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COOK WITH GAS, LOOK BACKWARD

Words of Cheer from the Michigan Light Co. Good Gas for All Users Right Here Now.

We have noted with pleasure the activities of the Michigan Light Company in our Village during the last few weeks. Their progress has been rapid, and the construction work conducted in a most systematic manner, leaving the streets and yards in much better shape than we anticipated.

Our entire business section, and a large portion of the residence district is now completed. The introduction of the modern gas range into the home, has done much to lighten the burden of the house-wife, who by experience has learned that she can Cook WITH Gas with less worry and expense, and get better results than she ever did before, with any other fire, and spends so much less time in the kitchen.

Every effort is being made by the Company to complete the work necessary, and turn the gas into the mains almost immediately.

Representatives of the Company are now securing piping and meter orders, and will have a regular crew of pipe-fitters to do any work that is required. Arrangements have been made between the Company and the local hardware stores to make all stove connections for them, so that all stoves purchased from local dealers will be set by the Company, without any extra cost to the customer.

Headquarters for the Company have been established at Cobb & Jennelle's drug store where orders can be left and all bills paid. Owing to the fact that the accounting department for the Company is at Pontiac, it will be necessary for all patrons to bring their bills to the store to be received when payments are made, or checks can be mailed to the Pontiac office.

We consider that our village is most fortunate in securing this additional utility which makes Birmingham, the most desirable residence village in the great State of Michigan.

LIGHTING ALSO.
Residence lighting, in fact, ever form of lighting is not only practical, but economical with gas. Gas lamps of every condition and requirement can be secured, and the Michigan Light Co. will endeavor to make arrangements whereby every customer in Birmingham can see a demonstration of the reliable information regarding installations for both residence or business.

Hot water for the bath and kitchen can be furnished through a gas water heater, for less money than by any other system. There are numerous gas water heaters at various prices, and to fit all local conditions. Our Representative will be glad to look your house over and make recommendations, if you will leave word at our headquarters.

Apply Sloan's Freely for Lumbago.
Your attacks of lumbago are not nearly so hopeless as they seem. You can relieve them almost instantly by a simple application of Sloan's Liniment on the back and loins. Lumbago is a form of rheumatism, and yields perfectly to Sloan's, which penetrates quickly all in through the sore, tender muscles, limbers up the joints, and makes it feel fine. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any drug store and have it in the house against colds, sore and swollen joints, rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, and like ailments. You'll money back if not satisfied, but it gives almost instant relief.

BE AN ENGINEER.
Become a Locomotive Engineer and earn from \$150 to \$300 per month. Learn at home! There are over 1,000 railroads in the United States employing hundreds of thousands of engineers and firemen. To get competent for these positions the railroads pay big wages. Railroad engineers are among the highest paid wage earners in the world. We will prepare you and show you a position. For a short time, this school will give you a course of instruction, asking for only a small amount in advance as a guarantee that you are in earnest and will take a railroad position. The remainder of the tuition is payable only after you have been placed in a position as locomotive engineer and have held the same for 90 days. Can anything be fairer than this? If you are interested in securing fire position at a fair salary, write for further particulars. Detroit Ry. Preparatory School, Station B, B-Box 53, Detroit, Mich.

D. H. S. C. P.
This is not a fraternal society. These pills stand for one of the greatest helps in the world. Dr. Herriek's Cough-Costed Pills. They relieve biliousness, tired feeling, constipation, and all disorders of the stomach and bowels. Dr. Herriek's Pills have been in use for over 50 years and are the standard family cathartic in thousands of homes. Price 25c per box. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.

CHILD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who have been so kind to us during the past week or so.

Mrs. and Miss E. C. HUSTON.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST, GLEANED FROM THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO.

Memories of the Past, Gleaned from the Birmingham Eccentric Thirty-Three Years Ago.

At a meeting at Corson & Son's, Mrs. Ella Platte and two children, of Reed City, are visiting at Mrs. B. F. Skinner's, of Warren.

Miss Eva Means and Miss Etta J. Church, of Ohio, are visiting in Easton and Genesee counties.

Miss Maude Camp is slowly recovering.

G. C. Gibbs, of Troy, received the third premium of \$35 at the state fair for the best wheat.

The following new books have been added to the library: "The Emperor, Handicapped, Happy-G-Lucky, and A Short History of Art."

Mrs. George W. Durkee is seriously ill.

Married: Miss Valina Buttolph, of Troy, and Mr. John Lowry, of Alpena county, at the residence of the bride's mother.

Both parties are at home, and Miss Lucy Buttolph, sister of the bride, acted as interpreter.

"That school days are the happiest days of a person's life" was the topic of a debate held by the high school faculty.

The affirmative was won. Miss Lizzie White presided. The music was rendered by Misses Dora Beatty and Eva Phillips and Mr. Tracy Randall with Miss Francis Gibbs at the organ. The question for discussion at the next meeting is, Resolved, "That a life of celibacy is preferable to a married life."

M. E. Sanley school of Big Beaver held a reunion in Red Ribbon hall.

W. D. C. says, "A good high school education is within the reach of every industrious youth who has the sn and grit. The courses in our Grammar and High schools have been re-organized so that every pupil may know exactly when he may finish a course."

M. K. Taber has purchased a fire proof safe for the reception of valuable papers of his own and John Jones.

Mrs. Ruth Russell Warren is holding temperance meetings at the M. E. church.

James Casey, a young man with many friends, has closed his term of services with William Ertz and has started work in the pine woods.

STOP THOSE EARLY BRONCHIAL

They hang on all winter if not checked, and pave the way for serious throat and lung disease. Get a bottle of Foley's Kidney and Bladder Pills and take it freely. Stops coughs and colds; heals raw, inflamed throat, loosens the phlegm and is mildly laxative. Best for children and grown persons. No opiates. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES.

Teachers of the Barnum school entertained the teachers of the High school building in their auditorium, the evening of October 13. The room was artistically decorated with many pictures and bouquets of flowers. This meeting is the first of many planned for the coming year.

Chapel exercises of Barnum school were in charge of the fourth and sixth grades, October 15.

First quarter holiday for attendance and punctuality was earned by the seventh grade. They were also the first to hand in their contributions for the new Victoria.

The seventh grade has organized two Newcomb teams and are playing good matches.

Mrs Taylor visited Barnum school last Thursday morning.

The children of the third grade have started reading the story, "The Royal Children." They are making black cats and jack-o'-lanterns for Halloween.

Fifty new song books have been provided for the third grade.

Children of the second grade are making drawings of autumn leaves.

Jeanette Lee has returned to school after an absence of three weeks.

THE ALTERNATIVE EXPLAINS

Object of the Proposed Fraternal Constitutional Amendment to be Voted on November 3.

The Fraternal Amendment League, having in charge the proposed Fraternal Constitutional Amendment to be voted on November 3, are celebrating and rejoicing over the ruling of the Attorney General rendered October 8, in which he sustains their judgment on the two most contested points, namely: that fraternal beneficiary associations having authority in the event of the Amendment retaining or issuing other than death benefits; such as sick, accident, and old age, etc.—and, second, that such associations can do business with or without lodge and ritualistic form of work.

The Attorney General clearly states the Amendment does not interfere with these provisions nor with the lodge system. The Amendment leaves the lodge feature optional with the societies.

The State Secretary of the League in a communication to this paper explains that if the Supreme Officers of the lodge system, or the societies would make such a blunder as to mislead their membership on a plain statement of law in this case, they may be treated in any of their other statements.

The League calls attention to the fact that the League has been licensed for but one year, notwithstanding that they are permitted to write a life contract, they say a Paradox!

The first object of this proposed Amendment is to place in Michigan's Constitution, away from the reach of a tampering legislature or a Grand Old Law, the extreme Lodge, the fundamental right of the people of Michigan to insure themselves without profit and with or without the lodge.

The second object is to give to the members of these societies the vote power or right, upon ten per cent petition and a majority vote, to reject free-outs and soft-outs.

They call attention to the fact that the so-called Mobile New York-Grand Bill is law in Michigan in full force, and that the Legislature of every fraternal certificate in Michigan is to be valued on the basis of practically fifty per cent of the value in application, means a free-out for the old man.

The Attorney General rules this amendment will repeal that feature and while he gives it as his opinion, this is all wrong in theory, yet the League says, "We are ready and submitting to the court of last resort—the voters—evidence as to their belief. It's a battle royal, to say the least."

The League also calls attention to the attack being made on the mailing list provision that it could be sold, misused, etc. They say the legislature provide penalties for misuse or said list, such as, five years in the penitentiary. This is concurred in by the insurance companies.

They call attention that no such law is now in force on the statute books and no Supreme Officer to date has ever suggested one.

They state no initiative petition could ever be circulated without the mailing list and without such societies would continue to be ruled by a little oligarchy, such as, Grand (7) Lodge.

The League also calls attention to the ruling of the Attorney General that the Amendment does not create State jurisdiction, nor drive from Michigan any reputable order, but in the same name, the principle has set forth are applied and insisted upon that it would probably result that way to which, the League replies that Michigan members of foreign orders of orders doing business in other states, if they wanted to continue in those states or with the orders, would be compelled to waive their rights under this law to veto free-outs and soft-outs.

It is in conflict with their Supreme Lodge or of that State Government, denying them those privileges, which would be equally true in Michigan if this Amendment is defeated November 3. They have nothing more to say about it. Fine system! The League says. We print below a true copy of the law, so all our readers can study it for themselves.

An amendment to Article XII of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, to be known as Section 10 and to read as follows:

Section Ten. The Legislature shall provide by law for the incorporation, regulation and supervision of fraternal beneficiary societies, with the power to issue death benefit certificates, which law shall require that such societies, if not incorporated, or to do business within the State, must have—

(a) A representative or a democratic form of self government, including the fixing of its own rates, and the making of rules with provision for the recall of officers by a majority vote of the membership, upon petition of not greater than 15 percent of the membership;

(b) Provisions for initiating changes in Constitution or laws upon petition of 10 percent of the membership, and for a referendum vote of the membership upon any changes in the Constitution or Laws, upon petition of the same percentage;

(c) Provisions requiring the officers, under the demand of five legal members, to furnish complete mailing list of members for use in connection with the exercise of the Initiative, Referendum or Recall.

No law shall be valid which shall require any such society.

(a) To create a legal reserve fund, or to be valued or collect assessments or dues upon any part of the membership, or to operate a loan or insurance in excess of the average mortality rate of the members, or to issue insurance in force of successful legal reserve insurance companies of fifty years' experience, in addition to the necessary expenses of such societies; or

(b) To have a lodge system or ritual.

All fraternal beneficiary societies authorized to do business in this State on March 1, 1914, may continue to do such business until the legislature shall pass laws in compliance with the foregoing provisions; provided that no such society may continue to do business for a year or more after this section shall go into effect, unless its Constitution and Laws shall comply with this section; provided, however, that any such society organized under laws of any other state may provide that as to business within this state the foregoing provision shall govern, and that as to such business the vote of the majority of the members in this State shall be binding, in which case all liabilities accruing on Michigan business may be made payable from assessments on Michigan members.—Adv.

Congratulates Sheriff

D. I. OLIVER

Detroit Police Superintendent Warmly Commends Oakland Official.

The following letter from John J. Downey, Superintendent of the Detroit Police Department, to Sheriff Oliver, explains itself:

"City of Detroit, Department of Police, John Gillespie, Commissioner, Geo. A. Warren, Sheriff, Police-John J. Downey, Superintendent, Detroit, October 17th, 1914. Mr. D. I. Oliver, Pontiac, Michigan. Dear Mr. Oliver:

Your arrest of John Valtaggio for perjury, who was a witness for Philip Lucida, in his recent trial for horse-stealing in your county, will undoubtedly serve as a warning to this class of criminals, who have been a menace to this section of the state for some time.

Yourself and assistants are to be congratulated in having been able to apprehend and secure the conviction of the notorious Lucids for horse stealing. Our department has observed with much satisfaction the splendid success you have met with in unearthing and bringing to justice this class of criminals, who have been a menace not only to Oakland county, but to Wayne and other adjoining counties as well.

If our department can be of any assistance to you at any time feel at liberty to call on us.

With best wishes for your continued success, I beg to remain, Yours very truly,

JOHN J. DOWNEY, Superintendent of Police.

Broadway Theatre

"Sapho" which is being presented by the Famous Hidden Players at the Broadway theatre, Detroit, will be followed by "Whose Baby Are You?"

"Whose Baby Are You?" is a comedy of situations. Warren Milton, Jr. is a young artist. His father, who is of the same name, has an old college chum to whom he is much attached. The college chum has a daughter whom he would entrust into the care of the elder Milton. He sends a letter which falls into the hands of the younger Milton. The latter is mystified. When Baby Milton arrives, she proves to be a girl of 18. Meanwhile, a German baron has bought his wife and child to the Milton studio to pose for a portrait. Straightway, Milton's assistants assume that the child is the "Baby Midge." The letter is mystified. When Baby Milton's parents arrive an outcry and the incident of the return of the child is one that provides considerable amusement.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at Birmingham, post office for week ending the 24th day of October 1914

Biss, Bert M. Brown, Robert Henry Blake, Charlotte Campbell Mrs. M. R. McKinnon, Mrs. Dan. Sallman Pearl Townsend Frank P. ROSTER, CANDS.

Collins Frank Groves Viola Miller, Will

Anyone calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

George H. Mitchell, P. M.

Attention! M. A. M., No. 93.

Attention, R. A. M., No. 93! Regular Convocation of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93, R. A. M., Monday evening, November 2, 1914.

Please remember the regular convocations are held the first Monday of each month.

Plenty of Work. Come and help. J. A. STARBUCK, A. H. BIGELOW, Sec'y.

R. S. Porritt and Ed. Ferguson have gone north on a hunting trip.

Phone 65 Phone 38

"ECONOMY" says BUY THEM BY THE DOZEN

Lay in your winter's supply now. Canned Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, etc. See Mr. Miner for prices on California Fruit, Corn, Peas, Hominy, Baked Beans, Succotash, Mackerel, Hake, Herring, Salmon, Tuna, Shad, Trout, and many others. We have just finished delivering 30 cases of Hawaiian Pineapple on orders, and have a few more left for our friends at same low price.

Dear Madam, on your next call take home a can of Fuller's Pie Filler-Lemon-10c. Makes four pies better than mother ever made. Can you beat it?

Everything of the best in Food Supplies.

MINER GROCERY CO.

"THE HOME OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT"

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Some extra good vacant lots, dwellings and farms for sale cheap. List your property with us for quick sale.

Continental Insurance Co. has largest surplus.

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HAS HE GOT MONEY TO BURN? No, but he can command plenty of it to replace what has been burned. Who? Why? R. E. Griggs, the Insurance Specialist, who represents the "Big Four" Fire Insurance Companies with a capital of over \$30,000,000. The Hartford leads. His business is no side issue to banking or any other line, and if you want to be safe, see him. He has Fire, Life, Indemnity, Cyclone, Automobile, and every Insurance known. Office Willis Street Phone 333.

H. B. Parks & Co.

These Kidney Pills Will Do You Good

Neglect is responsible for much of our ill-health. Prompt treatment results in relief—not only from the minor ailments but from the resulting complications.

If you value permanent good health you cannot afford to neglect the slightest trace of kidney weakness

—the important duty of filtering the blood—cleaning the system of impurities, falls upon the kidneys. They require constant attention and demand it. They must be assisted.

If they fail in their duty the certain result is impure blood, loss of all nourishment, and a poisoned system. Don't allow it to go that far—

Nyal's Kidney Pills insure certain action of the kidneys—rich red blood and the proper nourishment

They are not a "cure-all"—just a kidney medicine—one that we personally recommend.

Fifty cents the box.

When we had a chance to get the exclusive selling agency for Nyal Family Remedies we jumped at it. They are known among all druggists as the highest quality line on the market, and are prepared by a great firm of manufacturing chemists, famous for 50 years.

Cobb & Jennelle

Lambert & Lowman's White Pine and Red Spruce. J. ALLEN BIGELOW SAYS SO

Dr. Geo. Burt F. Clarke

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