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We are giving ONE QUARTER OFF on clothing, gloves and mittens, jackets, shirts, wool shirts, hosiery, ladies' and men's underwear, hoods and nubias.

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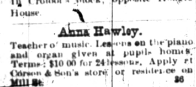

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Sample Rooms, and first-class accommodations.

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Our sales last month were larger than ever before for the month of January.

Our reductions proved a decided success as we have considerably reduced the stock which we must wanted to move, and largely increased our sales of Staple goods.

But we have "Blood in our eye" still and to brighten up our trade during the dull month of February and to reduce stock before inventorying, we will continue the 25 per cent discount on Clothing, Gloves, and Mittens, Hosiery, Hoods, Nubias and Jackets. We are also making low prices on

Boots and Shoes

Our Stock in these lines is all NEW.

You can save from 10 to 20 per cent by buying from us in all lines.

Dont invest a dollar until you have ASKED OUR PRICES, AND SEEN OUR GOODS. IT WILL PAY YOU.

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You will always find a full and complete stock of Feed, Meal, Graham Flour, and the best grade of Family Flour in the market, and all for sale as cheap as at any mill in the county. All goods delivered free.

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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper's wrapper; this tells you when your subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Miss Susie Gillet of Lansing has been visiting friends in town.

Sugars and sheetings at lowest Detroit prices at Corson & Son's.

Miss Eva Bale of Royal Oak is visiting Mr. Moore of Orchard Lake.

Miss Hettie Morris of Reed City is in town making glad the hearts of her old friends.

We are glad to note the recovery and also a short visit from Thurston Barr, of Troy.

Rev. Thos. Middlemis is expected home this week from a two weeks' visit in Philadelphia.

A flying visit was paid by Cal. G. Simonson, of Louisville, Ky., to his parents last week.

Good trimmed hats marked down from various prices to $1 50 and $1 00. Mrs. L. T. Farman.

E. Chatfield, of Troy, lost fourteen hogs by feeding bribe to them. Quite a heavy loss for a farmer.

Mrs. H. E. Allison, of Pontiac, was the welcome guest of Mrs. E. Leonard the fore part of this week.

The republican pole has been razed to the ground and worked up into fire wood by Wm. Robinson.

Shoes at cost at D. E. Wilber's. Robinson's and Burtenshaw's next. Now is the time to secure a bargain.

Best "Taylor" crackers, 3 lbs for 25 cents. Water white oil 15 cents per gallon at Corson & Son's.

W. H. Marvin, the Utica Sentinel man, took in our masquerade last week and seemed to enjoy it first-rate.

Henry S. Hollister of Chippewa Co. made his brother Mark of Royal Oak a short visit the fore part of the week.

Take particular notice! He I rest my hope of heaven on my own doings, or on the merits and mediation of Christ?

Looking for a good horse and a flyer—Levi Wooster, of Clyde, who also paid his folks a short visit this week.

Great reduction in prices on boots and shoes at Corson & Son's.

Miss Anna Hawley a teacher of music, late of New York, has a card in another column regarding music lessons, read it.

40 ct. underwear for 25 cts., 50 ct. underwear for 35 cts., 75 ct. underwear for 50 cts., $4.50 Boots for $3.50 at J. R. Corson & Son's.

Correspondence from Big Beaver, Pontiac, West Bloomfield and other points unavoidably crowded out. Sorry but they will keep.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Jackson of Southfield visited his son Joe at White Lake returning home Wednesday p. m. quite pleased with their visit.

Two freight trains trying to utilize one track at the same time last Friday destroyed about $2,000 damages in less than two revolutions of a coffee grinder.

Thorne & Converse have filled their ice-house with the largest supply of the finest ice ever harvested, and most of their farmers have all filled their ice houses.

Before purchasing a sewing machine of any kind see Whitehead & Mitchell get their prices, and above all be aware of traveling salesmen and buy of a regular dealer.

There will be a special term of Birmingham Chapter No. 93 R. A. M. next Monday evening; work of the Past and Most Excellent degree. A full attendance is desire d.

Auction Sale to morrow (Saturday) at two o'clock at the residence of the late James Miles. W. H. Camp auctioneer, will sell horse, single wagon, sleigh, buggy, and a great many other articles too numerous to mention.

Gentlemen, buy your clothing now at one quarter off at Corson & Son's.

Our usually correct and reliable correspondent of Warren is mistaken regarding the attendant physician to Mr. David Cummins. Dr. W. G. Terry is the physician and not Dr. Fitch of the Corners. We gladly make the correction.

Sealed proposals for drawing gravel on the highway between the Swan and Haines farms, will be received at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store, in Birmingham, up to and including Saturday, February 11th, 1882. By order of committee.

J. O. Beattie purchased last week of the Pontiac Wagon Co., one of their celebrated wagons, a three seated wagon for use in his livery and undertaking business. It is something that Jim has long needed, and we are glad to see such evidence of his prosperity.

While fooling 'round a wood pile on Monday, Luther Stanley's foot turned and he fell to the ground bashing his head against a safe (American manufacture) and stretching his backbone a couple of inches or so, making a very lame Luther. Moral: Don't fool around the wood pile.

The mother of Al Babcock was sick enough to require the professional services of Dr. C. M. Raynale who was summoned and the patient rapidly improved. At the same time a child of Mr. Babcock was also taken severely ill and has passed a very critical period We trust it will recover.

Edson James, late city baker and proprietor of the Boston Crystal Ice Cream Foundry, sold out at auction and with the proceeds has "gone west." He will bring up in Menominee, Wis. and intends to farm it. His wife will live with her folks in Southfield during his absence.

We have missed an old friend Erastus Beebe for some time and now we know why. Sheol him. He is at Ada, Kent Co., at his son's, and he has been clearing up some new land about nine acres in all, and the next time we hear from him he will be in a squatter "out west", on a pre-empted wilderness. No boys like the old boys.

By Beaver boys complain of Royal Oak residents who came to the Beaver oyster supper and failed to buy their partners any refreshments thus causing the Beaver boys extra expense, for they, good whole souled boys, will see that the ladies are freely and bountifully supplied with the good things if their resorts have't got sense or cents enough to buy the supper for their partners.

Tuesday February 7th at ten o'clock a. m., J. P. Foster and Son sell at auction for Arthur Anthony on his farm 2 miles north of Birmingham, horses, cows, brood sows, wagons, bob-sleighs, cutter, harvester, plows, etc., etc. The tools, wagons and sleighs are practically as good as new. Terms, $5 and under, cash, all sums over that amount, 9 months' credit with approved notes at 7 per cent.

The State Representative from Reed City district has had a pupil in this village in the manly game of "sixty-six", for the past four years, and presented him with a miniature pack of cards "to practice with". The other day the pupil went up to Reed City and beat the boss to death at his own game, and now the little cards have gone back to their original owner "to practice with".

The Birmingham High School Lyceum discussed the question, Resolved, "That Inventions are a benefit to the working class." It was decided in favor of the negative after many eloquent speeches on both sides. The question for next Monday evening will be, Resolved, "That Theaters should be abolished." Chief disputants are A. Parks and P. McDonald, and the debate John Hinkley and E. Wooster.

There will be a grand shooting match at Royal Oak on Saturday of next week, Feb 4th. The prize is to be a new Winchester 16 shot repeating rifle, with loading tools, belt, caps, balls and 150 rounds of cartridges, all complete for $30.00 Open sights, 14 rods, at rest. Three shots for one dollar. Now let those fellows who have been bragging about shooting this winter, step out and give us proofs of their skill.

Last week Friday a bevy of fair, happy daughters lightened up our carriage by a short visit to our sanctum and amid much merriment securely bundled themselves preparatory to taking a ride through the cold drizzling rain to Mr. Starr's in Royal Oak. The strangers were Miss Libbie Walker of Clarkston, and Miss Reed Severance of Fenton, who were the welcome guests of Miss Eva Starr with whom they enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

There is to be a grand Masonic ball quet and ball on the 22d of February at the Exchange hotel, in Utica, and no pains are to be spared to make it a pleasant and agreeable for those who attend. One of the best string bands in Detroit has been engaged for the occasion, consisting of six pieces. The supper is to be gotten up regardless of expense. The hall is large and comfortable. In consideration of the above facts a large crowd is expected.

Our townsman A. Partridge was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mich. F. and A. M. at the annual meeting in Detroit last week. Mr. Partridge is the right man in the right place. Possessing a fine voice and an excellent and impressive delivery, and being one of the best posted members on the masonic law of any of the fraternity of any in the state, he will do himself credit and bring profit and pleasure to the craft, and make a record as Grand Master of which his home friends will feel justly proud.

It is seldom that we are compelled to announce the death of two children from one family inside of one week. Last Thursday Maggie Jane, aged six years, daughter of George Purdy of Southfield, died from diphtheria after less than 24 hours sickness. The funeral took place a week ago to-day. Tuesday afternoon a two and a half year old boy, Robbie, died from diphtheria and scarlet fever after a short illness. Mrs. Purdy is also very sick caused by grief and over exertion in the care of their sick children. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of all neighbors and friends in this hour of grief and tribulation.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letters remaining unclaimed in Birmingham, Mich., P. O. Jan. 31st, 1882:

Wm. Cliff, Benjamin Eley, Mary A. Hardy, Mrs Beatrice G. Harris, Mrs. Mina Joslyn, Mr. Sam Klaylor, N. G. Nortock, Mr. S. G. Norton(6), James Robinson, Wm. H. Schofield(2), Miss Ann Thompson.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

J. ALLEN BIGELOW, P. M.

A HIVE OF BEES.

Burdock Blood Bitters Bring Back health, when the Body is Badly disordered By impure Blood Biliousness, indigestion, constipation, dyspepsia and other Bad disorders cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Price $1.00.

THE LADIES' MANNERS OF SOUTHFIELD.

There are a few exceptions of the above mentioned, who "deem themselves under the title we have bestowed upon them. We gladly wish to show to the public that their civilization is quite contrary to that which they presume to be the asteral object. We do not hesitate to say their ignorance should not be branded on their personage or countenance, while a portion of it is indelicet to their parents, who instead of letting those young urchins ramble through a couple of neighboring cottages, the families of which, pride in such conversation as will pass between those so called ladies; if the parents of those girls were properly bred they would teach their girls the same examples, but mothers let these girls at liberty; and delight in the ridicule they hear them express of their next door neighbor, and perhaps at the same time not the least ashamed only for it except the pleasure these illiterate ladies take in it. I presume to say with all this that their cabacity is not able to allow these ladies to make the article of clothing which they wear. Their presumption often times lead them to attempt to do so, but alas it was a failure, with the material spoiled so much so that it was given to the peddler. If those girls have a chance to get into society amongst a class which is not thoroughly acquainted with them, oh! what a right figure they will show with some geat or other; but if that gent inquire after them the following day he shall find he made a misapprehension the night before.

THE PAINTER OF HUMANITY.

BIRMINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The High School has recently obtained what has for a long time been its greatest need. The Lyceum before took steps of reference to be so because of a first-class school as a good teacher, conceived a plan of purchasing them. They have done so well that over $40 worth of the best reference books have been placed in the High School room. Among them are the Students' Series and other Histories; Bacon's and McCauley's Essays; Shakespeare's works; familiar quotations and the like; Deschoel's Physics; Foster's Physiology and several other valuable volumes. The list is not yet exhausted, but all that books and philosophical apparatus are indispensible to a lively interest, to a real profitable pursuit of many studies, and to solid and accurate acquirements in general. Good students will not be satisfied with the brief sketch of things found in our text books; they desire something more; nor are the rapid words of a teacher in a short and hurried explanation sufficient to satisfy the eager minds. They should investigate for themselves. "Read, reason, be right" is the motto, and long may the sentiment live. It is indeed a blessing that the young people may be directed to good authors and good books be ore leaving their studies, thus paving the way to a life of profitable reading, and ennobling thought.

SENIOR CLASS OF '82.

The Senior Class of '82 met in the High School room on last Friday and made the following election: President, W. E. Wight; Vice President, Mattie Simpson; Orator, C. B. Sadler; Historian; Belle Smith; Poetess, Ella Leet; Prophetess, Libbie Allen; Essayist, Jessie Parker; Secretary, Mollie Smith. This is the first class ever organized in our school. The utility of such an organization is not doubtful. There is no one thing which gives more strength to the resolution of a pupil than to feel that he is a member of such a class. He determines not to absent himself for a term, without good reasons. He feels that absence is lost time. He holds no desire to stick out of work or exalt in his sloth. His first purpose becomes an honorable position in class, which can be obtained in just one way—labor and effort.

Report

Average standing of those present at the examination as in each study are as follows:

A Grade:		B Grade:	
Mary Watkins,	98	Lilly Wilson,	87
Mollie Scarlett,	96	Addie Parks,	87
Theron Evarts,	94	Ada Jenks,	86
May Sherman,	93	Mary Parks,	86
Blanche Pratsell,	89	Carrie Parks,	86
Frank Beutte,	88	Mary Toms,	86
Lora Pettibone,	88	Cassius Carter,	86
Bertie Peabody,	87	Morgan Randell,	86
Nettie Young,	87	Bert Mcllenry,	87
Dancer Rule,	86	Ella Darling,	87
Dollie Cannon,	86	Mervis Goodman,	86
Mamie Hubbard	88	Jimmie Wooster	86
Emma Young,	85	Mattie Lawrence,	85
Marcie Toms,	85	Walter Allen,	85
Miss Campbell,	89	Theo. Wilde,	85
Millie Shain,	79	Willie Stephens,	79
Herbert Broughton,	94	Mary Lawrence,	79
Minnie Gillett,	68	Ida Smith,	77
Mary Parks,	64		
Willie Adams,	56		

A and B Grades:

John Truscott, 90. Carrie Pearsall, 80. Ada Spears, 81. Will Parks, 70.

Grammar Department.

FLORA M. JENKS, Teacher.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The co-partnership heretofore existing between J. R. Corson Jr. and Fred King, under the firm name of Corson & King, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Fred King continues the business. All outstanding accounts to be paid to J. R. Corson Jr.

J. R. CORSON JR.,
FRED KING.

January 7, 1882.

Use Kellogg's Columbian Oil, sold by druggists everywhere. Satisfaction guaranteed.

L. L. A.

The next social of the Ladies' Library Society will be held at their hall next week Friday evening, Feb. 10th, 1882. The play will be "Ici parle Francais," (French is spoken here), with the following characters:

Major Rufus Rattan (an elderly gentleman with a young wife), Mr. Geo. Blakeslee.

Mrs. Julia Rattan (his wife), Mrs. A. Whitehead.

Mr. Spriggins, Mr. Thos. Wiley.
Mrs. Spriggins, Miss Georgia Blakeslee.

Miss Angelina Spriggins (their daughter), Miss Nannie Hubbard.

Anna Mariar, (maid of all work), Miss Ida Bodine.

Monsieur Victor Dubois, Mr. Sam Slade.

There will also be vocal and instrumental music, and Wes Fallut will appear in his irresistible character delineations.

Doors open at 6:30 o'clock curtain rises at 7:30, sharp.

After the entertainment the floor will be cleared for dancing as usual.

Admission 10 cents, and all are cordially invited to be present.

Southfield.

Candy pull at Dr. Chase's Wednesday night.

We hear that our artist is at Pontiac taking lessons in painting.

We saw Mr. Neil going home with a new horse the other day. We guess that he ought to beware after that kicking.

A surprise party given to Mr. S. Arthur's Friday night and everybody enjoyed themselves, because they were young.

Mrs J. Sherman is home from a visit at her daughter's at Grand Rapids.

Some folks feel above going to parties of the season but we feel it is good as they.

Little daughter of G. Purdy died diptheria Jan. 26th, and two more are very ill.

MADAM.

Are you going to send your gal, a Val?

Now is the time to fill your ice house.

Say girls, he likes those kind of visitors.

Ditches never end, another in Sect 22.

Mrs. Lucas is visiting friends in town.

Next time two young gents go to church, behave, or you will be informed on.

B. U. B.

PRINCETON

EDS. ECCENTRIC:—

I have just returned here after making a trip on the Cumberland river. There has been a continuous rain commencing the week of Christmas up to the present time. The river has continued to rise daily and now it has wiped out the most famous records, being the years of 1847 and '67, and continuing to rise twelve inches every twenty-four hours.

I took the steam boat Sunday, at Eddyville, for Rock Castle. She laid up at night about four miles from the former place, reaching the latter about nine the next morning. The captain informed me that all the other boats had laid up and that this was his last trip until the river got back into the old bed again.

I got off at Rock Castle, attended to my business, and then I began to make inquiry how I was to get out of town. Being informed that I could not get out by overland, the only thing left for me to do, was to secure a man with his little dug out or canoe, two feet wide by about fifteen feet long, when I soon found myself gliding down the apparent mad waters of the Cumberland. It was a very dangerous trip to make, but having an experienced boatman, we made it successfully, a distance of thirteen miles in just one hour and forty minutes, reaching Eddyville in time for dinner. Enroute I noticed several buildings that had washed away, being dashed to pieces against the forest trees and high embankments. It seemed that others must soon go as the water was very near their roofs. At one place they were taking their household goods out through the roof of the house and moving it away in skiffs and flat boats to places of safety. Some families were obliged to take their sheep, hogs, cattle, horses, fowls, etc., into their own dwelling houses for protection, not having boats to transport them away in. A woman and her two little children were rescued in skiffs from her house that was floating down the river, so I learned today. The most of the stores in Eddyville are from four to six feet in water. Business is nearly suspended. Merchants enter their stores in skiffs, canoes or anything they can ride on. They are kept busy at work elevating their goods as the water rises.

A vast amount of damages will be done, which cannot be estimated at present. Thousands of people will be thrown out of employment, many happy homes washed away, farm and fences will be all gone, crops all washed out, and an unknown amount of destruction must necessarily follow.

Yours truly,
G. W. SHUTES.

Princeton, Ky., January 24th, 1882.

With the new year year I commence my annual closing out sale of trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets, at and below cost. Call and secure rare bargains. Mrs. L. T. FURMAN.

THAT BAL MASQUE!

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR IN THE HISTORY OF THE L. L. A.

THE WIDOW BEDOTT'S OPINION OF IT.

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:—

Agreeable to my promise made to our next masquerade party, that when the next masquerade should arrive, I would be there and "take notes" and give my solid opinion of it, I now sit myself down to the fulfillment thereof and an agreeable task it is too, for among the gleesome youngsters and buddens present, there were some who were not above the rudeness of jostling an old woman, but then, law sakes! I never lay up nothing, not even money, so I just hung a little tighter to the arm of my gallant old friend Uncle Sam and let them sneer at my faded ee-tums.

But between you and I boys, I couldn't help but notice how my escort kept casting wishful glances at those two girls with the black dresses and the bells on, and when my attention was called to Brudder Gardner, who was kicking up some very youthful capers in having just arrived from a prolonged "buzz" with the pretty little postmaster, much to the chagrin of the animated Cook-skin, who claimed the blithe little lady for his own, but the truth of the business was she was too sharp to have any fun with either of 'em. A little ruction at the door attracted my attention. I ascertained that it was caused by a Hungry Nine man just in from Milford and as he wouldn't, raise his mask he was promptly fired out. But he released himself by soon appearing in his every day attire and commenced a very desperate flirtation with a bud of blushing beauty from Pontiac in the person of a flower girl, with oh! such laughing eyes. She'll raise the old Nicholas with you yet, Charlie. That sister of mercy seemed to be bound to secure the Spider of the entertainment, while her colleague, the other sister, seemed moved with a laudable desire to secure a Coon-ley. That was the way it looked to us, but it aint Furman to say or woman either.

That handsome costume representing George Washington looked familiar enough and we almost detected the smell of the foundry on his garments, and then he gives himself away easy enough by being so devoted to that female milk maid, whom he evidently thinks holds the Keys of his destiny. "Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep," but she seems to be very well satisfied by capturing the landlord himself, in their stead. That aesthetic little lady with the sunkissed hair is a prize faintly hid her disguise is perfect and even if we dared, we would hardly feel safe Libby T. to expose her. That handsome General from Rochester is very attentive to his Mate in her character of Lady of the Lake, but after the party is over he probably won't care Adam-s whether he knows her or not. The bonnie little Neapolitan girl has a very pretty disguise but her partner in his numerous different costumes gives her away with his voice and walk which smack so strong of Germany. That lusty gondolier is clean gone after that pretty little fairy from Pontiac. The first thing he knows he'll get shot, and Shot-well too.

But the time for supper came at last and rather than allow my partner to identify me, I rathered up my ample form, bade him an affectionate adieu and slipped out unknown to everyone, and among all the merry maskers there were none who enjoyed themselves during the evening more than

Your humble servant,
WIDOW BEDOTT.

SOCIETY BELLES.

On account of its remarkably delicate and lasting fragrance society belles are loud in their praises of Piverots Cologne.