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## To Our Friends

WHEN TRADING WITH ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS, EITHER IN BIRMINGHAM, PONTIAC OR DETROIT, IT WILL BE A GREAT FAVOR TO US IF YOU WILL MENTION THE FACT THAT YOU SAW THEIR ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR PAPER. A WORD FROM YOU AT THE TIME OF TRADING GOES TO NOTHING AND RECEIVES US GREATLY. WILL YOU BE GOOD AND DO SO?

THE PUBLISHERS.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, of St. Charles, have been spending a few days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Salyer.

A Hackney gelding, three years old, of fine appearance, and fairly broke, single, is for sale at a bargain. See Henry Spicer, Pierce st.

The W. H. M. S. of the M. E. church will give its quarterly tea at the church parlors Thursday afternoon, May 26. All are cordially invited. By order of secretary.

It is expected that Mrs. Mabella Graham, of Detroit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cowan, of this place, will sing in the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

On the 12th day of May, Earle Simonsen got busy and planted three acres of corn, besides cultivating four acres of potatoes, which is going some for a farmer. Good boy, Earle.

Married, at the North Woodward Baptist church, Tuesday, May 10th, at 3 p. m., Miss Ruby Petrequin, of Detroit, and Mr. Howard G. Carter, of Birmingham. Our congratulations and best wishes go with this happy couple through all their lives.

One of C. H. Carter's twins, the little girl named Margaret, died last week of pneumonia. The infant daughter would have been five months old had she lived until Sunday last. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

A reader writes us this: Mr. Water Wagon Man! Less water on our cross walks, if you please, for the mud on the cross-walks is far worse than the dust here. Now, please desist; this is the sentiment of the people. And while on the subject, Mr. Water Wagon Man, please put more water on Woodward ave. and pretty please, double the dose Saturday and Sunday.

"Why is it that nearly everyone who attends church likes to sit in the end of seat and hold onto it like grim death, and every person who gets a berth in that pew must stifle over them?" Well, we confess that we do that sort of a thing. It is to get out quickly in case of fire—we sinners are quite strongly reminded of fire, flames and incense that are pursuing us, and we cannot tell just exactly when it is going to come. We surely want to be in position to make a quick and safe get-away.

Prosecutor Covert, of Pontiac, who appeared as first friend for Sarah Decker, of Royal Oak fame, when she was paroled from the Detroit house of correction to take the jag cure, has written a letter to the workhouse authorities surrendering the woman. It is expected a warrant for her return to the institution will be issued before the end of the week.

In a short chat with Dr. Babcock, of the Loraine Institute, the doctor stated to the Eccentric that he was having steps taken to place her in the E. M. A. asylum, as she was in his opinion, a fit person to be placed there.

It does not cost so much to own a home in our city. Lots, splendidly located and of ample size, can be purchased for little money, while business lots sell at least ten values. Building material is as reasonable here as at other points. Able contractors are ready to satisfy every demand, hence to own a home is within the range of possibility, no matter how meager the salary or limited the means. If a man is honest, upright, and displays a willingness to help himself, there are many people here who will give him whatever help is needed, so long as it be within the bounds of reason.

The names of Moore and Planders in auto circles mean very much and sound good to us. We read the following in the Press of recent issue: "R. F. Monroe of Pontiac, and W. E. Planders of Detroit, were in Birmingham yesterday and secured an option on a piece of land belonging to the Poppleton estate bordering on the G'd Trunk railroad. Although definite information is not obtainable, it is understood that they want the location for the site for a new building for the Monroe Manufacturing Co., which they contemplate moving here from Pontiac. Mayor Monroe was asked concerning the above announcement, and stated that he was not in a position to discuss the matter.

To Rent—Modern apartments. Call, bath, store room, etc. Inquire of E. R. Smith.

For sale: A reliable family horse. Inquire of Mrs. A. Adams, Southfield ave. Birmingham.

For sale cheap: Walnut bedstead, springs and mattress, all for \$5. Bureau and match, \$4. See Mitchell. 2t.

There are now just the same number of saloons in Oakland county that there was in Pontiac alone when the county went dry two years ago.

Pontiac's saloons must close and open right on the dot. Scrubbing, cleaning and washing must be done between the hours of 7 a. m. and 10 p. m. Same here.

St. James' church, the Rev. F. F. Kraft rector, (Trinity Sunday). Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school, 10:45 a. m., Litany, Holy Communion and sermon.

Oakland county gets \$71,584.50 as its share of Primary school money. This is the largest apportionment in years and in many districts it is not needed at all but just hoarded.

Sunday last a son of Martin Groves walking backwards, fell over a small log and in falling broke one bone in his right arm between the wrist and elbow. Dr. Campbell was called who broke the lad almost as good as ever.

Jack Johnson, a farm hand employed at W. J. Wilson's farm, slipped on the cement floor in the barn and broke both bones in his right wrist. Dr. Campbell was called and relieved the sufferer by reducing the fracture in post haste.

This item is not everybody's just for our own selves. The M. E. church being closed will show Birmingham to have over 1600 population. This is a good enough showing for now, but we will reach 2,000 in less than two years. Why? We know.

The Oakland county hospital was opened for business Wednesday of this week. The public had an opportunity to view the work of the ladies that had taken many years to accomplish. The matron is Miss Margaret Meigs, of Lansing, and is now in charge.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Dr. J. L. Campbell will be in attendance and sitting on the State Board of Medicine. He is attending a meeting to accommodate the graduate students of Detroit Medical college and others who may present themselves for registration.

A big Barn dance coming off. Every-body who likes to shake their feet, are invited to a grand dance Friday evening, May 20th, at Will Spicer's large new barn. The doors will be thrown wide open. Music by the Franklin band. Don't miss this chance! Have a last good cool dance this spring.

Talk is cheap, but it takes cash to buy goods. Your cash will go a good deal at the cash grocery of E. E. Cowan, where it pays to trade. Mr. Cowan can be found in the late Kerr-Wilcox store, but you wouldn't know the place now since Mr. Cowan took charge. Call and see a pretty neat and business grocery store. Read their ad away.

A walk through our Greenwood Cemetery will show to every one of an inquiring mind, that the officials of the society, made no mistake when they selected E. Baxter Gillespie as rector. All lots cared for by the Association, are kept in most excellent order, and everything pertaining to his work, shows careful attention on his part to every detail. E. Baxter is a very busy man nowadays.

Are you dissatisfied with the weather? Has there been too much rain or too little? Is it too hot or too cool, too windy or too calm? Has the base ball pennant race gone wrong so far? Is there anything wrong in politics, in society or anywhere else? Halley's comet is responsible for it. You can blame anything you don't like on it without fear of serious contradiction. One or two dry old scientists may con-tention to what they say anyway and our characterization of the comet as wholly bad is likely to prove popular.

Those of us who attended the concert at the Baptist church' last Friday evening, given by the Danham Brothers, of Detroit, were certainly well repaid. The notes given by the young men were splendidly rendered and the songs sung by the trio were exceptionally fine. As the trio sang one of their songs, the latter part of the program, one most interesting himself in the country at 4 o'clock in the morning. Nothing could be more realistic than the ferocious barking of the dog, the crowing of the rooster and the cackling hen. Miss Stella Wendorph, also of Detroit, was the soloist of the evening. She gave in a pleasing manner a number of readings which were all thoroughly enjoyed. We hope the Danham Brothers Trio will again visit Birmingham.

Sunday, May 22, is set apart as World's Sunday School day and ministers of the gospel in all lands are earnestly requested to preach a sermon emphasizing the claims of the Sunday school as a factor in the development of Christian character. Clergymen, parents and guardians, the importance of training the children and youth in a knowledge of the scriptures and including in their prayers a petition for the blessing of G'd upon Sunday schools everywhere and especially upon the World's Sunday School Convention which at that time will be in session in the city of Washington. In accordance with the above request, Dr. W. H. Jamison, of the First Presbyterian church of this village, will preach a sermon upon this subject at the regular morning service next Sunday. Parents and guardians of children are especially invited to be present.

Adam Gray is on the sick list, and T. P. Foot has charge of his R. D. No. 4. We sure hope Adam will soon be all right again.

Mr. and Mrs. David Love spent last Monday with his children on the farm, where they got a warm reception, and a good square meal.

I have seven acres of growing timothy and clover which I wish to sell on the ground. Inquire on the place one mile north of village on Woodward avenue. D. A. Clark. 2t.

J. Allen Bigelow is at Lansing attending a meeting of the Grand Lodge, and representing Birmingham, a situation he can fill to the credit of his lodge and with honor to himself.

Horse for sale. Large bay mare, 11 years a good worker. Can be seen at further information given by calling on Wm. Henry, corner of Willow and Pierce streets, Birmingham. 2t.

Everybody invited to attend the Birmingham Memorial Association meeting on Tuesday evening, May 24, in the council room in the library hall. Every patriotic citizen should be interested.

The hum of the house cleaning machine of Dickinson & Harris is now heard in the land. These gentlemen do a fine and satisfactory job of house cleaning, and are in great demand these stirring days.

Mr. M. Levinson advertising with the words, "Birmingham Department Store, Levinson" has the most attractive sign. The letters are nearly a foot high and as far as looks are concerned, are solid gold.

Mrs. Nelson Shattuck got quite a scorching and a bad scare from putting oil on the furnace fire last Saturday. It burned her hands and hair but as she had on a woolen dress, a serious wound was avoided. Warning, be careful of it and gasoline this summer.

Mrs. John Beddow, Mrs. John Nixon, Mrs. Harry Russell and Mrs. Wm. Masters spent Wednesday with an old school friend, Mrs. H. A. George at her home in Detroit. The ladies attended the Birmingham school years ago, and no doubt the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all in recalling old times.

For 29 years the Redford fair has been famous all over the state. Take off your hat. The Redford fair is a thing of the past. The fair survived many of its competitors, having out-lived them all. The land owned by this association has been sold to be platted into city lots and the management have decided to quit while their glory is unimpaired.

Last Saturday a rather bashful young woman from Troy went into the store of Spencer & Ferguson carrying three chickens. She inquired the price of chickens and at the same time put them on the counter. Mr. Ferguson happened to wait on her. George didn't know the chickens' feet were tied and asked if they would lay there. She bit her handkerchief and said: "No, sir; they are roasters."

All day Wednesday the inquest over the death of Edward Bookbinder, was held in the office of Justice A. W. Campbell, before Ora Farmer, County Coroner. As we go to press the jury is still out. The case did not cause much interest, not such a crowd in attendance as one would expect. Fourteen witnesses were sworn. A. J. Tilton of Pontiac, represented Mrs. Bookbinder, and Charles Bowles, of the Hammond building. Detroit looked after the Sheldor Bros. interests. The testimony showed better for the chauffeur than was expected. What the result is we cannot say at this moment.

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Just a few words to the Birmingham public and surroundings. As all the above goods come direct from New York City, which our only way of buying is from bankrupt stocks and people retiring from business. Therefore it enables us to offer same at these remarkably low prices. Now is your chance to save time and money. A TRIAL PURCHASE FROM US WILL CONVINCe YOU. You can't miss us as the cars pass our door. Ask the conductor to let you off at Orchard Lake Ave., and you will find our store.

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