

**THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC**  
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**WHEATON & MITCHELL, Publishers**

**To Our Friends**

When reading with any of our old friends, either in Birmingham or elsewhere, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you received their advertisement in our paper. A word from you of the time of reading, writing nothing and being on our way will do us good and do us good.

W. B. WHEATON & MITCHELL

**HOME NOTES**

Tonight. Silver shower social at the Manse.

WANTED—A girl at the laundry. Steady work at good wages. L. Green, proprietor.

A nice big June shower Tuesday morning put the street sprinkler all out of business.

Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases many a hard job.

FOR SALE—Three burner wickless oil stove with oven. \$1.50. T. P. Foot, Southfield avenue.

WANTED—Men to work in the brick yard. Good wages. Apply to John L. Keyser, Birmingham.

FOR SALE—A fine black mare with full black coat. A bargain for some one. See H. P. Saltzer, or call him by phone.

The plat of the new addition which is to give the Willits grow to the village is at Charles Shan's store. Look it over.

John L. Keyser celebrated Decoration day fishing on Walnut lake. He got a nice lot of big ones, but the one that got away, — was —

Rev. and Mrs. Jamieson invite you and your friends to their home this (Friday) evening to a little entertainment given by the young folks and the Presbyterian church.

When our village board does something we don't like we are not slow to voice our dissatisfaction, but when they do the thing that pleases us, we often fail to commend.

Next Sunday, June 6, the Rev. Todd, agent of Alma college, will preach in the First Presbyterian church. Sermon at 11 a. m. The evening service will be conducted by the pastor.

Don't forget to go to the silver shower at the Presbyterian Manse this (Friday) evening. A nice little program will be presented and the proceeds go to supply kitchen furniture for the church.

Well now, we received a nice friendly call from Levi Wogster, of near Novi recently. Like the rest of us old chaps, Levi is growing past fat and 50. Come again old boy the lath string is always out.

Have you Sam?—A good quantity for sale cheap. Call Thomas Cook in Birmingham or Will Cook, on the farm in Southfield, about six miles southwest of Birmingham or 14 miles southwest of Franklin. John Young.

Don't forget to remember that Mrs. T. B. Smith has charge of the silver shower social this (Friday) evening at the Manse. That insures an entertainment worthy of attending. After the entertainment light refreshments will be served.

One day last week the Detroit News published the following: Mrs. Mary Barclay Poppleton, 1189 Woodrow avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Carolyn, to D. Robert Carey Jameson. The wedding will take place June 16.

Harry Satterlee and wife have removed to Detroit for their future home. We are glad to say that Harry has a fine paying position as treasurer of the Dwight Lumber Co. of that city, a responsible position and one we know Mr. Satterlee will fill with credit to himself and profit to the Dwight Lumber Co.

Fred Blanding, with the Ann Arbor ball team, is back with the club in Ann Arbor after a most successful tour during which the club played ten games at Wooster, Ohio; Cornell at Ithaca, Syracuse, Browns at Providence, R. I. The track team joined the base ball boys at Boston and all came home triumphant. The special car from the Bean city, Mr. Blanding as pitcher for the team, returns with a big crown of victory on his brow, his reward for skill in pitching.

Those who pay dues to the cemetery association and those whose lots are on the perpetual care list are certainly entitled to the use of water; but an accident to both engine and wind mill just before Decoration day, cut off the supply. Those in charge are very sorry that any one wishing to set out plants should have been disappointed, but it was not possible to have repairs made in time. They trust it may not happen again. One of the rules of the cemetery association is, "No trees shall be removed, trimmed or planted without the consent of the executive committee." This rule has been violated. It would seem as though everyone would be glad to observe the rules that have made the place so attractive, but instead of that flowers are picked, trees are mutilated and in so many ways are the rules broken, that some who have worked hardest are heart sick and discouraged.

Two boats to let on Wing Lake, in care of S. G. Foreman, or call 136 L. Sr.

It is better to be beaten in trying to do right than to be in success in doing wrong.

Miss Kittie Hawthorn, of Royal Oak spent a few days last week visiting friends here.

The local weather prophet announces almost daily "showers" during the current month.

Everyone is pleased over the new sprinkler and surely no one will object to paying their share of the running expense.

Local option of net, Birmingham has a hole. Mrs. Drake has rented the D. U. R. house in the center of our village, and is ready for lodgers.

The W. H. M. S. of the M. E. Church will meet with Mrs. Fuller on Thursday afternoon, June 10. A full attendance is solicited.

Mrs. POOLE, Cor. Sec'y.

FOR SALE.—One horse, weight 1,400 pounds; good worker and gentle. Also muskmelon and Hubbard squash seed—the very finest. Telephone 15-J, or address E. L. Parsons, R. F. D. 1, Birmingham, Mich.

A gallon of gasoline will run an automobile 20 miles in 30 minutes. That's nothing. A gallon of the same stuff has been known to run the hired girl 40 feet through a kitchen window in a quarter of an hour.

F. Blakeslee is "painting" for your yard. Read his advert, and don't go sweltering any longer with those thick flannels, but get in line. Get in line. Get the new goods and remember Frank's prices are O. K., none lower.

If you have frequent fainting, accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chiblainis, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign you are not well, but liable to die any minute. Pay up your subscription in advance and thus secure for yourself a good obituary notice.

A Kansas citizen, who had been benched all his life, was about to die. His wife felt it her duty to offer him such consolation as she might, and said: "John, you are about to go out, but I will follow you. I suppose so, Ma,," said the old man weakly, "but so far as I am concerned you need not be in any blamed hurry about it."

An exchange says, "He who marries for position gets a wife; who marries for love gets a mistress. If you are sick, the wife will nurse you; the lady will visit you in a doctor's office, but when they do the thing that pleases us, we often fail to commend."

After the Blakeslee-Deer wedding Tuesday night, while on their way to the trolley car, Bert Blakeslee and his wife were spotted for the newly-weds, and were generously showered with rice, old shoes and a few such, with the usual ceremonies. Bert grew mad through and gave the rice thrower a good thrashing. Mrs. Blakeslee just screamed with delight to see the race.

New books in the library. Fortunes of Fifi; Doom Castle, Some Ladies in Haste, The Givers, John Gothery Garden, Left in Charge, Loves of Miss Andie Margery, Mrs. Belle Bell, Inspiration, One of Ourselves, Our Lady Vanity, Paul Kelser, Sandy, Second Wowing of Salina, Sue, Susan Cligg and Her Friend, The Traitor, Those Delightful Americans, Following the Equator by Mark Twain.

A girl who had been very clever at college arrived home the other day and said to her mother: "Mamma, I've graduated; but now I must inform myself in psychology, philology, Bibli—" "Just wait a minute," said the mother. "I have arranged for you a thorough course in roasting, biology, bacteriology, stitology, pathology, dargology and general domesticology. Now get your apron on and pick that chick up."

Every day numbers of post cards are thrown out at the local post office because thoughtless persons who mailed them forgot to put either the name or address on the card. Oft times urgent messages are written to friends on one side of the card and dropped in the post office with the address side perfectly blank. The next week there is a complaint made to the department that the postoffice didn't send the card and a tempest in a teapot follows, all because the sender was so stupidly careless that he forgot to get the name and address on the card.

The Entre Nou club was very pleasantly entertained by the Misses McBride and Courtwright, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Blanding, on Saturday last. The occasion was in honor of Miss Charlotte Blanding. The house was very prettily decorated in pink and white. The color scheme was also carried out in the dainty luncheon served, where lilies of the valley, tied with pink ribbon, were given as favors to each guest. The guest of honor was presented with many useful kitchen utensils, each accompanied by a spicy piece of prose in verse.

Showers for coming brides are the fashionable things nowadays. At the home of Mrs. Belle Bigelow, Mesdames Bigelow, Wilson and Raynald gave a miscellaneous shower for the Misses Charlotte Blanding and Ann Hulbert. The function was most elegant and the gifts most numerous and valuable. A great novelty was a cobweb labyrinth, the presents were tied to the end of a thread and hundreds of these were woven into a cobweb. The thread thread went all over the house, up stairs, down stairs and in my lady's chamber, and when the excited searcher came to the end, she found— a sponge.

Suspensions are usually worse than facts.

The nicest drinking cup we have seen for many a day is one brought back by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson, of Southfield Avenue, and given to James A. Miller and wife as a souvenir from Arizona. It is silver and gold, and beautifully marked and engraved, and the Millers are justly proud of their remembrance.

A fine enterprise for Birmingham—the Kosmos electric rubeabout automobile. This is an auto which is not for sale, but is leased by the hour. There is an enormous demand for this auto. This company is desirous for to lease a good location on the railroad, with good shipping facilities, and have the citizens of Birmingham take some stock in the company. The auto will be in front of the First State Savings Bank on Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. for exhibition and inspection.

A quiet little wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Blakeslee Tuesday evening, when Rev. W. H. Jamieson united in marriage, Grace Mae Blakeslee and Frank C. Deer. Just the near relatives were present. A nice wedding supper followed and everyone had a chance to get acquainted by couple as we do a long, happy and prosperous life. They will be "at home" to their many friends, after July 1st, in the Rousseau house formerly the Thorne home. Here's congratulations.

Nice Souvenir Spoons  
Locketts Chains Rings  
Brooches Cuff Links  
Silver-Plated Sets  
Hand Mirrors  
Fountain Pens  
Cut-Glass Pieces  
Watches and Clocks

Repairing of All Kinds  
Promptly done  
H. W. BAXTER

**BREAD**

A Good Square Loaf

Of bread is what we give you for your money. By "square" we do not refer to the shape, but to the quality and size of the loaf.

The Size of the Loaf

You can see at a glance. The quality will be apparent as soon as you begin to eat. Some of the very finest bakers in town have given up home baking, and are using our bread. Why?

**F. J. WARNER**  
**H. W. BAXTER**

FOR  
Graduation and Wedding Gifts  
Nice Souvenir Spoons  
Locketts Chains Rings  
Brooches Cuff Links  
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**ELLIOTT-TAYLOR-WOOLFENDEN CO.**  
Woodward and Grand River

**In Our Shoe Department**

We are showing a complete assortment of Women's, Misses' and Children's Boots, Pumps and Oxfords. In all leathers—Tans, Blacks, Taupe Greys and Bronze, Ooze Calif. Patent Calif. Russian Calif. Mat Calif and Vici Kid, in the newest designs for Spring and Summer. Boots and Oxfords \$3.00. A few Specials \$3.50. The Elliott Shoe fits your feet.

See our New Eclipse Tie, the newest pump creation in Tan Calif, Patent Calf, Taupe Grey and Black Ooze Calif. Our Special, \$3.50.

Our New 3-Eylet Ties in Tan, Gun Metal and Patent Col are one of our newest effects in Low Cuts. All leathers, \$3.00.

In Button Oxfords in Patent Calf and Tan Calf with Brown Ooze Tops, with light and medium weight soles and Cuban heels. Very snappy for dress and street wear. All styles, \$3.00.

Misses' and Children's Ankle-Strap Pumps and Oxfords in Brown Kid, Gun Metal calf and Patent Calf, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

The newest style for girls in low cuts.

**Specials for This Week**

LOT 1. Women's \$3.00 Lace Boots, all leathers and most all sizes. Reduced to \$1.95.

LOT 2. Women's \$3.00 Oxfords; all leathers; turn and welt soles; most all sizes. Reduced to \$2.38.

LOT 3. Misses' \$2.00 3-Strap Roman Sandals, with patent vamps. Reduced to \$1.48. Sizes 1 1/2 to 2, all widths.

LOT 4. Infants' \$1.00 Shoes with Kent slip soles, narrow widths. Reduced to 29c. Sizes 4 to 6, to close them out.

ABOUT ADVERTISING—NO. 7

**The Cannon That Modernized Japan**

By Herbert Kaufman.

Business is no longer a man to man contact, in which the merchant and the patron establish a personal bond, any more than battle is a hand-to-hand grapple, where bone and muscle and sinew decide the outcome. Trade as well as war has changed in its aspect—both are now fought at long range.

Just as a present day army of heroes would have no opportunity to display the individual valor of its members, just so a merchant who counts upon his personal acquaintanceship for success is a relic of the past—a business dodo.

Japan changed her policy of exclusion to foreigners after a fleet of warships battered down the Satsuma fortifications. The Samurai, who had hitherto considered their blades and bows good enough, discovered that one cannon was mightier than all the swords in creation if they could not get near enough to use them. Japan profited by the lesson. She did not wait until further ramparts were battered to pieces, but was satisfied with her one experience and proceeded to modernize her methods.

The merchant who doesn't advertise is pretty much in the same position as that in which Japan stood when her eyes were opened to the fact that times had changed. The long range publicity of a competitor will as surely destroy your business as the cannon of the foreigners crumbled the walls of Satsuma. Unless you take the lesson to heart, unless you realize the importance of advertising, not only as the means of extending your business but for defending it as well, you must be prepared to face the consequences of a folly as great as that of a duelist who expects to survive in a contest in which his adversary bears a sword twice the length of his own.

Don't think that it's too late to begin because there are so many stores which have had the advantage of years of cumulative advertising. The city is growing. It will grow even more next year. It needs increased trading facilities just as it's hungry for new neighborhoods.

But it will never again support neighborhood stores. Newspaper advertising has eliminated the strength of being locally prominent, and five cent street car fares have cut out the advantage of being "around the corner." A store five miles away can reach out through the columns of the daily newspaper and draw your next door neighbor to its aisles, while you sit by and see the people on your own block enticed away without your being able to retaliate or supply new customers to take their place.

It is not a question of your ability to stand the cost of advertising but of being able to survive without it. The thing you have to consider is not only an extension of your business but holding what you already have.

Advertising is an investment, the cost of which is in the same proportion to its returns as seeds are to the harvest. And it is just as preposterous for you to consider publicity as an expense as it would be for a farmer to hesitate over purchasing a fertilizer if he discovered that he could profitably increase his crops by employing it.

**OXFORDS**  
FOR  
**Men & Women and Children**

We want you to see this stock. It is more than complete—all the leading styles and leathers, and at all prices. We can fit your feet and pocketbook at the same time. Come in.

**BASE-BALL SHOES**

Made of the famous Elkskin with riveted spikes, per pair \$2.50. Get a pair now for that opening game. Your size is here.

**Henry Pauli**  
Pontiac

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE  
WHOSE CAT'S TAIL IS IN THE DOOR

It makes a difference whether you get your Coal in the summer or not.

First, and quite important, it is cheaper.

Second, and quite as important, you get better coal.

Third, you have it over; and there comes a peace of mind.

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PLACING AN ORDER FOR LUMBER

Consult us. An estimate will cost you nothing, and it will likely save you money.

**T. B. SMITH**  
The Lumber and Coal Hustler  
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

Showing the Statements of The

**Royal Oak Savings Bank**

As called for by the State Banking Commissioner

Month	Assets	Liabilities
Dec. 3, '07	\$ 53,008 47	\$ 72,232 47
Jan. 14, '08	66,991 12	90,993 42
Feb. 14, '08	86,755 56	110,946 53
July 15, '08	105,001 69	129,238 78
Sept. 23, '08	110,768 03	135,539 88
Nov. 28, '08	122,740 58	148,282 44
Feb. 5, '09	132,044 45	157,298 53
April 28, '09	138,737 48	165,208 34

We respectfully call your attention to our continuous and steady growth.

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