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## AN OLD TIME CHAT

### Hons. Geo. W. Porter and Geo. H. Partridge of Minneapolis, Minn., Pay a Visit to Birmingham.

One day recently, two fine appearing, well set up, prospered looking gentlemen, slipped into the Village Post Office and one says to Mitchell;

"Are you the Postmaster?"

"I am" replied Mitchell, "try me."

"How long have you lived here?" was the next question.

"What's your name?" answered Mitchell.

"Porter" was the answer.

All at once Mitchell came out of his trance, and quickly asked;

"Did your father, years ago own the old National Hotel?"

"He did", came the answer.

In an ecstatic manner, Mitchell joyfully cried, "walk right in, knock that cat and kittens out of that chair, kick the dogs out of your way, wait a minute I'll dust the chair out, set down and tell me all about what you've been doing the last 50 years."

Mr. Partridge, the good old scout, just stood and listened while the two who had been pals in boyhood days exchanged reminiscences.

The main point of interest hung on the event that occurred when these men were ten and twelve years old, and the fireworks went off in 1865.

In 1864 Russell Porter, father of the visitor, George W. Porter, bought the old National Hotel from A. C. Ellis. Mr. Porter and a goodly numbered family, came from Canada, and run the hotel for some time over a year, then sold it to John Daines in 1865 and moved to Dexter, Michigan.

While the Porter family lived here, George H. Mitchell and George W. Porter were boy playmates, fought, played, in trouble together, swam and fished together and were pals.

Being from Canada, one hot afternoon, the 4th of July only a few days off, Master Porter got a pound of gun powder and proceeded to show the Yankee Mitchell, the fun and mysteries of a Canadian Fizz-Gig. Going quietly behind the old hotel barn, the exhibition began, Porter being ring master and general manager of the affair. A square board was found, a quantity of the powder was poured out, a little water sprinkled on it, then a little more dry powder added—then a lighted match applied. It sure was a pleasing success—so far. Then it went out. Both boys squinted down over the board, Porter had put on a fresh supply, and was handing the bag to Mitchell, when,——B-A-M!!! the whole blooming bag fall went off right under their faces. It felt to Mitchell as if some one had dashed swiftly a handful of sand in his face, but on looking at Porter he saw his face was as black as a negro, and Mitchell said to himself, "B'gosh! I'm black too." Running to the old water tub where farmers watered their horses, to wash his face, finding it empty he skidded for home with clothing on fire. Now his chum Porter fared he didn't stop to inquire. Anyway at home, little Georgie was carefully wrapped in cotton batting, with a factory false face covering, and tenderly laid away by Dr. Ebenezer Raynale. For three days he was blind, but the Porter boy was the greater sufferer and besides being blind for over a week, for days it was feared he would not live.

The old hotel was visited and memory renewed to the visitor. The old brick school house visited, the Mill Pond and other remembered points of interest called up. After 53 years absence, Brother Porter had to acknowledge that "we do grow."

The gentlemen, Messrs. Porter and Partridge were called to Detroit as Commissioners on a question of International importance to meet other Commissioners for consultation, and next June at Niagara Falls, the question will again be discussed.

Miss Emeline Mitchell was remembered by her fathers old friends in a bounteous manner, and now her faith in Santa Claus, fairies and such, is more than doubled.

The gentlemen visitors seemed pleased with their auto call on Birmingham, but Mitchell hasn't come out of his dream since.

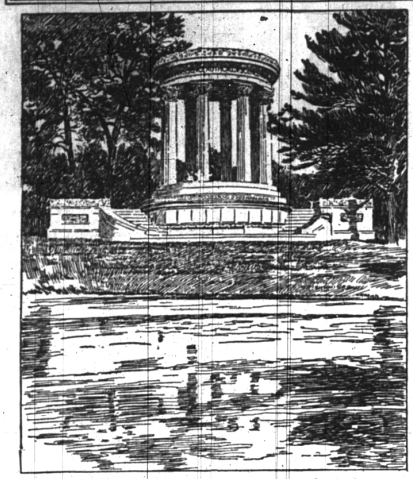

**Worms Handicap Your Child.**

Worms drain the strength and vitality of children, making them dull and listless. Their power to resist more serious diseases is reduced and energy and interest in play is lacking. Kickapoo Worm Killer is a mildly laxative remedy in candy tablet form that children like to take. It kills and removes the worms and lets your child grow strong and healthy like other children. Don't let your child be dragged down by worms. Full directions on the box. At all druggists', 25c.—Adv.


W. A. Fox, of Rochester, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Torey, on South Woodward Avenue.

A. L. Nique, truant officer, made a complaint recently against John Seabridge of Clawson, on a charge of refusing to send his son Robert Seabridge to school. He had his hearing in Justice A. W. Campbell's Court, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $15 and $6.90 costs.

## Unique Memorial Completed.



Mary Baker Eddy Memorial, Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

The beautiful memorial to Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, has been turned over to The Christian Science Board of Directors by Elbert S. Barlow of New York City, who held the contract for its construction.

The memorial, which is at Mt. Auburn cemetery, Cambridge, Mass., has required over a year and a half to complete. The fund for its construction, amounting to over $150,000, was first announced by the directors in June, 1911, and was some time ago fully subscribed. These contributions have been made as expressions of sentiment by Christian Scientists throughout the world.

The site on which the memorial is located is not only one of great natural beauty, but on account of its grade has rendered possible a more picturesque and interesting treatment architecturally than would be possible on a perfect level lot. The plot, which is approximately eighty feet square, slopes gradually from the level of the roadway to the lake with a drop of about ten feet. The memorial consists of a circular open colonnade of eight columns, resting upon a stylobate of three steps, surrounded on the front by a circular platform slightly above the natural grade, from which platform a double flight of steps leads to a lower platform at the lake's edge. The scheme has no prototype and is merely a screen of columns open to the sky, inclosing a flower-grown circle.

The material used for the memorial is Bethel white granite, the inscription in the frieze and upon the top of the pylons being of white bronze set deep into the stone work. The detail, which on account of the size of the reproduction is only indicated, is entirely floral in form and free in treatment, the wild rose and the morning-glory being used as the main motives. It is interesting architecturally to note that, while it is extremely free in treatment and not at all conventional, it is generally very classic in feeling. The extreme width of the memorial is about fifty feet, and the colonnade is eighteen feet in diameter. The columns themselves are fifteen feet in height and are similar in general character to those in the Clepsydra of Andronicus of Cyrrhus. The large pylons were exhibited at the American Institute of Architecture in New York a short time ago and experts pronounced them the finest pieces of carved granite ever executed. The architect is Egerton Swartwout of New York City, who designed the new George Washington memorial, the new Missouri state capitol and the new Federal building in Denver.

## MICH. STATE FAIR

### G. W. Dickinson, Secretary-Manager of the State Fair, Corrects False Rumors of the Fair.

It has come to our notice that there is a rumor afloat that the Michigan State Fair will not hold its annual Exposition this year. This rumor has no foundation. We are making greater plans this year than ever before, for our 1917 Fair, which will be held August 31, to September 9, ten days and ten nights. In addition, there appears to be more enthusiasm on the part of the exhibitors and concessioner than in previous years and I feel certain there will be a marked increase in attendance at all Fairs this year.

Inasmuch as the present needs of the country in an agricultural way are greater than ever before, it behooves each of us to put our shoulder to the wheel and make this a banner year, making our Fairs as educational and agricultural as possible.


**Don't Let Your Cough Hang On.**

A cough that racks and weakens is dangerous; it undermines your health and thrives on neglect. Relieve it at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. This soothing balsam remedy heals the throat, loosens the phlegm; its antiseptic properties kill the germ, and the cold is quickly broken up. Children and grown-ups alike find Dr. King's New Discovery pleasant to take as well as effective. Have a bottle handy in your medicine chest for la grippe, croup and all bronchial affections. At druggists', 50c.—Adv.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German and English services every Sunday.

German, 10:00 a. m.

English, 11:00 a. m.

English Sunday School, 12:00 m.

German service every Tuesday during Lent at 8 p. m.

Everybody welcome.

George E. Lusbke, a D. U. R. conductor, made a complaint recently against Bert Lester of Pontiac, on a charge of being intoxicated on a car. He pleaded guilty in Justice Campbell's Court, and in default of paying a fine of $10 and $8.65 costs, was committed to the County Jail for 30 days.

## BIG CONVENTION

### Local Pythian Sisters Entertain Four Temples at District Convention. Large Crowd Attends.

The District Convention of Pythian Sisters, convened in Birmingham Castle Hall May 16. The hall was artistically decorated with stars and stripes, which was very fitting for the occasion. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m., with District Deputy, Alice M. Cittler of Ionia presiding. On opening all saluted the American Flag, then all sang "My Country Tis of Thee."

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Ida M. Dawson, and the response by Mrs. Helen Stevens of Oxford. Reports were given from Flint, Lapeer, Oxford, Pontiac and Birmingham.

There were guests present from Ionia, Detroit and Delray. The noted guests were, Grand Chief, Addie Kemp, Tipton; Ella M. Jordan, Grand Mistress of Finance; of Detroit; Josephine H. Hall Past Grand Chief, of Hudson; Libbie Wolf, P. G. C., of Detroit. Vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. H. P. Saltzer, Reading by Miss Herma Reynolds; a vocal solo by Mr. Edwards; a piano solo by Miss May Green. Roll call found 78 present. The meeting adjourned. The delegates were escorted to the M. E. Church dining room, which was also decorated with the Stars and Stripes. Music was furnished by H. P. Saltzer and Dick Dewey, during dinner hour.

Afternoon session opened 2 p. m., with Memorial services by Ivanhoe Temple of Flint. Pontiac Temple exemplified the iniatory work, on two candidates. Flowers were presented to Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Kemp, by Mrs. Wilmett Wood. Lapeer Temple extended an invitation to have the convention there next year and was accepted. The meeting closed, after which all were invited to partake of fried cakes and coffee.


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## GREAT BOTANIST

### Samuel Alexander, Aged 86 Years, Dies at His Home in Detroit. Was Well Known Here.

The funeral of Samuel Alexander, the first student of the Michigan Agricultural College to enlist in the Civil War, and an authority on botany, with a continental reputation, who died last Tuesday night, toke place Thursday afternoon. Services were held in his late residence, 984 Hudson Avenue, at 2 o'clock, interment being in Woodmere Cemetery.

Mr. Alexander was born in Ohio in 1840, and came to Michigan when 14 years old. He was a student at the Agricultural College when the Civil War broke out, and immediately volunteered his service. His first important work was the carrying of messages from the Military Commander at Lansing, to Governor Blair, who was then in Detroit. On that trip he met his future wife, who is hale and hearty though 86 years old.

Because of his marked knowledge of woodcraft, and familiarity with the natural sciences, he was transferred to the topographicel department of the army. Though he never fired a shot during the whole waf, he was constantly in danger, fer the gathering of information and making of maps on the battlefields, often exposed him. Maps made by him during the battle of Gettysburg are now in the Museum in Michigan's State Capitol,

During the war, Mr. Alexander kept up his studies, always carrying books on botany and kindred subjects with him. When the war was over he continued his researches. He practically revolutionized the analysis of plant life, learning the name of a plant from its roots instead of its stem and flower. His discoveries in the study of sunflowers, in particular, brought him before the scientific world. He received and accepted invitations to visit Columbia University, New York City; the Stf Louis Botanical gardens and other centers, for the study of plant life, where he exhibited specimens, and explained his methods of study. His most recent discoveries were in the oak line. At the time of his fatal illness he had in preparation a book on botanical subjects. It probably will be completed and published by scientific authorities. Besides his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Floyd M. Dyer, survives.


**Cut This Out—It is Worth Money.**

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### AN EXCELLENT CONCERT.

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### ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham, Michigan, P. O. for the week ending May 19.

Capling, Roy
Kinney, Arthur
Kent, Mrs. H. B.
Leroy, Mrs. Lura
Maul, L. J.
Monti, Mrs. Albert
Stewart, Mrs. Bettie
Spence, Tyree
Tutila, Miss Ani
Wilson, Mrs. George

POST CARDS

Bell, Gerald
Dean, John
Moon, Chas. D.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Charles Toma, of Lansing, was a caller Saturday.


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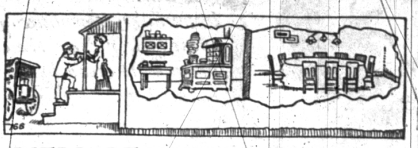

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