

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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25 YEARS AGO!

Published in the Eccentric a Quarter of a Century Ago This Week.

Miss Mary Utter returned from the west last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. and the Masters Bangs have all moved into their new home at Algonac.

S. Alexander is shipping to Detroit immense quantities of the luscious red raspberry.

F. Blakeslee's lathery came near striking last week. Fortunately the difficulty was settled and arbitrated upon and the work was not delayed.

Mr. O. Poppleton was at his store last Monday, the first time since last fall. His health is slowly but surely improving and we hope he will continue to get better.

The Oakland County Teachers' Institute will be held at Rochester, commencing August 18 and continuing two weeks.

The water works ordinance crowds our columns to their fullest capacity and we are obliged to omit away live news from Big Beaver, County Line, Clawson, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield.

Little Ethel Blakeslee has lost her red pin. On it was engraved "Pet," and she will be greatly obliged and most wonderfully pleased if someone will kindly find and return to her her lost property.

The Ladies' Library Society have received from the state department at Lansing, 14 volumes of the State Pioneer Society. They contain much interesting matter and many sketches of the pioneers of our own town and county.

Those who have watched with Mr. Slade at St. Mary's hospital, tell us that when delicious from fever his whole theme is the Birmingham water works. The last reports from him are so favorable that we trust he may be here when the water is turned on.

Mrs. Albert Nixon died last week Friday at her home near this place. She has been a great sufferer for months past. Funeral was held Sunday at the home of the deceased and was largely attended.

A week ago no one ever thought that a new village would suddenly jump into existence within seven or eight miles from us, but it is a fact and a neat little suburban village will claim recognition from the busy world.

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THREE OFFICERS OF MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL FAIR COMMISSION



John K. Ketchum, Hastings, President, Who Represents Michigan State Grange on Commission.



Grant Slocum, Detroit, Vice President, Representative of Ancient Order of Glensires.



Alfred Allen, Mason, Secretary, Representative of the Michigan Association of Farmers' Clubs.

MEMBERS of the Michigan Agricultural Fair Commission, created by the last legislature, are engaged in obtaining all data and information possible in regard to the fairs to be held in Michigan this fall.

The commission will provide an appropriation of \$50,000, divided by the legislature, among Michigan fairs to be offered to Michigan exhibitors July 1. The State Fair will use the funds which it receives from the commission to carry out its new policy of giving 20 per cent additional to all Michigan prize winners. In this manner the commission as well as the State Fair plans to increase interest in agriculture in Michigan.

"None of the exhibitors from outside the state will receive any part of the money given the State Fair by the commission," said G. W. Dickinson, general manager of the State Fair, who is also a member of the commission.

"The commission was created for the purpose of aiding Michigan fairs and Michigan farmers and will place the fairs upon a stable foundation. It will give these exhibitors its moral and financial support, and great good should result. I am of the opinion that the work of this commission will be reflected in the history and in the progress of the state for years to come."

Officers of the commission are: President, John K. Ketchum, Hastings, representative of the State Grange; vice president, Grant Slocum, Detroit, representative of the Ancient Order of Glensires; secretary, Alfred Allen, Mason, representative of the Michigan Association of Farmers' Clubs; treasurer, Robert Graham, Grand Rapids, member of the state board of agriculture.

In addition to the officers G. W. Dickinson, secretary and general manager of the State Fair, and Charles Brewer of Grand Rapids, secretary of the Western Michigan Fair, are members of the commission.

WATER RATES DUE

Clerk to Collect Rates and no Discounts to be Given—Many Leaks Have Been Discovered.

Last week \$600 worth of water rates were collected; four turnoffs were the total. Water rates are due and payable quarterly on the first day of November, February, May and August, and if not paid by the fifth day of the month will be turned off and a fee of 50 cents charged for turn on. Those using flat rates now hold receipts for rates to November.

Beyond paid-in advance notices there will be none, because they cost too much and do no good. The clerk will collect rates and there will be no discounts. Discounts and fees paid last year cost the village nearly \$300. This would buy 100 tons of coal.

The Water Board has discovered and shut off so many leaks this summer that we are pumping several thousand gallons less daily than consumption of water in natural consumption on account of the summer weather. Every citizen owes it to his town to report to the clerk any leaks he may know of.

The deputy clerk, Thomas E. Harris, has a phone, No. 311, in the city hall, where he may be found from 7:30 to 12 and 1 to 2. The superintendent of public utilities, D. B. Wilkinson, also has his charge office in the city hall, also in a phone, No. 311, in the city hall. All city engineers, Jay Padgett, All Village business is now transacted in the city hall except the payment of taxes which will be collected by James W. Cobb, treasurer, at his store during banking hours. Summer tax is now under direction, of Superintendent Wilkinson. The cost of clearing off private lots will be paid by the owners or the bill will be charged with interest on the next tax roll.

Hard, Aching Muscles Relieved.
Tired, over-exertion, mean stiff, sore muscles. Sloan's Liniment lightly applied, relieves the most stubborn aches and pains. "Nothing ever helped like your Sloan's Liniment. I can never thank you enough for this one grateful user. Stops aching, aches and pains." An excellent counter-irritant and cleaner than mustard. All druggists, 25c. Get a bottle today. Penetrates without rubbing.—Adv.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES
St. James' church services: 6:30 p. m., Holy Communion; 9:45, Bible School; morning service at 10:45. Always a cordial welcome found at St. James'.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES
EASTERN TIME
Sunday morning, preaching 10:30. Bible school at 11:45 a. m. Juniors at 3:30 p. m. R. R. P. U. at 7:50 p. m. Evening preaching service at 8:00. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8:00. All are welcome.
G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.

H. GEORGE FIELD

Has Purchased G. D. Spencer Stock of Wall Paper, Etc., Will Move His Office to Store.

The painting and decorating business has developed to such an extent in connection with the building business of H. George Field that he recently decided to take advantage of the opportunity to purchase the stock and goodwill of George D. Spencer and has taken a lease of the store at 127 East Maple avenue. Mr. Field will carry a complete line of wall papers, including ready lined ceilings and borders; also a full line of paints, varnish and glass.

The store is being altered and refinished and when complete will be one of the modern, up-to-date stores of the city. He will move his office from the Wooster building to the new store, a section of the building having been especially arranged for office purposes. The paint shop at the rear gives opportunity for attention to job work.

It is understood that Mr. Field now has in his employ eight or nine painters and decorators and the demands of the business keep them all more than busy. Our genial fellow townsman, C. Floyd Smith, has been placed in charge of the paint and wall paper department in addition to the painting and decorating work outside of the store.

Earl Spencer will be the clerk in charge of the store during the afternoon and evening, the intention being to keep the store open until 8 o'clock to accommodate those who can not do their buying during the day.

A bargain counter will be one of the features of the new store. Keep your eyes on the papers for announcements.

An Easy, Pleasant Laxative.
One or two Dr. King's New Life Pills with a tumbler of water at night. No bad, nauseating taste; no belching gas. Go right to bed. Wake up in the morning, enjoy a free, easy bowel movement, and feel fine all day. Dr. King's New Life Pills are sold by all druggists, 36 in an original package, for 25c. Get a bottle today—enjoy this easy, pleasant laxative.—Adv.

U. P. Church Notes.
SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM
Sabbath School at 10:30 o'clock. Praying services at 11:30 o'clock. Y. P. C. U. at 7:50 p. m.
Franchising on Sabbath evening at 8:00 o'clock.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 7:45 Eastern Standard time.

SERVICES AT TROY CHURCH.
Sabbath School 9:20 a. m.
Praying services at 3:30.
All are cordially invited to attend these services and your presence will be appreciated.
WILSON REID, Pastor.

TWENTY RACES

At the Blue Ribbon Meeting This Year From Monday, July 26, to July 30 Inclusive.

Never has the outlook for fast and hard racing at a Blue Ribbon meeting been as bright as it is this year. This annual carnival of speed opens at the Detroit mile track on Monday, July 26, and continues through five afternoons, during which 20 races will be decided, the purse and stake list aggregating \$40,000.

Not content with the classics which have made the Blue Ribbon meetings most famous in the country, the Detroit Driving Club has an additional feature this year in the shape of the championship free-for-all pacing race, in which the four world's champions and another 241 one will meet for \$5,000.

Such is the arrangement of the program that features are spread throughout the meeting, every day having one or more. On Monday the Hotel Griswold stake for 210 pacers promises to be notable and the 208 trotters will put up a hard race. There are 25 in the slow trot that day.

Tuesday is set apart for the Chamber of Commerce stake for 207 pacers and 22 are in the trot, one of which has a full lot of it, among them a wonder, and 22 are in the trot, one of which has worked in 2:05 and many which have a muck speed. Never has this field been so large and so swift.

The free for all pace for \$5,000 is on Thursday and in the field are Director L. 1588; Frank Bogash, Jr., 1599; William, 2:00; Anna Bradford, 2:00; and Flower Direct, 2:11, the greatest field in the history of racing.

On Friday the 2:05 pacers and 2:05 trotters divide honors with the 212 trotters in the Hotel Pontchartrain stake, an event of extraordinary promise. Racing begins at 2 o'clock daily. Judge and Frank B. Walker starter, so the highest standard will be observed in the conduct of the sport.

WANTED
Bids on Coal for Birmingham Schools.

The School Board of School District No. 1, Frac. of the Township of Bloomfield, will receive "sealed bids" for furnishing the coal for both of the schools in said district, for the ensuing year as follows:

Eighty tons of mixed hard coal, standard or its equivalent, in bulk, to be delivered on thirty days' notice from the School Board.

Eighty tons or more of lump soft coal, standard or its equivalent, in bulk, to be delivered on thirty days' notice from the School Board.

All bids must be in the hands of the secretary on or before July 25, 1915.
C. H. CARTER, Secretary.

Phone 65 Phone 38

SATURDAY SPECIALS

Country Gentleman Corn, 3 cans 35c
Worth 45c
Eucon Ripe Olives, 3 cans 50c
Regular 75c
3-lb. Cans Everybody's Tomato, 3 cans 25c
Worth 36c

RIPE FRESH FRUIT

Watermelon, Rocky Ford Melons, Beca, Bananas, Port Liman Bananas, Lemons, Oranges, Pineapples, California Apricots and Dainson Plums. Also Oklahoma Peaches—all of superior goodness. Michigan contributes Gooseberries, Cherries, the last of the Strawberries, and the incoming Red and Black Raspberries.

Never have we been able to offer such superb Fruit as this year. Poems in color and flavor—to see them arouses the desire of possession. To eat them gives pleasure and ecstasy.

FRESH VEGETABLES

The list is so long and so good we refrain from mentioning any of it except to say: Your difficulty of what to buy for the table is made easy by so wide a range of choice that may have many combinations and avoid satiety.

OUR BEVERAGES

Chiquet Club Beverages, the leaders of their kinds; Grape Juice, Welch's, Naboth Red Wine.

DELICATESSENS

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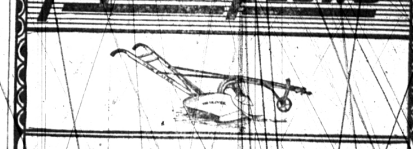
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