THE

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1899. NO. 36. WHOLE NO. 1078.

—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.

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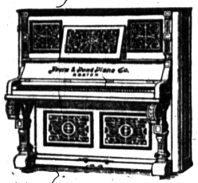


ORGANS AS LOW AS

SEWING MACHINES LOWER.

Thirty years' experience enables me to buy cheap, sell cheap and guarantee satisfaction.

E. Farmer, Pontiac.

Here We Are!

- Life Size. -

—IN THE—

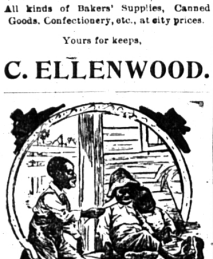
New Ford Block

Go to the restaurant
Just across the way
Where they serve nice hot meals
Three times a day.

All kinds of Bakers' Supplies, Canned Goods, Confectionery, etc., at city prices.

Yours for keeps,

C. ELLENWOOD.



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customer of ours. View the following:

Best Rib Roast Beef or Veal 10c	Old Reliable G. 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 Potatoes, 15 lbs 25c
Best Spring Chickens, lb 10c	Baldwin'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, 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 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 co and $6.co

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 GREAT CLEARING SALE!

Prepartory to

Extensive Alterations and Improvements.

During the month of February the building we now occupy is to be remodelled, and in order to make room for the workmen and to open in our Renovate Quarters with a complete stock of new goods we have decided upon a

Great January Clearing Sale!

Large reductions in prices will be made on goods in eaery department and all classes of Seasonable goods, Broken Lots and Short Lengths will be marked regardless of cost. It will pay buyers of all classes of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS AND FURNISHINGS

to antcipate their wants during this sale.

Our MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is at the service of those who can vist the city.

Information and Samples sent on Application.

The Taylor--Woolfenden Co.,

Woodward Ave. and State St., Detroit, Mich.

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.

THAT PEARL WEDDING.

The Finest Ever Read About—See How They Celebrate in the Golden West.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, THE PLACE

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wesley Rainey entertained a number of their friends at their home on South Ninth, the occasion being the 30th anniversary of their marriage.

Smilax, palms, chrysanthemums, carnations and roses brightened the parlors, hall and dining-room, and in one corner of the back parlor a bower of greenery was constructed, from which hung a horseshoe of chrysanthemums.

About 9.30 o'clock, as Miss Lessie Rainey played the wedding march, the bride and groom of thirty years entered and took positions beneath the floral symbol of good luck, with Supervisor Samuel F. Aver, of Milpitas, and Mrs. Josephine Bromley as attendants. A. Barker gave the bride away, and the marriage ceremony was performed by His Honor Judge M. H. Hyland.

At the conclusion of the service those present gathered around the host and hostess with congratulations and good wishes, and Mrs. Josephine Bromley read the following original poem:—

Married at Birmingham, Mich., December 16, 1868, by the Rev. Mr. Hastings, Harriet Angeline Paulbrick to Joseph Wesley Rainey.

The sixteenth of December,
The snow lay on the ground,
The sleigh bells gaily jingled
With glad and merry sound;
The wedding guests assembled
With gay and happy mien,
And everything se med joyous
To crown the nuptial scene.

The parson's name was Hastings
Who tied the marriage knot,
And bride and groom did vow to love
In words they've not forgot.
The old, old story had been told
In summer's lovely time.
They courted, mostly, on a porch
Covered with running vine,
Young Joseph Wesley Rainey
And his Harriet Angeline.

But when the days grew chill and cold,
And snow was in the air,
Our brave young Joseph could not court
His Harriet Angeline there,
And so, as I have stated
In beginning of this theme,
The courting was soon followed
By a happy marriage scene.

And afterwards they took a trip,
Were gone about a week,
Then hied them back to home again,
And did its pleasures seek;
Music, it was their common choice,
She struck the chords, he had the voice,
And so they journeyed far and near
That all sweet melody might hear.

They traveled much for several years,
And then a little stranger came
To their abode to stay:
A little child, so sweet and fair,
Intrusted to their loving care;
They named her Lessie, and she plays
Piano, violin and guitar,
The tinkling mandolin also,
And picks it on the old banjo.
Its tuneful notes her voice does ring
Like sound of happy bird in spring.

The years sped on, and then old Time
Did wring out ten, and on that night
Their friends surprised them; 'twas a sight
To see them all assembled there
With many kinds of bright tinware.
They left at last this pleasant place,
And to the west they turned their face.
Our lovely city, San Jose
Was their first choice and here they stay.

The china, silver wedding's past,
And now the pearl has come at last.
They've walked together thirty years
The path of life with all its fears,
Its joys and hopes, its smiles and tears.
We hope that they will live to see
Their golden anniversary.

Thirty years! Time moves so fast
We hardly know the years have passed;
But hearts keep young in Love's sweet clime
Whether on porch with running vine,
Or where the snow-capped mountains stand,
'Tis all the same in every land.
And when at length life's day is done,
And peaceful rest to them has come,
May they in Heaven united be
In bliss for all eternity.

Dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rainey by their friend. JOSEPHINE F. BROMLEY.

Dec. 16th, 1898.

A piano duet by Miss Lois Eastabrook and Miss Lessie Rainey was played with skill, after which Judge Hyland in a most happy manner presented a set of pearl handled knives as a token of esteem from the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Rainey thanked all in a feeling manner, and Mr. Rainey, unable to make a fitting speech, compromised by singing a song in his inimitable style, accompanied by Mrs. Rainey on the piano and Miss Lessie Rainey on the violin. Several choice musical selections were also sung by Mr. Rainey, Ernest Conant and E. E. Chase. Mrs. George B. May then read the following poem, written by Miss Beardsley, a cousin in Detroit, Mich., and sent for this occasion:—

To Cousin Hattie on her thirtieth wedding anniversary.

If I were Croesus, I declare—
Or even a modern millionaire—
I'd gather with the greatest care
A string of pearls, and then prepare
To speed the very swiftest way
Oer hill and dale to San Jose;
And there the sixteenth of December
I'd be a proud and joyous member
Of those who meet to celebrate
Your entry to the marriage state.

And when the "knot" is being tied
I'd very quiet step one side,
And, stealing close to you and Joe,
Around your neck the pearls I'd throw;
And while the guests gave gratulation
'That you should have such rich relation,
I'd creep away into a corner,
And act (more modest than Jack Horner
Who'd cry "Behold the gift I bring!")
As if I hadn't done a thing.

But since I may not even buy
One pearl, and also must deny
Myself, alas! the pleasure great
Of visiting the "Golden State,"
I send these homely lines of greeting
And beg that at the time of meeting
You take for "deed" the writer's "will,"
And think of her as ever, still
A friend; and one that's true 'midst whirl
Of life is choicer far than pearl!

That you may live to celebrate
The Golden year of marriage state;
That each one added joys may lend
Is what does wish your sincere friend
And cousin, S. AMANDA BEARDSLEY.

Detroit, Mich., Dec 6th, 1898.

Progressive euchre was indulged in and Mrs. Ayer and S. E. Moreland won the first prizes, while the booby prizes were awarded to Mrs. M. H. Hyland and Clarence Haydock.

Literary games were played and Mrs. C. R. Williams and Mr. Hunt captured the first and booby prizes.

Charades and dancing were also among the pleasures, and much merriment was occasioned by the dancing of the Virginia reel.

Miss Lois Eastabrook had charge of the diningroom, where she was ably assisted by Mrs. Minnie Gummer and Miss Lessie Rainey, who in dainty white gowns served the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainey have been residents of this city for a number of years, and their hospitable home has been the scene of many merry social gatherings, and the personal popularity of both were attested to by the large number of friends who either gathered around them or sent good wishes.

Congratulatory letters were received from absent friends, and one beautiful one came from Mrs. Adele Armstrong, the bridesmaid of thirty years ago, from her home in Detroit.

Many handsome presents were received, among them being a set of carvers, butter knives, paper cutters, nut crackers, pearline and beautiful works of art, together with fruit knives, nut picks, envelope openers, a beautiful pearl-handled gold pen, and many beautiful presents from Detroit, Mich

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

Detroit's Metropolitan Store Well Pleased With the Holiday Trade.

With a view of ascertaining the condition of trade in Detroit during the holiday season, a visit was made to several of the representative houses last week. At the establishment of H. H. Traver it was learned that business had been far ahead of expectations. This store, as is well known, makes a specialty of men's, boys' and children's wearing apparel, and it has an enviable reputation for dealing in nothing but the highest class of merchandise, while still maintaining popular prices.

After the holiday rush there are many broken lines and odd lots in men's and boys' clothing, furnishings and hats, and these are now being closed out at specially reduced prices. This affords an opportunity to buy "Traver quality" for less than ordinary goods sell for elsewhere. New stock arrives almost daily to take the place of depleted lines, so that the assortment in each department is always complete and right up to the day in fashion.

January is a busy month at this bright store and an unusually profitable one for patrons.

A Big Fire—Nit

Tuesday afternoon the fire bell rang out its wildest alarm, men and boys turned out in great numbers, grabbed the hose carts and dashed away towards Albert R. Donaldson's brick house on Woodward Ave. Two hundred ladies followed to help the wounded. The crowd and the fire department arrived on the scene. Smoke in generous quantities was seen slowly floating upwards through the shingles. Will Smith, with a fireman's axe soon had a hole in the roof and water was turned on and everything all ready to prevent a holocaust—but the secret was out first. George Ball had that day moved into part of the house, having rented it from its occupant, Lewis McDonald. He set up his stove and connected it with a chimney that had been discontinued, and the top torn down just below the roof and shingled over. Of course the smoke chased right up to the chimney and then caused the alarm. A good laugh was enjoyed. George Ball coupled his stove up to the chimney built for use and about a dollar and a half will repair the ruin that Willie wrought with his battle axe.

Annual Meeting.

Last Saturday was a big day for our Baptist friends, the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of their church. Their annual meeting was held in the form of a banquet, to which everyone ever connected with the church was invited. The exercises began with a roll call at 10 a.m. It was touching and inspiring to hear responses from those who were at the first church meeting, down to those who had but recently united with the church. Then came the dinner, followed by reports and toasts from the different branches of church work. Each branch reported a most active and prosperous year's work, and the church proper closed its books free from debt, with a snug little balance to begin the new year. Rev. Frank Barnett gave the address of the occasion, speaking impressively about the Ideal Function of the Church. The meeting closed with the election of officers, and everybody declared that this first banquet would not be the last, but that every year should be recognized in the same way.

$7,000.

Jas. M. Camp, of our village, on Tuesday afternoon of this week, was awarded $7,000 damages in the Oakland Co. Circuit Court for the loss of his leg in the electric railroad accident near Palmer Park in November, 1897. He sued the Citizens' Street Railway Co., of Detroit, by Elliott G. Stevenson, attorney.

Often out-valued—never out-done.

A '99 ULSTER.

A world-beater in value—just what you'd expect Traver to offer you:

Made from heavy, firm, all wool Frieze that'll wear like sole leather—body lined with strong cassimere—shoulders lined with famous iron-frame Italian—big storm collar—generous length—warmly roomy but not cumbersome or baggy—and the price but $12.

$12.

There's a charm about first-class new garments, gentlemen, that you'll appreciate as soon as you see these Ulsters.

Mail orders given personal and prompt attention.

R. H. TRAVER,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave.,

Detroit, - Mich.

A GOOD THING.

Push It Along They are All Brave Men Ask Sam Mills.

Last week—Wednesday evening—the Old Castle Hall of the Knights of Pythias, Birmingham Castle, No. 49, rang with many a martial tread, and after a very exciting, yet friendly, contest the following officers were elected for the year 1899:—C. C., H. C. Wilson; V. C., F. F. Dunlison; Prelate, G. H. Satterlee; M. of W., H. A. Poppleton; K. of R. S., C. W. Crawford; M. of F., W. D. Cliz be; M. of E., L. B. Peabody; M. of A., C. Harris; I. G., D. M. Johnston; O. G., A. Whitehead.

Next meeting, January 10, '99, rank of Knight. Refreshments.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending Dec. 31, 1898:

Ernest Flaherty, Joseph Wilson, T. H. Wilson, Floid Smith, Rev. Doolling.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Circle, Mich., for month ending Dec. 31, 1898:

F. L. McDowell.

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

PENN WESTON, P. M.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to me for meat, etc., please call and settle at once as I need the money very much. Competition is very close and I am obliged to sell for cash or on short credit.

JOHN HANNA.

A Sad Visit.

During the holiday week Dr. Gus Holcomb, of Judd's Corners, Mich., came to his brother, Dr. S. D. Holcomb, of Southfield, for a visit, and while there they decided to surprise the old home folks at North Pelham, Ont., Canada, and have a good old-fashioned visit. Dr. Fraser Holcomb, of Parmington, was notified and he duly entered into the scheme, their wives accompanying them. They arrived late in the evening, and on ringing the bell one of the ladies detected shape on the door, and upon inquiry they were shocked to learn that their sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, had died suddenly from a bad failure. It was a sad home-coming to all of the visitors, and the occasion will never be effaced from their memory.

Frank G. Pearsall's Auction.

Frank G. Pearsall has leased his farm and has no further use for his fine selection of stock, tools and implements necessary to run a first-class farm, so will have an auction sale of his entire outfit on Thursday, Jan. 12, 1899. Seven or eight head of horses, a Durham bull, some hogs, with a binder, mower, wagon, truck, farm wagons, plows, drags, etc., etc. Sale begins at 10 o'clock a. m. Sale absolute, no bye-bidders. Terms easy. George H. Foster will do the preaching, Adams Bayley, auctiye and F. G. himself will be there. Everybody come and witness a dandy sale.

Village Improvement.

The Village Improvement Society will give a Dutch lunch Friday, January 13 1899. Frankfort sausage, Dutch cheese, saur kraut, pork and beans, black coffee, cigars, salads, etc., on bill of fare. Supper served from 5 to 9 p.m. Price 10c. Waiters in costume. Ice cream extra.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth. 25 and 50 cents.

THE BIG STORE.

GIGANTIC UNLOADING SALE!

Stocks must and will be reduced at once. Surplus merchandise must disappear before inventory. We cut prices so deeply as to make particularly lively selling from now on. Let no foresighted person miss this sale. A grand opportunity for actual money saving.

Imperative Sacrifice of Silks and Dress Goods!

ECONOMICAL SILK SELLING.

50 pieces Satin Barre Block Check Taffetas, in new blue and white, black and white, cardinal and white, or rise and white, etc., new and most desirable merchandise, actually worth 85c —Our price **59c**

60 pieces Satin Striped Taffetas, in a complete assortment of uptodate colorings, worth easily $1.25—Our price.. **75c**

60 pieces Fancy Silks in Satin Barre Plaids, Satin Satin Stripes, Jacquard Shot Taffetas, Ombre Satin Stripe and Illuminated Brocade Taffetas, worth from $1.35 to $1.75—Sale price... **89c**

50 pieces assorted Japanese Kaikai and Habutai Wash Silks, new sheeks, stripes and plaids; new, clean goods, beautiful patterns, sold readily elsewhere at 65c and 50c—Our price..... **39c**

Black Taffeta Silks, about 2,000 yards manufacturers, sample pieces (15 to 36-yd lengths), superb qualities from the celebrated manufacturers, Bonnet et Cie., Lyons, France. Regularly retailed at $1 to $1.50. In this sale divided into two lots..... **75c and 89c**

Slaughter of Linings
36-inch Fast Black Hustle Percaline, per yard 7c
Best English satin Jean, per yard 12½c
16-inch imported Hair Cloth, per yard 15c

UNEQUALED BARGAINS IN COLORED AND DRESS GOODS FABRICS.

38-inch BLACK JACQUARD TOPLING
38-inch BLACK BROCADED LUSTERS
38-inch BLACK BROCADED OTTOMANS
38-inch BLACK BAYADERES
40-in. FANCY COLORED JACQUARDS
40-inch ILLUMINATED BAYADERE SATIN FANCIES
38-inch ALL-WOOL COLORED S-RGES.
38-inch TWO-TONED FANCY CREPONS.

Made to Sell and Actually Worth 75c and 50c —They all go at . . . .

25c.

Hudson's Big Store.

Detroit, Mich.