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OUR CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER TO PARKS.

San Francisco, May 13, 1921.
The Birmingham Eccentric is a newspaper at a distance of 3,000 to 5,000 miles from the Editor's sanctum, you have never been thinking of coming here. You have had an election without consulting the one who would be consulted by Birmingham wants. You have had the "Omission" form of government for the past several years while you supposed you were getting for the Commission. Now it is up to the new officers to do something, which is already a high enough. These politicians are servants of the people who are sent for office, but, too often, get tired from so much running, and forget what they are elected for. The action needed is not before election.

I have bathed so often since I would not get much chance when I got home, but my friends won't know me. I don't have any more water to sprinkle his garden than he bought last Fall, and his son went to go without carrots and approach, and get grow up at all, and then someone will get killed. This is not a man going to start a "Cinder party" for President" club, and elect some one who is known and will do it. Take the U. S. R., for instance, they reduce wages, but are not lowering the cost of the people of our fair city. What is wanted is big mentally—they need no brains physically, but they need brains and not men when they shake their heads, rattling around, and you think it is a fire alarm, while it is mostly smoke. I see that you are going to the school house on the East side. This is well, but we should not forget that fine buildings do not make great scholars. Many of the greatest minds that the world has ever known never saw a brick school.

WOODWARD TRAFFIC

If an automobile were being impelled along Woodward avenue between Pontiac and Detroit, and because of tire, engine or any other trouble, it became necessary to stop—how much better for both the driver of the crippled vehicle and the drivers of other passing vehicles would it be if the crippled car were to drive off the main road, and into a side street? The ever imminent danger to all parties would be minimized as far as humanly possible. This is the essence of the suggestion made at a recent meeting of the Birmingham Civic Association—and we believe it a good one.

There are almost numberless places along the west side of Woodward avenue where an automobile could be parked without remaining on the south right-of-way of traffic. It is true that, in some places, the motorist would be required to dig up several hundred feet to find a suitable spot to park his car—but the accomplishment of this would not seriously injure a tire that had gone flat, and flat tires are the cause of most of the stops along Woodward avenue.

It is a highly precarious position for a motorist to occupy—this changing a tire while remaining on the right-of-way of passing vehicles. The death and injury toll each year along Woodward avenue is tremendous. A great part of it is avoidable. There is a reasonable remedy.

Why can't the Oakland County Road Commissioners, take the necessary action to pass some sort of an ordinance of law, making it illegal for any motorist, when he finds it necessary to stop for repairs, to remain on the right-of-way? This should be very easy and would probably meet with the ready willingness of the people.

Drivers going north could easily detour to the west side of the avenue and park in the same place that southern-bound vehicles would. Let's hear from our Commissioners on this suggestion—its merit cannot be questioned.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNNS

Forty-Four Years Ago
A lady in town last week was looking for McEwen, the painter, George, where are you?

Someone in town has stolen a bell, and if it can be found out that party is he, and not the bell, will be rung.

By a peculiar construction of the tin tubes and a new system of tying the strings, Joe Stockwell has the best telephone set erected in town.

Mr. J. Nichol of Farmington, committed suicide by cutting his throat last Tuesday. This is the third attempt he has made and undoubtedly will not try again. Rev. Needham preached the funeral sermon at a school house in the vicinity.

Mrs. S. W. Baker of Bloomfield Center, was found dead by her husband when he returned from work. A coroner's jury determined that she had taken an overdose of medicine.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
Hon. Byron G. Stout of Pontiac, died at his home Friday evening, following a long illness. The deceased had been a prominent banker there.

Ice cream at 80 cents per gallon. House to rent—eight rooms, good location, with necessary outbuildings, city water, etc., \$12 per month. Will sell the place for \$1,700. ("Then wuz the happy days.") Four big holes bored through the back door of F. Blakelee's dry goods store was mule proof that weeked burglars tried to rob the place.

"PRESS PICKINGS"
Mrs. Sarah Van Housen, aged 91 of Rochester, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Chase of Chicago. Funeral services were held in the farm home at 2 p. m. on June 29, with burial in Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

The D. U. R. obtained a thirty-year franchise to run its cars over Main street in Rochester, at an election held there last week. On Aug. 22 the Village of Howell will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the appearance of the first train through its confines.

Saturday, June 25th, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Harris of Dryden, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

A special election held June 27, Royal Oak voted to become a city. This issue carried by a vote of 84. Nine charter commission members were also elected to draft a charter for the new city.

We freely confess that, to us, it is a peace that passeth understanding—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

AT THE GARRICK

"Nightie Night," a name which sounds naughty, yet in farcical form, like peas in a pod, as a theatrical entertainment, would be clean and entertainingly funny, yet in farcical form, like peas in a pod, as a theatrical entertainment, would be clean and entertainingly funny, yet in farcical form, like peas in a pod, as a theatrical entertainment, would be clean and entertainingly funny.

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WATER

By Major Richard B. Hewitt
Large cities requiring a large volume of water have adopted this system, from the fact that operating and maintenance cost should be the first consideration of any equipment. Mr. Layne & Bowler Company have had thirty-six years' experience in developing ground water supplies; their proposals are thorough engineering reports, not mere price quotations, and carry a guaranteed delivery of any quantity of water, at a fixed cost. Why, he couldn't raise a note unless it was someone else and he isn't even good looking. The only thing I do not see in this program is the fact that they are not interested in their own expense. It is my honest opinion that they are more to offer than any other service and outfit was finally accepted, the only money such a deal would put into my pocket would be the saving, as a taxpayer, of my share of my present annual tax.

The taxpayers of Birmingham do want "new improvements" provided they are improvements, as can be verified by questioning any one of them. The following is letter number three of the series:

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PERSONALS

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