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OUR CLUB NOTES

From the Woman's Literary Club Which Meets Tuesday Afternoon of Every Week

The Woman's Literary club met with Mrs. Rayne, Jan. 12. Roll call was responded to by short paragraphs, giving accounts of some of the works of Luther Burbank, the wizard of plant transformation.

The first paper was given by Mrs. Smith on Venice. The old city was thoroughly described and one might easily imagine herself seeing it many times.

The second paper of the afternoon was by Mrs. Julia Post on Luther Burbank and his Work.

The following are some of the items given for roll call: The improved Australian star flower, one of the most beautiful varieties which is to be used for the decorations of ladies hats.

The improved thornless and spineless-edible cactus, food for man and beast, to be the reclamation of the deserts of the world.

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The potato, an improvement on the poisonous potato ball, producing a rare fruit which grows on the top of a potato.

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BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Themes for sermons: Sunday morning--"Follow the leader," evening--"Over the line."

B. Y. P. U. topic, "Life Lessons for me from the book of Genesis."

The program committee of the Mission Circle met this week and planned to adopt for their study this coming year the book, *Aliens or Americans*.

The teacher's training class meets at the close of the prayer meeting each week and is progressing finely in its work.

The young men making the disturbances in and about the church last Sunday evening need to take warning, for such actions will not be tolerated. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

The Meanest Man in Town is a one who always wears a frown--is cross, disagreeable and short and sharp in his answers. In nine cases out of ten he is the poor fellow's fault--his his liver and digestive tract makes him feel so miserable he can't stand being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Dr. Herick's Sugar-Coated Pills for your liver. They are safe and reliable and a liver regulator. Ask for a free sample. Sold by James W. Cobb.

"TOGITO"

How nice, how nice it is to have a place to go to, To sit in the big arm chair, And let it strangle happen in there. They always know you're there.

How nice it is to have a place to go to And leave your wife behind To bring in the wood and water.

How nice it is to have a place to go to To warm your shins all day, But we all know you are quite fat.

How nice it is to have a place to go to But don't make yourself so familiar With other peoples business.

How nice it is to have a place to go to To take orders to write for packages immediately. Please mention this paper when writing.

There is no quinine--nothing whatever--or anything in Preventives. These little candy-cure tablets act as magic. A few hours, and your throbbing cold is broken. Candy in taste, Preventives please the children; and they break the feverishness, always. And least of all, the economy. A large box, 48 Preventives, 25c. Ask your druggist. He knows. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

TIMBER PROSPECT

Magazine Writer and War Correspondent Will Write on Canadian Timber Prospects and Conditions

Will Livingston Comfort, of Detroit, widely known as correspondent during the Philippine, Boxer, Russo-Japanese and other military campaigns, is now devoting his attention to one of the most vital and far-reaching questions of the day--timber lands.

He will write a series of articles on the fortunes made, and to be made, in the vast Canadian woodlands, yet virgin to the chain, the ax, and the smoke of timber-camps. He will tell of the cruiser's work in these splendid domains where nature has wrought her highest handiwork, and to be made, in the vast Canadian woodlands, yet virgin to the chain, the ax, and the smoke of timber-camps.

Mr. Comfort has made two trips to Vancouver and the Canadian Northwest and his contributions on these great timber topics will be important. His reputation as a vivid portrayer of events and places has been hard-won from arduous travels and hostile fields, always winning his color and settings and data at first hand.

His work here is eagerly sought, now by the better magazines. Short stories under his name appear every month in high-grade periodicals. A novel of his leads the features of the January *Ainslee's*, and a series of stage articles is running in *Littell's*. Mr. Comfort's timber articles will appear from time to time in this paper.

A Religious Author's Statement.

For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed some frequently day and night taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased, and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy. Sold by all Birmingham druggists.

PUTTING PENNIES IN THE BOX.

(The following poem on the troubles of the rural carrier is going on the rounds of the press.)

I'm Uncle Sam's most favored pet, I'm hearty and I'm hale; I've nothing in the world to do But glide around with mail. But one thing almost breaks my heart, And my nervous system shivers. It's the overloading pennies. That I'm fishing from the box. I carry stamps and envelopes, And postal cards and such; And I would like to sell a few, 'Twould please me very much; But a man can't sell unless you buy, No matter how he talks. So I have to keep on diving After pennies in the box. It's all right in the springtime, Or when summer breezes blow; But a different proposition, When it's thirty-two below. When all your fingers are toes Are frozen hard as rocks It is most anything but funny Scratching pennies from the box. When the "roll is called up yonder," And we shall gather there, They will want to try to steal, If they know we're leaning near. If you want St. Peter to open the gate When your rural carrier knocks, Bay stamps and don't be guilty Of putting pennies in the box.

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When our local post, F. P. B. or B. P. F. monthly Postage, his writings appearing in the *Wham Eccentric*, "Jots" concerning the versatile writer from all over the United States and Canada. The poem this week has a wonderful jangle and will be read by thousands with astonishment.

Yes, After All, It's Up to Us!



PROGRESS, which spells Prosperity, is but another way of spelling Publicity.

In ADVERTISING, in making things known from man to man, from woman to woman, lies the secret of SUCCESS for which individuals and communities seek.

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We must go out and corral BUSINESS and coax SUCCESS.

And the one way to do it is split so: P. U. B. I. C. I. T. Y.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 11, '09. Regular meeting according to law. President Daines in the chair. Trustees present--W. E. Smith, T. B. Smith, Nichols, Schlaack. Trustee absent--Wilkinson, Truax. Schlaack moved, supported by T. B. Smith, that bills be allowed as read, and orders be drawn for same. Reading of bills. Ayes--Schlaack, T. B. Smith, W. E. Smith and Nichols. Nays--None. The following are the bills:

WATER WORKS. Elizabeth Randall, \$80.00; D. E. Williams, \$12.00; Levi Allen, \$1.00; E. E. Daniels, \$1.00. HIGHWAY. John Allen, \$75.52.

GENERAL EXPENSE. W. Nichols, \$2.50; E. Smith, \$0.50; A. Banyan, \$14.25; T. B. Smith, \$8.40; Michigan State Telephone Company, \$3.99; Charles J. Shain, \$1.00; Detroit Union Railway, \$4.14; Johnson Printing, \$1.00; Transferred to Water Works Fund, \$50.00; White Pawn Carriage, \$158.50.

Schlaack moved, supported by T. B. Smith, that \$250 be transferred from General Fund to Water Works Fund. Voted by roll call. Ayes--Nichols, W. E. Smith, T. B. Smith and Schlaack. Nays--None.

In the matter of the special assessment for the opening and extending of Forest Avenue, objections were made by T. B. Smith as being excessive, and asked for a reduction on lots owned by absent assessors.

W. E. Smith moved, supported by T. B. Smith, that the Board adjourn until Wednesday, January 13. Carried. GUY L. WATKINS, Clerk. GEO. E. DAINES, President.

January 13, 1909. Adjourned meeting, according to law. President Daines in the chair. Trustees present--Nichols, T. B. Smith, W. E. Smith, Schlaack, Wilkinson. Absent--Trustee Truax.

Nichols moved, supported by Wilkinson, that assessment roll for the opening of Forest Avenue be rejected and referred back to the Board of Assessors for revision. Voted by roll call. Ayes--Wilkinson, W. E. Smith, T. B. Smith, Nichols and Schlaack. Nays--None.

Wilkinson moved, supported by Schlaack, that the President appoint a committee of three to confer with prior Special Assessment Board, and try to adjust matters in regard to previous assessment. Carried. The President appointed Nichols, Schlaack and Wilkinson.

T. B. Smith moved, supported by Nichols, that the Ordinance pertaining to the inspection of electric wiring be adopted. Voted by roll call. Ayes--Wilkinson, T. B. Smith, W. E. Smith, Nichols and Schlaack. Nays--None.

E. Smith, that the contract for writing Council room, Public Library and tower house be left with the Lighting Committee. Carried.

Nichols moved, supported by T. B. Smith, that Board adjourn to Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, '09. Carried. Minutes read and approved. Moved to adjourn. Carried. GUY L. WATKINS, Clerk. GEO. E. DAINES, President.

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- Lima Beans, 10c per can.
- Tomatoes, 10c, 12c, 15c can.
- Sauerkraut, 10c, 3-lb can, white and fine.
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- Sardines, Domestic, 5c.
- Sardines, Mustard, 2c.
- Shrimps, 15c and 25c.
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- Mustard and Plain.
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