THE

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A LADY TALKS

More About the Village of Birmingham in re Water for Its Citizens and for the G. T. R. R.

We would like to put before the taxpayers a few facts regarding the proposition of the village selling water to the Grand Trunk.

Figuring on the basis of 40 gallons per day per family, which we understand is the average amount used, each family would use approximately 14,600 gallons per year, for household purposes only, for which we now pay a $6 tax.

At the rate at which it is being sold to the Grand Trunk of 10c per thousand gallons, the citizen should pay only $1.50 for the 15,000 gallons for which we are now paying $5. Therefore you will see that in order to use $5 worth of water at the rate it is sold to the railroad it would be necessary for each family to use 50,000 gallons per year, or 137 gallons (or approximately four barrels) per day.

If at the present rate of taxation the waterworks has been only about self-supporting we would like some member of the board to explain how the village is to make an enormous profit at the lower rate at which they are selling water to the Grand Trunk.

These are only a few facts, saying nothing about the scarcity of water for lawn purposes, which all have felt the past season, and which is so necessary in order to make "Birmingham the Pride of old Oakland."

A LADY TAXPAYER.

No Need to Stop Work.

When your doctor orders you to stop work it staggers you. "I can't," you say. You know you are weak, run-down and failing in health; day by day, but you must work as long as you can stand. What you need is Electric Bitters to give tone, strength and vigor to your system, to prevent breakdown and build you up. Don't be weak, sickly or ailing when Electric Bitters will benefit you from the first dose. Thousands bless them for their glorious health and strength. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at C. J. Shain's.

Council Proceedings.

Birmingham, Mich.
Council Rooms,
Sept. 11, 1911.

Regular monthly meeting of the Birmingham Village Council. President George E. Daines in the chair.

Trustees present—Nichols, Smith, Johnston, Wilkinson.

Trustees absent—Schlaack, Crawford.

Johnston moved, Nichols seconded the following bills be allowed as read and orders drawn for same.

GENERAL FUND.	
Eastern Michigan Edison Co	$130 88
E. A. Parks	11 17
Buckberrough & Murchie	9 75
Huston Hardware Co.	4 72
George L. Kemp	10
Ira Reed	50 00
Detroit United Ry	2 49
Robert Hanna	3 58
HIGHWAY FUND.	
Smith Bros.	$141 13
John Allen	104 00
Charles Hoffman	104 00
LeGrand Leonard	3 00
Mrs. Agnew	4 00
Asa Hutton	38 70
Robert Hutchinson	29 60
John Nash	35 00
Ray Hutton	35 60
Ed. Holloway	56 00
WATERWORKS FUND.	
Walter Nichols	$ 12 72
T. B. Rayl Co	80
I. Bafley	1 50
W. A. Anderson Tool & Supply Co	2 50
E. H. Randall	80 00
E. C. McQuater	5 35
J. H. Carter	175 10
Detroit Lead Pipe & Sheet Lead Works	82 42
The E. M. Car Pump Governor Co.	6 50

Voted by roll call.

Yeas—Nichols, Johnston, Wilkinson, Smith.

Nays—None.

Wilkieson moved, Johnston seconded Robert Hanna be allowed rebate of $3.58 taxes on lots 9, 12 and 13.

Voted by roll call.

Yeas—Nichols, Johnston, Wilkinson, Smith.

Nays—None.

Wilkinson moved, Smith seconded, the Whitehead & Mitchell's plat of Birmingham Heights subdivision be referred to the street committee.

Voted by roll call.

Yeas—Nichols, Johnston, Wilkinson, Smith.

Nays—None.

Nichols moved, Johnston seconded, the village treasurer be granted 20 days extension for collecting taxes.

Voted by roll call.

Yeas—Nichols, Wilkinson, Johnston, Smith.

Nays—None.

Minutes read and approved.

Smith moved, Johnston seconded, the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

GEO. F. DAINES, President. GEO. L. KEMP, Clerk.

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The reading room is large, light and quiet. Superintended by Miss Daisy Durkee it is a grand place to go to, to pause, peruse and ponder.

It belongs to the village and to you, and if you are not using it,—reading some of the many new and interesting books there,—you alone are the loser.

The following are the new books recently added:

Laura Richards, "Melody."
Johnson, "Earning Her Way."
Porter Stratton, "The Harvesters."
Rex Beach, "Ne'er To Do Well."
Burnett, "The Secret Garden."
Harold B. Wright, "The Winning of Barbara Worth."
People's Family Atlas.
Spanish Method of Study.
Spanish Grammar.
Fair Maid of Perth.
A Mexican Holiday.
Mistress of the Manse.
Gathered Gems.
French Pictures.
Delilah of the Snows.
The Seamless Robe.
Over the Ocean.
French Grammar.
First Book in French.
Whist Manual.
Travels in Mexico.
Golden Wreath.
Vanity Fair.
Prince Duckalou.
Village Blacksmith.
Story of the Bible.
18th. Century Vignettes.
Abroad Again.
From Egypt to Japan.
Household,—Detroit Free Press.
The True and the Beautiful.
Life's Proscription.
Great Events of History.
Uncle William.
Happy Island.
Clever Betsy.
The Power and the Glory.
Along the Nile.

Forced to Leave Home.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers, whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs, are told to go another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. There's a better way. Let Dr. King's New Discovery cure you at home. "It cured me of lung trouble," writes W. R. Nelson, of Calamine, Arkansas, "when all else failed and I gained 47 pounds in weight. It's surely the king of all cough and lung cures." Thousands owe their lives and health to it. It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup—all throat and lung troubles. 50c and $1. Trial bottle free at C. J. Shain's.

U. P. CHURCH NOTES.

Preaching at the U. P. church next Sabbath by the Rev. Wreid, of Rock Island Presbytery. Services begin at 10 o'clock a. m. standard.

Sabbath school follows at 11 o'clock.

Young People's meeting at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Troy services in the afternoon as usual. F. W. Y.

A Great Advantage to Working Men

J. A. Maple, 125 South Seventh Street, Steubenville, Ohio, says: "For years I suffered from weak kidneys and a severe bladder trouble. I learned of Foley Kidney Pills and their wonderful cures, so I began taking them, and sure enough I had as good results as any I heard about. My backache left me and to one of my business, expressman, that alone is a great advantage. My kidneys acted free and normal, and that saved me a lot of misery. It is now a pleasure to work where it used to be a misery. Foley Kidney Pills have cured me and have my highest praise." Sold by all druggists.

TO BE FOUND IN THE LIBRARY.

Magazines and papers to be found in the public library for the coming year. Harpers Monthly, Review of Reviews, American Magazine, American Boy, Success, Little Folks, Sunset, Technical World, St. Nicholas, The World To-day, Pearson's Magazine, Hampton's Magazine, Popular Mechanics, Youth's Companion, Dumb Animals, Park and Cemetery, donated by the Cemetery Association; Delineator, donated by Mrs. Cooper; Fine Art Journal, Beautiful Homes, Woman's Journal, General Federation Bulletin, The True American, donated by Miss Baldwin; Birmingham Eccentric, donated by publishers. tf

Only One Day More!

And Then------The Beautiful, Handsome, Elegant, Fair, Becoming, Lovely, Charming, Graceful, Pretty, Eccentric Mahogany Oakland Piano Goes To Its New Owner. Still in Doubt.

Do you realize that only one day more remains until the final count in the big piano contest that the Eccentric has been conducting? A little hustling may place you in the lead and make you the winner of the piano. Get busy and don't give up until the last.

Every time you spend a dollar put it where you can get the most coupons and then turn it over to your chosen candidate. You won't be the only one doing this, and how do you know but what your little help will turn the trick and put the prize where you want it. You people who get out of yourselves once in a while and do something for somebody else are beginning to learn the true secret of a happy life, and once you get in the way of it you will speedily see that the millenium is no fickle dream but a blessed reality to be brought about by just simple means.

If when you do a kind act you should fatally wait for the gratitude you might therefore miss the opportunity of doing another, and failing to get what you have foolishly desired, lost all the joy of life, or having lost the other chance of being satisfied. But keep on trying, finding then what is done for others you have done twice for yourself, for what is your end and object other than happiness, which never follows greed.

All the presents are worth working for, but if you put forth your best efforts you stand a good chance to the choice of all.

The Eccentric would like to see every contestant in the race get an Oakland piano, but only one is offered and the race ends Saturday Sept. 23rd.

During the counting the contestants are invited to be present or they may send a representative to see that every thing is fair, square and honest. Now girls remember the bonus votes on the subscriptions and get busy NOW.

The Bonus offers now are as follows:

For every seven new subscribers; 6,000 extra, a total of 10,200 votes.

For every 7 renewals; 5,000 extra, a total of 8,500 votes.

For every 7 back subscribers; 4,000 extra votes, a total of 6,800.

For every 40 merchant's coupons; 1,000 extra votes, a total of 2,000 votes.

For every three 5-year new or renewal subscriptions, 25,000 extra votes, a total of 40,000 votes.

For every three-year new or renewal subscriptions, 25,000 extra votes, a total of 40,000 votes.

For every two 20-year new or renew-subscriptions, 75,000 extra, a total of 135,000 votes.

☞ The three 5-year subscriptions may be either one, two or three parties.

☞ The two 20-year subscriptions may be for either one or two parties.

BIRMINGHAM.

Bessie Russell Evelyn Young Maud Berry Margaret Brown Maud Hollock May Allen Mrs. Robert Allison Rose Luth Minnie Wilson Jessie Gray Ethel Phillips Bertha Kerr Grace Streeter Helen Shaw Hope Ferguson Martha Nye.

R. R. No. 1.

Ruth Russell Ruth Stepheson Kitty Strickler Lillian Render Anna Render

R. R. No. 2.

Jennie Todd Ethel Bassett Lillie Halett Lilly Patchett Blanche Park.

R. R. No. 3.

Bessie Patchett.

R. R. No. 4.

Julia Lakie Myrtle King Lena Poole

R. R. No. 5.

Flossie Render Gladys Brooks Grace Duffy Ora Hyde Alice Davis Lillian Roedige Jessie Davis Lizzie Randal Julia Bristol Maude McDonald May Randal Lottie Roy and Edith McBride

CLAWSON.

Static Bean
ROYAL OAK.
Ida Hill Ida Moore Cora Most
TROY.
Agnes Parker Agnes Herbison Dorothy Smith Elda Aspinwall Grace Ledridge Hilda Houghton.

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HURRAH FOR BEN

Benjamin Converse Has a Warm Spot in His Heart for Dear Old Birmingham, the Pride of Oakland

Owosso, Mich., Sept. 19, '11.

Friend George and Allie,
Birmingham, Mich.,

It was with a smile that I read your "33 Years Ago" clipping and it brought back very forcibly to my memory the happy days of my childhood spent in Birmingham. Although the incident of the lost knife has long past, I still have the memory of the same, it being my first knife given me by my father, then in the meat business on the corner. Those were happy days, whose memories will always remain fresh to me. Many of the boys and girls have passed away, others still live, then while some are far from the old town, I have often thought of the good times spent around the old school house, the mill pond, Randall's deer park, when the deer was first put there, the hill by the old pond where we used to slide down hill by moonlight on the big sled used to draw mail up from the depot where one of the boys, Jim Youngs, received a broken leg in the sport.

Birmingham is a beautiful place to live in with all the advantages of a large city at its door. Thirty-three years ago little did the citizens of the quiet old town think what was in store for them and Birmingham the one bright spot in grand old Oakland county.

One of the boys,
BEN L. CONVERSE.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on Sept. 16, 1911.

Mr. Geo. A. Locke, Mr. Augus C. McMillan, Mrs. Lucinda Carpenter, Mrs. Wm. Dickerson, Mrs. Abel Hamm, Mrs. M. J. Wertz (3), Mrs C. C. Whitaker, care of Mrs. M. J. Wertz.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

A Dreadful Sight

To H. J. Barnum, of Freeville, New York, was the fever sore that had plagued his life for years in spite of many remedies he tried. At last he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve and wrote: "It has entirely healed with scarcely a scar left." Heals, burns, boils, eczema, cuts, bruises, swellings, corns and piles like magic. Only 25c at C. J. Shain's.

History Extract
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Nippy, each 10c
McLaren's Imperial 15c and 25c
Brick, lb. 20c
Edam, each 80c to $1.00

OLIVES—Gulden's Don Carlos Brand
Plain—10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c Bottle
Stuffed—10c, 15c, 25c, 50c Bottle
Grogan's Ripe Olives, 30c Can

PICKLES
Sour Gherkins, bottles 10c
Sour Gherkins, quarts 25c
Sweet Gherkins, bottles 10c
Sweet Gherkins, quarts 25c
Bulk Sweets, per dozen 10c

Cross & Blackwell's Goods
Pint Chow Chow 40c | 1 lb. Orange Marmalade 25c
Quart Chow Chow 75c | 1 lb. Strawberry Jam 25c

Hot Stuff
McIlhenney's Tobasco Sauce 50c
Snider's Catsup 15c and 25c
Green Peppersauce 10c
Pride of England Sauce 15c
Parker House Catsup 10c
Red Peppersauce 10c
ASPARAGUS { 1 lb. Eldorado White Tips 25c; 24 lbs. El Primero White Tips 40c
MARASCHINO CHERRIES { Rosebud, ½ pints 15c; Rosebud, 1 pints 25c
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