

Devoted to Our Own Locality—We Labor for Its Interests

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Until Thursday, August 30

STATE FAIR TICKETS

Will Be Sold at 35c Each--Three for \$1.00

At the Eccentric office you can now buy three 50c admissions for \$1.00--a saving to you of one-third. Single tickets will be sold at 35c. Tickets bought now are good for admission any day of the Big Show. Free tickets for the kiddies, while they last. This sale is limited, and POSITIVELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER AUGUST 30.

NEW POSTOFFICE OUR CHAUTAUQUA ANNUAL RE-UNION HONORABLE DEED

Birmingham Now Second to None in Modern Up-to-date P. O. Location and Outfit Considered. Redpath Company Will Give a Fine Program Commencing Monday - August 27 to Friday the 31. The Twenty-second Michigan Volunteer Infantry Will Hold Its Fifteenth Meeting at Pontiac. Liberty Loan Bond Likened to a Share of Preferred Stock in a Gigantic Corporation.

Shortly after Postmaster Mitchell had taken charge of the Birmingham Postoffice, nearly four years ago, an inspector called, looked over the office and solemnly said to our village P. M. "Mitchell, you've got the rottenest P. O. outfit in the state. I will say there only two others that might be near your class, one of the towns is Romeo, and the other is in the thumb, I won't name the city." Of course Mitchell had to stand it. Soon Romeo was made over and then the thumb village, and at last after many trials, disappointments and tribulations, thanks to Elmer Huston and his business sagacity, enterprise and intelligence, the public has now a Postoffice, a location, and an outfit that does honor and credit to Birmingham. It cost Mr. Huston nearly \$2,000 to come to the requirements of the government, and while the cost seems quite startling at the outset, the years to come will prove that Elmer Huston's judgment is sound and business-like.

Like the United States to a great cooperation with more than a hundred million stock holders and with capital stock and resources of more than two hundred fifty billions of dollars, and an annual income of fifty billions, each American citizen is a stock holder in this great corporation. Even those whose only asset are their farming capacity own shares in our public domain and property and working on a profit sharing basis with a vote and a voice in the management of the corporation and with the right to acquire more stock at any time. A Liberty Loan Bond may be likened to a share of preferred stock in this gigantic corporation. Like preferred stock in other corporations it may not return at times, save a dividend as common stock, but the dividend from it is certain and sure. It is stock that pays 3 1/2 per cent dividend but the stock and dividend cannot be taxed, and while crop failures may decrease the farmer's dividend from his land some years to nothing, and various causes may lessen or destroy dividends from all other sorts of property, the dividend from the Liberty Loan Bond is certain and sure, subject to no failure or diminution.

The location is the north west corner recently built by Mr. H. and is a 55x70 room, well lighted and heated and in every respect modern to the minute. The furniture is all oak, finished light. New and expensive lock boxes are installed and only 200 call boxes. Having village delivery it is expected soon there will be no call boxes at all, mail being delivered by carrier. New cabinets for stock, lockers for wardrobes, new desks for rural carriers, new desks for village carriers, a modern dumping and distributing table, cupboards for stocks, windows each with money order business, stamps and general delivery. Large and commodious racks for parcel post packages, and take it all in all a most generous and serviceable outfit that is bound to be better for the public which will be served in better shape and manner than ever before. The move was made Tuesday morning. The first mail out and the new Postoffice was begun Tuesday August 14th and the work seems next to be moving right along as if it always had been in this location. The moving over was made and business kept up right along without a hitch. The location is now a permanent one for years.

Nothing makes a person feel older than disordered kidneys. They cause aches and pains all over the body. W. Morgan, Angola, Louisiana, writes: "Oh, I suffered with pain in my back. I am 43 years old, but I felt like a man 30 years old. Since I took Foley's Kidney Pills, I feel like a boy when I was 21." Sold everywhere. -Adv.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. FIFTH AND WILLIAMS. ROYAL OAK. German and English services every Sunday. German, 10:30 a. m. English, 11:00 a. m. English Sunday School, 12:30 p. m. German services every Tuesday during Lent at 8 p. m. Everybody welcome. Richard Seeger is ill.

Will Never Be Without It. No other cough medicine reaches the spots, soothes, soothes, soothes irritating, hacking coughs, like Foley's Honey and Tar. Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Brown, Branson, Mo., write: "I've been using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for years, and recommend it for children, I will never be without it in the house." Sold everywhere. -Adv.

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For Dainty Lunches and Picnics

- HAM LOAF, DEVILED HAM, BONED CHICKEN, CRAB MEAT, OLIVES, BEEF LOAF, POTTED CHICKEN, LOBSTERS, SHRIMP, PICKLES, WHOLE OX TONGUE, POTTED TONGUE, LAMB'S TONGUE, POTTED HAM, SARDINES

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SPECIALS

- Gorton's Choice Shoal Mackerel, new pack, 22c; Large 3-lb. can Spinach, new pack, 20c; Tomatoes, per can, 18c; Quality Corn, 18c; Large California Ripe Olives, new pack, 30c; Three for 10c; 1 quart Apple Butter, 23c; Pure Maple/Sugar, per cake, 15c; Sandwich Tuna, per can, 15c; Elbow Macaroni, 10c; Spaghetti, 10c; Good Salmon, 18c; 6 rolls Toilet Paper, 25c; 6 bars Good Soap, 25c; Toilet Soap, 5c; Graham Bread, loaf, 10c; Lady Fingers, per pkg., 15c

Our Canned Goods As well as our other Groceries are selected with the greatest amount of care. That's why we do a nice business. A clean store with fresh goods at reasonable prices, together with courteous service and prompt delivery is what we represent.

The Birmingham Grocery Staple and Fancy Groceries Fruit and Vegetables

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

CASSIUS E. WAKEFIELD, PASTOR. Sermon by the pastor at the morning service, Sunday, at 10:30. Union meeting at the United Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, at 7:30. Sermon by Rev. McKnight. Bible School and Men's Bible Class from 12 to 1 o'clock, Sunday. A welcome for everybody. Adult Class meeting at 6:45 Sunday evening. How the Allen leads the devotional meeting of Epworth League, Sunday evening at 6:30. The mid-week meeting for everybody Wednesday evening at 7:45. Postmaster Mitchell has appealed to the "Powers that be" for permission to leave the office open a few hours after closing hour which is 7 p. m. This would give patrons of lock boxes a chance to secure their mail any old time. P. O. Examiner Butolph of Pontiac and Clifford Hotelling, Assistant P. M. of Birmingham, Secretary, with Glenn H. Bingham, clerk of the Board, held a Civil Service Examination at the school house Saturday August 11. The Misses Parks, Lowry and Davenport, and Messrs Lloyd Symons and Ford Peabody took the examination. It was a busy time for all and the result will be known to the students in good time from Washington, D. C.

JAMES W. COBB PHARMACY

OUR CIGAR DEPT. Affords the smoker everything that is best in Cigars, Tobacco, Cigarettes and Smoking Articles. We make a specialty of this particular line, and keep our stock in just the right condition at all times. To get a smoke that satisfies in every way, make your selection from our stock. LAKESIDE LOTS We have a few choice lots on Lakes Woodhill and Oakland, located 1 1/2 miles north of Drayton Plains, ranging in price from \$300 to \$1,200. See James F. Sharpe, on the grounds, or OAKLAND REALTY CO. LEVINSON BLOCK, BIRMINGHAM