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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff.

AN INTELLIGENT COMPROMISE

It appears now that all members of the village commission will work together toward the completion of the proposed municipal building on the civic center site.

In the agreement there is something of a compromise for every one on the commission.

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BIRMINGHAM'S PAST

Birmingham is not only a village with a promising future, but one with a highly interesting past.

The rapid growth of this village brings about an astonishing large number of changing conditions within a very short time.

But the Birmingham of old made the traditions, established precedents and formulated cultural standards that the Birmingham of today is proud of.

The coming years are welcome. Birmingham sees in them only a chance for self-realization; a self-realization made possible by a noble foundation.

L'HOMME A LA MODE

Although man, in his gregariousness, is loud with protests against being thought the least bit different from the thousands who surround him, he nevertheless takes pride in making himself remote from the mob by some ephemeral thing which pleases his surface vanity.

Thus, tell him he is a destructive thinker, when constructive thought happens to be the vogue, and despite the value of his destructive thought, he will flare up with denials.

SELF SERVICE

Many good folk are lamenting the passing of the era when men and women concerned their lives to unselfish service and prepared themselves to become ministers, missionaries, teachers or country doctors that they might administer to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of humanity without thought of large worldly gain.

People today are coming to the belief that the best way they can help others is to produce much that they profit shall be large and that they shall never become dependent upon society.

Anyway, Darius, Green made the first non-flight stop.

Summer In a Can

When cold and stormy winter days are here, when skies are dull and gray and earth seems drear, Ah, clear, clear, clear, And to the land below the floor.

I'll think it is the sunshine warm and bright Whenever I switch on the cellar light.

I shall grow weary of the snow and ice And long for summer days. Then in a trice Down in my little cellar room, Where game nor cold nor snow my vision mars

"HEALTHY"

Commenting upon the withdrawal of "Revelry," the play from the Philadelphia stage, a Detroit newspaper remarks in an editorial that Americans have "healthy" minds, and implies that the play was immoral.

His term connotes that a degree, greater or lesser, of sex in an obnoxious form dominates the play.

It is not easy to enter into a compromise. Man is so constituted that it hurts him to give up ground, hence the compromise, when effected as it was in this case, with the public good in mind, is deserving of commendation.

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Such a man was the late Wayne B. Wheeler. It may seem an objection, but he never accumulated Mr. Wheeler failed to get his happiness in the life from which he has just passed.

For Mr. Wheeler was a zealot, and zealots are usually happy. It never occurred to this man, who might have amassed a fortune as a corporation lawyer, to question the ultimate effects of the law he so feverishly defended.

Development in the United States could never be a constant, but the investor to protect him from unexpected reverses.

The simplest conception of insurance is a provision made by a group of persons each singly in danger of some loss that cannot be foreseen, that when distributed over the whole group, centuries ago contributions were taken up by the church to help the sufferer.

Most of us take light, air and water for granted and think little about their life-giving properties. It might be added that we take insurance for granted in almost the same manner, without realizing that our material welfare from the standpoint of security and safety is as dependent on it as our physical welfare is dependent on the first three elements mentioned.

Whenever the stirring tune "Dixie" is played, particularly in the South, it is met with hearty applause. To those Southerners pay tribute, unconsciously as a rule, to an Ohio Yankee.

For "Dixie" was composed by Daniel Decatur Emmett, born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1815, who later became a famous singer of Southern songs. Stephen Foster, never lived in the South.

Emmett was one of the organizers of the first negro minstrel company to tour the country, formed in 1842, when it opened in Chatham Square Theater, New York. He was afterward associated with Dan Bryant, who later became a famous singer of Southern songs. He retired in 1878 and died in 1904 at the age of 89.

The song "Dixie" was written in 1859 and instantly became popular. The South adopted it and, now, after 68 years, it stirs its hearers with undiminished enthusiasm.

Recent tributes to Emmett's memory was unveiled in the churchyard of Calvary Episcopal church at Fletcher, N. C., the first memorial to be erected to him in the South, marking another link in the chain which binds a reunited country.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham)

Fire Chief William Olsen: "Soon Birmingham will have to have 20 high firemen and this work is considered when plans are being completed for the fire station in the new municipal building on the corner of the Fire street block of the city center."

Mrs. Ethel Dudley, piano teacher: "I am resuming my teaching work at my home, 212 Brown street this week, and I shall be glad to meet my former pupils and anyone else interested in piano work."

Laurence Hulbert, village commissioner: "Birmingham will have 20 high firemen and this work is considered when plans are being completed for the fire station in the new municipal building on the corner of the Fire street block of the city center."

Police Chief James Anderson: "The police call boxes now working in Birmingham are proving more than satisfactory. They are the most modern of citizens in cases of emergency."

Mrs. Mary Frankhauser, state librarian: "Birmingham should be proud of such a beautiful new building as the Baldwin library. A library means more to the people of Birmingham than any other institution."

Clarence E. Carson, turnkey: "The effect it will have on the prisoners who have been working in the jail are completed. The effect it will have on the prisoners who have been working in the jail are completed."

Mrs. John Marlette, member I. O. O. F.: "Progress that is being made in the Baldwin Public Library is the result of cooperation on the part of all persons who have been working for its completion. The board is very appreciative of the interest people in the community have taken in the project."

Mrs. R. A. Palmer, 318 East Maple avenue: "We are all interested in the Baldwin Public Library and in preserving the natural beauty of the village. It is this interest that has caused the growth of the Baldwin Public Library."

The Other Chap Says Something: GREEN FOR SECOND TERM: The Green party has announced its candidacy for a second term in the county fair.

White Lights: "White Lights" opened in the provincial blaze of glory at the Cass Theater last Sunday night and will remain another week in this popular playhouse.

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THEATERS

SHUBERT DETROIT: Prior to its New York opening, Arthur Hopkins will present Elsie Ferguson and Nancy O'Neill in "The House of Women" at the Shubert Detroit Opera House for Monday, Sept. 19.

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Florio, the night club hostess on the Texas Guinan type (played by Roscoe Clark) and the two owners of the establishment Syd Burke (Leo Donnelly) and Billy Winslow (Ege Man) from the West who wants to help the sweet and pretty prima donna to gain her heart's desire of becoming a star in a big musical on Broadway.

Unfortunately his intentions are misunderstood by her co-worker and co-director, who quits the show in a fit of jealousy. The second act shows the big musical comedy well on its way, with the night club owners holding the production reins and the Man from the West the bankroll.

The first scene curtain rises on an actual scene of a rehearsal on the barry stage of the theater; from there you see the opening night, when the little girl gets her opportunity and a big hand.

By the final act, the young lovers are re-united and the audience leaves the theater well satisfied that they have spent a most enjoyable evening, laughing at good comedy lines, listening to lilting songs and witnessing some unusual dancing, presented by a most capable company.

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