



ECCENTRIC.

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

SEWERS OR NOT

Speaking of sewers, Hush! Nobody speaks of sewers? Not since that victorious election when the sewer bonds were voted. Now, G. Henry I don't know a thing about sewer questions. I leave that to you and the other fellows who roll the strings of "Beautiful Birmingham, the Pride of Old Oakland," but I say it boldly, this I do know, when the robins nest again, and the dish water "oozes" around the back door again, and the garbage heap, the out houses and the half protected cess-pools begin again to give forth their varied, mellowed fragrance mixed in a ratio of 16 to 1 with the evening breeze of B. B. D. O. C. etc. Then and there until then shall we have the disturbing and raucous shouts from the Suffragettes, for more air and less smell. Then too, the festive typhoid fly will he herself forth from her winter resting place and seizing the nearest and most pestiferous place will calmly proceed, to lay millions of eggs that will promptly hatch out, so that the "Swatter" may later on have plenty of swatting, and the small child go forth to gather in dead flies in meat markets and grocery stores at 10c. per pt. for the school board and other say Philanthropists.

E. BOND GRIFFITH, RAY N. LEONARD, TWO MEN KILLED

Special meetings at the Birmingham Baptist church, beginning on Tuesday evening of next week. A series of special meetings will be held at the Baptist church, beginning on Tuesday evening January 2nd, '12, at 7:30. Evangelist E. Bond Griffith of Detroit, will assist the pastor.

RAY N. LEONARD, TWO MEN KILLED

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 in the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. a short time ago for \$1,000. He is now totally disabled by illness and the Company has sent him \$100.00 to apply on his policy, and have cut off all premium payments.

TWO MEN KILLED

On the D. U. E. Tracks John Robinson, of Clawson, and Fred Smithson, of Oxford, Mich. John Robinson, better known as "Yanket," aged 75 years was almost killed last Thursday night by a First car at Clawson crosses. Robinson was on the track and in the fog did not become aware of the approaching car in time to save himself.

History Extract

Page 113, of San Francisco Fire. Paid from 60 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 paying, and paid out \$7,011,636.00.

J. Allen Bigelow

Agent of that grand old Company in Birmingham. The Oldest Agency in Oakland Co. Office—First floor, front room, Telephone Building. Office Phone, 11-3R. Residence phone, 75.

THE ADOLPH ENGASS JEWELRY CO. and the Season's Greetings to all Our Friends and Patrons. Established 1865. 22 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit.

G. Henry! You have brought this sorrow upon yourself! Upon your head when you said "sewers" to me the other day: it was like saying, "rats, sic 'em!" to a rat terrier in the presence of the enemy. Don't open up these raw questions so recklessly. I am almost afraid to look at a bottle of "absolutely pure milk," that comes from the "absolutely clean and sanitary dairy," for fear I might imagine I had a right to speak a few words in the interests of the innocent and helpless babies and the helpless sick.

Mr. Griffith comes as an efficient and zealous worker. Rev. C. E. Conley, so well known, here has to say of him: "We can heartily recommend Evangelist E. Bond Griffith, as an able and efficient leader in an evangelistic campaign." The Standard of Chicago, says: "His views of truth are conservative without intolerance and narrowness, and his sermons packed with the vital truths of the gospel, are weighty and delivered with unusual power. His method of conducting the after meeting are entirely destitute of traps or catches, yet are very efficient. He is wanting almost entirely in sensationalism except that sensationalism which is the result of the effect of the truth upon the conscience. We are not sure always surmise what is meant by "sane evangelism" but Mr. Griffith and his work are concrete illustrations of what we understand "sane evangelism" to be."

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 attention and I began taking them. After a short time I felt entirely relieved of the backache, the side pains left me, and have never experienced that tired feeling in the morning or any other time. Foley's Kidney Pills cured me, and I shall always recommend them highly." Sold by all druggists.

FRED SMITHSON. The man instantly killed four miles south of Birmingham, opposite Rokeland cemetery just north of John D. Benjamin's home, by a north bound Pontiac car, at 5:15 p. m., Saturday, was identified Sunday noon as Fred Smithson, a workman in the Oxford D. U. R. sub station. Supposed to come to Birmingham at noon, but did not, and it is not known why he should have been walking northward on the D. U. R. track. Evidently the bright, powerful light did not warn him of his danger. He was struck and thrown into the ditch and against a stump. His head was crushed, and both legs broken. His death was instantaneous. He was tenderly placed on the back platform of the car which struck him, covered with a blanket borrowed from a passing huckster's wagon, and taken to the power house at Birmingham. A jury was impelled, after which the body was taken to the morgue at Pontiac, by the Coroner. Deceased was aged 38 years, and wore a light grey overcoat which was seen by the motorman only at the moment of striking him. Smithson leaves a widow, and three small children, the oldest, Pauline being only seven. The family were gathered here at Mrs. Smithson's father, J. S. Dunham, for Christmas celebration. The death of Mr. Smithson, was not known by the family, until nearly noon the next day. Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dunham, 4213 George street, Birmingham, at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. A. Salyer. The remains were then taken to Cass City, and interred in the family lot. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dunham, James Dunham, Miss Zellers and Mrs. Robert Bromley, all of Detroit, attended the funeral.

Wanted For Sale For Rent

For sale—House and lot on Willits street, north side \$2,000 for quick sale. Also 8 room house and barn, two lots, for \$1,700. Inquire Exchange Bank 12

33 YEARS AGO

The following items were published in this paper by its present owners. Orpha Kyle has diphtheria. Old Theron struck zero last Tuesday. Miss Ida Corey left for Plymouth last Monday. Miss Mary McCabe, of Detroit, and her nephew, Willie Greck, are guests at the National Hotel.

Notice To Southfield Tax Payers.

For the purpose of receiving taxes I will be at home every Friday till Jan. 10th 1912. At town hall Dec. 26th, at Ery's Mills Dec. 28th. At John Currier's in Franklin Dec. 30th. At the First Station and bath in Birmingham Jan. 2nd. At Stoll's store Jan. 6th and at home nearly every other forenoon till Jan. 10 1912. J. M. BROWDOW, Treasurer.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday themes, Sunday morning, "Soul Winning." Evening, "The Old and the New Year." B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. Topic, "China of Today and Tomorrow." Leader, Mrs. Jackson.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on Dec. 23, 1911. John Burk, Wesley Gotta, Jas. C. Lutzner, Mrs. Vera Harr R3, no address.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Owing to the destruction of his farm buildings by fire, the undersigned announces that he intends to dispose of surplus live stock, farm implements, etc., by auction sale, after the holidays. This sale will afford persons interested the opportunity of obtaining live stock and tools at bargain prices. In the meantime, all persons in the market for good hogs, cows, swine or machinery, call John F. Peters, phone 143, Birmingham.

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.

JNO. D. RIKER, M. D. Practice limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT & RENTAC, MICH. Dr. Lillian J. Courts, Osteopathic Physician.

OUR HAPPY NEW YEAR RESOLUTION. We shall use our best efforts for the betterment of our service to our patrons, giving courteous treatment and selling high quality of eatables, to the end that we may justify our motto—"The Home of Good Things to Eat."

MINER & FERGUSON. THE HOME OF "GOOD THINGS TO EAT". H.B. Parks & Co. Birmingham Will Tell You All About It. Image of a mechanical device.

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.

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 per yard New line of Val and Torchon Laces at 5c per yard Men's Extra Fleeced Underwear at 50c per pair 100 pairs Ladies' Best Quality Rubbers at 75c per pair 50c pairs Misses' Best Quality Rubbers at 85c per pair 50c pairs Men's Pants at \$1.50 pr while they last.

Lightning Kills Few. In 1909 lightning killed 163 people in this whole country. One chance of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The most frequent deaths by lightning, kidney or stomach trouble is washed greater, but not Electric Bitter as used, as Robert Marsh, of Burlington, Iowa, proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months suffering from Urinary tract, headache and yellow jaundice. He was completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach liver, and kidney pills you've ever used. Write for sample and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at G. J. Shain's.

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If You Have a Printing Want WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS. Putting out good printing is our business, and when we say good printing we don't mean bill, but the best obtainable. If you are from Missouri give us a trial and we will show you.

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. 25th, and every Tuesday until January 10th, '12. At Wm. Lamb'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 home every Friday until January 10th, '12. JAY CHATFIELD Troy Treas.

Was Suspicious. "That was suspicious," said Senator Newlands, in an address in Reno on irrigation. "That was a suspicion on our opponents part as the action of the railroad conductor. A passenger, having lost his ticket, paid this conductor in cash, and then said: 'Why do you put half my fare in your coat pocket and the other half in your trousers?' Well, the company's got to have something, ain't it?"

F. Blakeslee. Yours for good goods at low prices. BEAUTIFUL BIRMINGHAM THE PLACE OF OUR CHANGING.