

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Electa Chilson visited relatives at Plymouth Wednesday.

Misses Mamie Hatton and Cassie Goodrich are home from Ypsilanti for the holiday vacation.

When shopping for Christmas gifts take a look at the hand-painted china in the drug store window.

J. W. Doherty of Owosso and Miss Mary Doherty of Detroit spent Sunday with their uncle, C. M. Doherty.

Miss Edessa Warner is home for the holiday vacation. She is attending the Columbia University in New York city.

You are all invited to attend the annual M. E. Sunday-school Christmas tree exercises next Saturday evening in the M. E. church.

The line gang that has been at work in Farmington for some weeks past stringing wires for the Electric Light Co. have finished their work.

Christmas exercises by the Sunday school will be held Sunday evening in the German Evangelical church, consisting of a Christmas tree and appropriate exercises.

Mrs. Charles F. Wright of Greenfield died last Thursday and was buried last Saturday in Grand Lawn cemetery. Besides a husband she leaves a mother and brother.

The Owen House appears to be a popular stopping place for the traveling public. The dining room is well fitted with transients every day, aside from the large number of regular boarders.

In the absence of the pastor last Sunday morning, Rev. D. M. Ward conducted the service in the M. E. church very acceptably, preaching an eloquent and very helpful sermon to the congregation.

The Farmington high school will play the Forts Friday, Dec. 22. The high school suffered a defeat last week and are out for this one "for sure." The high school girls will play a preliminary game, which is called at 7:45; big game at 8:30. Everybody attend and root for the high school. Admission ten cents.

J. H. McCotter of Rochester was in Farmington this week and placed an order with Amos Ouis for a large number of cedar fence posts for use on the farm near Livonia Center, which he purchased a year ago. Mr. McCotter has charge of the large Ferry seed farm at Rochester and does not intend to occupy his Livonia farm himself, but will fence and drain it. It is for sale and while in town he listed the place with the Ramsey Realty Co. There are 140 acres in the piece and it is offered at a very low figure.

New Years Post Cards at L. C. Schroder's.

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The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Henry Pauline next Thursday.

Carl Ely and family have moved into the house recently vacated by George Skene.

One of those pretty water color pictures at McGee's drug store would make a very fine gift for Christmas.

The clothing received and sent to Miss Kirsche by Mrs. Wilber were moderately valued at \$35. Will the donors please imagine the thanks which the needy would gladly give them for the warmth and cheer which they receive from their gifts.

Services at the Baptist Church

Services at the Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 24, are as follows: Preaching service at 10:30. Mr. Klump will take for his subject, "The opportune time God has in the destiny of the world." Covenant meeting at ten o'clock. Bible school at close of morning service.

Evening service at seven o'clock. Subject, "What Christ means to us." Twenty-minute song service every evening. A special invitation is extended to those who do not attend any other service. The public cordially invited to all our services.

Services for Christmas Sunday

M. E. services for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24: In the morning the pastor will preach on topic announced for last Sunday morning. "R. J. Campbell and Lee S. McClester, or two exponents of the New Theology."

In the evening the Rev. M. Evans of the Redford Presbyterian church will deliver the annual Xmas message to our Farmington congregation. Special Xmas music will be furnished. This service will be especially bright and interesting. Come and bring a friend.

Taxes

I will be at the Chamberlain barber shop hereafter on Friday and Saturday of each week for the collection of taxes. On any other day of the week can be seen at my home.

Dated, Dec. 6, 1911.

JOHN H. THAYER, Treasurer of the Township of Farmington.

STAY AWAY FROM THE BARBERSHOP. Friends board the hotel past with friendly offices.

THE FUNERAL OF FRED SIMMONS

The funeral service of the late Fred Simmons was held at the late residence, one-half mile south and 2 miles west of the village, Sunday morning at ten o'clock. A large company of friends and neighbors gathered to pay their last respects to one who had always been a kind hearted, gentleman and willing friend.

Mr. Simmons was a member of the Masses, Macnebes and Forsters-fodges. Many of his brethren were present at the service, which was conducted under the auspices of Farmington Lodge, F. & A. M. Rev. G. E. Gulien preached the sermon and interment was made in the Novi cemetery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Simmons and her two children, and the brother and all surviving friends and relatives of the deceased.

HEALTH NOW FASHIONABLE

Women of the Educated Classes Today Worship at Altar of the Goddess Hygieia.

"Look to your health," said quaint old Isaac Walton, "and if you have it, praise God, and value it next to a good conscience." Among the educated classes the value of health was never more keenly appreciated than it is today. All kinds of devices are resorted to, in order to achieve and maintain it, and many people deny themselves all in order to follow in the footsteps of the Goddess Hygieia. They forsake choice foods, and look not upon the wine which sparkles with amber clarity. The simplest fare contents them and water out of a wooden bowl is a nectar to them if only it confers upon them the supreme blessing of health.

In a word, to be healthy is to be fashionable, and what is fashionable must be attained at any cost. The woman who simulated a perpetual state of semi-invalidity, who reclined on a sofa all day long reading novels, who was always afflicted with the "vapours" (whatever that may mean), has now disappeared from our midst. One might search from Dan to Beersheba and yet not find her. It is in the hockey field and on the golfing greens that one must look for her busy successors. There can be no question that so far as the middle and upper classes are concerned, the importance of health and of subscribing to all the latest fashions thereto is fully realized.

SOME OLD COURT CUSTOMS

Ancient Rules for Guidance of Officers and Gentlemen When Dining With Royalty.

Apropos of the recent coronation ceremonies in London, it is interesting to note the difference between court etiquette of today and that practiced 200 years ago.

Regulations prescribed by the lord chamberlain at that period in the history of the realm seem ridiculous in the extreme to us in this enlightened time, notwithstanding some of the customs today are decidedly unique.

For the benefit of officers, many of them of noble families, these rules were laid down: When invited to dine with royal persons, they were to be neatly dressed, with clean coats and boots, and were not to enter the room in a half-drunken condition.

They were warned not to drink after each mouthful, as that would make them drunk too soon, or to empty more than one goblet of wine after every two dishes.

They were not to put their hands in their plates, their bones under the table, lick their fingers, wipe their noses on the tablecloth, or to drink enough to make them fall off the chairs or walk with a staggering stride.

These are extracts from a set of rules carefully drawn up for the guidance of officers and gentlemen of noble families, which show that manners have improved since 1642.

SHINGLED ROOFS FORBIDDEN

In the south, which is regarded by many as being less progressive than New England, appreciation of the danger of wooden roofs is growing. A few months ago Jackson, Miss., decided to prohibit shingle and board roofs; and now Birmingham, Ala., has passed an anti-shingle ordinance to take effect January 1, 1912. New England has furnished the object lesson which the southern cities are heeding, but the great fires in Portland, Bangor and Chelsea do not appear to have impressed upon New England people the dangers of shingles exposed to sparks carried long distances by the wind. The action of Jackson and Birmingham affords a good precedent for northern cities.

SHE KNEW IT

"I have decided to quit this company tonight," said the prima donna, as she flounced into the manager's office.

"But, my dear Miss Rivington," he protested, "we have nobody to take your place."

"That's why I have decided to quit tonight."

MATTER OF SOUND

"Through sin we lose our heirship to heaven," said the preacher. And Willie, with his thoughts upon aviation, wanted to know if the "airship" referred to was a biplane or a monoplane.

HUNTING THE POLAR BEAR

Exciting Bit of Description of Sport on the Ice Fields of the Arctic.

Suddenly, not ten paces from us and directly in the path, a great white face that framed a living triangle of flashing eyes above a steaming black nose shored itself sharp and clear within the short range of our vision. Bulked large back of this there loomed the swaying body of an ice bear, hazy and unreal. He moved like some huge pendulum, from side to side, and then, his white fangs snapped out bare against a mouth of fire as he sprang toward the light.

"Give it to him, boys!" I shouted, jumping sideways with the light. Both rifles smashed into the charging beast with one report, and he dropped at our feet beneath the stunning blow of the mushroomed bullets, while the loud echoes multiplied among the hills that line the valley. Before the sharp echoes had ceased to babble back and forth between the ice slopes, we caught the dim reply from the sheer face of Kennedy Glacier way off on distant Smeerenburg, and the stray dogs again took up their mournful baying in the valley.—Outing.

ONE MORE AMERICAN TRIUMPH

Statement Made That Physicians Have Succeeded in Eradicating Beri-Beri.

Another great victory for the army medical officers has been scored in the Philippines in the eradication of beri-beri. During the first five months of the present year there was but one case of this disease among the Philippine scouts. It is now considered practically nonexistent among native soldiers. There were but five admissions to hospitals during the year just past as compared with 839 in 1909 and 189 in 1910. The Filipino ration is the same as that used in 1908 and 1909, with the exception that unpolished rice has been used and the amount limited to 16 ounces. It is considered that this is the key to the situation and that another year will entirely wipe up this disease. The use of unpolished rice and the reduction in quantity are considered sufficient in themselves to prevent the occurrence of beri-beri. The polished rice theory of beri-beri production is fully sustained by the figures of the past year and reflects great credit to the medical officers of the army in their successful campaign against this tropical disease.

PROTECTING WILD ANIMALS

An important amendment to the game laws which goes into effect this year is that prohibiting the sale of game at any time. While this will have no effect on the average hunter, it will put an end to a practice which has had much to do with decreasing the supply of wild animals and birds in this state. The slaughter of game in order to supply the markets has in the past done much to aid in the extinction of our wild animals and birds, and the elimination of this type of hunter will be most beneficial.

Each year the game laws are being more strictly enforced, and the protection have obtained a large number of convictions. The officials are no longer ready to overlook violations of the law, but are making every effort to put a stop to illegal hunting. And in this work they have the moral support of all good citizens of the state.—Schenectady Gazette.

NUMBER THIRTEEN

In many London streets there is no No. 13. Even hard headed business men seem to have an aversion to this number, which is lacking from Threadneedle street, Tokenhouse yard and London street. In one street, however, bearing a singularly unlucky name, superstition is boldly defied. For many years past a flourishing manufacturer has located his city offices at No. 13 Friday street—an address which seems eminently fitted to be the headquarters of the thirteen club. Mr. Pierpont Morgan, too, defies fate by housing his store of priceless art treasures at No. 13 Prince's Gate.

CAREFUL CLERK

"Why didn't you praise that sausage more?" demanded the grocer. "That sausage is all right."

"It doesn't pay to praise sausage too highly," retorted the new clerk. "It might wag its tail."

HER RULES FOR HAPPINESS

Woman Gives Three Simple Precepts That Preserved Her Joyous Outlook on Life.

An older woman who always seemed to be cheerful and happy was once asked by a young girl how she retained her joyous outlook on life.

"I have three simple rules," said the woman, "which I have followed since early youth. The first is this: Commit something to memory every day, something good. It needn't be much; three or four words will do, just a pretty bit of a poem, or a Bible verse.

"The second rule is: Look for something pretty every day; and don't skip a day, of it won't work. "My third rule—now mind, don't skip a day—Do something for somebody every day! That is all there is to it, dear."

These rules will work always and everywhere, for women as well as for girls. They are so plain any one can carry them out if they have the will.

Take the first rule, for instance. Not only will the habit of committing some beautiful thing to memory every day make of the mind a valuable storehouse, but it will broaden one's outlook on life through contact with the thoughts of others.

If one strives to see something pretty every day the habit will soon become so fixed that all of life will seem to be seen through colored glasses. And as for doing something for some one every day—this is the best of all. It is a rule which will turn a farmhouse warm in the chill of winter, and a tenement cool in the heat of summer; it will touch hardened hearts with sympathy and make all humanity glad.

LETS WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Mrs. Sambo—Who does you reckon is de laziest, your husband or mine?

Mrs. Lucas—I ain't gwine to guess. It's had enough now without stahin' no competition.

CARRIED FAR BY LIGHTNING

An extraordinary accident occurred at Bagnone, near Molins, France, recently, during an electrical storm. A team of three horses, each drawing a cart full of sand, was struck by lightning and all three horses, with their loads, were hurled into a deep ravine some distance away, where they lay in a mixed heap. The strangest feature of the case is that not a grain of sand was spilled on the road, nor was there any trace of the wheels of the heavy carts leading from the spot where they were struck. In fact, the whole team—horses and loads—seems to have been bodily lifted and shot into the ravine. The carter escaped with a slight shock.

PERILOUS OCCUPATION

The Queensland pearl diver begins his hazardous work at break of day. Attired in his diving suit, he steps on to the ladder over the side, and fastens the life line around him; the tender screws on the face glass, the pumps are started, and down goes the diver to look for shell. If he is on ground where shell is plentiful he fills his bag, then allows his dress to fill with air, which brings him to the surface, when he is hauled to the boat by the life line. He empties his bag onto the deck and goes down for another bagful. Some of the divers occasionally work in twenty-five fathoms.

INTERESTING SPOTS

"I suppose," says the lady next door, "that you saw many really wonderful places while you were abroad."

"Yes, indeed," replies the returned traveler. "I think the most shivery of them all, however, was the catacombs in Rome. I have the nightmare about it yet!"—Judge.

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