

## NOTICE

On and after January 1st, J. W. Hutton's blacksmith shop will be open to the public. Horseshoeing and general repairing a specialty. Your patronage solicited.

C. R. Ely.

**Cows for Sale**—One three-year-old Holstein cow, due first week in January. One half blood Holstein, six years old, due at the same time. One seven-eighths Holstein, ten years old, due Feb. 4.—A. H. Phelps.

## Taxes

I will be at the Chamberlin 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.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**—In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 15th day of December A. D. 1911.

Present: Hon. Kleiter P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate.  
In the matter of the estate of  
Fred M. Simmons,  
deceased.

Kate Simmons having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Kate Simmons or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the 13th day of January A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEITER P. ROCKWELL,  
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.  
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH,  
Probate Clerk.

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**POLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEY AND BLADDER

## LOCAL NEWS

### Was it a Merry Christmas?

Mrs. T. H. McGee spent Christmas with friends in Saginaw.

Mrs. Agnes Buno and Mrs. McIlwain were Christmas visitors in Pilsaunt.

Clyde McGee came over from Chicago to spend his Christmas in Farmington.

Miss Tessa Pierson played at the Columbian school Christmas exercises in Detroit last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Scruton, parents of Mrs. Geo. F. Guilen, left for their home Tuesday after a visit at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bicking went over to Walled Lake and partook of a good Christmas dinner with his grandfather.

A. Muldragh, who is known in Farmington, and who now resides in Saginaw, has been quite ill, but is now improving again.

Governor Warner and his son, Harley, went up to the Huron county farm Christmas day for a few days' sport hunting rabbits.

The big basket ball team will have their first game of the season on Saturday night of next week when the Wyandottes will be here for a contest.

Harrison Joffson and wife, John Meadow and wife, Carl Hutton and Grandma Hutton were guests on Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ely.

We don't know whether it is an old last year's remnant or the harbinger of next spring, but Miss Electa Chilson saw a robin the next day after Christmas.

Now is the time for a lot of people to make the regulation New Years resolutions. If half of the population would only make them and stick to them what a change in affairs there would be.

Miss Emeline Laphan of Northville visited Farmington relatives this week.

Richard Marsh accompanied F. M. Warner and son, Harley, on their hunting expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Stringer of Detroit were guests at the home of Mrs. C. J. Sprague on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauline and son, Percy, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Potter at Dearborn one day last week.

After a service of over 30 years at the Pontiac asylum, E. C. Smith, who has been steward for a long time, has resigned.

C. R. Ely, Ed. Millard and John Walters, with their families, and accompanied by Asa Roberts, went to Detroit and spent the day and ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mr. Henry Wilhahn.

There was a family reunion on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schroder. Their sons, L. C., Herman, and Albert, with their families were there to eat dinner with their parents.

The local option petitions have been duly posted in Farmington as well as in all the other towns in the county and it is said that many more names were secured than was necessary for the submission of the question.

A couple of smooth talkers went about throughout this section of the state recently selling oil tanks and oil to fill them at a low figure. Some of the farmers who purchased find that the oil will scarcely burn and that it is a very inferior grade.

### Fairview School Closing Exercise

The Fairview school closed for the holiday vacation last Friday with a Christmas tree and program consisting of singing, dialogues and recitations. Quite a number of visitors were present and the children acquitted themselves finely in every number of the exercises. Miss Lavilla Adams was present and after the program favored the school with a reading which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Hazel Fox, the teacher, is spending the holiday vacation at her home in Rochester.

### The Best Christmas Newspaper

The finest Christmas number that came to our desk this year was the Boyne City Times, published by Will H. Griffin, formerly of Birmingham. The Times is a newspaper only four months old, but has already taken a position as one of the best Northern Michigan papers. It is published in the leading manufacturing city in the northern part of the lower peninsula and is a fair representative of the busy and growing town.

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

## REDFORD WAS WELL ADVERTISED

### A LITTLE LIE WAS WELL PEDDLED OVER STATE

### Only One Mild Case of Small Pox Starts a Big Story that Travels Far

Redford has certainly been well advertised during the past ten days. It has really been a bright red spot on the geographical map, although most of the newspapers of the state have tried to erase it from the map altogether.

It shows how fast a bad piece of news or a lie can travel. Redford has one case of smallpox, a very mild case at that, and all throughout the state the papers have had the place perfectly isolated from the rest of the world and the inhabitants were suffering from a terrible contagion.

The lie was started by the Detroit papers and the D. U. R. officials. The papers made a sensation out of it and the D. U. R. folks thought to protect their interests by announcing that every car which passed through the village was fumigated three times daily. The only fumigation was from the bad cigars in the smoking compartment.

Business is going on in Redford as usual. Roy Burgess, the victim of the disease, is about well, and aside from the quarantine maintained on the Briggs building, no one would know there was any sickness in the town.

About every town in the state has more or less contagious diseases all of the time, but few of them get so much free advertising as did Redford.

### C. R. Ely takes Blacksmith Shop

On the first day of January C. R. Ely will take charge of and thereafter operate the J. W. Hutton blacksmith shop. Mr. Hutton will continue the other branch of the business as usual.

Mr. Ely will have a competent man in charge at all times and will be prepared to do anything in the blacksmithing line on short notice.

### Baptist Services Next Sunday

The services at the Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 31, are as follows: Morning service at 10:30. Mr. Klump will speak upon the subject, "Daniel, the Prophet." Bible school at close of service. Evening service at 7:30: Twenty-minute song service every evening. Subject for the evening, "The Brazen Serpent." Everybody invited to these services.

### The Folly of Prayer next Sunday

M. E. services for Dec. 31: Morning sermon topic, "The Folly of Prayer." In the evening the second of the series of Modern Fads and Fools, "The Foolishness of Worry, or Wishbones and Backbones." "Some men fail because their wishbones are where their backbones ought to be."—Mark Twain.

### Stringer Sees Road Conditions

The following interview was given to a Detroit News reporter by W. J. Stringer of Redford, and fairly illustrates the road condition: "The roads this fall and winter are the worst I have seen. But you don't have to argue with a farmer around here any more since the county road commission started to build roads out this way. A neighbor of mine living out near Bell Branch hauls his milk with five horses until he gets to the concrete road on Grand River which Road Commissioner Hines built last summer, when he unhooks three horses and drives into town with a team. Another neighbor of mine says he saves 60 per cent on his hauling, due to the good roads. I could give dozens of just such instances, and we are anxiously awaiting the completion of Grand River to the county line."

## The M. E. Christmas Exercises

The Christmas services in connection with the M. E. society were of most interesting character. The Christmas tree exercises were held on Saturday night. The auditorium could scarcely contain the large gathering that was in attendance. The Sunday-school children rendered a very fine Christmas program, after which the numerous gifts with which Santa Claus had laden the beautiful Christmas tree were distributed. Mrs. M. Truscott, the worthy superintendent of the Sunday-school, occupied the chair. The committee on decorations are to be congratulated on the artistic result of their work.

The music rendered by the choir on Sunday was of a special Christmas character and would have done credit to any city organization. The pastor preached in the morning while Rev. Evans of Redford Presbyterian church occupied the pulpit in the evening, delivering an eloquent and most inspiring Christmas address.

## NOT ALL FREE



"Going to the horse show?"  
"What do they do at horse shows—break horses?"  
"No, break the visitors."

## HORNETS IN A STEEPLE.

William Hutchinson, a contractor, and three carpenters employed by him were painfully stung when they climbed to the cupola of the First Baptist church to make repairs to the roof. Thousands of yellow jackets had made their home in the belfry and they resented the intrusion and drove the men to the ground. William Gillman made his way to the belfry and with tar paper closed all exits by which the insects could escape. Then he placed four sulphur candles under the cupola and lighted them. After the candles had burned out enough dead insects were found to fill a peach basket to overflowing, and the carpenters then resumed work on the church roof.—New Castle (Del.) Letter to Philadelphia Record.

## RAILWAY LABORER'S GRUDGE.

The most expensive act of damage ever committed by a railway worker was that of an Italian navy employed on the construction of a tunnel through one of the mountains in the Black Forest. Having a grudge against his foreman, he succeeded one night in altering the position of the stakes which marked the course of the work. The excavators were working upon the tunnel in two sections, one from the north and one from the south. Owing to the shifting of the stakes the sections, instead of being directed to the same point, were found to be 26 feet apart when they reached the middle of the mountain. The northern half of the tunnel had, therefore, to be entirely reconstructed at a cost of £175,000.—London Chronicle.

## UNIVERSAL TALENT.

"Don't you think juries ought to receive higher salaries?"  
"Perhaps. But they can't expect them in the face of so much competition. There are thousands of people in the bleachers every day who willing to step right over and take the job."

## SORDID CALCULATION.

"You would rather have an airship than a private yacht?"  
"Yes. An airship has its disadvantages. But it's far more economical when it comes to taking friends on a pleasure trip."

## HE MIGHT RISK ONE EYE

Secretary of War Dickinson's Advice to the Postmaster General Was Cautious.

An official of the postoffice department tells of the efforts of a woman, the widow of an inventor who had completed a device intended to be applied for a special purpose in the postal administration of our insular possessions, to get a hearing before that department, in order that she might orally demonstrate the excellence of the invention, touching which the department had expressed some doubt. The woman wrote a pathetic letter requesting a private hearing from the postmaster general. "I feel sure," said she in this letter, "that if I could get a chance to look straight into your beautiful brown eyes you would hear me."

After some consideration the postmaster general indorsed the communication, "Respectfully referred to the secretary of war for advice," and sent it to the war department.

In due course it came back with this indorsement:

"Risk one eye.—J. M. Dickinson."

## SHE WILL MAKE FINANCIER

Englehardt's Little Daughter Surprises Him When He Tests Her Slatery Affection.

A member of parliament has a little daughter who has the making of a great financier in her. One day her father called her to him.

"My dear," said he, "a man this morning offered me this room full of gold if I would sell your little brother. Now that means gold enough to fill this room from wall to wall, and from floor to ceiling. If I sell your little brother for that sum I shall be able to buy everything in the world you want. Shall I sell him?"

"No, papa," answered the little girl, promptly; and then, before her delighted father could embrace her for expressing so much unselfish devotion, she went on:

"Keep him till he's bigger. He'll be worth more then."—Tit-Bits.

## ONE-MAN POWER.

In a speech at Denver N. C. Goodwin once remarked on the small means wherewith Washington had achieved such great ends.

"When I think," said Goodwin, "of Washington's terrible handicap my mind goes back to the town of Nola Chucky."

"An actor-manager was to appear for one night in Nola Chucky," and accordingly wired the proprietor of the Nola Chucky opera house:

"Will hold rehearsal tomorrow noon. Have stage manager, stage carpenter, property man and assistant electrician and all the stage hands at theater prompt to hour."

"He received this telegram in reply:

"He will be there."

## THE HARDER TASK.

Senator Root, at a luncheon at the Washington Country club, said of war:

"Our arbitration treaties come none too soon. The world is getting tired of war." This fact was well brought home to be the other day by the remark of an English diplomat.

"He said that, at the end of the Boer war, two Unionists were wrangling at a dinner.

"I," said the first Unionist, "a lieutenant of volunteers—I went to war and defended my country."

"Pshaw, what of that?" the other retorted. "I stayed in my country and defended the war."

## CURED HER, FIRST POP.

"Does your wife often grieve because she threw over a wealthy man in order to marry you?"

"She started to once, but I cured her of it the first rattle out of the box."

"I wish you would tell me how." "I started right in by grieving with her. And I grieved harder and longer than she did."

## CRUEL HINT.

"I must brush the cobwebs from my brain."  
"Then you ought to get a vacuum cleaner."

## ITS KIND.

"I know a man who challenges the world for the pie-eating record."  
"He must be a man of consuming ambition."

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