

## BIG BEAVER

Miss Lizzie and Katie Levy have been visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Charles Smith, Sr., and sister, Mrs. Sullivan, of Toledo, returned spent several days with their sister in Detroit.

The happiest youngsters in Troy were those of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey, when on Saturday last their father returned from Rochester with a complete and handsome outfit, harness and carriage. And now the little lady only that summer was here.

Wm. Ebling, of Detroit, has sold his farm property here in parts in Detroit, like home take possession in the spring.

The dealer was made through George A. Dondero, of Royal Oak. Mr. Ebling, with his family, left the farm about two years ago to make his home and fortune in Detroit and we guess is succeeding as he has recently purchased a \$3,400 residence there. Selling milk is profitable business he says.

MERTHABLE.

Linn Cramer is sporting a new top buggy. Girls are making 600,000 eyes. Who is it?

When a girl comes to church foot on a cold winter's day; a boy goes around with a cutter, to the church the longest way.

A Lincoln birthday ball will be given by the Degree of Honor lodge at Big Beaver, Feb. 11. Watch for bills giving full particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strong, Sr., are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their son, John from California. They expect him about Jan. 30.

Wm. T. Strong entertained his Sunday school class Thursday, Jan. 6, and was presented with a beautiful golden oak rocker. Presentation was made by Elder Cross. Is Wm. T. proud of it? Guess yes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Terry are home from the west where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Swain. They report having had a delightful visit, but say that there is no place like home.

The Degree of Honor lodge, No. 26, on Thursday evening, Jan. 6, had public installation and installed the following officers. Past chief of honor, Mrs. Leone Clark; chief of honor, Mrs. Lillian Kilmer; lady of honor, Mrs. Lillian Lamb; chief of ceremonies, Miss Ida Scherf; recorder, Edgar Lamb; financier, Wm. Lamb; receiver, Richard Scherf; lady usher, Miss Flossie Kilmer; inner watch, Thomas Shanahan; outer watch, N. Charles Scherf.

The ladies of Crescent lodge No. 41, did the floor work in a very able manner. Big Beaver lodge gave a bountiful supper to all members of the D. of H. and their invited guests, which numbered about 60. After supper and the installation about one hour was devoted to entertainment which consisted of remarks for the chief of the order for 1910 by the Grand Chief of Honor of Michigan, Mrs. Mary M. Baxter, responded to by Mrs. Lillian Lamb, thanking the lodge for the honor and the Crescent staff for assisting them in their installation, wishing them a happy and prosperous new year. Remarks by Brother Merrill, of Detroit, recitation, by Mrs. Lectoria Modling, instrumental music, Miss Hazel Gibbs; singing by Misses Hazel Gibbs and Katie Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lamb. This concluding the entertainment and the time for their departure at hand, the Crescent ladies prepared themselves for a jolly sleigh ride to the car, which was afforded them through the kindness of Fred Baun.

**Saved at Death's Door.**  
The doctor of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit village, New York, when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow, eyes were sunken, coated, emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down, in spite of the efforts of the best medical men. Electric Bitters—cured me. It regained the pounds I lost, gave me an well and strong."—Forall stomach, liver and kidney troubles try it before it is too late.

See at J. W. Cobb's, C. J. Shain's and J. F. Wooster's.

**Calendars For 1910.**

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**NOTICE.**

Sealed bids will be received until January 24, 1910, 12 m., by the Clerk of the Village of Birmingham for the sale of \$12,000 worth of War-War Bonds, re-issued \$2,000 to be paid in one year, \$2,000 in two years, \$2,000 in three years, \$2,000 in four years, \$2,000 in five years and \$2,000 in six years. The village reserves the right to reject any and all bids. RAY KIVETT, Clerk.

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Shadow box social this (Friday) evening.

## R. D. NO. 1

Mrs. Alexander Porteous is on the gain also.

Mrs. Clyde Utsey spent last Thursday with her mother, Mrs. L. M. Johnson. Mrs. George Rugh is gaining right along after being sick for the past six months.

Robert Potter and family moved to Chicago last week; now L. J. Haack is looking for a good man.

Mrs. William McClelland spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Stuart Reid, of near Clawson last Friday.

Allen Castle will leave the old farm in the spring, and take up new life in the little city of Birmingham. All this to come off in the spring.

The Cleaners held their annual dinner at Mrs. Daniel Hughes, on Wednesday. A large crowd was present and a big dinner was served.

No more work for Uncle Frank Young as he has sold his old farm to Gust. Mitchell. Now, Frank will soon take a trip to his native land, Germany.

Our old friend Caleb G. Jackson is about the busiest man in Southfield, in the correspondence line. He put an ad in one of the Detroit papers, and you talk about aspirants for the job. He has them all a going.

Charles Shannard bought the old White Homestead of 110 acres, and will move on to it, the first of April next. He will at once fix up the buildings and make it a first-class stock farm, and with plenty of good water. It will be a winner. Consideration \$5,000.00.

**A Wild Blizzard Raging**

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**AT THE THEATRES.**

**LYCEUM.**

Next week at the Lyceum, Thurston, the man who mystified Herman and who Keller selected as his successor, and his large company of assistants will be heard. Thurston's successful 3 year's tour of the world has made him famous abroad, for even in India he was acknowledged to be the "King of Nigromancy," which is quite a feat. As India has been considered the "Home of Magic," and the doings of the India Fakirs have been the subject of many writers for years.

Thousands of dollars have been expended the past season on the Thurston show, whose reputation as the inventor of more high-class illusions than any other artist is well known in mystic circles.

The engagement opens with a Sunday matinee, in addition to which the regular Wednesday and Saturday matinee will be given.

**A Wretched Mistake**

To endure the itching, painful distress of piles. There's no need to "listen," suffered much from piles," writes W. A. Marly of Silver City, North Carolina. "I'll get a box of Bucklen's Anal Ointment, and was soon cured." Burns, boils, ulcers, hemorrhoids, eczema, cuts, chapped hands, chilblains vanish before it.

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## LITTLE CONGO OF THE FAR NORTH

Ekimo Village.

In a large measure as the result of the work of a Kansas City man and his wife, steps are soon to be taken for the relief of the Labrador Eskimos, a race that for more than 150 years has been kept to the level of savagery, physically and mentally equipped for advancement and prosperity.

Held back by exploitation, with its consequent poverty, disease and debasement of body, this people has come to be a little Congo of the North, with a mission for a Leopold.

Dr. William A. Nixon, a Kansas City physician, who has recently returned from spending a year in Labrador among these Eskimos, brings the story of this race, struggling almost for existence, in a land that Nature forgot. A year ago last June Dr. Nixon was called from his place in the Kansas City General hospital by the Moravian mission and the Newfoundland government to act as a medical missionary among the inhabitants of Labrador.

The death rate among the Eskimos here was appallingly large and Dr. Nixon was chosen by the government to investigate conditions before the death rate could be reduced.

The Moravian mission, a German organization that is partly commercial and partly religious, maintains a hospital at Ooak on the west coast. The doctor and his wife, Mrs. Catherine Nixon, left Kansas City and assumed charge of the institution, Mrs. Nixon acting as matron.

We went up into a land of ice and snow and found a people of exceptional intelligence, living on fewer necessities than I believed could possibly sustain life.

"My wife and I caught a glimpse of life which he had never dreamed of. I was the first white man to write the story of the Eskimos in Labrador. For 150 years the natives have been under the care of the Moravian mission. Along a coast strip of 700 miles the mission maintains six trading posts and a hospital at Ooak. Twelve hundred Eskimos are under their control.

"The government allows the mission company to import supplies free of duty and to trade with the natives in return. The inhabitants are taught Christianity. By the established rules an Eskimo is not allowed to trade with anyone but at a regular trading post. A bookkeeping system is maintained whereby the natives are given credit for the skins and fish they bring in. About 150 men of the society the Eskimos are still living—existing, I should say—under the worst possible conditions.

"I have seen them—men, women and children—fight with their dogs for the scraps from the trading posts. The women carry wood for 20 cents a day and pay for a barrel for fish that is admitted free of duty. When spring comes they usually have spent their earnings for food during the nine months of winter and are on the verge of starvation. I reported the conditions to the government of Newfoundland, and Frank Morrison, judge of the circuit court, made a visit to Ooak and told the mission authorities that conditions must be improved immediately. The trading people agreed to make the required changes.

"Labrador is a land without vegetation. In the three summer months the natives eat and fish. They turn their catches in at the ports and are given credit. After a season of hard work they have earned enough perhaps to carry them through the winter. When spring comes they have lived up their savings, and the cycle is repeated year after year. They are improvident and usually they suffer from hunger all through the cold, dreary winter. Many of their dogs starve.

"One of the men sold me a bearskin for \$12 cash, and when he presented the money for food at the port he was refused because he had broken a rule by trading with an outsider. However, I was able to supply him from my stores and he went home happy. My wife can't help crying whenever she recalls the memories of the days we spent in that bleak world.

"Their houses are nothing but huts and are lacking in all sanitary conveniences.

"The Eskimos are very bright. One of them plays the organ in the church at Ooak and has a piano in his house. Some one in Germany sent an old piano to the Eskimos and the company sold it to this man for \$10. He took it home, repaired it, and is now giving nightly concerts for all the visitors who can crowd into his house. In some way—probably from sailors—he learned the rudiments of music and he can play almost any piece by note. His favorite air is 'Dixie'.

"With half a chance the Eskimos would be an intelligent and happy people. As it is they are living in squalor and want.

"A pair of half-bloods, Julius Lane and his wife, who live the Cape Cod life, broke away from the mission 12 years ago and sold their goods to whaling vessels whenever possible. Last year they made a shipment of furs and Mrs. Lane went to Montreal, Canada, and deposited \$6,000 in the Bank of Montreal. Meanwhile, the rest of their countrymen are as badly off as ever. Judge Morrison says that the cause of the Eskimos will be taken up and their life made tolerable, at least as far as they are concerned here until I make a final trip up there again to help in the work."

JOSIAH BONI SMIDGER.

**Charming Drawing-Room.**

There is an old man's room, far from the madding crowd, in the south of England, who possesses a pearl among drawing-rooms. Long and low, with raftered ceiling and latticed windows looking south and west, it has charms which no modern room can boast. Walls and floor are subdued in coloring and the windows hung with dainty brocade curtains. The huge open fireplace is novel, even in summer, without a fire, which lights up its old Dutch tiles and oak paneling and flickers merrily on the heavy brass firegrates. The carved mantelpiece is crowded with old china and beaten brass ornaments. Old oil paintings, some of them fairly portraits, and pierced brass sconces holding tall wax candles adorn the walls. The furniture is a fascinating medley of Queen Anne, Chippendale and Sheraton—'courtly' settees and velvet-legged chairs. Near the door stands an old tapestry screen and a convex mirror hangs above the hall bureau. There are masses of flowers everywhere, arranged in bold groups, which no two are alike. Here and there are trails of nasturtium, try or Virginia creeper climbs or hangs from copper bowls. It is a room which has an individuality, an old world charm to all its own a room not to be forgotten.—Exchange.

**Pastor's Lament.**

"The contrition of human nature is one of the most remarkable phenomena possible," mused the Rev. Dr. Thridly.

"When I was a bachelor my female parishioners gave me on an average seven pairs of slippers every Christmas. Now that I am married and have a small child, in occasional need of chastisement, I never receive a single pair."—London Tit-Bits.

**Theoretical Obligation.**

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