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To Our Friends

WHEN TRADING WITH ANY OF OUR ADVERTISERS, EITHER IN BIRMINGHAM, PONTIAC OR DETROIT, IT WILL BE A GREAT FAVOR TO US IF YOU WILL MENTION THE FACT THAT YOU NOTICED THEIR ADVERTISEMENT IN OUR PAPER. A WORD FROM YOU AT THE TIME OF TRADING COSTS YOU NOTHING AND BENEFITS US GREATLY. WILL YOU BE GOOD AND DO SO?

THE PUBLISHERS.

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LEGALS.

Friends OF THE ECCENTRIC are requested when in need of Probate Business to call the publication of this paper and be in this list, by so doing they will do us a favor more than elsewise, and will do here a favor also.

At Home

Don't forget the Gospel meeting at the Johnston Shaw Hall, tonight and Sunday night.

Gasoline stove, new process, nearly new, for sale very cheap, also brown wicker baby buggy. Must be sold at once. 258 Woodward Avenue. 2p.

WANTED:—A good hustling salesman to sell Household Goods. Big money. Address, Box 274, Saginaw, Mich. 2p

A lot of people are spending $1.50 to see the unclean plays, so that they can be prepared to condemn them properly.

Found:—a pair of specks, by Arthur Ford. Loser may have his property by proving up and paying 25c for this advertisement. 2c

Mrs. Minnie Spicer Book of Harrisburg, Pa., is spending a few weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spicer on Martin Street.

When a girl comes out in one of those new tomato red coats, it is hard to believe her when she says she dosen't want her name in the papers.

Street car companies are putting on lower steps to accomodate women with narrow skirts, but they neglect to raise the roofs to fit the hat plumes.

Having sold part of the River Lawn Farm, about one mile north of here, A. E. Quarton will dispose of a lot of stock and tools, next Monday. M. H. Blunt will receive your bid. See advertisement elsewhere.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Temple No. 94 Pythian Sisters next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be progressive pedro after the meeting. All members are requested to be present. The Brother Knights are especially invited.

W. A. Sutherland in another column informs you that he is now all ready with the Spring styles of 1911 in wall paper, etc. He has all that the thrifty housewife needs to make the shine. He paints also and guarantees his work. Read the advt. Do it now. Call him at Phone 107-J.

From now until Thursday February 19, next Mons. L. Rousseau gives a formal notice that we must announce the Grand Golden Jubilee of the Knights of Pythias. This famous organization is approaching 50 years of age and every K. P. in the whole world wil duly recoginize the event.

Mr. J. E. Ballard, a Postoffice Inspector, is busy in this neighborhood arranging for an entirely new outfit. When negotiations are closed, and the result established our Postoffice patrons will be served from a modern up-to-date new post-office until complete and perfect in every appointment.

Dr. Ellsworth Orton, president of the Jacksonia Democratic Club, at Pontiac, has called together all the democrats of Oakland Co., January 27, to consider plans for the good of the party, and to make arrangments for the annual banquet of the Jefferson Club. The date will soon be announced and Dr. Orton says it will be a corking affair, one seldom equaled and never excelled.

A surprise party was given last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carter, for Miss Mildred Rice in honor of her 17th birthday. After an enjoyable evening spent playing games, light refreshments were served to about 30 guests. Miss Rice was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. The guests departed about midnight wishing the young lady many happy returns of the day.

Saturday night last Mike Hertz, a Hungarian living in Pontiac, while riding on the rear platform of a meath hound car one-half mile north of Birmingham, leaned out, and his skull was crushed by stricking a pole. He died almost instantly. Body was brought to Daines and Bell's morgue. Mr. Annette, of the D. U. R., had charge of the remains and the company did everything in their power for the homeless wife, who was the only witness of the distressing accident.

The ice man's harvest is at hand.

Good room and board for man and wife or two ladies at 207 Townsend Street. 2p

The Mexicans have no use for jails, as they execute prisoners and save board bills.

For Sale or will trade for stock, one Upright Mahogany piano. S. Labuhn, Phone 56-J-2. 2c

They are getting so they jam bills through Congress with only a year given to debate.

Apparently people who lend money to Huerta will have to take their pay in bull fight tickets.

It is no longer fashionable to keep a diary, as people seem more anxious to forget than remember.

Phil Plumstead was the lucky one at the Family theater last Monday night ane won the $5.00 gold piece.

Probably most of the men would observe a "Go to church Sunday," if automobiles were sent for them.

The telephone trust has yielded to the demands of the government, but you can't bluff Central that way.

Many people find the handsome waste baskets, received as Christmas presents very convenient to throw the January 1 bills into.

The baseball people never worry about talk of business depression, as the bleachers are always full if the factories aren't.

A good girl for general housework, wants a place, in or near Birmingham. Address, Miss G. R., R. R. No. 4, Box 23, Birmingham. 2p

In case of war with Mexico, many prominent citizens express a willingness to enlist and go as far as Palm Beach or Los Angeles.

Rumor hath it that Mr. M. J. Beals will commence building another new house next month, bigger and better than any of the others.

The dancing teachers are making a lot of money teaching the new steps. Who says the people will no longer make sacrifices for the cause of education?

A great many growing and hopeful towns, unable to get a marble postoffice, are willing to compromise on having one of the regional reserve banks.

Master Harold Shaw gave a sleigh ride party last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Virginia Applegate, who will soon move to the Soutnern part of Illinois.

In spite of high prices being paid for farm produce, millions of young men are still willing to work for $2.00 a day provided they can wear cuffs and a biled shirt.

Of course the modern servant must be permitted to play on the piano, but it is believed there should be regular hours during which the mistrets shall also be free to use it.

Secretary Houston is trying to make life pleasanter for farmers' wives, although it is well known that milking and butter making give them all the recreation many of them get.

Mrs. Narrin, wife of the Treasurer of the Monitor Insurance Co., was here last week collecting the ann.al dues of policy holders, her husband being otherwise occupied, and the manner in which the bright little lady handled the business set everybody to wondering if it wouldn't be all right to have a lady treasurer for the company, anyhow.

There will be a Diamond Medal contest given in the Baptist Church, Birmingham Tuesday evening Jan. 27. Mrs. Grace Todd and Ren Bell will be be among the contestants, others coming from Roceester, Oxford and Detroit. Good music and other selections. Price of admission 25c. Tickets can be secured from any of the Baptist Young People or from Mesdames Ren McKinney or Conway. They will be sold at door also.

A girl's essay on boys! "Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by and by. Man was made before woman. When God locked at Adam he said to himself "Well I think I ean do better if I try again." And he made Eve so much better than Adam that there are more woman than men. "Boys are a trouble. They wear out everything but soap. If I had my way half the world would be girls and half dolls. My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a girl when he was a little boy. "Man was made, and on the seventh day he rested. Woman was than made and she has never rested since."

Mrs. Mortimer Smith received a nice long letter from Mrs. William H. Stevens who used to be Miss Mary Neeland, Lordsburg, New Mexico, a friendly cheerful inquiring letter asking for old friends and acquaintances. She writes:—"I suppose Birmingham looks about as it used to, don't suppose I would kuow many there now. I have ice cream parlors—do a pretty good business in the summer, now it is quite dull. * * *. I often hear from Belle and Mandy Lowes. I have written to Jennie Keyes two or three times but she does not answer my letters * * *. I often think of Birmingham and the good times I had there when a girl. * * *. Where is Joe Hutchinson now? I have not heard of her in years. I heard Mrs. Drew was blind and in an old ladies home in Detroit. Do Peabody and Blakeslee still have stores in Birmingham? Is Ned Daines still there? How is Mrs. Frank Hagerman? She always was a great favorite of mine. Did Mrs. Beattie ever get well, and Al Whitehead? I would just love to hear about all the old home folks,—how does the old home look, and the store building? I long to go back for a visit. * * *. With love to all, Mrs. W. H. Stevens (Mamie Neeland.)

Isn't this a fine winter?

Can you beat this weather?

Firewood being scarce, left Christmas gifts bring a good price.

Water wagon is well filled now, but not all are season ticket holders.

For Sale:—Sound dry stove wood. Inquire Wm. Bergman, Birmingham. 2p

Don't fail to see "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Family Theatre next Wednesday night.

Don't know whether the new real estate firm are superstitious or not, but they surely do believe in signs.

You will be more than pleased if you attend the Diamond Medal contest at Baptist Church Tuesday evening Jan. 27.

Twenty-five cents will let you in the Baptist church next Tuesday evening so you may know and see who wins that diamond medal.

Much sentiment is expressed in favor of a law that will prohibit men from sticking their eyes onto women's protruding hat feathers.

For Sale:—Fifteen sows 5 months old $225. Sixteen pigs 4 months old $125. Two sows bred by Berkshires $60. E. B. Davis, Big Beaver 2p

House to Rent:—See Mitchell. One-half double house. Six rooms furnace, bath, electric lights, etc., $20 per. Call at Post Office for particulars. tf

As a result of the "Father and Son movement," it is hoped that many fathers will be induced to follow the example of their boys and avoid harmful vices.

No place in Michigan can boast of better lot of pony teams, single drivers and saddle animals than this villfge. Some of the little fellows exceptionally fine roadsters.

Thirty years ago things looked different in Birmingham. At least that is what Geo. M. L. Erwin of South Dakota said when calling upon a few of his old friends last week.

The life insurance people want to have people take medical examinations regularly, as nothing contributes so much to long life as knowledge that you have an incurable disease.

Every promise of a big building boom in Birmingham all next summer. Why shouldn't there be? With gas coming, sewers here and a faithful accommodation trolley line, we have got to grow.

Did you ever pause to think that Birmingham, dear old Birmingham is the choice of 9 out of 10 prospective country dwellers from the city? It sure is and after they call and view our pleasant village, they get the desire to live here and before you know it,—they are here.

Next Wednesday night an all star cast will present "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Family Theatre. Those who have never seen this grand old play, should avail themselvs of the opportunity and see it in moving picturer. It is in three reels. Tonight is Western night and the two reel is "From Dawn till Dark." Don't fail to see it.

Mrs. Mary E. Bower, wife of the Rev. George W. Bower, and mother of our townsman, Thomas W. Beckner, died at the latter's home Monday evening, Jan. 19, aged 72. Mrs. Bower has been a patient sufferer for the past five months, tenderly cared for by her husband and the family of her son. The burial was at Battle Ground, Ind.

The Telephone building front, first floor fairly shines with gold, glitter and glint. Messrs Ray & Adams from Pontiac have been busy the past few days ornamenting the front and side of the room formerly occupied by the Eccentric. The reading tells you that Whitehead & Standart, real estate men are ready for business, and H. George Field, contractor and builder wants you to come in and see him also. This office is sure a busy scene, and they are business men who aim to improve Birmingham.

Messrs Standart and Field are now nicely settled in their office in the Telephone Building. Mr. Standart has taken hold of the Real Estate situation in full earnest and is kept busy showing property and closing deals. The partnership goes under the name of Whitehead and Standart and they will handle loans and insurance in addition to real estate. Mr. Field is making fine progress with his building operations. He reports plenty of activity in the way of prospects for early spring work. Anyone contemplating building in Birmingham will do well to see these real live wires, buy a lot from Standart and have Field build your house.

One of our business men, answering a letter of inquiry regarding the probable success of a new enterprise in this place and asking about general condition; wrote about our pure wate fine schools, churches, free library, electric light and power, sewers, fuel gas, (coming,) 10 cent fare to Detroit, beautiful shade trees, fine social conditions etc., and when he had read his letter to the prospective addition to our business interests he was so impressed with his own descriptive powers that he vowed he never had any idea what a delightful place he was living in. You see, all these fine conditions have come so gradually that a whole lot of us don't realize it.

ST. JAME'S. IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Teachers and pupils of the Sunday School. The hour for Sunday School will be changed from 9:30 to fifteen minutes before ten. Effective on Sunday the 25th, of January. Let's all be prompt.

No. 272.

Two story, 9-room cement veneer dwelling, modern in every particular, new house, on Lot 35x100 on good street, one block to electric, none better, $3,500 and half of it can run at 6 per cent on long time.

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

Why Do We Want Freedom?

What do we want freedom for? That we may have the best that life can give us, unshackled by tyrannies of custom, fashion or prejudice. And how can we lead a right life unless we learn its laws and render them faithful obedience? Profoundly wise is the prayer which addresses God as he "whose service is perfect freedom."

LOOK ABOUT

And see the big men in business. At one time they were all beginners in a small way. Ninety-nine per cent took a good Business Course and then began to grow. Thousands have attended the Detroit Business University—a school today with no superior. Why not get into line for a good start? Winter term open now. Let us hear from you. E. R. Shaw, President, 65 West Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich.

United States Postoffice

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Postmaster.
LUCY PEARL WARD, Ass't P. M.
MARIAN GOLDEN, Clerk.

Arrival and Departure of Mails from the Birmingham, Michigan, Postoffice, via G. T. Railway.

GOING WEST.

Train No.	Mail Locks	Lvs Depot
	A. M.	A. M.
19	7:06	7:26
	P. M.	P. M.
13	12:06	12:26
11	3:55	4:15

GOING EAST.

	A. M.	A. M.
12	11:12	11:32
	P. M.	P. M.
22	3:35	3:55
18	7:30	9:45

Franklin, Michigan, by R. R. Carrier, leaves at 8:30 a. m. Also at 5:00 p. m. by Star Route, Abel A. Burns, Carrier.

POSTAL SAVINGS SYSTEM.

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITORS.

OBJECT.

The Postal Savings System is established for the purpose of providing facilities for depositing savings at interest with the security of the United States Government for repayment.

SAFETY.

The faith of the United States Government is solemnly pledged to the payment of deposits made in Postal Savings depository offices with accrued interest, as provided by the Postal-Savings Act.

WHO MAY DEPOSIT.

Accounts may be opened and deposits made by any person of the age of 10 years or over in his or her own name, and by a married woman in her own name and free from interference or control by her husband. No person can have more than one account at any one time.

POSTAL-SAVINGS BONDS.

A depositor will be permitted to exchange the whole or any part of his deposits in sums of $20, $40, $60, $80 $100, or multipies of $100 up to and including $500, into United States registered or coupon bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2½ per cent per annum, payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year from date of issue, both principal and interest payable 20 years from such date in United States gold coin. Such exchange may be made under date of January 1 and July 1 of each year, provided such bonds are then available.

Anyone interested in Postal Savings or the Bonds can have further information cheerfully given by calling at the Birmingham Postoffice.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

PARCEL POST.

Rate is very low for all Fourth-class Matter, with the limit raised to 50 pounds up to and including the second zone. Lowest rate is 5 cents for one pound, and 54c for 50 pounds. Farmers along Rural Routes can give to their Carrier for local delivery, butter, eggs and fresh meat. All parcels must have the name of sender as well as receiver plainly written thereon or it is unmailable. Outside the second zone the old rules and regulations still are in full force.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

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Detroit Express	6:27 a. m
Detroit Mail and Express	f11:32 a. m
Detroit Express	f3:56 p. m.

WEST-BOUND TRAINS.

Morning Mail and Express	7:33 a. m.
Mail	p12:26 p. m.
Grand Rapids Mail and Express	4:15 p. m.

f Stops only on signal.
p Will stop on signal for Chicago passengers only.

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Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Grape Fruit, Malaga Grapes, Cooking and Sweet Onions, and Baldwin Apples.

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PHONE 111

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CRAMER SMITH, Cashier

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DETROIT OFFICE

Second floor University Building, Grand River Avenue East, near Woodward. Hours—1 to 5 p. m. daily. Phone Main 4401.

RESIDENCE

404 W. Maple Ave., Birmingham

Hours—8 to 11:33 a. m. daily. Phone 187.

Sundays and Evenings by Special Appointment.