



### The Coming of The Coins

F. A. Cutting is not as well this week. Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bell spent Sunday in Flint. The C. Sullivan house is for sale, also the L. J. Bell place.

Andrew Galloway, of Detroit, was a week end guest of friends in Troy. F. F. Smith, of Detroit, spent Sunday at his farm home.

Green Haddon and family have moved into the house vacated by Mary Harris. Quite a few people from Troy took advantage of the Dollar Day sale at Pontiac.

Mrs. Edna Lawrence was called to Pontiac Saturday on account of the illness of her mother.

Henry Cross, of Pontiac, 81 years old father of Sheriff Cross, called on his nephew, L. J. Bell Sunday.

Thursday about forty members of the Aid Society were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Ida Norton.

John Sherman is visiting in St. Joseph, Mo. When he returns he will work for Charles Case, of Rochester.

The long expected has happened: Perry Aspinwall is married to Rose Kandl, of Utica. Knot tied, March 22. Misses Sarah and Agnes Parker attend the meeting of the Inter-Community Choral Society at Royal Oak High School each week.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Phillips were surprised by a number of their friends. Among out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Materson, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Payne, of Highland Park; Mr. and Mrs. Bristol, of Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. C. Sullivan, of Almont.

A large collection of clothing and shoes was sent to the Army in Pontiac last Saturday, for the Belgian Relief Society. The appeal was made by the Oakland County Red Cross Chapter. Park Cutting is entitled to an especial vote of thanks on account of his generous donation of seventy pairs of shoes in all sizes, many of which are up to date in style.

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### A HAPPY CORRECTION.

Week before last this great immortal age printed, published and circulated to the world the following item. Word had been sent of the death of Joseph Rainey, age 80 years, who died of old age recently at his home at San Jose, California. He is survived by a widow and daughter, Mrs. Jessie Hancock, of that place. Burial took place at San Jose. Mr. Rainey was formerly of Birmingham and also of Pontiac.

After reading that item over, we dropped a silent tear and remarked "Alas, how fast we old 'uns are traveling along to that Bourne from which no traveler ever returns".

Our sad thoughts then began to travel back, back, away long back 55 years and we wondered if Joe Rainey, our singing teacher, still thought of the time he exuberantly tried to teach little Georgie Mitchell and Edgar Selick a song to sing at a public concert he was getting up for the closing exercises of his singing school.

After he had these two "beauts" so they wouldn't toe in, and wouldn't duck their heads, and keep their fingers out of their mouths, he taught them his very best to sing.

**THIS IS THE SONG.**  
I've gazed on maiden with midnight eyes  
And hair like raven's wings,  
Whose smiles could wake an angel's sigh,  
And whose love the lowliest could prize;  
But never yet was my heart inflamed,  
Till I met a maid I've named  
Blue eyes and golden hair,  
Blue eyes and golden hair.  
CHORUS.  
Blue eyes, blue eyes,  
Blue eyes and golden hair,  
Can you beat it? When the concert  
night came these two shiners couldn't  
be found.

Joe's alive and we are glad of it. If you don't believe us, read his letter and rejoice with us over the good news. San Jose, Cal., March 14, 1918.  
Whithead & Mitchell,  
Dear Boys:  
I read of my death notice in your paper this morning, and was very much surprised to find myself really very well indeed. You will correct, if you please, the mistake.  
I sang high mass at the Catholic church this morning and got along very well for a dead fellow.  
I will take this occasion to send my paper money. Hope you are all well.  
J. W. RAINY.

**CHIFF DWELLERS STILL EXIST.**  
Although the earliest cliff dwellers were prehistoric, cave dwellers have existed in almost every age of the world. The ancient Harites derived their name from their practice of living in caverns and subterranean abodes. An Arab tribe in Palestine still occupies the mountainous caves, and a tribe of cliff dwellers has been recently found in Mexico.

### EIGHTH GRADE EXAMINATIONS.

The next regular eighth grade examination for Oakland County will be held at Pontiac, Michigan, Friday, Oxford, Rochester, Walled Lake, Farmington and Royal Oak on Thursday and Friday, March 9, 10, 1918, beginning at 8:30 central time of each day. At all places except Pontiac the examinations will be held at the High School buildings. Pupils are requested to take the examination at the place nearest to their homes. Pupils are requested to write with pen and ink but paper will be furnished. The examination in reading will be based on the President's Message to Congress, delivered December 4.

Copies of this message may be had from the school enrollment cards after March 1. Section 2 of act 223 of the Public Acts of 1915 provides that all applicants for eighth grade diplomas shall be required, as a part of the eighth grade examination, to write from memory their first verse of "The Star Spangled Banner," and the words of "America." Pupils holding eighth grade diplomas or those who have completed eight grades of study prescribed in a city high school are eligible to draw free tuition from their respective districts if written application is made on or before the fourth Monday of June each year. Seventh grade pupils should not write the examination. Only those pupils who have completed the eighth grade are eligible to write the examination. Teachers must file the names of eighth grade pupils with the commissioner ten days in advance of the examination. Enrollment cards may be had upon application to the school commissioner. An average standing of 75 per cent will be accepted if the minimum standing in any one subject is not below 60 per cent.

The following schedule of the examinations will be observed:  
Thursday a. m. May 9—Orthography, spelling, arithmetic, written and mental.  
Thursday p. m. Penmanship, grammar and reading.  
Friday a. m. May 10—Physiology, geography, agriculture.  
Friday p. m.—History, civil government.

The above schedule must not be changed to accommodate tardy pupils. It is not desirable that teachers or parents should attend the examination with their pupils, but in case they do attend they must not communicate with those who are writing, nor sit with them during the examination. Every child should receive exact justice. Absolute honesty, fairness and justice must be observed and followed in all cases.

Early notice is here given that all pupils may be prepared for the examination. Spelling, composition and the correct use of English shall be considered in the marking of papers. Pupils who cannot express themselves in good English are not prepared for high school work. A record of over 80 per cent was made last year, and the commissioner believes that if every teacher will do her duty in the eighth grade pupils that record of 90 per cent can be reached in Oakland County.

A. L. NIQUE, J. A. WILSON, Examiners. A. L. CHART, Commissioner. By Order of Board of School Examiners.  
**Tall Tree Is Useful.**  
A tree that is 100 feet high is used as a powerful, long-distance wireless station mast in a Central American city.

Don't Listen.  
Other people's opinion of us often is based on the kind of things we let them tell us.

Rev. Charles H. McQuady, pastor.

**NOTICE TO PARENTS**  
Have you a son overseas? Have you a son in the U. S. service? We would be pleased to print their letters—leaving out the personal and home matters." Such letters would prove very interesting to our readers. Bring them in and we will do our part.

**THE CENTRIC.**  
Detroit Printed Lines  
Birmingham Time Table  
Eastern Standard Time.

South-bound—Limited—6:55 a. m. South-bound—Express Service—5:30 a. m. and daily to 6:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. South-bound—Locals—4:55 a. m. 5:20 a. m. 6:05 a. m. 6:40 a. m. 7:00 a. m. 7:20 a. m. 7:55 a. m. and hourly to 1:20 p. m. 2:45 p. m. 3:10 p. m. 3:35 p. m. 3:55 p. m. 4:05 p. m. 4:55 p. m. 5:55 p. m. 7:30 p. m. and hourly to 11:30 p. m. North-bound—Express Service—6:50 a. m. and hourly to 4:32 a. m. and half-hourly to 8 p. m. 7:55 p. m. and hourly to 11:22 p. m. 12:42 a. m. Locals, Birmingham to Pontiac only, 6:50 a. m. and 6:25 p. m. Birmingham to Pontiac only, 4:55 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. An additional leaves Detroit for Birmingham at 5:00 p. m.

**FLINT DIVISION**  
Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Oxford, Flint, Eastland and Inlay City, through Inlay City for Flint, Saginaw and Bay City at 8:56 a. m. and every two hours to 8:56 p. m.

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REV. P. M. MACKAY, PASTOR.

Morning worship at 10:30 o'clock, with special Easter music by the choir also an Easter sermon.

Sunday School at 11:45 a. m., with a special program.

Junior meeting at 3:30 p. m. to which all children are invited.

Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Let us go 'over the top' this week. A good song service at 7:30. Come in and sing with us. Baptism will follow the sermon.

The home-like church with a welcome for all.

### ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES.

REV. CHARLES H. MCQUADY, PASTOR.

Easter services at St. James church will be as follows:  
Holy Communion, 6 a. m.  
Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion, 10:30 a. m.  
Children's service and baptisms at 4 p. m.

Sunday, April 7, will be a day of observance of the nation's heritage, into the war, one year ago on Good Friday, April 6, 1917. There will be a special service for the time of war in the evening, with dedication of flags.

### The Nagging Wife.

In the course of our investigations we discovered that in some homes, although the wife was not dissatisfied, she nevertheless almost wholly to blame for the wretched conditions which existed, asserts the University Magazine. In these cases the husband was hard working and earned sufficient money from week to week to buy a comfortable home. If he possessed a comfortable home, but the wife, unfortunately, was afflicted with the densest ignorance of the art of home-making. In some other instances the home was made unhappy by a nagging wife, with a rasping tongue. One woman of this type appeared in the juvenile court charging her husband with neglecting her and her children. The husband offered no evidence at the end of his wife's tirade, which it was impossible for the court to check. "Can you blame me for taking a drink occasionally?"