

# The Eccentric

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### LEGALES.

**Friends**  
An official notice is hereby given that the legal notice in this paper has been published and will close on the date specified.

### Postoffice Directory

Eastern Standard Time.  
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GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Claude Reynolds of Detroit called on friends Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leet of Chicago are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Bruce.

Earl Mudge left Wednesday for Florida to spend the remainder of the winter.

We wish all our readers all the compliments of the season, and a very prosperous coming year.

Mrs. L. P. Wosier has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dennison, in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox have gone to Owensboro, Ky., to visit the latter's mother Mrs. Owen.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Greig of Detroit, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Green on Broward Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson and Miss Ida Olson (far visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hans Olson at Sheridan.

Miss Emily Walker of Shelbyville, Ky., is a guest at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Walker in Troy.

Norman Burnette, a sailor on the Great Lakes is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burnette on Bates Street.

Coal is a serious problem here and the heating problem sends goose-pimples and cold chills up and down one's spine just to think of the sky's situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brooks will pass the rest of the cold spell at Tampa, Florida, where they are now living on oranges, grape fruit and a few other delicacies of the South.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rousseau and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wilkinson, left their homes last week to pass the rest of the winter at Manville, Florida, where they joined with Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson at their Florida home. Success to all.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hendricks of near Clifford, Tuesday Dec. 18, a fine baby boy, almost a Christmas present. Mrs. Hendricks was Miss Lucy Ward, our late postmistress. Mother and family all doing fine, especially father Hugh.

If you haven't been a kiddie and watched old Santa with his electrical train of well loaded cars flying round the curves and over the high grades and through the tunnel, then half your life is gone. It sure is a great attraction and holds the older boys as well as the younger ones.

Mrs. Harrison Hamlin, age 74 years, died of old age Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock. She is survived by a husband, a daughter Mrs. Ethel Bunker, and one son Ray Hamlin. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Berial took place in Greenwood Cemetery.

The following teachers of the Birmingham schools have come to spend the holidays. Miss Nina McWebb and Miss Gertrude McWebb, of Cass City, Miss Laura Carpenter to Erart, Miss Josephine Hayden to Tecumseh, O. C. Cobb, to Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Miss Lucile Teters to Kenilworth, Ind., and Miss Iva Miller to Clinton.

A house owned by William Clung of Detroit and situated on Woodward Avenue about two miles south of Birmingham, burned to the ground one day last week. A tramp had been staying in the house which was empty for several nights, and Mr. Clung had ordered him from the place several times. It is thought the place was set on fire by him.

E. Z. Marsh, editor, being duly arraigned on a charge of having published a gratuitous half a column or more of matter for the Inter-Community Choral Society, and confessed that he had received no part of the further collection, nor any expression of gratefulness. Sentence was suspended on the promise by the culprit that in future he will charge for entertainments at the rate of 5 cents per line on first page, and 10 cents per line on the Home Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Olsen have gone to Cass City to visit relatives.

Miss M. E. Uresh of Jackson, is spending a few days with Mrs. Halsey of Willets Street.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Rainey spent Christmas day with Dr. and Mrs. James Miller at Farmington.

The first day of next year the Eccentric will join with both banks in enjoying a holiday—closed all day.

Miss Mina Ross of Ypsilanti is visiting her grand-mother Mrs. Hanna Ellenwood on Brown Street.

Mrs. Helen Benedict and daughter Clara spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Brodie at Square Lake.

Mr. J. Phelps of Farmington and Mr. R. Wells of Detroit, visited at the home of C. E. Conway, the first of the week.

The Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Monday evening with Miss Gladys Smith on Southfield Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Conway, of Wyandotte ate Christmas dinner at the former's brother's home, C. E. Conway, Bates Street.

Home to rent, one-half block off Woodward on Brown Street. Six rooms. Modern, all conveniences. See Mitchell at the P. O.

The Farmington Enterprise sends a pretty little Christmas Greetings card to the Eccentric. Thanks brother for the remembrance. "The [sweet to be remembered."

Marjorie VanNorman of the University of Michigan, came over Friday evening to attend the funeral of her great-grandfather, Z. H. VanNorman of Willets Street.

Sergeant Harry Belton of Ayrer, Mass., and wife, of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor were entertained Sunday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abner McClellan of Bloomfield Hills.

The Oddfellows lodge have elected the following officers for the year. Earnest Best, noble grand; Walter Denham, vice-grand; Harry Cockerline, recording secretary; Charles Hallock, financial secretary; C. H. Carter, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sears and three children of Royal Oak, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Leonard of Pontiac, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook of Detroit, were entertained Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner on Townsend Street.

Christian F. Speck and Fred Wilkinson both of Pontiac, pleaded guilty Saturday in Justice Campbell's court each to a charge of being intoxicated that night on a D. U. R. car. Speck was sent to the county jail for 45 days and Wilkinson paid \$5 and \$15 costs.

Some inquisitive inquirer asked last week why Bloomfield Hills people has plenty of coal, and a resident sends the following answer. "That's easy. It's because the recipient of such valuable treasure is a real benefactor of the Grand Mogul of the coal distribution."

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### CARD OF THANKS.

We sincerely thank each and all of the many friends, for the flowers and kind assistance in the burial of our father, Z. H. VanNorman.

MARGARET V. HALSEY.  
BESSIE V. CRANE.  
MARGORIE CRANE LEATHERS.  
J. KENNETH LEATHERS.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to any person who can prove to the satisfaction of the court that he has paid for the publication of this notice in any newspaper or publication of the kind, and that he is not a party to the same.

FRANK J. CHENEY, Notary Public.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of December, 1915.

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World's Largest Bridge.  
The longest wagon bridge in the world 10,200 feet in length, crosses the arm of Lake Fond O'Reille at Stand post, Idaho. It required 1,864,100 feet of lumber, 100,000 iron rods, 745 cedar, fir and tamarack planks, the combined weight of which was approximately 7,478,000 pounds.

Feast Ends the Case.  
Labor disputes are often settled in China by a chamber of commerce, and after the award has been made all the parties concerned take part in a feast which is paid for by the side which has won the decision.

Spike-Covered Mountain.  
There is a huge mountain near Pacheco, Mexico, which has the appearance of being covered with spikes. They are nature's formations of rock, the origin of which is somewhat involved in mystery.

In almost every particular the modern Gans is an Egyptian rather than a Syrian town. It is full of rich vegetation, and its many glistening minarets show up against the dull green of innumerable olive trees. Gans is still a city of old, a place of bazaars and caravans, and its bazars are still with traffic and filled with merchandise.

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### Between Right and Wrong.

When you're in doubt whether a thing is good or bad, don't adopt the opinion that it is good. If you cannot see a line of distinction between the two, till you find out better, look upon it as bad, says the Ohio State Journal. Whatever is good is plainly so, and if it happens not to be plain as to raise a question, regard it as bad, and turn from it. The work of the evil-minded in this world is an effort not to may black what is that gray is. There is much harm done by straddling a wrong. It is a favorite recourse in society and politics and it is doing much to destroy the consciences of people. You may depend upon it—if the heart is right it is always easy to choose the right way from the wrong way. The mind cannot do it. We depended upon the intellect to keep men in the right way they would land in perdition. A scholar has as poor judgment as a greenhorn if he doesn't count his soul. It is not a truth if a person cannot feel it in his heart. So, trust doubts to the heart, where love and good will live, and one will not go far astray.

### Tradition and Good Books.

Good books, like well-built houses, must have tradition behind them. The tradition of the good books is the Review. The Homers and Shakespeares and Goethes spring from rich soil built by dead centuries; they are like native trees that grow so well wherever else. The little writers—backs, who sentimentalize to the latest order, and display their plot novelties like banners on an advertising page—just as traditional. The only difference is that their tradition goes back to books instead of life. Middle-sized authors—the very best and the probably enduring—are succeeded largely because they have grasped a tradition and followed it through to contemporary life. That is what Thackeray did in "Vanity Fair." Howells in "The Rise of Silas Lapham" and Mrs. Wharton in "The House of Mirth." But back to good books—both the sound and those shameless exposures of the private emotions of ground-hogs and turtles, that call themselves nature books—are the most traditional of all. For they plunge directly into what might be called the adventures of the American consciousness.

### Quality of Knowledge Counts.

What is needed to elevate the soul is not that a man should know all that has been thought and written in regard to the spiritual nature—not that a man should become an encyclopedia; but that the great idea, in which all discoveries terminate, which sum up all sciences, which the philosopher extracts from infinite details, may be comprehended and felt, quote William James, "that quality of knowledge, which determines the mind's dignity." A great mind is fortified by its great thoughts, but the quantity of loose details, I have known very learned men, who seemed to me very poor in intellect, because they had no great thoughts. The quantity of an age does not consist in the amount of its knowledge, but in the broad and noble principles of which that knowledge is the foundation and inspirer.

### Hot Water Drinking.

A stomachicous treatment is often just as important as a rest for the organ, says Wm. Eastman in Physical Culture. The best ordinary method of stomach clearing is the drinking of a considerable amount of hot water. Not too hot. Just hot enough so that you can drink it with fair rapidity and take a considerable amount into the stomach in a short time. If you will drink a cup of hot water every five minutes until two quarts or more have been consumed, the result will be unfailing.

### Soap Berry Tree.

The Jaboncello or soap berry tree grows in the humid parts of western Ecuador. It attains a height of about fifty feet and has wide-spreading branches and immense quantities of fruit of the size and shape of cherries. The nearby forest is thick with the pulp surrounding the round black seeds so saponaceous as to be used instead of soap by many people of Ecuador, being equivalent to more than fifty times their weight of that material.

### Heavy Earthquake Shock.

An earthquake occurred on October 20, 1870, and was felt very sensibly over northeastern America, from New Brunswick to Iowa, and from the River St. Lawrence to Cincinnati. Some of the large stores and factories in New York city were so badly shaken that employes rushed into the streets. Further north it was less pronounced. At Montreal bells were rung in the swaying steeples of public buildings, and in Quebec the windows were rattled. Several of the public schools in New York were dismissed, teachers and pupils joining in hasty flight, the walls of buildings were cracked and furniture was moved from its place.

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