

BIRMINGHAM ELECTRIC.

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

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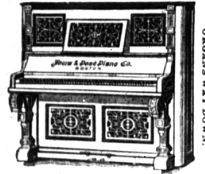
THE PALACE-- CASH MEAT MARKET.

Oysters received daily.

When you buy, buy the best--the cheapest in the end. (Our 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.



Finest display of Pianos ever in Pontiac.

The Kimball leads them all. See the medals at

FARMER'S MUSIC ROOM,
Pontiac.

City Bakery and Restaurant
In the New Ford Block.

ALL KINDS OF
Bakers' Supplies, Canned Goods, Confectionery, etc., at city prices.

Boards by the Day or Week.

Furnished Rooms for Boarders if Wanted.

C. Ellenwood.

For Sale or trade for Real Estate.

Slaughter House and Land, Ice House and Ice, half interest in Ice Plant and Ice Tongs, Horses, Harness, Wagons, Racks, etc., Refrigerator and all the Tools used in the meat business. Worth **\$1500,** will sell for **\$1000**
In CASH. Will keep a full stock of Meat on hand until I sell out the business.

John Hanna,
Birmingham.

Clarence L. Cowles,
Architect,
31 and 33 Chase Block,
Saginaw, E. S., Mich.
Phone Office 547. B. Residence 408.

GEORGE M. CASWELL,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Prompt attention given to Corresponding, Foreclosures, and Mercantile Collections, etc., etc.
Office at D. M. Duff's Marble Works.

Men's UP-TO-DATE Footwear.

Just received for the Spring of 1899:

- Hathaway, Soule & Hathaway Best Black Vici Kid Bois... \$3.50
- Hathaway, Soule & Hathaway Best Brown Vici Kid Bois... \$3.50
- W. L. Douglas Best Brown Vici Kid Bois... \$4.00
- W. L. Douglas Vesting, Panel (Inlaid), Brown, Vici Kid Bois... \$4.00
- W. L. Douglas Vesting, Panel Top, Brown Vici Kid Bois... \$3.50
- W. L. Douglas Brown Vici Kid Bois... \$3.50
- W. L. Douglas Brown Vici Kid Bois... \$3.00
- W. L. Douglas Black Vici Kid Bois... \$3.00
- W. L. Douglas Vesting Top Black Vici Kid Bois... \$3.50

All made on the New Shape Last.
THE LATEST FOOTWEAR AT
COING'S,
Pontiac, Mich.

WE ARE CLOSING OUT!

Our entire line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes at a big reduction!
Men's Duck Coats, 75c--others ask \$1.00.
Men's Wool Hose at 10, 15 and 25c.
New styles Outing Flannel at 5, 8 and 10c.
Nearsilk Lining, looks like silk, wears like silk, at 15 and 25c per yard.
We give the best values in Ladies' Corsets at 50, 59 and \$1.00.
1 lot Men's Work Shirts marked down to 39c.
1 lot Children's Underwear marked down to 19c.

Cash buyers will find it to their interest to look us over when in want of DRY GOODS, SHOES, SHAVEN and WALL PAPER.

F. BLAKESLEE,
Birmingham, Mich.

Continuation of CLEARING Sale...

During the extensive alterations and improvements now being made in our store, we will continue the reduced prices. We shall carry on business all the time.

Special attention given to Mail Orders.
The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.,
RETAIL TRADE CENTRE,
DRY GOODS AND FURNISHINGS.
Woodward Ave. & State St., Detroit.

SPRING HATS!

Stand not upon the order of their coming, but come at once. All the new blacks and shades in both it and stiff hats have just arrived. Don't fail to see them, for nobbler ones were never introduced.

OUR CLEARING SALE
CONTINUES UNTIL MARCH 6th.
It will pay you to patronize it if you need anything in CLOTHING, CAPS or FURNISHINGS.

FOR INSTANCE
\$3.00, \$4 and \$3.50 Men's and Boys' Pants for only \$2.49
\$2.50 and \$2.00 Men's or Boys' Pants for only \$1.49
\$12.50 and \$10.00 Men's or Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Coats for only \$7.75

HAMMOND & JUDD,
CLOTHIERS, PONTIAC.

MATANZAS, CUBA, HEARD FROM!

A Spicy Communication from One Whose Descriptive Powers are Graphic.

Alfred C. Chaffield Gives a Realistic Narrative of Life in the Island. He speaks to his Father--He Describes a Three Days' Jollification there, in Which Parade he Rides with Fifteen Charming Young Seniors--A New Cave Discovered in that Region.

MATANZAS, CUBA, Jan. 23, 1899.
MY DEAR FATHER--

Your long looked for letter arrived this morning. We have just got through with a three days' jollification here. The fact that the people of the island are poorer, stricken, but from the lavish decorations and gaiety of the city for the past three days, there must be plenty of money somewhere. This fun commenced on the 17th morning when the Cubans marched in a body to the monument of Alfonso XII and built a bonfire all over it, hilling it completely. This they consider a great blow to pride and dignity than in tearing it down and destroying it. The grand street parade in which our troops, the 12th New York, 5th Massachusetts, 31 Kentucky, 10th Indiana, 31 Engineers and three companies of the Signal Corps, took part. In the afternoon speeches were delivered and the whole town turned out en masse to thank the U. S. troops for their kind, courteous manner and their aid in making the celebration a grand and glorious success.

The second day was devoted to entering the city of the Cuban army and the dedication of a monument erected to the memory of the patriot who was our first Cuban Senator, here in Matanzas, by the Spanish. Then another grand parade in which our troops, together with the Cuban soldiers, took part. This was a parade that will never be equalled in Matanzas. Fully 5,000 American and 8,000 Cuban troops were in line. In the afternoon the Cubans visited our camp and gave us exhibitions of their drills and modes of fighting. Though a kind of "backhacking" mode of warfare, still it is quite a different and, so to speak, very effective.

During the celebration, hospital corps men were stationed in different parts of the city to care for anyone overcome by the heat or who might get into any trouble. The good fortune to be sent to a house owned by a native of Maine, who has been in Cuba a good many years. He married a Cuban woman, who has retired from business for some years. Of course you can imagine what a time I had during the three days that I was stationed there.

On the third day occurred the grand parade. The young lady, where I was stationed, is the president of the Cuban Intellectual Club, and I managed to get my name on the list to ride with her. Now just think how much I enjoyed myself during that ride, with 15 girls all trying to talk at one time a common occurrence anywhere and in Spanish too. I did not let on that I could understand a great deal of any speech, or I am much afraid that there would have been a general disappearance in an hour that I would get home single, though I am taking desperate chances.

The marshal of the parade told me in the evening that mine was the prettiest wagon in the whole affair and one which would do credit to a king's jubilee. I dined with several noted ladies, among them the wife of General Matro, of the 5th Indiana Regiment, and others who will not try to pronounce their names as I am afraid I would bite my tongue too many times. At supper I had a regular swell time, and the "blow out" was in every sense of the word. The city's decorations were lovely. Flags and banners, flowers galore, and arches, all on one side of the bay from here, and, on exploring the place, found the skeletons of 90 men, women and children, some with bullet holes in their skulls, some with them crushed in and bones broken, and from the general appearance, the poor things must have been subjected to all kinds of torture. To this cave I am told, more than those who were suspected of being Cuban sympathizers. I have heard stories here that would make one's

hair fairly stand on end. You have read of Spanish cruelty, but you have heard nothing of the real barbarity. Men were killed because they failed to provide for Spanish soldiers; women murdered because they thought for their own children killed because they refused to tell where their fathers or brothers were hiding. One woman, who, at the beginning of the war, lived in the lap of luxury, and whose appearance bears out her story) does my washing now for 30 cents a week and is overjoyed to do it for that. Her home was destroyed for her own farm, raised by the Spanish because she aided the Cuban cause.

We are now caring for about 3,000 destitute people in Matanzas, supplying food, clothing and medicines to them, and in the hospitals are about 900 reconcoadores who are just about starved to death. I tell you what it is when a man kicks his back and corned beef, he has only to go through one of these hospitals to see how lucky he has been. I go out on a supply train every day, and I have had to take a hospital where the Sisters told me that they had not had a piece of fresh meat in 10 months. I am satisfied now that I have not been in Matanzas since I was here the past year. I have had only half rations since I joined this volunteer outfit and have a just complaint; but then some of these people have eaten grass and leaves to sustain themselves.

My Yankee friend here has adopted a girl, who has a pitiful story. Six years ago there was a father, mother, two sisters and three brothers, a pineapple farm of 60 acres and all that a family could ask for to make them happy. The father was shot for aiding the Cuban army to escape the Spanish, one brother killed to keep him from joining the two older who had joined the insurgents to avenge their father's death. That was the end of the family. The mother and two sisters starved to death, and this girl was in a dying condition when found. She is about 16 and a bright and smart as any girl of her age. I never saw I tell you it makes a man wonder what the hereafter has in store for some of the Spanish when we see the way some of these people were treated.

My love to all, from your affectionate son,
ALFRED C. CHAFFIELD,
Act. Sec'y 21 Brig. Hosp., U. S. A.,
Matanzas, Cuba.

A BELOVED MOTHER PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. William Carter, of Drayton Plains Goes Into Eternity.

Our respected citizen, Harvey Staley, is added to the large list of mourners in this county who have lost loved ones. On Saturday last his aged mother, Mrs. Frank Carter, who resided with her daughter at Drayton Plains, passed away at the advanced age of 78 years. She had been a great sufferer from asthma.

A NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT.

Does Not Seek to Shape Legislation, but Only to Secure a New System Under Which the Making of Laws will be Controlled by Popular Vote.

A new movement was inaugurated in Ohio last year, which may become an important factor in the politics of this country. This movement was called the Union Reform party; but it hardly seems to be a party in the strict sense of the word. It does not aim to control legislation and does not make any declaration as to legislative questions. Its one purpose is to secure the system known as the initiative and referendum, under which the people can either enact or veto any law by a direct vote.

This new movement in the last election sprung at once to the position of the third party in Ohio and secured its rights as a political party. This has so encouraged the founders that they have called a national conference to meet in Cincinnati, March 1st and 2nd, which promises to be well attended.

The Central Traffic Association has granted a rate on all roads in the territory of one fare for the round trip and the Trunk Line Association and Western Passenger Association have given a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets go out going February 23rd and 24th and good returning till March 31st.

Demise of Another Old Troy Resident.

Mrs. Julia Hunt, for many years an esteemed resident of Troy, died at her home last Saturday, of old age, having passed her 82nd milestone. Mrs. Hunt had been failing for about four weeks past, her life gradually and peacefully fading away.

A change of price never means a change of quality at Traver's.

NOW IT'S PANTS!

The success of our special Sales of Suits and Overcoats must be duplicated in this hurrying out of Men's Pants. Surely there's every inducement for quick and lively buying.

\$4.50, \$4.00, \$3.50, \$3.00 Values at \$2.45.
\$3.25, \$2.00, \$1.75 Values at \$1.45.

Broken lines, that's why the prices are shattered, but there's a complete range of sizes. Winter weight wools, light and dark colors, plain, plaid, striped and mixed goods. Perfect fitting, first class tailoring--reliable at every point, or we wouldn't have them to sell. Order by mail if you can't come in.

R. H. Traver,
171-173-175 Woodward Ave.

What Have We to Offer? VILLAGE CAUCUS.

Replying to a letter written by one of our citizens to the Com. & Warren Co. of Detroit, relative to their hearing from the meeting in regard to inducements for the purpose of placing in connection with the following letter, the following has been received:

"In referring to your kind favor of the 12th inst., we thank you for calling our attention to the matter, but hardly think your town could compete with larger places. We shall be glad to hear if you have anything to offer, however."

"Now, right here we would like to ask our citizens what we can do to answer this very pertinent query of the evidently well disposed company? What have we to offer? Our bustling neighbors at Royal Oak have already practically secured a good factory, and we are anxious to get out of a little enterprise on our part was suffered to go elsewhere. Let us get together and take measures to place ourselves in a position to answer the people intelligently who come to us with the salient question, 'What have you offer?' Can we give them a reasonable exemption from taxation? Can we give them a free site for their factory? Can we give them a reasonable abatement? Can we at least give them a hearty welcome when they come to us and ask these questions, instead of acting as if we are afraid of catching an epidemic of business energy from them? Now enterprises are springing up under the incentive of those prosperous times, and if we are going to assure anything in this line, we must not wait for some other town to turn them over to us."

By Order of COMMITTEE.
Burglars Lie in Pontiac.

We see by the Pontiac papers that burglars are doing considerable work in that city. Our afternoon last week they entered C. H. Galt's home on Ashmun avenue and secured \$250 in cash, a gold thimble, a diamond ring and a pair of diamond earrings. On the evening of the same day they broke into the residence of George E. Mattison, 55 Park street, where the family were attending the L. A. T. M. banquet at the Opera House, and took a pocket-book and several small articles of great value.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
"Take Mitchell's White Kidney Compound. The best cough remedy on earth 25 and 50 cents."

HUDSON'S, Detroit.

THE GREAT HALF PRICE CLEARING SALE OF Men's and Boys' Winter Clothing

Starts in again this week with the same steady demand and brisk selling which for a month past have been a feature of the great clothing floor. ALL SMALL LOTS MUST GO. The great stock has been reassorted and many extra good values added to the splendid bargains on sale.

At Just Half Price.

Not all sizes in every lot, but all sizes in the sale.

Men's OVERCOATS.

Men's Finest Black and Black Cashmere \$15.00 Overcoats, raw edge and lap seams, box cut, beautifully tailored and trimmed. This season's latest make and style, go at just half price. **\$7.50**

Men's Finest \$20's Overcoats, in blue and black, lined with the finest Italian cloth, velvet collar, raw edge, raw and lap seams, box and half-box backs, made this season, correct and stylish in every particular, at just half price. **\$10**

Boys' \$1.00 and \$1.50 Flannel Waists for 50c.
CLOTHING--ENTIRE THIRD FLOOR.

MEN'S HATS.

Stiff or Soft Absolutely correct Spring styles new and fashionable shapes in Black and proper Spring colorings an actual \$1.50 quality, at **98c**
The Big Store--New Wash Fabrics--See the Great Window--The Big Store.