

THE ECCENTRIC,
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OUR SALUTATION.

It is not without many misgivings and heart felt appreciation of the manifold difficulties to be encountered that we issue this, our first number of THE ECCENTRIC, which we design to publish every week for an indefinite period of time.

One of our objects in undertaking this, our first effort in the way of journalism, is to furnish a live home paper, replete with all the news of the day, but more particularly the local items of importance occurring in Birmingham and immediate vicinity, at a price so low that few, if any, can truly say, "I cannot afford to take a wide awake home paper."

Our facilities for obtaining home news are excellent, and we will take every legitimate means in our power to furnish our readers with all of the many little incidents, accidents and "happenstances" constantly occurring in our midst. Another object (and we may as well own right up,) is the following:



Which nobody will deny is usually at the bottom of, and is the real incentive to almost all the business enterprises of the day.

We sincerely hope that no one will criticize too severely, this our first attempt at writing "copy," but be the consequences what they may, we alone are to be blamed or praised for it, as we have depended solely on our own resources, and have not borrowed or brought to our assistance either local or city talent.

We will endeavor to make THE ECCENTRIC a most welcome visitor to every household in the village, and in our remarks, which we will feel called upon to make on any occurrence taking place in our vicinity, we hope no one will endeavor to impress us with the opinion that a "black" horse has fallen on us, before we have time to retract our rash assertions, whatever they may be, and we would inform our friends on the spot that we have purchased a full stock of defensive weapons, and intend to "do right and fear nothing."

In order that we may make our editorial as dollar-ous as possible,

we hereby show the other side of the new issue.



And kindly suggest in connection therewith, that one of the above (in silver) will insure the reception of THE ECCENTRIC every week for two years, value received. In conclusion, we sincerely trust that our patrons will never have occasion to "shake us" otherwise than by the hand of friendship.

The building of the Detroit Free Press caught fire by a gas explosion at 5:40 Monday morning, and with its contents was entirely consumed. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$42,000. The paper appeared as usual the same morning, and will not miss an issue. The work of rebuilding has already been commenced.

Money Order Postoffice.

Our Postmaster, Mr. Bigelow, has received the following circular from the First Assistant Postmaster General, which explains itself:

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONEY ORDER OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28

The Postmaster General has designated your office as a money order office of the second class. The money order system will be put in operation until on or about July 1 next, and you will, in due season, be notified of the date on which your money order business will be commenced.

Yours respectfully,
C. F. McDONALD, Supt.

This will prove a great convenience to the patrons of this postoffice. Having no bank in our village, money could not be transmitted with absolute safety without sending by express, which was too expensive for small sums. Verily the world is marching on.

Royal Oak.

One of our citizens, Mr. L. D. Wenger, has been very sick the last four weeks. His trip to California will probably be postponed for a while.

George F. Adrich has been appointed express agent at this village, in place of J. M. Finn, who resigned.

Some of the persons elected at the last town meeting, felt as though they had been "scooped," so they did not accept the offices to which they had been elected. A special election to fill vacancies will take place May 1.

Owing to our cases getting out of "shape" we are unable to give the balance of our correspondence this week.—E.E.B.

SURGICAL.—Drs. T. A. McGraw, of Detroit, and Mrs. A. Post and C. M. Baynals, of Birmingham, performed a successful surgical operation, on Tuesday last, by removing a cancerous tumor from the breast of Mrs. John Truesdale, of Troy. The same day they also amputated the foot of Mrs. Skinner, of Macomb county, who has been a sufferer from the same disease for thirteen years; and late in the evening they removed a tumor from the throat of Mrs. E. L. Jennings, of this place. A pretty good day's work, and all the ladies above mentioned are doing very well, considering the circumstances.

Startling Announcement! Wonderful, but True!

S. O. Peters & Co.'s



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Will Exhibit at Birmingham, Tuesday, May 7, 1928.

It being our desire to present the principal novelty of the day, we take great pleasure in announcing the great and only PROF. WILLIS, the American Blondin, who will appear every day at one o'clock P. M. in his daring

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Behold our bright constellation of stars: MR. MILES ORTON, the undoubted and indisputable Champion Bareback Rider of the World, will positively appear every afternoon and evening in his great bareback act, "The Apollo Belviders," terminating with his great carrying act, introducing the infant wooden, Masters Bernard and Walter. NEXT comes a pair of equal lustre, the beautiful and daring gymnast, M'LE LOYAL, Truly styled the FLYING Meteor, or Queen of the Air, finishing her act with the Great Sensational Leap in Mid Air, fifty feet from bar to bar, appropriately termed

THE LEAP FOR LIFE.

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Story of Birmingham Is Like Romance

The first white man to brave the perils of the wilderness which surrounded the territory now known as Birmingham and Bloomfield Township, was John Hunter. The most available and accurate records have him settling here in 1819. From his home in Auburn, N. Y., he traveled in the winter through Canada, crossed the Detroit river on a sled, took on pro-

visions in Detroit and plodded northward in search of a place where he and his brother, Rufus, could build a cabin, hunt, trap, fish, enjoy life and in the same time lay away enough so that later years would not be cold and hard to them.

Hodding through the marshlands of early spring the pair finally decided a site correspond-

ing to the present geographical center of Birmingham would be ideal.

These pioneers had all the hardships possible to contend with. There was one factor, however, which made life rather less perilous than in former years. The Indians had become less of a menace partly because they were afraid to be otherwise. The

fact that the Indian at this time was becoming reconciled to the white man made it unnecessary for all whites to remain within the protecting walls of the fortification at Detroit. True, he always had to be on his guard, for Indians resented having their lands taken from them, but there were dealings with tribes at this time (Continued on Page 16)