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THE PASSING OF AN HONEST MAN.

Life IS sometimes a queer working out of fate.

Consider the case of William Stevenson, who lived for over 35 years a few miles west of Birmingham, and who was buried last week.

He came to this country many years ago from England with a new bride. She, becoming homesick, went back to the land of her birth. A few months after her arrival there a daughter was born to William Stevenson. But he never again saw his wife. He never had an only glimpse of his daughter. His mental torment through all the years that he lived ALONE near here must have been torturous. But he clung to his IDEAL.

It is said by hundreds of local people that William Stevenson was perhaps as honest as any man could be. Undoubtedly the Recording Angel has placed this to his credit.

Certainly, as far as earthly material comforts are concerned, "Billy" Stevenson was not over-burdened. But there must have been something in his makeup that gained for him the reputation of ABSOLUTE honesty in all his dealings.

He LOVED; he was Honest and Kind. Perhaps most of us can learn a lesson from the passing of William Stevenson.

PROFIT BY OUR MISTAKES.

Two weeks ago a basketball game was staged between Birmingham and a team from Wyandotte. Over 800 people paid admission to the Baldwin auditorium to see the game. That was a splendid turnout.

Monday of last week Birmingham held its annual election. A total of 223 people attended the polls. It cost the taxpayers of this village about 63 cents for each cast, according to the figures given by village treasurer Charles Plumstead.

There is no use, Folks, in trying to moralize on the laxity of people in voting when election time rolls around. Adults of today who regularly "forget" or have never given much thought to their duty as citizens to the right to ballot, are not entirely to blame. Going on the theory that it is rather difficult to change the habits of a lifetime, let's forget our own laxity in voting and turn our attention to the coming generation.

Can any of our readers (college graduates excepted) ever remember anything taught in the public schools that really emphasized the necessity of voting? Can some of us then be blamed for starting out in life with no real reason that would turn our steps toward an election booth? Admitting this to be so, then why not see that the present and coming generations are enabled to learn something of the necessity for casting ballots.

We believe that one of the finest things the Birmingham Parent-Teacher Association can do is to establish in the local schools a definite demand that their children be taught something that is openly admitted a necessity—a real DESIRE in the minds of every boy and girl who graduates from a local school building to intelligently use the ballot.

It IS highly important that we give as much thought to election problems as we give to basketball games!

ONE KIND OF SLAUGHTER

The atmosphere in our national Capitol is sizzling with serious charges against public officials. Nearly every day new alleged misdemeanors are brought to light for public consumption. Ground that was once trod by such men as Lincoln, Grant, Wilson, McKinley and others is being tainted with the dirty footsteps of some officeholders. "When things get to their worst, they always mend." True, but many suffer in the process. Every dollar of money in the United States treasury represents sweat and toil from millions of poor men and women in this country. Any public official who is convicted as a grafter takes not mere coin, but rather that more significant and holy thing known as "human life." Selfishness is at the bottom of all such grafting. It is great to be unselfish—it is more, it is Christian.

VOTE FOR IT.

At the Bloomfield township election next month local electors will be asked to allow the northern part of the township to become annexed to Pontiac. This land in question is populated with negroes and foreigners, practically all of whom are employed in Pontiac. At present, they are a problem to our own township officials. For instance, they need sewers, street lights, water and other public conveniences. They ought to have them, but will never get them as long as they remain a part of Bloomfield township.

By all that is fair local electors ought to vote their consent for this annexation project.

BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

Have you had your picture taken lately? That's something we often overlook—until it is too late. One of the nicest things one can have is a series of pictures covering a trip that has been made; reference to the pictures from time to time sort of makes the trip over again. So it is with this trip we term "life." It seems to us that a fellow owes it to his posterity and his friends to have a picture taken occasionally.

OUR NEXT GOVERNOR

Who will be the next Governor of Michigan? It certainly ought to be a man who is in sympathy with the "Good Roads" program inaugurated by Alex J. Groesbeck. Isn't there good enough timber in Oakland County to find a man who can supplant Mr. Groesbeck in the Capitol at Lansing?

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

Burton Daugherty, enterprising postmaster at Holly, has announced himself a Republican candidate at the coming fall election for Oakland county clerk. Mr. Daugherty seems to be a mighty fine young man, and would probably make a splendid man for the job. He is endorsed by prominent men from all over the county. We will keep our readers informed of Mr. Daugherty when the August primary rolls around.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

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

45 Years Ago.

F. Roche's fat porker has got to be killed—fact; he snored so loud that the neighbors have demanded his death. And Mr. R. will act accordingly.

Miss Della McKinstry was married recently to Mr. Judd Powell of Lapeer and will come here to live. Dell's many friends in this vicinity heartily extend their warmest congratulations.

A petition is before the village board signed by many residents of Pierce street praying for that body to give outlet to surface water running down said street. At this writing all the cellars are completely flooded.

Among the many weddings taking place in this region for some time past none have attracted more attention or have been more brilliant than that of Miss Jennie M. Solts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Solts, Esq., and Mr. Alfonzo S. Merrill which was celebrated on Wednesday evening.

The B. D. P. A. masquerade last week, altho not so grand a success pecuniarily as could have been wished for by the managers, was a fine affair. About 60 couples participated and all enjoyed themselves. The managers must have their annual dance either earlier or later in the season when they can reasonably expect a good night for it.

Owing to the lateness of the season it is announced that the grand drawing of the Birmingham Driving Park Ass'n is postponed until Saturday, April 9, at which time every stallion on the list will be present.

Miss Franc Lathrop of this place and George Martin of Detroit were married Tuesday of this week.

Now that part of the fence surrounding the soldier's monument is down, would it not look full as well if the whole of it was removed and we have it neatly sodded with a gradual slope? We think it would be an improvement and should be tried for a while.

Our new mail system went into effect on Monday morning last and subscribers to Detroit dailies were surprised by the arrival of their copies in the morning. Hereafter there will be a mail car on train number 1 going west which arrives here at 8:21. Better get the mail schedule and paste it in your hat so you will get those letters in on time.

We received an invitation last week to attend a little dance at Harrison Orr's. Unfortunately we could not attend and according to the story of those who did go we missed the affair of our young lives.

25 Years Ago.

Monday morning was a very cold affair, only 14 degrees above zero. Quite cool for our first spring day.

Extensive changes in the realizations between the United States and Japan will be brought about July 17 when the new treaty between the two nations goes into effect.

About 200 people of Durand deserted the village in a single day last week. They all went to North Dakota where they will settle on public lands.

Prunes are selling at 5 cents per pound here.

The Novelty Club will meet at Library Room next Saturday evening. "The Rise of Silas Lapham" is the book to be reviewed by Miss Mame Utter and Mrs. Hattie McBride.

Joseph Stauch was married here Friday evening, March 17.

There is not a feater looking little meat market in town than the one recently fitted up by John Hanna for Bench and Whing, his successors in that line of business. The new firm set pat on their voyage next Monday morning and will sell goods to suit the taste and pocketbook.

John Hanna, Postmaster is busy making the new postoffice room a genuine gem. A new steel ceiling artistically decorated by Charles J. Parks, who will also decorate the woodwork, will make a great improvement.

The Kerosene oil business heretofore owned and run by H. J. Reynolds has been sold and with it goes all right, title and good will to W. W. Wood.

That corporations have no hearts is again believed. When the motormen and conductors of the Detroit and Pontiac Railway received their pay envelope last Saturday night they were delighted and more than surprised to find that their pay had been increased for that week and hereafter 2 cents an hour, giving the boys the same wages as the union men of the Detroit Street Railway get—21 cents an hour.

Considering the unpleasantness of the elements without, the financial receipts realized from the maple syrup social at the M. E. Church last Friday night were quite satisfactory.

The fourth number on the Baptist Young Peoples Union lecture course will consist of a concert by a graphaphone—one of the latest improved—Friday evening. Admission ten cents.

The invitation is extended and the privilege given to the public to participate in a donation social to be given at the Baptist church on next Monday evening. The whole proceeds, regardless of what it consists, will be turned over to Mr. Church, pastor.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham.)

Louis Hascall, local real estate dealer. "My opinion is that the main street of Birmingham is being ruined by the placing of large signs, and even small signs of various sizes and shapes extending from our buildings. My offices are on the second floor where I could surely use a hanging sign, but it is my opinion that our main street is going to have any beauty ruined if these signs are permitted to hang. There is but one way it can be stopped and that is through the act of the commission and I hope that they will take some stand in the matter."

Esther Smith, deputy township treasurer: "It is surprising the number of folks who come in to pay their taxes and do not know what property they own. They do not know, for instance, in what subdivision their property lies."

Mrs. Joseph Vincent of Wallace avenue: "There is water on our sidewalk about four inches deep. There is no drain on our side of the street and the water gathers there in damp weather. My little boy likes to play in it, and it is quite a nuisance when he falls in and gets wet all over."

(Ex-President McBride had been urging the need of a better drainage system that same afternoon!)

Eugene Griggs of Willetts street, in quoting A. L. Moore of Pontiac, "Oakland County has scenery more beautiful than some of the well known districts in the Alps and other parts of Europe."

Miss Dorothy Palmer, reporter on the Eccentric: "You may notice a house on West Maple avenue with a big "FOR SALE" sign on one corner. Before deciding that it is just the place you want to buy, investigate a little farther. On the other side you will find a small sign, "Vinegar barrel for sale."

Mrs. Jesse Beaven of Eco City: "I want to subscribe to the Eccentric. I hear that it's making a disturbance around my district. I like that. It does people good to disturb them. If they never find any news from outsiders they'd never know anything except their own particular affairs. That's what the newspapers are good for, they give people all kinds of information. I read the Detroit papers, and I always read the Eccentric. It has a lot of news in it."

MORTGAGE SALE

DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Liberty Ice Company, Royal Oak, Michigan, a Delaware Corporation to First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan, dated the 25th day of January, A. D. 1923, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1923, in Liber 261 of Mortgages, on pages 572-573, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Thirty-six Hundred Forty-six and 31/100 ($3646.31) Dollars, and an attorney's fee of Thirty and no/100 ($30.00) Dollars, as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday the 15th day of March, A. D. 1924 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will at the Saginaw Street entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to wit:

The South One Hundred (100) feet of the East Fifty (50) feet of Lot number Fifty-three (53) of Truesdells Addition to the City of Royal Oak, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Oakland County, Michigan.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN.
Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO,
Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan.
Dated December 5, 1923.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the above and foregoing mortgage foreclosure sale is hereby postponed until Saturday, the 3rd day of May, A.D. 1924, at 10 o'clock A. M. Eastern Standard Time.

FIRST STATE BANK OF ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN.
Mortgagee.

GEORGE A. DONDERO,
Attorney for First State Bank of Royal Oak, Michigan.
Dated, March 15, 1924. 45-2

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Birmingham, Mich., Feb. 25, 1924.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 p. m.

Present: H. B. Clement, R. J. Taylor, Fred V. Quarton, and R. J. Coryell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Coryell, supported by Quarton that a credit memorandum be made to Geo. E. Jacob to the amount of $24 and corrected invoice be rendered him for $16.00.

Mr. F. D. Madison appeared before the Board and discussed details of the contemplated new Grade School. Moved by Taylor, supported by Quarton that Mr. Madison be employed as architect on the proposed new Barnum Unit at a fee of 5% on the total cost of the proposed unit.

Moved and supported to adjourn. Carried.

H. B. CLEMENT, President,
R. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Birmingham, Mich., March 3, 1924.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 p. m.

Present: H. B. Clement, R. J. Taylor, and Fred V. Quarton.

Supt. Vliet reported $1418.30 for fees and dues.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

H. B. CLEMENT, President,
R. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Birmingham, Mich., Mar. 10, 1924.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 p. m.

Present: H. B. Clement, R. J. Taylor, Fred V. Quarton, R. J. Coryell, and Leigh Lynch.

Moved by Quarton supported by Lynch that Mr. Madison be directed to proceed with tentative Barnum school addition plans. Carried.

Treasurer Quarton reported $755.75 received for tuition of non-resident students.

Moved and seconded that the bills be allowed. Carried.

E. C. Gardner, repair, $1.75; L. M. Randall, sundries, $26.73; David Fleming, work, $165.30; Anderson Bros., work and material, $76.35; J. L. Fuller Co., supplies, $7.30; MacMillan Co., books, $1.60; Ginn and Co., book, 66c; Fred J. Douglas, supplies, $38.73; Clark and Lowman, estimate, $2284.20; First State Bank, pay roll, $5103.10; C. Vliet, petty cash, $15.27; H. A. Reck, laundry, $7.13; Mark Smith, services, $8.05; First National, coupons, $75.00; First National, coupons $137.50; Clarence Vliet, expenses, $65.23; Consumers Power Co., gas, $29.11; First National, coupons, $375.00; First National, coupons, $200.00; J. H. McBride, supplies, $23.44; Allyn and Bacon, books, $22.54; Builders Shop, supplies, $21.00; C. J. Shain, supplies, $4.10; J. Bailey, oil and gas, $11.86; Conant-Osborne, car repair, $15.69; Birmingham Hardware, supplies, $12.30; Birmingham Eccentric, printing, $34.20; Cambridge Botanical Supply Co., supplies, $12.65; A. C. McClurg Co., books, $27.93; Thomas Charles Co., supplies, $9.38; Macmillan Co., books, $37.03; First National, coupons, $575.00; Birmingham Transfer Co., freight and cartage, $21.51; Cyclone Fence Co., fence, $137.00; Manual Arts Press, supplies, $8.64; Henry Holt & Co., books, $5.44; Gregory, Mayer & Thom, cabinet, $89.11; Union Paper & Twine, Towels, $37.50; Fred J. Douglass, supplies, $1.95; Michigan Phone Co., phones, $29.56; Detroit Edison, electricity, $364.34; First National, coupons, $250.00; First National, pay roll, $5146.20; Grand Trunk R. R., coal freight, $162.84; W. G. Gale, estimate, $1000.00; Harry Levey, supplies, $6.50; A. Flanagan, supplies, $27.15; Lawson-Erb Co., lumber, $6.92; S. F. Trunnbull, work, $24.75; D. C. Bliesath, work, $6.85; Kelsey & Garretson, records, $34.50; Dole Valve Co., valves $1.46; A. J. Nystrom & Co., maps, $17.00; J. T. Wing Co., supplies, $61.50; Coit Lyceum Bureau, Beilharz lecture, $75.00; David Fleming, coal and work, $121.20; Bryce Heating & Ventilating, estimate, $4419.75; Pathe, advertising, $1.30; H. A. Reck, laundry, $11.25.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

H. B. CLEMENT, President,
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Northbound—Leave Birmingham 6:05 a.m., 6:12 a.m., 6:25 a.m., 6:40 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 7:35 a.m., 7:55 a.m., 8:10 a.m. and every fifteen minutes to 10:47 p.m. Leave Birmingham 11:05 p.m., 11:25 p.m., 11:50 p.m., 12:05 a.m., 12:20 a.m., 12:40 a.m., 12:50 a.m., 12:55 a.m., 1:20 a.m., 1:55 a.m.

Leave Highland Park—5:33 a.m., 5:44 a.m., 5:55 a.m., 6:10 a.m., 6:25 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:00 a.m., and every fifteen minutes to 10:00 p.m. Leave Highland Park 10:18 p.m., 10:28 p.m., 10:45 p.m., 11:00 p.m., 11:15 p.m., 11:35 p.m., 11:40 p.m., 11:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m., 12:15 a.m., 12:20 a.m., 12:25 a.m., 12:40 a.m., 1:25 a.m.

Extra Bus Service between Highland Park and Birmingham via Royal Oak and Berkley. Leave Highland Park for Birmingham 3:23 p.m., 3:38 p.m., 3:53 p.m., 4:08 p.m., 4:23 p.m., 4:38 p.m., 4:53 p.m., 5:08 p.m., 5:23 p.m., 5:38 p.m., 5:53 p.m., 6:08 p.m.

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Northbound Limited—(Except Sunday). 6:04 p.m.

Northbound Locals—5:57 a.m., 6:23 a.m., 6:47 a.m., 6:57 a.m., 7:18 a.m. and every twenty minutes to 9:18 a.m., 9:28 a.m. and every fifteen minutes to 5:58 p.m., 6:28 p.m., and every fifteen minutes to 7:13 p.m., 7:31 p.m. And every twenty minutes to 12:31 a.m., 12:46 a.m.

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