellent company in L. B. Parker's dramatization of Mary J. Holmes' famous novel, "Tempest and Subshine".

On Saturday, August 29, at 3 o'clock p. m. there is to be the greatest game of ball played in Birmingham that ever was. Recently the Buster Brown Sluggers at the S. S. picnic beat their elders good and plenty and now the married men seek revenge. The day is set. The cost is small. Watch for fulporticuers in next issue.

'Stung! S-Stung!! S.S-Stung!!! Edi-Mitchell with many other people of our city and Pontiac, were badly bitten in attending the East Settlement, (Detroit) Moonlight Excursion, Monday night of this week. The versatile ticket seller promised that the Columbia would make a landing before eleven o'clock so that the country cousins could get home the same night. Did they? The boat left at 8:30 back at 11:30. All right for married folks, but mighty embarassing for the young couples not married to come home next morning and meet mother's wrathful eye, and father's questioning look.

What is worrying us is how the ladies fasten those waists which button down the back.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McHugh, —an eight pound baby girl. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Don't forget that the Eccentric office is the only place in town where you can get State Fair tickets 50 cent ones, for 35 cents, or 3 for a dollar.

Robert Hanna is having built a beautiful home on Ann Street. It is a large, roomy, comfortable home, and will be a great addition to the other beautiful homes along that popular street.

A number of our people enjoyed a moonlight excursion on Detroit river Monday night, the result of a pretty girl coming out from the city selling tickets at a $ each for the East-Side Settlement Concern.

The remark "Why don't someone dramatize "Tempest and Sunshine" has been frequently heard and the wish has been gratified, as "Tempest and Sunshine" is on the list of attractions to appear at the Pontiac theatre on Septemben 1.

Charles J. Reynolds has a big gang of men overhauling his home, and when they get through you won't know the place. It will practically be a new, modern house in every respect roomy, handsome, and comfortable for the whole family.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church will hold their monthly meeting and supper at the home of Mrs. John W. Perry next Wednesday, August 19. Gentlemen are especially invited and will have a table of their own on the side.

A modern dude of a near-by town with narrow striped clothes, saddle shoes, a loud necktie, hair parted over the nose and smoking a cigarette, addressed his best girl thus: "If you was me and I was you, what would you do?" She hestitatingly said, with a bewitching smile, "I would take off that hideous tie, put that cigarette in the stove, part my hair on one side, then pray to the Giver of all good for a renewal of brains!"

An auto bearing a Michigan tag numbered 2132 came to grief at the bridge near the power house Sunday night. Its occupants, a gentleman and lady, stopped for a drink at the flowing well, and then started for the city, taking the middle of the road, and soon hit the obstruction on the bridge. The lady was thrown out but not injured, though the front axle of the machine was bent sufficiently to put it out of business.

Mr. Sumio Uesugi will give an interesting lecture upon the customs and people of Japan, next Tuesday evening Aug. 18th, '08., at the Baptist church. Mr. Uesugi is a student of Denison University, and is studying to become a missionary among his own people. All are cordially invited. A free-will offering will be taken. Dr. Emory W. Hunt, President of Denison University, Granville, O., says: "Sumio Uesugi is a student in Denison University and has the confidence of his teachers and associates. He is working his way to an education and is commended to the interest and sympathy of the friends of Christian education.

There are a large number of useless dogs running about town. They are no good to their owners and no good to the community at large. They keep up a barking and yelping at night, scare children, frighten horses, and make themselves a nuisance in general. Most cities and many towns have a license, and every dog is required to wear a tag, or be taken by the dog catcher. This is a good scheme. Besides putting a little money in the city treasury, it rids the community of numerous worthless curs. We believe our city council would be wise in adopting such a plan here. Those who have dogs which they prize for one reason or another would not object to the small tax.

William H. Elliott Company
DETROIT

The bare announcement of any kind of a Sale at Elliott's in which half regular prices figure, is enough to create unbounded enthusiasm among the thousands of women customers who look to this store for the greatest value-for-price to be had in Detroit, sale or no sale.

So we are not going to exhaust all the language at our command to impress the importance of this Sale upon you. It is enough for us to tell merely the plain, simple truth—WE'VE CUT PRICES TO A FULL HALF ON WHITE GOODS AND WASH GOODS—and on one lot of Wash Fabrics we've reduced the prices to less than half our cost.

That is assurance enough that you'll find values here which need no trumpets or superlatives to emphasize. These items will convince you;

White Goods Dept.

Striped and Checked Muslins, Dimities, Lawns, and India Linons; worth 15c, 20c and 25c a yard, all go Monday at **10c** yard.

Lot of Madras Cloth in figured and checks, Striped Shirting Madras, check Lawns and Fancy Sheer Muslins, worth 25c, 30c and 35c yard, at **15c** yard.

All our stock of 35c, 40c and 50c Fancy Muslins, Voiles, French Dimities, Embroidered, Check and Stripe Muslins, Persian Lawns and Batistes, all go in this Sale at **25c** yard.

Embroidered Swiss Muslins, Figured and Dotted Swiss, were 60c, 65c and 65c, to be closed at **50c** yard.

Embroidered Swiss Muslins and Lawns, 80c, 85c, 90c, $1.00 and $1.25 yard, to be sold at **75c** yard.

40-inch Hand-Embroidered and Open-Stripe Muslins; former price $2.00 and $2.50 yard, at **$1.35** yard.

Linen finish and Indian-Head Suitings, 18c quality; this Sale at **12½c** yard.

Linen Suitings, **29c, 35c, 40c** and **50c** yard.

Linen Suitings, 90 inches wide, $1.50 quality, at **$1.10** yard.

English Long Cloth, 12-yard pieces, regular $2.00 quality, **$1.50.**

English Long Cloth, 12-yard pieces, regular $3.50 quality, **$2.75.**

Lonsdale Cambric, 20c quality, at **12½c** yard.

40-inch India Linon at **10c** yard.

Lot of Remnants of White Goods, worth from 10c to 40c and 50c yard, to clean up at **5c** yard.

Wash Goods
At One-Half Price and Less.

All our 50c and 75c English Voiles to go at **25c** yard.

All our 39c Scotch Voiles to go at **19c** yard.

Lot of 50c Suiting to close at **25c** yard.

Our 40c Swiss to go at **25c** yard.

Our 25c Swiss to go at **15c** yard.

All 19c Batiste to go at **10c** yard.

All our 50c Colored Linens to close at **29c** yard.

All our 75c French Linens to close at **49c** yard. This Linen is 45 inches wide.

Imported French Bordered Chambray, 45 inches wide—our 75c goods **49c** close at **49c** yard.

All our 13½c, 15c and 19c Ginghams go at **10c** yard.

Lot of Embroidered Batiste, worth 50c and 75c yard, to close out at **25c** yard. See window.

Special lot of Ginghams and Zephyrs for Monday only, worth up to 15c yard, will be sold while they last at **7c** yard. Come early, as there are only 50 pieces in the lot.

Balance of our 12½c Muslins will be sold at **6c** yard Monday.

Miss Jennie Keyes, after a fine two-weeks vacation with her cousin, Mrs. Jennie P. Armstrong, is back home again, and had a most delightful change. But after all, there is no place like home, and she's not afraid to come home in the dark.

Never marry until you are certain that single life is a failure and under no circumstances marry until you find someone who will have you. Be sure your are right, then go ahead. Boys, remember that a girl rigged out in ribbons and paint may look good enough to eat, but that smile, however, may be made to order and come off with her best clothes.

She Likes Good Things.

Mrs. Charles E. Smith, of West Franklin, Maine, says: "I like good things and have adopted Dr. King's New Life Pills as our family laxative medicine, because they are good and do their work without making a fuss about it." These painless purifers sold at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. 25c.

OAKLAND ELECTRIC CO.

Motors Wiring
Fixtures
Repairs Bells

Orders left at D. B. Wilkinson's Plumbing Shop will receive prompt attention. Call Phone 93J.

C. E. UNSELD, Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 45, 1908.

An Ordinance relating to waste paper, refuse matter, rubbish, and fires in streets, alleys, lanes, roads and public highways.

The Village Council of the Village of Birmingham does ordain:

SECTION 1. No person shall place, leave or deposit, or cause to be placed, left or deposited within or upon any street, alley, lane, road or public highway of said village, any waste paper, banana peel, nor any refuse matter of any kind; nor shall any person build fires therein unless the same are properly protected by wire screens or iron receptacles, properly constructed for that use. This section shall also apply to any private property from which said waste paper or refuse matter may be blown or distributed upon said streets, alleys, lanes, roads, or public highways of said village.

SEC. 2. Any person violating any of the provisions of Section 1 hereof shall, upon conviction thereof before a Village Justice of said village, be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars ($25) and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the village jail in said village not exceeding thirty (30) days.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

Passed this 10th day of August, 1908.

GUY L. WATKINS,
Village Clerk.

GEORGE E. DAINES, President.

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All the Fashionable Low-Cut Shoes For Ladies

The always-popular Patent Ties, Oxfords, and one and two-buttons. The only kind for dress wear. These are made in turn sole, flexible sewed and hand welt.

Vici Kid Oxfords—very light and easy. Russia Tan Calf and Brown Vici Kid, the styles everbody wants this summer.

Prices $1.50 to $3.50

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JUDGE OF PROBATE

Mr. Hogle, believing that he possesses the necessary qualifications for the office, and having great faith that the Republicans of Oakland county will, when correctly informed, act with exact and equal justice, places his candidacy before them with a firm belief that he is entitled at their hands to a careful consideration and at the primary to their united support.

If nominated and elected he will give his entire time to the work, and the people of Oakland county will receive the benefit of his legal training and experience.