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GET A MICROSCOPE

Can't you See Him? Well to be a Successful Merchant a Man Should be of Average Size.

Big Beaver "Grocer" makes a kick over 62c after a certain customer had honestly dealt with and patronized him for several years but the "camels back was broken by a "straw" likewise the heart of the "small grocer went to smithereens when he thought there was a possibility of never never getting the odd cents attached to a five dollar grocery bill."

Enter customer of several years and happened to be Elizabeth Lamb. After friendly salutation, stated she called to pay $5 on grocery bill and would pay the rest when she called again, and asked if that would be satisfactory? Grocer in gasps replies, well-er-yes-er-I-guess—so, but-er-you-better pay it all, don't lose-er-just right leavin so little and I need the rest so bad. Grocer's nerve now getting more steady, puts on a clerical air and poses with bill and pog ready to receipt bill in full but was then asked how much more the bill was? And when told elizabeth advised the little man to roll out as he must be near the "wall" if he be so necessitated for the 62c.

Mr. Grocer stated he needed the money badly and the customer said she did too and said she would wait a while before remitting and calmly placing the $5 back in her purse and neglecting the longing, coveting glance which the needy grocer cast in the direction of the five dollars, turned and left the "little store" "little man," and little $5.62 unpaid, and so a wholesome full of home made ink was wasted, for no "receipt" of "Paid in full to date" was within sight and it is uncertain just when Elizabeth will call again but then its all in the family see?

Moral haste makes waste "so" avoid a rush.

There is a little man, and he has a little store, and this store is in "Big Beaver", keeps a little this and that, and sure always wears his hat even in the middle of hot summer. At this same little store all the people can get mail at the store right on the corner, but I'll put you on your guard, should your mail be postal card, well at school they use Sheldons fifth reader. Now if at this little store, your groceries you buy, at the red brick on the corner, as they say they need the mon, be prepared and not be done by the grocer living in Big Beaver.

—Adv. MRS. ELIZABETH LAMB.

A. J. Walsh, of Sneffels, Colorado, was badly done up with rheumatism and sent for Foley Kidney Pills, which was the only thing that would cure him. George Plotter, of Pontiac, Missouri, was down on his back with kidney and bladder trouble, and Foley Kidney Pills made him well and able to work. It is a splendid medicine and always helps. Just try it. For sale by all druggists. —Adv.

The Avenue.

With the close of the Paul Armstrong exposition of the underworld as it is visualized in "Alias Jimmy Valentine", a play suggested by an O. Henry short story the Avenue Theater's Permanent Stock Company at the pretty playhouse, will return to a Mary Jane Holmes story. This time it will be "Lena Rivers" which will be revived for the playgoers and readers of the Mary Jane Holmes stories.

Miss Leona Stater, who has been received with cordiality by the Avenue Theater's clientele, will have a role that will give scope to her versatility and particularly to her ability to interpret emotional roles.

Roy Walling, whose Jimmy Valentine in the current production won the comiums of all the theatrical reviewers, will have the role of Durward Belmont.

The scenes of the play are laid in Slocumville, Mass., and near Frankfort, Ky., affording the artists ample opportunity for splendid scenic effects.

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

Who wants to take salts, or castor oil, when there is nothing better than Dr. King's New life Pills for all bowel troubles? They act gently and naturally on the stomach and liver, stimulate and regulate your bowels and tone up the entire system. Price 25c. All druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.—Adv.

SUES BIRMINGHAM CONTRACTOR.

Fen J. Watkins, of our village, through his attorney, F. E. Jones, has brought suit for $10,000 against Edward Argus, a Birmingham contractor, alleging that when the scaffold upon which he was at work gave way he fell 20 feet and sustained injuries, which he says incapacitated him for work.

A Difference in Working Hours.

A man's working day is eight hours; His body organs must work perfectly 24 hours to keep him fit for eight-hours work. Weak, sore, inactive kidneys cannot do it. They must be sound and healthily active all the time. Foley Kidney Pills will make them so. You cannot use them into your system without good results following. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

33 YEARS AGO

What Happened in Birmingham as Published in The Eccentric 33 Years Ago this Week.

BY E. M. M.

Volney Nixon Christmassed at home this year.

Prof. Clizbie spent the holidays with friends at Quincy, Mich.

J. Schuyler is ill at his fathers residence.

A little son of Lucius Randall's is severely ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. S. W. Barr, wife and daughter are visiting relatives near Gaines, Mich.

Misses Alice and Clara Morgan of Parshallville, visited at Joseph Parks this week.

C. W. Jenks has recovered and is present is visiting his son E. F. Jenks at Lapeer, Mich.

Mrs. C. and Miss Mamie Utley dined with Mr. and Mrs. Church of Detroit, Christmas day.

Hanford Sparks returned last week from a visit to his brother Charles in Ovid.

Miss Jane Robinson who lives with her sister Mrs. Polly Thornton, is very sick with inflamation of the lungs.

Ell Brooks and his little daughter Miss Mabel left for Denver, Colo., Tuesday last.

Christmas visitors, the following of our friends and acquaintances spent Christmas in this village and vicinity: Bert Raymond, Ed. Bodine, Will Wallace, C. D. Stanley and Ben Sheridan all of Detroit, Volney Nixon of Pontiac, Charlie Whitehead and last but not least our gray haired old bachelor himself from Elizabeth Lake.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church made a very handsome present to Mrs. Middlemis, the wife of their pastor on Christmas. It consisted of a handsome body Brussels carpet for the best room in the new residence on Troy Street and cost about $50.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constant failing to cure with local treatment, pronounce it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer $100 for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address:

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advertisement.

Washington Theatre.

"The Concert" will be the attraction at the Washington theater, Detroit, during the week of January 4. It is a comedy in three acts by Herman Bahr and one that met with considerable success in Vienna and Berlin. Later it was produced at the Belasco theater, the American version being by Leo Ditrichstein.

The play is a dramatization of the artistic temperament. Gabor Aranay, the hero of the comedy, is a world famous piano virtuoso. He is handsome, debonair and beloved of many charming and beautiful women. He is temperamental to the very tips of his fingers. Capable and prudent as he is, his temperament plays all sorts of queer tricks on him, carrying him into depths and heights of folly, as most temperaments have a way of doing when not controlled by a strong will. His wife is a sound, sane soul, cheerful and patient, kind, charming, and happily not gifted with a temperament. The action of the comedy centers around her patience forbearance with a husband, whom she loves, in spite of everything that has transpired during fourteen years of married life. She keeps her poise and sweetness through many trials because she is wise enough to know that the woman who has lived with a man through many years knows him, is willing to forgive him, and is the one who always wins in the end.

Colds to Be Taken Seriously.

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing, and chilliness with hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, begin promptly the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold, and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

TIME TABLE CHANGES.

A general change of time will be made January 4, 1914. Time Tables containing full particulars may be had on application to Grand Trunk Agents.

Mrs. Frank Sherman is quite ill at her home with pleural pneumonia.

THE PARCEL POST

The Parcel Post Saves Thousands of Dollars to the American People. A Great Boon.

It has been said that if Uncle Sam handled the business of the Parcel Post with any degree of success that it would be a big start towards putting the Express Companies out of business. If that is true then the great companies will at once begin to look for some other lines, for in our belief the past two weeks has been a perfect success every thing considered.

The Post Offices throughout the land have proved themselves equal to the occasion. In every point the delay has been caused by the railroads not being able to have cars enough to handle the vast amount of traffic. All over the land come reports of Post-offices keeping up with the work and nearly in every case just a little ahead of it.

The Birmingham Postoffice enjoyed its share of the big trade, and the force were on the job every moment from early Monday morning up to Saturday night and then nice tho for

Comparison of this week was nearly as good as the Monday before Christmas, when they distributed 20 sacks of parcel post and left behind 10 sacks of first class mail. The week previous to Christmas, 22 bags and three packages were the very first thing. It would have required more than three days to get the Previous Monday. At night of every week all mail is distributed and although it is impossible to guess near enough, Postmaster Hill made a good guess for the next day. The Misses Ward, Golden and Crane were staying on the work and for a week came down in the morning, and did not go home again until night, having their dinner sent in.

Good friends helped them by sending in lunches, and quite often a goodly supply of soup with reception of rest to help along the good work.

The breakage was far less than anticipated. The public has yet much to learn in preparing their packages for safe carriage through the mails. If stout paper and strong cords used, the goods packed solidly and with some soft filling, all will go well.

Many of our people have much to learn in the way of addressing their packages. Treat the package as if it was a letter. Write the address on the face side of it, putting the name of the sender in the upper left hand corner of the package. One side is enough. Some of our packages came back as many as five times, making much extra work, just because this way was not followed. Some put their name as sender much more prominent than the one it was going to, and the mail man perhaps half way to the package's destination saw only the senders name turned it back and into the Birmingham P. O. it came after from one to three days absence. All this makes work all along the line, and delays the package, and in many cases it began to show wear on the package. No one to blame but the sender. Some of our brightest and best were guilty of this mistake.

We say pack your goods snug, and use strong paper and twine, write address plainly and your name as sender up in the corner in much smaller writing and you will bless Parcel Post for its safety and its economy.

The office of the third assistant postmaster general last week forwarded to nearly 60,000 postmasters information as to changes in parcel post rates and regulations effective January 1, by order of Postmaster General Burleson.

The orders provide for a reduction of rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones and for an increase of the weight limit to 50 pounds on parcels mailed for delivery in the first and second zones.

After March 16 next, books shall be embraced in the fourth class, regular zone rates being applied to parcels of books weighing over eight ounces. Parcels of eight ounces or less will be required to pay one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

Worms the Cause of Your Child's Pains.

A foul, disagreeable breath, dark circles around the eyes, at times feverish, with great thirst; cheeks and then pale, abdomen swollen with sharp cramping pains, are all indications of worms. Don't let your child suffer. Kickapoo Worm Killer will give sure relief. It kills the worms—while its laxative effect adds greatly to the health of your child by removing the poisonous and disagreeable effect of worms and parasites from the system. Kickapoo Worm Killer, as a health producer, should be kept in every household. Price 25c. All druggists or by mail. Kickapoo Indian Medicine Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.—Adv.

NOTICE TO TROY TAXPAYERS.

For the purpose of receiving taxes, commencing Tuesday December 16, 1913, I will be at my home; Wednesdays at Lamb's store in Big Beaver; Fridays at Cutting's store in Troy; Saturdays at First National Bank in Birmingham up to and including Jan. 10, 1914.

ARTHUR HALSEY,
Treas. Township of Troy.

U. P. CHURCH NOTES.

Tuesday evening, December 23, a very pleasant evening was spent at the Troy U. P. church, as members of the congregation and friends met for the Christmas entertainment. The church was well filled and an interesting program was carried out. After the program a very friendly feeling prevaled as families and individuals exchanged gifts, which were very much enjoyed by the recipients.

Near the close of the evening Mr. Wm. Herbison said that on behalf of the congregation and has a token of their esteem he wished to present the past r and his wife with a Christmas tox, a d opening it we found it contained $42.25

After a few words of thanks and appreciation a very happy evening was brought to a close.

On Wednesday evening Dec. 24, Birmingham congregation and friends met in a social capacity; then a splendid program was given by children of the Sabbath School. The program was made especially interesting by recitations from Miss Edith Phillips and Mrs. Whitten. After the program Fran Youngs said that it was his good pleasure to represent the congregation in presenting to the pastor and family a chees for $50, which he said was only a small token of the esteem in which the pastor and family were held by the members of the congregation and friends, not a compliment.

Our feeling of gratitude on the occasion of these gifts was so intense that we could not find words suitable to express it, but we hope that friends as well as members of the congregation will accept our deep sense of gratitude, and in the dead of winter will keep coals to heat up appreciation and thanks for their gifts and kindness to our pastor's family and us we are in the community on Thursday night still, increasing in scope and interest.

$100.00 Reward.

Any man who is not up in a double bow legs with cramps in the bowels or crippled with the pains of rheumatism would sometimes pay that for a quick relief. Yet he can get what he wants for 25c by sending to the druggist for a bottle of Keene's Pain-Killing Magic Oil. It is a powerful relieving remedy for all internal and external pain. Price 25c. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.—Adv.

NOTICE TO BLOOMFIELD TAX PAYERS.

Commencing December 9, 1913, I will be at the First State Bank in Birmingham every Tuesday and Friday until January 9, 1914, for the purpose of receiving taxes. I will be at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac on the 13th, 20th and 27th of December 1913, and January 3, 1914 from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., for the same purpose. Please do not ask me to accept any taxes after banking hours.

C. H. CARTER,
Township Treasurer of Bloomfield.
Nov. 28.

The Dairy Man Says

He has more milk and better cream since he began using Harvell's Condition Powder. It keeps his cows in prime shape. It is a strictly medicinal powder, not a food, and is a general conditioning powder for cows, horses, work cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry. Price 25c. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.—Adv.

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

Do you begin to cough at night, just when you hope to sleep? Do you have a tickling throat that keeps you awake? Just take Foley Honey and Tar Compound. It will check the cough and stop the tickling sensation at once. Does not upset the stomach. Is best for children and grown persons. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

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 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, 1 1 one 196. Dec. 12tfc

We wish to thank our friends for their goodness to us during the year just gone. And in turn we wish you, one and all, a Glad New Year.

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