

A COMMISSION FARMER'S ADULT PUBLIC LIBRARY CITY OFFICIALS

Form of Government Advocated by a Resident of Birmingham. Read the Following.

Another legislative year has nearly passed for our village we are soon to elect a President, four members of the Council, a village clerk and treasurer.

We find that our Mayor gets the enormous and handsome sum of \$1,000 a year while our Aldermen get the magnificent sum of \$600.00 per, and the best part of this is you are not obliged to put up one dollar to get the job.

The question is how long are the people of our village going to continue to pay these enormous salaries to its office holders and get nothing in return?

Mr. Tax payer, Mr. Rent payer and Mr. Voter, don't you think that it is time to call a halt on this sort of thing for the people's money? Don't you think a chance should take place? We are all interested to some extent in the prosperity of our village, if not we should think these matters over to gether in a calm and serious way.

And after you have thought it all over and talked to your neighbor about the affairs of the village you come to the conclusion that what is needed in Birmingham is a commission form of government. If you don't you are not getting very much on current events. But really don't you think the time has come to bring such conditions about, don't you think it would pay? Don't you think you would feel better to know that you were paying some one to perform the public work for you?

You, dear reader go out and get a painter to do your painting for nothing, or could you expect some one to help you garden or mow your lawn for nothing? No, you could not and would not. Then why ask our officials to devote their time to a community that is well able to take care of its own affairs?

Birmingham should have a commission form of government and the sooner this is brought about the better it will be for the community, pay the commissioners for their services and pay them well and you will save money. The tax will be lower, this will increase mean lower rents, this means that we will have laboring men in town to do our work and labor will not be at a premium as it is during the summer months at present.

I do not wish to be understood as casting any reflections on the present or the other officials who now are or who may have been in office, for they have undoubtedly given all the time they possibly could from their own homes to attend to public affairs without compensation.

The writer has been closely connected with the village council and village affairs the past year and from close observation believes that many hundreds of dollars could be saved by a commission government, think it over and boost for it and we will have a bigger and a better Birmingham and which might then justly be called the pride of old Oakland.

Yours for a commission government. J. W. Buying to Save Money. Buying Foley's Honey and Tar Compound saves money because just a few doses stop the cough and cold, and one bottle lasts a long time. It quickly heals raw and inflamed surfaces, stops tickling throat, harsh, rasping coughs, coughs, hoarseness, bronchial and grippe coughs.—Adv.

A CARD. To the Editor:— I have read the article published in last week's Eccentric connecting my name with the office of President of the village.

I want to correct any wrong impression which the publication of this article may have formed. I am not a candidate for the office, and would not accept it were it tendered to me.

My thanks are offered to my friends for their kindly thought in this matter, but my decision is final. Yours respectfully, FRANK STANDAER.

The Biggest and Best Meeting for Farmers Ever Held in Oakland County. Are You Going?

The District Round-up--the Farmer's Institute to which all farmers are urged to attend will be held at the Central M. E. Church, Pontiac from Tuesday until Saturday (Feb. 24 to 28 inclusive). Music by Oakland Orchestra. C. P. S. Price of Birmingham leads discussion on "Soil Fertility and its Maintenance."

Tuesday, a. m. Wm. Story, Manager of the W. T. Bagshaw farm, leads discussion on "Improving and Selecting Seed Corn." Tuesday p. m. Handling Poultry for egg production" is followed by C. J. Burkman leading in discussion. Chas. W. Herring, Southfield, President of the Oakland County Horticultural Society has charge of the Wednesday meeting. In the afternoon R. J. Coryell of our village leads discussion on "Getting Dollars out of the Fruit Crop." In the evening of the day Sattler's Orchestra will cheer up the people. Thursday afternoon S. R. Waddles leads in discussion, the subject "Music and its prevention."

"Music during the Institute is local and instrumental all the while. On Friday, Feb. 27, in the forenoon, after a paper on "Weeds and their Eradication," leads in discussion and R. J. Coryell leads in discussion the subject "Rotations, Crop Rotation, Why and How, soon after. This institute is one of the best meetings for farmers ever convened and every farmer in Oakland County should be interested and attend. From Tuesday morning to Saturday night late every moment is replete with interest.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages. That is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. C. Hall's Catarrh Cure is a natural remedy. It is taken by the food and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the local and systemic causes, and restoring the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. It is guaranteed to give you good faith in its curative powers that they offer \$100 for any case that it fails to cure. Send for full particulars to Address F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists. 75c. Beware of cheap imitations. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only one.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday morning, preaching services at 10 o'clock. Junior school at 11:15 a.m. Sabbath school at 3 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Evening preaching service at 7:30 o'clock.

A welcome given to all. G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.

Successful Everywhere. People everywhere are talking of the quick and fine results Foley Kidney Pills give in backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles. You cannot take them into your system without good results. That is because Foley Kidney Pills give the medicine to the bladder just what nature calls for to heal these weakened and inactive organs. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

Washington Theatre.

"GREEN STOCKINGS."

The whole of the matter about "Green Stockings" is that an old custom in England required the elder, unmarried daughter of a family to wear green stockings upon the occasion of the marriage engagements of her young sisters. "Celia Paraday," still a spinster, has worn two pairs of these occasions and now, when her young sister's love story is likely to be hindered by the green stocking possibility again, "Celia" on the spur of the moment rises to the situation and picks out of her imagination a mythical Colonel John N. Smith, who in "Celia's" fancy has sailed away with his regiment to West Africa.

She foists her imaginary lover upon the whole family, but lets her Chicago aunt into the secret with the understanding that on October 11 she shall have published in the London Times the notice of the death of "Colonel Smith." To make good "Celia" has to write some love letters to her Colonel, but by the operations of Fate the young sister sees to it that this letter gets mailed. Eight months afterward, almost simultaneously with the Times announcement of the death of "Colonel Smith," the Colonel himself appears on the scene, in a bit of incognito, and the honors of the circumstances from then on are delightful and the comedy ends pleasantly.

The King of All Laxatives. For constipation, use Dr. King's New Cathartic Pills. Sold by all druggists. New York, says they are the "king of all laxatives. They are a blessing to the human race. They will keep you at my home." Get a box and get well again. See at C. I. Shain's and Cobb & Jennelle's.—Adv.

More Books Drawn Last Month from the Baldwin Memorial Library, Than in any Other Month.

Our bustling real estate agents and others of our citizens who are looking after the publicity of the various in-laws for people to come and cast in their lot with us, or buy a lot and build a house, are apt to ignore one of the greatest privileges which we are able to extend to every citizen of Birmingham, without money and without price.

These are many of the citizens of our village who are unaware of the fact that they can have access to a free public library of over four thousand volumes, open alike to rich and poor, the only requirement being that they live in Birmingham. No matter what their literary tastes require, they may be fully gratified by the privileges extended by this important factor in the welfare of our community to any person who may wish to take advantage of them.

The librarian informs us that there were more books drawn last month than in any one month of the history of the library, since it was first organized, a way back in 1889, when a lodge of Odd Fellows was disbanded and the sum \$2500 was raised for the purchase of the furniture etc., and it was determined to start the nucleus of a library. Some of our older residents can scarcely realize the fact that the free, well lighted, warm library rooms with well filled shelves of thousands of the best books obtainable, can be the culmination of the little collection of the Ladies Library kept in the dwelling of Miss Baldwin forty-five years ago. But here it is and only awaits the pleasure of any one who is willing to take advantage of the privileges made possible by the efforts of those splendid characters among the women of Birmingham, who labored so persistently in order that the generations to come could have better advantages than they themselves had ever enjoyed.

Feel Miserable? Out of sorts, depressed, pain in the back—Electric Bitters renews your health and strength. A guaranteed liver and kidney remedy. Money back if not satisfied. It completely cured Robert Madden, of West Burlington, Iowa, who suffered from violent liver troubles for eight months. After four doctors had done the best they could for him he was told to try Electric Bitters and is now a well man. Get a bottle today; it will do the same for you. Keep in the house for all liver and kidney complaints. Perfectly safe and dependable. Its results will surprise you. Write for Circular. Recommended by C. J. Shain and Cobb & Jennelle.—Adv.

Garrick Theatre.

The Bird of Paradise.

Oliver Moroso's production of Richard Wald, Fell's striking original play "The Bird of Paradise," will be "on at the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, at next week, commencing Monday evening, with the usual matinees. Amid the confusion of financial and political plays, the bewitching masses of social comedy and the sometimes nauseous mess of problem and sex-drama, "The Bird of Paradise" stands forth in powerful and refreshing relief. It is a play of the Hawaiian Islands—not a play of native life as the stay-at-home romancers imagine it, but as it is; it is fact, philosophical, intensely realistic, and in its practical teachings and sometimes satiric comment on the extraneous effects of American civilization.

Mr. Moroso has assembled a most masterful company. Leonore Ulrich, still in teens and a veritable miniature Bernhardt, gives a touch of almost lurid life to her portrayal of Luana, the child of Pele. William Desmond, a splendid American actor just back from a starring tour in Australia, is to be seen as Paul Wilson, and David Landau, a western actor of convincing power returns to the role of Deavin, which he created.

A Case of Appendicitis.

Nine times out of 10, is caused by a constipated habit. The appendix becomes inflamed and causes a great deal of the bowels. The best preventative is to keep the bowels open and the movement regular. This can be done conveniently, comfortably and with good results to the whole body, by taking an occasional dose of Dr. Herring's Sugar-Coated Pills. It is a fine old cathartic remedy that does its work mildly and thoroughly. It helps digestion and promotes energy and cheerful spirits. Price 35c per box. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle's.—Adv.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

According to the statute, all primary elections, being an election for all parties, for the nomination of candidates for local offices for the Village, shall give at least five days' notice thereof, and shall be given by publication in newspapers in place where such papers are published, and in other cases by posting up notices in at least three public places in the Village for which the cause is to be held.

A Tax Payers Idea as to What Kind of Men Should be Elected to Govern or Village.

Along the lines mentioned last week relative to man broad enough to assume the Presidency of our village, let us admit that some of the men whose names were presented would fill the office very satisfactorily, as it requires a man with progressive ideas and executive ability, one who has the courage of his convictions, and not one with a grudge to ward himself or any one else.

It is a regrettable fact that many of our older citizens haven't wakened to the strides our village has already taken or to what extent that it must force ahead to fill the niche it intended, nowhere else in the state is there so steady an increase of population of the kind that are locating in Birmingham, the kind who stand for much in the way of permanent betterment, those who can buy good property or will rent the best.

It may be well for the sober, sensible thinking ones among us to ponder whether or not the present form of governing our village is satisfactory, whether or not we want for officials men that are practically retired, whose chief ambition is to retard progress, and keep down taxation on the little bit of property they now have, whether or not we want a man for any office who even though he has children of school age that will vote against new schools when it is only through our schools that we can keep our children off the street, and out of places they should not be, even a small part of the time.

Friends and neighbors who are serious, instead of holding Post Mortems on street corners and finding fault with everyone else, realize now that you are an important part of this grand little town and it is up to you as much as any one to elect the right officials, and help them keep right.

No matter whether we maintain the present charter or adapt the Commission Form of Government, don't for an instant lose sight of what this village must stand for. Don't allow anyone to be elected to office no matter what his politics may be that in any way will retard the growth and prominence that we hope to see it achieve.

Bear in mind it is not the old retired citizen, no matter how honorable he may be, that is now making our town what it is, it is no other than the new friends with the good influences and the power to make things better.

Let us remember that it is our friends if they are shown the proper incentive, in the way of a clean town with clean officials, and better still a broad class of citizens.

At our coming election four of the present body of officials will retire, let us not find fault with them, they represent the past, the duty now falls upon each citizen and taxpayer to see that they get men to represent the immediate future.

The burden is upon each and every one not only to elect good men, but to work with them, see to it that the village gets its due attention.

Here and now the opportunity presents itself to have a Governing body that can make good, if we fail to together the best each man who constitutes toward the delinquency is guilty of a negligence that should and will be brought to his notice in many unpleasant ways. In the larger cities and state and National politics there may be some ground for the cry, boss or bosses framing up and putting across some dissatisfied features, but if our best citizens will only do their duty toward their own families, especially their children, who are resting on their creditors, also toward their fellow creatures, there will be no putting across any one detrimental, as our community is not yet so large that any man or set of men can do things to suit themselves. Will you be one to work for good while much can be accomplished, or will you lay down now and boop up later with fault finding and general dissatisfaction?

DO YOU KNOW?

Golden Bantam Corn at 18c per can served at Men's Supper at Episcopal Church, Friday, January 29, is the finest product of the field possible to obtain. That Redland California Navel Oranges come from the best orange-growing section of California, and that Biplane brand is the cream of the Redlands. California Navel are at their best. One dozen Oranges at 45c; weight 8 to 10 pounds. Reasonable! Patterson's Soda Biscuit, in 2-lb. pails, are in a class by themselves, and appeal to patriotic people. Cross & Blackwell—Acme of Excellence.

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