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To Farmers and Horsemen... WATKINS STOCK FARM... G. A. WATKINS, Detroit, Mich.

SPECIAL RIBBON SALE! Shall offer on Saturday, April 26, Job Lot, numbers 5, 7, 9 and 12, all Silk, Satin Edge, at only 10c per yard.

F. BLAKESLEE'S, Birmingham, Mich. Shall offer on Saturday, April 26, Job Lot, numbers 5, 7, 9 and 12, all Silk, Satin Edge, at only 10c per yard.

WHEN IN NEED OF Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes... We can save you money, if you will call and look our stock over and get prices as we have received most of.

SPRING STOCK! We have a Large Line of Embroiderings from 10 to 15c per yd. less than last season.

BOOTS and SHOES! We can give you better value for your money in this line of goods this season than ever.

GROCERIES! In this line of goods we will give you good goods and at prices that will defy competition.

HOME NOTES.

Our streets are all broken up. Flower show at Detroit this week. Don't forget special ribbon sale on Saturday next at F. Blakeslee's.

Brother Brock has returned from the sunny south where he has been traveling since. He visited the ruins of Louisville Ky. and several other cities of the south.

Mrs. Furman will rent a front room on 1st and 1/2 block. Married in Southfield, Wednesday, April 16, James S. Parks and Mrs. Jennie Parks.

John C. Sprague, the former Troy boy who had been charged with forging a \$25 order in Detroit last week, came out of the ordeal with flying colors.

The Birmingham Improvement Society regret their inability to present their play as advertised at Franklin, owing to absolute refusal of the star of the play to appear before the crowned king of Franklin.

Nothing since the last campaign has excited or turned our village so completely over as the grand church wedding of Mr. Morgan Rundle and Miss Thelma Thurlby at the M. E. church last Wednesday evening.

How do you do, George Mitchell? Well, Mitchell seemed him up long and good scanning a good-looking, staid young man, but came off his perch like a little man and acknowledged that he didn't know Isaac Higgins, who went through thirteen years ago, grew up with the country and is doing well.

The May Wide Awakes open with a frontpiece that all American young people will hail with pleasure, for it is a portrait of the author of "The Hair of Betty" and "The Day of the Queen."

Gen. Erb and Sam Herliem are shaping up their visit preparatory for another summer's campaign with the farmers in this vicinity. The "Monitor of Grammar School II," by Annie Bronson King, and the "Crown of the King," by Grace Dean McLeod, are both dramatic tales.

The society congratulates itself on having placed in front of the grounds a very fine fence and the following is a list of names of persons who have in addition to their dues, contributed toward the fence and upon finding his name on the list.

Water works guineas. The iron pipe, reducers and repairs are furnished by the village of Birmingham by the Lake Shore foundry of Cleveland.

Constant reader of ECENTRIC: No, dearest Jack Baldwin is not a regular employer of the water works gang. You see him shuffling and in the street it is with him purty a labor of love.

We heard a statement the other day that sounded startling and the man was honest in his expression. He said, "Our taxes this year will be over 2 per cent."

We hear of a land deal which if it takes place will relieve anything that has taken place in Birmingham. We hope that the deal will be made and the good of our village, and should it, you will soon see some lots put in the market.

Communion services were held last week at the M. E. church by the pastor and a foreign mission work was given on Friday evening.

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Condition of the Five Lake Country Association. Ever since the society was organized in 1885, it has been the custom to place before the members and friends of the society a full account of the money paid in and also of the names of members who have kept up their dues.

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BETTER AND BETTER EVERY DAY

With the steady advance of the pipe laying for the water works and the progress the other branches of the work has made in the past week, comes the gratifying news that the results which the city, bustling business men of our town predicted would come close upon the heels of our long stride towards advancement.

The village has been growing steadily for the past ten years, but so slow and gradual have the improvements been, that it has been scarcely "creatable" to the casual observer, but now the fact that things are growing lively in our village is patent to everyone.

The water main on Maple avenue were finished on the intersection of the canal, where by an extraordinary piece of work on Saturday afternoon last, the reservoir was completed and the face of the water board were covered with preparation, dirt and smelt.

With the coming of a spring weather, work on new buildings and road estate begins to bustle. Five new buildings are going up in the south-western portion of the city.

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