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NOTICE.

Now is the time to secure your ticket for the Commercial Advertiser for the coming year. We have just received a large number of lucky tickets, all warranted to draw the paper one year, any way. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell when your present subscription expires.

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I take this method of informing the farmers of this vicinity that I offer my services as auctioneer at very reasonable rates, and guarantee satisfaction or no pay. Call on me for particulars. F. O. Address, Birmingham, Mich. 42tf

FOR SALE OR RENT—Farm of 120 acres, in the township of Royal Oak, three-quarters of a mile east of Stumpf's blacksmith Shop. Address John Blakeley, Big Beaver, Mich. 46

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FOR SALE—My house and one and one-half acres of land on Saginaw street in the village of Birmingham. Good barn, 2 wells, 2 cisterns, good out buildings, etc., in excellent repair. Plenty of fruit of all kinds. Terms easy. Inquire at the premises, or address Fred Cartwright, Warren, Mich. Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, Birmingham, Mich. 35

NOTICE. I wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that I have just purchased a new Dix horse-power feed cutter with elevator and am ready to do jobs of feed cutting for all farmers at their houses at very reasonable rates. Try me. S. F. Joyce, Birmingham, Mich. A postal card will bring me.

NOTICE.—Any one having dress making to do, or plain sewing, can be accommodated by calling on Mrs. Mary McKown at Mrs. Clark Hagrin' house on Saginaw st. I will sew at very reasonable rates and guarantee satisfaction. Mrs. Mary McKown, Birmingham, Mich.

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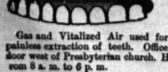

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One lot Men's Lace and Congress Shoes reduced from $5 to	$3 50
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One lot Men's Lace and Congress Shoes reduced from $2 to	1 50
One lot Ladies' Kid Button Shoes reduced from $2 25 to	1 50
One lot Ladies' Kid Lace Shoes reduced from $2 to	1 00
One lot Misses' Calf Lace Shoes reduced from $1 75 to	1 00
One lot Children's Shoes reduced from $1 25 to	50
One lot Ladies High Button Overshoes reduced from $1 50 to	1 20
One lot Alaska Overshoes reduced from 1 00 to	65

We are giving Everybody Great Bargains in Shoes this month and are bound to get rid of our surplus Stock, and we have made prices to insure their going quickly. Yours, etc.,

V. NIXON AND Co.

Birmingham, Mich.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

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

Send your election printing in early.

A young blizzard struck us last Saturday.

Michigan accepts a chair in the university of Minnesota.

Mrs. A. C. High of Colorado is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Stone.

John Pound of the Bee-hive, Pontiac, contemplates building a new home.

The club dance music is simply elegant and you should hear it by all means.

Genesee and Livingston counties having voted "dry," just surrounds Oakland county one half.

See adv't of the Clydesdale stallion, "Young Glenifer," for sale in cheap column this week.

James Clark has had the misfortune to lose his best cow by having the straw stack fall upon her.

The Excelsior C. L. S. C. will meet at the home of C. J. Akin March 2. Quotations to be from humorous authors.

The high school has started a lyceum. We would like to publish the proceedings if the worthy secretary will furnish them.

Hold your caucuses a week previous to election and get your printing in early as it takes considerable time to do the work.

Found: A pair of mitts. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying for this notice (50c). Call on Nick Mooney at the Watkins farm.

Seven mad step-mothers from Troy have called to see us regarding the item about cruelty to a step-child, which was published last week. That's right, room for all.

The many friends of John L. Kingdon will be surprised to hear of his death. He died of inflammation of the lungs at his home in Alma, Mich., Monday, February 13, 1888.

A Royal Oak man recently sent a dollar to a Cincinnati firm for information about "how to make money easy—$6 a day at home," etc., and the answer came back, "fish for suckers as we do." He wants such frauds exposed.

The grand dry goods exhibit and special realization sale begins at the Beehive, Pontiac, on Monday, March 5, and lasts 30 days. Doors open from 9 a. m. till 6 p. m. See adv't of John Pound in this issue.

Village election will be held Monday, March 12, 1888. If you are satisfied with the present board, re elect the outgoing trustees; if not, select your men. Hold caucuses a week previous to election, nominate good men and tie to them.

A valuable mare belonging to H. Fall ran away one day last week and broke her leg, and the same day the equine passed in her checks via the bullet route. The loss to Mr. Fall is quite severe, as the mare was a beauty and valued at $200.

"Heavens and earth!" The editor of the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC has $1,000 which he wants to loan.—[Evening Journal. Soft! dear friend. The money belongs to our wealthy and versatile friend, Moses K. Taber, who wants to put it out for the interest it brings.

An organ for sale: Anyone intending to purchase an organ during the coming year can secure an extra bargain by calling on Whitehead & Mitchell who have an extra good instrument which will be sold cheap for cash, or on the installment plan. Call and see it.

Wm. P. Nisbett of the Big Rapids Herald is the proud and happy owner of a great big, fat and juicy $50,000 libel suit. The plaintiff originally was going to strike for $100,000, but remembering it was to come from an editor, was generous and split it in the middle.

A new collector has been appointed for the Birmingham Improvement society, in the person of Cornie Brush, who will call on you the first Saturday of each month for your nickel. Please have it laid away for him so there will be no delay, as his time is very precious.

One of our subscribers who wouldn't pay up and get his paper stopped, says: "I think people often to spend their money for paper, my dad didn't think so 'and everybody sed he was the intellegentest man in the country and; he had the smartest family of boiz that ever dug taters."

A young lady who lives in the southern part of the town says she can't vote at the village election, but if she could, she would vote for a board that would make the retired farmers leave their pigs and pig pens outside the corporation limits. Pity some of our voters weren't so minded.

The rain last Friday night broke the hearts of many people in this vicinity. One club dance, one Baptist social, one school party, one Presbyterian social and one social dancing party. All were more or less completely broken up over the steady downfall of water. But "such is life."

Do you want a ticket in the Detroit Commercial Advertiser? If so, this office is now chuck full of lucky numbers, everyone of them warranted to draw this interesting paper for at least one year. Don't fail to call on Whitehead & Mitchell when your present subscription expires, will you?

Charles M. Smith and family of Clarkston were the guests of C. W. Bruce and wife last Saturday. Mr. Smith is a successful traveling salesman for the well-known firm of T. H. Hinchman & Sons, wholesale druggists of Detroit and he is rapidly coming to the front without doubt.

Mrs. Munson wishes to announce to the people of Birmingham that she is ready to do all kinds of carpet weaving on short notice. She has been highly praised by old weavers for the quality of her work and invites you to call and see for yourself. Her home is on Fremont street, Birmingham, Mich.

The old folks party was one of the most successful one of the series. The music was grand; even their quadrille music was opera selections and about 65 couple participated. All that was lacking was the old folks, bad weather having kept them at home. The next and last concert and hop takes place on Friday evening, March 9.

A village newspaper is a photograph of the town where it is printed, and is the only evidence its foreign readers have of the town's prosperity. Every business firm should be represented by a standing advertisement, be it large or small, that strangers may get a good impression of the place.

Our worthy county treasurer, J. Allen Bigelow, says he recently fell and cracked a rib; says his wife put a red white and blue corset around him, drew it up tight, gave him a dried apple dinner and an hour later a quart of warm water, which produced the requisite pressure from the inside to reduce the fracture and he is himself again.

A frisky old widower who resides on Maple avenue has received a genuine leap-year proposal by mail from a bashful, blushing widow who lives east of the village. He is thinking seriously of accepting the coy proposal and these giddy geese may make a match of it yet. The only thing that hinders now is the rumor that the widow is averse to woodchucks as a steady diet.

The special meetings in the South Protestant church at Franklin have resulted in great good to the community. Quite a number have acknowledged their allegiance to a better life and a larger hope. One week ago seven united with the church and others will soon do so.

J. S. Stockwell & Co. have inaugurated a special hosiery sale this week. See adv't.

There will be a meeting at National hall to-morrow (Friday) evening for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Oakland County "Michigan Club." The organization is for the purpose of furthering the interests of the Republican party, by every honorable means, and everyone is invited, no matter what his political views may be. Col. John Atkinson and Hon. James H. Stone of Detroit will address the meeting. Turn out, everybody.

The ladies interested in the Cemetery Association have decided to hold an Industrial Fair sometime in May. The plan is to put on exhibition all kinds of handy work made by the exhibitors, such as fancy work of all kinds, painting, wood carving, weaving, cooking, baking, &c., and the invite every one to contribute. Further particulars will be given from time to time.

A list of human nature true to its name is always interesting, whether we see it in the drama, in books, or best of all, in real life, and the conclusion of Mr. Barnum's story, "Natural Selection," in the March number of Scribner is as natural as life itself. Robert Louis Stevenson continues his delightful essays and the number is especially rich in fiction. F. J. Stimson's "First Harvests" is continued and "The Nixie," a fantastic sketch, and "The day of the Cyclone," a love story culminating in the Grunell, Iowa, tornado, are both complete. Bessie Chandler, Thomas Nelson Page and Charles Edwin Markham are the poetical contributors of the number.

The Ready Helpers society, connected with the Presbyterian church to aid in mission work, held their annual meeting last Saturday with Mrs. Hemmingway, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. James Quick; vice-president, Miss Eva Lombard; secretary, Miss Anna Adams; treasurer, Miss Frankie Quick. The society is now on sure footing and having disposed of conflicting elements, it has the promise that former able workers will again give it their support and with an already increased membership it will do greater work for Jesus. Mrs. Logan, with untiring devotion, has been an able supporter of this society, and now with such an able corps of officers to manage its affairs, it has the promise to fill one of the greatest missions in the church.

A very interesting Baptist social was held at the house of George Shein on Saginaw street on Friday evening last. Although the weather was stormy, a goodly number was in attendance representing the different churches of the village. The exercises consisted of charades, readings, recitations and music. Our interesting blind girl, Miss Jennie Peck, performed well on the piano and entertained the audience with several excellent pieces of music, among the number was "The Mocking Bird," and when this was played she was loudly applauded. One of our prominent citizens was so much carried away with it that a young lady deemed it proper to soothe his exuberant spirits with "Hoyt's Cologne." This had the effect and he soon subsided.

Alden's cyclopedia of universal literature, which is unique in the annals of literature, is the work of years of planning and preparation. Presenting as it does brief biographical sketches of eminent authors of all ages and all languages, with specimens of their writings it will be an almost indispensable work of reference for every library, large or small, and a trustworthy guide to what is best worth knowing of the literature of all times. Occupying from 15 to 20 volumes, and yet issued at a price so low as to be within the reach of all, a familiarity with its contents will constitute a liberal education to a degree that can be claimed for few other works in existence. The work is being published in very handsome cloth-bound volumes, gilt tops, 500 pages each for 50 cents, or bound in half morocco, 60 cents; postage if by mail, 9 cents additional. John B. Alden, publisher, 304 Pearl St., New York, or 216 Clark St. Chicago.

Saturday last there was a general rush of everyone who was able to creep or crawl to the street to see the grand full-dress parade of Jim Beattie's best black team, attached to the new truck without any driver. They started from the depot, ran up Maple avenue to Saginaw street, up Saginaw to Willits street, then west on Willits street to Chester street, and so back to Maple avenue, where they started for the place from which they came. As they neared the monument an excited crowd tried to stop them by yelling, etc., but they ran the faster; then Austin Parks, the gallant butcher boy of the bloody tenth, grasped one of the stakes of the truck as it flew past him, lit upon the hind end of the flying dray and grasped the reins with his iron hand and the deed was done. The team was driven back to the stable by the intrepid sausage slinger and Rome was saved!

The Presbyterian socials, under the auspices of the ladies of the Presbyrian church, have been so successfully managed for the past few months that even the veterans of the church give them their presence and hearty support. By this mean the sociability of the entire society has been greatly developed and much good accomplished. The Rev. James Quick and family handsomely entertained the society on Tuesday evening, and judging from the large gathering and the substantials each one brought, it appeared like an old-time donation party, but it was only an agreeable surprise of expressing their high appreciation for Mr. Quick and family, who are efficient workers in the church. To say that the affair was a pleasant one does in no wise do the occasion justice. It was a grand success. Let us plan and work for many more such happy meetings.

The March Wide Awake gives a delightful chapter of Sidney Luska's serial story "My Uncle Flotimond." Mrs. Job Sherwood's etiquette-serial "Those Cousins of Mabel's" is very successful. Helen Winslow, in "A Boston Experiment," describes the success of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in giving out plants to poor children of Boston for cultivation in their windows, in connection with prizes for the most thrifty plants. The third paper in Mrs. Upton's "Children of the White House" series relates to "The Family of Thomas Jefferson." Another attractive biographical article is about "Mother Goose," by Oscar Fay Adams. Mrs. Spofford has a fine Irish ballad, "Kilcolman Castle," and there is a humorous but excellent piece of verse in the metre of "The Courtship of Miles Standish," entitled "The Bradford Porringer," by Lilly and Natalie Rice, prefaced by the legend "It might have been." There are many other articles, pictures, and poems—with the rest an entertaining department called "The Contributors and the Children."

Wide Awake is but $2.40 a year; 20 cents a number. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston.

PROGRAM.

The following is the program of the Adelphi literary society to be held at the high school room on Monday evening, March 5:

MUSIC

Inaugural Address.....E. Melvin
Recitation.....Jim Hanna
Vocal Solo.....Jennie Worth
Essay.....Kittie Major
Paper—Daisy Sibley, Addie Houghton, Arthur Young.

MUSIC

Debate—Arch McCracken, aff., Martin Miller, neg.

Question:—"Resolved, That the stars are inhabited."

The committee extend a cordial invitation to all.

SOUTHFIELD SITTINGS.

Mr. Stuman, of Chatham, is the guest of Wm. Sturman, of this place.

Mr. Horace Johnson, Sr., is very low at this present writing.

Miss Ida Brookman has been quite sick.

Snow is gone, no more sledding this winter.

Mrs. Vanduzen has gone home after a pleasant visit of six weeks.

Dave Reed is slowly recovering.

Frankie Killian is home on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Randall have given up housekeeping for a month, and taking pleasure in visiting their relations.

Harry Russell, having leased Mrs. Jeffrey's place, will move the first of March.

Minnie Neill is in the American Banking and Saving Association, and comes home every Saturday and gives lessons in short-hand and type-writing.

Mary Irving will teach in Dist. 5.

I have commenced my annual closing out sale of winter hats and bonnets. Come and buy for the holidays. Greatest reductions on millinery that was ever known in Birmingham. L. T. Furman.

SUDDEN SUMMONS.

Three Visits of the Dread Destroyer in Twenty-four Hours.

On Saturday night last Mrs. Cooper Pickering of this village retired early as usual after a day of her customary activity and usual health. A short time afterward she went to the stairway and called to her daughter who sleeps up stairs, asking that she come down immediately as she was dying. Mr. Pickering was aroused and hastily summoned Drs Raynale and Campbell, but before they could administer any remedies death relieved her of her intense suffering. The physicians pronounced her disease apoplexy. The funeral was largely attended from the M. P. church at Franklin on Tuesday last. Mrs. Pickering came here from Franklin some years ago with her husband and daughter and settled down for a peaceful old age, after the arduous life of a pioneer farmer's wife. She was in her 59th year.

On Sunday morning, before daylight, Mrs. David M. Doty of Southfield arose from her bed, and as the weather had turned extremely cold, she went up stairs to see if her daughter was properly covered, and upon returning to her own bedroom, complained of a sudden feeling of suffocation and in a very short time she was dead. She was a very affable woman and had many warm friends. Her husband and daughter are entitled to the most sincere condolences.

On Sunday night Miss Jennie Bassett of this village died very suddenly of eryesipelas. She had been attending school at Ypsilanti for some time, but came home on Friday, February 17, in consequence of her illness. On Monday evening her disease suddenly assumed a critical phase and after a very few minutes the pure young soul had gone home to God who gave it. She was a bright merry girl, in her 18th year, and her friends were as numerous as the sands of the sea. Idolized by her parents, this severe blow falls with terrible force upon them, for they feel that they have lost the brightest jewel of their family. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the M. E. church.

NEW BOOKS.

While looking over the books in the library the other day Mr. Hamilton remarked that J. T. Trowbridge's books were good healthy reading for boys. Now, boys, "Peter Bludstone, or the Boy who was Hazed," is ready to tell his story to you. You will also find three other new books bought at the suggestion of one of our boys, which we hope will prove equally healthful. "Frank Among the Rancheros," "Frank at Don Pedro's Rancho," and "Frank Among the Mountains."

"The library is just like the world—everything for the boys and nothing for the girls," says a young Miss just between the age of "catching on bobs" and going to parties. Not quite so fast, my girl. Here's one worth a dozen boy's books: "What Happened at Miss Minchin's," by Francis H. Burnett, a story something like and almost as good as "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

TROY TWINKLES.

A certain man in Troy got in a hurry a few days ago. "Well, Mack, hurry up," as he followed him out on the step; "I want to have a talk with you. You have been sparking my daughter." "Yes sir." "You think you love her." "I know I do." "And you would take her to some woodbine cottage." "That is what I would do, sir." "Ahem! what is your salary?" "Seven dollars a week." "Jess so; take her I was afraid you couldn't support us all on your wages, but it's all right; hurry things up and get into the family in time to pay the next month's rent. You don't know what a relief it will be to us old folks to have some one to support us."

Mrs Chas. Cole had a rag bee last week Tuesday and all worked lively.

T. Dawson had quite a crowd at his party last Thursday night, because Tom Adams and son were there.

Tom Adams attended a law suit at Mt. Clemens the 28th inst.

CLAWSON CULLINGS.

Prof. John Heath gave a very laughable magic lantern show at our school house last Friday night.

Johnnie Bell was under his mother's care the past week.

Robert Soult's youngest daughter is very low with inflammation of the lungs.

Miss Hattie Soults, of western Royal Oak, is visiting her uncle, John Bell, this week.

Mr. Spears has sold the Mrs. Herbison farm to parties from Royal Oak.

Winfield Saults' family have got the scarlet fever.

There was a very pleasant party at Eli Phillips' last Friday night.

On account of the weather the social at Mr. Bowers' was not attended by Clawson people as well as it should have been.

Worth Knowing.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake City, Fla., was taken with a severe Cold, attended with a distressing Cough and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures, as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it.—Trial bottle free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

BILLY, THE SHOEMAKER.

Our Billy, the shoemaker,
Sits pegging away,
Quite busy at work,
Which well he makes pay.

A jolly good fellow
And full of his fun,
Who never was known
To make a poor fit.

From morning till night
A lot of old folks
Are entertained well
With Billy's good jokes.

They hang 'round his stove
And keep themselves warm
At Billy's expense
And think it no harm.

Sometime, bye and bye,
I cannot tell when,
Old Satan, at night,
Will clean out his den,

And scoop up the bores
And leave there alone,
Our Billy, good Billy,
A pounding a stone.

REV. GEO. W. LOWE.

From the Christian Advocate.

"Brother Lowe has gone." Such was the message which reached this office soon after our paper of last week had been sent to press. The intelligence was none the less sad because it was fully expected. The nature and severity of the disease from which our brother suffered made his recovery quite improbable almost from the first. He had been sinking steadily for several weeks, and his friends had looked for his departure at almost any time. We say departure. Such men do not die. They lay down their weapons of warfare, and, exchanging the soiled garments of toil for the robes and crown of a king, they enter into life and joy. Detroit conference was singularly bereaved last year, no less than eight of her honored members passing away. Our brother's departure makes the first break in our ranks this year. To whom shall the summons come next?

Bro. Lowe did long and faithful service in the Detroit conference, and the announcement of his death has been received with real sorrow by many former parishioners and personal friends. He was a native of Michigan, born in Lenawee county, and was fifty-two years of age. He was converted to God in 1846, and at once began a life of earnest Christian activity. He was received on trial at the Ypsilanti conference in 1858 and into full connection at Dexter two years later. In 1858 he was sent to Bedford, on the Adrian district. In 1859 he was appointed to Dundee circuit, where he remained two years. His appointments since have been: Port Sanilac, one year; Newport, two years; Unadilla, two years; Chelsea, two years; Saline, three years; Addison, one year; Manchester, three years; Garland street, Flint, three years; Calumet, two years; Fort street, Detroit, one year; Plymouth, two years; Birmingham, three years. At the close of his term at Birmingham he took a supernumerary relation, and supplied Dearborn charge seven months.

Bro. Lowe had a striking personal presence, and until recently seemed to be the embodiment of robust health. During his last year at Birmingham, however, he began to show signs of physical weakness, and early in the following year his case manifested some alarming symptoms. A rest of several months seemed to prove beneficial and he reported for duty at last session of conference in greatly improved health and spirits. He was appointed to East Tawas, an important field, but he had scarcely begun to work before the old symptoms again manifested themselves in a more alarming form. By advice of his physician he resigned his charge and removed to the home of his brother at Morenci. At times he seemed to rally somewhat, but weeks ago it became apparent that he could not recover. The heart trouble from which he suffered had some serious complications, and his sufferings were great. But, as we who have known him would expect, he suffered in a spirit of sweet resignation, and looked forward with unshaken confidence to the hour of his dissolution.

Our brother was a good preacher, a man of large sympathies, and always popular and useful in the social relation. He preached the gospel in its simplicity and purity, and it was his privilege to lead in some revivals of unusual power and fruitfulness. There are many stars in his crown of rejoicing. His pastoral record is one of earnest, conscientious, substantial work. He possessed the confidence and love of his brethren in the ministry very fully, and they sincerely mourn for him. During the last year he was in the city frequently, and always came into our office with a genial smile and kind words. But he has gone—gone from the companionship of those who loved him here to the companionship of angels and saints.

Bro. Lowe was married to Miss Elvira M. Gaston of Woodstock, Lenawee county, in August, 1857, and she has since shared with him in all his ministerial toils and victories. We are sorry to say that Sister Lowe's health is now very frail. She has the sympathy of many friends in her loneliness and sorrow.

The funeral was held on Saturday morning last at Morenci. Rev. S. P. Warner, who licensed Bro. Lowe to preach, was in charge. Rev. E. P. Pierce announced the first hymn, Rev. W. J. Clack read the Scriptures, Rev. A. R. Laing prayed, Rev. W. B. Pope read the second hymn, and Bro. Warner preached the sermon. Rev. N. W. Coate of the Morenci Congregational church was also present. The services occuring on Saturday made it difficult for pastors and others at a distance to attend. The remains were interred in the town of Rome, five miles north of Clayton.