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BRAVE FIREMEN

An Observer compliments our Volunteer Firemen as being "Johnnie on the Spot." Read It.

Mr. Editor:—Will you permit me a few words regarding our New Fire Department?

On the morning of April 14, when the house occupied by Mrs. Mason on Pierce Street was discovered to be on fire, I was one of the first to be there, and I noticed the very quick appearance of our new Volunteer Fire Department on the scene, which I am sure was not over three minutes after the sound of the fire whistle. It did me good to see them come tearing down the pike in a way that meant short life for the fire, and a good initiation of the new fire apparatus. I thought it remarkable that a body of men should gather from all quarters and be on hand so quickly, but when I saw floating high in the sky their tall down the street their motto "Johnnie on the spot" then I understood.

So Mr. Editor I wish to voice my appreciation of the fact that "Birmingham the Pride of Old Oakland" has in its first Volunteer Fire Department one of such rapid ability, and to say further that while they have organized with the idea of protecting our homes and our Business Blocks from the fire, but which will sometimes occur, and without thought of any compensation for time lost or dangers encountered in so doing, I think it should be the duty of our Honorable Council to provide liberally in the way of apparatus and supplies for their needs and the pleasure of our citizens to assist them in all ways possible not forgetting the fact that a Volunteer Fire Department is what its citizens make it, and appreciation of its services will not be overlooked or forgotten by its firemen.

An Observer.
Spring Laxative and Blood Cleanser.
Flush out the accumulated waste and poisons of the winter months; cleanse your stomach, liver and kidneys of all impurities. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills; nothing better for purifying the blood. Mild, non-gripping laxative. Cures constipation, makes and keeps you healthy no other. 25c. Recommended by C. J. Shain and Cobb & Jennelle.—Ad.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham Postoffice on April 25, 1914.
Nash, Mr. J.
Roberts, A. J.
Stahl, Mr. Clarence
Speno, Mr. Charles
CARDER.
Phillips, Mrs. Frank
Park, Miss Alta
Star, Mr. Clyde
Toogood, Mr. J.
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."
GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Check Your April Cough.
Tawing frost and April rains chill you to the very marrow; you catch cold, head and lungs stuff. You get feverish, cough continually and feel miserable. It soothes inflamed irritated throat and lungs, stops cough, your head clears up, fever leaves, and you feel fine. J. T. Davis, of Stickney Corner, Maine, was cured of a dreadful cough after doctor's treatment and all other remedies failed. Relief or money back—children like it. Get a bottle today. 50c. and \$1. Recommended by C. J. Shain and Cobb & Jennelle.—Ad.

TRAVEL TALK.
ROBERT M. Traver, of Pontiac, who recently returned from a trip around the world will give two lectures at the Baptist church, of Birmingham, on Tuesday evenings May 5 and 12.
Rev. Traver on account of his long and popular pastorate at Pontiac is well known in this community and no one can afford to miss the lectures.
The lectures will be given under the auspices of the Junior Barbers' Boys, who will offer you tickets at 20 cents each lecture or 35 cents for both lectures.

A Disagreeable Person.
Is the one who suffers the miseries of a bad liver. He is cross, dull and fault-finding. In all such cases the liver, stomach and bowels need a thorough cleansing of bile and other impurities, and for this purpose there is nothing more effective than Dr. Herch's Sugar-Coated Pills. They put the liver in order, tone up the stomach and purify the bowels. Price 25c. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.—Ad.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.
Sunday morning preaching service at the usual hour at 10 o'clock.
Bible school at 11:15 a. m.
Juniors at 3 o'clock.
B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Leader, E. Evening preaching service at 7 o'clock.
G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.
Unfamiliar Fruit.
An odd farmer says the banana is nothing but black rum cake.

Garrick Theatre.

"THE HAM TREE"

McIntyre and Health, the only living genuine delineators of the old style of negro who flourished in the South in the days before the war, are the stars in John Cort's magnificent revival of George V. Hobart and Jean Schwartz's big mental novelty, "The Ham Tree," which will be the attraction at the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, all next week, commencing Monday evening, with matinee on Wednesday and Saturday. These comedians, who have been before the public for over forty years present the negro with all his natural comeliness. They long ago established their right to be recognized as artists and hold their position as leaders in the field of entertainment. There is no riot of rags, boom shouting and obstructive substitution of counterfeits of the real negro in their performance. They present a remarkable contrast to the garish, noisy style of their contemporaries.

Mr. Hobart, in writing "The Ham Tree," took the famous old sketch, "The Georgia Minstrels," which McIntyre and Health had been playing for several years, and wrote his play around it. John Cort has given these players a splendid production, and has surrounded them with a remarkable company of musical comedy favorites.



The Right of Way
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Arabia's Great Desert.
In Arabia it seems that there is a trace of land unexplored which is nearly five times as large as Great Britain. Probably there is no more desolate waste to be found in the entire globe than the which is called the "dwelling of the void." Not a single river is estimated to flow through its entire 400,000 square miles.

Proper Way I Pot Plant.
In putting a plant place it in the center of the pot, on top of the one-half inch of soil which covers the drain g material, hold it with the left hand and sift the soil with the right in among the roots until they are covered. Then strike the bottom of the pot lightly on the table to settle the soil, and press down the soil firmly with the hands.

Swedish Bridal Superstitions.
In Sweden the bridegroom has a great fear of trolls and sprites, and as an antidote against their power, he wears his clothes various aromatic-smelling herbs, such as garlic and rosemary. It is customary to fill the bride's pocket with bread, which she gives to the poor the next day on the way to the church, and so averts misfortune with the alms she bestows. On their return from church the bride and bridegroom visit their cow-houses and farms that the cattle may thrive and multiply.

How to Split an Adverb.
On a recent rally evening I caught the savor of the split adverb. It was in a train-car, and the young lady from the sweat factory was anxious about her hat. She asked her companion—of course she could not see her own hat—"Is it spelt, should be well-put?"—London Chronicle.

Really Mortifying.
"What was mortifying about that thing that ever happened to you?" "Having my brother come to wait on us in a New Hampshire hotel when my husband and I were on our honeymoon."—Chicago Record-Herald.

MICH. STATE FAIR

Decides to Lengthen Its 1914 Exhibition to Two Weeks. Dates Set are September 7-18.

In order to be as nearly independent of the weather man as possible and put on a more varied and instructive exhibition the Michigan State Fair has decided to lengthen its 1914 exhibition to two weeks. The dates set are September 7-18.

This will enable the fair to stage a great many more out-of-door attractions, say the officials, as the chances are there will be at the least 10 days of fair weather under the new arrangements.

The parades of prize winning live stock, the judgment of the horses and cattle in the show rings which were practically missed by visitors last year because of the bad weather will be made big features this year. Also the open air band concert which the fair officials counted on, as well as the horse show were all well blanketed because of the inclement weather in 1913.

Needless to state the big night fireworks displays were rendered much less brilliant and sensational by the continued rain which pelted down four of the six nights during the 1913 Fair.

The added week this year will also permit of a much longer and more varied speed program. General Manager Dickinson is planning even a more sensational horse racing auto speed program than last year. Muddy tracks hampered the turf champions and all but prevented any auto races.

"We are convinced that with \$125,000 for premiums and purses and the big open air free attractions we are planning on this year's state fair will eclipse any of its predecessors by a good margin," said General Manager Dickinson in discussing the new plan. "I am firmly convinced that the additional \$100 we are offering cattle associations for shipping and maintenance expenses will cause not only all present Michigan cattle organizations to exhibit but will encourage the organization of new ones."

The Avenue.
"AT CRIPPLE CREEK"
Lovers of dramatic heart thrills will flock to the Avenue Theatre Detroit next week when the Permanent Players will present "At Cripple Creek," beginning with the Sunday matinee.

"At Cripple Creek" is a favorite Hal Reid production of life in the western mining camp. One of the scenes depicts two miners deep down the shaft of one of the mines. The story is intensely dramatic and the scenes are unusual.

One of the dramatic incidents has to do with the upsetting of the plans of a "white slave" plot; another, the reformation of a woman who has fallen deep in the social world. Both themes are cleverly and effectively worked out.

Roy Manning will impersonate Joe Mayfield, nature's nobleman, the unsuccessful miner, while Russell Brady will be cast for Martin Mason, a more prosperous but less scrupulous miner. Miss Luena Star will be seen in the part of Ann Marbury, "dynamite Ann." Gladys Kremer will play little Totto. All of the regular members of this splendid stock company will have suitable roles.

Washington Theatre.

"LOHENGRIIN"

For the third week of their engagement at the Washington Theatre, commencing Monday April 27, the English Grand Opera Company will present Wagner's "Lohengrin." The story of "Lohengrin" runs as follows: Gottfried, son of the late Duke, has mysteriously disappeared and Frederick Telramund, by virtue of his wife's royal descent, claims the sovereignty of Brabant. Telramund openly accuses Elsa, Gottfried's sister, of having murdered her brother in order to win the crown for herself. Elsa is summoned to answer the charge; the King decrees that her cause be submitted to ordeal of battle between Telramund and any of his knights who may choose to defend her. She describes a Knight whom she has seen in a vision and conjures him to fight for her. After repeated appeals, a knight driven by a swan is seen approaching the shore; it is Lohengrin, Elsa's chosen Knight who accepts Telramund's challenge. Before they fight Lohengrin betroths himself to Elsa, first claiming her solemn promise never to question him as to his name or race or when he came to her.

Lohengrin is victorious, but Telramund and Ortrud, his wife, are determined to compass the ruin of Elsa and Lohengrin, and are reinstated in their former rank. Ortrud makes piteous appeal to Elsa and is sheltered in the palace for the night, when she contrives to insinuate to the first germ of suspicion in Elsa's mind. On the wedding day, Telramund interposes as the bridal process is making its way toward the church and accuses Lohengrin of sorcery, alleging the strange manner of his coming amongst them and the mystery in which his name and rank is shrouded in support of his declaration. The faith of the King remains unshaken; however, doubts for a moment overwhelm Elsa, but she casts them aside. They enter the church and are united.

Miss Gertrude Remmyson, who sang "Elsa" during the Wagnerian festival at Bayreuth, will make her first appearance with the English Grand Opera Company in that role, next week.

Strengthen Weak and Tired Women.
"I was under a great strain nursing a relative through the rough stages of illness," writes Mrs. J. C. Van de Sande, of Kirkland, Illinois; "Electric Bitters kept me from breaking down. I will never be without it. Do you feel tired and worn out? No appetite, and no sleep? Digest it. It cures indigestion, colic, flatulence, and all ailments of the stomach, bowels and kidneys. The great spring tonic. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1. Recommended by J. J. Shain and Cobb & Jennelle.—Ad.

Counting Molecules.
A French mathematician has tried to convey to our minds some notion of the infinitesimal size of the molecule. He declares that if a person were to try to count the number of molecules in a cubic millimeter of hydrogen gas, taking one-billionth of a second to repeat each number, the work would occupy him for more than 1,400 years.—Youth's Companion.

Ancient Alphabet.
The ancient Arabic alphabet consists of 28 letters, to which four more have since been added. The Turkish consists of 23, the Russian of 32, the Spanish of 27, the Italian of 29, the Latin of 22 and the French of 23 letters.

Australia Still Unexplored.
It is curious to realize that vast parts of the British Empire have never been seen by British eyes or the eyes of any white man. Nearly a quarter of Australia is still unexplored, mainly in the west, where the population averages only one person in every twenty miles.

Modern Astronomy.
The popular idea of the astronomer, says a writer in the World's Work, as one who spends his time in sleeping by day peering through the small end of a telescope by night, must be dismissed. "The greater part of the modern astronomer's time," says the article, "is spent in studying photographs," often with a microscope. "Paradoxical as it may seem, an astronomer today spends more often through a telescope."

Got His "Compliment"
Apparently it is dangerous for the young clergyman to fish for compliments. There is a story of a reverend divine who once asked a sexton how he liked the sermon. "I didn't like it at all," candidly answered that worthy, "why, I pray"—"I require the preacher." "First, because you read it; secondly, because it was not worth reading."
Wanted to sleep.
One day little Laura came into the kitchen and found her grandmother peeling peas. After watching her a moment, Laura said: "Oh, grandma, please let me help you unbutton the beans."
Explains a Mystery.
"It has always been my idea," remarked the Man on the Car, "that something justified. Nature has a way when she was pouring the seed into the watermelon."

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