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THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR. NO. 40. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1912 WHOLE NUMBER, 1753

MANDATORY LAW.

A New Law Made by Last Legislature Requires our Township to Print Itemized Statm't.

It is a fact that our village board and our school board, too, do not conform to the law, requiring them to the close of each year and before the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, cause to be printed in a newspaper, if there is one published in said township, a complete itemized account and statement of the receipts and expenditure of all monies handled. It has been a law for years, and no doubt in only for economy's sake it has been passed up.

We have said but little on the subject, because if printed according to law, naturally we would be benefitted, so of course, whatever we say is looked upon as a selfish motive. It is not. We feel that if our village board, our school board and even our town board could hear the severe criticisms expressed because they do not obey the law, we are sure they would wake up! and give the tax-payers what they desire.

Read this very carefully:

"A bill passed by the last legislature requires township boards to publish in a newspaper printed on the week before the April election a complete, itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the township. Copies of the statement must also be furnished by the board for circulation among the voters on election day.

The law requires the financial report to be published in a newspaper published in the township, if one is published therein, and if not then in the paper of general circulation in the nearest township of the county.

The law is mandatory and imposes a fine upon a township board for neglect to perform this duty.

This law will require township boards to make their settlements in plenty of time so that their financial statements may be published the week before election.

The purpose of this law is do for the townships what the law has always required of cities and villages—to publish complete, itemized statements of expenditures of public money; only in this case it is all done at once instead of being published in installments in connection with the proceedings of the common council of villages and cities. The belief was expressed by members of the legislature, a large number of whom had been township officers, that the publication of the financial records of the townships with full details would tend to promote greater interest in township affairs by the tax-payers, increase the general knowledge of what the township was doing as an organization, and result in greater economy in public expenditures.

NO REASON FOR DOUBT.

A Statement of Facts Backed by a Strong Guarantee.

We guarantee complete relief to all sufferers from constipation, or, in every case where we fail, we will supply the medicine free.

Rexall Orderlies are a gentle, effective, dependable and safe bowel regulator, strengthener and tonic. They aim to re-establish Nature's functions in a quiet, easy way. They do not cause inconvenience, griping or nausea. They are so pleasant to take and work so easily that they may be taken by any one at any time. They thoroughly tone up the whole system to healthy activity.

Rexall Orderlies are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. Three sizes—10c, 25c and 50c. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in this community only at our store—the Rexall Store

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The Detroit Journal.

On Wednesday Feb. 7th., the Detroit Journal starts a baseball picture contest in which the prizes will be ten season tickets to Bennett Park, five half season tickets, and 1,000 single admission tickets good at any time. All these tickets entitle the holder to Grand Stand seats. Full particulars can be found in Detroit Journal. Now is the time to subscribe. E&T2t.

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Sisk, of Mason, Michigan, will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so, and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for colds, coughs, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by C. J. Shain.

IT IS LEAP YEAR.

Birmingham Girls are Anxiously Watching the Main Chance. "Yes" or a Silk Dress.

Now, Girls this is Leap year, not Sleep year. Be awake! Rouse up!! Get busy! Do it now! Birmingham ladies are now entitled to all the advantages that Leap Year allows. If you know of a gentlemen friend you would like to tie-up to for life, 't in all seriousness we say: "Land Him!" Don't, oh don't let 1912 pass on to a finish and you still unwed. Remember this! It is an absolute fact and true in every letter. It is this. Every man refusing to marry a fair supplicant, is in duty bound, and also legally bound, if he refuses, to immediately and 'twunst to present to the fair petitioner,—a beautiful silk dress pattern.

HERE ARE THE ELIGIBLES.

Gordon Bailey, Harry Nichols, Sleepy Ford, Dean Johnson, Capt. Hoffman, Don Ferguson, Stuart Allen, All the Mudges, Al., Harry, Howard and Earl, George Shadbolt, Garrett Smith, Baxter Gillespie, Clarence Riffenberg, Ick. Schlaack, Dad Keyser, Kid. Rob. Hulbert, Fred Blanding, Baldy Gray, Lou. Erwin, Tom. Harris, Larry LaJoie, Buckie Smith, Charlie Plumstead, Fred Goodwin, James Runner, Porgie Kemp, Bill Hopson, Eris Purdy, Fat Purdy, Howard Montgomery, Bill Deer, Ernest Burtraw, Ernest Hunt, Floyd Chapman, Schlaack, Neal Blumberg, Emory Hannah, Rex Whitten, George Beltz, Ace Autton, Charlie Randall and many others to follow as soon as bargain-lots are snapped up.

He Won't Limp Now.

No more limping for Tom Moore, of Cochran, Georgia. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me." Heals old, running sores, ulcers, boils, burns, cuts, bruises, eczema or piles. Try it. Only 25c at C. J. Shain's.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in Birmingham postoffice on Jan. 27, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schnidt, James Salvis, Mr. H. Wegner, Miss Lilly Tucker R-1, Miss Sophia Ferguson.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Shocking Sounds

In the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies—dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Michigan. "It is certainly a great medicine." Try it. 50c at C. J. Shain's.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday themes, Sunday morning, "Cross Bearing," evening "Reaping What We Sow."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p' Topic, "Christian Ideals." Leader, Miss Lila Burnett.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the morning service Sunday when the hand of fellowship will be extended to the new members and it is expected that there will be baptisms in the evening.

The prohibition address of Wm. A. Brubaker of Detroit, on Monday evening was characteristic of the man, a strong appeal to logic and reason.

A Warning Against Wet Feet.

Wet and chilled feet usually affect the mucous membrane of the nose, throat and lungs, and la grippe, bronchitis or pneumonia may result. Watch carefully, particularly the children, and for the hacking, stubborn cough give Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It soothes the inflamed membranes, and heals the cough quickly. Take no substitute. For sale by all druggists.

Birmingham U. P. Church Notes.

Service at Troy congregation at 9:30 a. m. Sabbath school at 10:30.

Services at Birmingham. Sabbath school 1:30, preaching service at 2:30.

U. P. C. U. meeting at 6 p. m.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:15. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings and your presence will be appreciated

Wilson Reid, pastor.

First LaGrippe, Then Bronchitis. That was the case with Mrs. W. S. Bailey, McCreary, Kentucky. "My wife was taken down with a severe attack of la grippe, which run into bronchitis. She coughed as though she had consumption and could not sleep at night. The first bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound gave her so much relief that she continued using it until she was permanently cured." For sale by all druggists.

Fenton J. Watkins is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Mitchell, in Toledo, Ohio.

FEBRUA'Y JURORS

Frank Herbison, August Haack, Jacob Stumpf, and Henry Spencer, all Drawn on Jury.

The jurors drawn for the February term of the circuit court, which convenes in Pontiac, Tuesday Feb. 6th. '12 has been announced as follows:

S. D. Baker, Addison; B. E. Norton, Avon; Frank Herbison, Bloomfield; David Honert, Brandon; Norton Johns, Commerce; Charles Herman, Farmington; I. J. Smith, Groveland; Frank Warren, Holly; E. A. Leonard; Highland; Samuel Beardslee, Independence, W. S. Derringdinger, Lyon; George Austin, Milford; Clark Murdock, Novi; Wm. A. George, Oakland; George W. Porritt, Orion; Frank Stone, Oxford; Mack Stanley, Pontiac township; J. Forsyth, Rose; Jacob Stumpf, Royal Oak; Robert Edgar, Springfield; August Haack, Southfield, Henry Spencer, Troy; Charles Harris, Waterford; Elmer Allen, West Bloomfield; Samuel Morgan, White Lake, Walter Colpus, Pontiac first ward; E. P. Fisher, second ward; Clarence Brace, third ward; Frank Rockman, fourth ward; and James Young, fifth ward.

HELPFUL HINTS ON HAIR HEALTH.

Scalp and Hair Troubles Generally Caused by Carelessness.

Dandruff is a contagious disease caused by a microbe which also produces baldness. Never use a comb or brush belonging to some one else. No matter how cleanly the owner may be, these articles may be infected with microbes, which will infect your scalp. It is far easier to catch hair microbes than it is to get rid of them, and a single stroke of an infected comb or brush may well lead to baldness. Never try on anybody else's hat. Many a hatband is a resting place for microbes.

If you happen to be troubled with dandruff, itching scalp, falling hair or baldness, we have a remedy which we believe will completely relieve these troubles. We are so sure of this that we offer it to you with the understanding that it will cost you nothing for the trial if it does not produce the results we claim. This remedy is called Rexall "93" Hair Tonic. We honestly believe it to be the most scientific remedy for scalp and hair troubles, and we know of nothing else that equals it for effectiveness, because of the results it has produced in thousands of cases.

Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is devised to banish dandruff, restore natural color when its loss has been brought about by disease, and make the hair naturally silky, soft and glossy. It does this because it stimulates the hair follicles, destroys the germ matter, and brings about a free, healthy circulation of blood, which nourishes the hair roots, causing them to tighten and grow new hair. We want everybody who has any trouble with hair or scalp to know that we think that Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is the best hair tonic and restorative in existence, and no one should scoff at or doubt this statement until they have put our claims to a fair test, with the understanding that they pay us nothing for the remedy if it does not give full and complete satisfaction in every particular. Two sizes, 50c and $1. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Birmingham only at our store—the Rexall Store. C. J. SHAIN.

Agents Wanted.

LADY AGENTS—New article. Every woman needs it. Sells on sight. Write for agency proposition. Mrs. Liby's Bandage Co. 179 Shelby St. Detroit, Mich. E&T4eb23

Blamed a Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Virginia, "but I know now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25c at C. J. Shain's.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET.

The first annual banquet of the Morrison Bible class was held in the social room of the M. E. church in Royal Oak last Monday evening.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Fitchett of the Grand River M. E. church of Detroit. He took for his subject "Lost Causes" showing that many apparent lost causes were really victories.

John D. Campbell was toastmaster. W. D. Curtis, president of the class, in introducing the toastmaster stated that he had always heard that Mr. Campbell was Johnny-on-the-spot. This statement was ably proven. Mrs. John Benjamin gave the class history. Dr. Morrison responded to the toast "The Class." Attorney George A. Dondero selected "The Brighter Side" for the subject of his toast.

Eighty members and guests of the class were present.

FARMERS MEET.

Big Day in Birmingham when Farmers Hold Institute at Johnston-Shaw Hall, Feb. 17th.

Our farmer friends will enjoy a big day in Birmingham, Saturday February 17th. next. Preparations have been made for a large attendance, and no one interested at all will be absent.

President,—Mr. Marion Coomer.
Sec.-Treas.,—Mr. Wm. G. Malcolm, Walled Lake, R. R. No. 1.
State Speaker,—Mr. N. I. Moore.
Local Manager,—Mr. J. T. Miller.

PROGRAM.

Morning session, 9:30 standard.
Music.....Miss R. Jamieson.
Discussion led by C. P. S. Price, of the Walker-Gordon farm.
Music, ...Miss R. Jamieson.
Care of Milk. Dr. Price, of the Detroit Board of Health.

QUESTION BOX.

Mr. James Wooster of the Birmingham Inn will serve dinner at noon Price 40 Cents

Afternoon session, 1:30 standard.
Orchestra.
Clover and Alfalfa. State Speaker, N. I. Moore.
Discussion led by William Storey, of the Briarbank Farm.
Vocal selection.
Organizing Oakland County Horticultural Society, led by T A. Farrand, President of the State Horticultural Society.
Evening. 7:00 standard.
Orchestra.
The Farmers' Orchard. State Speaker, N. I. Moore.
Discussion led by Joseph Graley.
Vocal selection.
The Orchards of Michigan,—T. A. Farrand, President of State Horticultural Society.

QUESTION BOX.

Listen! Every county in the state should encourage and support a local Horticultural Society, and thus add vigor to its life; the more vigorous and earnest its workers and members, the more interesting its meetings, and the larger its attendance and influence.

The officers and members of the State Society are ready, anxious and willing to give freely the knowledge they have gained by costly and laborious experience. They are also ready and willing to give warning of the mistakes and losses which they have sustained, so that you may not "thresh over the same straw" and suffer likewise. Pres. T. A. Farrand comes to our farmers' meeting for this purpose.

What does a horticultural society do? Come and see and hear for yourself. It listens to essays, lectures, readings and practical talks on horticultural subjects by experienced men and women, all of which is then discussed by any one present. Such talks, papers and discussions get at the real value of the subjects, the varieties best adapted locally, and methods more reliable and practical are thus made known.

Mistakes and frauds are quickly exposed.

Fake nursery agents never try to sell to Horticultural members.

1000 other benefits for the tiller of the soil. Come and hear about them.

Birmingham Liners

WANTED—Pupils on violin and mandolin. Prices reasonable. Inquire of Miss Ethel Kennedy, phone 91-J. tf

A vacant lot for sale, within 150 feet of Maple avenue, and 200 feet of Woodward avenue, Birmingham. See J. Allen Bigelow. 6feb.t

Boarders wanted at Mrs. Scott's home. All the latest improvements in the house. Southfield ave. next door to Mr. Foot's home. 2

FOUND—January 4, a pocketbook. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice. 2

Heifer calves for sale. Holstein, Jersey and Guernsey grades from registered sires and good producing dams Walker-Gordon Farm; one mile north of Birmingham. Phone, 198. 2

Wanted—Two or three furnished rooms suitable for light house-keeping. Address, Box A, No. 6, Eccentric office Birmingham. 2.

For sale:—House and lot on Willits street, north side $2,000 for quick sale. Also 8 room house and barn, two lots, for $1,750. Inquire Exchange Bank. tf

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In bulk, 10c per quart.

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Large jars 25c each. Very delicious.

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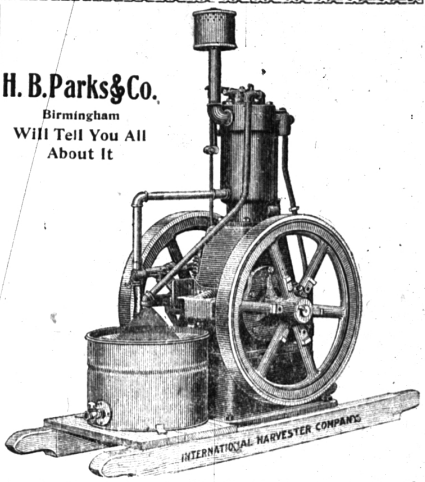

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At the Cost of Necessities
Good Things to Eat—that Will Break Table Monotony at Your House

Just a little thought and attention to the offerings at our store will enable you to actually "rejuvinate" the culinary department at your home. Try us. Come and be convinced. With us you get "different things" to eat.
We have the choicest selected Teas, Coffees, Breakfast Foods, and Canned Foods—staple and fancy—at prices fair to you.
We ask a trial.
Yours for a big year in 1912.
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