

VOLE'S ADVENTURE 25 YEARS AGO!

V. Nixon Wintering at St. Petersburg, Fla., Has a Thrilling Experience on a Gator Hunt.

Dear Mitchell: You told me when there happened anything worth while to drop a line. Now just watch out, and when Whitehead, Mills or Biglow have you down and out just open this little experience of mine.

You know told you that my ambition in a small way was to kill a gator. They all call alligators "gators" down here.

Now my boatman, guide or punter, whichever you choose to call him, is a character by himself. His name is Penopententary Pomeroy. I asked him how he came by such a name.

Last Thursday we were out as usual and found nothing after hunting for two hours or more, so we rowed up to shore and thought we would take a rest in the shade.

Resting on the grassy slope, my eyes half closed and looking out on the still waters of the bayou, I saw something float outside of the shallow water, which looked to me to be the back or side of some huge fish.

My thoughts ran all the way back to good old Birmingham and I wished Mills or even my punter was with me. Wishing could do no good, so I concluded to try my gun.

There lay within 20 feet of my boat a huge fish of some kind and its baby. It would not be possible to kill the big one with common backshot so I speared up my mind to fill the small one and blazed away. Now then, if you ever saw a commotion in the water, this was ahead of anything in Robinson Crusoe.

Was just getting ready to push out and gather in my trophy, when that mother seemed to comprehend my intention, and it was well for me that I had not pushed out into deeper water, as that huge fish left her dead baby, and made straight for my boat. Ugh! It makes me shudder now. That fish rubbed for the end of the boat, seized the bow in her teeth and in a twinkling had torn the stem out. Well, you may set it down that Nixon was up and doing. I pushed the end round into very shallow water and that fish again held hold of the boat, which was now held about six inches of water in it.

It makes me tremble now to think what would have happened if that fish had caught me by the leg. Just the same, am going to keep on till an alligator is hung on my string.

Your, Vot.

Our "Itney" Offer—This and So Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c to Foley & Co., Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Catarrh, for colds, coughs and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

THE LAST BUZZ LEGAL OR ILLEGAL

The Following is a Leaf from the Memory of Old Truth and Death Rattle of His Poetical Bug.

As I sit alone this New Year's eve and listen to the pattering rain drops falling gently down, my thoughts go wandering back over many, many years to my boyhood's early days.

Now this transfer, to my mind, seems to be illegal and, therefore, should be stopped.

Four Important Hours in the Daily Program of Every Well-Regulated Family—1,095 Eats—365 Sleeps Every Year

Suggestions for the Eats—Large cans Hawaiian Pineapple, 25c; Finest Peaches, 25c; Finest Apricots, 25c; Finest Bartlett Pears, 25c; Plums, 25c; Black or White Cherries, 25c; Logan Berries, 25c. Also Strawberries, Raspberries and Red Cherries, always the best.

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES

Services for Sunday, January 3, first Sunday after the Epiphany: Bible School at 9:45.

Morning prayer, ante-communion and sermon at 10:45.

Rev. H. J. Simpson, educational secretary of the Diocese of Michigan, will officiate.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF BLYMERT TOWNSHIP

I will be at the First State Bank, Birmingham, Michigan, Monday, December 20, 27, 1915. Thursdays, December 21 and 28, 1915; Saturdays, January 6, 1916; County treasurer's office, Pontiac, Saturday, December 18, 1915, and Saturday, January 8, 1916, for the purpose of collecting taxes for the township of Bloomfield.

U. P. Church Notes

SERVICES AT BIRMINGHAM Sabbath School at 11:30 o'clock.

Praying on Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock.

WILSON REID, Pastor BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

EASTERN TIME Sunday morning, preaching 10:30. Bible school at 11:45 a. m.

Evening preaching service at 7:30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

NOTICE

The taxes for Troy Township can be paid at the following places: Cutting's store, Troy, Tuesday, December 29, and January 5; Lamb's store, Big Beaver, Wednesday, December 22, 29, and January 5; First National Bank, Birmingham, Thursday, December 23, 30, and January 6; Baker's store, Clawson, Friday, December 24, and January 7.

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Young ladies in Russia are not at all averse to long engagements, and use all sorts of artifices to stave off the wedding day as long as possible.

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At this New Year's Season allow us to express our appreciation of your patronage, which has made it possible for us to have the most successful Grocery Store in Southern Mich.

You Did It

Your co-operation has not only helped us, but it has demonstrated in several instances that the public is proud of a place that stands for a "square deal." The year 1915 has been a good one, and we are glad of it. It is to be hoped that the year 1916 will be a better one, and that each and every one of you will be a little more happy and a little more prosperous than you were in the old year.

Our Guarantee

The policy of this store will be just the same in the future as it has been in the past, and we shall continue to give a dollar's worth of the best Groceries for every dollar paid to us.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at Birmingham postoffice for receipt ending the 8th day of January, 1916:

- Adm. Arthur Banks, Mrs. Bessie Boies, Miss Grace Bartles, Mrs. Nettie Wheeler, Mr. Ed. Campbell, Mrs. Martha Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin(2) Deby, Mr. and Mrs. Garven Me, Mr. and Mrs. Dutton Drubler, Mrs. Frank Esh, Mr. Clarence Haywood, Mr. Joseph Geiss, Miss N. Graves, Mrs. George McChelland, Mrs. Wm. Mashler, Mrs. J. V. Mayo, Mrs. Ella Mory, Mr. Emma Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Leary, The Riverside Randall, Mrs. C. E. Schneck, Riv. and Mrs. J. E. Toms, Miss Mary(2) Toms, Miss Gene Williams, Ned(2) Williams, Edwin S. Warren, Mr. Wm. 641 Pierce street. One letter no address. Young, Mrs. Fred

COMMENTS BY THE VILLAGE KNOCNER

A Birmingham window sign reads: "Shoes shined inside." Why inside? Shoes look much better with a nice polish on the outside.

TAXPAYERS, NOTICE

I will be at the following places for the purpose of receiving taxes: Town hall, Southfield, January 4, 1916; at John Currier's store, Franklin, January 4; at First National Bank, Birmingham, January 8; at Stoll Bros' store, January 11; and at First State Savings bank, Birmingham, January 13. One per cent until January 15, 1916. Hours 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., sun time. Dated the 24th day of December, A. D. 1915. J. E. MCKELLAND, Treas.