

IT WILL NOT RAISE

The Committee on Ways and Means Has Been Encouraged, Price of Eccentric Remains Same.

Yes, it's true and we are going to tell you all just why we do not make the change as we announced a few weeks ago, and thereby hang a tale. The orchestra plays a shivery tune and the red lights are turned very low, and we will tell you all the secrets of the why for.

Some 15 to 20 years ago the surplus money, generally called the "sinking fund" of the Eccentric was stored and kept in an empty milk keg. In "them good old Happy Days" there always was a good supply of the "coin of the realm, such as 50c pieces, one dollar pieces, and bills of one, two and five dollars were conspicuous. Everything ran along joyous happy and satisfactorily until way five years ago. Then a slow but sure change came about. The milk keg became too big in the way and in its place was stationed an empty tomatoe can. At the start this was crammed full of goodly sized pieces of money. Expenses had risen up quite a sizable sum, but no one thought of worrying until our old can ran low, and in place of the good old fashioned pieces of money running from half a dollar to a five spot, Lo! and behold! the pieces were 25 cent ones, dime, nickels and cents. And still another variation of alteration and modification bobbed up which looked bad, and that was the fact that the dear old tin can, instead of holding its own and keeping well filled, just slowly and surely kept losing its standing until last month the bottom was discernible and expense of everything greater than ever before. Things looked bad—empty can—big expenses, Liberty Bonds to buy and no coal in tin.

The committee met and decided to raise the price of this great moral engine from \$1 to \$1.50. The bill passed both houses without a dissenting voice, and things were a melancholy, downhearted, gloomy, depressed and lugubrious aspect.

Then a sound like a far off angel asked "Have you asked your subscribers recently to pay up? Jeopardized? Never thought of that sez Mitchell. We waxed and blew, about the matter, or even suggested that a contribution might help, and straight way these little yellow slips "Just Between us Two," were sent out at a cost of postage of \$0.17. A bright and gifted young lady was given the list with instructions that she send an invitation to one and all who were one year and over back, to all time due and one year ahead. Now we aahly thought this might bring in \$50 to \$75 in lots of one and two dollar subscriptions.

BY THE GREAT-HORN SPOON. Can you imagine what happened? Of course you can't, and we are now going to tell you how gloriously, splendid and most wonderful the result materialized. Nearly everyone who received a bill immediately sent not one or two dollars, but on an average four dollars. Some reaching as high as \$10. For while H. A. Parker just bouncer Woodward Avenue, carried the check for the largest remitter until the old Scout James L. Todd dropped in, paid six years back and four years ahead, and solemnly vowed (and we believe him) that he didn't know he owed a cent until he drew his yellow slip. The amount paid in now nearly reaches \$500. It has changed the decision to raise the price, as it will stand at one dollar the year as of old.

This is not the only change that the sudden and generous reply to our bill sent out brought about. It has replaced the old nag keg with its old time fullness of larger money denominations than in the ever before, and shows a balance in the Sinking Fund to run the Birmingham Peculiar another year and at the old price of one dollar, and we are mighty glad of it. We certainly feel as if our subscribers have made us a beautiful and generous Christmas Gift. We thank you. We think you. P. S. Now then, if those who have left haven't yet done so, now is the accepted time. Let no feeling of bashfulness, diffidence or hesitation hold you back. Help the needy. DO IT NOW.

THE ECCENTRIC. Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money. Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial pack containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley's Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—ADV.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES. Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams will officiate at services next Sunday. Bishop Williams is just recently returned from France where he went in the interest of the Red Cross. It is expected he will give us an address on conditions over there. Sunday School after morning services.

A STAR IN THE EAST



LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELP IT TO SHINE

Council Proceedings.

Joint Meeting Village Council and Board of Assessors, December 3. This being a regular adjourned meeting. President Clisbe, Clerk Harris. Trustees present, Brown, Daines, Harris, Parks, Trumbull. Trustees absent, Bailey, Board of Assessors present, W. Brown, Heribon, Johnson. Following session took place. Moved by Harris, Brown, that the assessment fee, for Ann Street Sewer be accepted. Motion carried. Brown was excused at this time. Moved by Daines and Harris, that bonds be issued for the deferred installment of assessment for Pierce Street Sanitary Sewer No. 6. Moved by Daines and Trumbull, that the Bonds for unpaid portion of Pierce Street assessment be brought by V.I. age, for \$1,000, sinking fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Harris and Daines, the Village borrow \$1,400 to pay Woodward Street. Carried. Moved by Daines and Harris, bills be paid as read. First State Bank \$2,801.12. M. Hunt, 48.00. Levi Allen, 58.50. No. 60, 28.00. Argus, 34.45. George Scott, 20.00. George Stephenson, 37.50. Mack Martin, 37.50. Charles Delong, 35.00. George Johnson, 35.00. A. F. Carter, 30.00. Miss Stanch, 19.75. John Hanna, 4.00. Walter Johnson, 4.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Harris and Daines, that note of \$1,890.05, plus interest, be renewed. W. D. Clisbe, THOS. E. HARRIS, President. Moved to adjourn. W. D. Clisbe, THOS. E. HARRIS, President.

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CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our many friends of Detroit and Birmingham for their kindness during our bereavement, and also for the beautiful floral offering. MR. and MRS. FRANK SHERMAN. Last Time. How manifold differs from day to day the best He can do and the most beautiful things it can enjoy without thinking that some day must be the last one and that last time is lost forever.—Max Muller.

GOOD FOR MOTHER-IN-LAW.

"Most that has been written concerning 'Mothers-in-law,' has been along the lines of division and sarcasm. We are glad to show a change. Here is a letter from Lawrence Wendall at Camp Custer to his wife's mother, Mrs. J. F. Wooster. So you see there are good mothers-in-law, if you can find them.

"MOTHER MING." Then I'll know that the halos began. Now Mother you can't do, more, more and night. Put Caroline to bed and then start to write and the Pontiac paper cannot be read. If you are to write me before time to go, but if Mother Mine would try and send oh say just one. "The 'gym' will be ready to hold classes in next week. M. E. W.

This Was No Joke. J. E. Culver, 103 Labor Temple, Los Angeles, California, writes: "I have had about 50 years of experience with all sorts and kinds of cathartic remedies—some good, and some a joke. When I got wise to Foley's Cathartic Tablets for constipation, I got it right. The best I ever used." Do not gripe; be unpleasant after effects. Sold everywhere.—ADV.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES. REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR. At 10:30 morning worship; subject, "The Things that Last." At 11:45 Bible School. We have a class and a greeting for all. At 6:30 Young Peoples meeting. At 7:30 a song service and preaching, sermon subject, "A Call to the Highest." At 7:30 Wednesday evening, prayer service. The Home-like Church with a welcome for all.

Old Sodar Givvs Recommendation. G. W. Wangelin, Commander of G. A. R., Piquetteville, Illinois, writes: "I highly recommend Foley Kidney Pills, which I prefer to all others I've used." Foley Kidney Pills give quick relief from backache, rheumatic pains, stiff, swollen joints, languidness, kidney trouble, and sleep-disturbing bladder ailments. Sold every where.—ADV.

BALDWIN SCHOOL

Board of Education Adopts the Following Rules and Regulations for Use of Auditorium.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Education November 26, the following rules for the Baldwin Auditorium were adopted. The Baldwin High School auditorium shall be for use under the following regulations:

1. All dates for the use of the auditorium shall be made through the office of the Superintendent of schools.
2. The public use of the auditorium shall be limited to approved educational purposes, but such use shall not be permissive to any organizations for their usual or ordinary meetings.
3. The use of the auditorium for dances is prohibited except as otherwise provided.
4. The group activities of the school shall have precedence in general in the use of the auditorium.
5. Four school parties (Freshman Reception, Close of Football season, Close of Basketball season, and Junior-Senior Reception) will be dancing, may be held each year under the following restrictions:
 1. Lists of invited guests and acceptable chaperones must be approved by the Senior High School principal.
 2. No person will be permitted to leave the building and re-enter without a pass from the Senior High School principal.
 3. No freak dancing shall be permitted and all dancing shall stop promptly at 12 o'clock.
 4. Whenever the auditorium shall be used for extension lectures or concerts, meetings of teachers, benevolent and educational societies for which no admission is charged or collection taken no rental shall be required.
 5. For all other meetings a charge of \$5 or more shall be made.

SCHOOL NOTES.

JUNIOR HIGH. Francis Kerr, Hazel Schultz, and Bertha and William Funk are new pupils. The new piano arrived Friday a. m. The 7th grade gave Chapel with the Senior High School. Rev. McKnight gave a very interesting talk. SENIOR HIGH. The teachers are very kind about chaperoning skating parties on the pond. Their kindness is very much appreciated. The boys are organizing a basketball team. The "gym" will be ready to hold classes in next week. M. E. W.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING UNCLAIMED AT THE BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN, P. O. FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 8. Moore, Mrs. Lena Chambers, Mrs. Wm. Dine, Miss Grace Fritz, Mr. A. Fisher, George L. Grier, Mrs. Bessie Bell Kist, G. W. Moore, Mrs. Genevieve Miller, Mrs. Hiram J. O'Connor, Raymond Ridgely, Mrs. Girt Smith, Miss Pauline Taylor, Mrs. I. Van Vliet, G. Garrett Williams, Mrs. P. G. POST CARDS Dine, Miss Grace Rasky, Mrs. Herman Persoff calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. CORNER BROWN AND WOODWARD. DAVID H. CURRY, PASTOR. Sabbath School at 2 p. m. We have a class and a cheerful greeting for you and yours. Preaching by the Pastor at 3 and 7:30 p. m. Messages that will aid you in the fight against sin. Young Peoples Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Forty-five minutes of song, prayer and the discussion of a timely topic. All welcome. Congregational Prayer-meeting every Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. Come in and spend an hour apart from the cares of the daily tasks. The Church where you may enter as a stranger but will leave as a friend, and where you will be helped, helpful, and happy. Captain W. H. Murchie of Fort Sheridan, called on old friends here, while on his way to Camp Custer.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. FIFTH AND WILLIAMS, ROYAL OAK. German and English services every Sunday. English, 10:30 a. m. English, 11:30 a. m. English Sunday School, 12:30 p. m. German service every Tuesday during Lent at 8 p. m. Every body.

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