BIRMINGHAM



ECCENTRIC.

TWENTIETH YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, JANUARY \$ 1897.

NO. 36, WHOLE NO. 1026.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM WE OFFER

TIME TABLE. IN EFFECT
November 17, 1897.
WESTWARD
Express.....

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BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit, Mich.

ONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTHERN R. R TIME TABLE. ns Run on Central Standard Time.

STATIONS. GOING SOUTH.
Mx'd Pass. Fr'gt
No. 2 No. 4 No. 6 Fr'gt Pass, Mx d No. 3 No. 4 No. 6 A.M. P. M. A.M. D., G. H. & P. M. A. M. A.M. 4 06 6 50 M. Witch Cent.

Prepared to Furnish eitizens of Birmingham and surround ry as fine a line of Bakery Goods as rehased anywhere.

Home Made Bread, Pies Cakes, Etc.

We furnish meals at all hours, Sundays ded. When you don't feel like getting up a sy dinner, just drop in at from 12 to 1 p. m. ed what we can do for you.

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wijkhave in a day or two a fine assort
f Candy for the Holiday, trade. Call ano
one and all we will try to please you.

C. Ellenwood.

Corner

Meat Market

Is the place you get the best cuts of all kinds of

Fruits and Vegetables in season.

Parks & Son.

Advice

Allopathy Doses

When you are sick, employ a physician. When you go to law, employ an attorney

When you build, employ an architect

Clarence L. Cowles, Architect,

Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

REDUCTIONS

Before taking our Annual Inventory in the following lines:

Men's Outing Flannel Gowns from\$1.00 to 79
" 75c to 59
Ladies' " " " \$1.00 to 79
" " " 75c to 59
" Fascinators 75c, 50c, 35c to 59c, 39e 25
One lot Ladies' Bustles at
Ladies' Silk and Wool Mitts to
One lot Men's Shirts and Drawers to close at
One lot mounted Shades reduced to

Remnants and odds and ends of our stock at cost.

Yours for Low Prices,1

F. BLAKESLEE.

Birmingham,

After Jan. 1st. 1898

Owing to close competition and a desire to sell at the lowest possible profit, we shall sell for cash and cash only

FLOUR, SUGAR, SCHOOL BOOKS and CUT-RATE PATENT MEDICINES.

These goods are sold by the wholesaler for spot cash and as they are all sold at the lowest possible price, hereafter they will not be charged.

OUR STOCK IS NEW.

OUR LINES WELL FILLED.

WE NYITE YOUR TRADE.

Yours with hopes of Greater Prosperity

Whitehead & Mitchell

GREAT JANUARY Fresh and Salt Meats. LINEN SALE!

According to our annual custom we shall open'

Monday, January 3rd, 1898.

Our Special Sale of Housekeeping Linens.

We were never in condition to give our customers such values in Bleached Damasks, Pattern Cloths, Napkins and Towels in Bleached Damasks, Pattern Cloths, Napkins and Towels as we are this season. Notwithstanding the heavy advance imposed by the new tariff. We articipated our wants for this sale before the Dingley Bill was passed and owen many of these goods at from 15 to 20 per cent below old tariff sprices. We shall give our customers the benefit of the low prices. "This is a rare opportunity to replenish stock and every wise housekeeper will take advantage of it." Out of town customers are requested to send their orders early in the month.

Special Values Offered in all Departments during January.

The Taylor Wollenden Co.,

165 to 169 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Ladies' Light Comfort Shoes

Light, Flexible, Comfortable, Serviceable.

Are you looking for relief for tired, aching feet? Ask to see our specialties for tender lights

Ladies' Dongola Congress Shoe from . \$1.50 to \$2.50

" Lace " \$1.50 to \$2.50

" new Common Sense,
lace and button \$2.50 to \$3.00

lace and button \$2.50 to \$3.00 Ladies' Dongola fat ankië, lace, button \$2.50 to \$3.00 Narrow and wide widths, sizes up to \$\frac{3}{2}\$ made by the

CORNER SHOE HOUSE,

With Jackson, Robt, Obrenc, D.

Who would return to see the could put a mortgage of a secret could be could put a mortgage of a secret could be cou Whitehead & Mitchell, Mfg. Chemists.

Uncle John and His Son Sam.

An Allegory in Three Parts

The Groeks tried hard to conquer Troy, By ten long years of fighting. They found their labor all in value And wholly mon-requiting. They longed for victory and took. They built a monatrous horse of wood And placed their soldiers in it.

And piaced their soldiers in it.
They left it there upon the plains
All lonely and deserted,
The Troins really thought their plans
Had all been disconcerted.
They chose on kinon, amount of speec
With most benignant manner,
To confidence they men of Try
And trail their nation's banner.

And trail their nation's banner. They tide his hands and fortired him Beyond all recognition, and disperied him to the Tropka camp Ist that forform condition. The Tropkan saw bin from after the Tropkan saw bin from a sering the them to the the tropkan saw bin the trail the trail and to the his bands in sunder! His woman's all fresh and sport. They unreach him with the tend rest care And asked him for his story. He wand, "The Greeks are tired out, Discouraged and dejected, and a declared the same trails and the trail that the trail the trail the trail that the trail

The Frejans are protected. Thinking your goddess was displeased And ahery with their nation, they thought they dimake a secrifice. To gain her approbation, a secrifice, to describe the secrifice and so they gave her that great horse, which you can see out youder, that he might turn the battle stide had bring the Trop ins under."

And oring the Iroj just under?
"If you can being that here within
Your walls before bimorrow, justifiers a time will simble on you.
And bring the Greeks to sofrow."
Thus were those Trojans taken in
By Shoon's hirowil devices.
They really thought their nation's fate
Depended on that crists.

La oc-o-on, one noble man,
Gave solemn admonition,
He said that hôrse would send them straight
To national perultion.
They called him crank and lungitic,
Disturber of their nation.

what he failed to do by war, He dib by "financering." g sent his sons to talk to Sam, With words as sweet as honey, nd rob his children of their rigid dy tampering with their mone.

ily tampering with their money, be made it cheap and bought it up. For private speculation, hen made it dear and sold it back, And thus he robbed the maiton, hose millions he obtained by crime. To dark for all expression, all belonged to Sammle's heirs, Their rightful, just possession.

A youth of distipation.
Young Sammles spent his time at play,
And foolish recreation,
And let his children or y for bread
In frenzied desperation.
He heeded not the orphan's cry.
The widow's lamentation,
He let the strong oppress the weak
And grind them to starvation.

And grind there to star ration.

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By rithous taxation,
By rithous taxation,
By rithous taxation,
By rithous taxation,
But wound not let them say one word
Atout the legislation are
in this aspiring "Heastain,"
He bought him up until he came
Almost in full possession.

He bought almo grind the came
And then, as if 'tweer not enough,
And then, as if 'tweer not enough,
And then, as if 'tweer not enough,
And when, as if 'tweer he had to be a series of the bound of the 'twee stan,'
The' whike'p bloat and vender,
Us Nick set up his gade of held,
I speaned to him quite framp.

Be says them rells upon the street,
I speaned to him quite framp.

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While he raked in their mose;

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The following is a list of letters emaining unclaimed in the post-ffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the

Questions from the Outside.

tramp through the snow after all. Electric lights! Why of course we should have them, and every electric road that is given permission to pass through a small town should contribute most generously, to the lighting.

Is the town dull! Well get up and do something, of patronize what others try to do.

saying, "the town is church poor."

What will the new year bring to this town? Nice hard, gravel streets, free from dust, ejectric lights, new hotel, a town free from saicons, a town full of happy homes, a town stronded by prise perous farms, with peace and plenty, and the village of the saicons.

THE STAGE.

Chinese Therepentics.

For Sale
Best Peppermint Oil,
Made from its Really Leafs.
Can be curable for the sickness of
Male, Female or Boy.

Dizzy.—Use to put or wipe few drops the forehead, both sides under eyebro noseholes and both sides of back of ea

fout or Goutswollen.—Wipe both sides of forehead noseholes and much to the breast.

feadache. - Wipe on the forehead and no

Choy Thoong Sung,
Gate outside Brass Smith Boad,
Canton.

Dif the elaborace whole ayastem", recently plut in operation be our olderine road cost.

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18.70 or was it as high as \$2.50 or eyen

18.200, as stated by some authorities?

What is the law in regard to aldewalk;
cleaning in this town? A poor sick widow

pays. Ber last-cost to have been cleaned
and har neighbors on either side with times

or four lusty boys in the family make; so

presense even, of cleaning theirs. She

must keep her own in order and then

tramp through the snow after and.

Electric lights' Way or course, we

the village paper in every nouse.

What will the new year bring to the learning to Subscribers and dollars, gowords and good wishes, till its editoritaff shall grow so saintly that even to proverbial devil will be changed to ange

Fig. —Wipe on forehead and nose holes.

Fig. —Wipe most of the nose-holes, and drink few drops mixed with tea.

Giddy. —Wipe both sides of forehead and nose-holes.

Believe us

A noor picture is not helped by heing pix it a, good light.
The sullest man has in him something original. It is sim.
The man is inmally in the right who
owns himself in the wrons.
In religious controvers, ferceity is
not the only sign of theility.

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The waters of Lethe drown the past:
the blocd of Jenus elemanes it.
For a certain class of minds/infidelity is the hall-mark of genius.
"Christianty is all very well, but a
man must live." Yes, to all-eternity,
He who casts stones at others makes
of himself a target for their return.
For an epitaph: "He believed in a
free cospel: it never cost him a cent."
A temple to Venus was erected; on
Calvagr: it was the best the devil could
do.

The Reason of It



Why do we claim to sell high class Clothier for less than other dealers charge? Because we pay clash tort what we buy, sell for cash) and deal in nothing but clothing. We make it dury exclusive business. Our eye is ever on the clothing myrket and nothing escapes is even on the clothing myrket and nothing escapes is a constant to good. We have regularly, in the regular way, and it goods. We have regularly, in the regular way, and it goods. We have regularly, in the regular way, and a goods. We have regularly, in the regular way, and it goods are not supported by the control of the confidence that my there else can they be duplicated. It is this confidence in the intrinsic wyerth of our clothing that has built up our business so that a wedo not have to be separational in order to get our blare of the trade-

R. H. TRAVER,

FACTS ABOUT BOOKS.

over in about six months.

Bryant is, said to have written

Thanatopsis' in a week,

De Foe is said to have written "Robsson Crusee" in six months.

Mrs. Clark required sixteen years to

essays in the evening after a day spent to at his desk in the East India office. as us cess in the East India office.
Dickens says in the introduction to
"David Copperfield" that he spent two
years in the composition of that novel.
Emerson is reported often to have
spent from six months to a year in the
composition of one or two short stories.

Spencer, from first to last, consumed four years of tolerably steady labor in the preparation of the "Faerie Queene."

Ouene."

MUCH IN. LITTLE.

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The Duke of Argyll hasheld his little for fifty years.

of England, and two more years in revising and correcting it.

Longfellow turned out about one volume of poems a year for many years.

Nearly four years were required for his translading, of Dante.

It is the shadow on the dial that proves the sun is shining. So with our live, affilted may show the presence of a Guiding Hand.

A St. Albans Vt.) young man is such a strong rider that when he collided with a borse he threw it on its feet.

What, you begging here, too? It saw you only a little while ago begging on Schiller while ago begging

ald. A strange story comes from Curth township, on top of the Allegheny mountains, of a bear taking a child of A certain Mr. Watkins into the woods and covering it up with heaves, without harming it.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

MUCH IN LITTLE.

Trade at Hudson's-It Pays. ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

Instead of walking from store to store, you ride from floor to floor.

What an advantage to do all your Christmas trad-ing under one roof? No running from one store to another and back again—no having goods sent from a a dozen different places—some sure to go wrong.

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Here everything is different. Eight, great shors of Heliday Goods, one delivery for all. If you don't find what you wan in one department you'll surely find it in another. This "Big Store" Is exerybody's store and there's something here fit everybody, and there's something here fit everybody are not crushed and squeezed in some stuffy, narrow passage, but where you've room to move around; examine and make satisfactory selections, as you can here. When you leel here you've room to move around; examine and make satisfactory selections, as you can here. When you leel here frest yourself in our commodious reception room ground floor or in the elegant cafe on the 4th floor, where the billiof fare is delightfully appetiting and the prices yety low. Four great big elevators carry you safely up lead down, and everything, everything is here for you plead ure and profit. Then there's no reason why you should not, but every reason why you should not, but every reason why you should on, but every reason why you should not, but every reason why you should not, but every reason why you should not for the prices are the series are respectively.

ly's the great store of stores—and there isn't cent in the entire vast establishment. Open n un m and see us. It's well worth the trip eve Run mand see us.

Detroit, Mich.