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THE PUBLISHERS.

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LEGALS.

Friends OF THE ECCENTRIC are requested when they have Probate business to ask the publication of the legal notice in this paper. By so doing they will be at no more expense than elsewhere, and will do us a great favor.

Home

There will never be such a mont in the history of our village as August.

Mrs. L. G. Miltz, of Conrad, Mont., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Bray.

Died suddenly in this village, Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Guy L. Watkins. We go to press too early to give particulars.

Miss Sarah E. Sly left for New York the first of the week, and will spend several weeks visiting friends and relatives in eastern cities.

Mt. Clemens sugar mill sliced 50,500 tons of beets, making 12,000,000 pounds of sugar, 2,500 tons of dried pulp and 2,200 tons of molasses.

Frank Smith, of Hamilton avenue, (Buckie) is at the Pontiac asylum, insane. He is quite poorly in health and his physician has no hope for his recovery in health or mind. Too bad.

Eighth grade examinations for Oakland county school children will be held at Pontiac, Oxford, Holly, Wixom, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Clarkston, Rochester, Highland and Farmington, May 13 and 14. State Fair scholarship examinations May 14.

Mrs. Henry Kellar, of Royal Oak, whose husband was struck and killed by a Grand Trunk train, has brought suit against John Yipe, Royal Oak saloonist, for $20,000 damages. She claims her husband became intoxicated in Yipe's saloon just before the accident.

Miss Marion Emily Golden Sundayed with Mrs. Lucy Ward Hendricks at Silverwood, Mich. During her absence her place in the P. O. was satisfactorily filled by Miss Nelle Camp. Everything running along so smoothly, perhaps Miss Golden may be allowed to repeat the visit.

The Mission Circle of the Baptist church will hold an all day meeting at the church on Thursday, January 28. The morning session will be a prayer service, commencing at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon Mrs. Samuelson, a former missionary to Burma, will address the meeting. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. An invitation is given to all.

Welles L. Sabine, popular photographer and prominent Mason of Pontiac, died very suddenly at Mt. Clemens, where he and Mrs. Sabine were spending the winter, from a vein bursting in either the brain or goitre. He had been in good health the past two months and his death is a terrible shock to his many friends. He leaves a widow, Mr. and Mrs. Sabin were very devoted to each other, being always together in business and pleasure. Deceased was 48 years of age. The funeral was held Sunday at two o'clock by the Masonic lodge.

The following features, says an exchange, should be incorporated in a new game law to be passed by all the states: "Book agents may be shot between October 1 and September 1; spring poets, from March 1 to June 1; automobile speed demons, from January 1 to January 1; road hogs, from April 15 to April 15; amateur hunters, from September 1 to February 1; war talkers, no closed season; any man who accepts a newspaper for two years and then, when the bill is presented, says, 'I never ordered it,' may be killed on sight and shall be buried face down in quicklime so as to destroy the germs and prevent a spread of the infection."

Oakland county has 12,125 children between the school ages of 6 and 20 years and 8,663 or 70.6 per cent of them attend school, according to a recent census bulletin. The data contained in the report relates to the year 1910 and has only recently been made public. The distribution, by age groups, and the number attending school is as follows: Total number 6 to 9 years, 3,881; number attending school, 2,875; total number 10 to 14 years, 3,963; attending school, 2,800; total number 15 to 17 years, 2,246; number attending school, 1469; 17 to 20 years, 2,335; number attending school, 418.

Miss Margaret Frank and Malcom Hurt were married by Judge Campbell Monday. The young couple will reside at 126 Woodward avenue.

H. C. Wilson started Tuesday for a flying visit to High Springs, Fla., where Mrs. Wilson is passing very pleasantly the cold season.

Rev. T. J. Van Hee, of Detroit, will preach in the First Presbyterian church Sunday, January 24, 1915, at 11 o'clock a. m. Everybody welcome.

Rev. C. E. Conley, of Detroit, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday, both morning and evening. A cordial invitation is given to all.

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J. Ren. Bell, Birmingham's auctioneer, was to have an advertisement this week, but the printer failed to get it in type, and takes this way of informing the public that Mr. Bell is ready to sell your wares in a satisfactory manner at a satisfactory price. Watch for his advertisement next week.

Birmingham has now the two largest lumber yards of any town in the state, of its population. We are to be congratulated on business men of the ability and capital that these two firms, the Lawson-Erb Lumber Co. and our new firm Mellen-Wright-Stephens Co., give us and they in turn are lucky to be here in Birmingham doing business, for 1915 has great possibilities.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Temple, No. 94, Pythian Sisters, will be held Monday, January 25, at 7:30 sharp. On account of illness at our last meeting, installation was postponed until Monday evening, January 25. All members urged to be present. Brother Knights are also invited to be present. Committee will have something in store for the good of the Order.

The regular January meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. James church will be held in the Guild room, Thursday, January 28, at 2:30 p. m. Miss Hendrie, of Grosse Pointe, will be present to give an illustrated address. A most cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of St. James church of Birmingham to be present and are asked to be at the meeting promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Now that you have paid your taxes, Christmas is over, if you have a dollar left call in and pay for the Eccentric. Look at the date after your name and if it has passed, one dollar is now due. Make it up for all you can stand. Some of our exchanges have raised the price from $1.00 to $1.50, but we still adhere to the old price. Look at your date. Pay at the Eccentric or the Postoffice, it doesn't matter.

O, you League member who was afraid of the storm on Monday evening; you certainly missed it. Yes, the best meeting the League has had for many a day. Everybody pulling together for a better Birmingham; many good and practical suggestions and recommendations made. Look for a detailed account of the meeting in the paper next week. No one says "you and your town, but "us and our town."

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Beals left last Monday for a four or six weeks' trip to points in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, taking in Tampa, Pensacola and New Orleans. A part of the time will be spent at the single tax colony at Fairport, Alabama, on Mobile Bay. The colony was established in 1894, and Brother Beals, being an ardent single taxer, wants to find out how it works in practice.

Died, Saturday January 16th, at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. of paralysis, Frank W. Jenks, aged 68. Deceased had been an inmate of the hospital for nearly a year, and where he received the kindest care and attention to the end. His remains were brought here for burial. Funeral was held here, Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Wilson Reid, followed by interment in the family lot in the Wing Lake cemetery.

M. H. Hunt, the veteran auctioneer, is home from a trip to the Sunny South, and says Michigan is good enough for him. He commences the season tomorrow with a sale near Warren, and on Saturday, January 30, sells the farm fixtures of Gustave Mahrley, just east of Royal Oak. On Monday, February 1, he will have a big cattle sale for Frank Springsteer, about one mile north of Royal Oak; this sale also includes a number of implements, nearly new. Thursday, February 4, he will sell stock and tools for Fred Feole, on the county line four miles west of Woodward avenue.

The subscription card party given at the Birmingham Club on January 7 for the purpose of raising money for a piano for the Club, was a great success both socially and financially. The Club never looked more attractive, and we are quite sure never held a more charming array of guests than the ninety or more ladies who were in attendance. There were 14 tables of bridge and six of five hundred. Six prizes were awarded, three of which were carried off by Birmingham ladies. Ten attractive young girls assisted the committee in serving light refreshments at the close of the afternoon. Fifty-three dollars were taken in. The expenses were $12.00, leaving a balance of $41 with which to start the piano fund. The committee are much gratified by the success of the first party, made possible by the generous co-operation of the ladies, and are planning others which they hope will be equally successful but of which we will hear more anon.

Big fall of snow Monday night and now good sleighing is the fashion.

The inquiries are beginning to come in. Just tell them it is going to be in August.

The pastor of the Baptist church and two delegates are planning to attend the ordination services for Mr. Frank Watt, of Redford, on Friday afternoon and evening of this week.

Attention, R. A. M., 93, Birmingham, Mich. Important convocation Monday evening, January 25, 1915. Every officer should be in his place. L. M. Randall, H. P. J. A. Bigelow, Sec'y.

Editor Mitchell and Dentist D. M. Johnston ran down to the Garrick theater after supper last Monday and saw and heard just what a pair of aces and a queen were worth. Oh, no, they did NOT "set in."

The Supreme Court has handed down a decision upholding the will of the late Leonard Rowland, of Leonard, giving $16,000 to the orphan children of Oakland county. A nephew and two nieces have been contesting the will. The complainants, defeated in the circuit court, carried the suit to the supreme tribunal.

One of the early purchasers of a lot in that beautiful tract on the north side "Birmingham Heights" who got his for $500, was approached by a party who wanted that particular lot. His reply was, "There may be something the matter with my eyes, but I can see nothing but double." And the deal may go through yet.

If a member of your family died, would you print the obituary on a billboard? If your wife entertained, would you send an account of it to the theatre program man? If you were to enlarge your business would you advertise in a hotel register? If you were going to have a wedding in your family would you get out a hand bill? Then why don't you put your advertisement in a newspaper? Every man who uses a billboard is adding to nature faking. The newspapers build your town.

An editor in a nearby Lapeer county city states that one day he picked up a Winchester and started down town to deliver it to its owner. The delinquent subscribers got it into their heads that he was on the war-path, and everyone he met insisted on paying what he owed the editor. One man wiped out a debt of ten years standing. On his return to the office he found a load of hay, fifteen bushels of potatoes, a load of wood and a barrell of turnips. Will someone please lend us a gun?

When two baby girls now in the Frankford Hospital, Philadelphia, grow up and write on tell when they were born, one will say in 1914 and the other in 1915. If they remain so closely resembling each other as they are now they will not need to tell that they are twins, but if they do say it there will be some explaining to do. The records at the hospital show that the twin girls were born to Mrs. Anna McKay, one on December 31, 1914, and one on January 1, 1915. The oldest was born in the last minutes of the dying year and the other came to life as the infant year of 1915 was ushered into being.

In Oakland county, during 1914, 583 marriage licenses were issued and 143 suits for divorce commenced. This means that over 25 per cent of the marriages were offset by domestic troubles which led to separation. During the year Judge Smith granted 80 decrees of divorce, according to the records. The alarming increase of divorces throughout the country in recent years is leading to considerable discussion of more stringent divorce laws and a uniformity of laws in the states. According to the above figures Oakland county is contributing her share to the divorce mill.

Messrs. Hall and Summers are the two men who built the organization for the Colorado Anti-Saloon League for their state-wide fight, which terminated so successfully for the "Drys" last year, changing a 44,000 wet majority into a 15,000 dry majority. They are orators of national reputation and will remain in Michigan until April 5. They have charge of the organization department for the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, and in Oakland county are working under the direction of the County Committee. These gentlemen debate on the wet and dry question all over our county. E. J. Hall speaks here Sunday, January 24.

The mid-winter meeting of the Michigan State Horticulture society will be held in Muskegon, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2 and 3, 1915. An excellent program is being prepared and some of the big subjects in the interest of the fruit industry will be handled by experienced men in the business. Mr. R. A. Gill, of Fort Clipton, Ohio, will be a guest of the Society at the meeting and tell of the peach industry, also his success in sizing and grading different fruits, from his personal experience. Program will be mailed as soon as ready. For further particulars apply to Robt. A. Smythe, Sec'y, Benton Harbor, Mich.

A preliminary skirmish in the Battle of the Spigot to be fought in Oakland county was fired this week when James H. Lynch, attorney for the liquor dealers' association of the county, started proceedings to petition the circuit court for a mandamus to compel the board of supervisors to rescind its recent action in ordering the submission of the local option question at the coming spring election. As Judge Smith is now busy in the Lapeer circuit a hearing cannot be granted until the latter part of this month. From Smith's decision either side may appeal to the supreme court on a writ of certiorari. The "wets" say they are prepared to make just this move. It is expected that January 25 will be the date set for the hearing.

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North-bound Locals—5:48 a. m., 6:20 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 6:58 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 4:38 p. m., then every 15 minutes to 6:38 p. m., 6:58 p. m., 7:18 p. m., 7:53 p. m., 8:53 p. m., and half-hourly to 10:23 p. m., 11:33 p. m., 12:03 a. m., 12:33 a. m.

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Russian Easter.

Easter in the Greek church this year fell just a week later than the western Easter. The Greeks (who for ecclesiastical purposes include the Russians and the peoples of the Balkans) never accepted the Gregorian calendar. Their Easter is sometimes before ours and sometimes after. In 1865 they both fell together, but that was an accident, not likely to occur again for some time to come.

Cat of Ancient Mexico.

The Mexican himself firmly believes in the nine stages of heaven and hell, and the curious cat of the Aztecs began existence with its full quota of nine lives. This feline of ancient Mexico today almost extinct, was a peculiar, even repulsive creature, being absolutely naked, save for the few sparse hairs which appeared along the ridge of its tail and back at the beginning of winter.