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LEGALS.

OF THE ERECTIC are announced when they have Probate notices published in this paper. By so doing they will be at no more expense than elsewhere, and will do us a great favor.

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Central Standard Time.

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N. B.—Instructions from the Postoffice Department to the Birmingham Postoffice read as follows:

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GEO. H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Distills are still going still—moving in the vicinity of Royal Oak?

Clare Aldrich has been a recent guest of his brother George, at Laport, Ind.

Birmingham merchants seem well satisfied with the holiday trade this season.

Miss Ann Young, of Merrill Street, was very ill with pneumonia the first of the week.

Mrs. Allie Martin, of Detroit, was a Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Thurlby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Staley have been entertaining Miss Zella Jones, of New Orleans, La., of late.

The annual holiday vacation is at hand, and is being enjoyed by the youngsters with the usual gusto.

Mrs. Hannah Ellenwood has gone to Calumet, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Ross.

John H. Fay, of Detroit, was Christmas week guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. George Field, on Brookside Avenue.

David Fleming is out again after his ten days' siege with the Flu, which handled him pretty harshly, but did not get him yet.

Influenza seems to linger around the vicinity of Ferndale, the Ridgewood School now being closed on account of both teachers being sick.

We have been informed that Private Virden Smitherman, of Birmingham, who was in the United States Army in France, died of stomach trouble on the 11th inst.

Rural Carrier No. 3 wishes to publicly thank those patrons on his route who so kindly remembered him on Christmas day. It was entirely unexpected and greatly appreciated.

Robert Grant and Clifford Hutton, both Birmingham boys, who were in the United States Navy at the Great Lakes training station have returned home after being honorably discharged.

Miss Leila Davenport, of Birmingham, a teacher in the Battle Creek schools, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Davenport on Maple Avenue, East.

As we are about to go to press we hear of the death of David L. Campbell one of Royal Oak's retired farmer pioneers. Mr. Campbell was a brother of Dr. J. L. Campbell and A. W. Campbell of Birmingham.

Title to Birmingham property owned by Harry W. Rainey was cleared of flaws in the circuit court on December 23, following the hearing of a suit against the unknown heirs of Elijah Willets and others. Witnesses were A. L. Moore, John B. Peabody, Harry W. Rainey and Frank Ford. The flaws dated back more than half a century.

Joseph B. Wilson, of 609 Ann street, aged 32 years, died of pneumonia, Thursday morning, about 1 o'clock. He had been ill with influenza for a week, which afterwards developed in pneumonia. He is survived by a widow, a mother in Detroit, and a brother, Private Andrew Wilson who is in the Canadian Army in France. The funeral was held this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery. Deceased was an active worker in the United Presbyterian Church, and Rev. David H. Curry was the officiating clergyman.

Very recent letters from young Donahue of Jackson, whose picture we printed recently, say: "On the day of the closing of the war, I, with a party of others, recaptured four escaped prisoners of war. He stated that he and a corporal were ordered to report for school, which he had done. In the letter dated November 16, he stated that they were leaving France within a few hours to go into Germany as part of the army of occupation. He was rather disappointed in not being among those to return to the U. S. A., says they felt very highly honored in being chosen.

Detroit is violating Federal law every day it continues on Eastern Standard time without sanction of the Government. But the city may easily adopt Eastern Standard time by merely petitioning the Interstate Commercial Commission, William J. Nagel, postmaster, states in a communication he has forwarded to the Common Council. He urges that the city petition the commission to be placed legally on Eastern Standard time. The railroads and the postoffice run on Central Standard time, Birmingham and nearly 1000 homes outside of its home by the illness of his daughter, Miss Emeline, and for nearly two weeks lived a romantic life, eating, drinking and sleeping wherever night overtook him, and still lives. Whitehead was quarantined inside of his house by the Flu attacking his housekeeper, Miss Sarah McCord. Mrs. M. Parks had the good luck to be included in the quarantine by being inside caring for Miss McCord, and continued as nurse. So Whitehead lived inside, catching up on all the self-premeditated reading that he has had in his mind for years, only he had figured on a broken leg or arm that would lay him up, but the new influenza, the Spanish Flu, won out.



We hope that by our transfer from the old year to the new we've exchanged the good for better. While the best is yet in view.

A Happy New Year to ALL!

Some Christmas blizzard on the 24.

Edward Smith, Jr., has returned from Ann Arbor to stay.

Donald Plumstead is back to stay, from Fort Scott training Station, Chicago.

Mrs. Leon Seager, of Henrietta Street, is slowly convalescing from a stroke of the Flu.

Mrs. Charles Moore has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Louisville, Ky.

Herbert Broughton is visiting his son, Turner Broughton, at West Lafayette, Ind., this week.

Miss Harriett Field is home for the holidays, from the Bryn Athyr, Pa. seminary, where she is studying.

We have reached the time referred to in the old adage "When the days begin to lengthen then the cold begins to strengthen"—"To be, or not to be?"

Miss Emeline McKnight who is attending college at Oberlin, Ohio, is enjoying the holiday vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. William C. McKnight.

Friends of E. B. Converse will be pleased to know that he was able to get over to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Parks, Christmas day and partake of the bountiful spread.

The grizzling elements did not dampen the ardor of the carolers Christmas Eve, and the festive Christmas tree added much to the holiday cheer which pervaded the atmosphere.

Rev. Dr. E. G. Warren, Superintendent of the Detroit East District, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday evening, at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thompson, and family, who moved here from Big Beaver, this fall, have purchased the McEtee home at 238 Greenwood and are quite favorably impressed with our little village.

See the difference in the "Flu" conditions of the old fellows, Whitehead and Mitchell. Mitchell was quarantined outside of his home by the illness of his daughter, Miss Emeline, and for nearly two weeks lived a romantic life, eating, drinking and sleeping wherever night overtook him, and still lives. Whitehead was quarantined inside of his house by the Flu attacking his housekeeper, Miss Sarah McCord. Mrs. M. Parks had the good luck to be included in the quarantine by being inside caring for Miss McCord, and continued as nurse. So Whitehead lived inside, catching up on all the self-premeditated reading that he has had in his mind for years, only he had figured on a broken leg or arm that would lay him up, but the new influenza, the Spanish Flu, won out.

CHANGE IN TELEPHONE RATES.

In announcing the proposed telephone rate adjustment at all exchanges in Michigan outside of Detroit, G. M. Welch, General Manager of the Michigan State Telephone property, makes the following statement:

"The present revenues are insufficient to meet the present expenses. In addition to the present losses, some wages must be increased. Since August 1st, the property has been operated by the United States Government through the Postmaster General.

The Act of Congress placing telephone properties under the Postmaster General's Supervision required him to pay the owners of the property a just compensation, but made no appropriation, so that telephone revenues must meet telephone expenses. The wage increases are imperative if we are to furnish satisfactory service. These increases must be met by increasing the rates. That revenues are insufficient is obvious to all. No other business has been able to exist in these times without increasing prices.

As a matter of fact, revenues have been insufficient since 1915. Dividends on \$6,000,000 of common stock were paid in 1915, but not since. Since 1915 expenses outside of Detroit have increased \$400,000 per year more than the revenue has increased. On top of this loss wages must be still further increased.

The proposed rate schedule, it is estimated, will just make good this increase in expenses since 1915. In other words, when the new rates are in effect, the property will not earn more than it did in 1915, and there has been \$2,000,000 added investment in plant since 1915 outside Detroit.

The 189 exchanges in Michigan outside Detroit have been divided into six groups, according to size and telephone conditions. The lowest rates are to apply to the smallest exchanges, and the higher rates to the larger exchanges, with properly graded rates for intermediate sized exchanges. It is generally known that the expense per unit of service, that is per telephone, increases as the size of the exchange increases. Likewise the value of the service to the user increases as the number of telephones increases. The whole problem of telephone rates is much simplified for the public, and the regulatory bodies, by the proposed plan of rates.

The rates proposed are lower than is proper, but an immediate improvement in revenue is vitally necessary, and the rates are purposely made low, so there need be no delay in meeting a critical situation.

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Adelle McKnight, daughter of deceased having filed a petition, praying that an instrument entitled "Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to said McKnight, the executor named in the will, or some other suitable person. It is ordered that the 20th day of January, A. D. 1919, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that publication of a copy of this order, for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the following named newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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South-bound—4:50 a. m., 5:20 a. m., 5:32 a. m., 5:40 a. m., 5:55 a. m., 6:15 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 7:15 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 5:45 p. m., 6:30 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 10:30 p. m.; also 11:30 p. m.

North-bound—7:15 a. m., and every 30 minutes to 8:18 p. m.; then 8:58 p. m., and every 30 minutes to 12:58 a. m. Locals, Birmingham to Pontiac only, 6:00 a. m., 6:22 a. m., 6:52 a. m.

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Birmingham, Michigan, December 9, 1918.
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Fred Van Wagener, administrator of said estate having filed a petition, praying that an instrument entitled "Last Will and Testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to said Van Wagener, the executor named in the will, or some other suitable person. It is ordered that the 20th day of January, A. D. 1919, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that publication of a copy of this order, for three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the following named newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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