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To Our Friends

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THE PUBLISHERS.

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The ECCENTRIC is 32 years old, going on 33. Who'd a think it!

Pastures to rent for horses or cattle. Inquire of Mary G. Parks, Southfield, Mich. 2k.

Three fine rooms for light house-keeping for couple without children. See Mitchell at ECCENTRIC office. may29

Everybody and then some more will be at the J. & S. hall tonight splashing their sides with laughter at the Senior play. Sale—early.

FOR SALE—All early Everett seed potatoes and also some late Rural New Yorkers and White Giant potatoes. Call on Thomas Cook, Birmingham. Small supply. Come early. may21

Mrs. M. Smith received a visit from her granddaughter, Miss Lauretta Smith, of Albany, N. Y., and her great-granddaughter, Miss Fae Learn, of Lake Orion, last Friday.

Have you seen the announcement of the concert given by the Dunham Brothers Trio assisted by Miss Helen Shafer, reader, at the Baptist church on the evening of May 17th at 8 o'clock Admission 25c.

You won't fail to notice that we have a first class piano teacher who will start a class for beginners on the piano. Miss Stella Wendorph is the lady and she is an accomplished musician and a very competent teacher.

We need good fish hungry no longer! C. H. Pelton, of Pontiac, leaving fish market man announces the fact that he will send one of his three wagons, every Friday to our town to sell good, fresh fish. Now, if you buy freely, he will keep it up.

Farmers are complaining about the continued rainfall which they say is interfering with their spring work and will make crops late. They have been unable to do but little in the past two weeks because of the almost continuous rain. Water is standing on most of the fields and will take time to soak into the ground after the downpour ceases.

For over a month the ECCENTRIC has been busy sorting out, cleaning up and making good the material with the large press brought up from Royal Oak print shop. The work is nearly completed and when finished the ECCENTRIC will have as complete an outfit as one can find in Michigan. All ready now for any job you may need in your business. Call and see and inquire.

Great "doings" on Woodward Avenue is the drug and grocery business of J. W. Cobb and James P. Wooster, who have consolidated. Carpenters are busy making an archway between the two stores, connecting them, and the south side will be a fine, first class drug store and the north side a complete grocery store. Success to the boys, the enterprise and the business.

In the Society column of the Detroit News, one day last week, we noticed the following: "At the home of the bride, 1189 Woodward avenue, was celebrated Wednesday evening, April, 27th, at 8:30, the marriage of Miss Alta Winston Poppleton, to Chas. T. Winegar, of Iron Mountain. Rev. John B. Clark officiated. The house was beautifully decorated, the ceremony taking place before an array of palms and hanging baskets. White and gold lights decorated the rooms, and combined with yellow and shaded lights, the effect was charming. Miss Poppleton wore a Cluny lace robe over old ivory satin with full court train and trimmed with head and chin-arrumure. Her long tulle veil was carried with orange blossoms, and she carried an armful of white lilies and Easter lilies, tied with white ribbons. Miss Poppleton was unattended. Mrs. M. Winegar, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Out of town guests were numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Winegar have left on their wedding tour for the Pacific coast, and on their return, will settle down at Iron Mountain, Mich. Just before the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Manly Davis entertained in honor of the bride and groom at dinner at Log Cabin Inn, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Jamieson gave a box party followed by supper on the Pontchartrain. These social functions occurred a couple of days previous to the wedding day."

Tonight the night! For what? The Senior play at J. & S. hall.

The Elliott-Taylor-Woolfenden Co.'s grand opening is postponed to Saturday May 7. Unavoidable.

Mr. F. Nash, of Sacramento, Cal., and Mr. J. E. Conroy, of Jackson, visited Mrs. Nellie Camp last week.

Haven't heard a complaint in three weeks that the street sprinkler hadn't been around yet and laid the dust.

Work wanted! Handy man with tools; can lay tile, and do any kind of work. See Louis Amos, Birmingham. 5-27.

The Dunham Brothers Trio is going to give a concert, assisted by a reader, Miss Shafer, at 8 o'clock, May 18, at the Baptist church. Admission 25c.

Tonight! What now? The Senior class give their great play at J. & S. hall. You will be so glad to have a day of your life if you miss it. Don't fail to attend and help the class along.

The population of Pontiac is expected will surely reach the 15,000 figure, when the census enumerators get with their work done. Birmingham ought to tip the beam at 1,600 easily.

Everybody invited to attend the Birmingham Memorial Association meeting, on Tuesday evening, May 17th, in the Council room, in Library hall. Every patriotic citizen would be interested. The celebration would be of the first class.

FOR SALE—One double and one single bedstead with springs, two easels, two rocking chairs, one single horse wagon and one lawn mower. Stop 6, Main street, Royal Oak. The latch is out to buyers. 2k

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The latest piece of property to be offered for sale in Birmingham is the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Know Poppleton, on Maple avenue east. Business interests compels Mr. Poppleton's removal to the western part of the state.

Owing to the high price of everything, Justice North of Pontiac, announces that hereafter he will make amount of the fines of defaulters of the peace higher than ever. Our Justice, A. W. Campbell thinks his rate will stand for the present.

The re-opening of the National hotel took place Monday last. Landlord Wooster did not intend to start up that day because he was not ready. The day being cold, rainy and disagreeable, many gathered in from surrounding vicinity, and in spite of all delays, hindrances and the hotel started itself without any extra hilarity. But by what a bang got sooused as was promised when the bar business began. The event passed off very quietly.

One of the most important business changes that has taken place in Birmingham in years, is the formation of the new firm of Cobb-Stanley-Harris Company. The business consists of the consolidation of the former drug and grocery store of Jas. W. Cobb and James F. Wooster. The two stores being side by side, offering an excellent opportunity for an exclusive drug store, and an exclusive grocery store under one firm name. An archway, which is under construction, will connect the two buildings, and the drugs and soda fountain will be found in the former Wooster store and the mammoth grocery stock will be located in the former Cobb store. Prospects are most excellent for the new firm and their many friends are wishing them success.

County Treasurer Power had issued 24 licenses up to Monday morning to Oakland County, who opened saloons Monday of this week. The red cards accompanied 'all. Licensees were granted to William G. Meldrum, Louis Doer, Dell VanCamp, William T. Alan, William T. Alward, James E. Burns, Henry Haratic, Fred Phillips and Henry A. Thomas of Pontiac; Jas. E. West Elbe E. Robinson and Bert McCafferty, Rochester; Frank Richards, Orion; James F. Wooster, Birmingham; J. B. Baker, Le Roy; and Ed C. Woods and John G. String West Bloomfield; James G. Blanchard and Charles L. Schott, Oxford; Eugene Grace, Farmington; W. A. Gleason, Milford; William McCavey, Royal Oak; Robert Jordan, Milford and W. F. Coeseman, Clarkston.

Miss M. Baldwin on her return from her Washington, D. C. trip reports a very pleasant trip. The senators and congressmen from Michigan showed every possible courtesy to the delegates, who represented our state at the Equal Suffrage convention. Representative Young received the petitions for the house, while Senators Burrows and Smith carried the bundles to the senate. Representative Young sent his automobile to convey the Michigan delegation in the procession from the Arlington to the Capitol. This procession consisted of some forty autos, each carrying the banner of the states, with "Votes for Women" in conspicuous places. They also carried hundreds of the petitions from the 45 states, and also from the territories. These petitions contained 400,000 names. Senator Mrs. Burrows gave a reception to the delegates and visitors.

Children on London Streets.

In the London streets there are nearly 100,000 boys and girls, under 14 years of age, and over 500 girl traders.

A Man Wants to Die

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MIRTH, THE HEALER

HERE are a good many healers in my town, from the Dovesites—up. Most of them are well healed.

It occurred once to me, writes Dr. Frank Crane in the Chicago Tribune, to look into the Bible to see if I could not find some hint as to how I might be able to invade this profitable field. I found little about medicine in the book, but on verse struck me forcibly. I have not been able to say for what it since. It is a saying of the man who is called the wisest man who ever lived, King Solomon. It runs: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Now, it is singular that the old king never said anything about having a merry wife. The doctery good like a medicine, no doubt, but Solomon did not say so. Perhaps he had too many wives, and did not want to discriminate. Nor did he speak of a merry husband, which is also a good possession; nor a merry job, nor merry circumstances of any kind.

Mirth Always Usable.

Laughter expands the lungs, helps digestion, drives away brain fog and prevents the depletion of the spleen—whatever that may be. And mirth is always usable. Most of our troubles are borrowed; from the past, in the shape of remorse or regret; and from the future, in the shape of apprehension. The present is always tolerable. Perhaps you have heard the story of the Happy Man's Shirt? It is good enough to tell again, however:

There was once a king who was smitten with melancholy, so that he was like to die. All the physicians and astrologers were called in to counsel, but no one could give a remedy. At last a wise man said: "The king will get well if he will sleep all night in a happy man's shirt."

So they sent out through the palace for a happy man, that the king might borrow his shirt. But not one could they find, not one who would say without the least reservation: "I am happy." Then they searched the city and with no better results. And then they sought the whole country through its length and breadth and still could not find a happy man.

At length a little company of courtiers were returning to the king's quest, and as they rode along the highway they saw a beggar man sitting on the grass by the roadside laughing merrily to himself.

"That man seems happy though he be a beggar," they said one to another. "And if we can find none other, he must serve for us."

Then they called to him: "Hallo, sir! Are you happy?"

"Oh, yes," replied the beggar, "I am happy. Why?"

"But you are a beggar, are you not? You don't know where you are going to get your dinner, do you?"

"No, but why not?" I had a good breakfast, and it isn't dinner time yet."

"Then," said they, "you are the man we seek for the king, and they told him of the king's malady, bade him give them his shirt and promised that it should be returned to him full of gold."

At that the beggar man lay back on the grass and laughed until the tears stood in his eyes.

"Come, sirrah," cried the impatient courtiers, "we have no time for parley. Off with your shirt! Else we will jerk it off!"

"Hold on, gentlemen, hold on!" exclaimed the beggar, "not so fast. That's just what I was laughing about. I haven't any shirt."

His Eyes Opened.

So they told the king, and the king had sense enough to perceive that the pithiness did not come from the shirt you wear, but the bed you lie upon, nor silken coverings, nor a beautiful house, nor any one of these outward things, but from the heart, and he was cured.

Never take your troubles to bed with you. Worry is the worst bedfellow. Hang your troubles over the back of a chair with your trousers, or drop them in a glass of water, with your false teeth; some one may get in and rob you during the night, and then you can start out in the morning with new trousers, new teeth, everything new.

A still better way is to get all your troubles on the table before you, all the sins you're sorry for, all the calamities you dread, all your sickness, your debts and your grudges; and then get up your wife's, and your husband's, and your relatives' troubles, and your city's, and state's and nation's pile them up on the table; then stand over them and weep until you have wept them with your tears sufficiently to knead them into a big round ball; and then take the ball up into your room, and drop them into the bottomless pit of your heavenly Father's love and care, which you will find if you look for it, for it is written: "Cast your care upon him, for he careth for you." And if he is caring why should you?

And then come out quick and lock the door and swallow the key; for when you swallow the key, for if you do not you will be back there the next day looking for your troubles, who will be that lonely wretches them.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Thou Art Mine.

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the whole world's joy. The lonely pine on the mountain-top waves its somber boughs and cries: "Thou art my sun!" And the little meadow lark lifts its eye to the blue and whispers with its perfumed heart: "Thou art my sun!"

So God is so efficient in heaven, not for a favored few, but for the unfettered life; and there is no creature so good or so low that he may not look up with childlike confidence and say: "My Father, thou art mine!"—Henry Ward Beecher.



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State of Michigan, County of Oakland, ss. Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, made on the 9th day of April, A. D. 1910, four months from that date were allowed creditors to present their claims against the
Estate of Hiram Still,
Late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate Court, at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 27th day of August next; and that such claims will be heard before said Court, on Saturday, the 27th day of August next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day.—Dated April 9, A. D. 1910.

(A true copy.)
KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.
JUDSON A. FREDERICKSON, Probate Clerk.



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