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HOW LONG IS ARMISTICE DAY?

Eight years ago today the people upon this earth, weary and worn with the greatest human slaughter ever perpetrated by mankind...

Much can happen in a short time. Civilization prides itself upon the strides which it has made since the days when cave-men and women populated certain areas of this world...

Eight years have slipped away since the first Armistice Day; has the world accomplished further progress toward uninterrupted peace?

The home is the corner-stone of civilization; what takes place within it is manifested outside of it.

The word "armistice" means a temporary cessation of hostilities by opposing forces; a truce. How long is "temporary"? That depends upon the quality of the world's home-life. Doesn't it?

HUMAN FIRES OF PROGRESS

For its warmth, and the generation of power, mankind finds at his disposal an abundance of combustible materials. Forest and subterranean sources supply the wood and coal, the gas and oil, necessary to keep the fires burning.

Thus it is with the intelligence of men and women. Into this world are projected, at regular and proper intervals, the creative, constructive intelligences of men and women, each containing the substance necessary to keep alive the fires of progressive civilization.

But the fires must continue. The world has need of its Joan of Arc; aye, even of its Crucifixion!

THANK YOU, MRS. HARTWELL

Many of you, last week, perhaps read an announcement in The Eccentric to the effect that Mrs. Arthur W. Hartwell, of Brown street, had resigned as a member of the local Community House administrative board.

For a good many years Mrs. Hartwell has taken the time from her household duties to serve Birmingham in one way or another, with little, if any, monetary remuneration for her efforts.

"WHAT A WHALE OF A DIFFERENCE JUST A FEW 'SENSE' MAKES"

About the only difference between a wise man and one of the natives of some cannibal island is the fact that the former is the product of many generations of scholastic training, while the latter still remains uninformed of the beatitudes of the white table cloth, cut glass, and monogrammed silver.

the cumulative knowledge of the world, given out in books as well as the oral expressions of tongue. If you value your lot above that of the tribesman, then pay your tribute to scholastic training; give homage to the schools and the teachers that animate them.

After all, the only difference between a nicely appointed dining room mat and a common hog-roth in education; both contain food—only one puts it forth in a more tempting fashion than the other.

"PIGS IS PIGS"

"Detroit, anxious to appear before the world as a modern, law-abiding city, would have everybody believe that what vice it contains is under the perfect control of its police department," scilicet Silo Suceotash, to a group of Birmingham cronies the other day.

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Do not be distressed overmuch by news of evil. This is a wide, wide world. It contains much that is bad, but more that is good. Righteousness is slowly, but surely, triumphing over sin.

If you do not believe that, or merely have not realized it, turn for a moment to contemplation of happier things. Turn your tired eyes from the day's record of evil to the day's golden roll of honor.

Broad highroads of honor lead to every worthy goal of life. The mud roads are in the lowlands, leading only to dissolution and corruption.

Sin is not the harvest of life. It is the chaff threshed from the wholesome grain and will be swept from the threshing floor. Why look upon the chaff when the grain is there?

If some days the volume of chaff seems greater than others, know that the threshing has been more thorough. This is a wide, wide world, and full of sweetness for those who would find it.

Life, to a turkey, is just one darn holiday after another.

The law of gravity is about the only one that plays no favorites.

Many sealskin coats being sold this winter were worn by rabbis last winter.

The best love charm with which to hold a man is a diploma from a first-class cooking school.

The objectionable thing about reckless motorists is that the bones they break are not always in their own heads.

BOOKS

It is the man that loves to read Who never lacks a faithful friend. No matter what his race or creed, Delightful moments he shall spend. Not his to wear a dismal frown Though all the earth seems joy forsook When skies are dark and rain comes down, Who owns a book.

It is the man that loves to read, Who's a peasant or a king, Who never tasses of want and need, And in misfortune's reign, can sing; Who dwells within a palace grand When in some quiet little nook, He finds the way to fairyland With just a book.

Ah, happy they who love to read! They quench their thirst with mellow wine And on ambrosia do feed, While clad in silks and laces fine. On velvet covered floors they tread, And view, whichever way they look, A world with glory all bespread Within a book.

—Beatrice McDonald.

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.

25 YEARS AGO Notwithstanding her inability to move around a very great deal, Miss Maude Camp is a very enthusiastic kodak crank. She has several views of the railroad wreck that will rank among the best and would do credit to a professional. Miss Nellie did the shooting, while Miss Maude developed, prints, and passes out results which will be thankfully received by their many friends.

Straight Stuff

By Galen Star Ross

SELLING SALTS

"A 'held front' may be all right on a bank building, but it can be 'overdone' on a salesman." A sure sign that you've got your 'overdone' else will get by. Salesmen looking for trouble can always find a lot of folks just tickled to death to accommodate them.

The J. N. Zimmerman factory is full of workmen and running to its fullest capacity very recently. Mr. Zimmerman sold his engine to be used at the Watkins farm, and immediately purchased a 50-horse-power new motor engine.

A very pretty home wedding took place Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 12, at the home of Edwin Phelps. Pontiac the contracting parties being Miss Ella Phelps and Mr. Birdseye Mattison. The ceremony was performed in the bay window, which was banked with palms, ferns and chrysanthemums.

Miss Winnifred Jenks is very successfully managing a district school on the town line in the Hendrix district. She is a natural born teacher and we predict for her a brilliant and satisfactory career.

43 YEARS AGO Mrs. Lena Fraser, of West Branch, Mich., is the welcome guest of Mrs. Jno. Baldwin.

A. H. Whitehead, of Lansing, freeman, is senior editor, was in town on Monday last.

Married at Southfield, Nov. 14, by Rev. E. Dyer, assisted by Rev. J. P. Gibson, Orville E. Chase and Emma Gregg at the home of the bride's parents.

New books received by the Ladies' Library: "Through the Gates," by Mrs. Wood; "Volante," by Black.

On Sunday last a new schedule of arrival and departure of trains on the D. C. H. M. and Grand Trunk, and, in fact, all the leading railroads of the country ordered their time-tables adjusted to the standard time.

The change will make the time 28 minutes slower in Birmingham than at present, but the time will be uniform the country over.

Not long ago, an advertisement appeared in the pages of a newspaper in this end of the State calling attention to a certain article which is called "which any young woman would be delighted to call her own."

The suggestion which we would like to make is self-evident. If our young people are on the downward trail, an advertisement such as this one, puts some grass on the slide.

We might as well turn our chronometers back 28 minutes and make the abreast with the world. It's a soft snap to get up by, and the average young man sitting up with his girl will talk it over with her and two-to-one, they won't stick to the good old-fashioned time. We wouldn't.

The most fashionable event of the season occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Phelps, of Southfield, in the marriage of their only daughter, Miss Ella D., to Mr. Louis Klett. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Dyer of the Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, November 7th.

Harriet Van Schaick, of Holly. Mr. Adams Bayley, of Troy, has thanks for a nice basketful of fine choice eating apples, in fact we are always under obligation to Bro Bayley, he has such a (for) giving way.

Mrs. Electa Keyes is away for a week or so, and during her absence she will attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Ada Blanch Walton, and Mr. Archie D. Matheson, of Thomas.

ROY Blackstone, one of the rising young business men of our village, has contracted for advertising space in our columns. We call attention to his brand new advt' in this issue.

Master Eddie Goodwin, aged twelve years, is one of the most industrious little fellows in Birmingham. He worked in the sugar beets until school opened this term, earned \$27.00 and started a bank account. Now is that for a boy of his age?

Samuel J. Patterson, Pontiac's well-known and rising young attorney, is married. The happy bride is Miss Sports have a hard time in Pontiac.

BIRMINGHAM Business Property A Sterling Investment

WE HAVE just sold another piece of downtown property on Martin Street, opposite the Birmingham Village offices, to a prominent Detroit investor.

This sale is still another illustration of our belief in well bought Birmingham downtown property as a sound investment.

We have a number of pieces of both business and residential property which, in our opinion, will never again be duplicated at their present prices.

In looking for either investment property, acreage, residences, or building sites, see—



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mention it to our next door neighbor and he swiftly rises to the bait. He tells us tales of necking parties, pottering parties, and dozens of young people in automobiles parked at lonely places along dark and unfrequented roads. We mention it to the aged book keeper at the office, and he tells us of wild orgies held nightly at the PurpleSock (which must be a roadside patronized by our young people).

Once in a while, an individual pops up who wonders if there is anything to be done toward the relieving of this situation. We, too, would like to do something to counteract the rootlessness, which, we must admit, does exist among our young people.

This letter is written with the hope someone who is in a position to do something about it. Not long ago, an advertisement appeared in the pages of a newspaper in this end of the State calling attention to a certain article which is called "which any young woman would be delighted to call her own."

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Yours, truly, Old Faithful.

"Ark" between halves and grabbed themselves a sandwich—and everybody went home with cold feet, literally speaking. Football is just another of those things that makes the whole world one. It is the sport of the nation and those who miss it miss more than they realize. An Enthusiast.

Miss Ella E. Curtis of Chicago received an anonymous letter which resulted in the arrest and confession of three youths who stole her trunk a year ago.

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