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THE PUBLISHERS.

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Home

The Girl's Friendly society meets a the home of Mrs. Hulbert Monday night.

The call for the book Freckles is so great at the library that a second copy has been purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. McJackie, of Pontiac, called on a few of their many friends here one day last week.

In many towns the authorities are paying 10c a quart for catepillars, cocooons and egg masses.

Mrs. G. H. Whitney has returned from Eaton Rapids where she has been attending the camp meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Deer, of Perrinton, visited relatives here and in Franklin last week, making the trip in their new Krit machine.

A question has lately been raised as to which part of Maple avenue and adjacent streets are neatest and cleanest Look it over and give us your opinion.

The number of papers and magazines at the library will be largely increased for the coming year beginning September 1. A full list will be published soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder and son Thorn, with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, all of Fowlerville, while touring the country in their auto, called on Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin Monday last.

Lost, a cameo brooch on car or in Pontiac. The finder will receive one dollar reward by leaving it at this office. This is the full value of the pin, which is valued as a keepsake only.

Mrs. W. E. Murchie and son Bob, had a delightful time in Mt. Clemens from Tuesday to Friday of last week. At the same time Mr. Murchie was attending an electrical convention in Port Huron.

It is rumored that for the coming year Birmingham high will lose three of its best pupils. The Misses Wooster are going to Monroe to school, while Miss Mable Young will enter Central high Detroit.

Mrs. Harry Bayley of Indianapolis, Ind., is the welcome guest of Mrs. E. R. Smith. All the adjoining vicinity is being visited including Detroit and Windsor. Times flies all too fast for this happy pair.

At the library you will find a package of bookmarks on the librarians desk. Please take one and use it instead of turning the corners of the leaves. Many of the new books are injured by turning the corners to mark the place.

Here is an ad. from an Oakland Co exchange that ought to find some takers: Wanted—A lady for general housework, one who does not wish or iron, cannot cook and will not sweep but would be willing to accept good wages to sit in the parlor and fan herself.

Rev. S. V. McKee, a former pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this place, who is visiting at 131 Logan street, Detroit, spent a day or two visiting some of his old friends here last week. He was accompanied by his daughter Mrs. May McKee Benedict, and his granddaughter Miss Edith Fuller, daughter of Julia McKee Fuller.

Grandpa Henry Spicer made many people happy Saturday, Aug. 20, by purchasing through J. A. Bigelow one of Story & Clark's famous pianos. It is probable that this piano is as good as any piano in Birmingham and now when the children, grandchildren and neighbors come there will be something doing besides sitting around and talking of the crops and items of the day. A piano adds heaps and heaps of pleasure in a home.

The August meeting of the Ladies' Church society of the First Presbyterian church was held in the church with Miss Trowbridge, Mrs. Quick and Miss Lombard acting as hostesses. The society decided to secure a $20 Larkin order within two weeks so as to pay $10 towards the debt on the piano. The rain which came just at tea time and which everyone welcomed, only made the occasion more agreeable, for the windows and shades were pulled down, the lights switched on, the piano opened and the musicians present made the time pass merrily. After the rain all went home declaring that it had been an uncommonly good and pleasant meeting.

Shove a little.
Don't be a gronch.
Help things along.
Do not growl or grumble.
If your neighbor is prosperous let him prosper.

If you notice that our little city is growing right along, feel good about it.

The beautiful cut leaved birches in our cemetery seem fated. Two have died and others bid fair to go. What can be done?

D. W. Thornbury, wife and baby have all returned to their Western home, leaving the Hulbert home very desolate indeed.

W. I. and Alfred Deer spent last week at the home of their brother Frank in New Haven. To hear W. I. talk they had a jolly time and plenty of fishing, to prove it they brought a nice mess home.

Chauncey A. Stuart, of Holly, for past ten years, county juvenile agent of Oakland county, is dead. He died of paralysis, aged 75 years. He was born in Avon township and spent his early life in and around Troy.

Any time you don't see their advertisement in their local paper, they are dead ones. Better trade with the merchants who are alive, awake to the opportunity and willing to share the good things with you. Our advertising columns will tell you who they are.

James S. Butler, county drain commissioner, will this year be elected at the polls for a four year term only, the law limiting the office to that time. Mr. Butler has made one of the best drain commissioners this county has ever had and he will be nominated and elected without opposition as he in justice should be.

We don't know what kind of booze they sell in Pontiac, but judging by the large number of arrests for drunkenness, the county-seat brand must be of that terrible squirrel brand, and it is told on good authority, that not very long ago in a Pontiac hotel, a peddler, who went to bed drunk on this Squirrel brand whiskey, woke up in the night, stole his own pack of goods, and hid it in the woods. Can you beat it?

An exchange gives an incident that illustrates the impossibility of telling where the trouble resulting from a mortgage will end. A man mortgaged his farm to buy his wife a pair of diamond earirings. The wife took in washing to pay the interest on the mortgage, and the first day lost one of the diamonds in the suds, and tried to hang herself in the barn, but the rope broke and she fell on a $150.00 Jersey cow breaking its back.

Arrangements are being made by the directors of the Oakland Co. S. S. Association to have Sunday Oct. 2nd. which is the Snnday preceeding the County Convention, meeting at Orion Oct. 6th. and 7th. as Rally Day. It is planned to send someone into each of the 100 schools in the county, to represent the organization. This will be done largely by arranging for an exchange of pulpits by the Pastors and the sending out of such S. S. workers as are available.

We owe it to the community in which we live to do everything we can in every way possible that will be to its advantage. Our neighbors prosperity means a great deal more to us than someone's who lives elsewhere. We should bear this in mind in buying our goods. We can afford to pay our home man a firm price for his wares rather than send our money away, knowing as we do that every dollar our own citizen makes will help in sustaining our schools, churches and public institutions. It pays richly to patronize home industry and home merchants.

Though the editor does not own or possess an automobile we would suggest that auto drivers attach bumpers on the front of their autos, and without any preliminary ceremony whatever, bump some of these very cute rig drivers out of the way, who take and keep the whole road to themselves. There are not many of this class of people, but there are some who need lifting bodily from their rig and bumped into the ditch, and they are going to get just this kind of treatment before they will learn to give a portion of the road when a signal is given them to do so.

A young Clawson farmer bought a pair of overhauls recently at Nixon's and found in them the name of the girl who made them. He very promptly wrote her an effusive letter and in due time received a reply, which however was entirely void of the usual romance usual in such cases. Here's the answer: "I am a working girl it is true, but I make a good living and I do not care to support a husband, as I would do if I married some silly noodle who gets mashed on a girl he never saw. Please permit me to say that I do not know how my card got in that pair of overhauls, and that when I do marry, if ever, it will be some fine fellow who can afford something better than a 48-cent pair of breeches."

The slate to be placed on the primary ballot at the September primaries was selected at an enthusiastic gathering held in Pontiac, last Monday week. The meeting was called by the Detroit headquarters and E. W. Mason was sent out to preside. Besides Mason there were but four men present. The ticket is as follows: Sheriff, Walter Feneley, Pontiac; Clerk, Clarence Conway, Birmingham; prosecuting attorney, Charles A. Salyer, Birmingham; register of deeds, Fred Pearsall, Novi; treasurer, Samuel E. Miller, Oxford; drain commissioner, Frank Walters, Clarkston; surveyor, Nelson Shattuck, Birmingham; D. D., Waggoit, Oxford; coroners, Wm. I. St. John, Royal Oak, and Earle B. Gulle, Ortonville.

The Methodists will give a Harvest home festival the first of September.

Chickens for sale. Frying size. Two pound Rhode Island Reds. Mrs. Chevalier, phone 109-2 rings. 2t.

Mrs. J. H. Holman of Rochester, has been spending a few days with her nephew, Rev. C. A. Salyer.

E. C. Poppleton and family have removed to their new northern home, moving the early part of this week.

Mrs. C. J. Salyer of Fort Wayne, Ind. is spending a few weeks with her son, the pastor of the Baptist church.

Three times have the Franklin boys base ball club cleaned up on the Erity club, and the last game was a whitewash for the "Earty."

Wanted, to rent. Six or seven room modern house. Address, with description, price, etc. H. M. Shepherd, care Wayne Hotel, Detroit, Mich. 2t.

J. E. Coney and wife of Jackson, and James Coney of Detroit, were recent visitors with Mrs. Nellie Camp, of Brown street and Woodward ave.

The Salvation Army Band, from Detroit, 20 pieces strong, will hold a Street Meeting, also one in the Oakland Garage Saturday evening.

All S. S. workers should hear Miss Randall at the M. E. church Sunday evening in her address on the World's Sunday School Convention at Washington, D. C.

Every last participant of the Second annual Masonic picnic, say they did have one of the best times they ever had at any picnic. Had the morning been promising, and no rain. Gee Whiz!

Enos Brayman was arrested in Pontiac, for carrying a revolver. Had it not been for Enos' good fame and and name, and his sure 'nuff alibi he might have had to stand for a very serious charge.

H. W. Baxter our village jeweller has moved into his new quarters in the Ford block. When he gets all settled in his new shop, you will see a neat and fine and modern jewellry store as there is in all Oakland Co.

Mrs. T. B. Smith, and Mrs. Seymour Adams each gave a little home party in honor of Miss Blanche Hoy, of Birmingham, Ala., who is visiting relatives here and who will return to her Sunny southern home Saturday or Sundae next.

We can remember yeras back when Mrs. L. T. Furman would order one gallon of ice cream, from Detroit, for her Saturday's trade. Last Saturday, Chas. J. Shain received 45 gallons of this deliciousness. Does that look like a growth in the ice cream business?

Large and happy congregation filled St. James church, Wednesday afternoon and witnessed the wedding ceremony of Miss Grace McBride and Mr. Earle Jenks. After a short bridal tour this well known and popular couple will settle down in dear old Birmingham.

Have you seen Henry Spicer with his new driving mare? Well, the horse belongs to E. C. Poppleton, and Henry has very kindly agreed to care for her, and keep her exercised until such a time in the future, as E. C. may want her. In the meantime, Henry is having a fine time riding after his new roadster.

Old Nate Fall is smiling clear back of his ears. Monday he celebrated his 70th. birthday anniversary, and received mor'n a cart full of postal cards, cigars, cigar cases etc., with hearty congratulations from all over the wide world, All the good die young! Do they? Just note: Whitehead, Bigelow, Gene Brooks, Frank Blakeslee, Nixon, Ned Daines, George Mitchell and a few such,—not even mentioning Nate at all.

Morgan W. Rundel, wife and little daughter, all the way from the Pacific coast, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rundel, for a short visit. Morgan has prospered wonderfully and is a well-to-do real estate dealer of the far west. Just before coming home he closed a deal in Washington, D. C. that reached $3,000,000 and did it satisfactorily and successfully, and won many words of commendation for putting the big deal through.

The Post Office improvements now about to be finished by Postmaster Hanna, when completed will be fine and very satisfactory to the patrons of this office. A new cement block front, a new entrance at the west corner, a great big plate glass front, and last and best of all the game, a new maple floor, will give Birmingham people a post-office building, that for light, roominess and convenience, cannot be excelled by any other in the county.

Mrs. Elia C. McNichols of Greenville, Mich. and her sister, Mrs. W. C. Beck of Chicago, Ills. made a few calls here and in Pontiac last Monday and Tuesday. It has been about 45 years since they left Birmingham, and this is the first return. They did enjoy visiting the old scenes, sights and wonders. The old district school house, the old grist mill, and many other old well remembered places that brought tears to the eyes of some: Delightful calls were enjoyed with Martha Baldwin, Jennie Keyes, F. Blakeslee, Mrs. G. H. Mitchell, Mrs. Corey and many others. All viewed with tears and sobbing voices, the "old hogsett" where many years ago Elder Hedger, baptized Laura Olin, after which, she went home and cleaned up on the whole family. While in Pontiac, this happy pair were the welcome guests of J. S. Stockwell and wife. From here they went to Flat Rock to visit still earlier scenes of childhood days, and did certainly enjoy every moment. When we tell you that these bright and entertaining ladies, in former days, were Ella and Hattie Carlton, all of us old folks will remember them. Their mother, Mrs. Carlton, and her sister, Mrs. Rufus Crane, are living at Greenville, both well and happy.

Pontiac has shut down hard on her water consumers.

It is now generally conceded throughout the County, that Hon. A. L. Moore, will be our next Prosecuting attorney. Out of the numerous candidates, Mr. A. L. Moore, seems to have the lead. His clear business-like method of conducting his canvass, has made him many friends, while his special qualifications for holding this position, and giving the best of service to his constituency is certainly unquestioned.

The Best Hour of Life

Is when you do some great deed or discover some wonderful fact. This hour came to J. R. Pitt, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, when he was suffering intensely, as he says, "from the worst cold I ever had. I then proved to my great satisfaction what a wonderful cold and cough cure Dr. King's New Discovery is. For, after taking one bottle, I was entirely cured. You can't say anything too good of a medicine like that." It's the surest and best remedy for diseased lungs, hemorrhages, la grippe, asthma, hay fever—any throat or lung trouble, 50c, $1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by C. J. Shain and Cobb-Stanley-Harris Company.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Miles A. Dewey, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and four months from the 15th day of July, A. D. 1903, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 15th day of September, 1903, and on the 15th day of November, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day, at the Exchange Bank in the Village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

J. F. RUNDEL,
RAYNALE WHITEHEAD,
Commissioners.
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So great was my sympathy for weak men in the early years of my experience that I have made it a special study, and formulated two prescriptions, one for men under 40 and one for men over 40 years of age. In my declining years, I want every man to have the benefit of my long years of careful study, research and long experience. I am now 74 years old and as strong and vigorous as at 40 and the rest of my life will be spent in aiding suffering mankind. I realize that my time is short, but will do all in my power to help men and women who are helpless and seeking relief. I know there has been a great many disappointed men they thought relief in their grasp, but let me send you my free prescription and booklet of private lectures to men which is the result of study since I began lecturing to student classes, way back in '71. Since that time I have cured many cases that are now pleased to recommend me.

YOU NEED AID. Let me help you to regain your former standing among men. In short, let me assist you to be yourself once more.

If you are sufferer from failing memory, lame back or weakened manhood or nervous difficulties, LET ME SEND YOU A RECIPE in a plain sealed envelope that you can use in your own home. I am confident that you will thank me every day in your life after you have tested it for one week.

Take advantage of this offer NOW before it is too late. Address me personally.

DR. ANDREW B. STINNEY,
6 W. Adams Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Annual Sale

Big sale of Oxfords, to make room for Fall Shoes, which are arriving daily, now on.

Last season the people of Pontiac and Birmingham realized that we gave real sale values and the responses to the sale announcement was more than noticeable. This sale will be no exception—we are offering genuine values.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS SALE

Special lot of 80 pairs of Walkovers in Tan, Gunmetal and Patent Leather, regular $3.50 and $4 values, while they last, $2.50.

All others at greatly reduced prices.

Special lot of Ladies' $3 and $3.50 Tan Oxfords $2.50.

All other Ladies' Oxfords at reduced prices.

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