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LASHING AFFLICTED MINDS

You will be interested to know that the highly civilized Legislature of the State of Michigan last week passed a bill legalizing the use of a lash on prisoners in our penal institutions. It is admitted by all thinking persons that criminals' acts are committed by minds that are not well; nobody in his or her right mind would inflict upon another a deed that would injure. Persons who become ill, or afflicted with maladies, seek, in most cases, the care of a physician or go to a hospital for surgical treatment. We send criminals to jail because they are a menace to society; we send contagious disease cases to isolated hospitals. Would you suggest that the lash be used in hospitals. Then why in our State prisons? Well, the only answer we can make to this is that it is the easiest way.

SCHOOLS ARE NECESSARY

In their assorted journeys from the cradle to the coffin, inhabitants of the earth require many comforts and conveniences; food, raiment and shelter are, of course, most important, then come the luxuries—those things that bring out of the mind certain latent possibilities for higher civilization. It is openly admitted that education makes it possible for an individual to render a bigger and better service to his fellows—with, of course, a corresponding return of material remuneration for the effort. Schools play a most important part in preparing a child for life—local citizens should remember this when they vote May 12.

HELPING THE "HELLO" GIRL

This is a plea for a better telephone service in Birmingham and vicinity. Ordinarily, when one would write something to create a better understanding of some difficulty in a public commodity, one would immediately begin an attack upon the owners and operators of the utility—this is exactly what most of the public would demand. Not so with this arrangement of the alphabet, however.

After recently having witnessed an actual demonstration of a telephone switchboard in operation, we are inclined to believe that a great deal of the so-called telephone difficulty lies in the use of the instrument in the home of the subscriber. One reaches for a telephone to get in touch with someone else—thus saving steps and a great deal of time. And, one is thus enabled to communicate in a manner about several generations ahead of one's ancestors. For which one should be duly grateful.

As a matter of fact, the practice of the simple, but often neglected art of courtesy will go a long way toward better telephone service. A glance through that part of the telephone directory devoted to "instructions" will greatly assist in better telephone service.

THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The various Parent-Teacher units of Birmingham have about closed their year's activities. That such an organization can function well for the mutual betterment of the school student must be evidenced by many of the activities which such an organization has sponsored during the past year. There is a gulf between the home and the school, which may be partly bridged by a Parent-Teacher Association. It enables parents and teachers to get better acquainted, to bring their individual problems to a discussion table, and there attempt to solve them. We hope that the Parent-Teacher idea is fostered in the local schools.

AN UNINTERRUPTED UTTERANCE

The Birmingham Eccentric is the greatest weekly newspaper in Oakland County and that is no joke either for you may rest assured of this fact folks because if there is anything on earth that we like better than radishes it is telling the truth regardless of whether or not Babe Ruth makes another home run before the New York team comes to Detroit where you may see Ty Cobb get mad with the umpire and be about to take a slam at him just as some Detroit policeman runs on to the field and dodges several pop bottles thrown by some fellow who lives out West Fort street where the pavement begins to get wider and the real estate man's little white stakes begin to announce to a noisy world that another metropolis is about to be born that will enable all the families of those who work in factories to take care of themselves so that they may take a trip somewhere in the flivver this summer before the snow starts to come down and brings with it a lot of Christmas shopping for folks who never think of you until the holidays approach so that they will be sure to get a bigger and better present from you than you sent them and thus add something to their store of worldly possessions so that they will be able to take out more insurance and pay a higher premium in case something sets fire to their domicile and gets such a start that a delinquent fire department would arrive too late to extinguish the flames as they ate their fiery way all over the boards that were badly in need of paint because you didn't hire a local painter to make a bid on the job—several years ago when paint was slack because nearly everybody was down in Florida watching the fish fly about the ocean while the bathing beauties scampered lightly hither and yon in the warm sand that was littered with pop bottles and other miscellaneous rubbish which should have been picked up by the natives who are so busy selling real estate that they don't even take time to sleep beneath the silvery moon that is mentioned so often in the melodious southern lullabies that are wafted northward each winter on some song sheet. We thank you.

Ex-President Grant engaged rooms at the Russell Hotel upon the occasion of the soldiers' reunion in Detroit next month.

At the risk of making everybody unhappy in the village for the next seven years, we give below the prediction of Prof. Glimmer: From 1880 to 1887, there will be a universal carnage of death; during the next ten years, Europe nearly so and America will lose 15 million people. Plagues, atom bombs, cyclonic waves will be very numerous, in

Mother's eyes are brighter and shining. Full of tenderness her smile. Always brave and uncomplaining. Though her heart may ache the while.

Mother's feet are never weary.

Making trips of love and scatt'ring Sunshine all along the way.

Neither's hands were made for idleness. Burdens in her arms belong. But her voice is soft and cheery. On her lips a merry song.

Mother's heart is light and happy. When her own loved ones are near. Hidden every care and worry. Every sorrow, every tear.

Mother's love is pure and tender. Understanding, kind and good. Doing just the right thing always. Only as a mother could.

Of the blessings God has sent. In His wisdom from above. Nothing is so pure and lovely. As a mother's care and love.

—Beatrice McDonald.

BIRMINGHAM'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

It is always interesting to learn that the Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham's own possession, is a favorite place for many of our citizens. As the years roll along, and the annual reports are made by the librarian, it is pleasing to witness the gradual increase made on the facilities of the library. It is wonderful to realize that every book that is borrowed provides a certain kind of mental stimulus for the reader; one may rest assured that our boys and girls, who spend much time with books, are properly accompanied with a good book.

Anything that can be done to enlarge the facilities of the Baldwin Public Library ought to merit the approval of local taxpayers. Each book added to its shelves represents only an infinitesimal part of the value of improvement of the minds who read it. Parents must find much satisfaction if they know, as their children leave the house, that they are "going to the library."

Long may the public library endure! We hope that the people of Birmingham will, ere long, decide to set aside, in the annual village budget, at least twice as much as it now does for the upkeep and up-building of our Baldwin Public Library.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

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

Forty-three Years Ago. 1878 the star of Bethlehem will appear. The few people who survive will have reason to be thankful.

Twenty-five Years Ago. An automobile, weighing 1600 pounds, and carrying two gentlemen, was the center of attraction on Sunday last. The men took dinner at the National and during their stay here the queer looking outfit was examined and admired by a great many people. The trip made from New Detroit to Pontiac.

The St. Cecilia's Guild of St. James' church will give an ice cream social on Thursday evening, June 11.

Notice: I have chosen chickens from my yard until forswearance be ceased to be a virtue. If reater I shall follow Mr. Lander's advice and will debate them with a gun.

Miss Bertha Bigelow is home from an extended visit with her brother, Mortimer, in Cuba.

Miss Jennie Cooper, of Detroit, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Popplinton, on Sunday last.

James Cobb and friends, Mr. Benjamin, of Ann Arbor, were Sunday guests at William Cobb's.

Seniors will give their Class Day exercises on June 20, forenoon and afternoon, at Thursday evening, June 21. Mr. Ferris, of Big Lake, will give the Commencement address.

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Lost—Last Sunday evening, lady's green filigree watch, attached to a locket in book shape with pictures of man and woman, between car line and H. S. Lewis'.

The Freshman party given by the first year class of H. S. at the town hall Wednesday evening last was a success in every way. Light refreshments were served, and all present had a good time.

Mr. Hartline is shingling his barn with an electric car last week, is injured to be on our streets again.

Wyandotte's marshals nabbed 11 bicyclers Sunday, took their wheels and held their owners for trial. Just sent us one of those marshals for a day.—A Citizen.

The "Experience" social held at the Baptist church last Tuesday came off fairly well considering the weather. Receipts \$22.20.

Sunday morning Mrs. Mudge ran a needle into her thumb and the steel broke off, remaining in the flesh. It was removed by the lady much pain until removed by Dr. Shaw.

The Eccentric's One Year For \$1.50. We Do Typesetting, Too.

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Three Times And Out! A Purdy Street Story. Three times and out! This might be the title of the story of how Purdy street, between Frank and Brown streets, was treated during the past three weeks, with the result that, instead of receiving improvements, it will present the same dusty appearance to the world that it has for many years.

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