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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1899. NO. 40. WHOLE NO. 1082.

THE PALACE
CASH MEAT MARKET.

Oysters received daily.

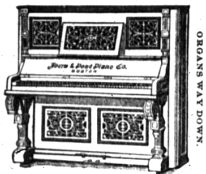
When you buy, buy the best--they are the cheapest in the end. Our 25c bulk oysters are solid oysters. No water.

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.



Finest display of Pianos ever in Pontiac.

The Kimball leads them all. See the models 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.

HAVE YOU TROUBLE WITH YOUR EYES?

—IF SO—

DR. J. W. CORLEY
WILL REPRESENT
HUGH CONNOLLY,
the Eye Specialist of Detroit, corner State and Griswold Sts., every
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Consultation Free.

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Phone: Office 547-3 H.
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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 4 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p. m. All are invited.

SPECIAL SALE LADIES' SHOES!

We have about 200 pairs Ladies' fine Shoes, which sold at \$3 to \$4. They are, many of them, up-to-date in style, all extra quality of Welts and Flexible Soles. We shall put them onto our bargain center at \$2.48. Remember \$2.48 per pair. We have all sizes today so come early.

C. H. GOING,
Corner Saginaw and Lawrence Sts.
PONTIAC, MICH.

1898 CLOSING OUT SALE! 1899

OF OUR ENTIRE Shoe Stock for SPOT CASH.

300 pairs Ladies' Button, on sizes 7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2 and 9, at \$1.50, was \$2.00 and \$2.50
200 pairs Ladies' Lace, at \$1.00, was \$1.50 and \$2.00
50 pairs Children's, 12 to 17, at \$1.00, was \$1.50 and \$2.00
1 lot Misses' Outing Flannel Shirts, 10 close, at 25c
1 lot Misses' Outing Flannel Shirts, 10 close, at 25c
1 lot Misses' Mitts, at 25c

Best quality and styles of GOSSETTS
Good value in Ladies' Skirts and Bustles at

F. Blakeslee's,
Birmingham, Mich.

A GREAT CLEARING SALE!

Preparatory 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 Renovated 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 every 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 anticipate their wants during this sale. Our MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is at the service of those who can visit the city.

Information and Samples sent on Application.

The Taylor--Woodfenden Co.,

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

3 Sweet Things.

Our Honey and Maple Syrup, for Pancakes, Griddle Cakes or Flannel Cakes.
Only 50c per gal. Have you tried it?

Our 25c New Orleans Molasses, worth 40c per gal.

You should try it for gingerbread. Have you?

Our 50c Open-kettle Boiled Molasses, best in town.

Worth 65c. It's good for cookies.

Whitehead & Mitchell.

THOMAS TALKS.

And That's W P's the Matter With Hanna.

WATSON CITY, N. W. T., Dec. 14, '98. My DEAR SISTERS-- I was extremely glad to get your letter dated in August, which is the last I have had, but expect mail every day. The postmaster says there is mail on the way, which will come here. I think certainly I shall get it by Christmas. This reminds me that I must wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Don't forget to wish them to father and mother also. Tell them that my health is good. I weigh 161 pounds. I have "John's comforters" again on the same side of my neck as last winter. Just getting over the first one which was a large and loud one. There is another one coming right close to me.

The lay on which I am working is going to turn out all right. I think, I think it will yield me for my share from \$10 to \$25 a day every day I work for the next 30 days, when I will be home as we can work on account of water when the snow and ice begin to melt in the spring. I think we will have claims of our own by spring.

I am resting a few days on account of my looks. I am at the home again. It is now 2:30 p. m., and the mail goes out tomorrow over the ice. I must make this short and mail it this afternoon. I still have money and lots of grub so do not worry. Hoping you are all well I am answered yours,
Tom.

SCHOOL WAR IS ON AT BIRMINGHAM.

Courts may be called on to settle the Present Squabble.

Birmingham, Mich., Jan. 31--Special-- This place is now having a school war. An appeal meeting, which will be held in this school district held in November last, \$3,000 was appropriated for the purpose of building an addition to the present school or a separate building to be used for school purposes. A difficulty arising among the members of the school board one of the members resigned. This resignation was soon followed by another and only three members were left. The three remaining members were Alfred Johnson, moderator, Warren D. Clute, director, George Mitchell, assessor. Then the trustees of the school board began in earnest. Mr. Mitchell refused to meet with the other two members of the board and five or six attempts on their part to have him so proved ineffective. Then he tendered his resignation, but as a quorum could not be obtained, he refused to meet with the other two, of course his resignation was not accepted.

A meeting has been called by the school inspectors for February 4 to fill the vacancies on the school board, but this action is opposed by Messrs. Clute and Johnson. There is talk of securing a manumission to Mr. Mitchell to meet with the board. Birmingham correspondent in Detroit Journal.

A Delightful Surprise.

Thursday, the 26th inst., will long be remembered by Mrs. Mary L. Durkee, of this village. While commencing preparations for dinner her attention was called to cartridges at the door. Very soon they irrefragable Geo. H. German and wife, Frank P. German, faithfully all in fun and mischief, Mrs. German and two daughters, Hortense, B. J. Young, Mrs. Bonham, a little later, W. H. Young, and to call off our ally Frank Blakeslee and Frankie German arrived. All came loaded with good things for dinner, which in due time was ready.

Mrs. Walter German, of Colorado, was spending the week with Mrs. Durkee, and was therefore one of the happy participants. Misses Winnie and Grace German furnished the music, which included whistling and singing, and one can imagine the good time had.

The surprise was so genuine to Mrs. Durkee that she is still trying to find herself, and is now wishing they were coming again.

THE STAGE.

AT THE LYCEUM.

There is a rattling good show at the Lyceum this week. "What happened to Jones" tickles big audiences there with its frank and wholesome humor, for which the public is much indebted to George H. Broadhurst, a writer who has not found it necessary to resort to rude buffoonery or coarse jests to achieve financial success. Jones, the versatile hymn-book and playing card agent, who to escape the police, impersonates his expectant bishop of Balarat in the home of that Australian clergyman's brother, Ebenezer Goodby, and the deliciously funny things that happen to him and to the whole household while the deception is sustained, keep the merriment at high pressure.

AT WHITNEY'S.

English melodrama, excellently staged and commendably acted, holds the boards at Whitney's this week. The play is "John and Secret," written by Stratton Vane. The story has to do with a mysterious safe invented by a mechanic who has died, leaving the secret of opening the safe with John Martin, an unscrupulous villain. The latter schemes to have a diamond merchant steal his jewels therein, Martin's intention being to steal the gems. The hero, of course, sets the credit of the wrongdoer dead, until the matter is cleared up.

An Esteemed Pioneer of Troy Township Joins the Majority.

It was with the most sincere regret that we learned of the death of our good old friend Geo. H. Niles, who departed this life at his home in Troy, on Tuesday morning, January 31, 1899, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

Mr. Niles was born at Painted Post, Steuben County, N. Y., May 27, 1820, and was only a year old when he came to this county with his parents. His early playmate were Indian boys and there were few men who could tell more interesting stories of early life in these parts than Mr. Niles. He spent 20 years of his life as a traveling salesman for the goods firm of Holmes & Co., of Detroit, and in 1870 he returned to the old homestead, where he has since resided. His son, Wm. M., of Pontiac, and his daughter, Miss Rhodie, survive him.

Mr. Niles was a member of Rochester lodge, F. & A. M., and was one of the best known and respected citizens of the county. He was a democrat of life-long convictions and held many offices of trust in the party, being a member of the common council of the city of Troy, while he was a resident of that city, representing the second ward.

The early pioneers are becoming few, and as they one by one pass away we wish we had taken the time to learn more of the busy scenes of their early life in these parts. Mr. Niles was one of the most interesting talkers we ever met, and we regret that we never took the time to reduce some of his most entertaining reminiscences to writing, for the benefit of ourselves and our readers, and also for those who may come after us, asking "what of the first men who came to make this country what it is?"

The funeral of the estimable pioneer occurs this (Friday) afternoon, from the home.

"Anne" Discussed at the Modern Novel Club.

At the Modern Novel Club, last Saturday evening, Mrs. H. Wilson gave a very interesting sketch of Miss Woolson, from Mrs. Woolson's "Anne." H. P. Taft tells of crowing the ocean on a spray of caraway seed, and in the same way the Club were barge from Mackinaw Island over broad seas to Rome, on two leaves of ivy, placed from Mrs. Woolson's "Anne." By Miss Wilson, and forwarded to friends here with the following picture:

"She lies in a beautiful shady spot in the little English cemetery, under the egress vines, a quiet resting place, after the stormy ending of her life in the Venetian canal. A block of pure white marble lying down covers the grave, with a cross sculptured on it in relief, stretching almost its entire length. On one end is sculptured the name: Fennimore Woolson. 1844; simply this and nothing more. But many's try grow all around the stone--the green and white contrasting beautifully. I enclose two leaves I plucked from it."

GUNS AND REVOLVERS IN THE AIR!

Harmon Postoffice the Scene of A Warm Time Recently.

The usually tranquil little Harmon postoffice was the scene of a moderate commotion and excitement Tuesday evening of last week, caused thusly:

The postoffice is under the management of a young man named Willie Parks, assisted by his youthful sister Minnie. On the evening above mentioned Postmaster Willie was out somewhere in that vicinity and Minnie was alone in the postoffice. The young girl was frightened and ran for her step-father, James Parks, who came to the rescue. Heavy weapons ensued and Parks finally fired off a revolver to frighten the intruder away, whereupon McClelland went outside and procuring a gun, discharged it twice at the side of the store. About this time Willie Parks arrived on the scene before mentioned, and seeing that the situation was serious, when McClelland tried to make his escape. He was caught, however, by the arrival of Deputy Bert Wellman, of Pontiac, accompanied him to the county jail to await examination. McClelland's intoxicated condition made it impossible to determine how serious his intentions were regarding the shooting, and it is reported that the postoffice authorities have taken the matter up on the ground of unlawful disturbance.

CAUCUS.

Notice is hereby given that the republicans of the township of Bloomfield will meet at the Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 4, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing five delegates to go to the (Oakland) county convention at the city of Pontiac, on Friday, the 10th day of February, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated Jan. 28, 1899.

D. M. DUTY,
H. F. DANIELS,
A. W. CAMPBELL,
Township Committee.

A "Special" for Boys.

The balance of our
Reefer Suits
(about 200)
for boys 3 to 7 years at
\$2.50 each
formerly sold for \$6, \$5 and \$4.50.

Fine goods, elegantly made, stylish, comfortable, serviceable.

Mail orders have prompt and personal attention.

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

BILL'S PROMOTION.

"Happy is the Miller Who Lives by the Mill," but He isn't in Company with Wm. C. Reynolds in His New Quarters.

William C. Reynolds, Erly & Nixon's general manager of their Birmingham branch, who has moved into one of Wm. Erly's new stores on Saginaw St., is king of all he surveys. His present feet store equips any other store of its kind ever before in our village. He has been in the new quarters about two weeks. The store itself has a large plate glass front, brilliantly lighted with gas, and is roomy and generously equipped with large bins for the storage of flour, feed and everything sold by a first-class mill. Wm. C. attends strictly to business and represents a first class firm, noted throughout the state for their fine grades of flour.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending January 28, 1899:

A. F. Klein, John Boskie, B. M. Bradworth, S. A. Albright.
Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

HUDSON'S, Detroit.

GOOD SHOE NEWS.

The brief announcement that we had put on sale the entire stock of **H. Hudson & Co., 49 Michigan Ave.**, the well known dealer in high class Men's Footwear, brought a throng of eager buyers to the Big Store on Saturday. No wonder! Men have seldom had such a grand chance to buy new, desirable, high grade, up-to-date Shoes at such wonderfully little prices. See them in the Gratiot Ave. window! Compare them with anything else in town, then hasten to take advantage of the opportunity while your size and make is here.

THE BEST SHOES WE HAVE EVER OFFERED YOU!

- Brusher's \$6.00 best velour black shoes, in black and dark tans; size 12 available \$3.50
- Brusher's \$5.00 all and steel and shoes, both black and dark tans, \$2.00
- Brusher's \$4.00 extra fine, high grade work shoes \$2.00
- Brusher's \$4.00 winter tan shoes, double sole, extension edge, 79 lasts, making \$2.50
- Brusher's \$4.00 winter tan shoes, double sole, extension edge, 79 lasts, making \$2.50
- All Brusher's \$2.00 shoes in calf, both half and whole, black or cow, grain, and full French toes, rare \$1.50 bargains at

SPLENDID VALUES IN WOMEN'S SHOES.

Ladies' Velour, Button and Lace Shoes, turned up, high grade, 79 lasts, some with and some without, 21 widths, sizes 12 and 13, actual \$2.50 and \$2.00 values, the best quality, fit and style ever offered at our price.

Ladies' \$10.00 and \$2.00 values, sizes 12 and 13, with and without, high and low, turned up, extension edges, some with and some without. If your size is here you cannot do better at the price.

\$1.98 \$1.48

A wonderful offer, it means quick selling. Don't delay purchasing too long.

HUDSON'S BIG STORE
Detroit, Mich.