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THE NEW YEAR

Will be Progressive One, Says R. E. Griggs, if All Work Together for the Good of Birmingham.

"Happy New Year" is the greeting that we receive from our friends these days, and I think it an opportune time to consider how we may make this year a happy one, both for ourselves and those around us, by the right course of conduct.

There is much that makes for unhappiness in the world today. What is it? We are up to analyze the question, we shall find that the primary cause of most of the misery that afflicts our world is in some form or other, and the essence of it is selfishness and a disregard of the "Golden Rule."

If this rule was observed by the rulers of the world, Europe would not be a shambles today—a great charnel house of suffering, devastation and woe.

But we will not discuss this dreadful war. Favored as we are in our citizenship in America, let us see what we can do to make life worth while right here in our beautiful village of Birmingham. There are a few people who perhaps do not appreciate their citizenship here, and indeed many did not seem to know of the natural beauties of the town until people began to come in and buy land and erect beautiful homes for themselves, thus increasing the value of realty all around them.

This leads me to say that I have but scant patience with those old fossils who, having been asleep so long themselves, will yet get up occasionally and remark about the "new comers" who don't keep quiet in matters of public interest, for no other reason than that he is a new comer; when the fact is that it is these same new comers who have come here and built beautiful homes and are paying taxes on them, that has made Birmingham what it is, and gives it good prospects for the future.

Moreover, the new comers who are a credit and an aid in doing work here, has just as much right to be heard in matters of public moment as the man who has lived here 40 years and has only just got his head out of the sand or more for the property he owns which has been made more valuable because, wide awake, progressive men have come here.

When the winter camp here a little more than two years ago, there was scarcely a new house in course of erection anywhere in the village, and now they are being built everywhere. The weather all over the village is a new government in control of village affairs, and while they are subjected to some criticism, no one can deny the fact that they have done some things which makes our village more desirable as a place to live in. We have good men on our village council, and while I regret that there was not a majority of them with moral backbone enough to vote to bid the city out of the town, yet we may hope for better things in the future. It is made an issue in the coming spring election. Our village is to be a suburban home town, and to make it attractive we must keep it clean and have clean people to live in. We have that votes to license the sale of intoxicants can ever be called morally clean.

Then a word about the improvements. It is true they cost a lot of money and we taxpayers must foot the bills. Therefore, our council should ever bear in mind that it is the average man, the owner of a modest home, that they must have in view when they vote for new burdens upon us; for if they undertake all the improvements that wealthy people on the Hills would like to see here, the humble home seeker will not stop here and some of those who are here will move away.

There are not a few vacant houses here now, and the increased unemployment that was put upon us last spring by the state officers may be responsible. I believe, however, that when spring opens all the vacant houses will be filled and that more will be demanded. Our school board will also do well to feel the pulse of the public sentiment in the district, and they will understand that the people think it well necessary to take of the dredged thousand dollar school building here. A building as good as the Harmon school will be adequate for a quarter of a century to come.

We may look forward with confidence to the year that is before us. If we are all determined to make Birmingham the pride of Oakland county, morally clean, its government administered with as much economy as may be consistent with needed improvements, I believe we shall make even greater progress in 1915 than in any past year of our history.

R. E. Griggs, Chairman, Mich. January 7, 1915.

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HOUSE THE PRINTER UPSET LAST WEEK

EIGHTH GRADE THE COMMISSION

Next Regular Eighth Grade Examination for Oakland County at Pontiac May 13 and 14, 1915.

The next regular eighth grade examination for Oakland county will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14, 1915, beginning at 8:30 a. m. of each day. Examinations will be held at Pontiac (Court House), Oxford, Holly, Wilcox, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Clarkston, Rochester, Highland and Farmington. Pupils are requested to attend the examination held nearest to their homes. Examination in the following subjects is required: First day, forenoon, Arithmetic, written and mental; Orthography, Spelling; afternoon, Penmanship, Grammar, Reading. Second day, forenoon, Physiology, Geography, Agriculture; afternoon, History, Grammar. The examination in reading is based on "The Chambered Nautilus," by Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Lincoln's "Gettysburg Speech." Teachers should see that their eighth grade pupils are registered ten days in advance of the examination. Registration cards may be obtained from the Commissioner's office. Pupils eligible to have their tuition paid shall be the holders of county eighth grade diplomas granted by the county board of school examiners, under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, or shall have completed eight grades of work in a graded school as evidenced by the written statement of the superintendent of schools in such graded school districts. The eighth grade examinations are uniform in all counties and may be taken at any time, with no change in this can be permitted. All of the subjects must be written at one examination. Seventh grade pupils are not to be allowed to write some of the subjects and carry standing to apply on an eighth grade certificate. Only one examination can be held during the year. Only those pupils who have pursued the eighth grade studies at least six months shall be permitted to take the examination. Pupils will be furnished with legal cap paper and may use either of two systems, seventy-two per cent of the year's pupil progress in 1914. Teachers, parents and pupils must arrive to make 88 per cent work for the examination, May 14, 1915. Early notice is here given that pupils may be prepared for the examination.

Note.—The examination for the State Fair Scholarship will be held on Friday afternoon, May 14, 1915. Order of Board of School Examiners. A. L. CRAIG, Commissioner. A. L. NIQUE, Examiner. J. A. WILSON, Examiner.

Demand of the Efficient. Alert, keen, heart-beating, healthy men and women are in demand. Modern business cannot do without the body or on the road; persons who are tall, lifelike, insert, half-sick or tired. Keep in trim. Get in condition. Apply for a course. Foley Cathartic Tablets clean the system, keep the bowels regular. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH. Have your children told you of their names to be held on Sunday morning and that you are asked to come with them? The members of the Bible school, their parents and the congregation are to have a service together. Do not fail to accompany the children. The service will not be a long one. It begins at 10:45.

Sunday will be the second Sunday after the Epiphany. Service at 8:30, 9:45 and 10:45. Mr. Knapp holds service in Royal Oak at 8 p. m. and in Rochester at 7 p. m. If you have friends in these two towns and they should attend the services of the church be sure to tell the pastor.

Mrs. George Houghton is home from St. Johns, where she enjoyed a visit with her daughter.

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33 YEARS AGO!

Items Published in This Paper 33 Years Ago This Week, Whitehead & Mitchell Editors.

Masquerade Friday evening, January 27, 1882. Turkeys and overalls cause lots of trouble to Southlanders.

Dave Daniels is sunning himself in the balmy breeze of New Orleans.

Master Willie Fay, of Clawson, visited his uncle, Mr. Saul's farm, the fore part of the week.

See the "Limerick Boy" at Library Hall tonight, and have a jolly dance after the performance.

An important question: Will the road in which you are now traveling lead to heaven or hell?

Ed. Miller, collector of taxes, will be at the drug store of Whitehead & Mitchell next Thursday to receive all taxes.

J. McKinner, of Redford, will hold his first singing school at the O. F. hall, Franklin, on Saturday, the 13th.

Hoses, next time you come to church be sure and see that the horse's belly band buckle is buckled. You seem to be getting worse and worse.

An unwanted house belonging to Elizabeth Taylor, of Canton, in Southfield, was burned recently. No insurance.

Robert Tomp, of Troy, has purchased the Carpenter place, just south of the school house, and his father, Wm. Tomp, is thinking of occupying the new purchase. Hope he will be successful.

Mrs. Heth, of Southfield, is in her 94th year and sends up her dollar for the Eccentric another year. She says she wants to know what is transpiring about her just as well as if she were dead.

Father Whitehead's nerves are a little more steady, and he has become reconciled to his fate at the hands of the "40 thieves" and becoming able to look the fate of John Morgan square in the face.

The Birmingham Quadrille band is ready for business, and will now play for parties at reasonable rates. Give us a trial and be convinced. F. W. Sherman and A. Wildp, managers.

We don't like to do it, but our duty as journalists demands it. A disturbance occurred between Julian Lee and James Calhoun at the depot, Wednesday. There were a few black eyes and the crowd is said to have flowed freely.

A Clay County farmer says he started to take a load of corn in the ear, sold to a neighbor. The road was so rough, when he arrived at the buyer's place it was refused because it was shelled. When he got back home with it, it was corn meal ready for Johnny cake.

Last week F. G. Brush sold his farm of 30 acres lying east of the railroad to J. R. Cooper for \$5,200. This is excellent land and will make a valuable addition to the already extensive area of the "Cooper Farm." Mr. Brush has since bought the old Hughes place of Arthur Anthony, which comprises 30 acres. (This land sold to Mr. Cooper at \$65 per acre, is worth over \$1,000 per acre today.)

Mrs. Armstrong gave a musicale at the home of Mrs. Fred Stephens Friday evening, January 9, 1912. The program was as follows: Emma Soula, "Topsy"; Clara Simmons, "Willie Stephens"; and Lottie Hall, "Trio"; Jessie Stephens, Schottische. Others on the program were Gracie Gillespie, Willie Stephens, Jennie Worth, Frons Flynn and Gracie Hoppeger.

Rather late for a Christmas tree, but better late than never. Miss Xenia Post when teaching school away from the west at Wahoo, Neb., received a perforated motto neatly framed, entitled "What is Home Without a Mother-in-Law?" On her return to Michigan she left it in the office of a Mr. Bell, the donor, who was surprised to discover it with a neat note attached referring him to the old adage of curses and chickens invariably come home to roost. Judge of Miss Xenia's surprise when arriving at the Baptist church on Christmas eve last, she saw the familiar face of the motto smiling down upon her from the Christmas tree when she supposed it was in far away Nebraska. Miss Post is one of those people who can take a joke as well as give one, and among the numerous friends who heartily laugh more about at the joke, there was none more hearty than her own.

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Some have lost a child's new burr. Wish the owner would call and get it at the postoffice.

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