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LEARN FROM NATURE

Nature, that invisible artificer that gives life to all the things of the world, has awakened after a long winter's sleep and is busily engaged in beautifying the landscape of this part of the world. Buds are adorning the branches of the trees, plants are pushing their heads up to the sunlight and soon the air will be filled with the perfume of good things that come from the earth. How like the buds and the plants are our thoughts; good thoughts or bad thoughts will some time bloom into results in every life. Thoughts always precede our acts, and every act has a natural consequence; can any person become unhappy if every thought is clean and wholesome? The bad thoughts are the evil things in life; all the strife and inharmonious that exists in the world is nothing but bad thoughts coming to fruition. Truly, man may learn a lesson from the trees and flowers; some day he will, and then the world will be fitted with the perfume of good deeds and kindly service.

PERMANENT STREETS.

We who live in and use the streets of Birmingham are often disgruntled because their surfaces are rough and bumpy, filled with ruts and puddles. We should welcome any plan that will improve the situation. Such a plan is being put into effect by our village commission. It consists of the spreading of special assessments on benefited property for the improvement of any street in town. A petition, signed by a majority of the property owners on any street, presented to the village commission, will insure grading, re-graveling, and the installation of curbs and gutters. Five-sixths of the cost is spread against the abutting property, and the remaining one-sixth is paid for from the village treasury. An improvement of this kind on any local street is the only way to better the street permanently without the expense of paving. It provides for decent drainage, the lack of which is the main cause of the muddy condition of any road. The village commission, in directing manager Starr to make a grade survey of the entire town, is doing a splendid thing. Co-operation on the part of the taxpayers to pay for street improvements from time to time will, in a few years, provide Birmingham with a proper respectability of its streets.

"WE SHALL BE FRIENDS."

Picture for a moment 500 men, representing the Rotary clubs of Paris, France, and London, England. They have met on the precious equality of good fellowship and community service. "No matter what blunders our politicians may make; no matter how embroiled our statesmen may become; no matter how difficult conditions become between the financial interests of our respective countries; we here resolve that never shall ANY WAR sever our friendly relations, and we shall ALWAYS remain FRIENDS." And a thousand hands applauded the resolution. Five hundred hearts beat in quickening happiness and as many faces are wreathed in Christian smiles. Yes, folks, that is what actually happened a few months ago in Europe when these two Rotary clubs met. That is the kind of spirit that this old world needs. And what is more, that is what it actually PRAYS for, though most of its inhabitants don't realize it yet. Isn't our greatest sin that of SELFISHNESS?

THE SPIRIT OF EASTER.

Easter has fled before the endless pursuit of Time. Nearly 2000 years have elapsed since a Thought, incarnated in the person of Jesus Christ, broke the fastenings of the tomb and ascended Heavenward. And what does this mean to us, we who people this earth today? Easter will not have been in vain for us if we have allowed the lessons of the day to become a closer part of us; if the sacrificing life of Jesus is more impressed upon our mentalities so that we may be a little kinder, more tolerant of others, grateful for our blessings, honest in our dealings, friendly in our actions, truthful in our assertions—then will the drama of Calvary not have been in vain. Christianity is the greatest gift of God; it even supersedes life itself. The practice of Christ's teachings should be the goal of every human being, even though it bring with it some kind of crucifixion.

A SERIOUS PURPOSE.

To assist science in learning just what takes place in the human mind as a person dozes off into sleep. Dr. William F. Kelley, of Los Angeles, recently went 59 days and nights without sleep. That is a remarkable sacrifice to make for humanity. Evidently Dr. Kelley has a serious purpose in his life. That is true of a good many Irishmen. Dr. Kelley's motive was a good deal better than that of the dance fiends who staged "endurance contests" over the country recently.

PADEREWSKI'S DOG.

Paderewski, famous Polish pianist, is bereft of his Royal Pekinese dog, known as Ping. The expense incurred in attempting to save Ping's life probably ran into several thousands of dollars. Paderewski had run his special car to Chicago all the way from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to hire veterinary surgeons for Ping. Dogs are splendid companions, but we wonder how many crippled or sick children there are in Chicago who might have been made physically better by the money spent on a certain Pekinese dog. We honestly believe that Paderewski would have more of the divine caloric in his piano playing if he gave more thought to children than he does to dogs. Do you remember Who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven?"

THE WINDING ROAD.

By Beatrice McDonald

I walk along the winding road On bright and sunny days, Nor leave it when I find it leads Through dark and clouded ways. Sometimes I long to turn aside And seek another path, When storm and tempest threaten me And thunder clouds speak wrath, When over mountains steep it leads And into lonely valleys dark Where I must travel slow. But up and down and on and on, Be sun or shadow-rite, I keep the winding road because It is the way of life.

R. R. 4, Box 76, Birmingham, Mich.

LIFE'S GARDEN

By Edla Park Peck

The soul—a sacred garden Where thoughts are ever seeds, To bloom to fairest flowers Or spring to ugly weeds.

And he who plants the roses Will overlook the thorns; As darkness of the night is lost In thoughts of coming morn.

And he who plants the thorn seed The rose will lose from sight, As brightness of the morn's eastward By thoughts of coming night.

The soul—life's sacred garden O, plant the seeds with care, That flower of love and kindness Be ever blooming there.

1080 Downing Street, Denver, Colorado.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—Of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Cleared From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

43 Years Ago. Mrs. Leonard has a new front walk at her residence on Saginaw street.

Misses Mary and Nancy Lowes and Merritt Randall started for the western country this week. The Lowes sisters will join their relatives at Robinson, Colo.

John Faurot, our so-called R. agent, will have a hammock to enjoy himself in this summer. We will try a swing in John's hammock, once in awhile.

James O. Beattie has purchased that large and stylish grey team of Clark Bloomberg's. They are hard to keep in point of size and action and only go to show that Jim is bound to keep up with the times.

Our school celebrated the anniversary of the christening day of that immortal bard, William Shakespeare, on Tuesday of this week. The pupils gave recitations all from Shakespeare's works and enjoyed a half holiday in the woods.

Mrs. Rhoda Skinner of Warren recently sent a very nice present to her son, Grant Race, who is messenger in the House of Representatives at Lansing. It consisted of an elegant stem winding silver watch and gold chain in a fine case.

New Telegraph Line. The new local telegraph line has six instruments working in fine order as follows: John Faurot (teacher) at the depot, with the following pupils: Julian Lee, at Ira Shadle's residence; Rob Heribson at the baggage room, our senior editor at Whitehead and Mitchell, Eugene Brooks at the post office, Willie Taber at John Jones' residence, while Charles Bigelow is just itching to get a line. Shadle's room at his grandfather's residence in the south part of the village. The system has been christened "The Jerkwater Line" and the students are all making flattering progress. Of course the rapidity with which they advance is graduated by the amount of leisure time they may have to devote to practice. Success to "The Jerkwater Line!"

The report that Tommy Smith is married is wholly incorrect and unfounded.

A very pleasant party at John McClelland's last week, over a hundred and fifty present and a good time for all.

Charlie Mudge and Henry Randall have entered into a co-partnership in the thrashing business. With Charles and Henry's Champion engine they will make things hum.

Nobody but a blind man can help see the new advertisement of J. L. Hudson. Detroit is clothed this week. Mr. Hudson naturally expects a large and lucrative trade from this section and sees the Eccentric to let folks know it and stands ready with his corps of assistants in his elegant store in the Opera House block to make every body welcome.

25 Years Ago. One day last week the residents of Fremont street were treated to the grand spectacle of seeing a horse push his head through the electric road in Melvin Boell's house cutting itself quite badly with the broken glass. The horse which belonged to Chancy Nixon was suddenly taken with an attack of blind staggers.

The wedding of Frank Bowman and Grace Kolka took place Monday. We have been informed that the survey stakes for the electric road from Orion to Detroit, via Clawson, have been driven.

F. N. Auten has purchased the Tomlinson photo car and will remain in Birmingham two weeks or more to do business. Mr. Auten can furnish all kinds of pictures in all sizes from a stamp photo up.

The soldiers will meet tomorrow evening to arrange for Decoration Day. All soldiers are requested to be at the Town Hall at 7 o'clock.

The Macabee quilt drawing was a grand success. C. Stump was the lucky winner of the quilt and E. Pallister of Big Beaver won the sofa pillow.

Misses Lawrence and Watkins gave an informal dancing party at Grandpa Leonard's, Thursday.

As you are perhaps aware the school board has rented one of the rooms in the Ford Block and the same is now in use as a school room. Monday morning last Miss Charlotte Leonard took charge of this room where the entire 4th grade will hereafter be instructed until a change of location can be made for the better.

The University of Michigan has during the life of the school graduated 3,458 persons as doctors of medicine.

If the members of the B. H. S. Alumni want the coming banquet to be a success they should attend the business meetings.

The first M. M. A. dress parade of the season occurred Saturday at Orchard Lake and attracted many of our citizens.

A little stranger arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parks Sunday. It was a baby girl and she weighed ten pounds.

Married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Melissa Palmer, by Rev. N. Dieker, Daniel Hughes and Erna May Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have made Ypsilanti their home.

When it is known as a fact that there is not one scholar more now than one year ago that the change of a new school is out of all expectation in expense compared with the time to end of school year the taxpayers have the right to feel outraged beyond expression.

The family of Will Benedict is a happy one now since the return of the distinguished Klondiker last Sunday evening. He was not expected and surprised them all in a manner similar to the way Tom Hanna did a few weeks ago. It will be remembered, however, that Will returned with Tom as far as Seattle. Mr. Benedict is in excellent health.

The Birmingham Supply Co. at 408 So. Woodward Ave. will sharpen your hand lawn mower for \$1.50. They call for and deliver. Phone 123. ad52-1-2-3

STAR MOTOR COACH LINE. TIME TABLE—BIRMINGHAM, HIGHLAND PARK, PATEREWSKI. In Effect December 3, 1923—Subject to change without notice. Birmingham to Highland Park, 10:47 a.m., 12:47 p.m., 2:47 p.m., 4:47 p.m., 6:47 p.m., 8:47 p.m. Highland Park to Birmingham, 11:50 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. Birmingham to Paterewski, 11:50 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m. Paterewski to Birmingham, 11:50 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 3:50 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Your Garden Beautiful

CARE OF THE SPRING PLANT.

By Ralph I. Coryell.

At the time of the planting the amateur gardener is quite apt to be gloomy with optimism and wishes to do everything possible to promote the good health and continued growth of his plants. The experienced gardener will commence immediately with the spade and hoe and will urge you to conserve moisture and eradicate weeds. With many householders the whole scheme of gardening is entirely wrong and while they are undoubtedly desirous of promoting the best interests of their garden they are often at a loss to know just how to proceed. The advice of the writer would be to ask a few of your most successful gardener friends your questions and for the time being follow their advice. After the necessary experience is obtained it is safe to experiment a little. Any landscape gardener or nurseryman will ordinarily give the required advice without thought of charge.

The first requirement of the new spring planting is moisture, whether the planting consists of trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, or evergreens. There may be a few cases where the soil is most enough or too wet but these are in the minority. The soil should be moist enough to "mold" under the hand, but not wet enough to be sticky. On the other hand the writer has dug plants in the fall even after a fair rain when the soil under the plant was as dry as powder. This indicates the tremendous power of absorption of the roots. A full grown tree will absorb hundreds of tons of water in a growing season, and evaporate practically all of it from the leaves. The best way to conserve moisture is to hoe or spade around the plant. This prevents the "drying mites" and breaks up the capillary action of the soil which in turn allows evaporation of the water from the soil. If the seasonal rains are too far apart and the leaves of the plants commence to wither during the summer months, there will be in order. The best time to water is at sundown (usually when the watering can is in force.) Systematic hoeing or spading will kill the small weeds before they have become harmful. If the planting is allowed to get a good start in the early part of the summer it is in better shape to take care of itself later on. It is not usually necessary to use fertilizer or manure around the plants. The soil is usually fertile and the soil is particularly impoverished. Certain insects and bacterial diseases should be watched for but there is not space enough to describe them here. The Maple Borer, Plant Lice, the various Moths are among them.

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN Dr. Mabel Campbell, Rooms 312-313, First National Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Mich. Phone Pontiac 3147. Office hours: 9-12; 1-5. (Other hours by appointment.)

Change of TIME Grand Trunk—Canadian National Railways announce important changes of time schedules affecting this city.

For full particulars consult C. C. OSBORN, Agent Grand Trunk—Canadian National Railways, Grand Trunk Passenger Station, Birmingham, Mich.

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