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MICH. HIS HOME

Edwin O. Wood Will Continue to Make the Wolverine State His Place of Residence.

The Enterprise last week republished a Washington dispatch to the Detroit Free Press, to the effect that Edwin O. Wood, of Flint, Democratic national committeeman and a candidate for another term as such, had accepted a position as secretary to W. C. Durant, and had moved to New York.

We are pleased to be able to stamp this report as false and as emanating from a source that is seeking to displace Mr. Wood as a member of the national committee. In a letter to the Enterprise received this week, Mr. Wood says:

"All statements made that I have left Michigan, am removing from the state, etc., are a lie, deliberately and systematically sent out for a purpose. All my property, my home, my interests, everything is centered in Michigan and will remain so. Seven-eighths of my time will be spent in Michigan. My home in Flint and the ties bind me to the Straits of Mackinac and Northern Michigan are dearer to me than all other considerations. I am a bona-fide candidate for re-election to the national committee. I have spent $50,000 for my party since I became chairman in 1904. This has been gladly, cheerfully done and I have no regrets. I am on the committee on arrangements for St. Louis and I have spared neither time nor money to make sure Michigan will have a leading place there. More than 6,000 Democrats have signed petitions for me, and these have been filed with the secretary of state. These represent every county in the state."

The Enterprise trusts that these statements from Mr. Wood will have the effect of causing his thousands of Democratic friends in Michigan to rally to his support and to carry on such a campaign that will completely rout the anti-organization crowd and show their appreciation to our member of the national committee who has so faithfully and so efficiently represented the interests of his party ever since he was chosen as the representative of Michigan's Democracy in the national councils of the party.—St. Ignace Enterprise, March 2, 1916.

The Eccentric most heartily and cheerfully endorses all said in the above statement, and after forty years of acquaintance with Mr. Wood, the first few years being strictly of a business character, we can say without fear of contradiction, that he is the "Man of the Hour," and one whom nothing can down. It is needless to say, that all Democrats in this neck of the woods are Wood Democrats.

Colds Quickly Relieved.

Many people cough and cough—from the beginning of fall right through to spring. Others get cold after cold. Take Dr. King's New Discovery and you will get almost immediate relief. It checks your cold, stops the racking, rasping, tissue-tearing cough, heals the inflammation, soothes the raw tubes. Easy to take. Antiseptic and healing. Get a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery today. "It is certainly a great medicine and I keep a bottle of it continually on hand," writes W. C. Jesseman, Franconia, New Hampshire. Money back if not satisfied.—Adv.

M. H. BLUNT'S AUCTIONS.

Lott Cavanaugh's big sale takes place on the Eleven-mile Road, two miles west of Woodward Avenue, on Monday, March 27.

Don't forget Peter Jonkovic's sale on Tuesday, March 28. See advertisement for particulars.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leet have a sale of a choice lot of farm stuff, including some blooded stock, on Thursday, March 30. See advertisement for particulars.

Robert M. Geddis has an extra large sale on the premises, two miles east and one and one-half miles north of Royal Oak, on Friday, March 31.

On Saturday, April 1, Thomas Pratt will sell stock and tools on the Woodward Farm, between the Eight-mile and Nine-mile Roads. Cars take you right to the spot.

Another big sale is that of C. J. & E. A. Cole, two miles east and four miles south of Birmingham, Tuesday, April 4.

After la Grippe—What?

F. G. Prevo, Bedford, Indiana, writes: "An attack of la grippe left me with a severe cough. I tried everything. I got so thin it looked as if I never would get well. Finally, two bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar cured me. I am now well and back to my normal weight. A reliable remedy for coughs, colds, croup. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

S. S. CONVENTION.

Bloomfield Township will hold their annual Sunday School Convention in the Methodist Church, Friday afternoon and evening, March 31. A good program has been prepared. Out of town speakers: Martin Verburg, George H. Kimball, Jr., Dr. Robert Harper, of Burma, and Prof. F. S. Goodrich, State Secretary of Michigan Sunday School Association. A cordial welcome to all.

CLOSE TO WAR

A Close Shave, but President Wilson by Patient and Clever Judgment Prevents Break.

The United States came within an eyelash of an open break and probable war with Germany, within the last 30 days. President Wilson had much behind what he told Senators Stone and Kern and Representative Flood. And it was not surprising that these gentlemen scared congress into a frenzy, when they, or some of them, repeated what the president had stated.

It was the closest shave by far that the country has had in all the controversies over the war. The issue hung on a single word. That word was "illegal." The president wanted Germany to state that she acknowledged that the sinking of the Lusitania was illegal. Germany refused. The president insisted. He had demanded an disavowal from Germany and it was not granted. So he was strong and unyielding for the use, at least, of the word, illegal.

Germany's final refusal was peremptory. So the issue was joined and unless the president gave way, there was nothing left to be done but call off further diplomatic relations and let events take their course. The situation stood in this deadlock all of one day. It seemed as if nothing remained but for the German ambassador to go away from the country, and this doubtless, would have occurred in another 24 hours, had not President Wilson's extraordinary knowledge of the using of words suggested a way out.

He asked for the best equivalent Germany would put in the place of "illegal." The German ambassador said he was authorized to say that Germany would "assume" responsibility for the extent of paying indemnity for the Americans lost on the Lusitania. The president replied that "assume" suggested that the proposed indemnity was to be in the form of a gratuity.

He could not agree to that. The indemnity must count as a right. He asked that Germany "acknowledge" responsibility for the payment of the indemnity. To this Germany agreed, and thereupon the dove of peace fluttered.

What the difference may be between acknowledging responsibility for the indemnity and admitting the illegality of the act leading to the claim for indemnity is something for the German government to decipher. Evidently, in the mind of Mr. Wilson, the difference is not enough to go to war about. In any event, it is a fact that the settlement of the controversy over the use and meaning of a word has done much more to ease the president's position than the failure of congress to exercise its just authority to warn Americans off armed belligerent ships. That failure, wisely heralded by the partisan organs as a great administration victory, left a situation out of which the president may work his way, if he has good luck and the disposition to do so. But it has not yet offered the touch-and-go peril of this very recent crisis.

Watch Child for Worms.

Worms sap child's strength, rob child of food and make child fretful, irritated, nervous. Watch stool, and at first sign or suspicion of worms give one-half to one lozenge Kickapoo Worm Killer, a candy worm remover. Gives immediate results; is laxative. Paralyzes and removes the worms, improves digestion and general health of child. Continue giving Kickapoo Worm Killer until all signs of worms are gone. 25c at your druggist's.—Adv.

Why go out of town for your Wall Paper, Paints, Shingle Stain, and other Painters' and Decorators' Supplies?

The PAINT SHOP of which H. George Field is proprietor, and C. Floyd Smith, manager, is in a position to look after your every want.

Their Wall Paper Stock is up to the minute in every detail with all the latest styles and designs.

They carry, also, an unusually complete line of Paints, Oils, Varnishes, in fact, everything a painter requires.

Guy H. Webber, who was formerly with Smith & Leisenering, of Pontiac, and having had an experience of ten years in the Wall Paper and Window Shadebusiness, is now actively engaged in the sales end of the business of the Paint Shop, and will take pleasure in showing goods.—Adv.

This May Interest You.

If you suffer with pains in your back or side, stiff and sore muscles or joints, or rheumatic aches, or have symptoms of kidney trouble such as puffy swellings under the eyes or sleep disturbing bladder ailments, you should know that Foley Kidney Pills have benefitted thousands in like condition. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Bids will be received at the postoffice, competitive bids from competent workmen for selling the posts and attaching the boxes for the collecting of mail about the village, to be used in the Village Delivery Service.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL,
10mar3 Postmaster.

SOCIAL A SUCCESS

Another Planned for Near Future, to Which Birmingham People are Extended Special Invitation.

The Ladies' Aid social, which was given at the home of E. B. Davis, of Big Beaver, last Friday evening, for the purpose of obtaining funds for an extension of parlors on the M. E. Church, was one which will be long remembered.

The proposition had been "hanging in the balance, and found wanting" in funds for months, and the progress had been all else but favorable, still they did not give up, but decided to see what luck might come to them on St. Patrick's Eve. Mr. Davis, having offered his assistance, with a promise from Reverend Chase to support his efforts, started the ball rolling, preparatory for the event.

Arrangements were made for vehicles to meet certain cars, and a nice, little program was planned, which was published by our ever congenial Eccentric editor. The publication caused much comment and wonderment as the program stated: "A Surprise by E. B. Davis!" His surprise proved an earnest, unique appeal for assistance from the public for cooperation with the Ladies' Aid, to secure the desired amount of finance to carry out the long anticipated plan. Mr. Davis proved himself a very able solicitor, and one not easily discouraged. If once passing the hat did not do, twould do the hat no harm to be passed again, he contended. If they objected to the hat, a check for $50 would satisfy. Little Blanche King rendered several solos during the evening in an exceedingly creditable manner, and when it seemed as if all purses were tied tight, and all had been donated that would be forthcoming that evening, Mr. Davis asked little Blanche to sing one more song. And the rendition of "The Harbor of Home, Sweet Home," by the little child did wonders! The dollars came like a storm, and when the amount on hand totalled $400, E. B. Davis had proved his surprise. It is stated, that this was the largest sum of money ever raised at one social in Oakland County. Mr. Davis labored hard and earnest, saying he would never leave the floor if the finance was not forthcoming, and he was as good as his word. His appeal came in various ways, to suit all classes, rich and poor, and all gave liberally, after which the program was nicely carried out and supper was served to over 100 persons. Mr. Davis modestly declines taking any credit whatever, and says: "Had it not been for Blanche King, the proceeds would have totalled much less and to her, all credit is due, as she proved what a little child can do." Also much credit for the success is due the Eccentric. Thanks to Mr. Editor and staff, also the public for their liberality.

Another social will be held soon, and Birmingham people are especially invited. Watch the Eccentric for date.

Dangers of Draft.

Drafts feel best when we are hot and perspiring, just when they are most dangerous, and the result is neuralgia, stiff neck, sore muscles, or sometimes an attack of rheumatism. In such cases apply Sloan's Liniment. It stimulates circulation to the sore and painful part. The blood flows freely and in a short time the stiffness and pain leave. Those suffering from neuralgia or neuralgic headache will find one or two applications of Sloan's Liniment will give grateful relief. The agonizing pain gives way to a tingling sensation of comfort and warmth, and quiet rest and sleep is possible. Good for neuritis, too. Price 25c at your druggist's.—Adv.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

EASTERN TIME

Sunday morning, preaching 10:30.
Bible school at 11:45 a. m.
Juniors at 6:45 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.

Mothers

Should see that the whole family takes at least three or four doses of a thorough, purifying, system-cleaning medicine this spring. Now is the time. The family will be healthier, happier and get along better if the blood is given a thorough purifying, the stomach and bowels cleaned out, and the germs of winter, accumulated in the system, driven away. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the very best and surest spring remedy to take. Get it at once and see the difference in the whole family. Its color will be better—it will feel fine and be well and happy. 35c. The best tonic-laxative pills. James W. Cobb.—Adv.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Frances L. Curtis, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Kleber P. Mosher, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and four months from the 26th day of February A. D. 1916, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate in all persons holding claims against said estate in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 25th day of April, 1916, and the 25th day of June, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each day, at the First National Bank, in the Village of Birmingham, in said County, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

ALMERON WHITEHEAD,
J. F. RUNDLE,
19-24-mar Commissioners.

Garrick Theatre.

Harry Lauder Plays Next Week.

When Harry Lauder plays in Detroit, in his eighth annual tour of the country at the Garrick Theatre, beginning next Monday evening, with daily matinees thereafter, he will have in his repertory, more new songs than he has ever presented in one program, and while it is quite likely that his audiences will demand some of the old favorites with which the name of Lauder is indissolubly linked and without which they seem to think no Lauder program is complete, he will give them a treat of new material, every number of which, according to reports from England and Scotland, promises to become as popular as the old ones. Several of the new songs, such as, "Bonnie Maggie Tamson," "She Comes From Bonnie Scotland, Where the Bluebell Grows," "Rosie," and "Jeap, My Jean," sing the fame of Scotland and its bonnie lassies. In another new song, "The Same as His Father Did Before Him," Mr. Lauder portrays the pride of paternity. Mr. William Morris, under whose direction the tour is again made, has seen to it that Mr. Lauder shall have a company this year, which is in every way worthy of the great artist, who hears it. Many of the acts of the big vaudeville program have never been seen in America before and are especially imported for this tour.

An Ideal Spring Laxative.

A good and time-tried remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. The first dose will move the sluggish bowels, stimulate the liver and clear the system of waste and blood impurities. You owe it to yourself to clear the system of body poisons, accumulated during the winter. Dr. King's New Life Pills will do it. 25c at your druggist's.—Adv.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First State Savings Bank

At Birmingham, Michigan, at the close of business March 7, 1916, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES.			
Loans and discounts, viz.			
Commercial Department	$158,224 36		
Savings Department	87,159 14	$245,383 49	
Bonds, mortgages and securities, viz.			
Commercial Department	$ 2,500 00		
Savings Department	264,341 16	267,641 16	
Overdrafts		347 22	
RESERVE.	Com'l.	Savgs.	
Due from banks in reserve cities	$80,816 07	$86,702 82	
U. S. and National Bank currency	12,881 00		
Gold coin	77 50	20,000 00	
Silver coin	1,345 00		
Nickels and cents	426 59		
			201,448 81
Checks and other cash items			8,540 88
			$663,351 68
LIABILITIES.			
Capital stock paid in			$40,000 00
Surplus fund			7,500 00
Undivided profits, net			3,052 35
Dividends unpaid			9 00
Commercial deposits.			
Subject to check	$152,590 50		
Commercial certificates of deposit	62,247 82		
Certified checks	1,337 91		
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,658 80		
Savings deposits (book accounts)	266,118 31		
Savings certificates of deposit	128,891 86	614,845 33	
			$663,351 68

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, ss.

I, Thomas H. Cobb, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

THOMAS H. COBB, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, 1916. ARTHUR C. PECK, Notary P. blic.

My commission expires August 20, 1919.

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FRANK HAGERMAN,
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1 lb. Tuna Fish, **20c,** worth 30c each.
¼ lb. Imported Sardines, **15c, 2 for 25c** worth 20c ea

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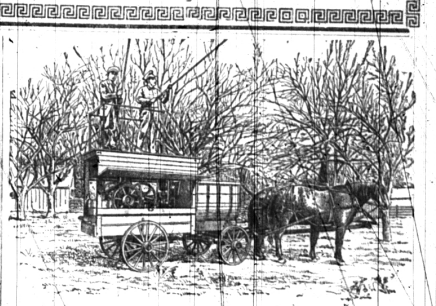

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If you did you have in mind the old blue bottle of cod liver oil and its taste and smell were something to be dreaded. Nyal's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a modern scientific remedy—palatable and pleasant.

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Kettle That Really Sings.

A Japanese inventor has provided an iron kettle which bursts into song the moment the kettle begins to boil. The sounds are produced by steam bubbles striking against musical metallic bars, just above the water.