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ANNEXATION TO BIRMINGHAM

The invitation baued last week by the village commission to residents of stable described to signify their respective wishes regarding annexation to Birmingham is a very important mattern. If new lands are annexed they will not only add to the burden of municipal taxation on those who now-live within our corporate limits/ but will work additional financial responsibility on those who decide to become annexed. On the whole, the greatest burden of increased taxation will fall on Birmingham. It is common knowledge that, when new territories are acquired by a municipality, the municipality loses more in actual dollars and cents than it gains. But it does get new citizens; in Birmingham's case, it would get good, desirable citizens, The Eccentric would like to see Birmingham larger than it is now, but not too large. It seems that at the special election way full likes where sale, want to the special election next fall those who really want an exaction should so declare themselves; then let Birmingham consider its boundaries settled, and proceed to dispense municipal comforts and conveniences accordingly.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Those who have or will contibute to the maintenance of the Birmingham Community House during the present drive for funds have done a splendid thing for our village. One of the chief things that the House does is to keep our boys and girls off the streets at night; I brings them together under able chaperonage, attended by effective together under able chaperonage, attended by effective guidance. Such ar institution in any town cannot help but assist in shaping the character of the youth with whom it comes in contact. Few communities the size of Birming ham can boast of a Community House. Such an institution ought to be fostered by all the brains and money available. We never can tell just what boy or girl may be made better by its influence; it may be your's or mine! The Misses Dorothy Dickinson, Mary Martin and Esther Booth marit matter. The misses Dorothy Dickinson, Mary Martin and Esther Booth merit gratitude of all Birmingham for their splendid, and almost grafuitous offer of personal services in making the first year of the Birmingham Community House a success. So do all the men and women who, with vision directed toward the welfare of society, have labored in the name of this House.

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER

Oakland County, late this summer, will elect a new Road Commissioner to supplant in that office John Adams,

Road Commissioner to supplant in that office John Adams, who, with G. Ross Thompson, of Highland, and Thomas Lytle, of Farmington, have looked after our roads for several years past. And well may Oakland County look to a hard-working, conscientous man for the job.

There is much to be done in the next few years in the matter of building and maintaining good roads for all of Oakland County. The day, of the automobile is here to take tired people to the hundreds of lakes that always were in Oakland County; new towns and cities are being developed with the overflow of citizens from Detroit and even Pontiac. Good roads must be developed to transport them in their automobiles with safety safety to port them in their automobiles with safety— safety to both the lives of human beings and the tax-paying pocket-

canning the list of men eligible for the office of Road Commissioner, we are struck with the name of Luther P. Allen, present supervisor of Bloomfield town-ship, and chairman of the Oakland County Board of supervisors. Mr. Allen verhaps knows as much about Oakland County as any man in it. He has lived for over half a century within its boundaries. He knows something of governmental matters, a thing not too frequently found

in the mentalities of public officials.

Luther D. Allen would be a GOOD Road Commissioner. We sincerely hope the Republicans of the county will place his name on the ballot this summer.

THE CHARACTER OF MAN

Man revolves about Reason as the earth about the sun. It is Reason that has lifted man out of the dark void of ignorance up into the bright sky of earthly domination. It is Reason that warms him, feeds him, clothes him, guides him. It is Reason that makes plans grow, blossom and produce fruit. Small wonder he bows before his

Star!
Reason is his certificate of life—as man—but Reason alone is deadly. A man who merely reasons and does not feel, will never really know anything. He will die as the moon has died—cold and brilliant, still facing his Sun. Reasoners are often contemptuous and intolerant of Emotion. They label it: Weakness. No! Emotion is the atmosphere of man. It softens and diffuses the sunlight of his Reason. Thus it is that true is the sunlight of his Reason. Thus it is that true poets, like Shakespeare, are classed as "immortals". Possessed of acutest reasoning ability, they have also sufficient Emotion to give it "staying" power. No work of pure Reason or pure Emo-

"staying" power. No work of pure Reason or pure Emotion will outlast the centuries.

The Emotion may be too active. It produces clouds;
darkness. The wind rises. Thunder crashes. Lightning and the gale play havoe with carefully laid schemes.
Then what happens? Tears. The clouds dissolve. Reason returns. Creation smiles. The storm is past.

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Genuine tears are not a weakness but a destroyer of weakness. Reason however, may sometimes force them as an irritant to "play upon" Emotion, in which case they become despicable. A man knows nothing of life who has never beheld the rainbow of returning Reason through his tears. Without atmosphere and without rain the earth would never proper. Without Emotion and without carry a man's soul will shrivel up like sunbaked clay in a moisturbless season. in a moistureless season. We are given senses and sensitiveness as aids to Reason. It is possible to bask in sunshine and yet feel stifled. A breath of fresh air is sometimes preferable to light. So it is that Reason may oc-casionally seem a very poor substitute for Emotion. The sun is shining and we should be making hay, but the light is oppressive and the odor of hay is disgusting, for we wish but to love and be loved.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Becastric-The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Bermingham Of Todgy

John Toms, Fred Golden and V. N. Dennison took a trip to the vicinity of Utica one night last walk and captured to the four barrels of your control of the c

chunk of fish in one side, keep ohewing aid, presto, the hones come out
the other side and the other side and
Mr. E. S. Blakeslee astonished his
friends by quietly marrying two
weeks ago last Saturday. His wife
is a Kanasa, lady who was formetly a
New Yorker. What worries the inhabitants of the burg is that E. S.
of them found it out. Even uncle
John. Waters failed to discover the
fact.

John Waters and fact.

Willie Taber waxeth warm of the telegraph lessons so much so the screament out in the night with the sleepeth and be hired gill afrighted thereat.

The general health or sickness of the community is sore arms. If fact, one of our-contributors goes so far as to warble poetically on the subject of "Vaccination" this week Read it and smile, ye sore armed individuals.

dividuals.

G. Hulburt has erected a new on his lot on Southfield Road has the cellar and foundation under way for a new, and tastystee. Verily that part of thinge is taking long strides in march of improvement.

Will Strong attended the M. E

Some of Fred Moore's friends re-cently carried that gentleman on his ascension to the title of grandfather Well, never mind, grandfather Moore they may be old some time them-selves.

Mrs. Delia Gregory in 'comp with her husband C. J. Gregory traveling with Robinson's circus.

Work on the double track of the railway is being pushed fast and furiously to a finish and soon will be used by the public and soon we will have the finest railway equipment and track in the United States.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hamlin Wednesday evening the contracting parties being their only daughter. Miss Edith, and Theopolis daughter. Miss Edith, and Theopolis only by the immediate families. Following the ceremony ice cream and cake were served. They are now keeping house in the Bookham residence on Southfield avenue.

Will Barber returned from Porto Rico a few days ago. Some time ago William wrote home requesting a friend to send him a snowball but now the hot times are all over for him.

him. A. Randall is up to his eyes in business putting down cement walks. He has finished a fine strip of his mover-vener out walk for Mrs. Mary never-vener out walk for Mrs. Mary put down one equally as good for Mrs. Ellen F. Peaboly. This makes the longest, finest cement walk in our village in one continuous strip. Our walks of the walk of the same walk of the wa

Last Friday Messis. Jack Baldwin and Volney Nixon went to Island Lake on a fishing explicition returning with a fine speciman of pickerel weighing 10 pounds. Now we understand that Mr. Nixon was the lucky sare his good luck was due to Mr. Baldwin's having "spit on the hook."

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