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SYSTEM.

System rules the universe. Our earth turns on its axis once every 24 hours and revolves about the sun once in 365 and a fraction days. Flowers open and close with striking regularity. Most of the Caucasian race goes to work at a certain time in the morning and quits at a certain time in the evening. Railroads time their trains to the minute. The movements of heavenly bodies are predicted with accuracy to the second. System is injected into everything we do—work, study, play and meals.

System has made Henry Ford, and others, millionaires. Science (and even art) is built upon system. And it has long been proven that regular and temporate habits in man are conducive to health and long life. Because of these facts there are some who have made System their god. They would consider man as a machine, cut and fitted to a pattern.

This is where Nature at her own expense shows us a contradiction of her "immutable" law. She provides the thunderbolt, the tempest, the cataclysm. Chaos can do or undo in two minutes what system labored at for years and centuries. Thus, among men, a brain of genius turns topsy-turvy all accepted methods and causes great wonderment. Likewise a revolution unseats a despotic government overnight and clears the way for a better. These exceptions show us that system may be modified occasionally with good results.

There are theorists who think that man should always rise at 5:30, begin breakfast at 6:02, leave the house at 6:49, and so on throughout the day. The rule is good—provided it can be set aside without fretting the individual. Man learns from the shadow as well as from the sun, from idleness as well as from hard labor. If he adopts the inflexible regularity of the machine he can never be more than a machine. To "rise with the lark and with the lark to bed" is well enough for a season, but universally adopted it would be fatal to advancement. Man is greater than his surroundings only in seeking to understand them and becoming a part of them. To do this he must embrace and be, within himself, both system and chaos.

ECCENTRICITIES

The only good impression some men leave are their finger prints on the wall.

Men who travel through life alone travel fastest, but some of those guys want to watch out in 1924 or a speed cop wearing a skirt may make them shift into second.

It will soon be time to get out your pencil, pad and swear words and start figuring your income tax.

A tickless clock has been invented, it is said. In our home we've got an alarmless alarm clock.

It is reported a former diplomat was taken by a dry raiding squad in Washington recently. It is said by some that the man's diplomatic training is being used to advantage to dry out the wet spots in his case.

One woman will marry a man to get his money to spend; another will marry a man to get his washing to do.

One can't always judge the value of folly by the price you pay.

"Every day in every way I'm getting nearer and nearer to mosquito time," says the New Year.

No one ever made a mark in this world by marking time.

A good many salesmen at the different motor shows are using the doctrine of autosuggestion.

"Auto makers see new peak," says a Detroit paper. Maybe it's only a spike sticking up in the road.

A wife may be divorced for being too talkative. Don't get excited—this happens in China, not this country.

A boy does not have to have a college education to make a fool of himself.

A Royal Oak woman, suing for a divorce, testified that her husband bit her. Probably another case of loving her so much he could eat her.

One fellow says Spring will soon be here and then we won't have to worry about the coal situation. But he seems to forget that after winter is over we have the annual ice problem.

Misery loves company but those who always claim to be miserable have very little.

If you lack sand you won't be able to make the slippery grade to success.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-four Years Ago

Cupid Capers in Birmingham

"Oh, fortunate, O! happy day,
When a new household finds its place
'Mong the myriad homes on earth."

So sang a well-known poet, but talk about one happy day when one household finds its place, etc., what can be said when four new households suddenly find place among the myriad homes on earth and all inside of one week?

The first to start the stampede was our wide-awake merchant, James Corson, Jr., who quietly left for Corson, N. Y., one day last week, and was married Tuesday, the 13th, to Miss Helen Hawley, a lady who formerly resided in Bay City. James and his happy bride will have a host of hearty well wishers among our readers, to whose congratulations we beg leave to add our own sincere "much joy." They returned to take their abode among us Tuesday.

The next to sail on the troubled sea of matrimony were Mr. Clark Harris and Mrs. Jane Pack, both of this place, as all know. Their wedding was quietly performed at the residence of J. C. Runyen, Sunday evening, where they were made a Bartlett pair among a few friends, Rev. A. R. Bartlett officiating. May their Peck of happiness measure to at least half a bushel, and their lives never be Harrised by the many tribulations consequent to matrimony.

The next couple issued their invitations and quite a large number of invited friends from far and near gathered at the residence of A. D. Simonson, to witness the wedding of James McManus of Houston, Texas, to Miss Mary Simonson, which took place at 6:30 p.m. yesterday, Jan. 22, at the home of the bride's mother the same evening.

Elmore S. Brown and Miss Addie Daines were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony, in the presence of a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have our hearty good wishes for a happy and prosperous future. Miss Addie was one of our brightest and fairest young ladies, and her many friends have her welfare at heart. We go to press too early to give a list of the numerous and costly gifts presented at the last two weddings but will endeavor to give them next week with more minute particulars of the joyous occasions.

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Fifty-five years ago last Tuesday, Hon. James Bayley and wife took up the burdens of life together, trudged along ever since, sharing the joys and sorrows of this world as they came. Realizing the eternal fitness of things, their children got up a rousing anniversary party for them on Tuesday last. All they did, what they said and who were there, the overcrowded state of our columns will not allow us to state this week, but will endeavor to devote the necessary space to it in our next issue.

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William Hawthorne's son, Fred, had his leg broken the other day. His father was rolling a log, and his hold slipped, letting the log back, catching Fred's leg. Dr. Rainey set the fractured limb.

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Will Bell is the happy possessor of a bouncing baby boy.

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Lucien Humphrey, who formerly worked for Ed Daines at the National Hotel, returned home from New York state the latter part of last week.

Twenty-five Years Ago

Last Friday, as Noble Gravlin, a Birmingham resident, was drawing logs to this village with a double team, the traces broke and the whiffletrees flew back, striking Mr. Gravlin on the knee cap, and shattering the patella. Dr. Shaw was immediately called and speedily gave the injured man all possible relief. At the present time his leg is badly swollen and there is a possibility of amputation. In any event, it is quite evident that the injured man will be crippled for life. Fatalities seem to be rife among us of late.

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Little Gladys O'Neal is recovering after an illness of several days.

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Julian Leet has secured a nice fat contract to light a church in southern Ohio with a combination gas lighting fixtures and all. There were many called but only our Julian accepted. The church folk will never be sorry that they had our townsman do the work.

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Anson Tomlinson is a great lover of skating but not swimming, but combined both one evening last week when he stepped over the dead line and went kersouse clear down and under the ice. Many hands pulled the jolly old soul out, but the fish have not recovered from their nervous shock and some have died. The water raised in the pond a foot and a half while he was doing it.

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Who says there's nothing doing in our town nowadays? Why- Sunday evening we had a real live Armenian entertain us; Monday evening we heard a man from England, "you kna", in a fine lecture; Tuesday evening, we were given an opportunity of participating in a Japanese tea, where refreshments were served by damsels arrayed in full fledged Japanese costumes; there was nothing sneeial on the program for Wednesday and Thursday nights; however, all the extra evenings have been enjoyably spent with skating parties, etc.; while on Friday night, this evening, both a Freshman social and Epworth League party are in full bloom. We call these pretty lively times, when the great amount of sickness is taken into consideration.

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Miss Lillie Thayer and Rue Van Every were married Thursday, Jan. 13, Rev. McCracken officiating. Miss Mabel Johnson was bridesmaid and Mitchell was groomsman. Malcolm Stewart gave the bride away. She wore blue silk trimmed in jet and white lace. The bridesmaid was attired in gray, trimmed with green and pink moire silk and white lace. The couple visited Pontiac and Flint on their wedding trip. They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Here's congratulations.

Monday Morning

PERSONALS

Mrs. V. B. Miller of Oxford, spent a few days here last week with her mother, Mrs. E. R. Brooks of Southfield.

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Mrs. L. M. Symons has returned to her home after several week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning of Howell.

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John R. Collins, after a short visit with his brother, M. C. Collins and family of Pleasant avenue, returned to his home in Conderstort, Pa., last week.

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The Men's Bridge Club of Birmingham held their regular meeting at the home of R. H. Mann of Greenwood avenue, Friday last.

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The young people of the United Presbyterian church of Southfield, will hold a "toe social" at the home of Alex Purdy, Friday evening, Jan. 19. These young people held a similar social several months ago and were very successful.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt of Pierce street, who are spending the season at their winter home in Tampa, celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary, January 1.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1922.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Levi L. Houghton, Deceased.

John W. Crawford, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying that he be authorized by an order of this Court to sell the personal property described in said petition for the best price obtainable therefor.

It is Ordered, that the 29th day of January, A. D. 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition;

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 37-38-39

PRESS PICKINGS

Ray VanWaggoner, treasurer of Oxford township, says, "So far there have been only sixteen dog taxes paid this year. I will give all due and timely notice and if they do not heed the warning, similar steps will be taken, together with costs. We are going to have less dogs and more money in this fund!

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The Agricola Club of Holly high school and the Holly Potato Producers Association entertained the Junior Agricultural Association of Oakland County at the Holly high school on Saturday of last week.

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The West Highland Farm Bureau Local, organized thirty years ago, will celebrate its anniversary at the home of Mrs. Sarah Nichols at Milford on Saturday, Jan. 20. Roy Glendening, club president, will call the meeting to order and conduct a business session after which Harrison Gaunt will be called to the chair to conduct a program reminiscent of the organization of the club as the Highland and Hartland Farmers' Club thirty years ago. The minutes of the first H. and H. Club meeting will be read.

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Prompt action by City Manager Beauvais of Royal Oak, is believed to have removed all danger from a contamination recently discovered in one of the five wells from which water is pumped for the city of Royal Oak's supply. For the present No. 4 well is not being used, the necessary supply being obtained from the other wells. This well, in whose tank the trouble was located, will be thoroughly cleaned.

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By a vote of 121 for to 14 against the electors of Farmington endorsed the council's proposition to expend $23,500 in putting the city water system in a condition to meet present and future requirements.

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It is unlawful to cut or injure trees or shrubs within the limits of public highways without a permit from the authorities having jurisdiction over such roads, State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers, states that the law will be strictly enforced on state trunk line and federal aided roads, over which the State Highway Commissioner has jurisdiction.

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The third number of the Oxford Lecture Course was held in the opera house, Jan. 15th. The entertainers for the evening were the Southern Musical Company.

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Mrs. Fay Erwin of Harbor Springs, Mich., and children, Grace and Matthew, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Erwin of Park street, last week-end.

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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, in said County, on the Second day of January, A. D. 1923.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas C. Williams, Deceased.

Thomas H. Cobb, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate,

It is Further Ordered, that the 14th day of May, 1923, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ROSS STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Register of Probate. 37-38-39

DETROIT UNITED LINES
BIRMINGHAM TIME TABLE
In Effect June 5, 1922
(Eastern Standard Time)

Southbound Limited—(except Sunday), 6:48 a.m.

Southbound Locals—4:50 a.m., 5:20 a.m., 6:01 a.m., 6:46 a.m., 8:55 a.m., 6:19 a.m., 6:46 a.m., 7:06 a.m., 7:26 a.m., 7:46 a.m., and every 15 minutes to 6:01 p.m., and every 20 minutes to 10:41 p.m., 11:11 p.m., 11:31 p.m.

Pontiac to Birmingham only—11:40 p.m., 11:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 12:30 a.m., and 12:50 a.m.

Northbound Locals—4:59 a.m., 5:25 a.m., 6:50 a.m., 7:07 a.m. and every twenty minutes to 9:07 a.m., then every 15 minutes to 5:52 p.m., (6:05 p.m. Limited), 6:22 p.m., 6:37 p.m., 6:52 p.m., 7:07 p.m. and every 20 minutes to 12:29 a.m., also 12:49 a.m.

FLINT DIVISION

Change at Royal Oak for Rochester, Oxford, Flint, Romeo and Imlay City. Through limited cars for Flint, Saginaw, Bay City at 7:10 a.m. and every two hours to 9:10 p.m.

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Notice!

Taxpayers of Bloomfield Township

TAXES ARE NOW DUE

From December 19, 1922, until January 20, 1923, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Bloomfield:—

At First State Bank, Birmingham, all day Tuesday and Wednesday, and Saturday evening.

At First National Bank, Birmingham, all day Thursday and Friday.

At First National Bank, Pontiac, on Saturday.

Or mail remittance to P. O. Box No. 5, Birmingham.

MABEL A. SMITH

Township Treasurer.

NOTICE!

TAXPAYERS OF TROY TOWNSHIP

Beginning December 26, 1922, until January 20, 1923, I will be at the following places to collect taxes for the Township of Troy:—

At the First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, Thursdays, December 28th and January 4th, 11th, 18th.

Big Beaver, Tuesdays, December 26th, January 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Troy Corners, Wednesdays, December 27th and January 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Clawson, Fridays, December 29th and January 5th, 12th and 19th.

Town Hall, on January 20th only.

All taxes paid to January 20th will be charged the regular one per cent for collection. After this date the four per cent penalty will be charged. Mail all checks to—

LEWIS J. STUMPF

Troy Township Treasurer,
R. F. D. 5, Royal Oak, Mich.