Very Special Announcement

You know what the season has been so far—unseasonably warm. While the very low prices we make on Ladies' High-grade Coats cleaned up our stock regardless of the weather, yet it has left the manufacturer with large stocks on hand. In reply to urgent requests from a Coat manufacturer to help him out, I went to see him, and I bought a large quantity of the highest-grade Coats at such a cut in price you would hardly believe; but anyhow I will here try to convey to you the best I can the value I can now offer in the finest Coats of the season:

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ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, the Probat Court for the County of Oakland.—At a session of said Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1913. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

ALBERT S. ADAMS, Deceased.

Seymour D. Adams, administrator of said deceased, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited, and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 4th day of April, 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk. 5-26dec

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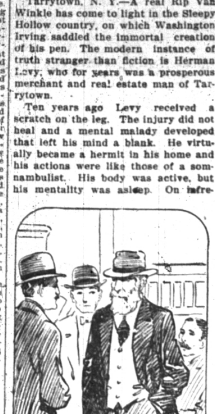
LIKE RIP VAN WINKLE OF IRVING'S CREATION

Merchant, Living Decade in Mental Daze, Resovers Memory; Asks for Old-Time Friends.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—A real Rip Van Winkle has come to light in the Sleepy Hollow country, on which Washington Irving saddled the immortal creation of his pen. The modern instance of truth stranger than fiction is Herman Levy, who for years was a prosperous merchant and real estate man of Tarrytown.

Ten years ago Levy received a scratch on the leg. The injury did not heal and a mental malady developed that left his mind a blank. He virtually became a hermit in his home and his actions were like those of a somnambulist. His body was active, but his mentality was asleep. On infrequent occasions, when persuaded almost by physical force to go outdoors, he would walk with fixed eyes past friends without a sign of recognition.



Inquired for Old Friends.

It was thought that Levy's case was hopeless until, three months ago, he suddenly showed a mental quickening and expressed a desire to visit Croton Point, where his boys were in camp. The change benefited him and gradually his mind began to clear. When he returned home, he started to take an interest in his business, and a few days ago entered the volunteer fire company's house, of which he had been a forgotten member.

"Where's my old friend, Judge Dan Armstrong?" he asked.

"Oh, he's dead," was the answer.

"And Sheriff Charles M. Lane?"

"He's been dead these many years, too."

"And Abe De Revere?"

"He's been in Sleepy Hollow cemetery many a year."

"Where's Abe Storms and Tom Walsh?"

"They're dead, too."

"Well, I guess I'll have to go out with the headless horseman and find my old friends."

Levy's memory of what happened up to ten years ago is fresh. What took place while he was ill he does not remember. Today he is apparently as well as ever.

TOO MANY WIDOWS HERE

With But 500 Population Ohio Village Has Many Unmarried Men and Women.

Republic, O.—The town council, the chamber of commerce, the ministerial alliance and the Republic Woman's club have about decided to take concerted action to remedy a condition which is causing a vast deal of distress here.

Although this is a hustling town of 500 population and the residents are more than commonly prosperous, something is wrong. It may be that the hearts of the sturdy Republics, as they style themselves, have grown cold in the steady pursuit of the dollars, or it may be that Dan Cupid has overlooked the pretty community, for a recent census shows there are 50 widows, each owning a comfortable home, 14 bachelors, all prosperous, 20 widowers and a great many more than the average number of maiden ladies.

The town fathers are puzzled to account for this condition. Something must be done—hence the efforts to get the leading organizations of the town together. It is probable that a mass meeting will be held to discuss this grave question.

Cousin of "Mary."

Lancaster, Mass.—Richard K. Powers, who claims close relationship to "Mary," heroine of a nursery rhyme about a persistent little lamb, has just celebrated his one hundred and third anniversary here. "Mary," whose full name was Mary Sawyer, was a cousin of Powers, he avers, and her lamb was one of twins born on the Sawyer farm in March, 1814.

Says Wife Fed Him on Soap.

New York.—William Mueller, seeking a separation, told the court he had struck his wife only once and that was when he returned home and asked for something to eat. His wife picked up a cake of soap and tried to force it down his throat. The court was astonished, but refused to grant the decree.

Find Ship Lost 24 Years.

Punta Arenas, Patagonia.—A ship aground on the rocks, with the skeletons of her crew of 30 men nearby, has been found in a cove near here. Evidence pointed to a fight with natives who, after murdering the crew, despoiled the vessel of its cargo. The ship is believed to be the Disborough, missing 24 years.

Lost His Star.

Hammond, Ind.—Policeman James O'Keefe lost his star when he ordered eminently respectable citizens to do the bear dance at the point of a revolver.

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State of Michigan, Sixth Judicial Circuit, in Chancery. Suit pending in Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. John McRoberts, complainant, vs. David Thompson, Mary Thompson, Edward Butler, Rhoda P. Starr, John R. Eagar, Maria Starr, Mary Ann Small, the unknown wives, if any, of Edward Butler, Peter Dey, Jr., and Joseph Allen, their heirs, devisees, legatees or assigns, and Eliza Ann Harmon, defendants. At a session of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery, held in the City of Pontiac, on the 17th day of November, 1913. Present: Hon. George W. Smith, Circuit Judge. In this cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said defendants, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns are proper and necessary parties in said cause, but that the names or addresses or whereabouts of said parties defendant, except said Eliza Ann Harmon, are unknown, therefore, on motion of J. A. Fredenburgh, solicitor for the complainant, it is ordered that said defendants enter their appearance in said causes on or before four months from the date of this order, and that within 20 days from the date of this order the complainant cause said order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in the County of Oakland, and that said publication be continued therein once in each week for at least six successive weeks, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on each of the said defendants at least 20 days before the time above prescribed for their appearance. GEORGE W. SMITH, Circuit Judge.

J. A. FREDENBURGH, Solicitor for Complainant, Business address: Pontiac, Mich.

This suit involves title to the east half of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 33, town two north, range 11 east, Michigan. Also the south half of the east half of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 26, town two north, range 11 east, Michigan.

J. A. FREDENBURGH.
nov21-jan2 Solicitor for Complainant.

Detroit United Lines

Birmingham Time Table

SOUTH-BOUND — Limited — 6:47 a. m.

Locals—4:55 a. m., 5:15 a. m., 5:35 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:17 a. m., 6:37 a. m., 7:17 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 5:57 p. m., 6:22 p. m., and half-hourly to 9:22 p. m., 10:32 p. m.; 10:52 p. m., 11:52 p. m.

NORTH-BOUND — Limiteds — 8:06 a. m.

Locals—5:48 a. m., 6:58 a. m., 7:18 a. m., 7:38 a. m., 7:58 a. m., 8:38 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 4:38 p. m., then every 16 minutes to 6:38 p. m., 6:58 p. m., 7:18 p. m., 7:53 p. m., 8:33 p. m., and half-hourly to 10:33 p. m., 11:33 p. m., 12:03 a. m.

Special service Saturday and Sunday. Limiteds do not run Saturday afternoons nor Sundays.

FLINT DIVISION

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Mankind's Foolish Strivings.

Most of us spend half our lives in fighting for things that would destroy us if we got them.—James Lane Allen.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The Yule-tide season brings many thoughts, and good cheer to the hearts of our people.

One of our small patrons brought his Christmas book, given to him, to the library, to lend, for the other boys to read. Andther boy offered his books, a lot of them, to put into a box and lend to some child, if they should be sick.

New books will be bought after the Holidays.

The library is planing for a story hour, to be held occasionly. The second Saturday in January, the 10. Miss Eastman, of Bloomfield Hill's seminary, will tell "Kipling's Just so Stories" for little folks. "How the camel got his Hump," etc.

The library extends all the good wishes of the season to the people of Birmingham.

The Meanest Man in Town

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BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday morning preaching services at the usual hour at 10 o'clock.

Bible school at 11:15 a. m.

Juniors at 3:o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Leader, David Anderson.

Evening preaching service at 7:00 o'clock.

The annual Roll Call and Business meeting of the church will be held Wednesday evening Dec. 31. A social time with something to eat will be provided and the plan is to continue the meeting into the New Year.

A welcome given to all.

G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.

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NOTICE TO SOUTHFIELD TAXPAYERS

For the purpose of receiving taxes, I will be at home every Friday until January 10, 1914, from 9 o'clock a. m. until 3 o'clock p. m., at the Southfield Town Hall, Dec. 31, 1913; First National Bank, Birmingham, Jan. 3, 1914; Currin's Store, Franklin, Jan. 5, 1914; Stoll Bros. Store, Jan. 6, 1914; Erity's Mills, Jan. 8, 1914. All taxes must be paid before January 10, 1914, or the 4 percent fee will be charged.

THOS. R. BEDDOW,
Treas.
Dec. 19tfc

Birmingham Liners

For sale very cheap. Three fine Shetland pony colts, only $50. See Mrs. F. A. Gordon, Southfield Avenue. 21 Nov.tf

For Sale Cheap:—One "Pastime" Washing machine, and one bench wringer, almost new. Inquire at 214 Merrill street. Nov. 21tf

A Special Offer:—To any family purchasing a lot in Roseland Park Cemetery during the months of December and January we will be given a set of 6in. corner posts FREE. All that is required is to send your name to our sales representative Mr. J. C. Merithew, Birmingham, Mich. These corner posts are 30 inches long of reinforced concrete and of a special mixture of Silica sand and white cement, and cost $10 per set of four. Remember this offer is only good for December and January. J. A. Wendorph, Supt., Birmingham, Phone 196. Dec. 12tfc

Birmingham U. P. Church Notes

Services at Birmingham. Sabbath school at 1:30 Standard.

Preaching service at 2:30.

Y. P. C. U. at 6:00 p. m.

Preaching on Sabbath evening at 7:00 o'clock.

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

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

WILSON REID, pastor.

Atlanta Opera Audience.

A crowd at the Auditorium is a unique gathering. The audience there the other night was unlike any audience that ever gathered anywhere but in Atlanta to hear grand opera. It mixes freely and does not use the lorgnette overly much. There was the ribbon clerk in the rented dress suit and the red necktie; there was the portly dowager, rigged out like a sixteen-year-old, and the lavish display of the noveau riche was also among those present.—Atlanta Constitution.

Require Only Small Outfit.

The active Arab barbers require only a pair of scissors, a pair of clippers, and a razor for their equipment. They erect their temporary shops in the market-places by spreading some matting over a few poles. Arabs have their heads shaved, keeping the hair short so that the white skull cap over which the fez is worn will fit closely.

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IRA T. JOHNSTON, Deceased.

Alfred Johnston, administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account as such administrator, determining the heirs-at-law of said deceased, distributing the assets of said estate, and discharging said administrator.

It is ordered that the 3d day of January, A. D. 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk. 13dec-jan2

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—Notice is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the stockholders of this association for the election of Directors and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before such meeting, will be held pursuant to the by-laws of the association, at the banking house of the association, in the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1914, that being the second Tuesday in January of said year, at 10:00 a. m. (central standard time.) The polls for the election of Directors will be open from 10:00 a. m. until 11:00 a. m. A. W. WITHEAD, President.
Birmingham, Michigan, December 3, 1913.
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Correct the Habit Habit.

The surest way to bring on premature old age is to get into a rut. On the other hand, the surest way to avert old age is to get out of the rut. If you desire to keep young, do not make your habits hard and fast, or your arteries will likewise become so. Govern your habits; do not let them rule you. Just to show them that they do not, order them to break ranks from time to time.—Brain and Mind.

Effect of Music on Animals.

A unique musical experience has been conducted recently in France. It was resolved to institute concerts for animals for the purpose of observing the effects of music upon them. The results of the observations made established the fact that disconnected tones on stringed instruments created no effect upon horses beyond causing some of the animals to manifest signs of impatience, but when a melody was played the horses turned toward the players, pricked up their ears and showed plainly the pleasure they experienced.

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Catching Mrs. Jones

If Mrs. Jones buys her coffee at Smith's each week—
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