

PARCELS POST

Some Like It And Some Don't. Local Merchants Hope That It Won't Go Into Effect

Editor Won't National Daily: Parcel post does not meet the wishes of the express companies. Why? It will cut their business on small packages. It will give the people cheaper rates, saving them the millions now graded by the express companies. It does not meet with the favor of the merchants because they think the people will get goods cheaper through the department stores. They say the country press advocate it, for they think they will get a large advertising business from city stores.

Another argument is that purchasing agents will travel the country as they do in England and give the people goods at lower prices and the country stores will be starved out, for they think they will get a large advertising business from city stores.

Now give the people a chance. The farmer, mechanic, and laborer, the poor men and women are entitled to the benefits of a parcels post and postal savings bank. The interests are not all in the world. There are a few millions in the world who are rooting for a living, and if congress overlooks them, or neglects to heed their wishes they will hear something drop when the voter goes to the polls.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Birmingham, Dec. 12, 1910. Regular meeting of the Birmingham Village Council. President George E. Daines in the chair.

Trustees present—Johnston, Nichols, Smith, Schlaack, Crawford and Mills. Trustees absent—None.

Crawford moved, Johnston seconded, that the following bills be allowed as read.

GENERAL FUND.
Becher Peck & Lewis, \$4.32; Huston Hardware Co., \$4.18; Eastern Michigan Edison Co., \$2.60; Smith Bros, \$3.30; HIGHWAY FUND.

T. B. Smith, \$137.43; G. W. Cray, \$30.43; J. R. Blakeslee, \$6.58; John Allen \$56.78.

WATERWORKS FUND.
A. Harveys Sons Co., \$34.15; E. H. Randall, \$80; Wilkinson & Steiner, \$20.18; H. D. Edwards & Co., \$1.25; Grand Trunk Ry., \$17.00; H. A. Roe Co., \$478.78; Detroit Lead Pipe & Sheet Lead Works, \$30.97; Charles A. Strelinger Co., \$2.25; E. H. Randall, \$15; James Hunt, \$53.40; Frank Marble, \$15; Ray Hutton, \$5.40; Wm. Hambleton, \$30.60; Fred Harris, \$31.80; H. A. Dawson, \$9; Adolph Rudolph, \$10.60; Sam Watts, \$1.80; Charles Allen, \$14.90; Charles Smith, \$9.60; Ira Reed, \$50; Le Grand Leonard, \$1; Ira Reed, \$1.35. Voted by roll call.

Yess—Johnston, Nichols, Smith, Schlaack, Crawford, Mills.
Nayes—None.

Schlaack moved Crawford seconded that the communication of the Ladies' Literary Club in regard to spitting on sidewalks be accepted and the clerk be instructed to have cards printed regarding the spitting ordinance and posted in such public places as may be obtainable. Motion carried.

Johnston moved Nichols seconded that \$500.00 be transferred from the General fund to the Highway fund. Voted by roll call. Ayes, Johnston, Nichols, Smith, Schlaack, Crawford and Mills.
Nayes, none.

Mills moved and approved? Schlaack moved, Johnston seconded, meeting adjourn.
Motion carried.
George E. Daines, President.
George L. Kemp, Clerk.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank all our friends and townpeople for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during the late illness and after the death of our late son and brother, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Such neighborly acts can never be forgotten.

MRS. CORDELLA MCSTAY,
MORREL B. DENNIS,
JAMES MCSTAY,
GEORGE MCSTAY.

OUR CLUB NOTES

Interesting Papers on Our Generals Were Read at the Birmingham Club at Their Last Meeting

The club met at the home of Mrs. Carter with 49 members present. Roll call. "Current Events."

The literary program of the afternoon consisted of a paper by Mrs. C. H. Schlicht, "Dykes S. Grant," and "Five Minute Talks on Leaders of the North and the South" conducted by Mrs. Ferguson.

There was nothing in the early life of U. S. Grant to indicate for him a remarkable career. But for the reason his name probably would never have been known to the western town in which he was then living. The war developed in him latent virtues and a heroism which have placed his name at the top of the roll of honor in our country's history.

Brief accounts given of other leaders in the war were "Gen. Terry" by Mrs. Ferguson, "Stonewall Jackson" by Mrs. Stearns, "Gen. Hooker, Fighting Jack" by Mrs. Snow, "Gen. Lane" by Mrs. Lowe, "Gen. John A. Logan, Black Jack" by Miss Julia Post, "Gen. Breckenridge" by Mrs. Smith, "Gen. Sherman, Old Tecumseh" by Mrs. Ward, "Gen. Sheridan, Little Bighorn" by Mrs. Bray, and "Gen. Lee" by Mrs. Ferguson.

Club will hold their next meeting with Mrs. Snow.

MARY D. HIVE

No. 333, L. O. T. M. M. Held Their Regular Meeting Saturday Evening, Dec. 17, 1910

The members of Mary D. Hive No. 333, L. O. T. M. M. held their regular meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 17.

Lady Carrie Gilbert, one of the great auditing committee, who was present, explains everything, in regard to the recent meeting. She explained to any lady who wishes to join that she can find a little space for the enclosed article perhaps it will reach the right spot somewhere, and bring joy to some little ones who may otherwise be forgotten. Please let me hear of it, and call it only what it purports to be. Anonymous.

Again we are drawing near to the day of all days, when we, in this land of plenty, are wont to feel the cockles of our hearts warm towards our fellow beings. Many there are, who although kindly, are yet thoughtless, and their good feelings find vent in giving of their substance to people, and in ways that do no good.

I am reminded to say a word for those who in the rush, and bountiful plenty of good cheer are likely to be forgotten. Right here are two of our families of little "Tots" to whom Fate has been cruel this past year, and taken from them the dear "daddies" who would have found joy in ministering to their little wants.

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BURGLARS IN R. O. ARE PROSPEROUS

Several Places Were Entered Saturday Night but They Got Small Pay for Their Pains

Burglars raided Royal Oak Saturday night and committed several little acts of burglary.

The pried open the rear door of the Royal Oak Lumber & Supply Co.'s store and took several empty tin cans, two or three razors and some jack knives. They also gained entrance to the school house but nothing was taken. They then got in the cellar of the Royal hotel but not much was disturbed. They may have satisfied their thirst from some of the barrels but that is hard to determine. Next they gained an entrance to Thos. Esling's residence, where they partook of a good meal and decamped. Two children, and the empty razor cases were found near Mr. Esling's residence.

The officers are on the lookout for the thieves.

LEST WE FORGET

Follow the Suggestion of the Writer! Get Busy! Be a Good Fellow and Santa Claus.

The following seasonable hints are from the pen of a hospitable and generous gentleman, a resident of our village, who has worry enough of his own account of his health, but in spite of that, and for the little ones, not blessed with parents, who can make their hearts glad, and fill their stockings. There are four fatherless groups of little shavers, now in our mind, and unless some few Good Fellows get busy and be Santa Claus, all these little ones are bound to be unhappy this Merry Christmas. If you want to be Santa call at THE ECCENTRIC and we will start you in the right direction.

THE GENTLEMAN WRITES:
Friend Mitchell, Eccentric:

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THE ADOLPH ENGASS' JEWELRY COMPANY DOING A BIGGER HOLIDAY BUSINESS THAN EVER BEFORE

From the Detroit Times.

The prospects for heavy Christmas trading is no better illustrated than by the phenomenal increase in business of the Adolph Engass Jewelry Co. This firm enjoys a prosperous existence of over 45 years. It was established in 1855 by the late Adolph Engass, who was the first man in Michigan to undertake the sale of jewelry on the installment plan. After the death of Adolph Engass, the business was taken over by his two sons, Clarence Engass being at the head of the business.

These two young men while carrying out the policies of their father have kept abreast of the times and have incorporated many improvements, with the result that the business can now be classed as one of the largest of its kind in this part of the country.

By their honest methods, and legitimate advertising, the Messrs. Engass have demonstrated that jewelry retail business can be operated fairly both to the jeweler and patron. Their business is operated on a savings bank plan. The patron of limited means is given an opportunity to own a diamond or a good watch without any investment.

By their plan a patron is trained to form a habit to set aside and save a part of his income for a rainy day.

Owing to the large increase of business, the Adolph Engass Jewelry Co. was required to press into service a large force of clerical help to wait on the trade. According to Clarence Engass, Christmas shopping has commenced earlier this season than heretofore.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES.

School closes Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation and opens again Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1911.

During the Christmas vacation 10 new large seats will be added to Miss Lewis' room and two rows of large seats will be placed in Miss Sheldon's room thus accommodating the larger pupils in those grades.

The first grades have decorated their rooms in a most delightful manner to celebrate the holiday season. On the sand table they have depicted the three wise men and the shepherds and their flocks. The walls are decorated with Christmas pictures of Santa Claus and the Christmas turkey. Up to the present time the children have read 50 pages in their readers and have completed the study of 17 different kinds of birds.

Miss Lottoretti, of the sub-primary room, invites the mothers to the exercises to be given on Friday afternoon of this week in her room.

The children of the seventh grade have prepared a charming cantata consisting of songs and recitations which they will present Friday afternoon. All who are interested are invited to attend.

At a recent meeting of the boys of the high school the following officers were elected for next year: Baseball manager, Her Shuler; captain, Charles Martin; treasurer, Earle Randall; Football manager, Earl Randall; captain, Ira Martin; treasurer, Ernest Burtraw.

Examinations are being held throughout the school this week.

The 11th grade geometry class will finish plane geometry this week and begin solid geometry after vacation.

The proceeds of the last literary meeting amounted to \$15. This money goes to the football team and with what was cleared at their supper, will enable the boys to obtain their sweaters without drawing on their own resources. The following will get their B sweaters, which are expected to arrive this week. Don Ferguson, captain Robert Parks, Ira Martin, Lester Purdy Arthur Peck, Joe Johnson, Ernest Burtraw, George Spangenberg, Lloyd Chappell, Mason Bailey, Hal Schlaack. Manager Aaron Levinson was also given the privilege of wearing a B.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. A frost-bitten nose and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and raw skin, prove this. The remedy is before you. Backus' Cold Cream Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of burns, blisters, pimples, eczema and eruptions. Get 25c at C. J. Shain's and Cobb-Stanley-Harris Companies.

Notice to Water Taxpayers.

It is very evident from the way the pumps at the water station are being taxed that there is an awful waste of water night and day, by users leaving their faucets open, more or less of the time which is strictly forbidden. In case of a fire, under the present conditions, it would be simply impossible to get enough fire pressure to beat any good serious loss by fire may be the result. Please desist from the practice. GEORGE E. DAINES, President. 21

Notice to Southfield Tax Payers.

I will be at the following places on the dates named, for the purpose of collecting taxes for Southfield township: Tuesday Dec. 20th, '10, at Erly's Mills; Thursday Dec. 22nd, '10, at the First National Bank, in Birmingham; Tuesday, Dec. 27th, '10, at Southfield Town Hall; Thursday Dec. 29th, '10, at Dunbar's store in Franklin; and Tuesday Jan. 3rd, '11, at First National Bank in Birmingham; and every Friday at my home.

FRANK HAACK, Treas. Southfield.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends for their aid and sympathy during our recent bereavement.

MR. WALTER GERMAN
MR. AND MRS. HENRY SPICER
AND FAMILY,
MR. AND MRS. FRANK GERMAN
AND FAMILY.

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BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Sermon Themes for Sunday morning: "God's With Us." A Christmas theme Evening, "The New Birth."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6:15. Topic, "The Children of the City."

The Sunday school will have their Christmas exercises on Friday evening. The pastor is assisting in special meeting at Rochester and vicinity and is meeting with success.

Rev. R. N. Traver, of Pontiac, has promised to help the pastor in special meetings sometime in January.

Why Suffer From LaGrippe?
Will you have the Grippe when you can avoid it, by getting a bottle of National Life Balsam, for 50 cents at Lewis & Crofoot's drug store in Pontiac, or T. H. McGee's Farmington. Try it. 10c!

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GOODS YOU NEED

Fall Is Here

Also a nice new line of Outing Flannels, the 12c and 15c quality, at only 10c per yard.

Ladies' and Men's Fall Underwear, very heavy fleeced, at 50c, 75c and \$1.

Ladies' Serosis Skirts, mercerized, fine quality, 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98 and \$2.48.

Men's Fall Pants, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.

Odds and ends of Wall Paper at cost.

F. Blakeslee

SEASONABLE Holiday Goods!

CANDIES—Lowney's Box Confections, Putnam's High-Grade Chocolates, Peach Bloom Chocolates, Taffy, Peanut Brittle, Assorted Creams.

NUTS—Mixed Nuts, Brazils, S. S. Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Nut Meats, Salted Peanuts.

FRUITS—Oranges, Grape Fruit, Malaga Grapes, Cranberries, Apples, Bananas, Figs, Dates, Prunes, Apricots, Peaches.

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We wish to thank our many friends for the past prosperous year. It's been a good year for us, and all due to our many friends.

Thanking you all, we wish you a
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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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