

# Royal Oak

Latest From Our Sister Village

Watchnight services were held in the M. E. church Sunday.

Wm. Beltz, who has been ill for several days, is again able to be out.

John Thompson, of Buffalo, called on friends in town the past week.

The Epworth League gave a supper in the social rooms of the church Friday evening.

Mrs. H. S. Gardner and son Ferris visited Mr. Gardner's parents in Oxford last week.

Mr. H. Wheeler and Mr. Schaffer, of Detroit, visited at the home of H. Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lederl and L. Fournier and family ate New Years dinner at the Starr home.

Mrs. A. D. Kidder attended a meeting of the Rest Room committee at Pontiac on Thursday.

Lyle and Ethlyn McClelland, who have been ill with the whooping cough, are improving.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Henry Wheeler Tuesday evening.

Louis Erb of Owosso was the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erb a few days the past week.

Arthur Fournier began his duties as instructor in mathematics in the Birmingham high school this week.

The Royal Oak Woman's club will hold their reciprocity meeting Monday, Jan. 8, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Sare.

The band boys are considering the proposition of giving a free concert in the near future. We hope it will be soon.

Miss Estela Wheeler was unable to attend her work at the postoffice a few days last week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Lena Scott Reynes, of New York City, N. Y., has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Osgood during the holidays.

Robert Hawthorn has petitioned the probate court to appoint a guardian for A. W. Decker who is mentally incompetent.

Mrs. H. Hitchcock leaves for the sunny south soon to spend the remainder of the winter with Mrs. M. J. Carley in Florida.

A. D. Kidder resumed his duties as traveling salesman, again this week after spending the holidays at his home here.

Mrs. J. M. Lawson is still quite ill as the result of a fall on the slippery sidewalk as she was on her way to church last Sunday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Ann Potter aged 77, was held from St. Mary's church Saturday morning and interment was made in Royal Oak cemetery.

You don't need to go to the city to get your sheet music. J. F. Coding & Co. are now carrying a complete line, over 1,000 copies, McKinley edition, 10¢ sheet music. All popular pieces.

Mrs. George Mathieson gave a surprise party New Year's night to her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Merrill and to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Erb. This was a celebration of two wedding anniversaries, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill having been married 42 years and Mr. and Mrs. Erb 38 years. The evening was spent in playing pedro. Mrs. Kidder won first prize for ladies and Mr. G. C. Merrill won first gentleman's prize. Mrs. H. Whyte and Mrs. L. Fournier won second prize.

George C. Coleman of Belleville was united in marriage last Friday evening to Miss Winnifred Black, of the same place. The ceremony was performed at the home of Wm. Coleman. Justice Rose officiated. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served and the couple left for Belleville, where they will make their home. The bridegroom is a prominent business man at that place, being engaged in the leather and harness business. He is also a member of the village council of that place.

Howard Hagelsteen was the guest of friends in Vassar recently.

Mrs. F. E. Briggs entertained several of her relatives at dinner Sunday.

John Lawrence, of Chicago, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jennelle were the guests of friends in Orion last week.

Arthur Cook is spending the holidays visiting relatives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Marcell returned last week after visiting relatives in Flint and Vassar.

H. Gardner and family spent New Years in Detroit the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Wyandotte, was the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andersson last week.

Over 300 chickens have been reported stolen in the south part of the village lately. Someone is evidently making a business of it.

Dr. J. W. Anderson secured a judgement in Justice Rose's court Friday against Frank Ash of Birmingham for \$25 and \$3 costs. The judgement was paid.

The Masons had a merry time at their hall, Wednesday evening of last week. Progressive pedro was the amusement of the evening. Refreshments were served.

Next Sunday at St. Mary's church there will be one service, a mass at 9:30 a. m. Father Needham will have charge of the service at Oxford at 11 a. m.

The young ladies of the Sodality society of St. Mary's church gave a card party Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Joseph Litzau, corner of Hudson and Main street.

The Mellen-Wright-Lumber Co. have made resolutions for 1912 that will pay you to remember whenever you are in need of lumber or anything in this firms line. Read their 1912 resolutions and be guided there by.

Charles Foeningsdorf was examined in the justice court here Dec. 27 on the charge of making threats against Charles Johnson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Clinton McGee appeared for the people. The respondent was released with the understanding that if he did not conduct himself properly for the next 30 days the case would be again taken up and he would be prosecuted to the limit of the law.

**Frightful Polar Winds**  
Blow with terrific force at the far north and play havoc with the skin, causing red, rough or sore chapped hands and lips, that need Bucklen's Arnica Salve to heal them. It makes a coarse, bumpy, unrefined for cold-sores; also burns, boils, sores, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. Only 25¢ at C. J. Shain's.

**Emotion and Conduct.**  
Emotion has no value in the Christian system save as it is connected with right conduct. It is the bud, not the flower, and is of no value until it expands into the flower. Every religious sentiment, every act of devotion which does not produce a corresponding elevation of life, is worse than useless; it is absolutely pernicious, because it ministers to self-deception, and tends to lower the tone of personal morals.—Murray.

**Wanted Only Himself.**  
There was an American once who stayed so long in England that he imagined he had not only got out of the "American manner," but had shed the "Trans-Atlantic accent." He desired many and was happy until the day of his return. "First-class to Liverpool how much?" said he to the booking clerk at Kuston. "Five dollars and half, colonel," promptly replied the clerk, and the illusion was shattered forever. It's a matter of immortality when we are all speaking the same words.

# OF THE ORDINARY

## Hot Springs of Iceland



Iceland, to most people, conveys an idea of a land of ice, snow and bitter cold. As a matter of fact the climate of that island is not very severe, and there are numerous hot springs and geysers that are famous for their intermittent eruptions of scalding water. Our illustration shows some of the hot springs near Reykjavik, the capital of the island.

## SIR WALTER RALEIGH'S PIPE GREATEST OF CANAL LOCKS



It is said that this curious pipe belonged to Sir Walter Raleigh, who first introduced tobacco smoking in England, and that he smoked it on the scaffold just before his execution, handing it as a last gift to Bishop Andrews. It was exhibited, with this account of its history, by the Archaeological Society of England in the sixties, with the further statement that it is made of maple wood from Virginia, the colony which Sir Walter Raleigh founded. The bowl of the pipe has a cap, and a string of beads is attached to the stem, which is also furnished with a whistle. The pipe is carved with dogs' heads and the faces of Indians.

## CANDLE NUT NUTRITIOUS

The "Queenland nut" is closely allied to, if not identical with the candle nut (Macadamia ternifolia), and is one of the most nutritive nuts in the world. The inhabitants of the Society Islands, where the candle nut flourishes, after slightly baking the nuts in an oven, and removing the shell, bore holes through the kernels and string them on rubbers, hanging them up in their houses to be used as torches, which are made by enclosing four or five strings in a leaf of the screw-pine (Pandanus). These torches are often used in lighting by night and burn with much brilliancy. The lamp-black used in tattooing was obtained from the shell of the candle nut. A gummy substance exudes from the candle-nut tree, which the Tahitians eat.

## WISE SHOE DEALERS

One may travel the Bowers for many years but never will see a pair of shoes exhibited in any of the outside shoe stores. It is the belief of the shoe merchants of this section that a pair of shoes hanging in a showcase is too great a temptation for those who happen to need them. The mate of each shoe exhibited is kept in the store.

## STUMBLE RESTORES SIGHT

A fall sustained when he rushed to the aid of his daughter, who had burned herself on a hot stove, brought back the eyesight of Henry Pennant of Paris Valley, California, who had been blind for seven years as the result of a runaway accident. Pennant was dragged by a runaway over a plowed field on his farm and when he was picked up he was blind. The other day he heard his daughter cry for help, and while groping his way to the kitchen, fell over a chair. When he arose he could see almost perfectly. Doctors who examined him said the shock of the fall had restored to action a nerve which had been injured in the runaway accident.

## REAL FAMILY TREE

San Francisco has a complete genealogy of the Haida tribe of Indians of the Charlotte island, off the coast of British Columbia, as carved on a huge totem pole by the Indians themselves. This totem pole, a gift to the

through the several "Soo" canals, effecting a saving estimated at \$250,000,000 over rail traffic.

## MAKING ARTIFICIAL LACE

Mechanism and chemistry combined have furnished France with a new product—artificial lace. The general public has heard little about it, but the lace manufacturers of Lyons, Calais and Caen have for some time been much perturbed over this unexpected competition, to which they will have to signify.

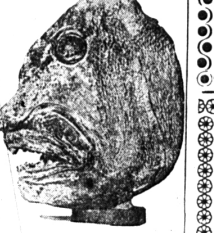
Artificial lace is in effect a manufacture of a very simple nature. There is no weaving employed in its production. The machine consists in its essential parts of a receptacle containing a cupro-ammoniacal solution of cellulose, a metallic cylinder upon which is engraved the negative of the design and a coagulation vat.

A rotary motion is given to the cylinder, over which flows the solution, which, entering the interstices of the engraved pattern, fixes itself immediately in the coagulative liquid, out of which emerges the texture ready to be dried and dressed.

Artificial lace has a beautiful appearance. It is homogeneous and is less combustible than ordinary lace. Water does not affect it. Any desired pattern can be obtained by engraving a new cylinder.

## QUEER OLD MAN OF THE SEA

One of the most curious of all marine creatures that have been brought to light in recent times is the fish that has been shown, possessing a startlingly human-like appearance. The "old man of the sea," as the fish has been dubbed, was picked up in the waters around Cape Town, Africa. The photograph shown was made in Africa, the head not being manipulated in any way. The magnificent creature, the back of the head shows where it was severed from the body. The outlines on



the lower part of the face are natural, and are the outlines of the maxillary and other bones of the jaw. The nose has shrunk somewhat in drying. In life, the resemblance to the human face was even more striking. The conical front teeth are shown. The lateral teeth are very strong and molar like, evidently for the purpose of crushing shells. Photographs of the head have been sent to a number of well known authorities on ichthyology in Europe and Africa for the identification of the species.

## Labrador Fisherman's Hut



Most of the inhabitants of Labrador are fishermen and during the summer, when not on the water, they manage to make themselves fairly comfortable in temporary huts built of rocks and turf. These habitations are few and far between, but serve their purpose and can be easily reconstructed each year after the storms of winter.

University of California by Mrs. Phoebe Happerson Hearst, has been placed in position in front of the afflicted colleges overlooking Golden Gate park. The Haida totem pole is 10 feet high and 3 1/2 feet through at the base. It is believed that the pole will last for ages. Many who were present at the ceremony admired the woodcarver's art as shown on the totem pole.

## MILLIONS FOR LIGHTS

Although the United States has the smallest foreign merchant marine in the world, it possesses the most perfectly equipped and elaborate lightship service to be found on any coast line. During the last half century this service has cost \$150,000,000, and its maintenance calls for the appropriation of about \$7,000,000 annually.

They Couldn't Help It. A cross-eyed man in a street car turned around to look at a friend coming in, and almost every man in the car bowed to him.

# A Happy New Year

And All the Compliments of the Season

Thanking you for the large patronage bestowed upon us in the past, we solicit a share for the future.

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## Do You Carry Life Insurance? If Not, Why Not?

Drop in the Eccentric office some day and talk it over with Editor Mitchell and let him tell you his experience. It pays. It sure does pay. Think of a Life Insurance Company that during 1910 secured new paid for insurance amounting to \$157,162,000.00. Total insurance in force over two billions of dollars—to be exact, just \$2,039,863,031.00. Come in and see, and learn, and talk it over.

## GEO. H. MITCHELL.

# THE ECCENTRIC 25c For 3 Months

## WOMAN IS STEEPLEJACK

Women are crowding the men out of many trades and professions, and now they are trying their hand at steeple climbing. Probably the only woman who so far has entered this hazardous occupation is Miss Estelle Munson of Bradford, Pa. She says: "I have always enjoyed climbing since I could walk, and I know no reason why women should be barred from such a calling, more than from law or medicine. I am in it because I enjoy the work." She is kept busy doing repairs on church steeples and sky-scrapers, painting signs, and other work which ordinary mortals dare not venture.

## Coal Dust for Fire.

Coal dust is wasted unless the mistakes that it is burned, and yet it makes beautiful fires. Have a gallon of coal dust for 25¢. Add sufficient water to the coal to make it moist. When a fire is burning brightly, bank it up with this wet dust and you will have a clean fire which will last for hours.