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THE PUBLISHERS.



What a beautiful day Sunday was. The barn owl whose bodies you wear on your hat, ride the horn of music. The goldfinch whose feathers you wear lives on noxious thistles. The weather the past two weeks has been ideal. We are glad of it. Every pleasant sun shiny day now shortens our winter, which is very close by. Mrs. Frank W. Floyd entertained the teachers, officers and senior members of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church at her home of Pierce street Thursday evening.

Mr. F. J. Thompson, teacher of piano in Detroit and Pontiac, is at liberty to arrange for pupils in Birmingham. Best of references given. For particulars address 105 Trumbull avenue, Detroit.

Dr. George H. Clark, osteopath, of Detroit, has located in our village and will make Birmingham his future home. He will for the present keep his Detroit office and practice. Further particulars next issue.

Great work is being done in Birmingham, Royal Oak and between two towns, by the St. Clair Electric Co. New and larger carrying wires are being put up and the company is paying thousands of dollars for labor.

The Ladies' Church society of the First Presbyterian church will hold their annual bazaar in the church on Tuesday, Dec. 14. There will be a sale of fancy and domestic articles, a roast beef supper will be served from 5 until 8 p. m.

Cake rolls for sale cheap! In order to make room for 1 offer 17 Thoroughbred L. cockerels; 22 thoroughbred B. cockerels; 5 thoroughbred White Leghorn cockerels; 5 thoroughbred Buff Orpington cockerels; 5 thoroughbred Bred Plymouth Rock cockerels; Frank W. Floyd, Birmingham, Phone 151.

Degree of Honor Lodge No. 26, of Big Beaver, will give its second Grand Ball in the Big Beaver Macabee hall Friday, Dec. 17. Music will be furnished by Fred Stone's famous orchestra. Grand march at 8:30 sharp. Dance till 12, supper each 25c. Teams will meet the 8 o'clock car.

The legislative and industrial committee of the Woman's club will hold their meeting at the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, Dec. 5, at 7 o'clock. Mr. J. H. Hill, of Detroit, will speak on "Crucify to Annihilate." Mr. W. E. Tallmadge, of Grand Rapids, is also expected. The public is invited.

All our hunter boys are back again and all well, happy and satisfied with their trip. The fifteen boys party of 12 brought home 10 deer. The Purdy Bros. gang only landed seven of these feet footed animals but in weight passed the 10 of the former party. At this writing John H. Bortle is still out and succeeded. The boys party are still out and successful.

After three years of absence away out in the great northwest at Stewart, British Columbia, Mr. David Rainey is home again for a few weeks to visit among his own relatives and many friends. David says that prospects for money making in that region have never seemed brighter. Everything points to prosperity. David looks it and we are mighty glad of it.

The funeral of Volney H. Lee, aged 79, took place Tuesday afternoon at 4:55 Helen avenue, Detroit. The body was laid suddenly at the home of his son, Dr. Arthur C. Lee, Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock. He was buried by Birmingham lodge No. 44 F. & A. M., of which order he has been a respected member for more than 40 years. Burial at Woodlawn by the side of his late wife, who died two years ago next February. He was a well known resident of our city for many years and one most highly respected.

The Detroit-Union Railway announces some important improvements in the schedule of the Pontiac division taking effect Dec. 1. Under the new schedule the first car out of Birmingham leaves at 5:25 a. m., from which the half hourly service begins, continuing until 6:55 p. m., an hour later than before. North bound there is no difference in the schedule between Birmingham and Pontiac but there will be an additional car out of Detroit at 7:30 p. m., for Birmingham and the car that leaves Birmingham at 7:03 a. m. for Pontiac will start from Detroit at 6 a.

Robert McInair and son Earle, of Vancouver, spent the first of the week with his cousin.

Miss Edyth Kozart, who has been teaching in Calumet, arrived home last week to spend some time at her home on Bates street.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Perry, on Bates street, Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Attention No. 44, F. & A. M. Special communication of Birmingham lodge No. 44 F. & A. M. Thursday evening, Dec. 9. Work in third degree.

All who are indebted to the William Parks estate are requested to call and settle at once so that said estate may be closed. H. B. Parks, Administrator

Don't forget the coming Presbyterian sale of Christmas goods and bazaar. Their world wide famous supper will be furnished to all hungry mortals. Watch for date.

The regular meeting of Mary D. Hive No. 383 will meet Sunday evening, Dec. 10, at 8 o'clock. Officers and initiation. All members are requested to be present.

New books in the library. The following by Dudley, The Great Year. In the Line, Following the Ball, The Yale Cup, With Jack and Mitt, The End of the Nine.

The Aid society of the Baptist church will hold their December meeting at the church next Wednesday, the 8th. A cordial invitation is given to all who can attend.

The Woman's Home Missionary society will meet with Mrs. G. P. Simpson on Thursday at 2 p. m., Dec. 9. Let each member be present and bring her friends. Mrs. Corson, pres.

Preston Gray will have an exhibition in Charles J. Shan's window next week a fine display of hand work. Now is the time to get a beautiful Christmas present very reasonable. Don't fail to see them.

Our friend Ralph Baddow, from Seattle, Wash. is spending a couple of weeks visiting with his parents, Ralph says, "Seems mighty good to see you feet under Dad's table once more. He will return in a few days to his western home."

You don't have to go to war to be patriotic. Improve your locality, uphold your town, enlarge your interests, and lend a hand to progress and you are a patriot—a lover of your country—as truly as the soldier who shoulders his mpack.

A woman went into a newspaper office and wished to advertise for her husband who had disappeared. The ad. told that he charged \$2 an inch she went out, saying that it would break her up at that rate as her husband was over six feet long.

We have about 16,000 four inch drain tile, and 2000 three inch for sale at Philadelphia, James L. Todd, 96 1/2 and he will see that you are well served. Birmingham Brick & Tile Co. Ld.

Deputy State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers was here recently inspecting one and one-quarter miles of state gravel road built by the township of Bloomfield under the supervision of Highway Commissioner George H. Fowler. The roads were entirely satisfactory to the department and our township will receive \$625 reward from the state.

More roads of the same class will be built next summer. The ways and means committee of the board of supervisors Monday morning reported the apportionment of the state and county tax to each township and the city of Pontiac. The report was adopted with amendments, the apportionment being made upon the valuation of each township as previously determined by the equalization committee. The apportionment follows: Bloomfield, state \$9,133.70, county \$7,519.42; Grand Rapids, \$6,032.80, county \$4,966.41; Royal Oak, state \$6,631.06, county \$5,452.59; Southfield, state \$4,184.89, county \$3,441.16; Troy, state \$4,891.57, county \$4,022.20; West Bloomfield, state \$4,839.38, county \$4,013.62.

One of those rare occurrences took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith, of Maple ave., E. on Monday Nov. 29th, it being the 50th anniversary of their marriage day. It was a happy occasion, presided by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene Smith, and the two boys, Mrs. Belle Ward and other relatives. Covers were laid for fourteen, and the out of town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hagerman, of Leonard and of Succasunna, N. J. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations, and hope they may live to see many more anniversaries, and every one bring added joy to their declining years.

R. S. Greenwood, General Passenger Agent, of Chicago, for the Washab R. R., sends us a handsomely printed folder and one of about of the greatest interest we have turned up against in years, showing the difference in traveling to the Pacific coast 50 years ago and now. Fifty years ago six horse coaches left twice a week and the trip lasted a full week, devoid of all comfort and the out of town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hagerman, of Leonard and of Succasunna, N. J. We extend to them our heartiest congratulations, and hope they may live to see many more anniversaries, and every one bring added joy to their declining years.

Dr. Lillian J. Courts, Osteopathic Physician.

Graduate of the American School of Osteopathy, 1909. Examinations from Officers hours, 8 to 10 p. m. 1014 E. Fifth St., Pontiac, Mich. Oakland house.

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

Some men belong to every society in the neighborhood but the society of their home.

Wanted—A girl for general housework. Apply Mrs. E. Donak Roberts, or phone 475.

Ralph Baddow, of Seattle, Wash., is home for a three weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baddow.

The Odd Fellow's smoker was a general success from start to finish. Did you see? A Brother Valentine met his standard. Ask him.

Wanted—A kitchen range to burn both wood and coal, four holes and reservoir. Address A. C. McGraw, Birmingham, K. D. 3.

Y. P. C. Hall will meet at the M. E. church next Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, at 8 o'clock.

When a man is through with life's cares and is laid to rest in a piece of ground purchased for that purpose, does he occupy the premises in perpetuity, or does he hold it by virtue of a franchise, which may be terminated by order of a court? Legal lights: don't all speak at once.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitehead have returned from their son's wedding. They took place Saturday last at the home of the bride in Louisville, Ky. It was a social event. They do say Raynold stood the ordeal real well and the bride, Miss Woodcock, Bishop Woodcock's daughter, was serenely still. Here's congratulations for many years to come.

Our old friend, O. B. Harper, who forsook the drug business for the rich field of the motor car industry, is sales agent for his company's products, the Democrat, a successful run about and one now attracting much attention.

Sunday's Free Press has the following good one on our O. B. H. It says: "The little Democrat, now on an agency placing tour of the state, has gone through Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Howell, East Lansing, Charlotte, Jackson, Marshall, Battle Creek, Albion, Kalamazoo, Hastings and Grand Rapids without a mishap of any kind. While going into Hastings it was raining quite heavily, and the farmers had dug a ditch eight feet by four feet, and being right across the road could not be seen by those in the car. The car went into the ditch and disappeared completely. It was necessary for Mr. Harper and the mechanic to swim out of the ditch to prevent themselves from being drowned. They finally got the car out, and after a thorough examination there was nothing injured whatever. The car proceeded to Hastings under its own power. And this is a true story."

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PAY YOUR TAXES!

Samuel C. Mills, Treasurer of the Township of Bloomfield, will be at the Exchange Bank of Whitehead & Mitchell on Friday, December 9, and every Friday thereafter till January 10, 1910, for the purpose of receiving tax money for 1909. He will also be at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac on Saturday, December 10, and every Saturday thereafter till January 10, 1910, to accommodate those who cannot come to Birmingham. Jan 10

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