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To Our Friends

When reading with any of our advertisements, 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 on the lines of reading, seeing you nothing and benefiting greatly. Will you be good and do so?

THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES

Two new telephones installed this week.

If you haven't done it, it's time you filled that coil!

New phone directories on hand, and get yours.

Preparations being made for a new cement sidewalk on Harmon Street.

L. D. Allen has purchased a section of land in the Sackatehewan district.

The Misses Eva Forder and Florence Staley are holding down teaching jobs.

Growing walnuts resemble Knights Templar on parade—they form in threes.

A fine young man's orchestra for the "home coming" is expected from Franklin.

State Fair tickets sold like hot cakes—nearly double the number disposed of last year.

William Walker's frightened horse spilled two cans of milk near Franklin, last Friday.

New machinery has been placed in the brick yard, and the grind will soon be on again.

Any shortcomings this week must be charged to too much holiday—everybody off no subs in sight.

The 40-pound roast for the "home coming" men's dinner will be done to a dot at Charles Miller's bakery.

W. H. Johnson, for 35 years a resident of Rochester, died in that village Saturday morning, aged 78 years.

All Birmingham hacks went to Pontiac, Wednesday morning, to take part in the funeral of the late E. M. Murphy.

E. A. O'Neal and wife returned from the West on Saturday. Ed looks as though he had been thoroughly enjoying the trip.

Miss Mabel Keyser is enjoying her vacation this week. Miss Pussie Koffman taking her place at the postoffice window.

FOUND—A pocket book about two weeks ago. Loner call at the ECCENTRIC office, prove property and pay for this advt.

There are five criminal cases on the September docket of the Oakland Circuit. Among the list is one violation of the local option law.

The bill boards of Detroit repeat the phrase: "But what is a friend of mine?" You may feel proud of it, but don't impose on Bud's friendship.

Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Shaw are home from a trip to the Pacific Coast. They stopped off to visit I. Lee Truax and family, and had a most enjoyable time.

Conductor Leland is again ringing up fares on the Pontiac Division of the D. U. R. For some time past he has been assisting in the offices of the Rochester line.

Woodward Avenue, where you to bogged into Circle City, was oiled a few weeks ago, and on Tuesday it was salted. Bound to lay that dust, you know.

F. J. Warner, of the Home Bakery, is now making a very toothsome article—genuine potato bread. It fits the palate. Try it once, and you will keep coming.

Frank Ford and family returned last Sunday from Seattle, Wash., where they have been for the past two months, and they report good crops all along the line.

Members of Mary D. Hive, L. O. T. M. M., are invited to visit Melissa Hill at Rochester, Saturday, September 18. All members meet at Hanna's store for the 12:30 car.

C. C. Failing, Division Manager, and J. J. McQuaid, District Manager of the Michigan State Telephone Company, were in town Saturday afternoon, looking over proposed improvements.

We are in receipt of favors from the Milford Fair Association, which gives its 29th annual exhibition September 28, 29, 30, and October 1. This is the sole survivor of all Oakland county fairs.

Mrs. David Roy and daughter, Miss Ethel, returned home the last of last week after spending a very pleasant time with Mrs. Dr. Vincent, at Deckerville; her brother, Wm. Casey, at Fort Sanilac; and her sister, Mrs. McDonald and brother, Joseph Casey, at Lexington.

The United States are in luck. Dr. Cook has discovered the North Pole, and Commander Peary has nailed the stars and stripes thereon. The above is practically all the news that has been received from the explorers, though the daily press has published the nearly two pages of "facts" on the subject every day for a week. Takes those city fellows to produce particular's and make maps!

Did you go to the fair? Have you noticed it? The ringing of the school bell.

Miss Mollie Smith is now behind the counter at Levinson's.

New shed and horse shelter in rear of James W. Cobb's store.

The First Presbyterian church is now lighted by electricity.

The rural carriers, the banks, the Economic force enjoyed a holiday on Monday.

The D. U. R. has located a number of new phone stations along its Pontiac division.

The D. U. R. now has a freight siding just south of the Welch Motor Car Works, Pontiac.

FOR RENT—House and barn, suburbs of Birmingham. Cheap until April 1. Apply to A. Whitehead.

Superintendent S. M. Dudley reports the enrollment on opening day at 380, about the same as last year.

Louis N. Rousseau, faithful carrier on Route 1, is having his annual fur-roughed two weeks and a day.

Monday was a real labor day for the D. U. R. (Emerson?) until April 1. It was work all day—and a long day it was, too.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Smith were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mills at their cottage at Pine Lake Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Floyd with Mr. R. E. Steel of Lansing, paid the ECCENTRIC and Editor Mitchell a call on Monday. Sorry Editor was not at home.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold their September meeting next Thursday, the 19th, at the church. All are welcome.

After spending several weeks in Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. John Ruckman and son Ward, left Thursday for their home in Washington, D. C.

Notwithstanding the most excellent service given by the D. U. R. during the state fair, the cars were packed to suffocation, and many were left.

Highway Commissioner Fowler has been busy the past few days on a good coat of gravel on Woodward avenue, between Cooper's Corners and Circle.

WANTED—Dressmaking of all kinds. Special attention given to ladies' tailoring. Terms reasonable. Inquire of Mrs. H. Ringler, Maple avenue, near Southfield avenue. sept 21

All members are requested to be present at the next regular meeting of the Maccabees of the World September 16, at 8 o'clock to meet Mrs. Gertrude Sporer, deputy supreme commander. All come.

Mrs. Frank W. Floyd entertained at "Spring Garden" this week the following friends from Detroit, Mrs. C. J. Tanner, Miss Celia Tanner, Miss Virginia Tanner and Mr. Floyd's sister, Miss Grace Floyd.

The St. Clair Edison company is about to have the new steel pole line of W. W. Collier, about two miles west of the county seat. It will also make extensions here and at Royal Oak before cold weather sets in.

E. M. Murphy, President of the Oakland plant of the General Motors Company, at Pontiac, died from pneumonia Saturday morning, aged 45 years. His funeral on Wednesday was the largest held in Pontiac for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Steel, of Lansing, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Floyd, on Pierce street. Mr. Steel is publisher of the Lansing Journal, one of the hustling central state publications.

More than 100 disappointed applicants for State Fair tickets the past two days, notwithstanding the announcement that Saturday night was positive for the last chance this year to get rate tickets. Don't forget the date next time. The ECCENTRIC always does as it agrees.

W. A. Groves, Birmingham's florist and market gardener, had a narrow escape from death on Tuesday. He was on his way to the city with a load of tomatoes and other vegetables, and when near Silman's the equine became frightened and ran away, upsetting the loaded wagon on Mr. Groves, who escaped with bruises. He is under the care of Dr. Shaw. The wagon was demolished.

Birmingham Methodists have arranged for a "home coming" at the church on Tuesday evening, September 14. Supper will be served from 5 to 8, when a program will be rendered. Following the invocation by Rev. L. L. Houghton, remarks will be made by Revs. Norton Clark, and M. G. Bartram, Dr. W. H. Poole, Harvey Staley, Sarah Aldrich and others. All are invited to participate. Supper and program 25c; children 15c.

Last Friday Mrs. S. C. Mills entertained at dinner in honor of Mrs. Ellen Drew, five elderly ladies, Mrs. Mary Blumberg, aged 89 years; Mrs. Jane Curtis, aged 87 years; Mrs. Mort Curtis, aged 86 years; Mrs. Huldah Miller, aged 79 years; Mrs. Ellen Drew aged 48 years. Miss Isabelle Curtis and Mrs. Huldah Miller furnished flowers for the occasion. The dear old ladies declared that they had been royally entertained.

Matthew McBride is a living witness that it is not necessary to go away from Birmingham for treatment of difficult cases. Mr. McBride was a sufferer from cancer on the nose, and thought he was up against it good and hard when he called on Dr. J. L. Campbell, of this village. Dr. Campbell speedily and painlessly effected a perfect cure, but even a year being visible. Mr. McBride says it is needless to go away from home when you can get better service for less money right here in Birmingham.

John Hanna, postmaster, has a new horse, so look out as he is a goer.

H. C. Wilson returned home from an eight-day business trip east last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stearns spent the week end with relatives in Lenox.

Frank Young just sold a house and lot on Ann street to Fred Taylor last Monday afternoon.

Guy Watkins sold his farm to Detroit parties last Tuesday morning. Consideration \$11,000.

Oscar Green will attend Circuit Court next week in the capacity of juror from this township.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter McBride, of Portland, spent a few days with their parents here the past week.

Earle L. C. Ward returned to his home Tuesday from Kalamazoo, where he has been spending the past summer.

Lucky for Josh Billings that he lived in another age. The modern spelling reformer would have put him out of business.

The Young People's society of the Epworth League will meet at the home of Miss Cora Sturman, September 16, Special speakers.

The Woman's Literary club will meet with Mrs. C. M. Raynald Tuesday, September 14, at 2 p. m. It is hoped that all members will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McHugh and son Donald, returned last Thursday from Orion, where they have been visiting Mrs. McHugh's sister, Mrs. Harvey, the past two weeks.

Married, September 1, 1902, at the Episcopal parsonage in Toledo, Ohio, by the Rev. Barksdill, Miss Estelle Hakleslee, of Rochester, and Mr. Thomas C. Darling, of Pontiac.

George, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barkley, was run by a vegetable wagon on Friday afternoon of last week at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Miss Addie Sly and Mrs. C. J. Hupp accompanied their sister, Miss Sarah Sly, to Mt. Clemens on Tuesday. The latter will remain at the Colonial Hotel for three weeks, taking baths to relieve an attack of rheumatism.

When you see a somber, despondent-looking building in Detroit without a sign of any description, don't jump at the conclusion that it is vacant. It may be only a thirst parlor trying to obey the Warner-Cramton law.

Mrs. John Barkley, of Maple avenue west, captured first prize with her home made bread at the state fair.

Mr. David Stott, the mercantile miller, of Detroit, presented a barrel of flour to Mrs. Barkley for being successful in her breadmaking and she also wins a \$5 cash prize.

A. S. Davenport, one of the best clothing salesmen in the State, and for the past 10 years with the J. L. Hudson Company, is now at the Hickey store, in Detroit. Ill health compelled him to give up the former position last spring, and after a six-months rest is again at work, ready to greet his many friends at his new location, 201-203 Woodward Avenue. Mr. Davenport is a brother of our fellow townsman, James J. Davenport.

BELIEF IN CHARMS

Ways Used to Cure Disease or Evade Curious Reason for Disease Like to Giving Names to Strangers.

Two writers in the Occult Review, published in London, England, contribute an interesting article on the "Survivals of Old Magical Customs in Great Britain." The majority of the superstitions mentioned are connected with a belief in the power of words, which may be either charms, that is words having a magical power of their own when written or spoken, or the power conferred by the possession of names over the people or things they indicate for in a certain stage of mind culture the name is regarded as actually being part of the owner.

It is held that in North Ireland and America many of the natives absolutely refuse to tell their names because the knowledge would enable the inquirer to "call" them, no matter how far he was from them and whenever he cared to do so. Storytellers they also believe that any spell worked on the written name would have the same effect as if worked on the owner. All over Great Britain this instinctive dislike to giving one's name to a stranger exists.

Belike to the pronunciation of their names is confined to human beings. Certain Scotch and English fishermen believe that the salmon and Pike have a similar objection to being named, but they may be called the "red fish" or the "queer fellow."

Nowhere was the power of words greater than in Ireland, where a spell which was won of the poet was a satire. A poet would write a satire which would blight crops, dry cows or raise infectious blisters on the face of his enemy.

Word formulas were generally used to cure disease, a formula used for epilepsy was: "I conjure thee by the sun and by the moon and by the Holy Gospel of the day, delivered by God unto his servants Hubert, Gilles, Cuthbert and John, that you arise and fall no more." This had to be whispered into the patient's ear just after an attack.

In a Roman Catholic church in Ashton-in-Makerfield there is still preserved in a white silk bag a hand which is still held in veneration, and cures are said to have been wrought by it. The hand is said to have been that of one Father Edmund Arrow-smith, who was executed at Lancaster in 1228 for apparently no other offense than that of being true to his faith. After his execution one of his friends cut off his hand, which was preserved for many years at Bryn Hall in Lancashire and afterward removed to Ashton.

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| Special | | On Table No. 1 | |
| Fruit of Loom and Lonsdale Cotton will be sold at | 8c yd | Lot of Doilies and Napkins, worth 10c each, to go at, choice | 5c |
| 22-in. Linen Crash, our 15c quality, at | 10c yd | On Table No. 2 | |
| Our 1.25 Bed Spreads at | \$1.00 | Pieces worth up to 19c, 25c and 30c each, to go at, choice | 10c |
| Our 1.75 Bed Spreads, Fringed, at | \$1.25 | On Table No. 3 | |
| Our 2.00 Bed Spreads, Fringed at | \$1.50 | Lot of Tray Cloths, Scarfs, Centres, worth up to 35c each, to go at, choice | 12 1-2c |
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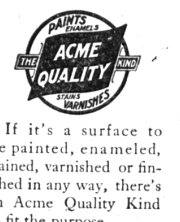
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I have one 10 and one 12 room house in Detroit which I want to exchange for a free and clean farm. Value \$3000 or \$5000. Address R. R. Bane, Highland Park, Mich. 21

Detroit United Lines
 Birmingham Time Table

Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 1:15 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 11:45 p. m.; then hourly until 1:05 a. m. This last car connects at Royal Oak with north-bound Pontiac Division car for Rochester.

Cars leave Birmingham for Pontiac at 1:25 a. m., 7:45 a. m. and half-hourly thereafter until 1:50 p. m.; then hourly until 12:45 a. m.

Cars leave Detroit for Birmingham at 8:30 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m.; then hourly until midnight.

On Sundays the first car out of Detroit is 7:00 a. m.

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