Rubber Goods.

Now is the time to buy Rubbers, Arctics Felt Boots and German Socks.

REMEMBER

Our special sale on all Winter Footwear, Warm Lined Shoes, Felt Slippers, etc. We must convert them into CASH before inventory, March 1st, if prices will do it. See the bargains we offer at 75c and 98c pair.

We have already received several new lines of Ladies' Fine Shoes for spring. At $3.50, fine hand turned, inlaid vesting, lace stay, kid tip, com toe; at $3.00, silk vesting top, lace; at $1.50, vesting top, fair stitch.

'H. B. MERRITT,

17 N. Saginaw St., - Pontiac, Mich.

ROYAL OAK OBSERVATIONS

Miscellaneous Items Pertaining to the Proceedings of our People in General. Our Sick Ones—Social Events, etc.

Wm. Fisher, Detroit, last week.

Wm. Helzinger has his ice house filled.

Mrs. L. A. Phelps was in Detroit Saturday.

Miss Maude Alger was in the city Monday.

Chas. Silliman is recovering from a two weeks' illness.

Listen for the chime of wedding bells in the very near future.

Miss Helen Brock spent last week with Birmingham friends.

Mrs. Hannah O'Connell has been in very poor health all winter.

Mrs. Theodore Bernier, of Pontiac Sundayed with her parents.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at Mrs. Andrew Campbell's Wednesday.

Widow Bean can now be seen in Pontiac. Carried to the circuit court.

Mrs. Edward Connor is suffering from injuries received by her recent fall.

Miss Angie Brock, of Beddow, Sundayed with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Rofe.

The Lawson family enjoyed a sleigh-ride over to Clawson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Burgess made a shopping expedition to Detroit Saturday.

The Ladies' Library Association are contemplating a ten-cent entertainment soon.

This is certainly lodge week as all of our fraternal organizations have a session.

Mrs. J. Wood and little granddaughter Hazel have returned from a week's visit in Detroit.

Mrs. Mabel Nichols and two children of Troy, were guests at the residence of S. Alger this week.

Mrs. Frank McDowell and Mrs. Theo. Bernier were in Detroit Monday enjoying the biograph in Wonderland.

Rev. Dr. Shier, presiding elder of the Detroit district, will occupy the M. E. church pulpit next Sunday evening.

The Living Branch of the Oak visited Michigan Circle, in Detroit, Tuesday evening. It is needless to say they had a grand time.

The Epworth League enjoyed a delightful sleighride Monday evening, stopping at Frank Campbells, where a tempting lunch was served.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Washington's Birthday Banquet. Tickets may be purchased of Mamie Erb at the postoffice.

Loami McDowell and the Misses Lizzie and Mary McDowell, of Detroit, and Mrs. Ed. McDowell, of Warren, were guests at David McDowell's Sunday (a week).

A very enjoyable meeting of the Helping Hand Society was held in the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon. Covers were laid for about 40 and the bill of fare was tempting.

"Two hearts that beat as one"—Since Mrs. Eliza Bane and John Lafferty were made one by Rev. Ostrander, at the parsonage, last Thursday evening. The young (?) bride and her better half have the best wishes of all their friends.

Geo. Geedy, aged about 14, and Chas. Herschfield are boarding with Sheriff Judd, in Pontiac now, as a reward for stealing horse blankets from the sleigh of Fred Granzow, which was stauding in the Congregational church sheds.

The entertainment given by the Young Men of the Detroit Dramatic Club, in our town hall for the benefit of St. Mary's church, Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, was a great success. A large number from Detroit were present. The music by the Royal Oak Brass Band was good.

Dewey & Lawson's new store is rapidly nearing completion, the enterprising firm have taken possession and their new goods are arriving daily. The building is quite an acquisition to the street and is very cheerful and cozy from the interior.

The death of Horace Hall, which occurred last Sunday was very unexpected, although he had been ill for two years. He had been out to the barn a short time before his death, which resulted from heart disease; he died in his chair. The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon from the house.

If the recently elected Noble Grand in Daughters of Rebecca fills the office as satisfactorily as she did that of Lady Commander in L. O. T. M. lodge the former organization will congratulate themselves. However, at the close of her term of office she may expect to hear the old familiar "Blessed be nothing."

Rev. H. M. Pettit, of the North church, Detroit, preached one of his excellent sermons at the Royal Oak Baptist church last Sunday. Mr. Pettit and son also very ably assisted in the Sunday school services. The North church will supply the Baptist pulpit for a while. Sunday school at 2:30; church at 3:30.

While Misses Frank Wheeler and Maggie Murray were out cutter riding Sunday their horse became frightened at a snow bank and ran away, overturning the cutter and throwing both occupants to the ground. The young ladies sustained no injuries, however, and consider their escape miraculous. Even the horse was unhurt.

TROY TWINKLES.

Telling Tales of Timely Tete-a-tetes—Twitferings—Sickness in our Midst.

A few very cold days. The thermometer registering as low as eight and ten below zero.

There will be a donation at the M. E. parsonage on Tuesday evening for Rev. A. Smith. All are cordially invited.

Rev. Appleton Smith is still holding revival meeting at Big Beaver, with good success. Quite a number are trying to lead a different life—a good thing.

It seems that our postmaster, Cyrus Jarvis, will have to abdicate in favor of F. D. Cutting. There was a petition sent to Washington with 70 names of as good men as there are in Troy asking that the office be given to Cyrus Jarvis' son, Sam, who is lame and unable to do anything else. On the other side Geo. Houghton and Henry Russell, both of Troy, got up a petition of 40 names and sent them down to Washington, and our congressman of this sixth district, Sam T. W. Smith said that by the voice of the people Mr. Cutting was entitled to it. A SUBSCRIBER.

COUNTY LINE LISPINGS.

Communicated by our Chatty Correspondent—Coming Events, etc.

The Warren village election is being talked up.

The Joiner Bros. have gone to Canada to see the old folks.

John Killousha's horse ran away and broke its neck last Saturday.

Willson Bros. and G. Extine's saw mills are getting in quite a few logs.

Fred Wilson came near being asphyxiated with gas at a hotel in Saginaw lately.

The L. O. T. M.'s presented Mrs. F. Drummond with a very nice gold pin lately.

A good many from the vicinity of County Line attended the Bean hearing at Royal Oak.

Three new candidates are seeking to find out the mysteries of the Lady Maccabees at Warren.

The M. E. church at Warren received five new members Sunday on probation. The meetings have been closed.

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The K. of P. Hall is finished, floor painted, walls papered and everything fixed up nice. Three candidates are seeking admission.

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W. R. OWEN, Pontiac.

TOWN LINE TWITTERS.

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

School closed today, with exercises in the afternoon.

Mrs. Addie B. Patch is visiting in Walkerville this week.

Verne Patch and best girl attended the masquerade at Big Beaver.

Town Line visitors—Elmer Waugh, Mrs. Robinson, Detroit; Mrs. Ed Ryan and children, Newberry; Clark Boomer, Tawas.

Friday night there was a poverty social at L. D. Miller's. The program was good, the crowd immense, mush and milk plentiful and the receipts were $10.70.

A load of Town Liners attended a dance and card party at Rob. Featherstone's last week Monday night. It was the jolliest dance of the season if it was the coldest night of the winter.

BEDDOW BOOMINGS.

Small Talk Concerning the Proceedings of our Citizens—Miscellaneous Items.

Wm. Young is still very sick.

Look out for an entertainment in the near future.

Mrs. Volney Miller and Miss Mary spent last Saturday at Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brooks, of Franklin, Sundayed at the home of Joseph Brooks.

Ezra Green and sister, Miss Jennie, spent Sunday with their uncle, John Beddow.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McClelland attended the funeral of Mr. Coleman at Farmington last week.

Rev. Clark from the Presbyterian Seminary of Pennsylvania, will preach at the U. P. church the two coming Sabbaths.

John Beddow made a flying visit to Judd's Corners quite recently, and while there visited Mr. Allen, a former cheese-maker of this place.

Topic for the Young People's meeting next Sabbath will be "Called—to What? How?" Found in Isaiah 6:18; leader, Miss Flora Angstman. All are invited to attend.

A surprise party was held at the home of Volney Miller last Friday night. About 35 guests were present. Charades and other games were indulged in till a late hour, after which supper was served. All returned to their homes feeling that they had had a very good time. Mr. and Mrs. Miller invite them to come again.

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BIG BEAVER BILLOWS.

Bringing Breezy Blasts from that Bonny Little Burg—Visitors—Twitterings of Proceedings in General.

Miss Fannie Smith returned home last Saturday, after an absence of six weeks.

The KOTM's and LOTM's surprised Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith on her birthday, last Tuesday night.

August Schultz has been sick but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Geo. Clark, for the first time in five years, visited Mrs. Clark Harris last Saturday.

S. L. Robbins has his ice house filled.

One day last week a horse went through town without a driver. When last heard from it was in Macomb county.

The surprise party at Wm. Sturgis was a perfect success.

G. C. Gibbs has sold ten acres of timber to Geo. Davis, of Utica.

LeVern LaVausler Sundayed with his mother, Mrs. S. L. Robbins.

Protracted meetings, under the management of Rev. A. Smith, are still in order at the M. E. church, and a great amount of good is being done.

Holden James is drawing logs into the mill yard and expecting to build a new house before long.

The K. O. T. M. masquerade was a grand success. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lamb took the cake for home-made costumes, she as a school girl and he as a Green mountain boy.

Mrs. Beckwith, who has been on the sick list for some time, was out for a cutter ride Saturday last.

We hear the buzz of the saw-mill now every day.

Hurrah for "Mr. Bob," who appeared at KOTM hall last evening. It was all right.

Farm for Sale.

John Shug farm of 150 acres, 3½ miles east of Detroit and Pontiac & Pontiac electric road, 135 acres improved, rest timbered. Never failing stream of water. Moses Shug, on premises. Address Pontiac postoffice. 3t*

Warren School Notes.

How is this for a record? Seventy-five pupils have not been tardy during the past month. Forty-five from grammar dept. and 34 from primary dept.

Mrs. Henry Berz recently spent an afternoon with us.

The following pupils from the grammar department have a standing in spelling of 100 per cent: Rose Hotham, Lizzie Eckstein, Charlotte Baumgartner, Mary Bull, Rose Soden, Herman Barg, Edith Baumgartner and Edith Measel.

The blackboards are now in good condition, having been repaired and repainted recently.

Edward Hoxsey stands at the head of a spelling class of 22 pupils, and has for the past three weeks remained there.

The names of those neither absent nor tardy are: Herman Barg, Lizzie Eckstein, Grace Soden, Carrie Getz, Edward Hoxsey, Olga Licht, Elmer Wilson, Susan Gamble, Ervin Diehl, Lillian Berz, Kate Hoxsey, Daisy Diehl, Matie Almstadt, Jesse Gamble, Fred Hacker, Geo. Berz, Wm. Hoxsey, Anna Getz, Fred Wilson, Louisa Berz, Wm. Gamble, Anna Licht, Catherine Berz and Christy Hacker.

The finest maps received during the month were drawn by George Berz, Fred Hacker and Elmer Wilson.

The songs learned lately were "Johnny Macree" and "Where they Grow."

The current event class are preparing very neat note books.

Ernest Soden acquired the highest standing in the Algebra class.

The stars in Arithmetic in the several departments are Fred Gamble, Herman Barg, Geo. Berz, Elmer Wilson, Fred Hacker and Alvin Gamble.

Rose Hotham, Lizzie Eckstein and Charlotte Baumgartner have excellent records in composition.

The banner pupils of the B 1st are Leroy Schmoke, Jno. Fohrman and Jno. Murthum.

The 5th grade is memorizing patriotic selections.

The following 2d grade pupils have had excellent standings for the month: Louise Berz, Catherine Berz, Amelia Eckstein and Lizzie Murthum.

Hats are retained in their original shape by two metal strips crossed at the center of the crown and bent to the shape of the rim, to which they are attached and covered with cloth or plaited into the straw.

To aid in teaching music in schools a western woman has patented a movable ladder, which may be suspended on a blackboard on which the staff is drawn, the ladder being fitted with balls set on movable arms, to indicate notes.

To assist a photographer in taking flashlight pictures a sheet of cardboard is formed of highly inflammable materials and flashlight powder, the advantage being that the flash covers a larger area and gives a brighter light than the loose powder.

In a recently patented animal-cleaning device a circular brush is mounted on a revolving shaft geared to two friction wheels, mounted on a yoke frame, the brush being rapidly revolved by drawing the friction wheels lightly over the body of the animal.

Don't waste time trying to shave yourself with the razor your wife uses on her corns.

Don't forget about the performance if you would keep the friend obtained by a promise.

Don't jaw back unless you want the other fellow to know that you are as big a fool as he is.

Don't forget that the man who shakes hands the hardest is always the hardest to shake.

Don't judge a man by his relations instead of by his companions. Relations are thrust upon him, but companions are usually of his own selection.—Chicago News.

Worn Out?

Do you come to the close of the day thoroughly exhausted? Does this continue day after day, possibly week after week? Perhaps you are even too exhausted to sleep. Then something is wrong. All these things indicate that you are suffering from nervous exhaustion. Your nerves need feeding and your blood enriching.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, contains just the remedies to meet these wants. The cod-liver oil gives the needed strength, enriches the blood, feeds the nerves, and the hypophosphites give them tone and vigor. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

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Studying Trees.

The average small boy soon learns to distinguish, even at a reasonable distance, the chestnut, walnut or hickory trees that grow within range of his adventurous feet, but with most boys here ends their knowledge of forestry, says New York Ledger. They become familiar only with trees that bear something that appeals to their appetite or their cupidity. Growing to maturity with little or no interest in the woods and fields about them, they are often at their wits' ends to decide even trifling questions that involve the identification of certain sorts of wood. A full set of veneers, including in one lot domestic and in another foreign woods of all sorts, should be part of the equipment of every school room. It would be well to have each piece mounted in a small frame or on a cardboard of sufficient body to be durable. On the margin the peculiar characteristics of the tree should be written, its habit, soil, climate, size, probable age, and the uses to which it is best adapted.

Every child of ten years should be able to tell at a glance all of the different woods that grow in the vicinity of his home. If to the veneer cards were added the leaves of the trees in a green and also in a dry state, the study would be greatly simplified. Very few persons are aware of the enormous business that is done in veneers or the expensive and complicated machinery and processes that are necessary in order to produce some of the exquisite articles of furniture which are offered for sale in our best shops.

There are many varieties of wood that are peculiarly adapted for veneers, and are of great value. Curly maple and curly birch are growing scarce, and fine walnut has practically disappeared from market. A large amount of apple wood is cut every year, and while it would bring a good price there are many people who use it for firewood, probably because it is too much trouble to put it in order and find a purchaser for it. Croquet balls and many other articles are made from apple wood, which is highly prized on account of its extreme hardness. It takes a fine polish, and is really a very beautiful wood. Walnut, which used to be one of the standard woods for making furniture, has become very scarce, and fine qualities command a most extravagant figure. Oak is one of the popular woods for furniture making. It is durable, and takes a high finish, but is exceedingly heavy, and, in large pieces, quite cumbersome. Rosewood has been much liked for furniture, but some varieties are objectionable on account of their tendency to exude a sort of gum that causes roughness and takes away the fine polish. This is especially true of veneers, and this has led the experts to regard with disfavor all articles made of rosewood. It is out of the question to detect the imperfections beforehand, and when they appear there is usually no redress.

Brewers' Horses.

No person ever saw a thin, spare, cadaverous, bony horse pulling a brewery wagon. A decrepit team to a brewery wagon would excite remark, in Newark anyway, says the Sunday Call of that city. Brewery horses are the same the world over. Large, fine looking, splendid specimens of the draft horse. The reason for it is simple. The horses are usually a cross between the native Perche and the ordinary American draft mare. They possess all the strength and stamina of the native without the unwieldy appearance. They are quick in movement and adjust themselves readily to the limits of narrow streets. Most of the large maltsters have buyers, who make the selection, but the purchases are made under the direct supervision of a skilled veterinarian. Only the choicest specimens are considered worthy a place in the stables. The large dealers who supply the demand know that no culls will pass inspection, consequently only the best the market affords will be presented. Dahlman, the heavy draft horse dealer of New York, supplies many of the Newark brewers.

Color of Butter.—A New York butter man says: The color of the butter is of great importance. For years there was a prevailing opinion that consumers wanted a deep yellow, almost reddish color to their butter, and buttermakers tried to give them just what they wanted. But this requirement, if it ever existed, has changed very much, and there is now a growing demand for pale color. High colored butter does not look well at best, and the addition of so much coloring matter imparts a foreign flavor. Our home jobbers seldom complain of too light color, and the constant call from the export trade is for pale butter. "I can't understand," said a well known shipper recently, "why the Americans persist in painting their butter red." This is a defect too easily remedied to exist any longer, and it should claim the attention of our buttermakers at once.

Land Poor.—It is an easy matter to become land poor. This condition results from grasping at everything in sight. The farmer soon finds himself burdened with more acres than he can properly handle. But interest and taxes go merrily on just the same. The question is, does it pay? We are glad to say that the tendency in this direction has had a setback in recent years. From this time forward farmers will be inclined to keep smaller holdings of lands, looking more closely to the methods by which each acre may be made to produce an income that will leave something over for a rainy day when the expense bills have all been paid. When the popular disposition is once well set in this channel it will be far better for the farming interests of the country.—Nebraska Farmer.

Secretary Coburn of the state board of agriculture of Kansas has completed a tabulation of the values of farm products and live stock marketed in that state during the last ten years. The figures show that Kansas farmers realized over $1,300,000,000 for these products. Contrary to the general impression the report shows that wheat is not king in Kansas. Corn outranks it, in the ten years the total value of corn has exceeded that of wheat by $177,000,000.

Combinations of linseed, peanut, rape or mustard oil with sulphur form rubber-like substances which are said to be largely used in the manufacture of india-rubber compounds. Pure, unvulcanized india-rubber will float, nearly submerged, in water, while the oil substitutes, being slightly heavier in proportion to their bulk, sink.

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No matter what the matter is, one will do you good, and you can get ten for five cents.

A new style packet containing THE RIPANS TABULES in a paper carton (without glass) is now for sale at some drug stores at FIVE CENTS. This low priced act is intended for the poor and the economical. One dozen of the Ripans Tabules (20 tabules) can be had by mail by sending forty-eight cents to the RIPANS CHEMICAL COMPANY, No. 10 Spruce Street, New York; a single carton (TEN TABULES) will be sent for five cents. Best medicine ever made since the world was created.

COURT OF THE AMEER.

His Procedure Is Very Prompt and Simple.

The Afghan ameer is his own high court and his procedure is very prompt and simple, says an exchange. A postmaster reported for remissness in the delivery of letters was beaten regularly for three days. This was very slight punishment. The order in some cases is "Cut off his nose," in others "Cut off his ears," and the sentence is executed without any needless delay. One night fifteen individuals were put to death—some of them having their throats cut, Afghan fashion, as they lay in their graves; others were blown from guns. These unlucky people seem to have miscalculated in certain recent political movements, which did not turn out quite as they expected. One morning a married woman and her lover were brought before his highness by the enraged husband. The tears and prayers of the good-looking woman for a moment softened the ameer, and he said he would forgive the woman, but moved by a sense of the fitness of things he handed her and the lover over to the husband, who slew them both as they had passed the city gate. People knew what was going to happen and flocked out to see the two offenders slaughtered. Torture is sometimes resorted to, either as a punishment or to create strong moral impression.

TRAVEL AS AN EDUCATOR.

What It Does to Boys Who Have Its Advantages.

The usefulness of travel for rightly trained and constituted lads is so generally recognized that it is not all unusual for parents who wish to give their sons every chance possible to increase in wisdom to offer them the choice between spending several years in Europe or going a year hence at home, says Scribner's. Each of us knows one or two men who have pursued education in this way and we are used to compare them with their college-bred coevals and pass opinions as to which method of intellectual development resulted best. Every year there are lads who were fitted for college and, perhaps entered, but went abroad. To compare them six or eight or ten or twenty years later with their schoolmates who went on and took their college degree is, perhaps, the most available test of the respective efficiency of the two methods; and it seems safe to say that, according to that test, the educational fruits of travel and study abroad compare very well with the products of the domestic tree of knowledge.

Beer Popular in England.

The per capita consumption of beer in England has increased since 1870 from twenty-seven gallons to nearly thirty, and the consumption of spirituous liquors decreased from above to less than a gallon. Great Britan has 8,755 breweries, 237 distilleries, 349 rectifiers, 12,600 "licensed victuallers," who may sell drinks of all kinds, and 16,108 places for the sale of malt liquors only. Sir Robert Rea, secretary of the British National Temperance league, says there is less excessive drinking than formerly, fewer cases of alcoholism in the hospitals, fewer drunken men on the streets, and that "it is not good form for a gentleman to get drunk any more." The number of total abstainers is estimated at from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000.

CRITICISING GERMAN PARTY.

English Writer Says It Tried to Bully All Other Nationalities.

The German party while in power tried to bully all the other nationalities and to create the belief in the mind of the emperor that of all the races in the monarchy they were the only loyal Austrians, says the Fortnightly Review. But this trick also was found out. The fact that after the publication of Bismarck's secret Germano-Russo treaty, which constituted a betrayal of his Austrian ally, the leading paper of the German party in Vienna became the mouthpiece of Bismarck contributed a great deal to open the eyes of the emperor. A political party in Austria whose conduct, if not directed, is certainly prompted, by Prince Bismarck, could not be the party in whose hands the Austrian emperor might safely leave the government of Austria. The duplicity of that German chancellor gave a great shock to the Emperor Francis Joseph. How could he trust a political party in his monarchy which still continued to look to the author of that secret treaty as their guiding star, and whose leading newspaper was very frequently made the favorite organ of the publication of Bismarck's ideas and views? The German party (or, rather, parties) in Austria have no political tact whatever, and only the other day the leading organ of the German party in Vienna published a letter from Berlin, signed Th. M., but these initials were explained so clearly by the editor that everybody knew the writer was Prof. Theodor Mommsen, in Berlin. In this letter the learned Prussian professor advised the Germans in Austria first to unite, and then to be firm. "Czech skulls, which were not open to reason, were accessible to blows." Such a defiant, insulting letter, from a foreigner, a German professor in Berlin, the principal journal of the Austrian-Germans published and gloried in the advice given by that highly cultured politician to break the skull of the Czechs. The Pester Lloyd told the truth when it wrote: "The German element (Deutschthum) in Austria perished through the want of sense and of judgment of its press."

Queen at a Discount.

Hotel keepers outside of England are not eager to greet her majesty a second time. The proprietors of the Hotel Cimiez, where Queen Victoria has passed two spring vacations, decline the honor of a third visit from royalty. Instead of the queen putting money in the hotel exchequer, her sojourn of six weeks last spring drove away custom and profit. Her majesty is very exacting and forbids any other guests in her domain. The crowds who come to look at her, and her visitors, who are many, pay nothing to the hotel proprietor for the privilege. They don't even order drinks, and so the poor managers have been sadly out of pocket in spite of housing the greatest sovereign in the world. It is reported that the royal lady is much cut up by this decision, as she counted on another stay on the Riviera. The Cape Martin hotel, that also lost heavily by having her for a boarder, refused to receive so exalted patronage again, and one surmises that Victoria Jouneying must now come to an end. But when a taste for going about has been developed so late in life it will be difficult to content the queen with her own fireside, especially when England's climate always sends her loyal subjects from their homes.