

# "HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

We welcome '98—Here's to it.

May the New Year witness the greatest shoe selling ever seen in this house; may we do better by you and may you do as good by us; may the shoes of '97 see you safely into '98; and may they lead you to come here for the next pair needed.

## H. B. MERRITT,

17 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, Mich.

### ROYAL OAK OBSERVATIONS.

Rehearsals Items Pertaining to the Proceedings of our People in General.

Our Nick Names—Social Events, etc.

Very sickly here now.

Mr. L. A. Phelps, Detroit, Saturday.

Herman Bands is very ill with inflammation of the bowels.

Mrs. J. M. Lawson was in Birmingham on business Monday.

Mrs. M. A. Richings and little son were in Detroit Tuesday.

J. M. Lawson took a load of lumber to Highland Park Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bann have recently been visiting Pontiac friends.

John Holmes is convalescing from a hard siege of typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rof made a business trip to Detroit Tuesday.

Last Friday Mrs. C. G. Wilson spent the day with her aunt in the city.

Thomas E. W. Stanton will sell his stock of store goods at public auction.

The family of Bert Russell, tho' slowly improving, are still suffering with grip.

Miss Lillian Springer, of Detroit, is a guest at Mrs. Maro Robinson's this week.

Mrs. Elmer Russell and Mrs. A. Fairchild of Detroit, Sundayed with Mrs. L. A. Phelps.

Mrs. L. A. Phelps and Mrs. C. G. Wilson visited Mrs. Jas. Blakely at Town Line.

Miss Maude Phelps returned home Sunday from a visit with her grandma at Big Beaver.

Silas Jarvis and wife, of Troy Corners, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maude Alger.

Dewey & Lawson have a set of bay scales for sale at a bargain, at the Royal Oak Lumber Yard.

Maggie Phelps entertained her little friends, Alice Russell and Len Fairchild of Detroit last Sunday.

Edward Connor and wife have returned from a three weeks' sojourn with their daughter in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mitchell, of Delray, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Connor.

Rev. J. J. Yost, of Evanston, Ill., who has been a guest at the residence of Mrs. J. Lutenbacher, has returned home.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church held an interesting meeting at Mrs. Lutenbacher's Wednesday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parks, the "newly married," called on Mrs. C. G. Wilson on their return from their honeymoon.

Miss Jessie Hutchins has accepted a position in Parma, where her sister is teaching, and has gone there to reside.

Mrs. Ira Barham and sister, Miss Grace Rose, spent an enjoyable day with friends in Detroit last week Thursday.

Miss Rose A. Gregory, who has been visiting Royal Oak relatives for a few days past, is now in Detroit, en route for Albion.

Our enterprising lumber firm, Dewey & Lawson, are erecting a new building to serve as a hardware store and business office building.

We are glad to learn that Adie Wheeler is steadily improving from her two weeks' run of that dreaded disease diphtheria.

Preparations are being made by the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church for the coming year's Christmas Bazaar February 22.

We regret to say that the Walter family have again taken up their abode in Detroit, finding it more convenient from a business standpoint.

Miss Alice Waller, who was for some time a guest at Mr. Hammond's, where she came for medical treatment, is now on the rapid road to recovery at Hager Hospital, Detroit.

The Living Branch of the Oak 398, held an installation of officers Wednesday afternoon; followed by a program of songs and a social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey visited at S. S. Pearson's Sunday.

August Schultz, our wagon-maker, has gone to chopping wood.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Elbing visited in Detroit last Sunday.

Secure your reserve seats for the Derby Camp from C. B. Travis.

### D. Smith and G. Scott are cutting wood at G. Clark's for L. G. Smith.

Rehearsals every night at K. O. T. M. Hall for the Devil's Camp. Don't miss it.

Several of our boys visited Rochester Saturday night, to witness the athletic exhibition.

The public installation of officers for the K. O. T. M. will take place on the evening of the 25th of Jan. 1898.

Reveling meetings are held here nightly at the M. E. church. We are glad to hear that they have had several converts.

What in the world is the matter with giving the Birmingham Evening a chance to do some of the printing for your shows an' things?

Grand opening of the K. O. T. M. hall next Tuesday evening Jan. 18. The Devil's Camp, a western drama in five acts, will be presented by M. Moran and B. Shepard, with all new and special scenery, supported by local talent. Prices 20 and 25 cts.

News from our Neighboring Communities.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson spent Friday at Redford.

Look out for a wedding soon at Black Horn Corners.

Si Woodworth and Eugene Williams are cutting wood for D. White.

Miss Lillie Thayer and Rue Van-Every were married-Thursday, January 13.

Mrs. L. M. Dunbar and Miss Aggie Chapman attended the funeral of Mrs. Herbert Ketcham at Toledo Friday.

Rev. Kyle, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, preached his farewell sermon Sunday to a large audience. He left Tuesday for his new field of labor, Alaska, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris have returned from their wedding trip, which they spent among friends and relatives. They were accompanied by the Southfield Cornet Band Saturday evening.

FRANKLIN FRUITERS.

A Few Flowery Facts From the Fruitful Flowery Fortress.

Stanley Case is home from India.

With probable good fields and oil fields in the vicinity what is the matter Franklin?

The writing school, under the direction of Thos. W. Lines, is well attended and instructive.

Ice in ponds and lakes averages about nine inches in depth and a great many filling their ice houses this week.

West of Southfield taxes have now been gathered in by Collector Cummings, who has proven a very efficient officer.

On Monday evening last Prof. McCall gave a concert in the schoolhouse, also a talk on Arithmetic, and succeeded in organizing a large class in this study, to whom the Prof. will give instruction in short practical methods.

COUNTY LINE LISTINGS.

Communicated by our Chatty Correspondent—Coming Events, etc.

Miss Alice Wilcox visited friends in Detroit last week.

A good deal of mice has been secured in our vicinity.

G. W. Hoard and wife are visiting their daughter at Caro.

Miss M. C. Chipchase, of Warren, spent last week in Birmingham.

Mr. McClure and R. Joiner have closed their meat market at Warren.

The dog poisoner is abroad in Warren.

Mrs. Alice McClure, of Birmingham, visited relatives at Warren last week.

Installation of officers at the K. O. P. Lodge at Warren last Saturday night.

Frank Reynolds' people of Royal Oak visited R. McClure's family one day last week.

The two months' old child of Jerry Hall was buried at Royal Oak last Saturday.

Prof. Garland and wife, of the Royal Oak school, visited relative in Warren Sunday.

Meetings were held every evening last week in the M. E. church with a good attendance.

About 10 of Gen. Walker's friends surprised him last Thursday evening, taking with them two gallons of oysters.

The good wife furnished coffee and a never-to-be-forgotten time was had.

A Rivald's mare one mile south of Warren, was burned Saturday night.

A horse and cow were cremated. The fire is supposed to have originated by some one smoking. No insurance.

### TOWN LINE TWITTERS.

Brief Talks that are Right in "Line" with the Proceedings of the Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Featherstone visited at Lenton's Sunday.

They have decided to have Sunday school all winter this season.

Mrs. Thos. Stone is quite sick now and Mrs. Stone is not expected to live.

Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Shug are the latest sick ones; both are improving.

Mr. McKinstry starts for Columbia Monday to visit his children near there.

Geo. Lent, of Franklin, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. Beach, a few days lately.

Mr. Hendrick's horse became frightened at a pile of corn on the hill and threw Cady and Fern Hendricks and was brought to the buggy.

The horse ran as far as Patch's, striking the barn with force enough to knock itself down. Neither person nor horse were seriously hurt, however.

Friday Ted Lord's house was burned to the ground, and the goods and furniture saved into all the provisions in the cellar burned. There was only a small insurance and the loss will be a very serious one to the family, coming as it does in the middle of winter. They are at present stopping with Bert Kelly.

Uncle John and His Son Sam.

An Allegory in Three Parts.

PART III.

Uncle Sam had much of oil and lead, of copper and silver.

When the life was quite a tender, he came to rob and pilfer.

Instead of holding these rich fields for his own accumulation.

Young Samne weakly gave them up to private corporations.

Old John had one ambitious son.

Whose life was quite a tender, his whole ambition seemed to be to pilfer, rob and pilfer.

And when he took his father's name, he was a wondrous laddie.

But his was a good-for-nothing, just like his father's.

He seized on Samne's mines of oil and formed a combination.

Whereby he could combine of the output of the nation.

And thus he bottled up that light of the world.

He bought up some competitors and froze out all the others.

He showed artful tricks of trade, he showed the business through and through, and crushed all opposition.

And the people of the new high as it were were afflicted.

They could not pay his price, their homes could not afford to pay his contributions.

Thus matters went bad to worse, more hardships, more privation, Old John's will grew more cruel by cruel usurpation.

Twas bonds for this and bonds for that, and the stars themselves were out of place.

And the home was overpowered by mortgages everywhere.

Everywhere the farmer had decreased in value.

Except his debts and interest and the millions that were pushed almost to desperation.

The manufacturer got "blue," his sales began to dwindle, his factory forthwith closed.

And stopped his loom and spindle. A host of men went unemployed.

Now tramped the country over, and thus the honest working man became the vagrant rover.

And so by cruel, vicious laws, the people were made to suffer.

And while the money lender thrived, his victims all grew weaker, and all that seemed to grow of all.

And most to be lamented, the people, by their baseness, and their greed, had made it so.

Young Liberty, a patriot brave, stood up and gave the warning.

The people tried to put him down with stones and clubs.

But notwithstanding all their efforts, his boldness and his courage, he boldly sounded in their ears their sad, distressed condition.

At last they woke and roused themselves to view their situation.

They seized young Samne by the throat, demanding explanation.

And while he tried to make a time to feed, they stopped his respiration.

And choked him till he heaved in his last gasp.

And then they said to Grandpa John, "You villainous defrauder, you old financial 'devilish,' you greedy and grasping man, that laddie of yours, was every cent, dishonestly contracted, and not a dollar of the claim should ever be exacted."

"But we will treat you more than fair, on our express condition, that you will spare our country from further destruction."

"We will spare you and pay you half, but you must spare us."

"If you want any more than that, we will take it from you."

"We would like to see you take it!"

## Thin Blood

Where the blood flows its intense red—grows thin and watery, as in anemia, there is a constant feeling of exhaustion, a lack of energy—vitality and the spirits depressed.

### Scott's Emulsion

of cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphates of Lime and Soda is especially adapted to correct this condition. The cod-liver oil, emulsified in an exquisite fineness, enters the blood direct and feeds its every corpuscle, restoring the natural color and giving vitality to the whole system. The hypophosphates reach the brain and nerve centers and add their strengthening and beneficial effect. If the roses have left your cheeks, if you are growing thin and exhausted from overwork, or if age is beginning to tell, use SCOTT'S Emulsion.

Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion. It is made by the famous SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

### ON CONVERSATION.

Johnson's English was really sublime.

—Not Good Humored.

The art of conversation has suffered in England from the example of its most famous professor, Dr. Johnson.

understood it theoretically, but even so to a limited extent. He was supposed to form his view of it in accordance with the rule of Bacon, says the Nineteenth Century. "In all kinds of speech, whether pleasant, grave, severe or ordinary, it is consistent to speak leisurely and rather drawingly than hastily, because hasty speech betrays the memory and oftentimes betrays the unpreparedness of a man either to stammer or to bluster, or harping on that which should follow; whereas a slow speech confirms the memory, adds a consent of wisdom to the hearers, adds a semblance of speech and countenance." This does not strike one as a model for him who would either to stammer or to bluster, and excludes naturalness, which is one of the greatest charms of conversation.

Johnson did not slavishly follow Bacon's precept; it is very evident so far from being "leisurely," he jumped down the throats of all who disagreed with him. "You may be good natured, sir," said he, "but you are not good natured."

"But you are not good-natured," said the doctor had just plumed himself on being so. "I believe you would pardon my opportunity if I had had to do to prelate your vengeance, but punishment follows so quick after defiance that they cannot escape." The idea of his ever being at a snore is ridiculous. Indeed, though sometimes at a loss for a repartee from sheer indignation, the rights of his little phrase of arms was not his least, most disputed. That he remarked: "You are a liar," seems tolerably certain, but whether the other philosopher did not resort to a more printable and by no means pertinent remark that are attributed to him is doubtful. At all events, the whole affair was not a good example of polite conversation. Johnson's great mistake was in confounding it with eloquence. "We had good talk this evening," did not resort to a more printable and by no means pertinent remark that are attributed to him is doubtful. At all events, the whole affair was not a good example of polite conversation.

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