

Shoe Suggestions

What is more useful for a Christmas present than a fine pair of Shoes or Slippers. Here are a few of our "Suggestions."

Gent's Velvet Emb. Slippers, 50c to \$1.00.
" fine leather, 85c to 1.50.
" felt soled, 75c to 1.25.
Ladies' Party Slippers, White Kid, Patent Leather, Vici Strap Sandal, \$1.00.
Ladies' felt fur trimmed Mullifiers, \$1.00.
" quilted for slippers, 1.50.
" felt soled slippers, 50c and 65c.
New styles in Ladies' felt soled Shoes just received 75c to 3.50.

Complete Stock of First Quality Rubbers.

H. B. Merritt, Pontiac, Mich.

IT IS A MYSTERY

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brakes, and the witness said the only advantage would be in the difference in time it takes to set them, the air brakes being faster.

Asked why a system of telephones had not been put in, he said that he did not regard them as in any degree safe. Bids, he said, had been received for that purpose, so cheap that they would have been put in if they had been in any way safeguarded. He also said that he had been investigating the block system somewhat for two years and had made four trips to Cleveland for that purpose. While nothing decisive had been done, he intimated that the system would probably be put in.

THE MISUNDERSTANDING

Frank Johnson, motorman, who ran car No. 5 north from the power house on the morning of the accident, was next called. He stated that Supt. Savage ordered him to run to Pontiac, but witness was badly mixed as to the time, saying that he left the power house shortly after 11 o'clock, whereas the car that he took out did not arrive there until 11:40 o'clock and he left about noon.

"What were your orders?" asked Prosecuting Attorney Wieland?

"Supt. Savage told me to run through to Pontiac, lay there until 1:15 p.m. and meet a car on the Kimball switch. I asked him if I was to come through on the return trip and he told me 'no.'"

"Did you expect to meet a car at the Kimball switch going north?"

"No, sir, when we got there I overran the switch, but Baldwin signaled me to stop and said that we had to meet

Whitehead there. I told him I had been ordered to go through, but he said 'no,' and we backed up on the switch again."

"Did you know anything about the car following you?"

"No, sir."

"Were you in the power house when Whitehead left?"

"No, sir."

"Did you know that he had gone north?"

"No, sir."

It proved impossible to make the witness see his mistake in the time but he was positive as to the orders he received and detailed the conversation he had with Supt. Savage about switching on the V.

Johnson was asked whether he understood that his car was to run through to Detroit from Pontiac and he said that he did, which contradicts the statement of the company that the car was running on schedule time after it left Pontiac, though it starts sooner than it should have from the power house, owing to the passengers that were being delayed.

This is one of the important points of the case, the contention being that No. 8 was substituted for No. 5, which was late, and No. 7 in turn substituted for No. 7, which was also late, so as to put all the cars on schedule time. No. 8 was run from the power house, and the officials of the road admit that it was a regular car. The very same thing was done with No. 5, though an effort was made to establish it as a special car.

Johnson said that he was positive of the orders given him, and Mr. Baker asked him where he would have met Whitehead's car had he run straight through, and he said on the double tracks in Pontiac. Mr. Baker called attention to the fact that the accident was brought about by a misunderstanding of orders between Motorman Johnson and Conductor Baldwin. Had Baldwin understood the orders Johnson did, there would have been no accident, as the two cars would have met at Pontiac and returned to Kimball switch together, where No. 7 would have been waiting for them.

"SANTA CLAUS."

Now is the time to lay up your small change and get ready for Xmas. Old Santa Claus still makes Pontiac's Bazaar his headquarters and is filling it full to the brim with handsome goods for the holidays. Drop in and look around for a few minutes.

Yours truly,

W. R. Owen.

DIFFERS FROM JOHNSON.

Conductor Baldwin was then called, and he said that he recalled the power house at noon.

"What orders did you receive?" Was asked.

"Supt. Savage told me to go to Kimball switch and meet Harnack and then go on to Pontiac. At first he told me to run through, but I said to him that Whitehead was up the road, and he answered, 'O, yes.' Then he told me to wait at the switch."

"Where were you when you got your orders?"

"I was just jumping on my car."

"Did you hear Johnson get any orders?"

"I saw Savage talking to him, but I did not hear what was said. We got to the switch about 12:20 and laid there until 12:34. We stayed on the switch about fifteen minutes. I received an instruction to give to Whitehead and knew nothing of the car following. I considered my car a regular one and we were ordered out, earlier than the regular time, so as to not keep the passengers waiting. We killed part of the twenty minutes we were ahead and laid over the rest in Pontiac. If we were running special we would have carried a red flag. I know of no other way to designate a special, unless by stopping and telling the crew you meet."

"When you and Johnson disagreed, were you not afraid that Whitehead might have his orders mixed?"

"No, sir, believed everything was safe. We talked the matter over. The electrician heard us."

Baldwin was asked about the ten minute rule and said that it had been out of his mind for four months and he had stopped obeying it. Asked if he had overrun switches lately, he said that he had, after waiting half an hour and in stanced a recent case.

The attorneys of the company claim that Savage meant to have both Nos. 8 and 7 come down from Pontiac together, but that they said the orders he gave were vague under the circumstances.

R. D. Belt, under-sheriff of Oakland county, who was a passenger on No. 5, testified that after they backed on the switch he understood Baldwin to say to Johnson after looking at his watch "Fifteen minutes before it is time to start from Pontiac." He thought that they were on the switch fifteen or twenty minutes.

John Reed, an inspector on the line, testified that he heard Supt. Savage tell Harnack to go to the Kimball switch and afterwards tell Johnson before the latter pulled out that when McHugh came down on the road would be clear to Pontiac. He did not hear what orders were given to Baldwin nor hear Savage say anything about both cars coming down together.

John Busby, the present superintendent, and Louis Hubert were also called, but they could throw no light on the accident. Juror Clisbe made an ineffectual attempt to show that when Busby was construction superintendent he was in the habit of issuing orders to the men.

Coroner Blye learned from the physicians that McHugh and Harnack were not in condition to make any statements and he decided to adjourn for a week, when it is expected that they will be well enough so that the jury and attorneys can go to their homes.

The coroner's inquest is continued today at nine o'clock at the town hall. We hope that Mr. McHugh will be able to testify at the hall or at home, if he is not able to go to the hall. His money is considered enough to locate the cause of the terrible calamity.

Christmas and New Years Holiday Excursions via Grand Trunk Ry. System.

The Grand Trunk Railway Lines west of the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers will make Holiday Excursion Rates at ONE AND ONE THIRD FARE for the round trip. CHRISTMAS TRIP: \$10.00. NEW YEAR'S TRIP: \$12.00. All said to return up to and including Jan. 15. All said to return up to and including Jan. 15. These tickets will be sold between Grand Trunk stations west of the river and to Canadian points west of and including Toronto, Windsor, Kalamazoo and Buffalo. For rates and information, inquire of freight agents, or of the following offices:

E. B. HIGHTS, A. A. BENEFIELD, Agents, 111 N. A. St., Detroit, Mich.

Village Property for Sale

House and lot known as the A. D. Shadbolt property situated on the corner of Merrill and 10th streets, village of Birmingham, near the School House. House has eight rooms and the lot is 6x12 feet.

This water works connection, both hard and soft water, is in the way of Appleton, Puchner and Hums.

Most desirable location in a good neighborhood. This property must be sold soon. Small amount down, balance in time. Possession for sale in the support of old age without a home.

For particulars inquire of
A. D. SHADBOLT,
Birmingham, Mich.

Bloomfield Taxpayers.

I will be at my home on Maple Ave. every day except Saturday to receive taxes, will also be at the County-Treasurer's office, Pontiac, every Saturday during the month for the same purpose.

Notice to Taxpayers

I will be at the following places during the month of December to receive tax: At Town Hall, Southfield, Tuesday, Dec. 28; at Eric's Mill, Thursday, Dec. 30; at Harmon P. O., Tuesday, Jan. 4, '98, at Bedford, Thursday, Jan. 6, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 3 p. m., and every Friday at home, 30 Franklin during the tax season.

R. C. CUMMINGS,
Treas. of Southfield Township.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the following places during the month of December to receive taxes: Every Tuesday at Troy Corners; every Wednesday at Big Beaver; every Thursday at Exchange Bank, Birmingham; every Friday at home.

FRANK S. BLAIR,
Treasurer of Troy Township.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending December 11, 1897:

James Gordon, Forest C. Miller. Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Try It at Our Risk.

That's a fair offer? Any one with impure blood, dyspepsia, rheumatism, weak nerves, liver or kidney disease, can thus make a trial of

Dana's Sarsaparilla

"The Kind that Cures."

Buy a bottle from your nearest dealer, and if you receive NO BENEFIT you can GET YOUR MONEY BACK. EVERY BOTTLE IS GUARANTEED.

All Druggists Keep It.

Losee Bros. & Co.,

WHITE FRONT, SHOE HOUSE,

20 North Saginaw St., Pontiac, Mich.

Leaders in Fine and Medium-Priced Footwear.

We would be pleased to have you visit our store and compare our prices.

Our Ladies' fine Kid Shoes with stock and patent leather tips from \$2.50 to \$4.00 can't be beat.

A complete line of Children's School Shoes, all warranted, prices from 75c to \$1.50.

For Gentlemen's fine wear we are showing the best \$3.00 shoe on earth. All our razor and needle toe shoes for Ladies' and Gentlemen's wear will be sold out at less than cost. Great bargains for some one—out of some place.

Losee Bros. & Co., Pontiac.

When in Town Trade at SPARLING'S

And get a Cash Coupon.

They are given with every 10c purchase and over.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS.

10 yard patterns best Calicoes.....50c each
10 yard patterns best Fancy Prints.....70c each
10 yard patterns fleeced lined Wrapper goods worth \$1.35 each at.....\$1.00 each

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' 2 1/2 Swiss Scallop Embroidered Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c each.
Men's Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs.....12 1/2c each
Ladies' Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs.....19c each
Men's Cashmere Washable silk stripe at.....25c each
Men's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs at.....25c and 50c each

HOLIDAY GOODS AT CUT PRICES.

We shall take out our entire stock this season and offer you the choice of the following goods at less than cost:

Baskets, Vases, Toilet Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Cut Glass, Metal Frames, Brass Goods, Venetian Ironware, Bisques, Metal Tables, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Inkstands, Mirrors, Silverware, China, Glassware.

This is a chance to get Christmas Presents Cheap.

J. Sparling & Co.,

155 and 157 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Not an Earthquake.

LAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, Lake Forest, Ill., Dec. 4, '97

DEAR MR. HENDIE:

I enclose pay for two bushels of Levitic wheat. What has been already delivered has been delivered with avidity I think that is the right word; you may deliver the rest in weekly instalments.

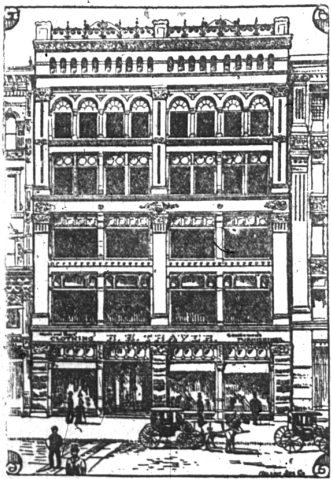
That was not an earthquake shock we had last week; it was only Henry Clay turning over in his grave with a groan over Supt. Waldo's plan "I rather do not like it."

George, be good and good'll be happy. Very Truly,
WILLIAM N. M. HENRIE

Oppose Busby.

Over 100 citizens have signed a petition addressed to George Hendrie, Sr., setting forth the fact that the Detroit & Pontiac railway has been operated very much to the dissatisfaction of the citizens, and asking for the installation of a telephonic or telegraphic dispatch system and the employment of a proper and capable superintendent such as the late Mr. Savage would have been, could he have exercised the authority appropiated to be vested in him. The petition also asks Mr. Hendrie to use his influence to prevent the continuance of John Busby as superintendent.

A TRIP TO TRAVER'S



will reveal to you a wonderful assortment of things for men, boys and children to wear. If you have made up your mind to buy something useful for your Christmas gifts, something to wear, you will find in this great clothing store nothing to distract your mind. We sell nothing but what belongs in a clothing store. No bazaar booths to tempt you; no baubles or toys to catch your spare change—nothing but things to wear. Things that are of everyday necessity and worth. Things that you never regret buying. Such a trip is attended by none of the discomforts of a department store wherein you are jostled about by big crowds of penny-bargain seekers and bewildered by the solicitations of ambitious salespeople. Here you are waited upon by courteous salesmen, in spacious showrooms, and you are urged only to make no haste in selecting what you wish to purchase. Better than all else you save money by trading at Traver's where every article is guaranteed as to quality. If any article purchased turns out to be inferior in any respect we will buy it back at the price you paid for it. We suggest as Christmas gifts:

In Our Boys' Department:

One of our celebrated \$5 Blue Chinchilla Reefers. One of our famous \$4 Ulsters. One of our standard Novelty Suits at \$5. One of our incomparable Clay Worsteds Suits at \$5. An Overcoat for your big boy at \$10. A suit, latest style for a boy 14 to 19 at \$10—a suit we call our "surprise" suit.

In Our Men's Department:

One of those superb Cheviot or Serge suits which we have just placed on the tables to sell for \$10 (formerly marked \$12). An Overcoat in Kersey or Melton or Frieze at \$10. We have a very fine line of these coats. "An Ulster," the big heavy fellows that house a man in, for \$10. Of course we have other suits, all overcoats and ulsters at both lower and higher prices, but these we recommend as suitable for holiday gifts.

In Our Hat Department:

A Traver Special Hat at \$4. This hat is guaranteed against everything except abuse. It is as good as any \$5 hat on the market. A Fur Cap. A Hat that is as strong as a Knox, at \$1.95. A Tam for your little girl. A Hat for your wife. A Cap or Fur Mitts for your boy. Anything you may wish for head or hand wear.

In Our Furnishings Department:

A pair of Kid Gloves at \$1, or more. A handsome Stocking anywhere from 25 cents to \$3. An Umbrella at 95 cents or \$6. A suit of Underwear worth \$1 or \$3. A Shirt worth \$1. A Sweater worth from \$1 to \$3. A Congo Cane worth \$1. A Handkerchief—either linen or silk—worth from 15 cents to \$3. A Night Robe; a Bathing Gown; a Smoking Jacket; a Muffler; a pair of Suspenders, Collars and Cuffs and Jewelry to go with them.

Order by Mail.

If you cannot make the trip to Traver's, before Christmas use the mails. State plainly what you want, give the size or sizes, inclose the amount you wish to pay and the goods will be sent.

R. H. TRAVER,

DETROIT, MICH.