

FOND OF FISHING

A Breezy and Interesting Letter From Capt. M. O. Bigelow Now in the Philippines

Camp McGrath, Batangas, P. I., Feb. 12, 1912.

Dear Boss, A shady side of the north and an inclination to write you. What more do you want? I can sit in comfort here and gossip with a pencil when in a room if I used a pen.

There is a bay, a wonderful bay, with big mountains all around. I can see it from my porch. It is just under the hill. In the daytime it is a kaleidoscope of clouds and shadows and sunshine, or misty with the spirit of the strong monsoon.

At night, the light of the fishermen call me as they can only call one, who has stood behind a jack-light, with the infinite possibilities of the bottom, now bright, now dark, opening up.

Over the passage I can see the fauna and flora unique unto itself. I can see the Verde Passage, where the tide swirls and tear from the China sea to the Pacific and back. A South sea trader who had put with broken gear, said to me as we sat smoking together on the beach at night not long ago.

There they were, the great beauties of mackerel family—the sportive fish in salt water, throwing their two or three feet of length out of water by the hundreds and thousands. My wife, Capt. King and Capt. Latrobe, that I had caught fish in every ocean in the world, and a good many lakes and seas.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The Different Departments Make Their Regular Annual Report. A Very Fine Showing.

Birmingham, March 15th, 1912. Public Library account for year beginning March 1st, 1911.

RECEIPTS: Public money, \$576.00; Rent of rooms, \$72.00; Rent of piano, \$25.00; Fines and subscriptions, \$32.54; Sale of cards, \$2.00; Sale of paper, \$2.00; Rebate on binding of books, \$1.50.

DISBURSEMENTS: Total, \$70.23; Balance on hand, March 1st, \$11,423.32; Sum, \$113.55; Disbursements, \$767.41.

VERONA L. POST, Secretary. TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash on hand, Mar. 1, 1911, \$23.32; Money rec'd during year, \$710.23; Total amount, \$733.55; Disbursements from Mar. 1st, 1911, to Mar. 1st, 1912, \$767.41; Balance on hand, Mar. 1st, 1912, \$66.14.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: No. of books on the shelves at beginning of year, Mar. 1, 11,332; No. of books added during the ending March 1st, 1912, 2,283; Worn out and withdrawn during the year ending Mar. 1st, 1912, 1,167; Lost and withdrawn during the year ending March 1st, 1912, 2; (Replaced by Loyer), 2; No. of books in Library, on March 1st, 1912, 13,648.

NUMBER OF BOOKS CIRCULATED: Fiction, 4,879; Juvenile, 2,242; Books other than Fiction, 930; Total, 8,151; Subscriptions paid, \$3.50; Fines collected, 29.01; Total, 32.54.

M. BALDWIN, DAISSY M. DURKEE, Pres. R. G. Collins, Postmaster, Barnegat, New Jersey, was troubled with a severe grippe cough. He says: "I would be completely exhausted after each fit of violent coughing. I bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and before I had taken it all the coughing spells had entirely ceased. It can't be beat. All druggists."

Democratic Township Caucus. NOTICE is hereby given that a Democratic town caucus will be held Saturday, March 23rd, 1912, at Four o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of nominating officers for the coming township election, and to transact such other business as may come before the caucus.

FOR SALE—A new milch cow with calf. Call on Maro Merritt, Royal Oak. The "Child's Welfare" movement has challenged the attention of thoughtful people everywhere. Mothers are taking national surveys, and will in Foley's Honey and Tar Compound a valuable aid. Coughs and colds that uncheck, lead to group, bronchitis and pneumonia yield quickly to the relief and soothing qualities of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. All druggists.

TROY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. The republicans of the township of Troy will meet in caucus at the town hall on Saturday, March 23, 1912, at 10 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of putting in nomination township officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the caucus, also to elect two delegates to the county convention yet to be called. Don't forget that caucus day is also registration day.

Backache Almost Unbearable. I cannot contain relief of kidney trouble. D. Toomey, 803 East Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois, says: "I suffered with backache and pains in my kidneys which were almost unbearable. I gave Foley's Kidney Pills a good trial, and they did wonders for me. Today I feel like a new man and I do not feel the effects." All druggists.

Council Proceedings.

Council Rooms, March 14th, 1912. Regular Annual meeting of the Birmingham Village Council.

President George E. Daines in the chair. Trustees present, Schlaack, Crawford, Nichols and Johnston. Absent, Smito and Wilkinson.

The following is the report of the Charter Election of the village of Birmingham, Mich. at the Town Hall, on the 11th day of March, 1912, pursuant to the notices published in the Birmingham Eccentric, and notices posted at the following places in the village of Birmingham, viz: Water Tower, Post Office, and Taylor Bros. Barber shop.

The Board of Inspectors met, and canvassing the votes, the following named persons received the number of votes set opposite their names for the respective offices: For President, George E. Daines, 62; John Keyser, 1; For Village Clerk, George L. Kemp, 63; For Treasurer, Herbert W. Baxter, 63; For Assessor, Frank Schlaack, 61; For Trustee, 2 years, Ed. E. Smith, 61; For Trustee, 2 years, Sam'l C. Mills, 61; For Trustee, 2 years, Wm. H. Hoge, 62; Library Director, 3 yrs, Martha Baldwin; Library Director, for three years, John M. Ramey, 61; Library Director, for one year, Lena E. Wilson, 61.

From the above canvass taken at the close of the polls, the following persons were proclaimed elected: For President, George E. Daines; For Clerk, George L. Kemp; For Treasurer, Herbert W. Baxter; For Assessor, Frank Schlaack; For Trustee, 2 years, Edw. E. Smith; For Trustee, 2 years, Samuel C. Mills; For Trustee, 2 years, William H. Hoge; Library Director for 3 years, Martha Baldwin; Library Director, for three years, John M. Ramey; Library Director, for one year, Lena E. Wilson.

Also, for general revision of the Village Charter, the whole number of votes given for and against said revision were seventy four, of which number thirty nine votes contained the word "Yes" and were in favor of said Revision; and thirty five votes contained the word "No" and were given against said Revision.

We, the undersigned Inspectors of Election, hereby certify that the above is a true canvass of the votes of said election. Signed, ALFRED JOHNSTON, C. W. CAMPBELL, S. W. CAMPBELL, Inspectors of Election.

Schlaack moved, Nichols seconded, report of the Inspectors of Election showing the number of votes cast for the different candidates for their respective offices of the Charter election held Monday March 11th, 1912, in and for the said village of Birmingham, and also showing the whole number of votes cast for the Revision of the Charter, were thirty-nine for said Revision and thirty-five against said Revision, and accepted, and the candidates receiving the majority of votes cast be declared elected; also, the proposition for the Revision of the Village Charter be declared carried, according to law. Voted by roll call. Yeas, Schlaack, Johnston, Crawford and Nichols. Nays, none.

Crawford moved, Johnston seconded, the following bill be allowed as read: GENERAL FUND: Birmingham Eccentric, \$120.50; Hoston Hardware, \$1.14; Beecher, Peck & Lewis, \$2.55; Detroit Free Press Co., \$10.00; C. W. Crawford, \$8.00; Alfred Johnston, \$8.00; George L. Kemp, \$4.00; A. W. Campbell, \$4.00; Sam'l Heribson, \$4.00; W. F. Murchie, \$4.00; I. H. Wilson, \$4.00; Nathan Fall, \$4.00; George G. Groat, \$4.00; Eastern Michigan Edison Co., \$129.88.

John A. Reed, \$50.00; Ed. Holloway, \$1.25; Asa Hatton, \$1.25; E. H. Randall, \$80.00; Michigan State Telephone Co., \$1.00. Voted by roll call. Yeas, Crawford, Johnston, Schlaack and Nichols. Nays, none.

Minutes read and approved. John M. Ramey, Nichols seconded, the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Geo. F. DAINES, GEO. L. KEMP, President, Clerk.

Glorious News. Comes from Dr. J. T. Curtis, Dwight, Kansas. He writes: "I not only have cured my rheumatism, but also cured myself by them of the same disease. I feel as though I benefit any case of eczema." This shows why thousands have proved that Electric Balm is a most effective blood purifier. It's an excellent remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, builds up digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by C. J. Shain.

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History Extract Page 113, of San Francisco Fire The Hartford Fire Ins. Co. Paid from 90 to 80 claims per day—nearly all settled from the Company's surplus, as policies had been burned, while other companies were wrangling the Hartford was paying, and paid out \$7,011,636.00.

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