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BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1898. NO. 27. WHOLE NO. 1069.

H. W. Baxter.

I have American, Waltham, Elgin, Illinois, St. Thomas and Trenton Movements,

Jointed or Screw Bezel Cases and each one will prove a good timepiece and the prices are very low. Best $1.00 Nickel Alarm Clocks made and I can warrant them O. K. Gold Wedding Rings, Pins, Charms, Chains, Cuff and Collar Buttons, fine quadruple silver plated ware at cost. Best made.

Repairing done reasonable and I guarantee satisfaction. Eyes carefully fitted and any kind of frames, and no robbers' prices.

H. W. BAXTER,

Jeweler and Optician, - Birmingham.

Geo. E. Duff

—DEALER IN—

Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats

Of all kinds. Our prices are below all competition on the best of meats.

Middle St. - Birmingham, Mich.

BIRMINGHAM CITY LAUNDRY

First door west of Bank.

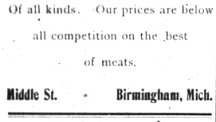
Work clean, white and satisfactory. Careful attention paid to every article.

Shirt waists, dress skirts, curtains, table linen, everything—first-class and fair price.

Shirts, collars and cuffs white, stiff and clean.

Ed Montgomery,

Proprietor.



We would like to

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customer of ours. Invest your money where it will do the most good.

Cash Sales and Small Profits.

Parks & Son.

Clarence L. Cowles,

Architect,

21 and 22 Chase Block,

Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

Phone { Office 247—3 R. Residence 408.

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Have you ever eaten fresh cream butters,

U. S. Wafer Crackers?

at

Whitehead & Mitchell's

JAY MOORE, Head pusher for Birmingham and vicinity.

To those who have never tried

TRIPLE KNEE STOCKINGS,

we would advise them to so at once. Those who have used them will buy no other.

We are Agents for the

Peninsular Overalls and Shirts

They are first-class and warranted. Try them and be convinced.

FRESH CANDIES EVERY WEEK.

Try our **35c Tea**—you cannot match it in Detroit for less than 40c.

Call on us for anything in the Notion Line.

L. B. PEABODY,

BIRMINGHAM, - - MICH.

GRAND OPENING

SATURDAY, Nov. 5th!

Look at the great Bargains for the opening day! I will sell to each customer as follows:

10 yards Lonsdale Cotton for	49c
16 yards 5c Unbleached Cotton for	49c
10 yards Outing Flannel in all shades,	49c
10 yards best Calico for	49c
16 yards 5c Crash Toweling	49c
1 lot of Corsets	25c
50 pairs 10-4 tied Blankets for	39c
100 lbs. Knitting Yarn in all colors, per pound	48c
1 lot Ladies' and Gent's Underwear at	24c
Children's Underwear at	12c
1 lot Ladies', Misses' and Children's Stocking, per pair	12½c
Winter Caps in all sizes at	17c

My line of Boots and Shoes are all up-to-date. Every pair warranted and at the lowest prices.

I do not have 10 or 12 years' cellar worn Rubbers and try to make you believe they are new and fresh and cheap. It pays you to buy Rubbers where you can get them warranted—as cellar worn cannot be warranted.

Men's good Felt Boots at	99c
Men's Felts and Rubbers, good value, per set	$2.00
Men's Socks and Rubbers, good quality at	$1.75

If you want anything in the line of Dry Goods, Clothing or Gent's Furnishing Goods, it will pay you to call and see me.

Oil Cloth Patterns, 1½ yards square at 70c, 2 yards square at	$1.15
Floor Oil Cloth, per yard at	25c

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Woonsocket Rubber Boots with leather insole, $2.30. Not warranted.

All other Rubber Boots warranted not to crack or heel to come off. A new pair of rubbers will be given for every pair that cracks.

I can give you new and good goods for the money and satisfaction guaranteed.

M. Levinson,

Birmingham, - - Mich.

EARLY BUYERS OF

Fall Dress Goods

Will find our stock full and complete, comprising everything from the lowest price to highest novelty.

Special lines of Colored Goods in plain and plaids, all wool, elegant styles. Cotton and wool mixtures, splendid values.

Choice assortment of Fabrics for school dresses and street wear at popular prices.

If you cannot visit the store send for samples and try our **Mail Order Department.**

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.

105 to 109 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

It Pays to Buy GOOD RUBBERS!

Going's Stock always good, always well assorted, always right in price. We guarantee from cracking until worn out.

Men's Rubber Boots.
Boys' Rubber Boots.
Women's Rubber Boots.
Children's Rubber Boots.

Men's Arctic Snow Excluders, etc.
Boys' Arctic Snow Excluders, etc.
Women's Arctic Snow Excluders, etc.
Children's Arctic Snow Excluders, etc.

Men's Rubbers, all styles.
Boys' Rubbers, all styles.
Women's Rubbers, all styles.
Children's Rubbers, all styles.

Fleeced or cotton lined storm or low fronts.

Large assortment of "Snag-proof" Rubbers.

C. H. GOING,

Wait for car at our store.

Pontiac, Mich.

RAISE TOBACCO

Oakland County Farmers Engage in a New Industry.

Tobacco raising is a new industry in Oakland county. Here and there the farmers have heretofore raised the weed for their own use, but it was never grown on a large scale until this spring, when A. W. Kenyon, of Rathven, Ont., came to Royal Oak township and interested H. E. White, who lives 2½ miles northwest of that village, in the industry. Mr. Kenyon is a tall, wiry, gray-haired Canadian with a drooping mustache, but his eye is still bright despite his 61 years. When interviewed he had just returned from a visit to Richard Parsons, a farmer near that village, who expects to put in 40 acres in tobacco culture next year.

"Altogether," he said, "we planted 16 acres to Zimmer Spanish cigar tobacco, which is to be used both as a wrapper and a filler and is superior to Connecticut leaf. Considering the fact that we have had a dry summer, our success is encouraging. We expect to realize about $1,000 on our crop, which isn't bad.

"I have been interested in the tobacco business in Canada for nearly 50 years off and on, but I thought that there would be a better chance to raise tobacco profitably in this country, because it escapes the high tariff. I raised a small patch of Sumatra in the orchard, and it was also a success. I understand that Sumatra is $4 a pound in Detroit now.

"All the farmers hereabouts have caught the infection and are going to put in from 5 to 20 acres during the coming season. I am going to plant 40 acres and Mr. White 20. Tobacco is a good crop for the farmers, for after harvesting it they can put in winter wheat. We did that here and the wheat is doing well.

METHOD OF CULTIVATION.

"We sowed our seed in protected beds April 1 and transplanted June 8, after using artificial fertilizer on the field. Manure would have been better but we could not get enough of it. Our soil is a clay loam, here and there gravelly. Our rows were three feet apart and the plants set 2½ feet apart in the row. Our crop was harvested from Aug. 25 till Sept. 15, and is now in the curing sheds. One of these is an ordinary barn, but the other was built for the purpose and is 26x110 feet in size, set on posts open at the bottom and provided with ventilators at either side, which allow a free circulation of air throughout the building. The tobacco is suspended by the stalks from the tiers, five and one-half in number, and remains there two months, whereupon it undergoes the sweating process. It will be ready for the market about the middle of December.

"We have procured enough seed from the plants for our next crop, and could have secured another crop if we had given the plants more care and could have anticipated the assen-e of frost until now. Of course Royal Oak township will never rival Havana, but I tell you, it's going to be a factor in the tobacco industry."

Did you ever think how handy it will be for you to send messages and have business attended to at Pontiac without going yourself? Elect Mitchell and you have your agent. Orders left at the store after January 1st, 1899, will be cheerfully attended to by the next County Treasurer, Geo. H. Mitchell.

Placing His Talents.

"Father, I'm vanquished," sighed the young man in soft raiment and long hair who had just come from the city to the old homestead. "The world is too much for me. I wrote. My poems and my stories were rejected. I painted. There was no market for my pictures. I lectured on scientific subjects. The expenditure was always more than were the receipts. I flirted with fortune on the market. She jilted me. I tried a clerkship. My mind was not on my business, and I was discharged. I became an insurance agent. Not a policy could I place. In sheer desperation I became a politician. I failed and paid all attendant expenses. I loathe the past. The future offers me nothing."

"My poor, poor boy," said the fond mother as she wiped her glasses. "You know the home is always here."

"You bet it is," came from the father with square jaws and snapping blue eyes. "It's been here all the time you've been spending our hard-earned money trying to do something easy that you're not fitted for. I don't want no healthy young man that weighs 180 pounds whining around me, throwing up his hands and saying there's nothing in the world for him to do. I'll show you different. Go up stairs and get into that old blue jean suit of yours, change that white linen for a hickory shirt put on them cowhide boots you left in the closet when you went out to conquer America, and grease 'em. Then go along with me. I'm breaking up that ten-acre field of stump land, and I'll start you on an honorable career that you're liable to succeed in. No coaxing now, mother. What this young man needs is sand, and I'll have him pumped full of it by fail. Get into that uniform, my son."—Detroit Free Press.

What 20 Cents Will Do.

By sending the above amount to The Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Mich., they will send you The Trice-a-Week Detroit Free Press, from date of receipt of your order until January 1, 1899. This special reduced rate is given to introduce the paper to new readers. The Twice-a-Week Free Press is a clean, up-to-date family newspaper, and everyone should take advantage of this special offer. The greatest value ever offered for 20 cents. Send in your order at once or hand it to Mitchell at the post-office.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as official historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with Gen. Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, P. W. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Building, Chicago.

An Auspicious Event.

Never before since the organization of the Epworth League Lecture course has there gathered such a large and enthusiastic audience as the one which greeted J. J. Lewis, of Boston, at the M. E. church Wednesday evening, Oct. 26. Whatever apprehension of a lack of appreciation upon the part of the people regarding these entertainments, there might have been in some minds was dispelled by the magnificent audience which filled the auditorium.

The subject of Mr. Lewis' lecture was "The Passion Play of Oberammergau," and he illustrated it with the finest views on canvas Birmingham ever witnessed. This marvelous play is a representation of the Saviour's Passion, and is enacted by the German farmers of Oberammergau once in ten years. With vivid description and superb views, the lecturer carried his hearers to the little European city, showed its surroundings and told its history. Fully eighty views of the Passion Play were given, besides others. Perhaps the most instructive were those of the village church, the same today as in 1640; of the streets of Oberammergau; of the Passion Play proscenium; and of the characters in the play. Particularly impressive were the portraits of the disciples, the Marys, Pilate and the Christus. The listener was taken swiftly and vividly from the entrance into Jerusalem to the upper chamber where was celebrated the Last Supper, to Gethsemane, to the Sanhedrim, to Pilate's judgment hall and to Calvary. When the scenes of the crucifixion were displayed so breathless was the interest that the dropping of a pin would have been audible. Though the entertainment lasted an hour and a half, it did not seem longer than a few moments. Unique, vivid, refined, uplifting, Mr. Lewis' lecture made a profound impression upon all who were fortunate enough to hear it.

An Unprecedented Opening.

The third annual fall and winter opening of Waite Bros., Robertson & Co., of Pontiac occurred last Saturday and was a success, when considered from every standpoint. At an early hour on that auspicious day the crowd began to assemble. Every person upon entering the spacious front door was greeted by two very charming little maidens, one laden with red and the other with white carnations and presented with one of each (an evidence of the generosity of this estimable firm). The mammoth windows, and in fact the whole interior of the beautiful store was artistically draped with filmy lace, exquisite ribbons, etc., while the pillars were daintily festooned with the lovely smilax and surrounded by a profusion of variegated vines and various other potted plants. The enjoyment of the occasion was perfected by the presence of Farmer's Orchestra, whose sweet strains were, as ever, pleasing sounds to the music loving portion of the assemblage.

The weather was apparently made to order. The genial army of clerks, both ladies and gentlemen, attired in festive garb and wearing a smile of welcome, proved themselves efficient and willing to look after the wants of the vast throng present. The cash sales alone on this eventful day amounted to $2,430, and had the crowd been less dense or the force of assistants more numerous, Mr. Waite informs us that they could have easily increased their fund another thousand.

These openings are becoming anticipated events in Pontiac and may this enterprising firm continue to prosper and live to witness many returns of the day.

An Astonishing Reward.

The accompanying little story was written by a small boy in Denver, one of a class of children 6 or 8 years old, who had been requested by their teacher to write a story, they to select subjects, and their compositions not to be subject to revision by the teacher, but to be read before the children's parents exactly as written. It was entitled, "Virtue Has Its Own Reward:"

A poor young man fell in love with the daughter of a rich lady who kept a candy shop. The poor young man could not marry the rich candy lady's daughter because he had not money enough to buy furniture. A wicked man offered to give the young man $25 if he would become a drunkard. The young man wanted the money very much so he could marry the rich candy lady's daughter, but when he got to the saloon he turned to the wicked man and said: "I will not become a drunkard even for great riches. Get thee behind me Satan." On his way home he found a pocket-book containing $1,000,000 in gold. Then the young lady consented to marry him.

They had a beautiful wedding, and the next day they had twins. Thus you see that "virtue had its own reward."

Advertised Letters.

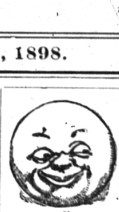
The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending October, 29, 1898:

Oscar M. Price, Wm. Pardee, Mary A. Gamble.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS FOR MEN--$10.



"You can depend on whatever Traver says."

We are selling Suits and Overcoats for men at $10 that are not equalled in quality by any other store in Detroit for less than $15. The Suits are pure wool fabrics—blues, blacks and fancy patterns, single and double breasted styles. The Overcoats are strictly pure wool Kerseys—blacks, blues and browns, thoroughly right every way:

We are confident in our claims from the fact that the high price of wool has put many adulterated cloths on the market, but we have stuck to reliable mills and factories and are content with a smaller profit.

But the Suits and Overcoats speak for themselves when you see them, so we urge your comparison.

Orders by mail promptly filled—money back if not satisfactory.

R. H. TRAVER,

Detroit, - Mich.

A CARD.

I take this method of asking my republican friends for their kind and valuable support on Tuesday, Nov. 8th, next for my race for the office of County Treasurer. During the short campaign throughout the county and especially in the towns of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield I have met very kind treatment from everyone, and have yet to meet with unkindness. I will not be able to see each and every voter, but kindly suggest to all who feel inclined to aid me not to forget to do so on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1898.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE H. MITCHELL.

Notice to Taxpayers.

By order of the annual meeting of the school district a special meeting of District No. 1, fractional of Bloomfield, Southfield, Royal Oak and Troy is hereby called to vote upon the adoption of the Uniform Text Book law and the Free Text Book law. The meeting will be held at the school house at 7 o'clock p. m. on Monday evening, Nov. 7th.

W. D. CLIZBE, Director.

Dated Oct. 29, 1898.

In addition to the above notice the special meeting will vote upon a proposition to build additional school room.

W. D. CLIZBE, Director.

Dated Oct. 29, 1898.

Kid Gloves Cleaned.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with Millers's Gloveine, for sale only by F. Blickesler, ready-quarters for dressed and undressed kid gloves, in all the most desirable shades for street or evening wear. 7-29

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the township of Bloomfield, county of Oakland and state of Michigan, that the next ensuing general election will be held at the Town Hall in the above township, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, A. D. 1898. The polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and will remain open until 5 o'clock of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall in their discretion adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock noon for one hour. By order of the Township Board of Election Inspectors.

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL,
Clerk of said township

Dated this 26th day of October, A. D. 1898.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

To the electors of the Township of Bloomfield, county of Oakland, state of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the township above named, will be held at Town Hall, in said township, on Saturday, the 5th day of November A. D. 1898, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose; and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes aforesaid.

Dated this 26th day of October, A. D. 1898.

By order of the Township Board of Registration.

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL,
Clerk of said township.

CLAWSON.

Axel Blair is going to build a house on his farm this fall.

Mrs. Stephen Newman is much improved in health.

Mrs. Lizzie Fay, of Detroit, called on friends here last week.

Col. and Mrs. Drew have rented a house at Royal Oak, having rented their farm to Frank Bowman.

AT HUDSON'S BIG STORE

You can find everything you may need to put on and ready to wear. You will find, also, that the values offered are unimpeachable while the prices are lower—for such values—than at any other store in Michigan.

Hundreds of Men's Fine Winter Suits

in all the new ideas—blue and black Cheviots, blue Serges, single and double breasted, (double breasted, silk faced) blue and black Thibets, fancy Scotch Mixtures, neat mixed Cassimeres, etc., at

$10.00.

Overcoats

We have the newest shades of fine winter weight Overcoats, fancy plaid backs, pure silk shoulders, bellows pockets, raised seams. Also black and blue Kerseys and Beavers, new lengths, plain and fancy linings, guaranteed all wool and fast colors, at

$10.00.

Boys' Suits

There is no Suit for Boys superior to our "Reciprocity" Suit—ages 6 to 17 years—short pants, which come in blue, black and fancy mixtures. Frame your own guarantee on them, we'll sign it. Positively the best suit in America for boys and they are only

$5.00.

Boys' Reefers

We have the very best Reefer for Boys at $5.00 that was ever offered in this market. Ages 3 to 10 years. Blue Chinchilla, strictly all wool and absolutely fast colors. Only

$5.00.

Men's Furnishings.

The very best half-dollar Scarf that can be produced—bold, striking effects, quiet shades or dainty patterns, in rich silks, and satins of a quality which cannot be excelled for the price, 50c.

MEN'S FANCY SHIRTS—Correct and latest Novelties in dependable qualities and fast colors, at $1.00.

A full line of new fall designs in the celebrated Manhattan Brand at $1.50.

EVERYTHING IN UNDERWEAR—Proper and comfortable for fall and winter wear. Qualities unexcelled, values unequaled. All grades from 50c to $3 a garment.

GLOVES—Fowne's celebrated Kid Gloves, regular price $2. At Hudson's Big Store $1.25.

An excellent Kid Glove, sold usually at $1, for only 69c.

The Only Complete Department Store in Michigan.

THE J. L. HUDSON CO.

Detroit, Mich.