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A little early, but we are receiving new goods almost every day. Here are a few in Ladies, Fine Shoes—we never offered such good values:

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" " " " " " vesting box stay	3.75
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TROY TWINKLES.

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

Very nice weather—Nice overhead, wet under foot.

C. Gibbs has been and is still on the sick list. He is improving, however.

Mrs. Dawson, the Evangelist, is home again at her brother's, James Smith's.

Ben Lovel has sent for a new Huber threshing machine, with a swinging stacker.

Geo. O. Clark has 26 acres of wheat that is calculated to be the best in the town of Troy. It covers the ground all over.

Mrs. Geo. O. Clark is gaining slowly, and Miss Effie Harris, the young lady who works there, is able once more to do the work.

Uncle Jerry Lundy was buried last Sunday at 3 p. m. His brother from Canada was at the funeral. Deceased was 69 years old.

A memorial service will be held next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the M. E. church, Troy, on the death of Fred Shuff's little girl, who died of diphtheria, two weeks ago.

TOWN LINE TWITTERS.

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

Mr. Satterlee had a fine day for his sale.

Yet Lord's house is assuming home-like proportions.

John Schug and wife visited at his father's Sunday.

Lee Stanley and wife have moved in with her parents.

The old Schug farm is to be sold Monday at public auction.

Verne Patch gave a pedro party to a small number of friends Thursday night.

Mesdames Schug, Barnes and Hendricks visited friends in the city last week.

Mr. Schug and Miss Gray are on the sick list. Mrs. T. C. Beach is a little better.

Fred Schoch lost his little girl, aged 3½ years, with diphtheria on Sunday, the 13th.

Mabel Opdyke, of Bloomfield, and Fred Harrison, of Pontiac, were married at the home of the bride's mother, on Mar. 17th.

Thomas Green's house with all the contents, was consumed by fire Sunday morning. This neighborhood seems to be getting more than its share of fires.

COUNTY LINE JOTTINGS

Communicated by our Chatty Correspondent—Coming Events, etc.

Andy Davison is going to move into his mother's house.

Wm. Schrader has gone to Sanilac county to look up land.

Arthur Groves, sr., is going to move on the farm west of Jas. McKeavy's.

Mrs. Ellen Hanley and Frank Dunn have settled; Frank taking his mother's share.

H. McBride is going to work the R. Sults farm near Clawson, vacated by G. A. Groves.

The evenings at Warren have been lively ones lately, on account of a show. Ladies driving nails and sawing wood have been on the program. A Miss VanEvery, of Birmingham, is one of the troupe. It is a very good show.

BEDDOW BOMINGS.

News from our Neighboring Settlement—Entertainments Comers and Goers

There will soon be another blacksmith at Beddow.

We hear that Harry and Oscar Miller have bought the "Prindle" farm

Rev. Clark, of Pennsylvania, has accepted the call of the U. P. church. He is expected here about the first of May.

Mrs. Frank Harmon spent a part of the week with her sister, Mrs. McKinney of Holly.

Mr. Williams and family of the angling road will soon occupy the "Prindle" house, and Mr. Willis, the cheesemaker, will move into one of the houses on Jas. Harmon's new farm.

Muddy roads and rainy weather are the order of the day now.

Mrs. Jas. A. Miller spent part of last week visiting friends and relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Joseph Brooks has been on the sick list, but is better at present.

D. J. Rainey made a farewell call at his sister's Mrs. Jno. Beddow's Monday, also at Mrs. V. B. Miller's; about the middle of the week he starts for Seattle, Washington, and from there perhaps to Klondike. He expects to be gone two years or more. May good health and prosperity attend his voyage.

FRANKLIN FRIGITERS.

Several Social Shots Secured by Special Speculations of a Subtle Scribe.

Mrs. Helen Baron is moving into the house vacated by Joe VanEvery.

Miss Lizzie Findley and Miss Blanche Newman are again teaching schools in this vicinity.

Andy Bowden is an up-to-date fisherman, having spared a 12-lb. pickerel on Monday.

The sad intelligence of the death of Howard German, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry German, of Northville, reached this place on Saturday and a wide circle of friends and relatives mourn the loss of this bright young life. Howard had lived among us until a few weeks since, when he removed with his people to Northville, and had been in usual health until a few days previous to his death, when he fell victim to appendicitis. Medical aid was summoned from Detroit to consult with Northville physicians, but nothing could be done to stay the disease. The funeral was held at the home in Northville on Tuesday last. Much sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Henry German and family in this sad affliction.

BIG BEAVER BLOWS.

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

Dr. Anderson was in Detroit last Thursday.

Chas. Grattopp raised his barn Saturday last.

Look out for a Maccabee play about the first of April.

Scott Smith has gone to work for Will Renshaw, near Amy.

Mrs. Leone Clark visited her brother, J. R. Smith, one day last week.

Fannie Smith and Jennie Edling spent last Thursday with Leone Clark of Troy.

Frank Smith, of Durand, and Sherm Williams of Royal Oak, visited L. G. Smith last week.

DRIFT.

A liquor dealer in Birmingham, Ala., mixed wood alcohol with cheap whisky and sold it to his patrons. Ten of them died within three days.

Statistics from 52 Wisconsin creameries show the butter to contain as low as 9.18 and as high as 17.03 per cent of water, with an average of 12.77 per cent.

Despite the fact, that his new uniform coat $800 it is doubtful if it looks as well on General Miles as that old faded suit looked upon Ulysses S. Grant.

Now that Iowa has made Washington's birthday a legal holiday, Mississippi is the only state that has not recognized the father of his country by statute.

There are nearly 30,000 persons on the pay-roll of Greater New York in some capacity or another. Up to date Mayor Van Wyck has made but 291 changes of appointments.

Spain has only one first-class naval vessel, two second-class, two non-seagoing coast defense ironclads, and not so many armored or steel or iron crusiers as the United States.

The paragraphers show a disposition to poke fun at the "vegetable ball" of the New York "150." This is not as it should be. The "150" must have some way of exhibiting their freshness.

Fifteen steamers are now in port at Philadelphia or waiting their turn to load grain that is coming to the city from the west in great quantities. Their aggregate carrying capacity amounts to over 3,000,000 bushels.

The postage stamps issued in commemoration of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition are beginning to make their appearance in the malls. They are much larger than the usual size and of a variegated assortment of colors.

Permission to erect houses of worship on military reservations will not be granted by congress. A bill granting the permission has been rejected by the house military affairs committee. The law-makers are willing to give the soldiers a chaplain but not a chapel.

Mr. Leiter is to be congratulated on his recent wheat deal in Chicago, not for the money he has made from it, but for the manner of the deal. It was a deal in real wheat, and not in options. This had the effect of raising the price of wheat nearly 20 cents per bushel in December.

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BIG DEAL LOST BY SCRATCH.

There Were "Millions in it" Had it Ripened.

Four Impecunious M. D.'s Got Options on Mineral and Timber Lands. Worked Up a Trade Which was Carried Through by Others After Their Options Expired.

This story reads like the tale of Alladdin's lamp, only its different. But the end is the same—the Genii failed at least.

"Speaking of big fortunes made or lost in a day," remarked Dr. Norman Johnson, of Birmingham, reminds me that I had a pretty narrow escape from becoming a bloated bondholder. Had the venture in which I was interested turned out as I had every reason to expect I would be about four times a millionaire now."

"It was during the campaign of 1883. I was 16 in a very tight hole at that time. A year or two before I had dropped a large and paying practice to push an enterprise in which I was sanguine enough to see a big gold mine. It was the establishment of a large hospital. I had hardly had the hospital in operation a year until I failed utterly.

"I was obliged to return to practice, but my old clientele was gone, and I had to begin at the bottom again. It seemed a very slow way of getting back what I had lost and I concluded to go at it in another way.

"One night after a little meeting of M. D.'s, myself and three companions, also in hard luck, repaired to a cafe for a lunch. While at the table I introduced a scheme which I had been thinking of for some time, and I was gratified to find that my friends looked very kindly upon it.

"My proposition was that we should go West, get options on mineral and timber lands, form a company and see if we could not retrieve our lost fortunes. I doubt if one of the party had $50 which he could call his own, but we carried the scheme to almost a successful issue in spite of that.

"Our credit for small accounts was reasonably good and we concluded that very night that we would each, borrow, beg or steal $2,500 and form a stock company with a paid up capital of $10,000. Within a week all the preliminaries were arranged and we started west. In several states we secured 60-day options on an immense territory which was supposed to be rich in minerals, as we knew it to be in timber.

"Then we set about trying to interest English capital and we succeeded surprisingly. We found an English syndicate which wanted lands similar to ours and sent for representatives to come to America and look at our bargains at our expense.

"Four representatives were sent, and we saw a well finish for our $10,000 when it came to entertaining for an indefinite period that number of English noblemen. We engaged apartments for the 'bloomin' Britishers' in one of the best hotels in New York and entertained them royally. We took them clear across the continent, showed them our lands and extolled particularly the virtues of a parcel which we offered for only $75,000 10,000. We made the most monstrous appeals to their greed, but still they were not sure.

"We were feeling all the time as if we were sitting on nettles, but we returned to New York looking as happy as we could and we cracked a considerable number of champagne bottles. Our $10,000 was rapidly passing through our fingers. We had a meeting of the company and had just about come to the conclusion that the stock company was bankrupt and that it would be wise to dissolve the partnership, when the leader of the English party arrived and told us that they had decided to take the entire territory we had offered if the price had not gone up.

"We replied that at our meeting we had just about concluded to put the price up so that we could get a profit. After much persuasion, however, we accepted the terms. But we bit our lips to keep from crying out in our joy. The price agreed upon would net us just $18,000 000.

"The Britishparty sailed for home, promising to cable us upon their arrival in England the exact time when the contract could be signed. A week after I received a message. It ran to the effect that as a national campaign was on in this country, and it was impossible to tell what the result would be if the administration changed, the syndicate had concluded to wait until after the election.

"This ended it all. Our option expired on election day and we could not secure a renewal. Three months after the election the deal was consummated through another agency.

"I returned to my practice and by dint of several years of hard work succeeded in paying back the $2,500 I had borrowed."

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SAID BY CHILDREN.

Tired Child—Mamma, how much did you put in the collection box? Mother—A quarter, my dear. Why? Tired Child (yawning)—Well, this preacher gives an awful lot for the money.

"Which of you children," asked the teacher, "can tell me in what part of your body your heart is situated?" A modest little maid held up her hand. "Well, Mary, where is your heart?" "In the north central part, miss."

"Now, Robbie," said mamma, just before company sat down to dinner, "remember, you must not ask for more pie." Robbie didn't, but he finished his first piece with much promptness, took a long breath and addressed himself very audibly to the guest at his right. "Ain't that dandy pie?" he asked.

A little girl who is the happy possessor of a doll and a cat was asked which of these two friends she loved the better. The answer was not forthcoming directly. She reflected for at least thirty seconds; then she said, with an air of great seriousness: "I am afraid I like Tabby better than Jane, but I must beg of you not to mention it to Jane; it would make her sad."

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RECENT INVENTIONS.

Coal can be mined continuously by a new machine which has a curved steel frame, around which runs an endless chain of cutters to saw the coal from the ledge in blocks, when it can be removed and broken up into different sizes.

Electricity is used to operate a new railway switch, a lever being set vertically beneath the rail and pivoted at its center, with an electro-magnet at the lower end to pull the lever and open the switch when the current is applied from the car.

A handy attachment for dustpans is formed of wire bent to clasp the handle and edges of the pan and extending downward in two loops to raise the pan at a slight angel from the floor, where it is held by the foot, leaving both hands free to wield the broom.

Soap can be made to last longer by a new device, the invention of a woman, in which the cake is attached to a chain which runs over a pulley and has a weight on the other end to draw the soap out of the basin of water as soon as it is relesed from the hand.

Carriages can be utilized in winter by a new appliance consisting of runners mounted in pairs, and having curved sockets in the upper sides, in which the wheel rims are held by screw clamps, the runners being also attached to the body of the wagon to stiffen them.

To assist a man in keeping cool in summer a new hat has a water reservoir in the crown having a small discharge orifice at the under side, below which is a piece of absorbing material, which is thus kept damp and cools the head by the circulation of air passing through it.

Pulverized vulcanized rubber is being placed inside pneumatic tires to gather around a small drop of cement introduced through the puncture and confine the cement to a small spot around the hole and mend the puncture, the quantity of rubber being large enough to mend a number of punctures.

Griddle cakes can be quickly turned by a new utensil, which consists of a flat blade, provided with two journal boxes to carry both ends of the spring-wire handle, one of the boxes being rigid and the other pivoted so that a grip on the handle causes the blade to rotate half way by springing the wires past each other.

A handy nail-puller has an ordinary hammer head pivoted on the section of the double-spring shank which carries it, the other section being used to press against the opposite shank and close the jaws which are formed at the ends of the double shank, causing them to grip the nail and draw it when the handle is tilted.

Hiram Maxim, the English gunmaker, has invented an automatic gun, in which the recoil is used to dislodge a fresh cartridge from the magazine and throw it into a carrier, which inserts it in the breech of the gun as the old shell is thrown out, the mechanism being operated by a series of coiled springs, which are all set by the discharge of the gun, and released in turn to operate the mechanism.

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