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To Our Friends

WHEN READING WITH ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS EITHER IN BIRMINGHAM, PONTIAC OR DETROIT, IT WILL BE A GREAT PLEASURE TO US IF YOU WOULD MENTION THE FACT THAT YOU NOTICED THEIR ADVERTISEMENTS IN OUR PAPER. A WORD FROM YOU AT THE TIME OF TRADING COSTS YOU NOTHING AND BENEFITS US GREATLY. YOU WILL BE GOOD AND SO DO WE.

THE PUBLISHERS.

Now come on Santa Claus.

Wanted—A position for general housework. Phone 106-1.

The Review of Reviews contains several good articles on foot ball.

Mr. White and wife, of Jackson, have moved to Birmingham. More good citizens, let them come.

Thomas Carlyle was born Dec. 4, 1795, his works may be found in the public library.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham, of Detroit, called on her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, Tuesday.

The public library gave out 696 books during November which is 112 greater than during November last year.

Visitors at Mrs. Fuller's, on Pierce street, were Mrs. King, of Michigan City, Ind., and Mrs. Grace Jacoby, of Detroit.

There will be a conference of local option workers at the close of the entertainment at the Baptist church on Friday evening.

The Ladies' Church society of the First Presbyterian church will hold their annual meeting in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

The removal of the fence along the front of F. Blakeless's residence makes a great improvement for Maple avenue and one that is admired by all observers.

For Sale—One one-horse wagon, one carriage, one swell boat cutter, one fur robe—a good one, and a lot of grain bags. See H. F. Daniels for low prices and full particulars.

Princeton Gray will have an exhibition in Charles J. Shain's window this week a fine display of hard wood. It is the time to get a beautiful Christmas present very reasonable. Don't fail to see them.

The vault at the cemetery will not be entirely finished this season, but it is so far completed that it can be used if needed. The price charged will be \$3 for the first week and \$1 per week after the first.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will bring their annual bazaar and supper in the church on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Besides a sale of fancy and domestic articles, a roast beef supper will be served from 5 until 8 p. m.

December Harper's monthly is a very interesting number. Several very fine stories, an article on the "Energy of radium," "The mountain bird," and fine illustrations make a capital number. It is in the library.

A man who has kept count of the number of kisses exchanged with his wife since their union consents to its publication as follows: First year, 35,500; second year, 16,000; third year, 3,650; fourth year, 120; fifth year, 2. He then left off keeping the record.

Our thanks are due to Representative Green, of this district, for the Red Book—the Michigan Manual for 1908. Thanks to the author, a most useful information and it was eagerly sought for and gladly secured. 'Rah for David. He is the right man in the right place.

New books in the library. Septimus by Locke; The Real Legend, by Locke; The Calling of Dr. Mathers, by Wright; Jack Lorimer's Champions, by Standish; John Marvel Assistant, by Page; Red Horse Hill, by McCull; Truett King, by McCutcheon; Capt. Jack Lorimer, by Standish.

Two noted English women have recently honored Michigan with their presence. Mrs. Snowden, who spoke in Grand Rapids at the State Equal Suffrage meeting, to which our village had the honor of sending a delegate, and Mrs. Parkhurst, who recently delivered a large audience in Detroit.

The following arrangements for services in St. James' Church for the remainder of the month of December have been made as follows: 12th, Rev. E. A. Daly; 19th, H. F. Kruger; 26th, W. S. Barnes, D. D. 28th, general service, Rev. S. A. Huston. There will be no service on Christmas.

Charles Dudley Warner says, "A dead bird does not have the appearance of an ugly woman and that a pretty woman needs no such adornment."

The United States alone sends to Great Britain 400,000 humming birds every year and Chicago dealers have been known to handle 32,000 humming birds, 20,000 gulls and the wings of 300,000 other birds.

Winter is here.

For Sale—Top buggy, cheap. Oakland Realty Co., 21.

The Youth's Companion may be found at the library.

Iola Club dance at Franklin Public Hall this (Friday) evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cowan, of Ovid, are stopping in Birmingham.

John Milton was born Dec. 9, 1608, his poems are in the public library.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Apply Mrs. E. Donald Roberts, or phone 130.

FOR RENT—Modern apartments, five rooms, with bath, and heated with ideal hot water. One block from Oak on Hamilton avenue. Inquire of E. R. Smith, 21.

A. Whitehead, Dr. C. M. Raynal and Chas. J. Shain are attending Circuit court, at Pontiac, interested in the Bertha Lietzau-Morey murder case, now on trial.

The Electric lights went out and stayed off family food Sunday night last and caused many "cuss" words both here in the village and among the big homes of Bloomfield Hills.

A dog on the Cranbrook place bit a son of a tenant Monday last. The lad was burned and the dog was shot. Cranbrook took five stitches around the unfortunate boy's mouth to make him as good as ever.

A meeting of the Citizens' League will be held in the basement of the Baptist church, Friday evening of this week, December 11, for the purpose of the entertainment. A full attendance is desired. Ladies especially invited.

We are not superstitious but Monday, an evil rooted in a tree alongside of the Cemetery, where the wise old bird never said a word, and that is the reason we are not able to say yet whether our streets will be lighted by gas, hot air or electricity.

You won't fail to read H. W. Baxter's holiday advertisement. Our village jewel is up to date in his business, and has his new and pretty show window and seasonal goods all recently purchased with an eye for Christmas present. See his line before buying elsewhere; it will pay you.

Miss Ida Woodward and some friends from Pontiac surprised Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lamb one evening last week. The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, one of the features of the evening being an oyster supper. After "Dad" had played all of his new records, all went away feeling happy and wishing the good old couple many years.

At Monday night's common council meeting at Pontiac the \$22,000 bond voted for the improvement and extension of the water works system were awarded to the Security Trust Co., of Detroit, its bid of \$1,078.33 being the highest of 25 offered. The bonds draw 4 per cent interest payable semi-annually and their average life is 19 years.

How the chairs and table for the children came to the library. Mr. Stinchfield offered \$5 for a certain old book, The Life of the Rev. Woolley, a Universalist minister who preached here long ago. Miss Baldwin had the book and she was willing to sell it for the purchase of the library room. So the little table and chairs are a gift from Mr. Stinchfield.

Mrs. Elizabeth Randall has returned home from a most delightful visit with her mother near Fowlerville and her converse relative. She brought home with her for a short stay, the Misses Frances and Itha Converse who are having a pretty fine time seeing Birmingham, visiting with relatives and once in a while a run down to the big city to "see the sights and wonders."

At the Methodist Episcopal church, December 5th, Mrs. Bradley, of India, spoke in the interests of the Woman's Foreign missionary work at the morning service, at the Sunday school, and at the three o'clock meeting in the afternoon. She proved to be a most successful and interesting speaker. Twenty-two joined the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, and fifteen subscribed for the Missionary magazine.

E. A. Rosso, of the D. U. R. Company, who has been in the city for seven years there, and eight years for the Rapid Railway, making 15 of that strenuous life, has given it up and accepted a promotion and an advancement. He now has a better paying position with less work and responsibility. He is in the pay masters department and has charge of the cash boxes of the "Pay-as-you-enter" cars. We congratulate the good man on his good luck.

The Bertha Lietzau murder case is placed on the Oakland county circuit court calendar first and will probably attract more attention than all the other three put together. Bertha Lietzau, a congresswoman, was charged with the murder of Samuel J. Morley. It is the first murder case tried in the circuit court since the Wisconsin case, nearly 10 years ago, and the first time a woman has been charged with the murder of another human being in the memory of the oldest residents.

For many years Mr. Byron Williams was a syndicate writer for the Western Newspaper Union and the Kellogg Newspaper. He was during this time was editor of the Western Publisher, a periodical devoted to the art preservation of all arts. Now he is editor of the Woman's World. The Woman's World is the greatest and most interesting periodical for women ever offered. Take our word for it. Listen! Send 25c to the Woman's World, 107 Clinton street, Chicago, Ill., and our word for it, you will never be sorry.

A. R. Parks has a chance of advt. in this issue. Read about ground bone for making hen lay.

All the churches will have a Christmas Sale and a supper. It keeps one busy to keep up with the procession.

The Knights and Ladies of the Moderns Mothers will give a progressive pedro party in their hall Dec. 15. Each member may invite two friends. Prizes Light refreshments will be served.

A regular winter's day came in on Wednesday of this week. The Mercury took a drop Tuesday night, and tonight's degree was 25 below zero all day with a stiff breeze. Ouch! 'twas cold.

Rev. C. A. Salyer will give an entertainment "At the Mercy of the State" at the Baptist church on Friday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The price of admission is fixed at 10c, that the attendance may be large.

Dr. George Burr F. Clarke, of Detroit, has leased the old quick home on Woodward avenue, where he has moved his family. Dr. Clarke is a sympathetic physician and will have office hours at his residence from 8:30 to 11 a. m. and by appointment. Hours at Detroit office from 1 to 3 p. m.

The Oxford local optionists opened their campaign last Monday night with a large mass meeting at the opera house, where a local organization was effected to carry on the fight against booze in this county. Prosecuting Attorney George H. Saniac county was the principal speaker.

Will Walker is a man of a few words who like Mitchell but keeps very busy now days. His latest move was to buy the 40 acres and brick home of Harry M. Lick at a price neither party will tell. We are glad that Mr. Walker and his interesting family won't come into the village that they are close enough to be real neighbors.

We call your attention to the new advt. of the Royal Oak Savings Bank in this issue. George J. Baker, cashier of this growing institution, has several years labor for the bank, stands high in the estimation of its stockholders. Aside from his business popularity he has a social following that many an older head would like to have.

Two sales of three different parcels of land on Willow avenue last week means much for the growth of Birmingham. Mr. Wiley sold nine acres of land to Mr. Bradford, of Detroit. L. H. Rogosa sold a like lot of land to another Detroit party, and both purchasers will, next spring, erect homes not to cost less than \$5000 each. Let the good work go on.

At the last regular meeting of Mary D. Hove 383 the following ladies were elected officers for the ensuing year: Commander, Hannah Ellenwood; past commander, Emily Hunt; lieutenant commander, Fannie J. Zhan; record keeper, Lena E. Wilson; finance keeper, Carrie Smith; chaplain, Zula Mills; mistress at arms, Mrs. Mason; sergeant, Ella Edwards; sentinel, Carrie Knowles; nicket, Emma Ford.

Accidents were numerous last Monday and Dr. J. L. Campbell was very busy attending the sufferers. At the new home of Admiral Berry on the Brady farm, two feet fell about 10 feet by the breaking down of a scaffold. Harold Bramshaw had his left ear torn off which Dr. neatly sewed on. The other victim had the muscles of his back strained badly and both men were severely bruised and shaken up generally.

The Masonic oyster supper and fair held Tuesday night was a success every way, financially, socially and happily. Notwithstanding the icy cold and howling wind that came out of the season, a goodly crowd came out and enjoyed the supper and the theatrical and evening's program of vocal and instrumental music, and numerous recitations. Everyone present voted it a great affair and hoped to enjoy another good time in the near future.

Stung for 15 Years

By indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and \$200.00 worth of medicine in vain, H. W. Baxter, of England, North Carolina, at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured his indigestion, cured his biliousness, sick headache, stomach, liver, kidney and bowel troubles. 25c and J. F. Wooster's.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—General State of Michigan, to the Clerk of the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at Pontiac, Michigan, on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1907, the following order was made: That the publication of the report of the Board of Probate, in the matter of the estate of **MARY PHILLIPS**, deceased, be and it is hereby appointed that the said report be given by publication of a notice in some newspaper published in said county on said day of bearing in the Birmingham Journal, at the price of one cent per line per day.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at Pontiac, Michigan, this 11th day of November, A. D. 1907.

CLERK OF COURT, ROCKWELL J. WOODWARD, Pontiac, Mich.

HOLIDAY GIFTS.
Useful Presents of Latest Make and Style.

The Attractive Display at "The Linen Store," J. A. Burns Co., Detroit.

Useful holiday gifts are sure to please, and pleasure to the receiver is the object of giving. The famous "Linen Store," J. A. Burns Co., 224 Woodward avenue, Detroit, offers a display of goods in every department that will make Christmas shopping a pleasure. The very high reputation that this store has gained for selling high-grade merchandise and giving exceptional values will be even more evident during this holiday season. Showing goods is at all times a pleasure. The store's high reputation to inspect these magnificent holiday stocks is extended to all our readers, and does not relieve the slightest obligation to buy.

Here are some of the gift suggestions at this well known store:

Knit underwear, new department with everything in the line at all prices.

Beddings, a complete stock, exceptional values. Household linens—tablecloths, styles and all of guaranteed quality.

Millinery, correct fashions from the best designers, Handkerchiefs for men, women and children in plain and fancy designs and great variety. Linens in silk and imported linens. Shirtwaist patterns, corsets, lingerie, Ribbons, very special values for fancy party dresses, styles and all of guaranteed quality. Babies' and children's wear—full assortment.

Wigs, hair ornaments and hair ornaments in profusion. Neckwear, dress ties, styles, excellent values. Fancy party frocks, styles and all of guaranteed quality. Leather goods of high grade and new designs. Art neckwear and fancy party frocks, styles and all of guaranteed quality. Beautiful French prints. Pique stationery at all prices, from 10c per pair to the most expensive. Men's gloves, neckwear, silk and Hosiery. Umbrellas, a complete stock.

It will be easy to select pleasing gifts from the above variety. Early shopping is advised, as the goods are selected, and will avoid the rush of the later days.

We trust our readers when in Detroit will call at "Burns." They will be heartily welcomed and be accorded every courtesy. The goods will settle the question as to buying. A special will bring their illustrated catalogue of handkerchiefs, ties, gloves, and fancy linens, which offers many gift suggestions.

Last Saturday 77 people visited the library.

Wm. H. Marble, of White Lake, and Miss Edna Daly, a daughter of a well known farmer of White Lake, were united in marriage by Rev. Luther Lovejoy last week. The wedding ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage at Pontiac. The bride couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, of Rose Center, the latter being a sister of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Churchill, of Pontiac, gave them a wedding dinner, after which a sister. They spent a few days with Mrs. Ash, of this place, and then returned to White Lake where Wm. had his home ready for his wife. We wish them a long and happy life. Wm. was a resident of this village for a number of years, and is well known here.

Ye Junior Editor and family had their Thanksgiving feast Friday, Dec. 3, when John H. Bortle and family, of men, hunters of the first water all sent in a generous supply of the finest venison. This quartette of delights, led by Mr. J. H. Bortle, had a nuptial four weeks ago in Akonia Co., near Mud Lake. Fred Cressman, Irving Bailey and a young man named Clark, of River Rouge, a nephew of Mr. Bortle's, made up the party. Each hunter got his deer but the one Bailey killed, the boys say that Bailey talked him to death. Brother Bailey was found with his guns all unloaded and scattered about just during his feet footed venison to run him just once more. A little search showed the boys gasping his last in the brush near by. Thanks for a good dinner of venison to all the boys.

You Must Have

Something in the way of a condition preserver for your stock, and why use any other than when you can buy Harvey's for 25c per package, the standard for 60 years. Harvey's Condition Preserver has established a world-wide reputation as being the best on the market for horses, cattle, sheep and poultry. Absolutely no waste and weight packages. Sold by James W. Cobb.

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At this drug store you get just what you call for. We charge you only reasonable profit and by this method hope to gain and hold your patronage.

Bring your prescriptions here.

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J. F. Wooster
Drugs and Groceries

PAY YOUR TAXES.

Sammuel C. Mills, Treasurer of the Township of Bloomfield, will be at the Exchange Bank, Whitehead & Mitchell, Friday, December 9, and every Friday thereafter till January 10, 1908, for the purpose of receiving the money for 1907. He will also be at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac on Saturday, December 10, and every Saturday thereafter till January 10, 1908, to accommodate those who cannot come to Birmingham.

EXAMINE THE INSIDE

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Delight creations in Pumps and Strap Sandals, with one, two and three straps; jet beaded, trimmed and plain vamp effects; Satin, Patent Kid and Mar. Kid, with Louis XV. and Cuban heels. "Ladies," for a trial pair ask for Style 97; a very popular boot with fall, our Patent-Calf Button, cloth top, plush, hickory last and high Cuban heel. A Shoe to be worn for dress or street, per pair, \$3.00.

Regular-Height School Shoes in calf, vein kid and patent calf, lace and button, at prices within reach of all. Sizes 5 to 8, \$1.25; 8 1/2 to 11, \$1.50; 11 1/2 to 12, \$1.75; 12 to 13, \$2.00; 13 to 14, \$2.25; 14 to 15, \$2.50.

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\$37.50 value, 8x12 Wilton Rugs, at \$13.50
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25.00 value, 6x9 Wilton Rugs, at \$18.75
20.00 value, 8x12 Bigelow Axm. Rugs, at \$21.75
25.00 value, 8x12 Bigelow Axm. Rugs, at \$19.50
15.00 value, 8x12 Best Tapestry Brussels, at \$15.50
17.50 value, 8x12 Best Tapestry Brussels, at \$13.75
15.00 value, 8x12 Tapestry Brussels, at \$11.50
13.50 value, 8x12 Wilton Brussels, at \$9.75
12.00 value, 9x12 Shirvan, at \$9.50
10.50 value, 8x12 Shirvan, at \$8.25
9.00 value, 9x9 Shirvan, at \$6.50
8.00 value, 9x10 All-Wool Art Square, at \$3.95
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7.00 and 8x11 Wool Ingrain Filing, at 45c yard

Colored Dress Goods

SERGES—Navy Blue, for Sailor, Peter Thompson and Gymnasium Suits. A great range of many shades—75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 yard.

PLAIDS—Imported Genuine Scotch and German Plaids, beautiful bright, pretty small plaids, for children's dresses, \$1.00 yard.

CATWASH SHADES—These colors are scarce. We have a nice assortment in all the new weaves, plain and striped, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

PAON AND CANARD BLUES—Hamilton Serges, Taffeta Satin, French, correct weight, weaves and finish, for the one-piece dresses—\$1.00 to \$2.00.

WASH-TAILOR CLOTHS—Grey cloths, best Scotch, English, French and German makes. These come in all the new smooth and rough weaves, including the new two-toned Diagonals—\$1.00 to \$2.00.

SILK AND WOOL POPLINS—A popular material for the one-piece dresses in a beautiful range of new shades—Special, \$1.35.

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If you have a headache, it's blood pressure. It is a simple common sense remedy. It is a simple common sense remedy. It is a simple common sense remedy. It is a simple common sense remedy.

Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets
CHARLES J. SHAIN.

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Ladies' Nullifiers in Brown and Black leather and felt, at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
Make an early selection and have a complete assortment of sizes to select from.
Full line of Boys' Slippers.

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