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CONCRETE'S SUE THE U. R. R. IT IS OUR ELLSWORTH

The Village Aspect as Viewed by One of Our Conservative City Dads. Read Carefully.

The Big Delay in Track Construction Through Our Village Not a Fault of Detroit United Railway.

W. D. Clizbe Explains Briefly Reason for the Proposed Bond Issue and Other Village Affairs.

Ellsworth Plumstead One of the Comedy Features at the Lyceum Bureau Convention, Chicago.

The condition of Birmingham's streets for the past few months has produced such a feeling of impatience and exasperation in the minds of our citizens that a cool, considerate estimate of present conditions is difficult. The long expected pavement has not materialized, and the approach of cold weather threatens to leave Birmingham a dreary mass of mud for the coming winter as it has been all summer. Speculation as to who or what is responsible for the delay is an unsatisfactory, and more or less definite result. Work on Woodward avenue during the past six weeks has not been completed, although it must not be forgotten that concrete work after being laid has to stand for nearly two weeks before it can be used. Last week, however, the last straw seemed to have been laid on the proverbial camel's back when it developed that owing to an error in some calculation, the new D. U. R. tracks were four inches higher than the supposed plan of the new pavements. Unless corrected, such excessive height would have resulted in an unusual and dangerous lapse on the narrow roadway outside the track. D. U. R. construction work was stopped and a serious complication was imminent between the village, the paving contractor, and the D. U. R. The village board called in the assessors, and out of a multitude of counsel it was determined that Birmingham must have only what is safest and best.

The delay in constructing the tracks of the Pontiac division through the limits of the village of Birmingham, while greatly regrettable, is due to causes for which the Detroit United Railway is not the least responsible. In the latter part of March the company was notified by the Andrews Asphalt Co. that it was going to pave Woodward avenue, Birmingham. The called for the reconstruction of the company's tracks, but it was not until May 5 the company was officially notified by the village authorities.

With more than 800 miles of city and interurban tracks to look after, it is naturally necessary for the Detroit United Railway to plan its work during the early part of the year so as to make the necessary purchase of ties, rail, cement and other things for track building. With steel mills and other producers filling the regular advance orders of this and other railway companies it was no easy task to arrange for these extra supplies and for the men and machinery to install the road, but the company, through strenuous efforts, found itself in a position to begin work July 27, but not with the activity it desired. Weather conditions, too, made the progress of the work exceedingly slow.

Finally the company was able to develop considerable speed in the progress, but after laying 3,100 feet of the lower bed of concrete, from the southerly limits of the village to the waiting room, after laying 2,700 feet of ties and rails and 240 feet of the upper bed of concrete it was discovered that the engineer for the village had set the grade stakes four inches too high for the balance of the street pavement. This error was discovered only last week. The company immediately stopped work.

Naturally the merchants of Birmingham were greatly upset by the impassable condition of the main thoroughfare and the village council through one of its members decided a suspension of the work until more favorable conditions would naturally have to continue next spring.

In order to bring speedily relief to the condition the Detroit United Railway on September 21 agreed to assist in the lowering of the track grade by reducing it one inch from the ties and replacing it with a new grade, two inches and further agreed to have the southbound track ready for paving from the southerly limits to the waiting room by October 9.

Finally the council on September 25, it was proposed to have the company rip out 1,600 feet of the lower bed of concrete from the southerly limits to Frank street, a distance of 1,300 feet, and lower the grade; then from Frank street to Brown street, 700 feet, to cut one inch from the ties and one inch from the sand cushion, the remainder of the street from Brown street to the waiting room being at the proper grade. This resolution called for the work all being done by December 15—something that is not possible.

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Garrick Theatre.

Next Monday evening Maeterlinck's spectacular fairy play, "The Blue Bird" will return to the Garrick Theatre, Detroit, in the course of its fifth triumphant tour with the one and only production which has ever presented it in this country. The prices for this special farewell will be 25c to \$1.50, instead of the usual \$2.00 scale.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unsealed for at Birmingham Michigan, Postoffice on October 1, 1915.
 Adolph, Mrs. Sarah B. (2)
 Brady, Thomas
 Colp, Tom
 Cooper, Miss Grace
 Cook, George
 Donovan, E. B. Mrs.
 Gerk, Mrs. H.
 Goshy, Miss Francis
 Myers, Walter
 Taylor, Chas. O.
 Pugh, Ernest
 High, Mrs. H.
 Weston, Miss Lois
 POSTAL GARDS.
 Gardner, Mr. Guy V.
 Dalsey, Mrs. H. (2)

OUR "HONEY" OFFER—THIS AND SO.

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 Juniors at 3:00 p. m.
 B. Y. P. U. at 7:30 p. m.
 Evening preaching service at 7:30.
 Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.
 All are welcome.
 G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.
 Two Children Had No. No. 11
 The two children of W. N. Cox, Cleveland, Ohio, who were born on Oct. 1, 1915, are now one year old. They were born at the same time and place, and were both completely cured them. Contacted by the Cleveland, Ohio, press, they were found at the same place. Sold every where.—Adv.

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