

THE COUNTRY BOY

The Subject of an Address Given by Oakland County Y. M. C. A. Secretary Martin Verburg.

During the past week the progress in County Y. M. C. A. work has been not only rapid but interesting as well. On Tuesday of last week County Secretary addressed the County Pomona Orange on the subject "The Country Boy." That the address was a timely one was evinced by the fact that Miss Brown was there with her students from the County Normal School. They were very much interested in the remarks relative to the play life of the children and Miss Brown has arranged with the County Secretary to teach some of these group games to her teachers when they meet next week at the Normal. At Birmingham the County Secretary is to teach similar games to the teachers in the grades at the request of the Superintendent of Schools Miss Starr. This shows that the work of the Secretary is appreciated and that it is filling a need.

The Cap contest of the past week reveals some very interesting figures, interesting indeed to the boys and friends of the work at Rochester and Birmingham, since these two groups are on top at present, with 100 percent each. Oxford, South Lyon, Orion and Troy is the order of the finish. At the meeting of the group with our County Secretary last week they decided to conduct occasional Sunday afternoon meetings for older boys and men. This is the result of the previous Sunday when a men's meeting was held in the Episcopal church. The next date is set for Sunday Feb. 1. For that meeting the boys have written to Mr. Foster of the Detroit Y. M. C. A. and we hope that he can be with us. This is a move in the right direction and the boys should receive all the encouragement in this noble work. Special music will be provided and all men and boys over 15 years of age should come out. Mr. Foster's subject will be announced later.

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 healthy active all the time. Foley Kidney Pills will make them so. You cannot take them in your system without good results following. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

FEBRUARY.

For an editor to write a favorable treatise on February is about as easy as it is for him to help a pestilential old splinter through the peary gates of an obituary full of lies, when the said old splinter owed the editor a subscription account that had been out-lawed by time. It's one redeeming feature is its brevity.

The month, however, is as full of action as a picnic party that has settled down on an admirable bill. Embryo presidents in their Friday afternoon excursions, will inform their schoolmaster that Lincoln, the great eradicator, was born on the 12th, and later crossed the Delaware and became the father of his country, and that Washington died on the 22nd after discovering the Panama canal and freeing the slaves. The weather bureau, too, was born the 9th of February, 1870, and has been making and breaking promises ever since.

The fourteenth of the month will bring the same old tales of love, when girls, though large as elephants, are called a turtle dove; for Valentines will ripen then, and pairs began to spoon—they culminate in June. The twenty-fifth will also bring roasts—at least a fifth will—from turkey trots, the bunny hug, and other dances; wild, for Lent begins the twenty-fifth, to rest our weary lives, and men, perchance, may need more meat their daughters and their wives.

Seamless hose were invented Feb. 1, 1720—just 194 years before the invisible hose of today. The first pair of seamless hose were about half an inch thick and were worn as protection against cold. The modern hose are about as thick as cigarette paper, split twice, and no one knows why they are worn.

The closing of the month will bring the candidates to light—in many fro-co-hailed men, who for us want to know they seek to bring salvation to the lowly of our kind, but after they're elected, our existence slips their mind.

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

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

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FRED A HOLD-OUT

Our Big Birmingham Boy Declares That He Will Not Accept It In Salary. Good Boy.

The following news from the Sunday Free Press tells all about how our Birmingham Blanding boy is telling the Cleveland Club where he can get off at. Fred Blanding, the Cleveland pitcher, is a genuine hold-out, one of the few that this winter has produced.

The big newspaper isn't making this stuff to get himself a little advertising nor does he threaten to sign up with the Federal league for a million dollars a minute. He simply says that he has returned his contract to President Symers and will not sign at the figure named even if he has to quit baseball. Blanding is amazed as well as sore over the salary offered him for 1914. He doesn't mention the sum, but says it is \$10,000. He says he has got it in 1913. This cut on top of the excellent record he made last season, has made Fred red, and he has made up his mind that Somers either will do better by him or he will be a pitcher when he comes back.

In 1913 Blanding pitched 214 innings and has a record of 2.57 earned runs per game made off him. This placed him well above the list of American league winners. In won and lost, his mark was 15 wins and 10 defeats, a percentage of .600, which was considerable better than the Cleveland club's winning percentage.

Fred does not understand how they can be so sure of his record, and the letters which accompanied the contract is not clear on this point either. He received no complaints on his work from Manager Birmingham and was always in condition, so the discipline cannot be exacted for carelessness in his habits. In fact Fred is a clean living fellow, whose personal conduct off the field cannot be censured in the slightest.

"I have sent the contract back to Mr. Somers with a letter saying that I shall not sign it," said the big Birmingham boy, Saturday. "And I mean that too. There is no reason why I should have been cut, after a good year like 1913, for anything but carelessness at all."

"I am not going to jump to the Federal, or anything like that. In fact, I haven't received any offer from that circuit and if I did get one, would consider a long time before accepting it, no matter what salary it offers. I am taking chances with these experimental leagues, but would prefer to play in organized ball, where I am sure of my money and of the stability of the institution. These joke circuits don't attract me."

"I certainly hope to play with Cleveland, but I will not do so unless I am treated what I consider justly. We ought to have a good chance for the money, but I am not going to give up my Athletics slip a little, but the possibility of a split of the big world's money is not enough to introduce me to accept a reduction of my regular emoluments when I am doing good work."

"Fortunately I have a job awaiting me so I will not starve if I quit baseball. But I want to play and will not quit unless I have to. I am only 25 years old and can stick to the game for several years yet without hurting myself, and then go to work at something else before I die of old age. I hope that this argument will be settled soon so that I can sign up and have my mind at rest. I like Cleveland and I like Mr. Somers, so the position of a hold-out is not a pleasant one."

A. J. Walsh, of Sheffield, Colorado, was laid down with rheumatism and sent for Foley Kidney Pills, which was the only thing that would cure him. George Foster, 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.

NOTICE

I, Charles Sturgis having sold to E. B. Davis for cash value, subject to \$625, my interest in and share of the profits of the business known as the Sturgis, wish to state that I will call and pay taxes and all my other indebtedness to my creditors in the near future.

CHARLES STURGIS.

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 a local remedy and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment a rheumatism to ensue. Science has overcome catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, sold by W. F. 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. It is the only cure for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: W. F. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by druggists, 7c.

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MICHIGAN NOTES

Another Hoxser Travelogue, The Battle of Mexico City Will be Shown Thursday Jan. 23.

Professor J. A. Blosser, whose remarkable lecture over New crowds to the Methodist church last spring returns for the fifth engagement next week Thursday evening, Jan. 29. Prof. Blosser was in Mexico City during the hostilities there and personally took hundreds of striking photographs of the fighting and its terrible consequences. His lecture during which these pictures are thrown on the screen is an interest holding and informing discussion of the great war in Mexico. Thursday evening at 7:30. Silver at the door.

The officers of the Bible School for 1914, elected on Monday evening last are: Superintendent, Geo. Wiley; Associate, H. C. Murray; Assistant, Mrs. H. P. Doyne; Superintendent of Supplies, W. E. Smith; Secretary, C. E. Conway; Assistant, Francis Campbell; Treasurer, Arthur Peck; Librarian, Miss Bertha King and Nellie Camp; Librarian of Periodicals, Miss Ethel Phillips; Pianist, Miss Evelyn Deer; Assistant, Roy Tuxworth; Primary Superintendent, Miss Ella Adams; Associate, Miss Margaret McCarrall.

33 YEARS AGO

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Walter Wilson was town over Sunday. Sam Slade made glad the hearts of his parents by a visit over Sunday. James Esmund, who has been seriously ill with diphtheria is now convalescent.

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Mrs. Josiah Barclay an early settler of Franklin, died Monday last. Funeral took place at Franklin on Wednesday.

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Miss Maggie Carpenter of Chesaning a former pupil of our high school, made a brief visit to her grandmother during the past week.

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PARCEL POST RATES.

Until further notice the parcel post weight limit is 50 lbs. and for the first and second zones only. The rate is 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound for these two zones.

In all other zones the limit is 20 lbs. and rates are as follows: Third zone, 6 cents for first pound, and two cents per pound thereafter.

Fourth zone—7 cents for first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound.

Fifth—8 cents and 6 cents.

Sixth—9 cents and 8 cents.

Seventh—11 cents and 10 cents.

Eighth—12 cents straight for each pound.

Insurance for 25, for 5 cents and up to \$50 for 10 cents.

Shippers should cut this rate schedule out for reference.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Postmaster.

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, use promptly the use of Dr. King'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.

The Avenue.

"St. Elmo"

Insistent demands for "St. Elmo" on the part of the clientele of the Avenue Theatre, of Detroit, has resulted in the selection of that admirable drama for the coming week. This play is founded upon Augusta Jane Evans's popular romance of the southland shortly after the civil war.

The action of the scene of the play, which follows the book closely, occurs in the blacksmith shop of Aaron Hunt near foot of Lookout mountain, near Chattanooga, Tenn., and the time is 1868. The action of the second act in development in the house of St. Elmo Murray, two years later, while the scene of the third and fourth acts are laid in the study of Murray Hammond. The play of course is one of deep heart interest. The story is so familiar to need repetition now.

The reproduction of "St. Elmo" will be invested with all the necessary scenic investments as to make it a first class production. It will be directed by St. Elmo Murray will be presented by E. J. Walling, while Miss Leona Stater will have the role of Edna Earle. George Earle will appear as the old smith.

"The Fatal Wedding," which is the current offering at the Avenue Theatre, has exceeded the hopes of the management in public favor.

Hearts might're if he could there—v violate the constitution.

UNION REVIVAL

Meetings to be Held Alternately at the Baptist and M. E. Church, Beginning February 1.

Pastors Conley of the Baptist church and Wakefield of the Methodist church, with the united congregations are to begin nightly meetings Sunday, Feb. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Markham of Detroit, evangelistic singers, are to conduct the music during the series, but the conduct of the meetings and the preaching are to be entirely with the pastors. Sunday night, February 1, the meeting will be at the Methodist church, Monday night at the Baptist, and alternately each succeeding evening expect Saturday, with other services as announced from time to time.

The third Sunday, February 15, the speakers are to be from a band of students from the State University, who will conduct the morning service at the Baptist church, and the union meeting in the evening at the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited. All who will volunteer for the chorus choir to be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Markham are requested to meet for the first rehearsal at the Methodist church Saturday evening, Jan. 31, at 7:15 sharp.

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Died at Big Beaver last week Friday: Harry W. Gibbs, aged 28 years.

Died at Troy Jan. 16, Mrs. G. W. Hunt again young.

Died at Pontonville, Jan. 17, of diphtheria, Mrs. Oscar L. Smith. Our readers will recognize her by her maiden name, Frankie Masters.

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Lima Beans, 15c can, doz. \$1.50	Lake Shore Pumpkin, 10c can, doz. \$1.10
Yel. Wax Beans, 15c can, doz. \$1.60	Coco Pumpkin, 10c can, doz. \$1.10
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Coco Sweet Corn, 10c can, doz. \$0.95	Sauer Kraut, 10c can, doz. \$1.10
Coco Peas, 13c can, doz. \$1.40	Light Hobas Baked Beans, 10c can, doz. \$1.10
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Garrick Theatre.

"Othello"

One of the largest sales in history of the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, is in progress for the engagement of William Faversham and his company of distinguished stars in Mr. Faversham's spectacular revival of "Othello" next week. From present indications Mr. Faversham will be greeted with an unbroken series of capacity audiences. Mr. Faversham's company is one of the most illustrious of modern times, including Mr. Faversham, Cecilia Loftus, Julie Opp, Constance Collier, E. D. MacLean and a superb ensemble of more than 100. During the engagement, on Friday evening and Saturday matinee, Mr. Faversham will repeat his epoch making presentation of "Julius Caesar" as presented here last year and for repetitions of which sever 1 hundreds of requests have been sent to Mr. Faversham from persons who were unable to procure seats last season. At all other performances of the week, including the Wednesday matinee, "Othello" will be the attraction.

Mr. Faversham's "Othello" is one of the most massive productions of modern times, and even surpasses in scenic beauty and luxuriousness Mr. Faversham's "Julius Caesar". The many gorgeous settings were designed and painted by Joseph Barker, of London, who it will be recalled, painted "Julius Caesar" for Mr. Faversham. Seats are now selling for top performance, and those persons desirous of securing choice positions are advised to make their reservations immediately. Special attention is given to the fact that owing the massive nature of both productions, and the length of the performances themselves, the curtain will rise evenings at 8 o'clock, and at the matinees at 2 o'clock.

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