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LEGALS.

Friends Of THE ECCENTRIC are requested when they have Probate business to ask the publication 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.

Postoffice Directory

Summer Schedule

Eastern Standard Time.

Office opens at 8 a. m.
Office closes at 8 p. m.

Western Mails leave office at 8:05 a. m., 12:55 p. m. and 4:55 p. m.

Eastern Mails leave office at 12:17 p. m., 4:35 p. m. and 7:40 p. m.

Money Orders issued to all parts of the world, when possible.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

HOME

All kinds of fruit in glass jars at 25c. Miner Grocery Co. 2

Rochester's new school building will cost $21,584, and will be built by J. H. Paterson of Plymouth.

The Lincoln Banquet had between 800 and 900 in attendance and many persons were unable to secure tickets.

Have you seen the bees making honey in the window of the Miner Grocery Company, "Home of Good Things to Eat?"

Where are the oldtimers who predicted the red ruin that was to follow the inauguration of postal savings banks and the parcel post?

Well, obscurity has its compensations. Had one been invited to the president's wedding, one would have had to buy a handsome present.

Brother Rowe of Milford, Michigan, has just completed his 45th year of publishing the Milford Times. Good record, and long may they both live.

The robins and frogs and tadpoles and mayflowers reported in our various exchanges last week must have felt extremely discouraged this week, to say the least.

It is planned to abandon the Detroit United Railway dispatching office at Royal Oak, after which this work will be done at the Detroit, Almont & Northern Railroad junction, formerly known as Lake Orion Junction.

Diogenes could immediately blow out his lantern were he still engaged in his famous quest. A man came to Fenton the other day after an absence of 34 years and proceeded to pay up a number of small debts he had left unsettled when he went away "dead broke."

Another record price for Oakland county farm property appears in the sale of the Galbraith farm of 395 acres in Waterford township lying between Elizabeth and Cass lakes. The consideration was $90,000. The farm has considerable lake frontage and is to be subdivided and sold in small parcels for country homes.

The latest move in the local option case is a motion filed in circuit court by Prosecutor Doty, representing the board of supervisors, to dismiss the petition for a mandamus to compel the supervisors to reconvene and rescind the local option resolution passed last spring. The motion as filed states that the supreme court has already passed on the questions involved.

The entire country now is practically free of the foot and mouth disease. A department of agriculture order, effective January 15, frees the only remaining quarantined area, two counties in Illinois and makes Libertyville township, Illinois, restricted area. The restriction of the Union stockyards, Chicago, permitting the handling of animals for slaughter only, has not been lifted.

The new law for village elections makes a hurry up change for those whose duty is to call caucuses and to get ready for election. Under the new law all caucuses, primaries, and conventions must be held at least twenty days before election, and the ballots must be printed and in the hands of the clerk at least twelve days before elections. The Michigan man who is sojourning in California or Florida, will now be permitted to vote by mail, not only for village and township officers, but on local option and other questions either at regular or special elections.

Central time will not be adopted as the official time of Pontiac, at least for the present. The city commission on Monday denied the petition of 250 citizens, filed with the commission several weeks ago, asking the city to return to central time. The signing of only 250 names to the petition out of a possible 20,000 inhabitants is considered insufficient to warrant the reversal. The court house clock has run on central time since the meeting of the supervisors in the county seat the first of January; the courts, postoffice, and trains operate on central time while the rest of the city cling to the "more sunlight" farce.

"Cupid an Aviator." And he can do some flying too.

Discretion also seems to be the better part of Villa.

All the world loves a pair of real old-fashioned lovers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Simpson were Saturday visitors in Pontiac.

Tzar Coffee, a regular 40c quality at 35c. Miner Grocery Co. 2

"Artillery Bangs Away." A way, as Mark Twain once said, that artillery has.

Call at Miner Grocery Saturday, and you will be served with sample of fine honey.

One thing to be said in favor of the flowers that bloom in spring, is that they are far less expensive than those that bloom in winter.

Why not have Eastern time on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and Central time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays and sun time on Sundays?

For sale—A typewriter. Cost, new $100. Will sell for $30. Good as new, not worn. Owned by Mitchell and can be seen in John Hanna's real estate office.

Hurrah for Rochester! Her main street is to be paved and that will help a great deal to make it take its place right alongside with all progressive cities.

Advertisers are again cautioned that copy for changes MUST be in the printer's hands not later than 9 a. m. Tuesday morning of each week. Yes, the printer is busy too.

The Michigan Agricultural Association has been unable to find sufficient seed corn in the state to supply Michigan farmers next spring according to Prof V. M. Shoesmith, head of the farm crops department. The scarcity of good seed corn is bound to cause serious trouble unless some remedy is found," he said recently. "Every farmer should see to it that he has enough corn for planting."

Did you ever stop to think the outside world judges a town mostly by its local newspaper? In the eyes of a stranger it has only such business places as are represented in the advertising columns. Imagine yourself a stranger, look the Eccentric through and form your opinion of Birmingham. The town isn' as large as you would think for, is it? If you have a business and it is not represented there, you are not doing your duty to the town.

An exchange tells of an interesting family in the following: The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robins, her second, Sparrow, and the present is named Quale. There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow, and three little Quales. One grandmother was a Swan, and another a Jay, now a bird of paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who wrote this is a Lyre and a relative of the family.

The parties who last fall bought drums of kerosene oil at 10½ cents per gallon of an oily tongue salesman, thinking they were buying the best 15 cent oil, are having a mighty hard time burning it up. A goodly portion of the "oil" is water and many of the purchasers have found the "oil" frozen in the iron drums. There are certainly many smooth guys traveling through the country taking advantage of honest, hard toiling people. It would be a mighty good thing if all the fakers could be shipped into the war zone to be mowed down with a machine gun.

Why is it that the printer's coat is always old and worn; why is it that his pants are frayed and in the rear are torn; why is it people never pay for papers they have had; why is it, darn it, tell me why, this situation and should come to those who labor hard to boost the old home town, yet never seem to get a thing but nature's illest frown? They labor hard from early morn till night time comes apace, and never grumble at their lot, but smiling keep their face; so that is why I'd like to know what makes you act so scrappy, why don't you pay him what you owe, and make the poor cuss happy?

Ex-Governor Fred M. Warner and Harry McCracken of Farmington, Rep. A. G. Griggs and Perry Griggs of Bloomfield township, and Judge K. P. Rockwell of Pontiac, recently purchased the Sikes farm of 240 acres in Macomb county, immediately west of Romeo. The consideration is said to have been upwards of $50,000. The new owners expect to plant the property with orchards and have already placed an order for apple and peach trees, which are to be set out this spring. Mr. Griggs and his son, Perry, will have active supervision of the farm, which is said to be especially well adapted to fruit raising on account of the rolling character of its surface.

Latest rumors in dealings in real estate in and about Birmingham: First in importance is the sale of the Wm. H. Hunt farm about one and one-half miles south of our village, 108 acres at $1,100 per acre; figure it out yourself—$118,800. Then Gus Kruger's farm over on the town line, one-half mile from our village on the east at $400 per acre, and a tract of land near Wm. Brooks at $700. It is said Mrs. Helen H. Carson has sold her home on Maple Avenue at $6,500, and Harvey C. Wilson sold his home on Maple Avenue West for a figure very near $6,000. There are many changes to make money on property in and around Birmingham. We venture, no, we don't venture to say it, we say it, that there is just as much profit in buying lots now and selling in a year or so as there has been in homes bought a year ago and sold now. Think this over.

What's your house number?

A regular 50c can of olives at 25c. Miner Grocery Co. 2

Pontiac's population is now about 21,000 inhabitants.

The Public Library will be open once more on Saturday afternoon.

Banks will be closed on Tuesday, February 22, a legal holiday.

Will the Monroe Doctrine be inseparably linked henceforth with its younger sister, the Wilson Doctrine?

Gen. Carranza's voluminous whiskers have not become entangled in any governmental machinery for several days.

The Junior Baptist Union will hold a Rally meeting at Brown's, 643 Bates Street, at 7:30 this evening. All members and friends are invited.

And now comes the report that Louis H. Rousseau has sold his Royal Oak farm for the tidy sum of $28,000. No wonder Louie didn't care a rap about his R. F. D. job.

If you want a typewriter, just go in and call on John Hanna. He has typewriters to burn. He will be pleased to show up two he has for sale at a very reasonable price, either one of them.

Lost, somewhere in Birmingham, recently, small, black leather purse containing a two dollar bill and silver amounting to, in all, about four dollars. Finder please leave at Eccentric office.

Every one of the gas stoves Mitchell has sold, gives perfect satisfaction. He has one now for sale, and a steel range with a hot water front. Warranted good as new or money back if dissatisfied. Call at the post office to see them.

The Mistletoe Club met at the home of Mrs. John Berry, Frank Street, Wednesday afternoon, February ninth. The first prize was won by Mrs. Abel and the second, by Mrs. Berry. A plentiful repast was served and enjoyed by all.

Elsewhere the United Civil Service Commission announces an examination for the county of Oakland to be held at Pontiac, on Saturday, March 11, to fill the position of rural carrier at Birmingham and vacancies that may occur. Anyone intending to take this examination should call at the Birmingham post office and secure the necessary blanks and instructions as to procedure. Read the notice.

Be sure that your number indicates the side of street you live on, or the carrier can't find you.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. B. T. Brown, Friday evening, February 18th.

Miss Helen Shaw gave a handkerchief shower for the bride-elect, Miss Genevieve Wooster, Friday afternoon at her home on Woodward davenue.

There will be a patriotic entertainment February 22, at the Presbyterian church, given by the members of the Woman's Literary club, for their friends.

Norman Locke, on the Guy Watkins farm, near the Kitty school house, will have an auction sale of stock and farm tools next Wednesday, February 23. M. H. Hunt will officiate.

The Ladies Literary society was charmingly entertained Tuesday afternoon by a trip to Miss Mary Perry's studio where they saw her famous Pewable Pottery made. Miss Mary E. Utter was hostess of the day. Teaw was served in the upper studios. The ladies wish to thank the D. U. R. for their kindness in putting on an extra car for their use.

Talk about the postoffice job being a matrimonial chance. H. G. Field's office has it in about the 3d place for Miss Mary Goff, his efficient typist and stenographer was married Tuesday evening by Rev. C. E. Wakefield to Harry E. Clark, Mr. Field's brush artist. All is well and the busy couple are radiantly receiving the congratulations of their many friends, along with ours. Happy days.

Monday and Tuesday Inspector Birdseye from Washington, D. C., called again, looked us all over and we can say this much as to what will happen to Birmingham and her mail patrons. We will surely have an experimental free delivery service providing the citizens see to it that all street intersections are placed. All houses are properly numbered and no house will be served that has no sidewalk to it. No patron will be served who has no mail box attached to front of house or a slot cut in door. Those not served at their homes can have a box set up at the nearest point the carrier passes.

Hit by a "Pitcher."

Famous Bell of Moscow.

The largest bell is the great bell at Moscow, which is 86 feet in circumference at the bottom, over 21 feet high, and 23 inches thick at the top its weight has been computed at 217 tons. It has never been hung.

Thing of the Past.

James had a dispute with his little friend and slapped her. His mother heard it some days later and was told him how bad she felt to think her little boy would strike a girl. He looked embarrassed and, taking his cap, started for the door, saying: "Oh mamma, please don't say anything about it. She has forgotten it by this time, and if she hasn't, I have."

Classified Liners

Under this heading—30 words or less, 1 time 25c; 2 times 40c; 3 times 50c; 6 times 75c. Cash with copy.

FOR SALE.

CLOVER HAY, EAR CORN, WHITE Oats, baled Oat Straw, and seasoned Oak Wood for sale. Fred V. Quarton, Birmingham. Phone 128. 3mar*

FOR SALE.—A large number of Elm Trees for setting out. All sizes. Grace Gordon, Southfield Avenue, Birmingham. Phone 109. nov8tf

MUST BE SOLD. — Early King Seed Potatoes; $1.20 for 60 lbs. Maplon Beauty, 141 Purdy Street. 10mar*

FOR SALE.—Good Hen House. Can be easily moved. C. G. McEntee, 231 Greenwood Avenue. 25*

FOR SALE.—25 feet good Hose, Oak Rockers, new Gas Plate, Center Table, Glass-top Commode, Carpet Sweeper. Going cheap. Call before March 1. 111 Watkins Avenue. 25*

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

AN EXCELLENT BUY.—93½ acres 3 miles east of Pontiac, just off the gravel road; $100 per acre if taken at once. Terms. L. C. Gillespie, Pontiac, Mich. Phone 176 18feb3

FOR SALE.—10 or 30 Acres on Willow, next to R. J. Erwin's. 60-foot street running south not yet opened. Grace Gordon, Southfield Avenue. jul23tf

TO RENT.

FARMS FOR RENT.—In Southfield, known as the Cook Farms. For particulars call at 526 Bates Street or 212 Townsend Street, Birmingham. 18*

TO RENT.—A Barn for storage; or could be used as shop. 218 South Woodward Avenue. Phone 227.

WANTED.

WANTED.—To get a few Washings. Rough dry, or will iron. Mrs. H. J. Myers, 211 Martin Street. 3*

Phone 329

Keep your yard clean,
Ashes and junk hauled away once each week.

DAVID FLEMING.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION General. 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 27th day of January, A. D. 1916. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of FRANCKS L. CURTIS, Incompetent.

Elmer E. Blakeslee, guardian of said incompetent, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account as such guardian, and that he be discharged and his bond cancelled.

It is ordered that the 26th day of February, A. D. 1916, at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of 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,

(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.

JUNIUS A. FREDERICKS, Register of Probate.

A. Floyd Blakeslee, Attorney for Petitioner, Pontiac, Michigan. 4-18feb

¶ Many a man is serving in a miss-fit position because he hesitates to start on a canvass for a new one.

¶ A want ad will find the place you want and should have.

¶ It is needless to remind you that when the position hunts the man a better salary is inevitable.

When Earthquakes Come.

That animals are sensitive to the approach of earthquakes is a fact frequently observed, and the more recent seismic troubles in various countries give numerous examples of this singular faculty which many animals possess. For instance, in Japan horses set up an unusual agitation whenever a seismic shock is near at hand. In Central America dogs and cats flee from houses, and the inhabitants have become so accustomed to this that they follow the example of the animals and leave their dwellings so as to escape danger. In Italy it has been observed that birds left their nests and flew up to a great height in the air, but this without noise, before the earthquake took place. However, at the time when the earthquake shocks were produced the birds utered cries which lasted for all the duration of the earthquake. It is asserted that in Sicily cocks crow and dogs howl just before an earthquake.

Spain's Patron Saint.

St. James the Great is worth noting as of the company of the great Twin Brethren, the Bowmen of Mons and the Angels of Neuve Chapelle. Spanish tradition tells now his body was miraculously brought to Compostella and there enshrined, and how the saint arose and at Clavijo, in 841, mounted on a white horse, slew 60,000 Moors. Hence the Spanish Order of St. James of the Sword, Santiago de Espada.

Detroit United Lines

Birmingham Time Table

Eastern Standard Time.

SOUTH-BOUND — Limited — 6:47 a. m.

Locals—4:55 a. m., 5:15 a. m., 5:35 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:17 a. m., 6:27 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 4:28 p. m., then every 15 minutes to 6:38 p. m., 6:58 p. m., 7:13 p. m., 7:53 p. m., 8:33 p. m., and half-hourly to 10:23 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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The Shoe Hospital
112 East Maple

STATE OF MICHIGAN The Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. Robert M. Cass, Plaintiff, vs. Myrtle Cass, Defendant. Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, in Chancery. In this cause, it appearing from affidavit on file, that the Defendant, Myrtle Cass, is not a resident of this State, but is a resident of the State of New York. On motion of A. B. Millspaugh, Plaintiff's Solicitor, it is ordered, that the appearance of said non-resident defendant, Myrtle Cass, be entered herein, within three months from the date of this order; and in case of her appearance she cause her answer to the bill of complaint to be filed, within twenty days after service on her of a copy of said bill and notice of this order; and in default thereof, said bill will be taken as confessed by said non-resident Defendant. And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the Plaintiff cause a notice of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that said publication be continued therein, once in each week, for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for her appearance.

Dated, January 10th, 1916.

GEO. W. SMITH,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned.
FLOYD R. BABCOCK,
Register in Chancery.
A. B. MILLSPAUGH,
Attorney of Counsel for Plaintiff.

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6 bars Galvanic Soap	25c
4 boxes Corn Flakes	25c
Tomatoes, 2 15c cans	25c
Choice Head-Rice, 4 lbs.	30c
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