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"PRESS PICKINGS"

George Moore, aged 71 years, died at his home in Rochester, Saturday, June 11. Burial took place in Vale, Charles and Ivy Moore of Birmingham, and two brothers, Messrs. M. Moore, the widow, survive the deceased.

Auburn Ave. leading from Phatic to Rochester, has been completed and the new pavement is open for public travel.

David H. Ross, 74 years old, died Thursday, June 9, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Terry, of Pontiac. Mr. Ross was well known in Oakland County, having spent most of his life in and near Rochester. Burial took place in the Rochester cemetery.

Judge M. C. Burch, a lifelong resident of Rochester, died Thursday, June 16, in the Goodrich hospital, where he had been taken a few days previous.

Royal Oak is all "het up" over the election to be held June 27th, when the voters will decide whether they want their village to become a city.

The tax rate for Royal Oak this year will be \$14.00 per thousand. Lower than Birmingham—but would you change?

Members of the Senior class of the Royal Oak high school have been invited to meet President Harding when they go on their trip to the north. Rep. Patrick Kelley has arranged for the meeting.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago
A letter with the following unique address passed through the Birmingham post office last week:
To the Rev. George W. LeBaron,
D. identically,
E. identically,
W. identically,
E. identically,
Love of the common,
N. identically,
T. identically,
S. identically,
Michigan.

On Sunday last there was a crowd of young men from Pontiac who visited our Village and were guilty of most unseemly conduct, racing and running their horses on the main streets, and behaving generally in an ungentlemanly and rowdy manner. As usual, our authorities were silent until after their drink was gone, but we can assure them that when they repeat the experiment they will meet with a warm reception.

The Eastern Asylum for the Insane was opened last week at Pontiac.

Twenty-Five Years Ago
A good season for 10 cents at Nixon's, wrote, four lbs. for \$25.

A total of \$115.52, together with several large boxes of clothing donated by citizens of Birmingham, was sent this week to relieve the cyclone sufferers at Oxford, Mich.

Eight graduates this year—four boys and four girls.

Detroit folks are coming out here for the fresh air every Sunday, and Birmingham folks go into Detroit to enjoy Belle Isle.

HENRY FORD ASKS TOM EDISON FOR A JOB
Scene: Edison plant.
Mr. Ford enters and asks Edison for a position.
Edison: "Well, Hen, what can I do for you?"
Ford: "I am looking for work."
Edison: "Looking for work? Why, Hen, I thought you had the biggest business in the world."
Ford: "Well, it's like this: I'm sick of it there; too much detail—too many little things to do."
Edison: "Why don't you make a larger car?"
Ford: "No, I want to get into a new game, something more illuminating and with a brighter future in it."
Edison: "What other game do you wish to play?"
Ford: "Oh, I know a couple of nice young Jewish boys, and I'm gamin' let 'em have it."
Edison: "Well, Hen, you're a friend of mine and all that, but I can't give any one a job here who doesn't pass my XYZ test. It's the rules, you know. Do you think you could answer a hundred questions on history, geography, etc.?"
Ford: "The last time I tried it I was an awful mess of it. Couldn't I lay off the history stuff—just as a favor?"
Edison: "No; history is very important in the electric light business. You don't know how important how long Cleopatra was sick could never string a telephone wire properly, and just as you couldn't answer a man to charge a battery if he couldn't tell what kind colored ves he Henry III wore?"
Ford: "Well, about your questions, but I don't like the idea."
Edison: "Who was Paul Revere?"
Ford: "A jockey or something like that, wasn't he?"
Edison: "Correct. Who wrote the Star-Spangled Banner?"
Ford: "George C. Francis Cohan, wasn't it?"
Edison: "Right! Now, who was John Quincy Adams?"
Ford: "He's the feller that writes 'The Coming Town' in the New York Tribune."
Edison: "Gosh, Hen, you know everything!"
Ford: "Well, I've studied a bit in my spare parts—'I should say, my spare hours!"
Edison: "Who was Moses?"
Ford: "Let me get into any radical dispute."
Edison: "Now, Hen, tell me, who was Hendrik Hudson?"
Ford: "He invented the Hudson motor car."
Edison: "Who wrote 'The Barber

OUR CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER

San Francisco, April 29, 1921.
The Birmingham Eccentric:
I have been waiting for several days for an inspiration to write, but nothing comes of waiting. Strange as it may seem, this colder climate makes me more active after the warmer days in Honolulu. When we landed in San Francisco Sunday morning, April 17, it was fair but cold. We were told that it had been much colder for some time—more of this "furnace" California weather. As we said our farewells at the dock, all wished that they might meet me again. I told the men of the party that they should have to lead different life from what they had been leading if they expected ever to meet me again. Some of them had tried to take money away from me in a poker game, but had not succeeded. I found a very nice room with private bath, waiting for us at this hotel (Ramona) and proceeded to take the private bath, which I needed to get rid of the molasses flavor that remained with me. The hotels are quite full on account of the large number who are here to attend the week of opera by the Chicago Opera Company. I do not like this city any better than I ever did, and am sure that I could never get to like it. Not entirely on account of the climate, but for other reasons. The new city has not been well rebuilt, and there are many low unsightly structures, as well as many vacant lots, evidence of what the fire and earthquake did fifteen years ago. There are, to be sure, many fine buildings, but they only make the others more prominent. The city is as hilly as any of the cost cities, and that is saying a whole lot. Many of the streets are so steep that they can use only cable cars to negotiate them. It doesn't make any difference whether you walk up or down, you get tired and sore just the same. The cross streets, either way, as the case may be, in the city, if you want to go any place, you walk right up a hill, and then walk right down again on the other side. The only exception to this rule, is in the business section, and only part of it, at that.

On the Monday following my arrival, I took a ride in a Rubber Neck about the city, and out through Golden Gate Park to the Cliff House and beach. We had an excellent view of the seals on "Sea Rocks." This rock is only a stone-throw from the shore, and is used part of the year by about 500 seals. Some of these seals weigh as much as half a ton. I do not think they are fur-bearing animals, for they are much lighter than any I have ever seen before. The Suro-Batka are near the hotel and are the largest Natatorium in the world—that is to say indoor. There are five salt water swimming pools. One contains 1,310,000 gallons, four smaller tanks contain from 65,000 to 115,000 gallons each. There is also a fresh water plunge of 25,000 gallons. Golden Gate Park was formerly nothing but mud dunes, but it is now the finest park in the west. The work has been done remarkably well, for one would never think but that it was all natural, while instead, it is artificial. There is quite a large lake, containing many breeds of fish, and supporting a large colony of different birds of the wings, among which is a pair of Black Swans and a pair of Pelicans. The wings of the latter have been clipped so they cannot fly, and it is amusing to watch them try to get up. There is a large herd of buffalo here, but they are not increasing any. It is a pity that this interesting animal is destined to die out in the near future. A museum is located here but I did not have time to visit it. It contains many monuments and other works of art in the open spaces.

On Tuesday I took a ride on the ferry over Oakland and called on some former Detroiters, who entered the city in 1907. One of them, a most homelike fellow I have had since I left Birmingham. Oakland is, to me, a much more attractive place than San Francisco (not because it had a good feed there). Of course, it is a residential city, and that is why it is, and for that reason has a more homelike appearance. Bungalows are built in evidence, and they are all so attractive and pleasing to me.

On Thursday I took another Rubber Neck Wagon for a ride to Palo Alto (about 50 miles out of the way). Leland Stanford Jr. University is located here. This school is the second largest in California. The University of California at Berkeley being the largest—and is supported entirely without aid from the taxpayers. The combined assets of the institution exceed \$40,000,000, all left for this purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Stanford as a memorial to their son, an only child, who died abroad, in early manhood. The Stanford University was founded in 1891 and is intended to make it a school for boys only, as it was originally intended by Mrs. Stanford for her husband to make it co-educational. It was the first school for girls at their dancing parties, where there is only one girl for every nine boys. Perhaps many of the boys who are graduates of Detroit. The buildings are large, and they are adding more from time to time. The University is a grand sand stone, which is a soft pinkish brown, and very handsome.

The Stanford University is the finest building of its kind I have ever seen. It bears on its front just over a following inscription: "Our Lord Jesus Christ in Paradise." "The Prayer of Hannah." "Ahauser's Selects Esther." "The Garden of Eden." "Driven from Eden." "The Deluge." "Noah's Ark." "The Tower of Babel." "Abraham Sees the Promised Land." These are only a few of the many in mosaic, not to mention a great number of subjects in the many windows and on the walls. The three Stanford buildings are in beautiful white marble tones in the grounds, and two young women are appointed each term to place flowers at the door of the mausoleum every Sunday morning.

With kindest regards to all my friends,
W. F. ADAMS.

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CLARK WINS SUPREME COURT DECISION OVER JOHNSON
Upholds Judge Rockwell's Former Decision and Clarifies Recovery of \$13 On Tax.

The supreme court at Lansing the first of the week affirmed the decision in circuit court at Pontiac of the late Judge K. L. Rockwell in the case of Frank L. Clark against Walter F. Johnson, both of Birmingham, although Mr. Johnson is now a resident of California. This case was commenced in the circuit court Oct. 21, 1918, and was decided by Judge Rockwell in favor of the plaintiff, Oct. 6, 1919. Clark sold one-half of a lot in Bloomfield township to Johnson through an alleged error in the land contract the description covered the whole lot. Johnson later sold the interest in the lot to a purchaser and contracted to sell him the entire lot. The court held that Johnson was responsible for the error, and that he had not owned and gave Clark a judgment for \$13 on the contract. The supreme court affirmed the finding.

A. L. Moore appeared for Clark, and J. C. Carey for Walter F. Armstrong & Woodcock of Detroit, for Johnson.

Commenting on Secretary of Commerce Hoover's speech appealing to Detroit to reduce their prices, the Detroit Free Press says that the reduction of their prices in accord with recessions made by the manufacturer, has beyond all question, been pointed out that Firestone tire prices were now at the lowest point in tire history.

"Back in 1913," Mr. Raymond contends, "I was doing pretty well to obtain 4000 miles, or even 3000 from my tires. Now my judgment is that a man of such a high degree of perfection, as prevailing in the Firestone plants, is now on the horizon, or is nothing out of the ordinary."
Referring again to Mr. Hoover's speech, Raymond pointed out that he, and he left sure all Firestone dealers had reduced their prices at least 10 per cent. He was now selling a 30 x 3 1/2 Firestone Non-Skid for the sensational low price of \$13.95.
According to Mr. Raymond there are good grounds for the claim that Firestone tires are lower priced than other necessities, and that their prices have been lowered faster, for a comparatively short time, than any other show that in the majority of cases the percent of price reductions is very considerably in favor of tires.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.
At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 10th day of June A. D. 1921.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Charles T. Clancy, deceased.
Clarence E. Carson, administrator of said estate, filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims and adjustment of same be extended to a time and place to be appointed to receive claims and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said court.
It is ordered, That four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate; that the 17th day of the month of July, A. D. 1921, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, in the Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.
ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.
A true copy,
DAN A. McCAFEE, Register of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.
At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 8th day of June, A. D. 1921.
Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Charles T. Clancy, deceased.
John W. Crawford, executor named in said will, filed in said court a petition praying that an instrument filed in said court be admitted to said estate, and that administration of said estate be granted to said John W. Crawford, executor named in the will, to some other date to be appointed to receive claims and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased and before said court.
It is ordered, That four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate; that the 17th day of the month of July, A. D. 1921, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, in the Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.
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