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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

M. W. BEALS SORE

Complains of His Treatment. He Certainly Has a Tale of Woe That is Interesting to All.

Birmingham, Mich., Nov. 27, 1913.

To the Editor:— Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space in order that I may make a complaint against the way I am with others have been treated in the matter of getting a sidewalk on Willet Street. I will state the case as fairly as possible.

I moved to Birmingham in July, 1912, and rented a house until I could look around for a location where I could build a permanent residence in your beautiful village. Some vacant property just west of the old gas plant interested me, and I bought it, expecting to build at once, but became fearful that the old gas plant, which was an eyesore, might be put to some use which would make the neighborhood undesirable. I then bought it in order to protect myself. I also bought another house on Willet Street in order to still further improve the neighborhood. I then obtained petitions for a sidewalk signed by all the property owners on the street, with one exception, and gave them to the proper officials.

After waiting for a month or so, I went before the council and told them if they would build the sidewalk as far as the ravine, if they could go further, that I would at once rebuild the old gas plant, making it in to a modern residence, and also build a new house for myself to the west of it, and in addition remodel the old house on Willet, making a total outlay of about \$9,000. I still got no sidewalk, and could get no satisfaction as to when one would be built. Early last spring I got busy with some of the village officials and they said it would be built right after July 1. Later, they said it would be built August 1, then September 1, then in October, etc. I again went before the council and said that the walk be built, and again stated that I would start my new home the day they commenced construction of the walk. The walk has not been built, and I have not started the house. At that meeting the council members were all in favor of having the walk built at once, and I understood that the marshal was instructed to go ahead and build it, but the only thing that has been done was to dig a little off the top of the hill and dump it along the side of the street, where it had a fair, good path, but the sand dirt making it worse than before.

A short time ago I bought the Fred Goodwin house and at once proceeded to make it in to a modern home, so that it could be sold or rented to a desirable family. I had two parties to look at it with a view of renting until he could buy or build. When the parties got to the top of the hill, they halted and said they would not consider going down and building the hill in the mud at any price. So I am out \$100 or more, and the village misses chance of getting another family.

I have begged and coaxed, and done everything possible to get the officials who had the matter in charge to act, but all to no purpose. To say that I am disgusted with the way I and others have been treated does not fully express it. At the present time I own several pieces of property here, and at times I feel like selling them for what they will bring, and go back to Detroit where they do things. I have tried to do my duty as a citizen since I came here, and think that I have done the town no harm. I have been the direct means of bringing in at least four families here since I came. I purchased a dilapidated piece of property on Detroit and Baldwin Park, and at once cleaned it up and at the same time, cleared up the balance of Baldwin Park, at quite a little expense to myself. As a result I sold it to a Pittsburgh party who has already started the construction of a fine residence, and by next spring it

CHORAL CONCERT

The Beautiful Cantata "The First Walpurgis Night" Given at M. E. Church, December 12.

The Birmingham Choral Society will give its fourth concert Friday evening, December 12, in the First Methodist church. The society was reorganized Oct. 15, with a membership of 60 and have been meeting each week for study. This concert will consist of quartettes and choral works including "The First Walpurgis Night" by Mendelsohn a short dramatic cantata, a favorite of the composer's the 'not so well known as it deserves. This is the story:— The night between April 30 and May 1, is in Germany, called the "Walpurgis Night". In ancient times the Druids celebrated the opening of spring on this night with wild and barbarous rites. The first chorus breaths of spring as the hosts gather for the annual sacrifice. The Christians have recently declared themselves enemies of the heathen Druids and have planned their extermination. The Druids are warned by their prophets that their celebration of this night will mean instant death if performed in the sight of the Christians. The priest and other druids plan to protect their people during the ceremony of sacrifice by stationing guards in the woodland shades. To frighten the Christians the Druids plan to represent demons and witches, and in this way keep the Christians away. The plan is successful and the hosts join in a mighty chorus of praise for their deliverance. It is a very dramatic work, full of contrast. The beautiful Spring chorus a single tenor voice, taken up by the women and joined by all is followed by the minor contralto solo of warning. The soloists are Mrs. M. S. Barnard, contralto; Mr. Harry Langstaff, tenor; Mr. Oliver Green, baritone; Mr. Norman Patterson bass. These soloists were heard in "The Rose Maiden," cantata given last year. Mrs. Blake, the violinist will be heard in solo program.

Thanking you for the above space, I am,
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PRESIDENT WATERS ON THE CHICAGO STOCK SHOW.

Pres. H. J. Waters of the Kansas Agricultural College, on a recent occasion expressed himself as follows: "The International Live Stock Exposition, which will this year be held from November 29 to December 6, is the court of last resort in all matters pertaining to the improvement of live stock. It is the place where all controversies regarding superior merit are settled for the year, and as such contributes more to live stock improvement than any other single agency in America. As an official observer, I am unequalled on the continent. As a means of awakening interest in improved live stock, it is similar shows are indispensable. It is a liberal education in live stock production for any farmer, breeder or student to attend the International."

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Washington Theatre.

For the third week of the Repertoire Season of plays at the Washington Theatre, "Don," a highly amusing satirical comedy, by Ralph Beiser, which was a great attraction in New York at the New Theatre several seasons ago, will begin for the first time in Detroit, by the Washington Players, beginning Monday Evening, December 8.

The story of "Don" concerns a very impulsive young man, Stephen Bonnell, by name, who is a species of modern Don Quixote. His principal hobby is helping other people out of trouble and this frequently leads to serious complications. In a moment of impulse he rescues the wife of a rabid socialist, after that worthy has beaten her nearly to death. The woman flies to Don for help and he home after getting her room at his hotel for the night, his father, a devoted clergyman, to say nothing of his mother, is filled with consternation when he arrives home with his beautiful charge. Mr. Beiser unfolds this episode, together with some highly interesting and dramatic incidents, in three acts of genuine fun and witty dialogue. The entire play is a delightful evening's entertainment and one that the patrons of the Washington Theatre cannot help but appreciate.

The Sunday matinees are proving very popular, especially the prices, 50c for the first 10 rows, and the orchestra and 25c for the balance, together with the entire first and second balconies. Other matinees are given Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday when the same prices prevail.

STRENGTH FOR OLD PEOPLE.

Old people, to overcome the weakening, debilitating effects of advanced old age, often make a very bad mistake in using so-called "stimulants" that contain alcohol and dangerous, habit-forming drugs. Often this stuff, which it lives and brightens them up a little just after taking the dose, leads them to imagine that it is doing them good and hearten them to take more for their sale on such deceit, do harm, because the false excitement of the nerves and heart leave them worse than when worse than they were before.

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NOTICE TO TROY TAXPAYERS.

For the purpose of receiving taxes, commence Tuesday December 16, 1913. I will be at my home, Wednesday at Lamb's store in Big Beaver; Fridays at Carling's store in Troy; Saturdays at First National Bank in Birmingham up to and including Jan. 17, 1914.

Guarding Against Croup.

The best safeguard against croup is a clean, well-ventilated house. Dr. Geo. W. B. of Detroit, Georgia, writes: "My children are very susceptible to croup, and I have caught cold. I give them Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and in every instance, the cough promptly ceases and is soon cured. We keep it at home and prevent croup." For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

There will be a union meeting of the Women's Foreign and Home Mission societies of the M. E. church Dec. 11, to commence at 10 a. m. and close at 3 p. m. The Foreign society are hostesses, and serve hot coffee at noon to all bringing their own lunch. Both will be speakers from Detroit for both home and foreign societies. You are cordially invited to attend all meetings. 3,035,682

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