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ANNOUNCEMENT

Of the Proposed Change of Plays at Family Theatre Heartily Indorsed by "Movie Fan."

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

Dear Sir:

To one of the "movie fans" your announcement of the change at the Family Theatre from the slap stick comedies to the refined and artistic photo-plays of the Paramount Co. was indeed a very agreeable surprise.

Manager Schramm is deserving of great credit for such an undertaking, yes, and patronage, too, that will enable him to buy a meal ticket after he has paid the increased expenditure; otherwise he will be unable to retain these high class works of pantomime and photographic art.

Necessarily the price of admission must be raised also. But the houses in Detroit that show these pictures charge 15c for the best seats, with crowded houses from 11:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m., while Mr. Schramm cannot hope to have more than two shows in an evening. Should we object to paying the same price for the same high class entertainment in our own home town?

Yours most respectfully,
RICHARD B. HEWITT.

OBITUARY.

PHOEBE ANN ROBINSON SMITH

Miss Phoebe Ann Robinson was born in Pennfield, N. Y., December 29, 1830, and departed this life April 14, 1915, at the advanced age of 84 years, 3 months and 15 days.

She was married to Mr. William Smith in 1844, who preceded her by some 15 years to the life beyond. They were the parents of seven children. The first child, William Henry, died in infancy. Two more of the children, Jay and William, are also numbered with the departed. The four children who survive the loss of the beloved mother are Charles, Orval, Ida (Mrs. Simpson), and Ora.

Mrs. Smith was one of the pioneer of Birmingham, having lived here continuously for 40 years. She was a kind and devoted mother. She was converted and united with the church when she was a young woman and was possessed of a strong religious nature. She loved the Bible and prayer and in her last illness gave many evidences of the peace and assurance that she had in God.

The last few years of her life she had been an invalid in her own home, where she had received most kind and loving care until the end came. Her last moments were beautiful and triumphant. For each one of her loved ones gathered around her bedside she had a smile and look of recognition just before she was called home. There was a look on her face as one who was seeing the heavens opened and Jesus at the right hand of God. Her life work is done and she has been gathered in as a sheaf that is fully ripe unto the harvest.

Makes 61 Feel Like 16

"I suffered from kidney ailment for two years," writes Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Mississippi. "I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills about 10 months ago. I am 61 years of age and feel like a 16-year-old girl." Foley Kidney Pills invigorate weak and deranged kidneys, relieve backache, rheumatism and bladder trouble. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors for their sympathy shown to us in the sad death of our mother, and the kind words from Revs. Conley and Wakefield, and the singers, and for the beautiful floral offerings from friends and neighbors.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK SIMPSON,
MR. CHARLES SMITH,
MR. ORVAL SMITH,
MR. AND MRS. AUBEY SMITH AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to return our heartfelt thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy and helpfulness tendered us during the late illness and after the death of our wife and mother. So many kind acts and words can and will never be forgotten.

WILLIAM HILLIARD,
FLORENCE HILLIARD,
SAMUEL W. HILLIARD.

U. P. Church Notes.

SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM

Sabbath School at 10:00 o'clock.
Preaching services at 11 o'clock.
Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m.
Preaching on Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SERVICES AT TROY CHURCH.

Sabbath School 1:30 p. m.
Preaching service at 2:30.

All are cordially invited to attend these services and your presence will be appreciated.

WILSON REID, Pastor.

Arch of Rising Sun as Crowned By "Nations of the East"

A MAGNIFICENT architectural monument at the world's greatest Exposition, the huge Arch of the Rising Sun, symbolizing Oriental civilization, placed upon the east side of the Court of the Universe at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. Facing this arch upon the west side of the court is an arch of similar dimensions, crowned by the Nations of the West, symbolizing western civilization. The Arch of the Rising Sun is 160 feet in height, being identical in height with the famous Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

NORTH END ALIVE

John McMichael & Company Finishing Three Houses Begins Four More.

The north end is the right end of Birmingham. One building concern alone has seven handsome dwellings underway at this time. We refer to John McMichael & Co.

Besides the three houses that Mr. McMichael is finishing for Mr. Jones in Bloomfield Grove, he has underway one for Mr. Chambers, the Quality Store man. The Chambers house is being built at Euclid and Woodward and will be stucco and split field stone. The garage is built as part of this house and will be heated by the hot water plant of the house and can be entered from the house direct.

McMichael broke ground this week for a house for Frank Standart. This building will be erected adjoining Standart's handsome bungalow on Greenwood Avenue and will serve as a cozy little home for that family when finished, as they expect to sell the big house. The new house is replete with features that will keep Frank home nights and get him up early in the morning.

McMichael also has plans on the boards for two other handsome homes to be located at Bloomfield Villas, which is the new name for the Hanna four acres at Oak street and Woodward avenue, now that Jones & Power have bought it.

These houses, one of which has already been purchased by A. F. Moore, a new comer, and the other by Mr. Christy, of the Mellen-Stephens-Wright Lumber Co., will stand on big lots, 100 x 200 in size, and at a glance at the plans show houses which are the last word in modernity.

These are by no means all that is doing in the north end. Dr. Cleveland is building on Oakland avenue and there are three other houses underway or threatened in the Rundel subdivision and several being talked about on the Birmingham Heights. It won't be long now until that part of the town will need a school.

Mr. Chas. E. Jones, the owner of Bloomfield Grove, reports much inquiry about lots and houses that will no doubt shortly fructify into sales. Hurrah for the north end!

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of 10 are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give $100 for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY, Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advertisement.

The very high cost of living, later and stock makes the country weekly at $1.00 per year look like $1.50.

SWAT THE FLY

A Few Suggestions How to Make Your Community Flyless During the Hot Weather.

1. Educate and stir up action.
2. Prevent breeding of flies.
3. Keep filth covered until removed.
4. Screen porches, doors and windows.
5. Make all privies fly-proof.
6. Kill all winter flies.
7. Trap the fly.
8. Swat the fly.
9. Offer prizes to children.
10. Keep everlastingly at it.
11. Insist upon your neighbors doing likewise.

HOW TO STOP BREEDING OF FLIES

1. Get rid of the breeding places:
Manure—Clean daily from milking sheds and horse barns.
Pig Pens—Keep dry and clean.
Garbage—Keep it covered.
Privy—Make and keep it fly-proof.
2. Kill the breeders:
Kill all winter flies—these are the egg-layers.

In April put several large fly traps about all breeding places to catch the flies before they lay their eggs.

Continue this trapping until after frost. It is better than swatting. One trap caught 50 quarts or 500,000 flies in one season.

Garrick Theatre.

"Peg O' My Heart"

America's most popular heroine, "Peg O' My Heart," J. Hartley Manners' exuberant comedy of youth, will be the attraction at the Garrick theatre, Detroit, all next week commencing Monday evening, where it returns for its fourth engagement, owing to the popular appeal.

Local theatregoers are familiar with the sweet little Irish girl Peg, with her wit, her bright lines and her touch of pathos here and there. This is the creation that Mr. Manners' world-famed comedy is built on. Peg makes you laugh, and she makes you want to cry just a little, but she makes you see the bright side of life at all times. The story is a simple yarn. Peg is reared in New York by a poor but loyal Irish Nationalist—goes by a rich uncle's will to live with a financially wrecked English family who are kin. Peg is distasteful to them, but money talks.

Oliver Morosco, the producer, has assembled an altogether admirable cast with Elsa Ryan and the New York company, including Alice Butler, Herbert Ashton, Agnes Heron Miller, Vivian Gilbert, Sidney Mather, Robert Forsyth, Marie Morlau and Thomas Holding.

Messrs. Nixon and Mills, that is Vol and Sam, are building a boat. It's not a cruiser, a dreadnought, gun boat, submarine U-17, nor even a motor boat, or any such foolishness, but just a good old fashioned row boat, plenty long enough and with a beam of generous width, guaranteed not to upset. They have no 45 centimeters cannon, it has no wireless outfit, but will obey oars and rudder to beat the band. It's a beauty and will soon be launched and dedicated.

CLEAN UP DAY

April 29 so Designated by Council Also New Ordinances Passed at Meeting April 12.

April 29 is clean up day for Birmingham. "On that day," says President Schlaack of the village council, "the village will send wagons and men through the streets and cart away to the dump all trash that is put out upon the sidewalks.

"This doesn't refer to ashes or cinders, but bottles, boxes, cans and such stuff," he continued, "and I hope that the clean up day will be an incentive to many of our property owners not only to superficially clean up around their houses, but that they will have an eye to the orderly appearance of their property and the beauty of the village by removing fences, sheds and even barns that have outlived their usefulness. There are many unsightly unpainted buildings which now are of no use to anyone, but are an added fire menace and spoil the view for many people.

"In some instances they are only good for fire wood, in other cases they are worth rebuilding and then would be rentable, etc.

"There are many fences which no longer protect, and in their delapidated condition add only to the general disorder."

Remember the date and get out your rubbish, April 29, so that the city teams can cart it away.

At the council meeting held April 12, an order was passed to vacate the Torrey property fronting on Woodward avenue, for an extension of Hazel street. This improvement, which will only take in the vacant lot north of the pretty bungalow built by Milo Pressell on Woodward avenue, will give great convenience to the owners and tenants of Hazel street and all the adjoining streets east of the Grand Trunk tracks. It will be a boon to the school children, as the opening is close to Frank street and the Barnum school. The work will begin at once. The proceedings are in the hands of the corporation counsel, Mr. Harry Allen.

The peddler ordinance was confirmed and also a chicken ordinance, prohibiting chickens running at large from April 1 to November 1. Various petitions for sidewalks, lights, cross walks, etc., were referred to proper committees.

SOME GARDEN PARTY

George R. Ferguson, always on the look out for items of interest for our readers, sends us the following from Benzonia, Mich. Since receiving this sweet, aromatic, literary gem, nothing has benzine of Geo. R. since.

"Kirk Frisbie has discovered what became of his gasoline and solved one of the mysteries of Benzie county.

"Last summer Kirk bought what he calls a 'car'—although everyone knows it's a second-hand Ford. He bragged for a month or two how little gas it used, and how many miles a gallon he made—and then he suddenly quit bragging. His gasoline bills doubled.

"Kirk had put a self-pumping tank in the old corn crib he refers to as his garage, and the way the gasoline disappeared was astonishing. He dug up the tank hunting leaks, and he suspected everyone in this neck of the woods who owns a machine, of stealing gasoline.

"It went on all summer and he couldn't find out what was becoming of the gas. This spring when he filled the tank about a third of it disappeared in two days. He has filled the tank three times with the same result.

"Yesterday he learned what was becoming of it. He and old Splay Foot, his coon dog, were out in the woods and Splay treed something in a big hollow tree. Kirk sniffed around and smelt gasoline, mixed with something else. He called Splay off, built a smudge in the hole and fled. From a safe distance he saw four skunks dash from the hole, and the minute they hit the fire they fizzed up and were burned to death.

"The skunks had been stealing his gasoline and using it for perfume."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unealled for at Birmingham Michigan, Postoffice on April 24th, 1915.

Bachman, Mr. Fritz
Houghton, Jessie
Hilton, Fred
Miller, Ray
McGuire, A.
Miles, A. D.
Patrick, Robert A.
G. W. S—

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

GEORGE H MITCHELL, P. M.

Masters George Kratz, Ora Baker and Billy Hathaway, ages 8 to 10 years, all went in swimmin' hole back of the Baptist church. The young lads experienced no bad effects, but the ice is hardly out yet.

Phone 65 **Phone 38**

Invitation

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Will you let us help you supply your larder economically?

We are now taking orders for HUNT'S SUPREME PINEAPPLE. Deliciously palatable.

HUNT'S TUNA FISH—"The Chicken of the Sea"—for arrival at wonderfully low prices.

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Apples

Those extra nice Steele's Red Apples —40c per peck, while they last. They are fine.

Pathfinder

Sales of this Coffee are on the jump! And there is a reason for it, of course. It's the greatest Coffee-value ever offered in Birmingham. Be sure and try it. Same quality sells elsewhere at 40c —our price is only 30c per lb.

Potatoes

Our Potatoes are in good condition—better than the average. Our price is 50c per bushel.

Fresh Vegetables

Radishes, Green Onions, Celery, Lettuce and Asparagus arrive daily. Nice large Grape Fruit, Oranges and Bananas.

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Safeguard your general health—do not neglect the minor ailments and allow them to get the better of you and become chronic.

Especially is this so in the case of kidney trouble.

The kidneys have an important duty to perform—see that they do it

—watch for symptoms and be prompt in your treatment. It's much easier and less expensive to buy a box of Nyal's Kidney Pills with the first appearance of kidney distress and secure relief than to disregard the trouble until it becomes chronic.

Nyal's Kidney Pills stand first for the simple reason that they are composed of standard drugs especially known to be of value in kidney ailments we know the formula and know they will do as represented.

Prompt and effective in their action, they cleanse the blood of all impurities and restore the kidneys to a normal condition. Do not hesitate the next time you want speedy relief—either call or phone and we will send it to you in the shape of Nyal's Kidney Pills.

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