

E. C. P. TELLS US "MR. PICKWICK" A FORMER TROJAN WAS COURAGEOUS

"Of All Sad Words of Tongue or Pen,
The Saddest Are These, It Might
Have Been."

The following interesting letter from E. C. Poppleton, born and reared in Birmingham, is printed, although not written for that purpose, as I think it will be read with interest by many of our readers:

Ray City, Mich., March 9, 1915.
George H. Mitchell:
Yours of March 1 I received. I do not know when the front fence sprang the taxales. Maybe they are not yet out. Others are up this way. Am glad to know Blakelee is "good." You say, "W. Nixon has gone, too." Where? Wing Lake or Walnut? Did he take along both kinds of "hair"? No, I know nothing about it. Boy! Alton since you told me he went to Texas many years ago.
You say, "Birmingham 'do move.'" Yes, rather in the wrong direction in some things and ways. Debt upon debt and more in prospect. Terrific, fearful, too, because of it. Am glad I'm out of Birmingham. Forewarn was probably coming and sold out and got out because of the prospect. Did not care to have my car put on mortgage on my village holdings per a bond debt. I never did it. Your people down there are getting off the safe and conservative course, as I view it, and it will eventually do much damage.

I enclosed I send a newspaper clipping to show you what some towns lost by "mishaps" and oppressive treatment of others by village officers. Now I tell you something. At one time I was inclined to give my nine acre field adjoining my home there to the village for a public park and public use as a memorial to my good father and mother, old pioneers there. About that time your village President Daines and the Board and others attempted to oppress and deprive me of my lawful rights relative to my front fence. This was exactly on the 100 ft. line as established by an authoritative survey by Terry and stakes driven by order of the then Village Board. Had they treated me in a spirit of fairness and decency at that time, your village would now be in possession of and have a magnificent site for the proposed new high school building in the midst of a fine park. You now see just how "wise" they all were.

Yours truly,
E. C. POPPLETON.

Humorous Recital by Professor Edgar J. Ebbels at the Methodist Church.

Another entertaining treat for Birmingham people is announced for Thursday evening of next week at the Methodist church. Professor Edgar J. Ebbels, of New York, who has just been engaged by the Detroit Conservatory of Music to head their department of oratory and public speaking, will render the story of "Mr. Pickwick," of all Charles Dickens' funny things the jolliest.

This is the second number of the third annual Spring series of public entertainments provided by the Methodist young people, which opened with the "great" recital by Professor Ebbels. Since these series were started two years ago many applications from entertainers have been received. Only four or five each spring are chosen, and these are the cream of the list. Professor Ebbels is a favorite of the leading dramatic story readers available, and every moment of "Pickwick" is full of mirthful interest. No tickets will be sold. The usual plan of sale offering at the door will be used to defray the expenses. The program begins with a pantomime at 7:45.

FAMILY THEATRE

Provident Provision for Improvement in Popular Playhouse in Birmingham.

With a view to the compliance with the urgent request of a large number of the patrons of the Family Theatre, Manager Schramm has made arrangements whereby the very best class of productions of the Paramount Pictures Corporation, than which nothing in the moving picture business is better, will be offered to our picture loving community about the first of the coming month.

It has been noticeable in the past the best plays by the best artists have been treated by crowded houses in our pretty little theatre, even the double performance being frequently inadequate for the accommodation of the appreciative audiences and even if a slight advance in the admission was necessary, the attendance proved that our people appreciated the best and were willing to pay for it.

May first will usher in a new era of enjoyment for our movie fans, and when it is announced that such plays as "The Virginian," "Queen Waler," showing Jack Farnum in the title role; Dack London's "Odyssey of the North" in six reels, featuring Mr. Booth; Mary Pickford in "Cinderella"; W. H. Crane in "David Harum"; then there will be a hastening such as has not been seen since the curtain first raised at our little theatre.

Makes 67 Feel Like 16

I suffered from kidney ailment for two years," writes Mrs. M. A. Bridges, of Birmingham. "I consulted Dr. Williams' Pink Pills about 10 months ago. I am 67 years of age and feel like a 16-year-old girl. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills invigorated weak and deranged kidneys, relieve backache, rheumatism and bladder trouble. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

THEY DID SOME HUSTLING

Tuesday, March 30, was a busy day for the candidates, Messrs. Frank Adams and William Walker, who were all hustling in the vicinity of Birmingham, Road Oak, Troy and Big Beaver, making many solicitous calls and presenting little tokens of friendship, such as cigars, etc., and in return receiving good promises from those to whom they were remembered and of course to be forgotten. Generous hospitality was extended to all by E. B. Davis, of Big Beaver, and a headquarters commissariat established there for the day. Mr. Davis accepted their invitation and joined the party, put his new Overland into service and thus they made all returns, each returning later to their respective homes in the following condition: Frank Adams came home as lame as a temporary shoulder dislocation, caused by excessive handshaking; Will A. Emerson's, overtaxed fore arm muscles; and Wm. Walker was "all in." All were ordered to take the rest cure so as to be in line for Monday's April 5th election. Will Adams made to see who was to be crowned with success. Now watch for the coming out party of the winners.

L. S. L.
John Bell, of Redford, called on relatives here last Thursday.

Mrs. Phebe James, Aged 77, Formerly of Troy Township, Tells of Life Out in Wisconsin.

Boyceville, Wis., March 29, 1915.
Mr. Mitchell, Sir:
Please excuse my delay. I will now send you the paper, which I should have sent long ago. As you know last spring I buried my family. My home was broken up. I was alone and tired nearly worn out, having been so long in constant worry and caring for my sick ones, and at times just able to crawl around. Then the fatal blow came so near together. Many, and even the doctors, thought I would fall long before this. It was a hard blow for one 77 years of age, but thanks to providence, I am here yet. I know not what to do. I sold all but the farm and household goods. A part of the time I was alone. At night stayed at a neighbor's; at home through the day. But providence sent me a friend in the person of Oscar Mankin. He came to a roof my house and make things comfortable for winter. Then I could not stay alone and had no one to look after the farm. I rented him the farm out, right, horses, cows, pigs and farns took. Had plenty of hay, oats and barley to keep them through the winter and will try to raise a living the coming year.

It is very cold here, but is warming up a little. Please send the paper. It seems like an old friend. It tells of those I used to know.
With many wishes for future health and prosperity, I remain as ever,
Your friend,
Mrs. PHEBE JAMES.

CHORAL SOCIETY

Of Birmingham Will Assist in Concert at Light Guard Armory, Detroit, Next Saturday Evening.

The members of the Birmingham Choral Society, who have been studying Haydn's "Creation" for the past three months, are planning to enjoy the result of their earnest work in their participation in the big concert at the Light Guard Armory in Detroit next Saturday evening, when they join Mr. Wm. Howland's Detroit Festival Choral Society of 300 voices in singing the "Creation," supplemented by the Cincinnati Orchestra and artists from New York.

This festival, the first of its kind for Detroit, consists of three wonderful concerts to be given in the Armory, Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening, April 16 and 17. The actual participation in this 1915 festival will number nearly 1,000 persons.

The complete list of artists and organizations to appear under the festival auspices includes the Cincinnati orchestra, Dr. Ernst Kunwald, conductor; Fritz Kreisler, the great Austrian violinist; Helen Stanley, soprano, of the Chicago Opera company; Florence Hinkle, soprano, one of the most highly regarded singers on the concert platform; Paul Ahlborn, tenor, of the Metropolitan Opera company; Frederic Martin, basso, one of the most noted oratorio singers of the present day; the Harmonic Singing society, one of Detroit's oldest singing organizations, now having Herman Bruckner as conductor; the Orpheus club, leading male chorus of the city, Frederic Morse, director; Mendelssohn club, Dr. C. R. Marshall, director; the Festival Choral society, William Howland, director, representing 300 of Detroit's most enthusiastic choral singers; the Birmingham Choral society of 60 voices, which has joined the festival chorus for this occasion, and a children's chorus of 40, under the direction of Thomas H. Chittenden.

The big feature of the Friday evening concert will be the appearance of Fritz Kreisler, the violinist. Saturday afternoon, 400 children from Detroit public schools will sing the cantata, "The Walrus and the Carpenter," which was sung by the Grade children in Birmingham last year, with a chorus of 200 voices. "The Creation" will be featured Saturday evening. It is hoped that many friends of the Birmingham Choral society will take this opportunity to enjoy a most unusual musical treat. After this concert the society will take up the wonderful opera, "The Chimes of Normandy," to be presented here the last week of May.

Mrs. Helen Hoffman, of Pontiac, was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman, last week.
The Cemetery association has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Emma Snow; vice-president, Mrs. Mary Cooper; treasurer, Mrs. Wilcox Bell; secretary, Mrs. W. D. Claba; treasurer of perpetual care fund, Miss Verona Post; executive committee, Mrs. Ed. O'Neal, Mrs. Emma Snow, Mrs. Anna Moore, Mrs. Emma Robinson and Miss Mary E. Utter.

Editor of the Durand Express Has Raised the Subscription Price to \$1.50 Per Year.

The editor of the Durand Express has raised the subscription price of that paper from \$1.00 per year to \$1.50 per year, just what the editor of every weekly newspaper in Michigan ought to do to overleap the existing prices of food and labor.

When anyone will give the matter a moment's thought such a rise in price would only be fair and reasonable to the publisher.
The price of labor in every newspaper office has more than doubled within the past 20 years. Rent, fuel, light, ink and nearly every item that enters in the making of a newspaper has nearly or more than doubled its price, while the subscription price of the paper is the same.

It is an absolute fact that the country would not live a month on its subscription list alone, and it hardly seems fair to take the earnings of one department of a business to bolster up a losing end.

This paper has had the matter of raising the price under consideration for some time—and with the raise in price of all food products, especially during the past few weeks, it looks as though something must be done, and yet we confess we have not had the courage to make the raise.

We honestly believe a large percent of our subscribers would see the reasonableness of making the raise in price, but there are also those who would be dissatisfied and drop the paper, and we confess we do not wish to lose them, but if these prices keep up we no doubt will be compelled to do so.

Our publishers trade papers every week contain articles from publishers in other states who have raised the price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 and they claim that they were few enough to accept the raise and drop the paper.
We have hoped that if subscribers would promptly renew and pay the cash we might be able to let the price stand for a time, but it is certainly a question that every publisher has to face, and we shall watch the result of the Express with much interest.—Fowlerville Review.

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WOODWARD AVE.

Should Have Larger Water Main or Insurance Rates Will Be Higher Says Richard B. Hewitt.

Chas. H. Fisher, Editor, Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich.

Dear Sir:
In behalf of the four inch mains in Woodward avenue, it has been stated: "But we are laying two four inch mains." Let us see the square of 4 in. pipe is 16 in., area 12.57 sq. ft. 6 in. pipe is 36 in., area 28.29 sq. ft. 8 in. pipe is 64 in., area 50.24 sq. ft. Therefore two four inch mains are not the equal of one six inch at more than double the cost, and only one quarter of an eight inch. Then these two four inch mains are not to be compared to any one hydrant. If they were the friction loss would be the same.

Four inch water mains should only be used for short runs of not over two blocks, and then tied into larger mains at each end.
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Your most respectfully,
RICHARD B. HEWITT.

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