THE

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1898. NO. 32. WHOLE NO. 1074.

—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. View the following:

Best Rib Roast Beef or Veal 16c	Old Reliable D. D. M. Oysters, quart or can 25c
Pork Loin Roast.... 8c	Gal. Crock Lard, lb. 7c
Pork Sausage, 3 lbs 25c	Best Cape Cod Cranberries, 3 qts.... 25c
16 lbs Salt Pork....$1.00	Sweet Polar's, 15 lbs 25c
Best Spring Chickens, lb.....10c	Beddow's full cream Cheese.....12½c
Boneless Codfish, 3 lbs..... 25c	

Parks & Son.

Clarence L. Cowles,

Architect,

21 and 22 Chase Block,

Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

Phone { Office 547—2 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, one 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 50c, 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.

A STARTER FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Ladies' Sheer Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼, ½ and 1-inch hem, regular price, 50c each, reduced to 35c, 3 for $1.

BOSTON BAGS==Cloth.

Regular $1 size at 80c, Regular $1.25 size at 85c
Regular $1.50 size at $1.00.

LEATHER LINED---

Regular $1.50 size at $1. Regular $1.75 size at $1
Regular $2 size at $1.35.

Special sale of Muslin Aprons (2d floor) 25c each.

DRESS GOODS.

We have about 20 high-class Novelty Dress Patterns left which we offer at about half regular price.

250 Dress lengths, nicely put up for Holiday Gifts at a great reduction from regular prices.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co

165 to 169 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Special Quarter Off Sale!

On All Men's Congress Shoes.
So here they go at Spot Cash only.

Men's	*$4.00*	*Calf*	*Congress,*	*any*	*style,*	*now $3.00*
"	*3.50*	"	"	"	"	*2.63*
"	*3.00*	"	"	"	"	*2.25*
"	*2.50*	"	"	"	"	*1,88*
"	*2.00*	"	"	"	"	*1.50*
"	*1.50*	"	"	"	"	*1.13*

Don't delay! We have your size today, we may not tomorrow. This sale includes the celebrated W. L. Douglas Congress Shoe. All shapes of Rubbers to fit at rock bottom prices.

C. H. GOING,

Take the car at our store.

Corner Saginaw and Lawrence Sts.
PONTIAC, MICH.

THE POLE BROKE

And George Brown, a Michigan Telephone Co's Lineman of Detroit, Gets a Bad Fall.

Last Thursday afternoon about five o'clock George Brown of Detroit, 306 High Street, west, was at work at the top of a telephone pole in front of Chas. Mudge's house in this village, on Maple Ave., when, without a sound of warning, it fell over, having rotted away at the bottom. The fall was 22 feet and the result disastrous to Mr. Brown, whose weight is 185 pounds. He was taken into Baum's livery barn, where Drs. Shaw and Campbell examined him, after which he was taken to the hotel and both legs found to be broken, also one rib. The next day, Friday, he was taken to Detroit to Harper hospital, where he now is, and is recovering as rapidly as possible.

TOO FRAIL FOR THIS WORLD.

"Above the smoke and stir of this dim spot which men call earth" has flown the spirit of sweet little Lyle Roland, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Wilson and the youngest of a family of five children.

The little fellow was always fragile and possessed an intellect altogether too brilliant for his age—Only nineteen months—people had often been heard to remark "that baby is too bright."

About three months ago the anxious parents discovered that disease was preying upon their darling's life, and from that time on all medical skill seemed powerless in baffling with the fatal malady, the little form day by day growing thinner and weaker, until last Monday, December 5, at the solemn midnight hour the little spirit returned to God who gave it. Last Friday the little sufferer sank into a deep stupor from which he aroused once, and looking up into his mother's face murmured "M-a-m-m-a, m-a-m-m-a, bye-bye." The little life seemed hovering, as it were, midway between the natural and spiritual worlds. Lyle did not recover full consciousness again.

Baby Lyle was extremely fond of flowers and during his sickness he was surrounded by beautiful blossoms, none of which were fairer than the lovely infant who, by his sweet baby ways had won the love of all about him.

All that long Monday—the day of his death—the maternal arms were about him, and he was resting in the same loving arms when the death angel came. This is the first time death has entered this home and the bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral occurred from the M. E. church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Allen officiating. Interment in Greenwood cemetery.

"There are soft little robes, dainty white,
There are dear little shoes laid away.
There's a shadow as dark as the night
In the heart of this mother to-day."

A Fortune for Our Farmers.

Our farmer friends are to be congratulated. Southern Michigan is the best sugar beet locality in the world and Oakland county is to have located at or near Pontiac a sugar manufactory, costing somewhere in the neighborhood of half a million dollars, with a capacity of 500 tons of beets per day and turning out 50 to 60 tons of the finest, whitest granulated sugar ever used. $1,200, clear of all expense, was made by a farmer in Bay Co., on a 40-acre farm. The profit is sure; our soil and climate the very best in the world for sugar beet raising.

Officers of the new company have been elected as follows:

President—Cameron Currie.
Vice Pres—E. H. Parker.
Secretary and Treasurer and the officers, together with Thos. A. Parker and W. L. Holmes are Directors.

The main office of the company will be located in Detroit, with a branch office at Pontiac. The Pontiac end of the venture is represented by W. H. Osmun, Sr., J. A. Graley and C. S. Bartlett, and the site selected is adjacent to Spring Lake, a couple of miles southeast of the business centre. However, Mr. Osmun says he will donate a site within the city limits if the city will furnish free water for five years.

Like a Flash

Did the news of G. H. Turk, the clothier of Pontiac, going out of business spread throughout the county, and when the store was opened at 1:30 on Monday buyers came with a rush. Although the day was very cold and the roads bad from the effects of Sunday's storm they were there to partake of the great values, the like of which are seldom offered. Every garment in the store has a new ticket on with the "marked down" price, and people were soon convinced that business was meant, and they went out with their arms full. Piles of suits, overcoats and ulsters went down like grass before the scythe, and the large stock of gloves, mittens, underwear and caps are going in like manner.

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 price. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, P. F. Harber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Building, Chicago.

Robt. Groves' Accident.

Last week Thursday while in the city with a load of live hogs, our Trojan friend, Robt. Groves, while crossing the Michigan Central R. R. tracks on Warren Ave., near Grand River Ave., met with a serious accident. Before driving across Robt. looked up and down the track and as far as he could see no danger was in sight. Standing freight cars on each side of the street hid his view and when right on the track a passenger train struck his load of 3,000 weight of live hogs and away they went. A wagon wheel passed over Mr. Groves' body and although at Harper Hospital the M. D.'s say no bones were broken Bob don't believe it. However, after a few days in the Hospital he returned home the fore part of this week and will recover. Policemen gathered in the hogs and strange to say not a porker was hurt, although the wagon was a complete wreck. Not a gateman was in sight to give warning, and Robt. will have a claim for damages.

ANOTHER FRANCHISE

At a meeting of the Bloomfield township board Saturday afternoon in this place a franchise was granted to a number of capitalists to build and operate an electric road from Circle to Orchard Lake. The franchise gives them a right to operate an electric road through Bloomfield township. From this point another franchise will be secured from the town of West Bloomfield, which will allow the road to run to Orchard Lake. It is to be a single track with necessary switches. During the summer months fifteen cars are to be run daily and four during the winter. The fare will be five cents from Circle to the township limits and five cents from there to Orchard Lake. The track will be built in a first-class manner and work is to be begun on or before the first of June next. The track is to be completed and in active operation in eighteen months from time of receiving franchise. The parties to whom the franchise is granted are Al. meron Whitehead, Frank Hagerman and George E. Daines, of this place; Geo. T. Hendrie, of Detroit, and Michael F. Lilis, of Pontiac.

THE CERULEAN SAWBUCK.

How to Tell How Much You Owe on This Paper.

For over twenty years now we have every year, just about tax time and the period of life when Christmas presents are dead ripe and ready to drop, when old Santa Claus hitches up his reindeers and goes all over the world making hearts glad and children crazy with delight over the joyful season, then it is that we are forced to drag from his den, dust off his dear old form and then spring upon the unsuspecting public our worthy old Blue X who is just the same old persuasive object as ever. But to return to the question. This advent of the blue cross is not new to our readers. We give one month's notice before we use him, that is to say the first issue of this paper in January 1899 he will appear in all of his prehistoric glory on every paper whose owner is in arrears.

How do you tell whether your paper is in arrears or not? Dear, gentle, lovable, tractable reader. Notice the date after your name on this paper or on the wrapper which encloses it, if it comes wrapped, and the date will tell you when your time expires. If it is past you will be in line to have your paper decorated on its first issue in January, 1899. We aim to have pay in advance for the ECCENTRIC and are giving our readers one of the best, newest and largest papers in the county, and we are obliged, owing to the heavy expense incurred, to have pay for the paper in advance; to cease sending the ECCENTRIC to those who are back and will not remit. Our list is large and growing. We flatter ourselves that we have the best paid in advance list of subscribers in the state, and we want to keep all of you. Look at the date after your name, and if you are back step in, pay up and avoid the blue cross. Try it.

THE STAGE.

AT WHITNEY'S.

Scott Marble's "Heart of the Klondike" (one of triplets, the two others of which are the "Heart of the Sierras" and the "Heart of the Rockies") is this week's bill at Whitneys. It is a vital moving story, filled with ozone, and introducing to view the well known mining camp characters that all stage writers of frontier dramas employ. But it has one scene that out-thrills them all; the rescue of the child and the awful plunge to destruction of the villain at the end of the third act.

AT THE LYCEUM.

The home coming of Ward & Vokes and their big company of funmakers to the stage of the Lyceum occurs this week. "The Governors" is still the vehicle employed. It presents Ward and Vokes as "Percy and Harold" masquerading as the governors of Oregon and Idaho, fulfilling a contract made by the real governors with the Woman's Emancipation league of South Dakota for a series of speeches. The entire three acts are superbly mounted, while the costumes of the ladies are promised to be simply ravishing in their novelty.

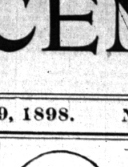
Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending Dec. 3, 1898:

Edwin Purdy, S. Miller, Mr. Bates.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M



What does Traver 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.

A REUNION.

Charlie Schlaack, His Axe and His Clothesline All Meet.

This ought to be a warning to men not to split wood on Friday. Last week on this unlucky day our neighbor, Chas. H. Schlaack, took his trusty axe and started to split a little wood, never noticing a wire clothesline overhead which caught the axe after a powerful blow and bounding back the back of the axe struck him on the cheek-bone crushing it and making a most painful wound. His eye closed by swelling immediately and all that medical skill and aid could do to help the sufferer was done. At this writing the damage is nearly all repaired and Charlie is himself again, nearly as good as ever.

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 SCHLAACK,
Town Treasurer.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Lutz." Thus writes C. Hammick & Co, of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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. HERBISON,
Town Treasurer.

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.

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. 16th, 17th and 27th, 1898. Tickets to all Canadian points, including points on Main Line, Intercolonial 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 Portland on the D. & M. Division and Islay City on 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 Candian 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. Rates, tickets and information may be had from all agents of this Company and connecting lines.

E. H. HUGHES, 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.

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 Wool Vests; regular made; black, white and natural; $1.50 goods for.....$1.39
Women's black and natural wool Tights full fashioned; $2.50 goods.....$1.50	Women's White Wool Vests, $1 goods for.....89c
Women's Scarlet, regular made, Wool Combination Suits; $3.00 goods for....$1.50	Women's Fleeced-Lined Union Suits; Gentia style.....89c
Women's heavy weight Balbrigan Combination Suits, white and cream; $2.50 goods for.....$1.50	Misses' White Wool Union Suits; $1.00 goods, for only.....50c

Hudson's Big Store.