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80TH BIRTHDAY NARRATIVE ESCAPE IT IS WELL-RECORDED STORY

Anniversary of Mrs. Knapp Celebrated at the Home of Her Daughter Mrs. W. E. McClellan in O'Ham.

A most charming festival was held at the home of Mrs. W. E. McClellan in honor of her mother, Mrs. Knapp, who, on July 25 last, came to the close of her 80th year.

The oldest friends of Mrs. Knapp had been invited for a cozy afternoon with her and they came, to the number of 50 or more, bringing loving congratulations and good wishes with some little pleasant surprises thrown in. After the company had assembled an appropriate program was rendered, opening with a piano solo by Miss Bassett. Then Miss Gilday, the only other person present who could boast of an equal number of years, recited Longfellow's "Old Age," showing what the old time wise man accomplished after their four-score years had been attained, and added the following tribute:

Our beloved Mrs. Knapp Has about as much vigor, vim and snap As when she cuddled her babies in her lap. She is tall and erect, Without any defect; Her eyes bright as vander star, Her shins from afar Her intellect strong and clear, Though today she completes her 80 year.

Several poems had been written for the occasion by friends. One by Mrs. Ben Eldred, likened the beautiful old age of the one we were to honor, to a rose dropping its petals, yet unfolding richer and sweeter ones. We quote: "A soft blown rose is the life we know Sentencing its beauty and fragrance far."

Eighty petals have fallen away, The last of the 80 fell today. How many more are left on the rose Not even the rose, just its Maker knows."

The other poems were by Mrs. Loomis, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Frances Sawyer Jones, of St. Charles, Mrs. Loomis, a loving friend of old times, expressed the thought that just to live in such a presence made one better.

An ode by Mrs. Jones pictured the beauty of the quiet years closing such a life.

Miss McClellan gave two most amusing recitations, notably "A Story of a Peach Pie" which relieved the tension when reminiscences were becoming too sentimental.

The company then joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the concluding number was the presentation by Mrs. T. M. Shanfelt to Mrs. Knapp, of a bag filled with love and sunshine, and some tokens of esteem which were to be taken out on each day, during the following month.

To all these pleasant words, Mrs. Knapp then beautifully responded in fitting expression of thanks, and the company adjourned to the lawn where Mrs. Love was waiting to photograph the party. This having been accomplished, a return to the house took place where a dainty supper was served.

It was hard to tear ourselves away from such a delightful place, but by remembrance will remain with those who participated, while memory lasts.

"HIM"
From Chicago! Don't read it!
"Was morning in the palace,
Kings and queens were gathered there;
Europe's bravest of the brave,
Europe's fairest of the fair,
Gathered there to render honor,
To a hero debonair.

Then the ancient, royal chaplain,
Rose majestic in his place,
And in slow and solemn measure,
Then intoned the stately "grace,"
Pleading for the peace of nations,
Peace and joy for every race.

"One there is," he said "who guides us,
Lendeth us, the hand, the free;
Who knows all and makes no error;
Whom all's hope and guide is He;
Ever present, He's now with us,
"THANKS," said Theodore,
"THAT'S ME."

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NOTICE TO TEACHERS.
The next regular teachers' examination for Oakland county will be held at the Grove H. S. building in the city of Pontiac on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12, 13 and 14, 1910.

The examination in reading for this examination is based upon "Reading in the Public Schools" by Briggs and Coffman, one of the Reading Circle books. Applicants may write for first, second or third grade certificates.

The examination begins at 8:30 a. m. standard time.

By order of Board of School Examiners. A. H. CRAIG, Commissioner, H. L. SNOWDON, Examiner, E. S. GANNON, Examiner. Pontiac, July 20, 1910.

Of Theodore Roosevelt as Described by Himself in His New Book in a Charge by a Bull Elephant

There are many fake Roosevelt's books being sold. The genuine is to come. Don't buy until you get Scribner's book—the one that Teddy wrote. We will keep you posted. Read the following short sketch taken from the genuine book.

"At last we came in sight of the mighty game. The trail took a twist to one side, and there, 30 yards in front of us, we made our part of the grand and massive head of an elephant reading his tasks on the branches of a young tree—elephants hardly ever feed at noon. A couple of minutes passed before, by cautious scrutiny, we were able to tell whether the animal we could see was a cow or a bull, but I was sure it carried heavy enough horns. Then we saw that it was a big bull with good ivory. It turned its head in my direction and I saw its eye; and I fired a little to one side of the eye at a spot which I thought would lead to the brain, and struck exactly where I aimed, but the head of an elephant is enormous and the brain is small, and the bullet missed it. However the shock momentarily stunned the beast. He stumbled forward, half fall, and as he recovered I fired with the second barrel, again aiming for the brain. This time the bullet sped true, and as I lowered the rifle from my shoulder I saw the great lord of the forest come crashing to the ground.

But at that very instant, before there was a moment's time in which to reload, the thick bushes parted immediately on my left front, and through them surged the vast bulk of a charging bull elephant, the matted mass of tough creepers snapping like pack-thread before his rush. He was so close that he could have touched me with his trunk. I leaped to one side and dodged behind a tree trunk, opening the rifle, throwing out the empty shells, and slipping in two cartridges. Meanwhile Cunningham fired right and left, at the same time throwing himself into the bushes on the other side. Both his bullets went home, and the bull stopped short in his charge, wheeled, and immediately disappeared in the thick cover. We ran forward, but the forest has been over his wake. We heard him trumpet shrilly, and then all sounds ceased."

From Theodore Roosevelt's new book, "African Game Trails," to be published in August, by Charles Scribner's Sons.

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The average citizen, when he has any important litigation, is careful in his selection of his attorney. When a Township Board employs an attorney for the township, it selects the best it can get. When the people of Oakland county select a Prosecuting Attorney, they should exercise the same care that the citizen or the Township Board does.

An attorney of experience can save his salary many times over in the administration of the office. Many other counties, like Wayne, Genesee and Irg-ham, are recognizing this fact and are electing experienced lawyers for Prosecuting Attorneys.

Attorney A. L. Moore, who is a candidate for the nomination of Prosecuting Attorney on the Republican ticket at the September primaries, has a wide experience in both State and Federal Courts, and one of the leading lawyers of the county. He will make no mistake in nominating and electing him to this important office. Daily Press-Gazette.

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Life on Pleasant Coast
Has had one frightful drawback—malaria trouble—that has brought suffering and debility to a great number of people. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday morning. The Sunday school will have its annual picnic on Thursday, August 11. A special car will be chartered and all go to Belle Isle.

This is a busy week for the pastor, officiating at two funerals on Monday, speaking afternoon and evening at Ithaca, Mt. Pleasant and Farwell each.

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Our Old Friend, Mr. R. H. Weller, Tells How the Ideal Oregon Weather Appears to a Michigan Man

Shaw, Oregon, July 25, 1910. Editors of the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, Birmingham, Mich., Gentleman:

I herewith enclose post office order for \$1 to pay freight on the much appreciated ECCENTRIC.

I had intended to give you a little idea of how Oregon appears to a Michigan man after a year and a half residence here, but will only stop now to say that summers are as near ideal as any place could be without rain. We have not suffered with the torrid heat of the east, yet it has been warm enough for all practical purposes and we always have cool evenings, one will want blankets every night all summer.

I will enter into details a little more at some future date. Yours Respectfully, R. H. WELLER.

IS IT TRUE?

The Report That Birmingham Is Not a Hospitable Town to the Old Boys in Blue. Try Us.

We heard a man about town remark not long ago that the people of Birmingham were a cold blooded, penurious, grasping set of citizens; that a reunion of the old boys in Blue could not be treated royally as they deserved by our citizens on account of stinginess. We call it a lie. In no town in our state can a reunion be held that the visitors can be treated any better than right here in old Birmingham. Now we are going to tell you something and we want every citizen who has red blood in his veins to back us—the others won't and we don't want them too either.

Listen! The 43rd annual reunion of the 22nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry meets in Detroit Thursday, Aug. 26, next. The boys have a business meeting at the G. A. R. hall, corner of Grand River and Cass avenues. Dinner will be served at Hotel Morgan at 1:30 p. m., a general meeting will be held and a program be given.

Now do listen and listen with both ears. Tom Wiley, H. Daniels, Nate Fall and a few such old boys in Blue, the next reunion to be held here in old Birmingham, and many of our citizens desire the same thing. In fact we have gone so far as to promise the old boys in Blue a hall to hold their meetings and a royal fare and Birmingham dinner such as mother used to serve—and they are coming and we want you all to help to make it a success to relate about in after years.

Listen! Tom H. Nix and "them fellows" besides propose also to have a Birmingham Home Coming to be held on the same day. Now this is another thing that we all want to begin right now to make preparations for a reunion. A committee should be chosen, organize and begin to make ready for the Boys in Blue in August 1911.

Listen! A Home Coming committee should be named and get now to begin to make ready for Birmingham's First Home Coming in August 1911. Are you with us? Yes.

Well then, call a public meeting discuss the question and let us show the state of Michigan that for Reunions and Home Comings there is no prettier place than Birmingham and surely no other place where hospitality is shown openhearted than right in this spot.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES
Sermon themes, Sunday morning "Nothing but Leaves." In the evening the union service with us and Rev. Kraft will preach.

J. V. P. U. prayer meeting at 6:30. Topic "Our Friend." Leader, Miss Bassett.

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A Citizen of Maple Street talks Right up to a City Official. More to Follow.

Editor of ECCENTRIC; Dear Sir: Just a little space in the ECCENTRIC to explain to the public in general, and Mr. Reed in particular, that my appearance upon the street to ally the dust nuisance on Maple avenue, was not for the purpose of any speculation not to encroach upon the rights of the village marshal or street commissioner if his official capacity.

The idea was suggested by Mr. Heth; thought well of by Dr. Jamieson and Miss Baldwin, and we had the sanction of the Treaty of the village to go ahead, and he kindly promised to send us a few loads of gravel which will fill in the ruts and low places of the roadway.

Now Mr. Reed, as street commissioner, your duty was to let me do all you could, but instead, you hampered it all you could. The material to put on the road, and Mr. Heth and myself were awaiting your action. You drew one small load after 3:00 o'clock Friday, which cost our village \$4. You will remember, Mr. Reed, how carefully Mr. Hupp and myself had raked the larger stones out of that load and you came and shoveled all of it back into the road, and on Saturday, the next day in the afternoon, you came to my home and told me not to take those stones out of the road again I said: "All right, Mr. Reed, anything for peace." Well, I kept my promise, but I straggled away to the property owner, whose front Mr. Heth and myself were trying to improve, and told him what you had done. Well sir there was action right away. That indignant citizen soon appeared with his paddy-wagon, shovel and rake and the way he went for that stone heap that you had just drawn, was a caution to snakes; six or seven loads he wheeled away.

You will remember, Mr. Reed, of coming while he was in action, but did you stop to use your official authority, or even to salute your neighbors? NO! Mr. Reed you were in a great hurry to go down the line, and you went.

Now, the people in Blue, one (1) of Maple avenue (Boulevarde) suffered the dirt nuisance all day Saturday and Sunday because you preferred to retard the work rather than assist in the same.

Now, Mr. Reed, I am in sympathy with you in your official capacity. There has been too much put upon you. You cannot ride two horses going in opposite directions, and if you would resign one office and attend to the other well, the public would be better served.

J. H. BORTLE, J. N. HETH.

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