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THE PUBLISHERS.


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## LEGALS.

**Friends** Of This Household are requested when they have Probate business to call at the office(first floor 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

Plan to be at home in August.

Have you tried Mother's bread at Miner Grocery Co.—Adv.

If they don't watch out down South, Biloxi, Miss., will have a Birmingham colony there.

A fine gasoline range for sale. Like new. Used only 6 weeks. Cost $28. Sell for $14. See Mitchell at Post Office. 4t

Mrs. W. C. Aldrich is recovering from a very serious illness, for a few days. The doctor is well pleased with her nurse.

Watch your clothes lines. A man attempted to strip Mrs. Adair's line Monday evening, but was frightened away by Rev. L. L. Houghton.

Robert Burns, of Detroit, brother of A. B. Burns of our village, died at his home in Detroit and was brought to Greenwood cemetery for burial Monday last. He was aged 57 years.

Birmingham must be a good show town. With the Lecture Course concert at the Baptist church, and the Minstrels, both playing to crowded houses, we certainly are a growing and a going community.

If you all knew the comfort and peace that comes to those who know that every week or two they can have their ashes taken from the cellar, carried away from the premises, all for 25c, they would at once. Call D. Fleming at No. 329 and tell him to come at once.

F. J. Watkins took five of his registered Shetland ponies to the Hotel Tuller, of Detroit, New Year's eve. At 12 o'clock Father Time, with hour glass and scythe, led the infant "1915" through the dining room, followed by five ladies, cabaret singers, riding the Shetland ponies.

W. R. Deer and wife were home from Lansing for the holidays. Will is enterprising, runs a three-chair shop in the Capitol City, connected with the Wentworth Hotel. While home he helped his father in the Saturday rush, and they do say those who happened to fall in Will's chair that Lansing shaves are certainly of the "De Luxe" kind.

Up at Cranbrook in the dairy department, supervised by C. P. S. Price, with all the butter that the big house needs and others who need the particular kind of butter, Mr. Price has a surplus that he can sell to a few patrons who can stand the Price price, which is 40 cents per pound. It is put up in one pound blocks, or five pounds, as desired. Call Price at Cranbrook and talk it over.

Died, at her home in Birmingham, on New Year's Day, after a long siege of suffering from that dread disease, cancer, Mrs. James Philips, age, 58 years. Her remains were deposited in the mausoleum at Roseland Park Cemetery. Her funeral was held on Monday of this week, conducted by Rev. C. E. Wakefield. She leaves a husband, and three daughters, the Misses Ethel, Edith and Irene.

The S. S. S., B. B. B., D. D. D., business is already causing many inquiries. The night of its undoing will be May 12. Yes, that is on Monday and at the Birmingham Club and at eight o'clock and the Citizens' League will undo it. Every member be on hand and bring a prospective member with you. Cigars, refreshments and speeches, all are to be good and there will be no charge made. Come ye! Eat, smoke and listen.

The Michigan Banker's association issues a warning against cashing checks or endorsing drafts for three swindlers, one of whom has a thumb and three fingers missing from the left hand and wants to buy a farm; one represents the Ohio Enameling & Stamping Co., and the other claims to be an employe of the Eastman Bros. Co., and signs his name "per J. A. Eastman" on counter checks of the First National Bank of Kalamazoo. Never cash or endorse drafts or checks for strangers or give them blank checks.

Extra large and sweet navel oranges at 40c dozen. Miner Grocery Co.—Adv.

It is going to be in August and the most august thing Birmingham has ever had.

Attention, R. A. M., 93. Special convocation of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93, R. A. M., on Monday evening, January 11, 1915. Work. Mark. Lou M. Randall, H. P. J. A. Bigelow, secretary.

Holidays are over, taxes paid and nobody seems to have sustained any serious injuries. Now let everybody bump themselves and boost and when our new concrete pavement from Detroit to Pontiac starts in this spring, Birmingham will boom as never before.

The big motor van, taking Rev. W. H. Jamieson's household goods to his new home in Detroit, while running along on the D. U. R., was struck by a car run by Ray Hurd. The motorman saved his life by a quick run for the smoker. The vestibule was wrecked and the heavy truck and goods badly damaged. No doubt the Trucking Co. will have all damages to pay, as it is said the man driving it ran a mile straight down the D. U. R. track.

In the old times of fifty or sixty years ago the mere assertion that "my father took this land from Gurment" was sufficient to remove all doubts from the minds of the purchaser as to the title to the land conveyed. It's different now, and the present generation is paying for the sins of omission and commission of the old pioneers. In making deeds, mortgages, wills or other legal papers it is well to have it properly done by a competent person. Take them to the First National Bank and you will get the benefit of thirty years experience and prompt service. All business is strictly confidential.

Deputy Register of Deeds Dan A. McGaffey says he has a ruling from the internal revenue department which states that notes which accompany mortgages must be stamped with a war stamp, but the mortgages are exempted. Where deeds do not show the true consideration but say "for $1 and other consideration" the deputy register has a scheme whereby he seeks to protect himself. He requires persons filing deeds executed in this form to sign a blank which he had printed, in which they make a sworn statement of the true consideration of their deed. They then stamp the document according to this valuation.—Ex.

Major W. P. Nisbett, an old news paper man and ones editor of Pontiac's leading weekly, the Bill Poster, and who is now Gov. Ferris' private secretary, has abandoned a long cherished trip about the world he had for years promised himself he would take, commencing January 1, 1915. Major Nesbitt declares the European war has completely dispelled his desire to go abroad and that he prefers to die with the vision of what he thought the old world was than with the grim reality as made by the present war. For more than 50 years Mr. Nesbitt had planned the trip and when he accepted the position of the governor's secretary, it was for but the one term. Plans to resign the position have likewise been abandoned and Major Nesbitt will remain at his desk during the coming year.

The following list of books will be ready for distribution at Baldwin Public Library Saturday January 9, at 2:30 p. m.: The Real Turk; by Stanwood Cobb. The Dynasts, a drama of the Napoleonic wars; by Thos. Hardy. American Masters of Painting; by C. H. Coffin. Germany and the Next War; by F. Von Bernhardi. Germany and My Land; by J. A. Cramb. Political Shame of Mexico; by Edward F. Bell. What Men Live By; by Richard C. Cabot. Belgium, the Land of Art; by William Elliot Griffis. Poems of Sydney Lanier. Browning's Poems. From Dublin to Chicago; by G. A. Birmingham. My Lady of the Chinese Court Yard; Elizabeth Cooper. The Story of French Painting; Chas. H. Coffin. Betty's Virginia Christmas; Seawell. Every Insurance; Biggers. His Royal Happiness; Mrs. Cates. The Witch; Mary Johnson. The Spoilers; Rex Beach. The Encounter; Anne D. Sedgwick. Fer the Allison Honor; Harold Bindloss. The Prince of Graustark; Geo. Barr McCutchon. The King of the Dark Chamber; Tagore. Unto Caesar; Baroness Orczy. The Patrol of the Sun Dance Trail; Ralph Connor. The Desert Gateway; Leeder. The Wall of Partition; Florence L. Barclay. A Romance of Algiers and the Desert; A. N. Williamson. Laughing Cavalier; Baroness Orczy. The Pastor's Wife; The Street of Seven Stars; Mary Rhinehart. Mantu and Cupid; Julia Lippeman. Captivating Mary Carstairs; Henry Harrison. The Hands of Esau; Margaret Deland. The Vanished Messenger; Oppenheim. Gideon's Band; Geo. W. Cable. Delia Blanchflower; Mrs. Humphrey Ward. A Far Journey; Ribbany. Today's Daughter; Josephine D. Bacon. The Unknown Guest; Maurice Maeterlinck. With Saber and Scalpel; Wyeth. The Desert; Van Dyke. Red Men and White; Owen Wister. The Copy Cat; Mary W. Freeman. Little Sir Galahad; Phoebe Gray. The Bally Twins; Anna Chamberlain. Anne of the Blossom Shop; Mullens. The Gaunt Gray Wolf; Wallace. The Boy Fugitive in Mexico; Green. Lost in the Fir Country; Lange. Buffalo Bill and the Overland Trail; Sabin. Mark Tidd in the Back Woods; Kelland. College Rebel; Gilbert Patton The Wall Between; Ralph D. Paine. Scarface Ranch; Sabin. The Reformation of Jimmy; Delamore. Blue Bonnet in Boston; Jacobs. Bob Hunt at Camp Pontiac; Orton. Jane Stuart's Chum; Jane Remick. Winning the Wilderness; McCarter. Phyllis; Marie T. Dafies. The Cuckoo Clock; Molesworth. Chatter Box for 1914.

See the display of salt and canned fish at Miner Grocery Co.—Adv.

Builders are busy in Birmingham and all along Woodward avenue in the country.

Hon. T. P. Foot attended a family reunion at Flint Christmas. Large turkey, large crowd, music and a good time generally.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Temple, No. 94, Pythian Sisters, Monday night, January 11, at 7:30. All members are urged to be present. Installation of officers will take place. Refreshments will be served. Brother Knights are also invited.

Miss Margaret Hale entertained a party of little friends Saturday afternoon, the event of her sixth birthday. Games were played, after which a delicious lunch was served. All enjoyed the afternoon and Margaret has many beautiful presents as a remembrance.

Miss Nina N. Price of Cranbrook, gave a birthday-theatre party to a number of her girl friends, Monday of this week. After a happy time at her home, all visiting, followed by a dainty banquet, they all went to Pontiac, for the evening at the Howland opera house. Oh, yes! The young Miss was celebrating her 14th. birthday anniversary.

"Creation," which opened here yesterday at the Family theatre, will show its second part here this evening at 8:30, part three will show Saturday at 3:00 p. m. and part 4 on Monday at 8:30 p. m. The theatre management will make customary charge for their regular program, after which "Creation" will be shown free. On Saturday there will be no other matinee but "Creation." Children will not be admitted unless accompanied by an adult.

Mr. Alfred Lewis, of Milan, Mich., arrived on Tuesday, accompanied by his daughter and her husband, Mr. Israel Hale, of Birmingham, Mich. Mr. Lewis has been coming here for fifteen or more winters, and is well known and highly respected. He rode in a sleigh to the Milan, Mich., station last Saturday. When he reached here 48 hours later the thermometer was about 75, and people in their shirt-sleeves. From lands of snow to lands of sun, people come to Eustis in a dead run.—Eustis Lake (Fla.) Region.

Last spring the American Agricultural Chemical company of Detroit offered ten prizes of one hundred dollars each for the ten best single acres of potatoes, the only condition being that their fertilizer should be used and a representative of the company should measure the land and witness the digging and weighing of the potatoes. There were 120 contestants in the different states and Edwin A. Starr was one of the winningsten and stood among the first on the list, having produced 336 bushels on his acre and was awarded a hundred dollar check from the company.

Announcement was recently made of the winners of the prizes, offered by the Detroit board of health and Edwin S. George, for the highest average scoring dairy barn and for the most marked improvement in the scoring of a barn during the year 1913. The competition was limited to dairymen who sell their milk in Detroit. For the best average scoring dairy barn during the year 1913, H. B. Wattles, of Troy, was given first prize, $100; Bert Tyack, of Troy, received second, $50; and Carl Vick, of Stony Creek, third, $25. For the greatest improvement in the score of a dairy barn during 1913, Frank Barnett, of Washington, was given the first prize, $100; William B. Lakie, Troy, second, $50; and J. M. Helfrich, Washington, third prize, $25. All of these dealers provide milk for Detroit hospitals.


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### THE CITY "WISE GUY"

An exchange defines some words to be found in the dictionary of the average city "wise guy." Here they are:

Rube: A farmer who owns 240 acres of farm land valued at about $200 an acre.

Country Jay: A farmer whose home is better than most city homes.

Yap: A farmer whose son is leading his class at the University.

Simp: A farmer whose signature is good for $10,000 at any bank in the county.

Boob: A farmer whose daughter finds herself worth $25,000 when the will is read.

Wise Guy: A city chap, with about 30 cents in his pocket and nothing in his head, who uses the above terms.


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### BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Sunday morning preaching service at the usual hour 10 o'clock.

Bible school at 11:15 a. m.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Evening preaching service at 7:00.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

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**Locals**—4:55 a. m., 5:15 a. m., 5:35 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:17 a. m., 6:37 a. m., 7:17 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 5:57 p. m., 6:22 p. m., and half-hourly to 9:22 p. m., 10:22 p. m.; 10:52 p. m., 11:52 p. m.

**North-bound Locals**—5:48 a. m., 6:20 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 6:58 a. m., and every 20 minutes to 6:38 p. m., 6:58 p. m., 7:13 p. m., 7:33 p. m., 8:33 p. m., and half-hourly to 10:33 p. m., 11:33 p. m., 12:03 a. m., 12:33 a. m. Special service Saturday and Sunday. Limiteds do not run Saturday afternoons nor Sundays.

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### ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 23 day of January, 1915. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

FRED G. BAILEY, Deceased.

Roy Bailey and Ada Bailey Ferguson, executors of the will of said deceased, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate, it is further ordered that the 8th day of May, 1915, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against deceased.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,

[A true copy.] Judge of Probate.

Judson A. Freudenburgh, Probate Clerk. 8 22jan

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### Many Uses for Banana Plant.

Many parts of the banana plant are used in the Malay peninsula besides the fruit. Flower heads are cooked, generally in curries, and the inner portion of the stem is also edible. Shoots and tops of the young plants are used instead of other vegetables. The outer sheaths are valued as elephant fodder.