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## NO MORE CHANCES 75 YEARS AGO SOUNDS WARNING W. L. HOLMES DEAD

### Precluded Facial Girl Rolls Tranquility of Local Post Clerk—Every Day Happenings.

A freckled faced girl of several summers and a few "winks" reported up to the general delivery window at the postoffice the other day and in a shrill voice demanded of Miss Golden, the ever obliging clerk:

"Anything for the Murphys?"

"No, there are none."

"Anything for Jane Murphy?"

"Nothing."

"Anything for Ann Murphy?"

"No."

"Anything for Tom Murphy?"

"No."

"Anything for John Murphy?"

"No, not a bit."

"Anything for Terry Murphy?"

"No, nor for Pat Murphy, nor Dennis Murphy, nor Peter Murphy, nor Paul Murphy, nor for any Murphy, dead, living, unborn, native or foreign, civilized or uncivilized, savage or barbarous, male or female, black or white, naturalized or otherwise, soldier or citizen. No, there is positively nothing for any of the Murphys, either individually, jointly, severally, now and forever, one and inseparable."

The girl looked at Miss Golden in astonishment. "Please," she said, "will you see if there is anything for Bridget Murphy?"

### Went to the Hospital.

C. E. Blanchard, Postmaster, Blanchard, California, writes: "I had kidney trouble so bad I had to go to the hospital. Foley Kidney Pills completely cured me. Men and women testify they banish lame back, stiff joints, sore muscles and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments. Sold everywhere.—Adv."

## AVENUE

Engene Bittner's great clinical play, "Damaged Goods," ever written, will be presented at the Avenue theatre, Detroit, beginning with next Sunday's matinee and continuing one week. This play was secured at a high royalty. It is perhaps the first time on record that it has ever been presented at less than \$2 prices.

"Damaged Goods" deals with one of the greatest problems that society has to face. While the scenes are laid in Paris, the message is universal. Raymond Bond, the leading man of the Avenue theatre players, has the unique distinction of having appeared for one season in the leading role for one of George Dupont, the part which Richard Bennett created.

An amateur contest is now held on Monday evenings, a dancing contest on Wednesday evening and a country store is a special feature of the Friday performances.

### Irritable Children Often Need Kickapoo Worm Killer.

There is a reason for the disagreeable and fretful nature of many children. Think of the unrest when the child's body is possessed by tiny worms sapping its vitality and clogging its life channels. Whatever may be the cause—that children have worms is a fact. Your child's nervousness and irritability are the cause. Give Kickapoo Worm Killer a chance and if worms are there this harmless remedy will rid them of the annoying parasites. 25c a box.—Adv.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at Birmingham postoffice for week ending the 6th day of November, 1915:

Adams, Miss Grace  
Baker, M. G.  
Beardslee, Floyd  
Blum, Edith  
Groves, Barlow  
Hendrickson, Elmer  
Johnston, Miss Nell  
Kitchen, Wilson  
Langbran, Beatrice  
Monahan, James  
Mianer, Edward  
McPeeters, Archie  
Marshall, William  
Purdy, Edna  
Young, Mr. and Mrs. Park

POSTCARDS

Adams, Arthur  
Langbran, Beatrice  
Katorist, Mattie  
Vogt, Clifford  
Witte, Clifford  
Strauchman  
Wright, Mrs. Thos.

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

George R. Mitchell, P. O. B.

### Colds Do Not Leave Willingly.

Because a cold in the laboratory is no reason why you should be "letting it go," it should be sure rolled by taking Y. K. King's "Discovery." Dangerous bronchial and lung conditions often follow a cold which has been neglected at the beginning. As your body faithfully battles with cold germs, better aid can be given than the use of this remedy. Its merit has been tested by old and young. Get a bottle today, 50c and 81.—Adv.

The "says" had it in Detroit, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania on Tuesday.

### Reminiscences of Birmingham 1840 re-published from Files of the Eccentric.

Twenty-five years ago Hon. O. Poppleton wrote the following reminiscences and they were published by the Eccentric as you now read them. To-day this written statement of his former respected citizen is now 75 years past history of Birmingham and we are sure will prove of great interest to those who love to look back and see the great strides of improvements that have come to us. We wish all of the old patriots of Birmingham could just slip in to us now and see what had happened in only the past 25 years. It would surprise them.

"Yes, it is a long time ago that I first began business here in Birmingham. Half a century. What changes of time has wrought. Fifty years ago the latter part of August I opened my first store and began a general mercantile business. Then youth, health, vigor, ambition, high hopes and anticipations were mine and but natural in one just launching out for himself upon that changeable and uncertain sea—a business life. In recalling to view a panorama of my various experiences in business here and of those who then and subsequently were my business neighbors and competitors, the scene is far from being a pleasant one in many respects. About all earliest associates have passed from earth, while others who succeeded them in business or began a few years later, have met the Great Reaper," retired from active trade with incompetencies, or discontinued from ill success or discouragements and sought other generalities.

"My first general stock of goods was opened for public sale in the store directly opposite my present location, fifty years ago the latter part of August, 1840. In the spring of 1841, I removed the stock to the Kelsey store—the one now occupied by Thomas Hanna.

"In the fall of 1843 I removed from there to the store now occupied by me where the business has been continued to the present time. Exceeding me in general trade were Dennis & Kelsey, S. R. Kelsey and Elijah Clark in the order named. Of all the people then living in Birmingham, or as it was formerly called Hamilton's or Piety Hill, there are but five now living here, namely: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Merrill, Mrs. Williams, myself and wife. And two others, Mrs. D. R. Tucker of Pontiac and Mrs. Henry Carfenter of Island Lake, make the seven that know of who are yet living. Of the other young people of the early forties who yet in their efforts to gain the merits of Dr. King's New Life Pills, Start a treatment today. 25c.—Adv."

### Complexion Blemish?

Yes, that should be removed. Dr. King's New Life Pills clear the complexion, throw off impurities and purify the blood. "That maddening blemish" will disappear. Unless the bowels move freely and regularly all the powder in the world will not permanently cover "that maddening complexion." This laxative is mild yet effective. It does not grip or sicken you yet in its efforts to rid you of the merits of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Start a treatment today. 25c.—Adv."

## Garrick Theatre.

### "The Only Girl"

Of all those writing for the present musical comedy stage, none have given more pleasure to audiences than have Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert, particularly when they are writing together. In the broad sense of its meaning, the scenery of Blossom and Herbert can be dated back to the time when they wrote "The Red Mill" for Montgomery and Stone, although they both had written many excellent plays of a similar light and gay quality in the preceding ten years. Following this musical play came the bright and fascinating air duets, waltzes, quartettes, etc. of "Mlle. Modiste" and "The Prima Donna," both being sung by Madame Pritzi Scheff. It was after they had written when working in conjunction.

"This return engagement will be marked with the appearance of the same excellent cast seen here last year, with a single exception, and which include Thida Bennett, Grace Edmund, Arvin Wash, Louise Kelley, Edna Broderick, Wilbur Hall, John Findlay, Ernest Torrence, Jet Prouty, Richard Bartlett and its delightful and pretty show girls.

## U. P. Church Notes.

SABBATH SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM.

Sabbath School at 11:30 o'clock.

Preaching services at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Reid will have charge of morning service.

W. F. C. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching service at Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Western evening prayer meeting, 7:45 Standard time.

SERVICES AT TROY CHURCH.

Sabbath School at 11:30 a. m.

Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.

All are cordially invited to attend those services and your presence will be appreciated.

WILSON REID, Pastor

### Dr. Geo. B. Clark at Osteopathic Convention, Grand Rapids, Warns Children Against Rough Play.

Though play among children on the playgrounds and at school was condemned by Dr. George B. Clark, of Detroit, as the means for laying the basis for future diseases, at the closing session today of the Michigan Osteopathic association in annual session at the Pantlind.

Five concrete forms through which disease may be precipitated were outlined.

"Through the misunderstanding or ignorance of teachers," Dr. Clark said, "many children develop mechanical or structural abnormalities which become the cause of numerous diseases.

"Teachers may not always see the necessity for watching children carefully as to their habits. Drinking water may affect some children in a way that extra care and attention is required. Disease often follows.

TEACHERS ARE WARNED

"Teachers may lose their temper and thoughtlessly grab a child by the chest or neck. Organic disease could follow in time.

"Children striking each other in a moment of thoughtlessness could produce what is known as anterior or forward sub-luxation of the spine, disturbing nutrition through contraction of the respiratory organs.

"Pleurisy or chronic bronchitis could be developed. Examinations in many cases have shown these chronic conditions as a result of rough treatment."

Dr. Clark urged that osteopaths during the coming year, in an attempt to have teachers attend meetings where talks on the care of the child, to eliminate rough play and careless treatment, could be given.

He was named chairman of the bureau of statistics of the American Osteopathic association, an honor never before given to a Michigan member of the association.—Grand Rapids News.

Dr. Geo. B. Clark, osteopath, informs the Eccentric that he will be pleased to meet our teachers in public schools and have a talk with them regarding the subjects mentioned in this article. If it is a good thing for Grand Rapids pupils, it sure will be a benefit for ours.

### A Prominent Detroit Business Man and Well Known in Birmingham Died Sunday.

William L. Holmes, 66, is dead. He died at his home in Detroit last Sunday evening. He organized the Detroit Telephone Co. and was its president for years. He founded the Detroit Tool Co., the Wolverine Portland Co., the Iowa Portland Cement Co. and was a business man right from the start. He started in Birmingham. His father and mother, Matthew and Martha Holmes, were well known here, and great and good Methodists, lived here for many years. Richard Holmes, an older brother, was drowned in the mill pond.

William L. Holmes was born in Huron county, Ontario, and was educated in Birmingham. He went to Detroit while still in his teens in 1875. He was first a clerk for J. M. Arnold, a book-seller and stationer, was later with C. R. Mabley and Allan Sheldon & Co., and from 1881 to 1883 with Peter Hayden, wholesale saddlery and hardware. From 1883 to 1889 he was Michigan manager for D. Appleton & Co., publishers. In 1892 he entered the real estate business in which he engaged more or less actively to the time of his death.

Mr. Holmes was active in the Methodist church, and was the founder of the Martha Holmes Memorial church, of Detroit, named after his mother. For three years he was president of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday School Alliance.

He was an enthusiastic golfer, having taken up the game under the doctored orders a little more than three years ago, and in the short time that he played won a number of cups. He was a member of the Bloomfield Hills Country club and the Fallowcroft club.

Surviving him are a widow, Emma Wheeler Holmes, and four children: W. L. P. U. at 49 p. m.

Harold W. Holmes, Mrs. Frederic C. Solms, Helen M. and Ruth E. Holmer. He also leaves two sisters—Margaret A. and Izah H. Holmes, of Detroit, and one brother, John T. Holmes, of New York City.

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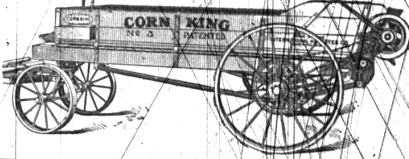
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After November 1 the store will be closed evenings, excepting Saturdays.

### BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

ESTERN TIME

Sunday morning preaching 10:30.

Bible school at 11:45 a. m.

Junior at 3:00 p. m.

W. Y. P. U. at 4:30 p. m.

Evening prayer service at 7:30.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

All are welcome.

G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES

Services for the twenty-third Sunday after Trinity:

10:30 School at 9:45 a. m.

11:45, Holy Communion and sermon at 10:45.

Meetings:

W. M. C. A. Juniors in the Guild Room, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Woman's Guild in the Guild Room, Thursday at 2:30.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Maple Street

Rev. William C. McKnight, Pastor.

Morning service at 10:30 a. m.

Sunday School at 12:00 m.

Evening service at 7:30.

All members of the church and congregation are especially urged to be in attendance upon the service next Sunday morning, November 7. Matters of peculiar and vital interest to the church will be spoken of by the pastor in his sermon, the theme of which will be "The Ideal Church—Shall We Have It?"

In the evening the pastor will speak on "Terms of Life Eternal."

The session of the church will meet at the close of the service and also at the close of the mid-week service, Wednesday evening, to meet with any who desire to unite with this church.

The regular communion service of the church will be held Sunday morning, November 14, at 10:30.

### Disolution of Co-Partnership.

Birmingham, Mich., Oct. 29, 1915.

It is mutually agreed by and between the undersigned that the partnership heretofore existing between them under the firm name of the Birmingham Construction Company is dissolved this day, and the firm property to be retained by Mr. Bert R. Tuxworth and the firm credits to be paid by him, and the firm debts are to be paid by him. It is also agreed that Tuxworth shall have the right to use the name of Birmingham Construction Company.

B. R. TUXWORTH,  
W. M. SPOONER.

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Assist the kidneys in their work, strengthen them and enable them to perform their duty without weakening.

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### Clover Hill Park

Yes, indeed! Why? "Oh, I'm sorry I can't marry you! I had no idea you wanted me!" "He—'Say, what do you suppose has been letting your father beat me out of all the time for?"

Reserving Patent Leather Shoes. Patent leather shoes should be carefully wiped with a soft cloth when they are removed and then a few drops of oil should be rubbed into them. This will keep the leather soft and prevent them from cracking.