

FREE DELIVERY NEW FEATURE LOST IN A FOG 25 YEARS AGO!

We Have Been Inspected, Weighed Up, Looked Over and the Result Still Hangs in the Balance.

Michigan State Fair Will Give Gold Silver and Bronze Medals in a Body Building Contest.

V. Nixon and Party From St. Petersburg, Fla., Go Fishing and Break Compass.

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

Inspector Birdseye, of the P. O. Department at Washington, came to our little city last week Friday and stayed over until Saturday noon looking over the ground for the Department, with the idea of establishing an experimental free delivery. Postmaster Mitchell and the inspector gave the corporation limits the once over on good shape.

Traveling from the northern limits to the southern limits, from the east to the west side, and going over nearly all the streets, it was found that we are sadly deficient in the streets being named and the signs up at each intersection. Another and blow is that our houses lack numbers. We cannot say that not half of the houses are numbered, and the observer observed and spoke of it that our numbers were not correctly placed. He noticed that on some streets odd numbers were on the right hand side going out, and some streets he caught on to the fact that both odd and even were on the same side of the street. Another thing that works against complete delivery is that some houses are not connected up with a sidewalk. No carrier is allowed to deliver mail to any houses to which a walk is needed. And again, some houses even with a walk to them are too far away from the service. The houses are served by the mail carrier by leaving the mail in a box at a neighbor's close by.

There is a lot of rules and regulations that is not going to set well with some of our people. If you decide to have a carrier serve you, you cannot get mail at the office. Unless you have a suitable box on your house or a plot cut in the door where the carrier can drop in the mail no service is given.

The inspector will be back again in two weeks. During his absence the postmaster is to get a late map of Birmingham, the Pride of Old Oakland, and on this map locate every house in Birmingham, and perhaps this will be a "love's labor lost."

Will our village fathers establish a connecting walk on Willets street west to the one on Greenwood? That will be required.

Will the citizens get busy and number their houses, and number them correctly?

Will the village fathers see that at each street corner the streets are plainly named, so that if the carrier ever runs he can read?

We think Birmingham can and will fulfill all requirements for this great boon.

G. W. Dickinson, general manager of the Michigan State Fair, announces that a body building contest will be conducted by the state fair previous to the next exposition and that prizes will be awarded on the basis of the greatest improvement shown by any individual during a period of six months, who is a resident of Michigan.

"To enter the contest, one need not possess a well developed physique," said Mr. Dickinson. "In truth, those whose present physical condition is poor can in all likelihood make the best showing in this competition. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded as provided in the contest, which is open to both sexes. This contest has been arranged to encourage men and women everywhere in the state, regardless of age or physical condition, to attain physical perfection. The conditions of the contest permit anyone to send us immediately a photograph together with full measurements, and upon the closing date of the contest, a second photograph, with full measurements as provided for in the entry blanks, which will be obtained from the state fair office at Detroit. The degree of improvement indicated by the first and second portrait and measurements will serve as a basis for awarding the medals. Competent judges will award the prizes on a basis of comparison of the photographs and measurements, on a date set aside for this purpose at the 1916 Michigan state fair to be held September 4 to 13 in Detroit. Awards will be made and the winners will be guests of the Michigan state fair on that date.

"With the photograph first entered should be furnished complete measurements, as indicated upon the application blanks which will be sent to anyone in the state upon request. Those who send us photographs immediately will have more time in which to attain physical improvement than those who refer sending their portraits until March 1. The closing date for the receipt of the first photograph is September 1, thus giving the contestants six months in which to make physical improvements."

Dear Mitchell:

Things are still happening. Have fallen in with some mighty fine and sociable people—Mr. Dinsdale, especially, just out sort and full of ideas. He persuaded me to go fishing for red snappers, and the fishing ground is out in the ocean 20 or 40 miles, as they are caught on the shoals where there are clam beds. I was out three days making up my mind, but finally concluded to go with the party. We had a motor boat and a good one, large enough to accommodate at least ten persons. But there were only six of us, and I was disappointed, of course, as was one of them, who confounded him, as I will see later on.

We found the fishing ground, but only by good luck, as it was out of sight of land. Had good luck for an hour or so, when the wind began to come-up and was soon a hurricane—at least it was to me—as the captain said we had better go home and told Pilot to haul in the anchor, and confound him, he smashed the compass. I have been more used to language, but that captain had everyone stupefied and then some. No land in sight, and which way to sail was our problem. The captain said it would be all luck and nothing else that would take us home. Then the wind died down when the wind died down when the captain said we must anchor, which we did.

There was plenty of provision and water on board, with gasoline for 100 miles, but none of us could tell which way to go now our compass was no good. The captain said some vessel might come within hailing distance, which was our almost only hope.

The way lay all night, the boat tossing like a cork when morning broke, as good luck would have it, fog had all gone. We ate a cold lunch, each one keeping up his spirits the best he could, but that confounded Dinsdale of mine was on his knees praying.

About nine o'clock a sort of smoke was seen which the captain said was the smoke of a steamer. Well then, we all prayed, prayed that it was a steamer, and so it proved. For about two hours we watched that cloud come nearer and nearer, when the captain ordered his man to hoist his coat on the boat hook as a signal. We hauled anchor, started to get as near as possible the path of that boat and not be in danger. Evidently the man wanted something, as he slowed down when our captain sang out: "Ship ahoy!"

"What do you want?" came back to us through a megaphone. "We are lost and want to know the way to land." By this time there were many people on deck watching us. Our boat had come very near the vessel and men, women and children had crowded the rail to see us.

"I was standing in with a much better feeling of confidence than I had had for the past 12 hours, when a voice came out of that megaphone saying: "Hello, Mr. Nixon!" Wonder of wonders! There was Basie Bigelow, Ella Poppleton and their husbands up on deck with that wonderful crowd and all excited, and this is the explanation. This was a boat plying between New Orleans and Havana. T. R. Donovan, Manley Davis and others had shipped at New Orleans on a pleasure trip to Cuba. The captain of that vessel was a mighty good man. Said he would take us down about six knots, then we would have the wind in our backs and should steer across to good and all about three o'clock we doaked and walked on dry land, where every blessed one of the party said that they ought to be killed. But that night we had shipped out to Cuba. Now you may record for little Vol, that now he is on land he will stay there. Yes, stay there until he adds a "gator to his string. We had 170 pounds of red snappers.

Yours, Vol.

Nearly all the ice houses are filled," Elmer Phillips, of Bad Axe, is home on a visit this week.

Stewart Reed, son of Adam Reed of Southfield, was knocked by a horse recently, is very much worse and fears of his recovery are entertained.

The Baptist and Presbyterian churches have united in a series of revival meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lamb, of Detroit, surprised many old friends by a visit Sunday last. Ed is the same old democrat.

Geo. Bakleslie has just paralyzed the working community of this place by disappearing suddenly last week and Dame Rumor has it that the good man has gone to find him a wife.

Dr. Holcomb, of Southfield, who was reported seriously ill last week, is very nearly recovered and able to attend to his large practice again.

John W. Todd was offering unheard of prices for potatoes and even went as high as four dollars and nine shillings per bushel, last Monday, all day for red potatoes. W. Brayman is commander-in-chief of the Jo.

David A. Hammon, of Charlotte, and Ferris S. Fitch attended the first meeting of the new Board of Education in Ypsilanti Tuesday last week. They enjoyed the distinction of being the first democratic members of this board ever elected in Michigan.

The Birmingham Pedicab Club attended a séance at Claude Harris' in Troy last Friday evening and after the opera was over they adjourned to the masquerade at Big Beaver.

Mrs. Russell, who bought a favorable building site, is having erected a beautiful home on W. Brayman is commander-in-chief of the Jo.

How to Cure Colds.
 Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is a safe and mild laxative. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritated cold and inflamed membrane. Search as you will, but you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. It is the only remedy that is a guarantee of satisfaction.—Adv.

ANNOUNCEMENT
 On account of installing an ice manufacturing plant to supply Birmingham and vicinity with pure artificial ice, I have taken in as a partner Mr. Harry M. Winkley, of Pontiac, who has purchased an interest in the entire business.

It shall be our constant aim to continue the same satisfactory service in our milk and cream, ice cream and ice business that we have always given, and with longer experience and additional capital we hope to greatly improve our service.

Our quality needs no comment; neither does manufactured ice, as we know it to be absolutely pure, as will be put forth upon all the ice you want when you want it.

We intend to put forth special efforts to push our ice cream business and you who have used it know it to be as good as it is possible to make it.

I further wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Birmingham for their patronage, thereby making this proposition possible, and assuring you that in the future you will find the same courteous treatment and special efforts to please you and request that you report any discourtesies.

Our ice plant will be in operation by March 15 and prices will be about the same, and whether or not you do or ever have patronized our milk and cream business, we most cordially invite for the trade of each and every one in our ice business. Rest assured your trade will be welcome.

Geo. W. Wood,
 Harry M. Winkley.

ADVERTISEMENT LETTERS.
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- Dyer, Miss Hanna
- Davis, Elmer
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- Crawford, Mr. Rod, R. 3 (2)
- Cook, Mrs. U.
- Detroit Dort Carriage Co.
- Erest, Mrs. Lillian
- 112 E. Maple avenue
- Goodwin, Mrs. Mary
- Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. James
- Hovey, Mrs. A. A.
- Hodson, Mrs. G. R.
- 112 E. Maple avenue
- Seeley, Miss Lizzie
- Stewart, Mr. Homer L.
- Smith, Mrs. George
- Sleight, Mrs. Mary
- Sherman, Miss Clara
- Stewart, Mr. Homer L.
- Taylor, Char. O.
- Vincent, Clement F.
- Whitehead, Fred
- Wright, J. E.
- Herabacher, Mr. A.
- Young, Geo.

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- Leche, Mrs. Anna
- Selsinger, Mrs. H. G.
- Smith, Mrs. Mary
- White, Mrs. Lydia

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Natural Begining.
 When the man has occasion to put the family alive, the chances are she will begin with the small change in her husband's pocket.

A GRACIOUS ACT
 President E. J. Chamberlain, of the Grand Trunk Railway System, sent out an inspiring New Year's message to the officers and employes as follows:

"At the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new, I desire to extend to all the officers and employes of the company my best wishes for the health and happiness of themselves and families during the new year and to thank them on behalf of myself and board of directors for the loyal and efficient service rendered the company during the past year by all classes of employes and to solicit the co-operation of every employe in making the Grand Trunk Railway and its service to the public for 1916 the best of any railroad on the continent."

FOR RHEUMATISM.
 As soon as an attack of rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once. A great sufferer writes: "I was suffering for three weeks with chronic rheumatism and stiff neck; although I tried many remedies, they failed. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liment, and after using one bottle for three or four days an up and well. I am employed in the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ 600 to 800 hands, and they surely will be all about Sloan's Liment. H. B. Smith, San Francisco, California, January, 1915. See at all druggists."—Adv.

GARD OF THANKS.
 We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends for their kind sympathy and prayers during our bereavement. Interred our dear friend in our sacred burial grounds. Sincerely,
 MR. A. SCHULTER,
 MR. W. B. HARRIS,
 MRS. W. B. HARRIS.

Mrs. G. Heacock, of Brown street, is quite ill.

The advertisement of the First State Savings Bank last week was somewhat marred in the printing. It was the intention to say that your checking and bank accounts, which account what you shall, will be given every personal consideration. The Bank will give you every assistance in your endeavor to lay up a nest egg for the future.

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 Your prices by the dozen, and save money.

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 There is nothing amiss when Nero Coffee is served for breakfast. Every cup possesses the flavor and body essential to good coffee. You become so attached to Nero that nothing else answers.
Pleasant Valley Teas 50c per lb.

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Practice limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, PONTIAC, MICH.
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BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.
EASTERN TIME
 Sunday morning, preaching 10:30.
 Bible school at 11:45 a. m.
 Juniors at 3:30 p. m.
 B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.
 Evening preaching service at 7:30.
 Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.
 All are welcome.
 G. L. CONLEY, Pastor.

Good Groceries Good Health
 This is the place filled from top to bottom with high-grade Groceries—Groceries that are fit for a King. When your table is supplied with food-stuffs purchased at this place, you know they are pure-food Groceries. In fact, if there is anything in the Grocery line you want, and you want the best, come to this place and become a satisfied customer.

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PARKS' OLD STAND

Something Good
 The largest line of the finest Canned Goods and Prices that make every one a genuine bargain.
 We are headquarters for all kinds of Fancy Package Goods, made by The National Biscuit Company.

Pathfinder Coffee
 Delicious, fragrant Coffee, the blend you personally like—makes the whole day brighter. It is always uniform in goodness. Put up in pound cans, sealed at the critical moment of the roasting, to keep to your table all the luscious natural oil of the Coffee. Pathfinder Coffee is 30c per lb.

Easy Way to Cure a Cold
 It will pay you to keep Nyal's Laxacold handy. It cures a cold in such a hurry—so easy to carry that it's unnecessary to beg for treatment.

You aren't obliged to take many tablets before the cold disappears—It's absolutely no trouble to take them—no one lost and the treatment is not interrupted.

NYAL'S LAXACOLD
 Being free from quinine you feel no unpleasant effects—relieves the fever and pain in the head—acts directly on the catarrhal condition and relieves you of this unpleasantness. Absolutely tasteless—can be taken without water.

15 tablets enough for several colds—25 cents.

Whatever a good drug store ought to have—and many things that other drug stores don't keep—you'll find here. Come to us first and you'll see what you want.

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 Penalty of Progress. When we get telephones that can be seen through every window and which you look into the mirror before they answer a call—Toledo Blade.

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 Birmingham's Largest Grocery.