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THE PUBLISHERS.

HOME NOTES.

Miss Maude Hannan, of Henerittа street, is the possessor of a fine new piano.

The Young People's society of the Epworth League will meet at the home of Miss Ethel Phillips, Thursday evening, September 30.

Mrs. A. W. Campbell is away on a visit to her son, D. W. Campbell, D. D. S., at Alpena. D. W. has a fine practice and is growing rich and popular.

Miss Flossie Davenport has charge of a fine district school four miles north of Pontiac and has a fine position which we are sure she will rule with honor to herself and profit to her pupils.

The virtues grow about the home. They cluster, bloom and shed their perfume around the fireside. Love, husband, wife, father, mother, child and home—without these words the world would be a barren wilderness, and men and women but brutish beasts. The home is the nursery for the virtues.

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In moving into our new office we will need a lot of new material, such as new type, a paper cutter, racks, cases, chases, etc., etc. We are sending out a lot of statements which if all paid at once would put us on easy street, and otherwise make us more than happy. When you get our little notice just smile, pluck out a big bill or two and take a walk down to the Majestic, hand it over to Editor Mitchell and see him smile. Try it. Yours is small but you would be surprised to know the amount we have outstanding on our books in amounts running from $2 to $8 each. Don't forget when you receive your notice, but run, run to the ECCENTRIC with the right change.

Henry Saxton Sibley died in King's hospital, Detroit, Friday afternoon. Deceased, who was 57 years of age, has been a resident here but a few months. During that time, however, the family have made scores of friends and have been prominent in social circles and active in church work. They were identified with St. James church. Mr. Sibley had been in the Detroit hospital several days. Besides the widow, four children, three daughters and one son survive. They are: Marian L., a kindergarten teacher in Detroit; Mildrd, at present visiting in New York state; Katherine, who attends high school, and E. Gifford, of Detroit. The funeral took place in Detroit, where the deceased had resided for years.

Let us take time for the good bye kiss. We shall go the day's work with a sweeter spirit for it. Let us take time to speak kind words to those we love. By and by, when they can no longer hear us, our foolishness will seem more wise than our best wisdom. Let us take time to be pleasant. The small courtesies which we often omit because they are small will some day look larger to us than the wealth which we have coveted, or the fame for which we have struggled. Let us take time to get acquainted with our families. The wealth you are accumulating may be a doubtful blessing to the son who is a stranger to you. Your beautifully kept house, busy mother, can never be a home to the daughter whom you have no time to carress.

When we look about us and consider the happiness that exists, the families that have come to grief—some from misfortune, some from error, we are almost persuaded that those parents who die young, before the evil day comes when they no longer find pleasure in their children, are the only ones who die happy. Could the mother who fondly clasps her infant in her arms, the idol of her heart, and object of her tenderest devotion, while she prays without ceasing for his life to be spared that he may continue a consolation to her and prop for old age; could she forsee the future of that child, which is so wisely hid from her, could she see him or her overburdened or disgraced, poverty stricken and friendless, idle or insane, a worthless vagabond, or a debauched millionaire, way down in the dregs of society, or away up in the scum, would not a change come o'er the spirit of her dreams, would she not more fully realize that life is only valuable as it is well spent, and while she is praying for life to last, pray also with greater fervency for his protection from the soul destroying things of the world.

Auction sale of household goods by Rev. Attree Smith at Royal Oak, Saturday, Sept. 25, at 1 o'clock p. m. M. H. Blunt will start the sale, and close out everything. Be sure to attend this sale.

Notwithstanding friends of both sides have done their best to bring about a reconciliation, it can't be did, and the case of Haines vs. Deer is adjourned to Oct. 1, where it will be tried out on its merit.

At the home of Mrs. Ed. Smith Tuesday evening, the Woman's Literary club gave a reception for the teachers of our school. After a short program, the evening was devoted to a very pleasant social time. Light refreshments were served.

New England supper at the Baptist chuech, Saturday, Sept. 25. Supper from 5 to 7. Menu, mashed potatoes, corned beef, cabbage salad, baked beans, brown bread, biscuits, pickles, coffee, pumpkin pie and fried cakes. Supper, 25c adults, children 15c.

Rev. and Mrs. Augustus Marsh have announced to their many old time friends here the marriage of their daughter, Esther H. to Mr. Leroy Vernon Cram, Saturday, September 8, 1909. The happy couple's home is at 713 Liberty street, Flint, after Nov. 1 next.

Our Watkins' Bros., Guy and Glenn, surely got stung in their pony business this season. As heretofore in years past, they took their herd of ponies to Bob-Bo for the summer. All right. Just now at the close of the season, they find that Uncle Sam charges $30 for each pony to re-enter the United States. It cost the boys $480 to bring their ponies home from Canada. Too bad. Not right.

At the very first hint of a little chilliness in the air, then it is that Stephen Newman gets to thinking and his first think is to come to the ECCENTRIC office, change his paper to Carleton, Putman Co., Fla., grab his hand bag, run to the depot and catch the first train south for his winter's home. Happy Steve. Long may he live to enjoy life just as he wishes. He is just like the birds, cold weather can't catch him.

Sunday last was the banner day for autos and motor cycles passing through our village, from one to six in sight all the afternoon and the road was very dusty therefrom. Wonder our street sprinkler don't let up on Maple avenue and let her dry out a little and put the water thus saved on Woodward avenue, where it is needed much more on account of its drying out so fast and having the auto travel that Maple avenue does not.

In regard to local option. As the question warms up we are flooded with arguments both ways. As the matter presented is not news, we shall hereafter make the low charge of 10c per running inch, single column measure for any article handed in regardless of which side it favors—the party handing in the article will be looked to for pay. News items regarding meetings, etc., will be published as always heretofore, freely and cheerfully.

Charles Balmer, of Lebanon, Missouri, and an uncle of Mrs. James McKinley, of Southfield Avenue, visited her last week. When you take into consideration that the good man is 88 years of age, and traveling alone, is a fact worth mentioning. Aside from a little deafness he is as young as many men are at 50. On leaving Birmingham he visited relatives at Ypsilanti before returning home to the State where people have to be shown.

Fifty ribbons, first and second, and over $600 in prize money was secured for the Endicott stock farm by horses from there exhibited at both the state fair at Detroit and the Grand Rapids fair. Nearly every horse taken to the fairs from there won recognition. The farm, lying a mile north and west of here, is superintended by Fred Mason. It has the name of being one of the best farms in this part of the state, and contains a number of unusually high bred horses. While more horses were taken to the fair this year than last, there was a much larger number entered there for the Endicott stock to compete with.

It has been years since peaches have been so plenty as they are just now. Team after team with wagons loaded to the limit are constantly going city ward. Prices have settled down to $1.50 for good yellow stock. We are informed that big peach raisers turn their hogs into the orchard to eat plenty of real good ones rather than sell them for less than $1.50 to $2 per bushel. One man told our scribe Tuesday that his boss, Mr. Muirhead, of near Orchard Lake, sent in four loads, 200 bushels that brought $300. Last night there was a steady stream of wagon loads headed for the city. It is a wonder where they all go.

Charles J. Shain, the live druggist, has just added to his splendid equipment a Troemner prescription scale of latest model. The scale is springless, balanced on agate bearings, sensitive to one 64th of a grain, and easy of adjustment. In appearance, it is a beauty. Mounted in a case of oak finish, the parts are open to view through plate glass sides and ends and when not in use it is covered entirely with a plate glass lid. In fine, this scale is a model of accuracy and gives the druggist every advantage over the old-style, non-adjustable scale and in the handling of medicines, accuracy leads. The people of this vicinity are fortunate in thus having a store to which they can take their prescriptions and recipes and know the amounts used are absolutely exact instead of "somewhere near." Mr. Shain attends to the prescription department himself and assures you the greatest accuracy of which this new scale is capable.

A copy of the Michigan Manual has been placed in the public library. It forms an up to date history of Michigan.

Attention! R. A. M. 93. Regular convocation of Birmingham chapter No. 93. Monday evening, September 27, 1909. J. A. Bigelow, secy.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual experience Wednesday, Oct. 20. All members are urged to be present at this meeting.

Here is a bargain for some one. Wagon for sale! Light double wagon, new tires and everything just right. See Valentine of Southfield avenue. oct1

Next week Thursday night, Sept. 30, there will be a special communication of the Birmingham lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. Work in third degree. All urged to be present.

Miss Eva McClellan, who teaches in Clarkston; had the misfortune to sprain her ankle Tuesday of this week. She was brought home and will stay here until she fully recovers.

The Brick and Tile yard have all sorts of trouble, enough to make everybody peevish but in good time all will come out right and the new machinery will soon be running like a new watch.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet next Friday, Oct. 1, at the church. Supper will be served, and you are invited to come and partake, also to tell all your friends that they are invited also.

Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Niles and two children, Lloyd and Roy, and Mr. George Casey, of Rochester, and Mrs. Wixson, of Wisconsin, were the happy guests of Mrs. David Roy, on Brown street, for a few days.

Charlie Plumstead is in attendance at the Michigan Agriculture college at Lansing, and is interested in the study of forestry. Good for the boy and we know whatever he strikes out for he is sure to get it. Success.

Frank Werner and John Myres, of South Haven, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Myres, of this place, last week. They also took in the State Fair, and had a rousing good time all the time they have been away from home.

For the past three days Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bortle have been vacationizing a little and have been enjoying life on the ocean wave as it were, sailing the Detroit river and St. Clair river for pleasure and enjoyment.

The biggest bunch of grapes we ever saw raised in this vicinity were shown us by Thomas A. Ward. They were of the Niagara kind, green in color, perfect in the fruit line and the single bunch weighed one and a half pounds.

Some one said at the public library the other day: "Oh, what a fine map of Michigan, we wanted one the other day so much." We have a fine map of Michigan also one of the United States, one of Africa and one of South America, all large maps.

Mr. Joe Wilcox is a busy young merchant. Last week he took unto himself a wife—Miss Mae Chipman, of Detroit, and the youthful couple are cozily settled in C. W. Crawford's house. Joe is certainly a winner, both in love affairs and business competition.

Methodist news: Rev. W. A. Kishpaugh in the changes made at the M. E. conference just closed this week, goes to Vassar, and Rev. G. H. Whitney, of Lapeer, comes to Birmingham, and meets a happy congregation all out of debt, not owing anybody a cent. First time since before the flood.

Messrs. Baird and Mudge can paint red to beat the band—they have just finished covering the joss-fire-department-house with an outside of galvanized iron and then painted it red, at for the Hopps Hardware Co. We shudder at the result if the boys ever started on the town—to paint 'er red.

Our old friend, J. Allen Bigelew, celebrated a birthday last week Thursday, and he is in doubt as to just exactly how old he is. He fondly imagined that he was 63 yeaos old, but his brother Hamp. came over recently and dispelled this fond illusion by saying that according to the old family bible, our J. Allen is 70. Say you wouldn't think it, would you?

Birmingham is a clean, nice village in many respects. But let me say, there are thieves in this nice village. They will, and do steal peaches, pears, hubbard squash and turnips. This is to the shame of the thieves. If you want these things, go ask for them and we will venture they will be given you. It is not cute, it is not smart, but it is evidence of mighty low down sneak thief.

On Wednesday of last week a meeting of the board of directors and officers of the Oakland county Federation of Woman's clubs was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Wilcox, at Oakland Place, Royal Oak. An elaborate course luncheon was served at 12:30, after which arrangements for the annual meeting to be held at Pontiac early in November, were made. Pontiac, Rochester, Holly, Clarkston, Birmingham and Royal Oak were represented.

Mr. Ellsworth Plumstead will soon start out on his winter tour. This work takes him to the Pacific coast and keeps him very busy until next summer, however he just received word, that his itineracy would allow him to be home Christmas time which filled his soul with joy that he was able to overlook many things last Monday that happened, which pleased the printer man. Mr. Plumstead has a world of friends who rejoice with him in his chosen profession and are pleased to see him climbing upwards and onwards all the time. He is in great demand wherever he has been, and we are glad of it.

Please call at Central and get your new directory.

Mrs. Minnie DeLong is visiting at the home of Dr. Poole's for a few days.

The Young Peoples' Society of the First Presbyterian church will hold its first meeting of the new year at the home of Miss Blanche Heth.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their Christmas Bazaar December 2. The ladies are planning to have many articles both useful and ornamental.

The Ladies' of the Presbyterian church are requested to meet at the home of Mrs. T. B. Smith on Thursday Sept. 30, for the purpose of cutting out and making aprons.

The school board of Pontiac are insisting that more time be given in the schools to lyceum work and public speaking. They were unanimous in the decision that more time be given to rhetoricals and composition in the high school.

The B. Y. P. U. have a reputation justly earned for their New England suppers. If you don't believe it try one for yourself on Saturday evening of this week, served in the parlors of the Baptist church from 5 o'clock p. m. until all are served. Adults, 25 cents. Children, 15 cents.

A new face at the window in the Exchange Bank is Charlie Randall who has succeeded Melvin Deer, who has resigned and accepted a position with the Prudential Insurance Co. in their Detroit agency. Both the young lads have our best wishes for a successful career in their chosen vocations.

Married, in Detroit, Tuesday, September 16, Miss Verna Gibson and Fred Hopson. The happy couple were most generously serenaded by a large crowd of loving friends, both girls and boys. To do their prettiest the "horners" couldn't find the happy couple, so the noise failed to materialize, as they couldn't find the couple, for they hid behind the piano.

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A carload of prize sheep owned by Edwin S. George, of Bloomfield Hills, narrowly escaped burning in a freight car in which they were being shipped from Grand Rapids to Flint Saturday. Just as it left Grand Rapids, the car was set on fire by sparks from a passing passenger engine. Several of the sheep, valued at $200 each, were singed before the blaze was extinguished, but none of them were badly injured. They had been exhibited at the Grand Rapids fair and were being sent to the fair at Flint.

Died, Tuesday morning, at the home of Mrs. Libbie Randall, Ann Street, Miss Amanda Cooper, in her 80th year. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Jamieson, at her late home Wednesday afternoon, after which she laid to rest in the family lot in Southfield Cemetery. Deceased is survived by two sisters—Mrs. Curtis, of this place, and Mrs. Worcester, of Detroit. Deceased was a great sufferer and a great care the last month of her life, but never for a moment was she neglected, but with her last breath praised her nurse, landlady and home.

Auditor-General Fuller has completed the apportionment of state taxes for the several counties of the state to pay and tae total amount is $5,929,719.74 as compared with $4,193,422.93 last year. The amounts charged against some of the counties paying the largest proportion of the tax are as follows: Bay, $109,423.35; Calhoun, $140,198.67; Genesee, $106,003.87; Ingham, $109,423.45; Jackson, $126,520.75; Kalamazoo, $110,681.79; Kent, $376,142.77; Oakland, $124,811.01; Saginaw, $147,037.63; Wayne, $1,217,334.77; Houghton, $478,727.16; Lenawee, $133,359.71; Marquette, $104,294.13.

Although released last week on her personal recognizance to appear for sentence at the opening day of the December term of court, Mrs. Sarah Decker is still at the jail and says she will not leave until they drive her away. Mrs. Decker has been assisting Mrs. Harris in the kitchen ever since she was arrested early in the summer, and she is such good help that Mrs. Harris decided to give her regular employment. "Aunt" Sarah, as she is familiarly called, is well pleased with the position and says she never remembers having any beter times than she is enjoying at present.

While driving to their home about two miles north of here, last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walker who live on the Brady farm, were struck by an automobile and narrowly missed serious injury. As the auto carried no lights, Mr. Walker failed to notice its rapid approach quickly enough to turn out. The machine caught the wagon at an angle, ripping its way partly through the latter and throwing Mrs. Walker out, catching her head in one of the wheels from which she was extricated with great difficulty. She was taken quickly to her home, and is still under her physician's care. Mr. Walker was uninjured, and pluckily prevented the frightened horses from running away. All this trouble happened at Cooper's corners, just a little way north of here. The car was not damaged nor its occupants hurt, although they were well shaken up. The auto people did every thing in their power to help their victims and to repair their damage.

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Silk Diagonals Etc.

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