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FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF PUBLICATION

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We shall enter our forty-eighth year of publication with renewed resolution to give Birmingham and vicinity a good newspaper... We shall endeavor to chronicle in our columns the good things that occur in this vicinity...

THREE WAYS TO PUSH BUSINESS

1.—The old-time business man, when he started on his patient but slow operations, was very apt to make an announcement to this effect: "We hope to get our share of the trade."

2.—The old-time business man commonly hoped to win his way by establishing a reputation for faithful and reliable dealing. That was a good spirit, and wholly commendable as far as it went...

3.—The modern way of winning success, calls for just this same faithful service and even more of it, but it expects to win a great new volume of trade by pushing for it. The public wants not merely old fashioned fidelity, but it looks for enterprise and hustle and service...

The old plodding methods were admirable as far as they went, but they were slow and not efficient. Today a business must also plan for sales efficiency. That is to be had by interesting so many people in the goods distributed by a firm...

A GOOD COVENANT

"I will start anew this morning, with a lighter, fairer creed; I will cease to stand complaining at my ruthless neighbor's greed; I will cease to sit repining when my duty's call is clear..."

PRAYER AND PARLIAMENT

Convictions based on newspaper articles relative to what the Legislature of the State of Michigan is doing these days would lead one to believe that, outside of repeated controversy and disagreement, our solons are not accomplishing very much for the general good of our citizens.

Prayers—sincere desires—are mankind's precious heritage from an all-wise Providence. Born in the minds of some, a prayer may serve to bring about the enlightenment of society in others...

On Friday, April 3, 1925, at 10 o'clock in the morning, Mr. William R. Farrand, Representative from Wayne County, offered the following invocation: "Father, we come to Thee again, early this day, to thank Thee for the rest and care of the past night..."

How's this for saving? The bold man doth dare wear a straw hat already. Dan L. Davis has wangled \$500 that a railroad from Pontiac to Oxford will be built before September 1. Last Sunday the chimney to C. W. Jenks' house burned out, causing quite a sensation and an alarm for fear the house would be consumed.

The little black mare, Mollie Harris, the prime favorite of the Birmingham Drivers' Club last summer, and the property of Mrs. Claud Harris of Troy, was sold to J. M. French of Detroit for \$800. Just make a note of this prediction: She will make things happen yet.

THE BATTLE OF CONCORD AND LEXINGTON

April 19, 1925, is the 150th anniversary of the battle of Concord and Lexington, which started the Revolutionary war. The whole country pays its tribute of respect to the heroes of those Massachusetts towns, who on that fateful day first defied the English government.

It was an act of great courage, because in those first revolutionary days, the patriots were an unorganized force. Later under the genius of George Washington they acquired the advantages of military discipline...

The United States is blessed every day by the fact that its early patriots were men of long vision, as well as of dauntless heroism. Men of a more cautious type might have said that the policies of the English government would probably become more liberal in a few years...

But these men could see that a new type of people were growing up in America, with ideas of democracy which were strange to Europe, and that they were entitled to a chance to develop on their own lines.

They were willing to sacrifice everything for this ideal. The American people might have developed somewhat prosperously if they had not insisted on independence, but they never could have worked out the principles of democracy as thoroughly as they have done.

The entertainment at the Library Hall Friday evening was indeed a surprise to our citizens—a surprise in being much better than was expected. The moving pictures were without doubt of good quality in the country...

Last week was one of the bloodiest of the war since the first days fighting around Manila. Authentic reports show that a total of 378 Filipinos were killed, 12 officers and 244 men captured and the number wounded unknown...

One less barber shop in Birmingham, the female barber having moved to Detroit. For Rent—House and one acre of land, seven dollars per month.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Barr, Tuesday, May 1. Subject: Non-Alcoholic Medicines. Leaders: Mrs. McRacken, Miss Todd, and Mrs. Parks.

The handsome freight car "H" now making daily trips between Pontiac and Detroit was built entirely at the company's shops in Birmingham from plans made by Manager A. H. Hendrix.

The Whist Club was most pleasantly entertained last Saturday afternoon at the elegant home of Mrs. John Woodard Woodard.

The State of Michigan in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland vs. Charlotte B. Parmenter, Plaintiff vs. Benjamin E. Parmenter, Defendant.

On Thursday, April 16, as the echoes of the moon whistled away, Miss Alice Packard began playing a grand wedding march and a herald party slowly marched down the central aisle of the St. James Episcopal church.

The village board met at the office of John Bodine on Tuesday evening of last week. The petition of Thomas Flinn and others praying for a new sidewalk on the north side of Townsend street was last week for \$800.

Miss Molly Smith, having no time to give her bicycle, offers it for sale to the highest bidder. Anyone desiring a wheel should call on the lady, per dozen, Mrs. Furman.

F. Blakeslee has just set out a nice crop of hitting posts and will reap his harvest in the coming summer. In the road with the busy seat of matrimony, when it is believed and no one can hinder him.

Grant Rake, wife and little daughter, of Detroit, spent part of the week with his mother, Mrs. Rhoda Skinner.

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