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There's a glamour in the misty haze that comes with autumn days That, for scenic grandeur, surely beats a thousand months of Mays! For you see the noisy blackbird wheeling, reeling in mid-air, And you hear the shouts of happy children—children everywhere. 'Tis in autumn that Dame Nature yields her golden, harvest prize There's a glory in this season—there's a picture for the eyes!

LOCAL VOTERS ARE RESPONSIVE

By an overwhelming majority, the electors of Birmingham went to the polls last Thursday and expressed themselves in favor of the village commission's plan to expend the sum of \$99,700.00 for local water works extensions. The result of the balloting proves conclusively that a great many residents of Birmingham are responsive to practical suggestions for the benefit of themselves. Those who went to the polls deserve commendation for taking an active part in their own government. Their reward will come in the shape of more water, we hope and believe. The village commission undoubtedly feels gratified over the election results. Already the necessary preparation to install the new well, mains, etc., and the elevated tank has been started. President Shain, commissioners Bell and Bingham, and manager Starr have set forth that the required \$99,700.00 will be sufficient funds to give Birmingham enough water to last for some time to come; that they will accomplish their claims in the wholehearted wish of Birmingham.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DOG TAX?

Have you a dog? Is he (or she) properly licensed for this year? If not, and you want to keep the canine, you'd better be prepared to pay Oakland County some money in the near future—or you'll lose your household pet. Dogs are often like human beings; destruction of tangible property may be the result of the activities of both kinds of animals. That's the reason why a tax is imposed by the authorities upon dogs. Since the dogs can't pay up, it devolves upon the owner to do so. Have you paid your dog tax?

GOOD TEACHERS MAKE GOOD SCHOOLS

Enrollment in the Birmingham schools continues to increase. That means more families in this vicinity. It will soon mean more schools for the taxpayers to buy. More schools will mean continued taxation, which ought to result eventually in better educated boys and girls. Schools are mere factories in which MENTALITIES may be developed. The most important thing about any school is the teaching staff; Birmingham ought to have GOOD teachers for local youth.

IT IS FALL

Lodges are getting their winter's activities under way. Young folks are wooing Terpsichore again. There is a smell of camphor in many homes as mah jongg sets are being opened up. New loud speakers are being installed for the radio. Study circles are resuming. There is hot competition around the reading lamp for possession of the home town paper. Bridge is still played. There is some demand for corn-poppers. The ice man looks a little glum, but the electric-light meter reader wears a smile like a split watermelon as he sets down the figures.

It has been a wonderfully fine summer with more than usual opportunities for outdoor enjoyments, because of the unbroken sunshine which continued for so long. But it will be fine to have the fall rains, too, and later the nip of frost and the sheen of snow. Just as one of the fine things about going away from home is to come back there, so one of the fine things about a prolonged summer is that finally we come to its end and to normal change. Seasons lend variety and prevent monotony. And each of them in Birmingham is enjoyable.

PLAYGROUND SIGHTS

There is no prettier sight to a lover of humanity, than to see a group of children having a fine old time on a well conducted playground. If those youngsters are just left to themselves, they will not get so much out of it. In accordance with the time honored custom of childhood, their plays and sports are likely to soon break up in a row. But if a city is able to afford some leader to organize boys and girls and the different ages into games to which each group is adapted, you have a wonderful picture of youthful happiness. The pure merriment of these youngsters, the serious earnestness with which they try to perform well their various stunts, give these budding natures their chance for expansion. Their minds work more quickly, and if properly disciplined, they get the idea that the world is ruled by law instead of by individual whim.

MUCH FROM LITTLE

When you consider the work of the people who built up the western states of our country during comparatively recent years, or of the older colonists who settled the eastern states, it often seems marvellous how much they achieved with so few things to do with. If you look back at your grandparents, and remember what they used to say about the small incomes they had in those times, it seems remarkable how much they accomplished. They built pleasant homes, gave their children a fair education, and had rather comfortable conditions, yet they saw but very little money, according to our standards. One reason for their ability to do large things with small means, was the careful forethought with which they used to plan the expenditure of money and the handling of personal resources. At present we are so busy having a good time in our spare hours, that we do not like to plan out our doings in this careful way. It is interesting to hear the old timers tell how they

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used to plan out the husbanding of their resources. There were long and earnest debates in families as to what they should do with this or that piece of cloth or that old garment. The expenditure of every dollar was thoroughly determined. They did not have a budget system in those days, but they did not let even a small sum of money go through their hands without the most careful arrangement for getting the full value of it. How they would have valued modern advertising if they had had it in those days! The homes would have been deserted when the stores advertised a bargain. While we can not return to all the simple ways of those days, yet there are many families who have great difficulty in keeping out of debt, who could save money by some return of this spirit.

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.

43 YEARS AGO Cal Ellenwood was the happiest man in this neck of the woods last Thursday, all because his good wife had presented him with a bouncing nice baby boy. "Happy Cal" was all smiles, and his worst enemy could have borrowed a quarter of him just as well as not.

Give Apron Party The Library Society will give an apron party at their hall Friday evening, Oct. 20th. Girls, buy your caller aprons, and make handkerchiefs to match, which will be given to the gentlemen when they buy their tickets. A reception committee will be in attendance to make everyone comfortable.

At the home of Sister Mitchell on Woodward Ave., on Friday evening, occurred the monthly meeting of the Sisters or Sorority of W. H. The following officers were elected: Pres., Sister Ward; Vice-president, Sister Clizer; Secretary, Sister Campbell; treasurer, Sister Blair.

Quite a number of our citizens attended the State Fair at Grand Rapids. Miss Maggie Dunwoode, of Detroit, visited Mrs. James Shain last Sunday.

Scenes of Slave Life Henry Hamer, of Royal Oak, took in the Cincinnati Exposition recently, and went across the Ohio to look over the scenes of his slave life, and compare notes with others of his race who like himself, took advantage of the underground railway in slavery times, and escaped from bondage.

A gentleman in a long linen duster was exercising himself in back-bowling in Cemetery Park one day this week. John Howland can give full particulars.

Good Trotting Track Here We have one of the best trotting tracks in the state, and why we can't have a well attended fair every year is a problem which it doesn't pay to study over. Farmington has just had a successful fair—streets thronged with people for three days. Rochester has had a well attended and successful fair last Friday. Milford will have a big time next week, commencing on Tuesday. All this time Birmingham, surrounded by one of the finest farming countries in the world, and possessing every desirable requisite for a successful fair every year, sits down with folded arms and does nothing. Shame!

25 YEARS AGO The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a Halloween social Oct. 31st, at the store of W. C. Poppleton.

A sneak thief stole 50 cents and a box of soap from Frank Schlaack's residence Tuesday during the temporary absence of the family. Geo. McLuckie, of Pontiac, who used to live here, bicycled down and passed the day with his friend, Miss Corry, and the way they went was the envy of the entire west side.

Geo. Warner and family occupy Mrs. Wooster's residence on Maple avenue, west. It is with pleasure that we can state that Mrs. P. Hayward's social on Friday evening was one of the most pleasant affairs of the season. Many out of town visitors were present and everyone had a right royal good time.

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Recent Books Added To Baldwin Library The number of books on the shelves of the Baldwin Library is steadily increasing month by month. The latest addition of regularly acquired books, though containing only 16, is so comprehensive that Birmingham readers should have no difficulty in choosing American fiction. The eight books of fiction are: "The Secret of Bogey House" by Herbert Adams; "The Death of a Millionaire" by G. D. H. and Margaret Coles; "The Smiths" by Janet A. Fairbank; "Little Leggin" by Kathleen Norris; "Paul Bunyan" by James Stevenson; "The Perennial Bachelor" by Anne Parrish; Mr. Bishop's Princess and Other Stories by Juliana Horne; "The Professor's House" by Willa Cather. The last named novel by the winner of the Pulitzer prize, gives a cross-section of American life. There is a keen portrayal of the reaction of the American to his college environment—the college being only one of the many conflicting social groups that the author sympathetically yet honestly describes. Then there are two books on biology: "Ten Great Religions" by James Freeman Clark; The crafts are represented by three books: "Carriage and Joinery" by William S. Logsdale; "English Architecture at a Glance" by Frederick Clutton-Brock; a pictorial review of the chief periods of English architecture with historical notes by the author, and "English Furniture" by the same author. Charles H. Hayward also a review in pictures of the origin and evolution of perfumery from the 14th through the 18th centuries.

The two juvenile books make up in quantity what they lack in quality—at least Tony Sarg's "Book for Children" does. The ray cover alone is a thing of beauty. The book is composed of nice little rabbit-ear cats, and dogs, all most manfully attired and playing with might and main. The illustrations are attractive and the illustrations are bright, vivid, legible. The titles are clever and provocative. "Little Moments in the Lives of Great Men" comprises one section of three books: "Carriage and Joinery" by William S. Logsdale; "English Architecture at a Glance" by Frederick Clutton-Brock; a pictorial review of the chief periods of English architecture with historical notes by the author, and "English Furniture" by the same author. Charles H. Hayward also a review in pictures of the origin and evolution of perfumery from the 14th through the 18th centuries.

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