THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

Devoted to Our Own Locality--We Labor for Its Interests.

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1898. NO. 33. WHOLE NO. 1075.

---THE PALACE---

CASH MEAT MARKET.

Oysters received daily.

When you buy, buy the best—they are the cheapest in the end. Our 25c bulk oysters are solid oysters. No water.

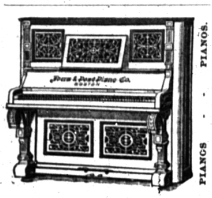
Choice Meats of all kinds, **Beef, Lamb, Pork and Veal.**

Poultry and Fish, Sausage and Smoked Meats. Fresh Vegetables.

Prompt Delivery.

Geo. E. Duff,

Proprietor.



All kinds of Sewing Machines and anything in Musical Goods at lowest possible prices. Call and see me before you buy.

E. Farmer, Pontiac.

BIRMINGHAM CITY LAUNDRY

First door west of Bank.

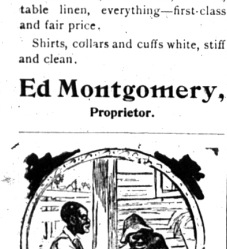
Work clean, white and satisfactory. Careful attention paid to every article.

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.

Best Rib Roast Beef or Veal.....10c	View the following:
Pork Loin Roast.....8c	Old Reliable D. D. M. Oysters, quart or can.....25c
Pork Sausage, 3 lbs 25c	Gal. Crock Lard, lb.. 7c
16 lbs Salt Pork....$1.00	Best Cape Cod Cranberries, 3 qts.....25c
Best Spring Chickens, 10c.....10c	Sweet Potat'o, 15 lbs 25c
Boneless Codfish, 3 lbs.....25c	Boddow's full cream Cheese.....12c

Parks & Son.

Clarence L. Cowles,

Architect,

21 and 22 Chase Block,

Saginaw, E. S, Mich.

Phone | Office 247—3 R. | Residence 408.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. EUGENE C. ALLEN, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p m. Sabbath school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p. m. All are invited.

WHILE YOU ARE TALKING - -

About Christmas presents, Pontiac and Detroit are not in it.

L. B. Peabody's Store

is the place where you can buy your girl a Doll, Gold Ring, or a box of Candy and your wife a Tea Set of best quality, Silverware, or if you are looking for something extra fine, those Carving Sets ought to please you, and you, young man, why not make yourself a present of a Violin and learn to play it. We will sell you one right. We have any amount of things for the ladies to buy for gentlemen. If you was not born with a silver spoon in your mouth, come in an buy one and you will have it sure.

L. B. PEABODY.

WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION!

Handkerchiefs in profusion, beautiful patterns, at 5oc, 25c, 15c or two for 25c, 10c and 5c—all of the very newest designs.

New goods and styles in Card Receivers, Cups and Saucers,

Mush and Milk Sets, Shaving Mugs and Jardineers, etc.

New line of Dressed and Kid Body Dolls at 25c each.

Ladies' and Children's Mittens at 10c, 15c, 25c and 35c.

Gent's Gloves and Mittens at 25c, 35c and 50c.

We have the largest assortment and the best Corset trade in town.

Gent's Scarfs, Ties and Bows in a great variety of styles at 15c each or two for 25c, 25c and 50c.

Ladies' Macintoshes, fine quality at $5.00 and $6.00

Our aim is to sell as low as the lowest and we meet all competition in prices and give a better quality of goods for the same money at

F. BLAKESLEE'S

Birmingham, - Mich.

BUYERS OF

HOLIDAY GOODS

Will find in our Store an immense stock of FANCY GOODS and NOVELTIES in addition to the very complete line of

DRESS GOODS AND STAPLE FABRICS

suitable for Holiday Gifts.

Handkerchiefs in endless variety from 5c to $25.00 each.
Leather Goods in Pocket Books, Shopping Bags, Belts and Purses.
Sterling Silver Novelties, immense variety for the Toilet.
Toilet Sets in Celluloid, Dresden, White Metal, etc.
Laces, Edgings, Insertions, Flouncings and All Overs, together with Liberty Silk and Made-up Neckwear in latest styles.
Stationery—Finest quality of Papers, Seals, Pens and Erasures.
Art Dept.—Stamped Linens, Pin Cushions, Sofa Pillows etc., etc.
Gloves—The celebrated Foster Kid Gloves, Lined Gloves, Mittens.
Gent's Furnishings—Complete stock including Novelties in Neckwear and Umbrellas.

If you cannot visit the city order by mail. We guarantee satisfaction.

The Taylor--Woolfenden Co.,

165 to 169 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

WHAT WILL YOU BUY FOR CHRISTMAS?

WE LOOK AFTER THE WANTS OF YOUR FEET!

Overgaiters, all sizes, from 20c to 50c.
Leggings, all sizes from 50c to $1.50, all lengths.
Gent's Slippers, 75c to $1.50.
Boys' " 50c to 75c.
Ladies' advanced styles of Footwear. Ask to see the Mariesh Shoes; also the new styles of inlaid vestings.
Children's Shoes, button and lace, in all styles.
Most complete stock of Rubbers. Our rubbers are noted for good fits, great service and low prices.

C. H. GOING,

Take the car at our store.

Corner Saginaw and Lawrence Sts. PONTIAC, MICH.

THE DIVINING ROD.

How Charles H. Jones Works One of His.

He Can Tell the Direction the Water Runs, but Submerged Lakes are Beyond His Ken. Work is Very Fatiguing.

The following sketch we take from the Ann Arbor Argus and the thought strikes us why not employ Mr. Jones, who is now a resident of our city, to take his rod and locate more water for us at the water works. From our natural growth we need more water and instead of looking for it in a haphazard manner, give Mr. Jones a chance to find all the water we need. "Let's will."

Fire and Water, a paper devoted to the subjects embodied in its name, published in the issue of March 26, of this year, an interesting article on the divining rod. This is a very old subject, much discussed pro and con. Modern skeptics claim it is an old country superstition. They cannot, however, dispose of it in this way, as it will not die out. In fact many unbelievers are being convinced against their will. At this time it is of particular interest to the people of eastern Michigan because of the amazing results achieved by Charles H. Jones, a former well-known citizen of Ann Arbor, now residing at Birmingham, this state. Not only here in this city but in Detroit and many other places has he with unerring accuracy told where water could be found. His success has been so phenomenal that responsible business men stand ready to back him up with their means. Mr. Jones does not claim there is anything supernatural in his work, but that the result is simply from natural causes, which by his 30 years of study he is able to interpret with accuracy. He is now making experiments in the line of detecting metals. Mr. Jones is a medium sized man, well proportioned and very active for being so stout. For years before devoting all his time to his present work, he was a boss drayman. He has been a prominent figure in local Odd Fellow circles. In an interview as to the way he uses his forked stick, generally called a divining rod, and his success, he says:

"Something like 18 years ago I saw a friend of mine try to find water with a forked stick. I had no faith in the business and laughed at him, but I tried it, and to my utter surprise it worked in my hands. I held the fork of the branch as tight as I could, and when I came to certain places the end of the fork would bend to the earth in spite of all that I could do. I kept on trying the experiments as a novelty until finally one day I happened to be in the country where I met a farmer who intended putting down a well. I told him I thought I could locate a good spot. By his request I used my divining rod and told him where to dig. It was not a convenient spot for him so he tried several places, but they all proved to be dry holes. Then the farmer came for me again and I located the same spot on the vein and he found water at a depth of 55 feet. He put up a windmill and pump and the well has never run dry to this day. I have located over 2,000 wells all of which have been a success.

"Since commencing the study of the problem I find I can now tell the difference in the veins of water, if they are deep veins, surface veins, or sand veins. A great many men who undertake to work the divining rod cannot distinguish these differences. I can even tell which way the veins run.

"I claim the rod works because of the electricity in the person holding the forked crotch. It will work more quickly for some people than others. Persons who have much electricity in their systems can work it as well as I can. It is generally claimed that the forked branch or crotch must be a piece of witch hazel, but I can use any kind of wood, they all work in my hands.

"My theory is that when holding the crotch of the divining rod there is a current of electricity formed which shows itself by the rod bending when stepping over a current of running water, thereby making a connecting link. With sand or surface veins of water, the point of the rod gives four distinct motions, whereas in deep veins, only one steady motion bending down until the width of the vein is crossed. I have followed deep veins until they have run into larger veins. Deep veins of water range generally in width from six to eight feet but I have found them 125 feet wide. I can tell which way the water is flowing and the width of the vein.

"I find sand veins lay from 8 to 20 feet deep and surface veins from 30 to 80 feet. The deepest vein I ever located was 126 feet. I can locate nothing but running water. With the divining rod I can't locate a lake unless there is a vein of running water underneath. I have followed water veins for miles, they pulsate just like the veins of the human system driven by the heart.

"Recently I have been making new experiments and can now detect gold, copper, silver, lead and iron. I have done this by attaching a conical hollow wooden ball to the end of my rod by a copper wire running through it and wound around the interior of the ball which is filled with a chemical compound. This works also when I find a vein of water. I can tell this by taking off what I call my needle. If it then operates I know I have found only water. All this, however, is still in an experimental stage, about which I hope to give more explanations in the course of time.

"The work of following a divining rod is very fatiguing, as it is not only wearing on the nervous system, but on the muscles of the hands in holding the rod, which you can see by the blisters on my hands."

In proof of how the rod was affected by gold, a gold watch was placed on the floor of the room where the interview was had. Mr. Jones took the forked stick in his hand and in a moment the long end of the crotch was bending down towards the watch. He is making many experiments and only time can tell to what extent he can develop this ancient art or science of the divining rod.

Realization and Anticipation.

Last summer G. H. Turk and son Tom, of Pontiac, took a long bicycle ride. Starting from Buffalo, which place they reached on the morning of July 7th, they rode out Genesee street, the first four miles on asphalt pavement and made the first stop at Chictowaga, six miles from Buffalo, where they had dinner at a small country hotel. Their ride from Chictowaga to Batavia, 40 miles, was over a fine gravel road, which up to a short time ago was a toll road. At the farm houses they found the people anxious to entertain bicyclists and many signs were displayed to that effect. Country hotels about every five miles made convenient resting places. They reached Batavia at 5 o'clock and spent the evening in company with some of the city officials and in visiting places of interest, including the Bean-Richmond homestead, the cemetery, where is located the Morgan monument, erected by the Anti-Masons, Johnson's Harvester Works, the city council, which was in session, and lastly the fire department, where they were nicely entertained. After an early breakfast the next morning they started out, expecting to reach Rochester by noon. They made LeRoy, ten miles, in one hour; then to Caledonia, Mumford and Scottsville. They found on this run many fine bicycle paths built under state supervision. The path from Scottsville to Rochester, 12 miles, was built on the tow path of an old canal, long ago abandoned. Shrubbery grown up on each side of the path afforded shade for almost the entire distance, and the ride was on a perfect level. The next day they rode to Geneva, by the way of Canandaigua, and then along the bank of Seneca Lake to Watkins. From there to Waverly and Binghampton, where they took the train on the D. L. and W. R. R. to the summit of Mt. Pocono, from which place they rode down the mountain, a distance of 25 miles, with a fall of 100 feet to the mile, on their wheels. They reached Stroudsburg, Pa., at 3:30 in the afternoon, where friends were awaiting their arrival.

Next summer Mr. Turk, accompanied by his son, expects to take a long ride through Germany, France and Switzerland, providing he can succeed in closing out his large clothing business. The sale which commenced last week is a great success. The store is crowded from morning till night with buyers from all parts of the county, who, evidently, are appreciating the great bargains offered.

OBITUARY.

From St. Joseph County Advertiser.

Levi T. Hull was born February 14, 1830; passed away November 30, 1898.

He was a native of New York, born in Monroe County; his parents came to Michigan in 1838. For more than 60 years he was a resident of the state, and more than 47 of those years he was a resident of Constantine.

Mr. Hull was a Republican from the time that party was organized, and during all the time vigorously advocated and strongly defended its principles.

Funeral was held from the late house of deceased on Friday afternoon, December 2, at 2 o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Pinckard, of the M. E. church of Mendon, assisted by Rev. W. J. Hathaway, of the M. E. church of Constantine.

The subject of the above sketch was the father of W. C. Hull, who taught our school here a few years ago. Deceased received many eulogies written by old friends, all speaking in the highest terms of praise.

Children's Books.

Whitehead & Mitchell have just received a full line of Children's Holiday Books and religious books for children, at the extremely low price of twenty-five cents, which are suitable for Christmas gifts. A complete line of fable and fairy books and booklets have been received, which will be closed out at extremely low prices.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

ANNUAL CANADIAN EXCURSIONS.

Via Grand Trunk Railway System.

The Grand Trunk R'y System calls your attention to its Annual Canadian excursions which will be given on Dec. 6th, 11th and 13th, 1898. Tickets to all Canadian points, including points on Main Line, Inter-colonial Ry between Montreal and St. Johns, New Brunswick will be sold at a Single Fare for the Round Trip. They will be valid to return up to and including Jan. 7th, 1899, no tickets being sold east of Pontiac on the D. & M. Division and in Detroit, City or the C. & G. T. Division.

Attention of intending excursionists is called to the long limit given on this cheap excursion, offering an opportunity to visit Canadian friends and relatives during the holidays at cheap rates. The Grand Trunk Railway will run three trains daily in each direction, with Pullman sleepers on night trains and parlor cars on day trains to all prominent points. Tickets are optional going and returning via Detroit or Port Huron or the Great St. Clair Tunnel Route. Tickets and Information may be had from all agents of this Company and connecting lines.

E. H. FITCHES, Ass't G. P. A., Chicago.
BEN. FLETCHER, Trav Pass. Agent, Detroit.

Consumption Cure.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day if taken in time; 25 and 50 cents.

Advertised Letters.

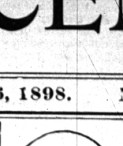
The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending Dec. 10, 1898:

Nelson Smith, Wm. Graham.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M

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. Remarkable for splendid 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. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Building, Chicago.



What does Prosperity say this week?

JUST THIS

And Mark It Well.

This is one of the stores that never resorts to subterfuge or sensational schemes to sell Clothing.

Yet this store never fails to protect its customers in low prices—as well as honest values.

Men's Suits--$10, $12, $15.
Men's Overcoats--$10, $12, $15.

And you'll find by comparison that the same quality of materials will cost frm $2 to $5 more at any other store. Why? Simply the difference between honest methods and the "faker." Judge for yourself by comparison.

R. H. TRAVER,

Detroit, - Mich.

SHOT PROVED FATAL.

Miss Bertha Gould the Victim of a Sad Accident.

A sad result of handling firearms occurred Tuesday morning, December 6, in the death of Miss Bertha Gould, daughter of John Gould, who lives in the north part of Holly township, near Belford. Saturday afternoon the young lady was cleaning a revolver belonging to her uncle, Claire Evans, and while taking out the cartridges her finger nail caught the trigger and discharged the weapon. The shot entering her breast above her heart. Dr. Gould of Fenton, and Dr. Slaght of Grand Blanc were summoned, and it was feared at first that she could not recover. Later reports, however, announced that she was doing well and good hopes were entertained for her recovery. It was, therefore, a sad shock to her friends to learn that she had passed away about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

It seems that Miss Gould had amused herself somewhat during the past summer by learning to use a revolver, and had become a good shot. She was conscious to the last and explained as well as she was able how she accidentally discharged the fatal weapon.

Miss Gould was a highly esteemed young lady of 20 years of age, and her tragic death is a heavy blow to her family. The funeral services were held at the house Thursday and interment made in the family lawn.—Holly Independent.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the following places to receive taxes: At town hall Southfield, Tuesday, December 27, at Erity's mill Thursday, Dec. 29, at Harmon P. O. Tuesday Jan. 3, 1899, at Beddow, Thursday, Jan. 5, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m., and every Friday at home in Franklin during the tax season.

R. C. CUMMINGS,
Treas. Southfield Township.

Cards of Thanks.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends who assisted us through the long sickness and after the death of our late husband and father. Also to the members of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. We sincerely say so many kind acts can never be forgotten.

MRS MARIAN WOOSTER AND FAMILY.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the kind friends for the many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our darling little son and brother. Such acts of kindness can never be forgotten.

MR. AND MRS. IRVING WILSON AND FAMILY.

Stationery for the Holidays.

Stationery in beautiful boxes for Christmas presents. Hundreds of articles. Stationery of all the latest styles, shapes and colors. Our styles are the best, you would certainly be stuck on them.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Troy Taxpayers are hereby notified that I will be at Colerain postoffice Mondays, Troy Corners Tuesdays, Big Beaver Wednesdays, Birmingham Exchange Bank Thursdays and at my own home every Friday until January 10.

FRANK SCHLACK,
Town Treasurer.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Bloomfield Taxpayers are hereby notified that I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, every Wednesday during December and at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac, every Saturday during December. The rest of the time I can be found at my Town Line home.

NATHAN C. HERRSON,
Town Treasurer.

HUDSON'S.

WITH THE RUSH OF THE HOLIDAY TRADE

We strongly urge you to take advantage of the grand bargains on sale this week in the

Bruce Goodfellow & Co. Stock

Ringing Bargain News for Clothing Buyers

All good sorts and kinds of SUITS and WINTER OVERCOATS for men and boys. Go at cut-prices in the Great "Goodfellow" Sale. Exceptionally good values, with a generous slice cut off the original Goodfellow price. Bargains on every table. It's only a matter of finding what you want.

CLOTHING—ENTIRE THIRD FLOOR.

Goodfellow's Furnishings.

Very special values in fine Underwear; just the weight for winter wear and at a terrific sacrifice.

Goodfellow's Hats.

For men and boys; enormous values in seasonable, stylish STIFF and SOFT HATS, Winter Caps of every description all at slaughtered prices.

Women's Knit Underwear

Remarkable high-grade, first-class goods at, quality considered, very little prices. A story of rare values—the story we like to tell, for it makes the best reading for you.

Women's heavy Balbriggan Tights, open and closed; full fashioned, cream, tan, black, white; $1.50 goods.....89c
Women's black and natural wool Tights full fashioned; $2.50 goods.....$1.50
Women's Scarlet, regular made, Wool Combination Suits; $2.00 goods for....$1.50
Women's heavy weight Balbrigan Combination Suits, white and cream; $2.50 goods for.....$1.50
Women's & Wool Vests; regular made; black, white and natural; $1.50 goods for.....$1.39
Women's White Wool Vests, 85 goods for.....59c
Women's Fleeced-lined Union Suits; Onetta style.....50c
Misses' White Wool Union Suits; $1.00 goods, for only.....69c

Hudson's Big Store.