33 YEARS AGO!

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

Miss Maude Nye is attending school at Battle Creek.

Volney Nixon visited in town Sunday last.

Miss Fanny Short, of Pontiac, was the guest of Mrs. J. A. Bigelow last week.

Our chimney has been put on wrong end up. Gracious goodness! I. Send for Partridge.

Charlie Shuler, of Southfield, is visiting at Galesburg and other points in Kalamazoo county.

Thurston Barr is slowly recovering and hopes to be able to attend school in a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sprague and daughter, of Gaines, Mich., are visiting at Simeon Barrin Troy.

Miss Rhoda Simpson, of Detroit, visited relatives in town during the holidays and returned home this week.

Married, December 23, 1881, by Rev. T. Middlemiss, Mr. Clarence McDonald, of Tuscola county, and Miss Lizzie McBride, of Southfield.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hayley made a pleasant New Year's visit with their son Volney in Detroit. The latter has been in the employ of C. J. Whitney in the Fort street music store for 15 years. He is very comfortably situated and in every way competent to make glad the hearts of his parents.

A young lady student presented to our admiring eyes a handsomely ornamented pig's tail with the most beautiful crook in it you ever saw. Don't it, Lizzie? She begged after the formal presentation for us to say nothing about it, and we wouldn't be White if we mentioned her name.

The sidewalk war between O. Popplein, H. Irving et al. versus the Corporation Board of Birmingham was brought before the circuit court last week, Judge Gaskill presiding. Owing to some alleged unreadiness on the part of the counsel the case was put off indefinitely. It will have to start all over again, and goodness only knows when the deplorable suit will be finally decided.

It takes Will Parker who writes a story of verily a column in length to tell of his visit to a spiritual seance away out in San Francisco, Calif., December 26, 1881. With other friends he hobnobbed with various spirits and finally he had a long talk with the spirit of James Todd, our "Jim." Will asked Jim all sorts of questions, and writes to the Eccentric to know if Jim Todd is alive. (As Jim is still living he sure enough wasn't dead then and some ghost was lying and stringing our little Will.) Eds.

A Good Horseman.

Likes a fine animal and a fine horse should be well cared for. In the stables where the best horses are kept you will nearly always find a package of Harvell's Condition Powders. It is a purely medicinal powder, not a food, and its effect on live stock is to purify the blood, regulate the bowels, improve the spirits and make the coat smooth and glossy. Price 25c per package. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.—Adv.

DASH-BLAUFELT

Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, Mrs. Beatrice Dash was united in marriage to Mr. George Blaufelt at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brush, by Rev. H. G. Kellogg.

The Brush family own and occupy the place formerly owned by the Beysters up the river. They came here from Birmingham, where Mr. Brush owns a beautiful farm in that rich agricultural section. Mr. Brush was a school teacher for many years and is one of the kind of folks that you like to meet.

Mr. Baufelt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Blaufelt, an engineer on the lakes, and highly respected. The bride is a charming lady.—Agonac Courier.

The many friends here of the Brush family join with us in wishing the newly weds all the happiness in life that they can enjoy.

What She Wanted.

"I want to stop my baby's cough," said a young mother Tuesday, "but I won't give him any harmful drugs." She bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It loosens the cough quickly, stimulates the mucous membranes and helps throw off the choking secretion, eases pain and gives the child normal rest. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

The undersigned will receive taxes for the Township of Bloomfield as follows: At Bell & La Joie's meat market, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29, 1914, and Jan. 5, 1915; First State Bank, Birmingham, Friday, Dec. 11 and 18, 1914, and Jan. 8, 1915; at the County Treasurer's office, Pontiac, Saturday, Dec. 12, 19 and 26, 1914, and Jan. 2 and 9, 1915.

11dec DAVID A. BELL, Treas.

NOTICE, TROY TOWNSHIP TAXPAYER

I will be at the following places: At Chas. Baker's store, Clawson, Monday, Dec. 21 and Jan. 4; W. H. Lamb's, Big Beaver, Tuesday, Dec. 22 and Jan. 5; Cutting's store, Wednesday, Dec. 23 and Jan. 6; First National Bank, Birmingham, Saturday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 9, 1915. In my office every Friday.

18 dec ARTHUR HALSEY.

MOTION PICTURE LANGUAGE UNDERSTOOD THE WORLD OVER

Bible Study Encouraged by Unique Methods—Story of the World Told Gratis Wide Range of Subjects Filmed.

MOSES AND THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL

FOREIGN BIBLE STUDY

What is said to be one of the greatest achievements in the simplification of Bible study, since King James ordered a translation of the Bible out of the original tongues into English, is the "Photo-Drama of Creation." It is the depiction of the Bible story in twelve reels of film interspersed with numerous beautiful hand-colored pictures and panoramas. To present the whole production eight hours are required, and hence it is divided into four sections which are shown in two.

Remote Past to Distant Future.

The spectacle "Creation" starts with the Genesis record of the beginning of things, indicating by imaginary pictures the various steps taken in preparation of the earth for human habitation, mentioned as "days" or epochs in creation. Following this are given graphic descriptions of the principal events of Jewish and Christian history. These various stages of progress in Earth's history are clearly and finally impressed upon the spectators minds through the vision while stimulataneously a forceful and entertaining lecture is given explaining from a scientific and philosophic standpoint the Bible's declarations.

To depict the film many races and various religions cooperated. Churches also, on the work is said to have been photographed in the Holy Land, and another dealing with the persecutions of the early Christian church was taken in the eternal city Rome, where the tortures were inflicted.

Subjects of Great Diversity.

Pictures comprehending the whole Bible story necessarily include a vast diversity of subjects and scenes. Not long since the Association of representatives in China, Japan, India and Africa. They gathered much data and secured many interesting pictures for the drama—Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Russia and all of the European countries, as well as our own, have played their part in throwing light upon the Scriptures until now "Creation" has been declared by critics to be the finest collection of scientific, historical and Biblical pictures ever assembled for a single exhibition.

The CALL of the CUMBERLANDS

by CHARLES NEVILLE BUCK

A Stirring Romance of the Kentucky Mountains

A GRIPPING tale of red-blooded people in the country where feuds are handed down from generation to generation, by a writer thoroughly familiar with these people.

A story of pathos and laughter, excitement and powerful climaxes from beginning to end. You will enjoy every installment of our coming serial—

Do Not Fail to Get the Issue With the First Chapter!

The Call of the Cumberlands

The Oakland County Humane society has given warning to all owners of horses in the county not to abuse, overload or neglect the animals. Horses, they insist, must be kept warmly blanketed especially when standing, otherwise action will be by the society. Any person who knows of violations of the warning is requested to inform the agent of the society, H. D. Froberg, whose address is Pontiac.

If the vote cast on the Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition is any criterion by which to judge, the time is not far distant when the manufacture and sale of liquor in this country will be a thing of the past. The Hobson resolution was defeated in the house, recently, 197 members voting for it and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution. Dry forces claim that the vote given the measure, although lacking the necessary two-thirds for adoption, is in reality a victory. And to the impartial observer, too, it looks like the hand-writing on the wall which portends a dry nation within not distant years.

Fluke Utilitarian Fish.

The fluke is the most utilitarian fish on the Atlantic seaboard.

Who Is "Pastor" Russell?

Moving pictures draw the crowd. Free "movies" raise the question in the crowd's mind as to who pays for them, and why. Hundreds of Birmingham people have gazed on the "Creation Drama," as other hundreds all over the country have been doing. They have heard the phonograph accompaniment droning out the "lectures" and the "International Bible Students' Association," "The Watch Tower, Bible and Tract Society," "The London and Brooklyn Tabernacles" and "The People's Pulpit," also "Millenial Dawn" (all of them only Russellism with a change of wig) have been effectively advertised.

"He must be a good man to go to such expense to teach his views of the Bible, and take no collections," said a simple hearted woman to us the other day. Goodness usually implies domestic honor; honesty of purpose; truthfulness of speech; and sincerity in belief and teaching. Judge for yourself from these charges made either in open court and proved, or by the Brooklyn Eagle, a newspaper favorably known all over America, which won the suit brought against it by Russell for libel: Divorced by his wife, some twenty years ago, charged with intolerable treatment and improper conduct toward other women. Refraced his wife of her dower interest. Publishing himself as giving addresses to great crowds in important places where he has not spoken a word at all. As to the sincerity of his religious views compare statements in his published sermons during the past few months with those of some time ago. He had taught up to a year ago that Jesus came back to earth "invisibly" in 1874; and that the holy dead were raised in 1878; and that Jesus would come "visibly," and change the present order of things about October, 1914. Now that that date is passed, he publishes the statement that the "visibility" of Christ is not to the physical eye at his personal return, but to the "eye of the understanding." Now he knows perfectly that the Scriptures he pretends to teach declare plainly that "when Jesus returns Every eye shall see Him." Does even Pastor Russell dare teach that every one now sees Jesus present in the final conclusion of all even with the "eye of the understanding?" While two saloons still flourish in Birmingham, and evil of every sort is rampant, and the most hideous of wars is raging, he did not think any "understanding" eye sees the personal presence of Jesus doing what He said He would do when He should return "in His glory, namely, put all His enemies under His feet."

What, then is Pastor Russell's propaganda for? Why so generous, giving so much with "no collection?" The records of Russell's court experience with the "Brooklyn Eagle" show that The United States Investment Co., (which Russell had said in his own paper he had no connection with) was organized with Russell holding 39-100 of the capital stock. Up to 1911 this company had held immense values in property scattered over the United States which had come into the control of Russell's religious organization. The U. S. I. Co. was shown to be a holding company for these properties. Russell's plan of duping the world from knowing the riches that were pouring in upon Russell through his ingenious religious propaganda. The property included 28 lumber and log yards in Binghampton, N. Y.; a farm near Rochester, N. Y.; a farm in Oklahoma; 5500 acres of land in Kentucky, and very much more. We are not opposed to Russell getting rich, but we do not let any one suppose that the public addresses, published sermons, and "Creation Drama" movies are works of philanthropy. They open the pockets of thousands of deluded followers made by these means. About 100,000 of them according to its report, The International Bible Students' Association has in its train. These pay their money into it. It is an organized proposition. Russell at the time of the trial, was said to control 47-50 of it, representing about $470,000. He is among the most cynosadly shrewd and successful advertisers of the day.

My reason for this exposure is not to interfere with a business propaganda. It is that the public may know that this man, who claims to be the great original expounder of that Scriptures, is as false in his methods of doing that as he is charged with being in business. He implies in his books, offered for sale or given away in almost every city and town, that he is an expert in the Greek language, and so has special claim to knowledge of the meaning of Scripture. While under oath in court he was handed a Greek book, and could not even read the Greek alphabet, and confessed he could not read that language, after having stated that he could. Mingled with much that is truth, and much that is taught by every one who believes God's Word, he introduces the teaching, not in the Bible anywhere, that at the resurrection the world, penitent, who died in wickedness, will be given another chance to live righteously on the earth. If they do, they shall be saved. If not they shall not be punished but annihilated. That is the secret of the popularity of his teaching. Every man has the right to express an opinion, but no man has the right to declare the Bible teaches exactly the opposite to what is actually stated plainly in its pages, and go unchallenged. That the crowds follow him is only the fulfillment of the Scripture prophecy that, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own desires shall they heap to themselves teachers, (having itching ears) and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." II Tim. 4-3-4. And, "Because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, and for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." II Thess. 2-10-11.

A noted Journalist and Magazine writer, who has gone around the world reporting with great sympathy the wonderful results of the Gospel of Christ, yet writes thus of the impressions he has gained from attending Russell's meetings. "As I have studied the faces of hundreds of Russell's followers I have judged them to be mechanics, farmers and small tradesmen. (But) they are the weaklings from among those great groups. They are getting down wholesale whatever is given them. They have made him their priest, and pope and prophet, they will do his bidding in all things. Apparently it never occurs to them to apply the simple test of "pure religion and undefiled."

Those who believe the Word of God, who know its teaching that none but God can save us, will be done with Russellism when they find (which is the fact) that he teaches that Jesus Christ, was not God come to earth, but was made "a god" because when but was made "a god" because he obeyed the great God in sneering for Him on the cross. What blasphemy!

CASSIUS E. WAKEFIELD.

January 6th, 1915.

Try This for Neuralgia.

Thousands of people keep on suffering with neuralgia because they do not know what to do for it. Neuralgia is a pain in the nerves. What you want to do is to soothe the nerve itself. Apply Sloan's Liniment to the surface over the painful part—do not rub it in. Sloan's Liniment penetrates very quickly to the sore, irritated nerve, and allays the inflammation. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, lumbago, sciatica, and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief.—Adv.

Garrick Theatre.

"The Story of the Rosary"

Comstock & Gest will present "The Story of the Rosary," Walter Howard's romantic melodrama of modern war, at the Garrick theatre, Detroit, the week starting Monday, January 11, with popular matinees Wednesday and Saturday. Mail orders are now being received. The reserved seat prices are 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50 evenings, and 50c, 75c and $1.00 both matinees.

The entire cast and production are direct from the Prince's theatre, London, and come to Detroit after a brilliant and extraordinarily successful run at the Manhattan opera house, New York.

The staunch love of an impoverished army leaptain for an impoverished princess; the vindictive hatred of that young woman's father; the illy-devised, golden attentions of a rival; the loss of the suitor in the wilderness of war; the plight of his bride of an hour; the persecutions she endures, her turn to the church in final dispair.

More than 100 actors—not supernumeraries—are seen in the scenes of this great war melodrama. Seats are on sale for all performances except Wednesday evening, January 13, which has been sold to the National Association of Commission Merchants.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at Birmingham Michigan, Postoffice on January, 9th, 1915.

Anspach, N. C.
Brown, James M.
Hewitt, Miss Genevieve
Hipp, Andrew E.
Hathaway, Mr, Evdrett
Johnson, Leland
Leach, C. N.
Lansyn, Fred R. R. No. 5,
Leach, C. N.
Manirow, Mrs. Agnes
Rice, Miss Grace P.
Schnidt, Mrs.
Smith, M. & Mrs. Scott
Smith, Frank

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN—IT'S YOU

If you want to live in the kind of a town
Like the kind of a town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town,
It isn't your town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead,
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake,
Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your town will be what you want to see,
It isn't your town—it's YOU.

—Andrew H. Greep, Jr.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during our late sad bereavement and sickness. Special thanks to Rev. Jamieson and all who sent flowers.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE HETH.

Microbes In Humid Air.

According to the researches of Messrs. Trillat and Foloussier, published by the Academie des Sciences, microbes suspended in the air act as centers of precipitation, when the air is humid. The authors give evidence of the existence of microbian drops in the atmosphere and they have studied their properties. One very interesting result is that the sudden cooling of the atmosphere has the effect of transporting the microbes and localizing them in determinate regions. The cool surfaces attract them from a distance almost simultaneously, the smaller being transported farther. These new ideas throw light upon the genesis of certain epidemics, and may be useful in planning the distribution of inhabited places.

No Room for His Money.

One morning father missed some money out of his clothes and thought mother had frisked him during the night. So, while mother was busy in another room, father went through her handbag in search of his coin. He found a receipted milk bill, an unpaid ice bill, a big hunk of prepared chalk a powder puff, two coupons six months old, representing the last time he had taken her to a theater; a button hook, six samples of dress goods, a clipping containing Gene Field's "Little Boy Blue," two safety pins, a sample of talcum powder, one of the baby's mittens, an old tintype of himself taken before marriage and seven cents in coin. And father felt so mean that he kicked himself all day.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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ALL VEGETABLES IN SEASON

Great care is exercised buying only the choicest animals and meats and our customers can feel that they are always getting the best in the market.

Our deliveries are prompt.

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Capital,	-	$100,000.00
Surplus,	-	$30,000.00
Assets,	-	$1,600,000.00

S. E. BEACH, Pres. F. H. HALE, Vice-Pres.
CRAMER SMITH, Cashier

State of Michigan, Sixth Judicial Circuit. In the Matter of the petition of Chancey Sutt praying for the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. In the 59th year of Nixlin, Garner M. Miller, Emma Miller, Thomas H. Cobb and Florence Cobb, complainants vs. Fraternal Order of Gideons, Smith, Maeda Smith, Rhoda Smith, Hallett Smith, Catherine J. Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Rhoda Riley, Harriett Ingersoll, Catherine J. Reynolds, Elizabeth Waghens, Mary Ann Smith, John Collins, Eli Curtis, Sarah Curtis, Mamie King, and the unknown heirs of William Morris and Samuel Bassett, if any, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, defendants. At a session of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery, held at the City of Pontiac, on the 6th day of January, 1915. Present, Hon. Edgar O. Smith, Circuit Judge. In this cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the said defendants, or some of them, or their heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns and property and respective parties in said cause, but that the names of those addressed or whereabouts of said parties defendant are unknown, therefore, on motion of A. J. Brodenbaugh, solicitor for the complainants, it is ordered, That the said defendants enter their appearance in said cause on or before four months from the date of this order, and that within twenty days from the date of this order the complainants cause an order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in the County of Oakland, and that said publication be continued therein once in each week for at least six successive weeks, or that they cause a copy of this order to be personally served on each of the said defendants at least twenty days previous to the time herein prescribed for their appearance.

GEORGE W. SMITH,
Circuit Judge.

A true copy.
FLOYD E. HADCOCK,
Register in Chancery.
J. A. FREDENBURGH,
Solicitor for Complainants,
Business Address: Pontiac, Michigan.

This suit involves title to part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Town 2 North, Range 10 east described as follows: Commencing at the quarter section corner on the south side of Section 24, Town 2 North, Range 10 east, thence on the quarter line north 1 deg., each 4 chains 6 links to a post, thence east 10 chains 12 links to a post, thence south (and parallel) with the west line 15 chains 43 links to south line of said section, thence west along section line to place of beginning containing 19 acres of land be the same more or less. Also the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Town 2 North, Range 10 east, Michigan, except 49 acres, more or less, of the northwest corner and also except 15 62-100 acres in the southwest corner of said quarter section. Also 65 45-100 acres off from the east side of the southeast quarter of Section 24 in the township of Bloomfield being Town 2 North, Range 10 east containing 65 45-100 acres, more or less.

J. A. FREDENBURGH,
Solicitor for Complainants.
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SOME BETTER

Peckhem—You are not married yet, are you.

Youngbach—No, but I'm engaged, and that's as good as being married."

Peckhem—It's a whole lot better, if you only knew.

Wood for Cigar Boxes.

Only one wood, Spanish cedar (Cedrela odorata) is commonly used for cigar boxes. Sometimes a cheaper wood may form the basis of the box, with paper-thin veneers of the tropical cedar over it.

State of Michigan, in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. At a session of said Court, held in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1914. Present, Honorable Edgar O. Smith, Circuit Judge. In the matter of the petition of Zebee Bell, Complainant, vs. Zebee Bell, or his unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, Defendants—No. 7031. On reading and filing the sworn bill of complaint of Willie Bell in the above entitled cause, averring that Zebee Bell appears on the records of the County of Oakland to be the owner of the following described lands, to-wit: That part of the North-west quarter of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-four (24), Town two (2) North, Range ten (10) east, lying southwest of the highway (Excepting therefrom that part thereof conveyed by Willie Bell and Addie Bell, his wife to the Bloomfield Township Library by deed recorded in Liber 267 of Deeds on page 414 in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan) and that part thereof described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the westerly line of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-four (24), Town two (2) North, Range ten (10) east, which point is one hundred forty-two and seventy-three one hundredths (142.73) feet from the centre of Section twenty-four (24), thence south forty degrees, seven minutes, west eighty-two and sixty-seven (67) feet, thence north eighty-eight degrees, forty-five minutes, west eight hundred seventy (870) feet, more or less, to the centre of the Ball Lake Road, thence following the centre of the Ball Lake Road north thirty-five degrees, twenty-two minutes, west seven hundred ninety-eight (798) feet, thence south forty-nine degrees, twenty-seven minutes west one hundred eighty-six and seven-tenths (186.10) feet to the point of commencement, and containing three and fifteen one-hundredths (3.15) acres of land.

JOHN J. GAFILL,
Solicitor for Complainant.
Business Address: 1416 Ford Building, Detroit, Michigan.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—Sale or Mortgage of Real Estate.

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 28th day of December, A. D. 1914. Present, Honorable Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of *FLORENCE A. BEATTIE*, Deceased.

Charles N. Crowell, administrator de bonis non of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the sale of the real estate of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered that the 25th day of January, A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted. It is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

(A true copy.)
JUNE A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.
14jan

The Eternal Wonder.

What is most astonishing, according to my way of looking at it, is that men should bring each other into such a state—that men who have seen such a sight should not sink down on their knees and swear absolute oath to make war on war—that if they were princes they do not fling the sword away—or if they are in any position of power they do not from that moment devote their whole action in speech or writing, in thought, teaching or business, to this one end—lay down your arms.—Baroness Von Suttner.