

C. D. Potter, Publisher.

Business Change.

C. D. Potter of Parma, Mich., former owner and publisher of the Albion Leader and Parma News, has purchased the Enterprise and took charge of the business last Monday. He expects to move to Farmington as soon as a house can be rented and make it his future home.

Announcement.

Having purchased the Enterprise, I wish to announce to the people of Farmington and vicinity, that as quick as I can procure a house I shall move to Farmington, where I expect to make my future home. I shall try to the best of my ability to give the people a good live local newspaper, and shall at all times be pleased to have news items handed in for publication. The people of this community can do a great deal to help make the "Enterprise" one of the best local newspapers in Oakland county. Come in and see me and get acquainted. I will appreciate your call.

Yours truly,
C. D. POTTER.

Eighth Grade Examination.

Eighth grade examinations will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, at Holly, Milford, Highland, Walled Lake, Farmington, Pontiac, Rochester, Orion, Leonard and Orionville.

Reading will be based on Longfellow's "Hiawatha." For outline see Moderator-Topics, Feb. 1, 1909.

The department of public instruction has ruled that applicants shall have had at least six months' work in eighth grade studies and that a statement from the teacher to this effect must be given the conductor. The grade examinations are now a part of our regular school work and we suggest that teachers do not urge pupils who are not fully prepared to write.

H. E. ELLIOTT,
Commissioner of Schools.

Literary Club.

A very pleasing program was rendered last Friday evening by Daughters of the Ladies Literary Club, assisted by Miss Eleanor Klugh of Detroit. The home of Mrs. C. W. Chamberlin was thrown open for the occasion and about 40 of the members and friends gathered to hear the excellent program which was in charge of Mrs. Frank Steele.

Mrs. Steele had prepared very unique and dainty hand decorated programs, which were prized as souvenirs of the occasion.

The husbands of the ladies were invited to attend and while every last man of them loves his wife and daughters they were so busy that few found it possible to attend. Life is very strenuous in Farmington among the sterner sex. Piano solos were rendered by Lavilla Adams and Irene Chamberlin, a piano duet by Helen Warner and Ernestine Pierce, vocal solos by Miss Klugh, Mrs. F. L. Cook and Helen Donahy and a vocal trio by the Dohany sisters. Recitations were given by Jeannette Ostms, Mary Hatten, Lavilla Adams, Vivian Dohany and Moreau Dohany, while ten of the daughters gave a patriotic chorus. Mrs. Hatten, the president, thanked the daughters and expressed the hope that the club might be favored again with as fine an entertainment.

During the roll call the ladies responded with cute sayings from children and one very apt one was the child, who questioning her mother asked, "Ma, who is that strange man that stays here nights."

McHugh & McHugh of Northville will have their Easter Millinery Opening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 1, 2 and 3.

Ownership of a Letter.

Many persons are under the impression that a letter once mailed is no longer the property of the sender, but belongs to the person to whom it is addressed. This is an error. Under the postal regulations of the United States and the rulings of the highest courts in the land, a letter does not belong to the addressee until it is delivered to him.

The writer has a right to reclaim and regain possession of it, provided he can move to the satisfaction of the postmaster at the office from which it was sent, that he was the writer of the letter.

Even after the letter has arrived at the office which is its destination and before it has been delivered to the addressee, it may be recalled by the writer by telegraph through the mailing office.

The regulations of the postoffice department require, of course, that utmost care should be taken by the postmaster at the office of mailing to ascertain that the person who desires to withdraw the letter is, really the one who is entitled to do so, and the postmaster is responsible for his error if he delivers it to an unauthorized person.

The vital principle in our political system lies at the bottom of this matter. In this country the state is the servant or agent of the citizen, not his master. It remains merely his agent throughout the transmission of a letter. The state may prescribe regulations under which its servants may carry a message for the citizens, but it cannot shift its responsibility to him.

A Pleasant Surprise.

A very pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. H. A. Green last week Wednesday in honor of her birthday. About 30 of her neighbors and friends gathered at the home of her son Arthur Green, and enjoyed the afternoon in social intercourse. After a bountiful supper, which was much enjoyed, all departed extending her many returns of the day. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Halstead and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green planned the surprise and presented her with a beautiful diamond dinner set.

Do Your Duty.

The new constitution provides that the state superintendent of public instruction and the member of the state board of education, heretofore chosen in the November election, shall be chosen at the same time that the important judicial officers of the state are selected.

There is a solemn obligation resting upon every able-bodied man in this township which some have seemingly forgotten. Some may be inclined to laugh at this serious putting of the case, but to such the following quotation from the Atlantic Monthly will apply:

An old lady in speaking to a man of 28 years, who has just boastfully proclaimed that he has never voted "politics are such a dirty mess."

"Oh, don't laugh, don't laugh, you have admitted a crime! Don't you know, 'haven't you been taught, don't you see for yourself, that every time an educated man in the United States fails to vote, he has slyly slipped a stone out of place in the foundation of our government? Upon your vote rests the security of the whole complicated structure of republicanism as we Americans are now testing it in the eyes of the world. Whatever you do, do not laugh."

A store's size and importance are no more the result of chance than is the building it occupies. Both are the results of plans. And if your ad manager plans wisely, your store will soon outgrow its building.

Have you noticed that new lot of furniture at Cook & Co.'s.

Cook & Co. handle Syracuse and Oliver plows. They meet every requirement.

RECOGNIZED SIGNS OF AGE

Incidents That Led Banker to Realize He Was Rapidly Coming Up Under the Wire.

"Yes, I guess I'll have to admit I'm getting A," said a well-known banker of 60, "thereabouts, as 'wiped his glass' is the other day. 'Do you know what makes me realize it more than at anything else? I'll tell you."

"When I take up my newspaper at the breakfast table every morning I catch myself turning to the obituary column about the first thing after I skim over the first page. Hardly a day passes that I don't see the name of some one I have known or heard of, and I begin to wonder how my obituary will look and what they will say about me."

"As the years pass, too, my boyhood friends seem to go faster and the great men of my generation are dropping off rapidly. But," he added hastily, "you needn't begin to prepare my obituary just yet; I expect to see the leaves fall a good many more autumns before you'll have a chance to print it."

HOW LOW THE OHIO IS.

"Moundville, in West Virginia, finding that the low stage of water in the Ohio river, whence its domestic supply was obtained, rendered the water unsafe for drinking purposes, sank a couple of wells out in the middle of the channel near town and is getting a fair quantity that was, and of a quality that is far more salubrious than, the polluted surface water which most of the river towns are forced to use," said G. B. Rowe of Wheeling, W. Va.

"The oldest inhabitant cannot recall a time when the Ohio was as nearly out of business as it is today. Steamboats long ago ceased plying its waters. In many places it has gone so utterly dry and I have seen crowds of schoolboys within the last month playing ball on sandy stretches that used to be in the middle of the stream many feet under water."—Baltimore American.

THE OLD PHILOSOPHER.

"Let Joy take the fiddle," says the old philosopher, "and the stars will wink at the dancing! I've even seen old Trouble shake the rain from his raggedly hat and take a whirl in the dance when Joy shouted 'Take yer partners!' But there's such a thing as working Joy to death, and sometimes we go to celebrating and lose him altogether. The best ground in the world is middle ground. There's even such a thing as scaring happiness away!"—Atlanta Constitution.

GIRLS WITHOUT HOMES.

There is said to be no fewer than 50,000 working girls in Berlin who have no homes, no rooms even that they can call their own, but sleep in the Schlafstellen, and in the daytime have no place at all to which to go. The city contributes \$500 a year toward three homes where the girls may go when they are sick. Anna Plathow has suggested that the factory owners would benefit themselves by making good homes for the girls.

THE AUTOMATIC AGE.

A New York retail dealer recently sent out some form letters advertising a small article for sale. The letterheads and signatures were printed on a small electric self-feeding press, and the typewritten work was even set on a machine. The sheets were folded on another appliance. "The envelopes were addressed on an addressing machine and were sealed and stamped automatically on still another device. The money received in reply was placed in and rung up on a cash register and the deposit in the bank was checked on a slip record of an adding machine.—System Magazine.

THE HOME-MADE STOVE.

Miss Anna Barrows, teacher of domestic science, reports that after six months experimenting with the different fireless cookers on the market she is convinced that none of them is any better than the home-made one that any woman can construct for herself. Fireless cookers with three holes each in the neighborhood of \$10, while the materials for making one can easily be bought for less than \$2. The only difficulty in constructing these simple conveniences at home is in getting vessels without handles and with close fitting lids.

Church Notes

METHODIST
Morning service, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Sunday school, 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.
Epworth League, 6:15 to 7 p.m.
Preaching service 7 to 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

The pastor would be pleased to know of all cases of sickness and distress where he may be of service.

BAPTIST.
Services at the Baptist church as usual. Sunday school at 1:30 p.m. and preaching services at 2:30 p.m., local time. Prayer service Friday evening at 7:30.

Rev. N. E. Musser, pastor.

WANT LINERS
For Sale—Second hand cook stove. Two miles north of Farmington. Mrs. Oscar Smith. 2317

For Sale—Horse and cow. Dr. Holcomb. 2417

For Sale—A fire extinguisher guaranteed to be best extinguisher made, hang on hook, ready for immediate use. Inquire at this office.

For Sale—Large map of United States, latest issued by the government. Inquire at this office.

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Farmington Postoffice
MAIL SERVICE.
M. B. Pierce, Postmaster

Mails arrive at 8:05 a.m. and 5:05 p.m. Depart at 7:55 a.m. and 4:55 p.m.
Rural Route No. 1—Will Springs
Rural Route No. 2—Clyde Adams
Rural Route No. 3—Lynn Simpson
Rural carrier leaves the P. O. at 7 a.m.
The following letters remain to be called for at the Farmington post office.
Not claimed before Apr. 15 will be sent to the dead letter office.
Mrs. Thos. Irish, C. S. Bullard, Geo. R. Ferguson, C. Allen Martin, John VanAlstyne.

M. B. PIERCE, P.M.

Lewis J. Simon, Attorney, Room 120, 29 Monroe Avenue, Detroit.

Executor's Sale of Real Estate.

In the matter of the estate of Oscar E. Bedford deceased. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance and by virtue of a license granted to the undersigned, John Becker, executor of the estate of Oscar E. Bedford, deceased, by the Hon. Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Prob. in and for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on the twenty-first day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight, I will sell at public auction or vendue, to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation and approval by the Probate Judge of said Wayne County, on

Monday the 19th Day of April, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock p.m. standard time, the premises hereinafter described, to-wit: the right, title and interest of said deceased in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Farmington, in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the point in the center of the Detroit, Howell and Grand roads intersected by the north and south center line of Section twenty-eight (28), in Township one (1) North, Range nine (9) East, thence running north about four chains to the quarter section stake and continuing on and along the course above said center line of Section twenty-one (21) to a point one-half the distance to the center of said Section twenty-one (21), thence easterly along the quarter section line, to the east line of the west half of the south-east quarter of section twenty-one (21), thence south along said east line to a point four chains and four two links north of the south line of said Section twenty-one (21), thence westerly parallel to the south line of said Section twenty-one (21) nine chains and thirty-three links, thence south parallel to the east line of said lot four chains and four two links to the section line, and in the same direct line about five and three fourth chains to the center of the Detroit & St. Antoine Road at Farmington Village in Section twenty-eight (28), thence northwesterly along said highway and Plank Road about eleven chains to the place of beginning, containing about thirty eight acres of land, be the same more or less, exclusive of a lot of about two and one-half acres of ground embraced within the foregoing boundary, lying near the south-west corner thereof upon the Plank Road occupied as a burying ground, which is hereby reserved, and also a piece of land situated on the northeast part of the parcel above described, heretofore deeded to Palmer & Erman.

Dated February 20, 1909.
JOHN S. BUCKER,
Executor of the Estate of Oscar E. Bedford, deceased.

Full particulars concerning above property may be obtained of John S. Buckler, Executor, 125 Grand Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

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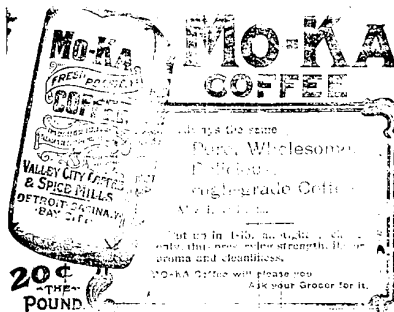
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