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Now that the annual Village election of officials is past and everyone is satisfied, wouldn't it have been much better had a greater number of voters turned out at the polls for such an occasion? Think of it! Only 31 ballots were signed—marked evidence of the fact that many Birminghamers are a bit lax in their civic devotions. It is true that only one name was needed to support the petition of each of the officials who ran for office; that no opposition was in the field was known to all—but, and this is vital to the community's interests, how much better would the men elected for office feel if they knew that every voter in the town had turned out in admiring support of their candidacy? How much better would our Village be a year from now if these officials really knew that everyone whose interests they are pledged to watch for were behind them at the election? It is a lamentable fact that Birmingham records show but 31 votes cast on March 8. It is to be hoped that, next year, whether but one man or fifty run for the same office the entire community will sally forth on election day and put their approval to the ballot that places a man in office—indeed how much better would they feel? Think it over, Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham.

The truth of that old axiom, "The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Rules The World", was eloquently demonstrated last Saturday afternoon in the Baldwin auditorium when Republicans nominated for their choice of Township treasurer in the coming election, Mrs. Martha Dewey Wilson.

Bloomfield Township might be proud of the fact that more than 150 of her feminine residents gathered at the caucus—a thing that unwittingly solicited admiration from the 250 men who were also there for a similar reason.

"A small blade of grass, waving in the wind, doesn't mean much—save that it shows which way the wind blows." The result of many years of campaigning for the cause of woman suffrage is aptly shown in the choice that local voters made for a nominee, namely that women are to play a large part in the future of America.

Whether the choice of a nominee made last Saturday was a wise one remains to be seen as time rolls along—but, withal, Mrs. Martha Dewey Wilson no doubt feels the great honor done her by her fellow-citizens, and will, beyond a reasonable doubt, prove to the extreme satisfaction of Bloomfield Township that women, as well as men, are able to handle the affairs of State. Perhaps, in the years to come, another Mrs. Martha Dewey Wilson may startle the world by her nomination to run for the office of President—Who knows?

ECCENTRIC-ITIES

After April 1st there will be no more beer in Birmingham—the land of the present director of the Eccentric at least—unless that will make about four in Birmingham. (I was remember the saying of George R. Averill.)

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It appears that everyone turns a Wolf over for the referendum of the Dry Law, with which we wouldn't mix such a quartette.

No wonder Eastern cities require amendments to the prohibition law who was it said, "Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink"—had the ocean isn't fresh water.

The Republican caucus made it plain very emphatically to the women of the township that voting is a privilege as well as a duty—the choice for Township treasurer proved that women do vote together.

Will some kind person please call to the local officers that some sort of aid should be rendered the small sanitary drinking fountains at the corner of Woodward and Maple trees? From all observations evidence the fountain in question is sadly afflicted with some kind of infantile paralysis.

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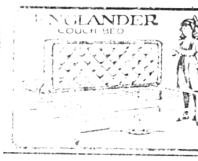

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