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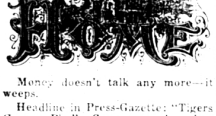

Money doesn't talk any more—it weeps.

Headline in Press-Gazette: "Tigers Cannot Pla." Sure enough, they can't.

Don't forget that Birmingham celebrates the Fourth this year as never before.

A capable man is wanted at once to put in windows screens. Call at Eccentric office.

Honest to goodness can you believe this? That woman shares man's grief, doubles his joy and trebles his expenses. It seems so in Birmingham.

And now our friend City Utica has Forditis. Henry was in the village one day last week and Clinton river went on a rampage and overflowed it—n'everything.

Col. Mortimer C. Bigelow was home for a few days visiting his parents. He is still the same old Birmingham boy and enjoyed his short stay here to his full capacity.

Don't forget the dan ôf the meeting of the board of review. If you have any corrections to make don't fail to appear before the board, the first days of June. See notice elsewhere.

Our office interlocutor wants to know how women can be so frequently arrested as "boot-leggers" when so many of 'em don't wear boots—or much of anything else on their-er-limbs.

A man out Rochester way dropped dead the other day while in the act of lighting his pipe, but no doubt the smokers around there will go right on smoking in spite of the dreadful example.

Belleville recently held a special election on the question of bonding that village for the laying of cement pavement on one of the streets, and the proposition carried, with only five dissenting votes cast.

Last heard from Robert Hutchinson from Ann Arbor where he has gone for the Pasteur treatment, after being bitten by the dog we told about last week he is enjoying himself in the university city and hopes to return soon all right and safe.

Many men spend more money on expensive caskets, flowers, and emblems of mourning than they ever spent on their poor, loving, self-sacrificing mothers for many years while alive. Men who, perhaps, never thot of carrying flowers to their mother in life, pile them high on their coffins.

There is no happier nor more cozy picture of home life than the little family group gathered about the evening lamp, while some member of it reads aloud. These evening readings can be made educational and develop in many ways, which the eager feminine mind, eager for improvement will easily devise.

Clarence L. McKinnon, son of Archibald McKinnon our worthy townsman, just home from "over there" after two years service with the Canadian 116th Regiment, is visiting his father here and having a real good time and it is enjoyed by Mr. McK. Sr. about as much as the boy enjoys his change after the war. Mr. Clarence is a musician, a cornetist of some note and has appeared before Birmingham audiences several times and his entertaining is of the first order. He is enjoying Birmingham society and they are all enjoying the visiting soldier boy.

Lloyd Peck, son of Seeley Peck, is home from the war "over there." He served with a Canadian regiment and has seen nearly two years of active service. He went through it all without any harm. He is accompanied with a Buddie who went away with him and returned also without a scratch. Good boys. Good luck.

No boy goes out from the Home Circle without a sense of loss. For a time, at least, the motherly presence is sadly missed, the sisterly affection warmly cherished. Then if the mother's letters reach him often, filled with all that a mother most eloquently expresses, love, hopefullness and prayer, he is still surrounded by a holy influence.

Total expenses of the United States government during the war period, General March announced today were approximately $23,363,000,000. The normal expenditures of the government for the same period would have been $2,069,000,000. Expenses due directly to the war were estimated at $21,294,000,000, of which the army spent $14,000,000,000.

Quite a number of states at least threaten to pass state income tax laws similar to the one recently passed in New York. The Empire State law will produce $50,000,000 a year revenue. The man who pays the tax merely adds it to the cost of living or the cost of doing business. In the end all taxes and increased costs are paid in full by the innocent and harmless consumer, who gets soaked so often that he must begin to like it.

William H. Hunt is selling the Nash auto and his last purchaser is the 40th of these splendid machines. Is Dr. Geo. P. Rayhale. It sure is a beauty and is said to be still better than it looks. If it is no fault can ever be found with it. Mr. Hunt has not already sold of this make of an auto, but is bothered to get it from the factory and the delay is painful to the hungry buyers who all want their first.

Tom Cooper, of Bay City, Mich., a veteran telegrapher of the Western Union Co., made us a pleasant call the other day. When we first began to learn telegraphing 45 years ago, "Tom" was manager then at Bay City and over the wire gave us many a good lecture as to who constituted a good operator, and we have remembered it all. He was here on a short visit with his relatives, Mr. W. C. Jenks and family.

Fen T. Watkins has gone to Amherstburg, Ontario, and from there will operate his bowling business at Boo-Lo as usual. The outlook for the season never was better. He tells us every day from the opening day to the very last day is spoken for already for some Sunday school picnic or some Society gathering. This makes it a sure season for the Yankee boy among the Cannibals, oh no, Canadians. Here's to U.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" asked a Funston army surgeon as he passed the bed of a convalescent doughboy a recent morning. "Yes, doctor," said the other; "I've been lying here wantin' to know, if, when one doctor doctors another doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor the doctor as the doctor wants to be doctored or does the doctor doing the doctoring doctor the other doctor as the doctor doing the other doctor as the doctor doctored wants to doctor him?"

While the editor of a certain newspaper was away from home for awhile he left the paper in charge of a minister of the gospel. During the minister's stay in the office the following letter came from a subscriber: "I know very well that I paid my subscription to your paper the last time I was in your office. If I get any more letters from you as I received last week I will come in and mash your head." The minister answered the note like this: "I have been trying to get that out of the editor for ten years. If you will come down and mail it out of him, there would be a big surprise party members of my church I will let you operate on."—Exchange.

Ah, There. Here we have it at last. Jules Verne's dreams are being realized just as fast as possible. Submarines are common. A flight to the moon has been figured out. But this is a Reality. Postmaster Mitchell has received this notice, officially from the department, Washington, D. C. "Postmasters are advised that regular mail service, daily except Sundays to be established between Chicago and Cleveland, effective May 15th, 1919, will advance carrier delivery of letters at Cleveland, O. and Boston, Mass. 10 hours, and at Albany and New York, and Springfield, Mass. from connections at Chicago. There you are. A daily mail service in active operation by our old good Uncle Samuel, by aeroplane.

A large truck belonging to the Swan Trucking Co. and loaded with part of a Ferris wheel, some peanut roasters and corn poppers, novelties, etc., belonging to a carnival company en route to Pontiac for the show caught fire on Woodward ave just north of Oakland avenue about 11 on Monday and in spite of a two-minute service of Birmingham's volunteer fire department a loss estimated at $3,000 was entailed. Some of the members of the carnival company were sleeping on top of the load and narrowly escaped being burned alive. The fire called out a crowd that would have gladdened the hearts of any carnival promoters under other and more favorable circumstances, and the citizens of Birmingham were entertained by a sight more unusual than is usually seen at carnival performances. Some of our citizens aver that there was a cargo of snakes included in the load and since the population of Birmingham has ceased to see snakes except when they are actually present we presume there may have been a few man eating boas and pythons as they are inseparable from all good carnivals and should have been included anyway. If they were not there it is the fault of the carnival people as I not of the Birminghamers. However, no one was bitten by the snakes who must have had a very warm time of it at least.

UNAVOIDABLY OMITTED LAST WEEK.

Fred Hoteling visited Mabel Gardner in Pontiac, Monday.

Mabel Gardner, of Pontiac, called in Birmingham Saturday.

A. L. Prosser and family attended the parade in Detroit Monday.

Mr. Edgar McBride and family are home from the south. We welcome them.

T. C. Hoteling, wife, June, Marguerite and S. H. Wilkinson, motored to Ann Arbor Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to announce that our old time friend, Wm. H. Smith, has decided finally to reñiain in Birmingham and still be with us.

E. Ferguson has traded his property on south Woodward avenue for a store building at Freeland, Mich., which was owned by Touff Brothers.

Corp. Alvie Currin of this place, who is in the United States army and who has just returned from France, but who is now stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., is home on a furlough.

James Ransier, of this place, while driving his automobile on South Woodward avenue, Friday, skidded on the pavement and ran into a telephone pole. He was uninjured, but the machine was badly damaged.

Last week the amount of bail for Barney Childers was reduced from $2,000 to $1,000. He was furnished and the man released. He had been in jail since Jan. 12, pending his trial. He is accused of embezzling from the Mellen Wright Lumber Co. of Royal Oak.

J. Mel. Henning is at the Pontiac hospital slowly but surely recovering from an operation for appendicitis by Dr. George P. Raynale successfully performed. From the latest reports we hear our time friend will soon be around just as good as ever but minus his vermiform appendix but then we will love him just the same. Hey, boy?

Mrs. Samuel Groves, age 75, fell in her home one morning recently, breaking her hip bone. On account of her heart no anesthetics could be given and the sufferer had to submit to its replacement, and the pain ever since without one bit of quieting medicine. It is a wonder that she still lives but she does and is slowly recovering. We hope to report a complete recovery in good time.

Starting with a Military Ball on the night of Thursday, May 22, Lake Orion opens for the season. Decoration Day will be observed in the way of a Victory Celebration with the boys returned from service being treated to a barbacued ox dinner together with their wives or sweethearts. Plans are made for a good time for everybody and there is promised something doing every minute. The season will see numerous new features at this already live and progressive resort.

Girls, listen to this. Miss Ethel Bassett, pharmacist at the Shain Rexal Pharmacy, now a full-fledged Druggist, with a capital "D" attended a State Convention of the Rexal Druggists at Grand Rapids, Mich., one day last week. All members were given five minutes to stand up and tell something in the line that could benefit all present and help the Rexal sales and how they did it. Miss Bassett rose up and gave them a talk inside of the stated time without being ruled by the chairman for over-time speaking and won the $10 gold piece offered for the best talk. That is the talk that pays both the talker and the store owner. Rah for Miss Ethel.

Did you go to Detroit last Sunday or Monday and see the Red Arrow boys? If you did not go you must be the only one for it was the greatest gathering ever had in Detroit. The Mayor issued a Proclamation for a holiday, public buildings closed and grand Parade was given by the boys and enjoyed by all. Free everything for the returned soldiers, who was provided with a key to the city, and had free tickets to all theaters, free rides to Belle Isle, a dance on the Boulevard and a girl furnished if he had none. Can you beat it? Detroit did herself proud on that great day which was Monday last. The boys after the opera went on to Camp Custer to be mustered out. God bless them.

Miss Mary E. Lyon with Miss Watters are on the east coast touring. Word from the good ladies they were settled in Boston town, Mass., seeing the sights. They had made many visits along the line mostly in New York state, where Miss Lyon's folks, the old home towns of her father and mother, when they were young and before emigrating to the wilds of Michigan many years ago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Randall, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. Cora Nichols and two children, arrived home Wednesday, from their late home in Nebraska. Mrs. Randall, who has been a great sufferer from an attack of sciatica rheumatism on the lone and lonesome trip very well and all landed in old Birmingham some tired yet happy to be here once more.

All those who used to "Yell it to Tom Collins" will recall Petroleum V. Nasby, whose nostoffice address was "Confederate X Roads," which is in the state of Kentucky. He was also known as a wheelbarrow in going to market, but it took both his supples but to carry the greenbacks necessary to purchase his breakfast. It is getting so that is poor mortals must do likewise.

The Junior Class of the Baldwin High school gave a very interesting play in the Baldwin Auditorium last Friday evening. The play "Much Ado About Betty" was placed on the boards in a very gratifying manner, that won many rounds of applause from the large audience in attendance. There were 21 actors and three acts. Miss Margeline Parmenter, as Betty, a moving star, was undoubtedly the star. She had 20 as istants to make the play go, and they all did their parts in a most amusing and alluring style. The receipts were way up and so the class are well sat. fied with the result.

Miss Grace V. Ashfowe, the popular violin and piano instructor of Highland Park, formerly of Notre Dame, lives a recital Tuesday, June 17. Her program embraces 22 numbers.

The Brotherhood of the Methodist church entertained their friends at the church Monday night last. It was a grand affair. The Normal Training school of ladies were in attendance and entertained vocally and instrumentally to the satisfaction of all present, and no one was better pleased than Brother E. E. Cowan who was master of ceremonies. After the entertainment a banquet was served and the participants are yet talking of the roast neck, strawberry short cake, and many other delicacies of the season too numerous to mention. It was a grand success every way, both financially and socially.

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