

Devoted to Our Own Locality—We Labor for Its Interests.

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WHOLE NUMBER, 1747

RAY N. LEONARD.

A Very Sick Man Insured a Short Time Ago by W. D. Clizbe, now Receives His Benefit.

Ray N. Leonard of Birmingham, was insured by me in the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. a short time ago for \$1,000.00. He is now totally disabled by illness and the Company has sent him \$100.00 to apply on his policy, and have out of all premium payments. He will continue to draw \$100.00 each year until the full \$1,000 is paid, but if he should die before he draws the full \$1,000.00 his wife will draw the rest of it in one sum. In the Pacific you do not have to "die to win." You draw while living if you want to at any time after three years, and if disabled you draw and stop paying.

This insurance is cheaper than any fraternal policy in a term of years. A young man or woman can have a life policy with cash values, loan value, paid up values etc. with the total disability feature as in the case of Ray Leonard, all for \$15.35 per year. Of course older people would have to pay more. Why do you not hand your name and age to W. D. Clizbe, and find out what a good policy in a guaranteed old line Company will cost you? When you get grey hairs we will raise your rates but stand ready to pay you back in good U. S. cash money.

Do you want to know what it would cost you to carry it? Ask W. D. Clizbe, Gen. Agt. for Michigan, Southfield Ave. Birmingham.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 100 people in this whole country. One case of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Iowa, proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from violent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at C. J. Shain's.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Mary Hendrickson.

WHEREAS, The great and supreme Ruler of the universe, has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our oldest and most worthy members.

The long and intimate relation held with her in our society makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of her, therefore

Be it Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which she has exercised in our society be held in grateful remembrance.

Be it Resolved, That the removal of such a life leaves a vacancy that will be deeply realized by the members and friends of the society.

Be it Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things.

FRANCIS BOWLES,
MARTHA GODALE,
MARGARET ANDERSON,
Clawson Life Society.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes H. B. Brown of Muscadine, Alabama, "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She got her bowels down in her bed, and got up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time. Infallible for coughs and colds. It's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, jaundice, grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c. 31. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by C. J. Shain.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the kind friends and neighbors for their aid and sympathy in our recent and bereavement, also for the beautiful floral tributes which sincerely speak so much. And especially do we thank Rev. Jamieson for his comforting words.

Mrs. BLANCH MCKINNEY and SON, MR. and MRS. WILLIAM MCKINNEY, JR., MR. and MRS. WILLIAM MCKINNEY, JR.

Without opiates or harmful drugs of any kind Foley's Honey and Senna Compound stops coughs and cures colds. Do not accept any substitute. Sold by all druggists.

WARNING.

Some unprincipled person has been in lately circulating the report that I, the long time agent of the Sun and Phoenix Fire Insurance companies, am unable longer to do insurance business. This is far from the truth, as my Fire Insurance business still continues.

Policy holders in the Sun and Phoenix are warned against these false representations. If you have a Sun or Phoenix policy, rest assured that they will be attended to by me as expeditiously as A. W. H. W. H. W. H.

ECCENTRIC ADVERTISERS

Who Invite You to Call and Examine Their Holiday Offerings

F. Blakeslee, Neck Ties, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs for Women and men, Lingerie, Gloves and Mittens, Hosiery for Ladies and Gents, Laces, Rubbers.

H. W. Baxter, Jewelry, Cut Glass, Watches, Rogers Bros.' 1847 Ware, Clocks, Eye Glasses and Spectacles, Ten cent Music, Violin and Guitar strings, Fountain Pens.

A. E. Parke, Cutters and Sleighs.
Miner & Ferguson, Fruits, Nuts, Confectionery, Vegetables and "Good Things to Eat," kept good.

Charles Peck, Buy Yourself a Suit of Clothes.
H. B. Parks & Co., Buy her a Gasoline engine to do her churning, pumping and to spank the kids with power.

H. G. Spencer & Co., Candies, Nuts, Raisins, Currants, Figs, Dates, and all kinds of Fruits.
Birmingham Cartage Co., Will deliver all Christmas Gifts—for a Holiday consideration.

Erwin & Smith, Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Beef, Pork and Lamb. Oysters etc.

Charles J. Shain, Toilet Sets, Perfumes, Toilet Water, Stationery, Christmas cards, Candles, Toys, Novelties and Balls.
A. C. McGraw, Christmas Trees at Shattuck & Lynch's Real estate office. All sizes All prices.

Boil Bros. & LaLoie, Everything in the Meat line for Xmas "Eats." Turkeys, Chickens, Oysters. All kinds of Vegetables.
M. Levinson, Xmas Presents for Everybody. Thousands of dollars worth of useful, durable and "longed for" Gifts. Mechanical Toys in great profusion.

Eastern Michigan Edison Co., "Christmas Presents." What would be more appreciated than an Electric Light, Percolator, Chafing Dish, Toaster or Heating Pad. For prices see big advt. elsewhere.

Detroit.
The Adolph Enggass Jewelry Co., Gold and Silver Watches, Diamonds set and unset, Jewelry, Clocks etc.

M. Wohlgenuth & Sons, Ostrich Feathers at Wholesale Prices, and a beautiful Souvenir Christmas box with every purchase.
Macaulay Bros., Books! Books! Books!!! and then more Books. All Christmas Novelties.

Pontiac.
Merritt & Tompkins, Xmas Presents in Foot Wear for Men, Women, Boys, Girls and the Little Tot.

Henry Paull, Christmas Silvers for Everyone in the family from baby to grandmothers. Beautiful Legzins. Shoes for all.

OUR MERCHANTS
Are Growing More and More Metropolitan. Early Closing Movement Satisfies Everybody.

The merchants of Birmingham have at last succeeded in bringing about a much needed reform, and one that cannot but help to work out for the benefit of themselves and also their clerk. It is a move that has been contemplated for many years past, but never before progressed so far along as now.

The following agreement binds each and every merchant in town to early closing up to April 1st, 1912. The move is an economic one, too, for it saves a saving of light and fuel, and all signs are earnestly beseeched by their fellow merchants to live up to, and stand by their contract.

AGREEMENT.
We the undersigned merchants of Birmingham, agree to close our places of business a 7 o'clock (standard) on all evenings except Saturdays, from January 1st, 1912, to April 1st, 1912.

M. Levinson Miner & Ferguson
Boil Bros. & LaLoie Bell Bros. & LaLoie
McC Stanley-Harris Co. Charles J. Shain
Huston Hardware Co. at 6 p. m.
F. J. Warner F. Blakeslee
Wm. Bergman Daines & Bell
E. E. Cowan V. Nickerson
W. H. Hoge & Co. at 6 p. m.
Y. K. Smith & Erwin Spencer & Co.

A Terrible Blunder
To neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent violent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at C. J. Shain's.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.
Rev. G. L. Mittet, of Detroit, will preach in the morning. Theme, "The Book of Jonah." The pastor will preach in the evening. Topic, "The Inmate Saviour, A Christmas sermon."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. Topic, "The gift that Transforms the World." Leader, Miss Sadie Hamm.

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school will be held on Saturday evening.

The new plan is declared by all, who have seen and heard it, to be a fine one.

Ends Winter's Troubles.
To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles by before Backen's Arctic Salve. It is a tried and true. Greatest healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, bruises, eczema and sprains. Only 50c at C. J. Shain's.

Birmingham U. P. Church Notes.
Sabbath School at 1:30 p. m., followed by preaching at 2:30.
Services at Troy church as usual.

VERMERCENARY

Uncle Sam Again Boosts Post Office Box Rentals Second Raise During P. M. Hanna's Reign.

A man living 15 miles away from the Hartford Post office has his mail brought to him free of all expense. He may receive 4 to 6 pieces yearly, while a business man in Birmingham receiving from 10 to 15 pieces many times daily has to get after it, and pays for a box to put in besides. It used to be 25 cents per quarter, on a large sized lock box. A second raise in the price since John Hanna became Post Master, places the price now at 75 cents per quarter, a prohibitive price. It went go through Post Master Hanna will have just one big general delivery for all of his patrons excepting of course, the R. R. Under these conditions the Birmingham P. O. wouldn't be much of a Christmas present.

Here are the new rates:
Post Office Department,
First Assistant Postmaster General
Washington, D. C. Dec. 1st, 1911.
Postmaster,
Birmingham,
Mich.

Respectfully,
C. P. GRANFIELD,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

THE TELEPHONE GIRL.

A fellow who is afraid to sign his name wrote the following and then went to Africa to hunt lions.

The telephone girl sits still in her chair and listens to voices from everywhere. She hears all the gossip and she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues; she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows every girl who is chasing the boys; she knows all our troubles, she knows all our strifes; she knows every man who is mean to his wife; she knows the time we are out with the boys; she hears the excuses each fellow employs; she knows every woman who has a dark past, she knows all the men who are inclined to be fast; in fact there's a secret 'neath the saucy curl of the queen, demure looking telephone. If the telephone girl would tell all she knows, it would turn fast friend into bitter foes; she would sow a small wind that would soon be a gale engulfing us in trouble and land us in jail; she could let go a story which given free, would cause half our wives to sue for divorce; she could get the churches mixed up in a fight, and turn all our days into sorrowing night; in fact, she could keep the whole town in a stew if she would tell a tenth sense of the things that she knew. Now, doesn't it set your head in a whirl when you think what you owe to the telephone girl?

Watch Your Kidneys.

Their action controls your health. Read what Foley Kidney Pills have done for your neighbor, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Ann Arbor, Michigan, says: "I had a case of kidney trouble that caused me much worry and pain. I was troubled with severe backache and shooting pains in the sides, and at times I felt as tired early in the morning as if I had done a hard day's work. Foley's Kidney Pills were brought to my notice and I began taking them. After a short time I felt entirely relieved of the backache, the side pains left me, and I have never experienced that tired feeling in the morning or any other. Foley Kidney Pills cured me, and I shall always recommend them highly." Sold by all druggists.

Troy Tax Payers, Attention!

I will be at the following places from 8 o'clock a. m., to three o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving taxes.

At F. D. Cutting's store, Tuesday, Dec. 12th, and every Tuesday until January 10th, '12.
At Wm. Lum's store, Thursday, December 14th, and every Thursday until January 10th, '12.

At First National Bank, Birmingham, Saturday, December, 16th, and every Saturday until January 10th, '12.
At Troy, every Friday until January 10th, '12.
JAY CHATFIELD Troy Treas.

"Beat on Earth."

This is the verdict of J. Howell, Tracy, Ohio, who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. "Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly by her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure. Sold by all druggists.

To Clean Gold Lace.
Gold lace and embroidery can be cleaned with powdered burnt alum, applied with a soft brush, and wiped off with a soft cloth.

History Extract

The Hartford Fire Ins. Co. Paid from 80 to 80 claims per day—nearly all settled from the Company's records, as policies had been burned while other companies were wrangling the Hartford was saying, and paid out \$7,011,636.00.

Come to
J. Allen Bigelow
Agent of that grand old Company in Birmingham.

Office—First floor, front room, Telephone Building.
Office Phone, 11-3R. Residence phone, 75.

PEOPLE WHO ONCE BUY "STERLING" Never Afterward Buy Plated

There's a "solid" satisfaction in buying Silverware marked "Sterling." For in such a purchase you buy a certainty—and in buying plated ware, especially if you buy it of an "uncertain" dealer, you often buy "probability." Not that good plated ware is not good ware—it is; and it is well worth buying, and will worth all more and more than it costs.

But to people who don't want to rely upon either their own knowledge or upon the jeweler's or dealer's assurances, "Sterling" is worth the additional cost.

Call and inspect our full line of Diamonds—set and unset—Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, etc. We carry everything suitable for Holiday Gifts.

THE ADOLPH ENGASS JEWELRY CO.
Established 1865.
Opposite 22 GRAYTON HUDSON'S ST.
Only a few doors from Woodward Avenue
DETROIT

Owosso Cyclone

We write insurance in the Michigan Mutual Tornado, Cyclone & Wind-Storm Insurance Co. Policy \$1, and 20c on each \$100. Just two assessments of 10c on each \$100 in the last 15 years. Now is a good time to protect yourself against loss by wind.

Oakland Realty Co.
Next Door to Birmingham P. O.

JNO. D. RIKER, M. D.
Practice limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, PONTIAC, MICH.

Dr. Lillian J. Courts, Osteopathic Physician,
Graduate of the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo. (Dissertation of woman and children's gynecology). Examination from Office hours, 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. 215 1/2 E. 11th St., L. 11th Block, Pontiac, Mich. Oakland phone.

O'CONNELL'S WEST-SIDE GROCERY

I take this opportunity of announcing to the people of the west side of my village,
BEAUTIFUL BIRMINGHAM
THE MEAT OF OUR COUNTRY.

That I have in stock a large line of Fancy and Staple Groceries, the expense being comparatively very low, my prices are likewise. I also handle Land and Simons' and other fine goods.
JOHN O'CONNELL.

YULE-TIDE

Is now with us—the days of kindly thought and kindly remembrance—the days of joyous Christmas carols and of feasting. We provide the "Good Things" for the Department of the Interior.

FRUITS
APPLES ORANGES GRAPE FRUIT LEMONS
BANANAS TOKAY GRAPES PAPAOGAS

NUTS
WALNUT PEATS PECAN MEATS ALMOND PEATS
PISTACHIA NUTS
All sorts in the shell, from Michigan's Shellbark Hickory Nut to the "Nigger-toe" of Far Brazil.

Biggest Line of Confectionery Ever Shown in This Village

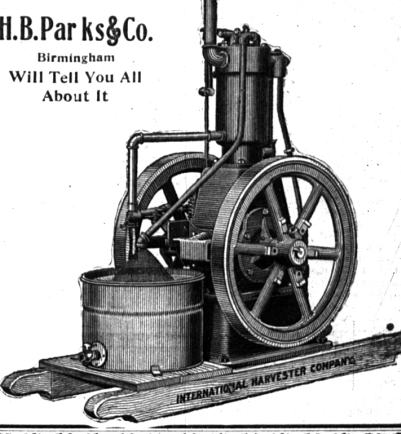
During Holiday Season 2 lbs. Kisses for 25c
Both Peanut-Butter and Molasses Kisses.

Vegetables and a house full of good things for our customers. Make your selections early from our **Christmas China.**

MINER & FERGUSON

"GOOD THINGS TO EAT"

H.B. Parks & Co.
Birmingham
Will Tell You All About It



A Merry Christmas! AND A Happy New Year!

They are coming very fast, but we are all ready to serve our Patrons in order that they may enjoy this happy Yuletide season, a large and complete stock of carefully selected

Candies and Nuts.
Raisins and Currants,
Fresh Figs and Dates, and
Choice Fruits of all Kinds.

We Keep Everything to sell, cook, eat and be happy with. Yours for a Happy time,
H. G. SPENCER & CO.

Fall Goods That You Will Need

New Fall Outings at 6, 8, 10 and 12c yard
New Fall Bed Blankets at
60c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 pair
New line of Val and Torchon Laces at 5c per yard
Men's Extra Fleece Underwear at 50c garment
100 pairs Ladies' Best Quality Rubbers at 75c pair
50 pairs Misses' Best Quality Rubbers at 85c pair
50c pairs Men's Pants at \$1.50 per white they last

Yours for good goods at low prices
F. Blakeslee