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### RAINS MOLASSES

Atchison, Kan.—It rained molasses the other day when an employee of a manufacturing company turned the wrong valve, causing steam pressure to spray molasses from a pipe on the roof. Houses and streets for blocks were covered.

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## Another Long Distance Rate Reduction

ON JANUARY 15, 1937

Eight reductions in about ten years have substantially cut the cost of Long Distance telephone service.

Further reductions in Long Distance rates became effective January 15th.

Many rates, for calls to points outside of Michigan more than 42 miles distant, are reduced.

All day rates for such calls are reduced. Many night and all-day Sunday rates for such calls also are reduced.

The reductions for the first three minutes range from 5 cents to \$1, depending on distance.

It costs less now to do business in distant cities—quickly, personally. It's easier for far-apart friends to keep in close touch.

Sample rates listed in the table below definitely indicate the downward trend during the last decade.

HOW LONG DISTANCE RATES HAVE BEEN CUT AS THE RESULT OF 8 REDUCTIONS IN THE LAST 10 YEARS:					
RATES FOR 3-MINUTE DAYTIME CALLS FROM	Jan. 15, 1926	Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 15, 1928	Jan. 15, 1929	Jan. 15, 1937
Grand Rapids to Chicago	\$ .90	\$ .65	\$ .110	\$ .90	
Jackson to Cincinnati	1.15	.85	1.80	1.20	
Marquette to Milwaukee	1.15	.95	2.00	1.30	
Kalamazoo to St. Louis	2.25	1.20	2.80	1.60	
Lansing to Washington	3.10	1.55	3.85	2.05	
Detroit to New York	3.15	1.55	3.90	2.05	
Traverse City to New Orleans	6.70	3.00	8.35	4.00	
Port Huron to Miami	7.75	3.50	9.40	4.50	
Saginaw to Los Angeles	12.40	5.25	15.50	7.00	

Night and all-day Sunday rates are still lower.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

## Birmingham before today

By Minnie Hunt Salter

The only house between Mrs. Mills' home and W. Brown street belonged to Mr. H. W. Watkins. Later this became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, formerly of Southfield township, parents of David, William, Robert, John, Thomas, Anna, Mary, Belle and Sarah Hanna.

The Hannas built a house on Merrill, second door from the corner of

Pierce street and Dr. and

Mrs. Salter

Dr. Rainey is a brother of the

Dr. David Rainey, Mrs. Clara

Rainey and Mrs. John Biddow.

His first wife was the former Miss

Ida Bingham. She was a twin

sister of Mrs. Ezra Bristol

George Bingham and the late

Charles A. Bingham were her

brothers. She was the mother of

one son and two daughters. The

son died in infancy. Her eldest

daughter, Tess, died several years

ago. Her daughter, Blanche, is

married and has one son, Mrs.

Rainey passed away about 1901.

Dr. Rainey's second wife is the

former Miss Winifred German,

daughter of the late Mr. and

Frank German and sister of Mrs.

Grace Rainey and Mr. Walter

German.

Mrs. Grace Rainey was the

wife of the late Dr. James Miller,

of Farmington, Michigan. Her

second husband passed away about

a year ago.

Walter German's first wife was

the former Miss Orpha Spire.

The old Rainey home has been

turned down and now the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Nixon oc-

cupies the old site.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon have two

daughters. They are Alta and

Elbie.

Mrs. Nixon is a daughter of the

late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Erby.

Mr. Erby was the senior mem-

ber of the Milling firm of Erby

and Nixon. The Mills were in the

old Erby district. Many will re-

call the time when Mr. Erby had

a well sunk on his property. This

was such a "good" that it lived

all of the flowing wells for

miles around and put many of

them out entirely. Several years

later the casing settled and low-

ered the well's flow. They soon

but not all of the other wells be-

gan to flow again, but never with

the capacity of former years.

The late Mr. John Baggett and

Mrs. Althea Masters, who was the

first wife of Mr. William Masters,

were sisters of Mr. Chancy

Nixon.

I believe that Mrs. Erby was

the aunt of Mrs. Edward McQuar-

ter, (Lillian Reynolds), Mrs. Mc-

Quar spent her girlhood days at

the William Erby farm.

About 1895 Mr. Carson and

his sons Charles and James built

the house which stands the sec-

ond door south of the Nixon home.

I recall that Mr. and Mrs. Carson,

who were kindly folk, let the

Class of '96 have the use of the

house for a social before they had

occupied it. Mr. Carson sold the

property to Mrs. Thomas Biddow

### HEADS PRESS GROUP

## Happenings of Long Ago

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

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

Coming, Valentine day.

Our most popular and successful

harness dealer, Mr. E. A. O'Neal

hasn't yet got over smiling at

those funny poets—especially

that he recently saw in the office

as demonstrated and exhibited by

Miss Lucy Ward.

The public library gave out 75

books in one day last week.

We have just passed through a

hay and straw famine. Now John

Heth has two car loads, enough he

thinks, to last at least one month.

Mary had a little lamb—was

Persian—on her coat, she also had

a mink or two about her dainty

throat; a bird of paradise, a tern

and half the "critters in the

you." And when she walked

abroad, I ween, she feared no

wind; At keeping warm

was all she had to

skinned."

Miss Martha Baldwin was able

to walk as far as the Bazelow

home and we were glad to say

that she was slowly but surely

recovering her good health.

Chi Hains' appearance when Rex

all appears. Revell Chubb's

only now on sale at Shain's.

SIX YEARS AGO

Village gets street light

renewal plan. Editor would illuminate

S. Woodward and darken

center.

George H. Whittlesey to leave

next week for Alaskan mission

service.

New school head sought by

board for Vied's successor.

Doty pushes closed bank inquiry

here. Nine witnesses to be called

in grand jury probe.

Village seeks land titles. Peti-

tions. State for conveyance of

property delinquent five years.

Identity of candidates conceals

as deadline approaches for new

petitions for election.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS COME

FROM W. D. CLIBBE, SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE LAPER SCHOOLS: "Dear

Colleges—Glad to hear from you

and to know that you propose to

pay your debts by collecting from

your debtors. That's business, I

supposed I was on the same list

as the ministers and not have to

pay or if I did, it would be half

fare and would not have to pay

but one in two years. Please find

herewith \$1 to balance to August,

1887. Schools going on nicely here

with nearly 800 pupils. Luck to

you."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Stanley Peabody last week took

on to his Gilbert Lake farm, a fine

one of two-year old steers to

fat up for the city markets.

The red side of the contest of

the United Presbyterian church

will show a shadow box signal at

the

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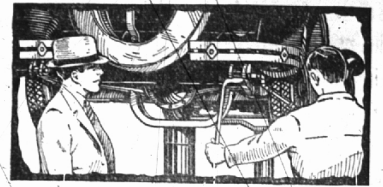
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