

# SHOE-ING THE MEN!

We are ready to shoe the dresy, eco-nomical men this spring and summer more to their taste than ever before. New goods arriving all the time. All kinds of leather—French calf, Sattin Calf, Colt Skin, Vici Kid in black and chocolate, Kangaroo and Willow Calf. New shades in Russia Calf, Star Calf, and the latest, Tan Box Calf, all new up-to-date styles, \$2.50 to \$4.00.

A good solid, fine Shoe, congress or l-e-e, tip or plain, \$1.50.

Good Work Shoes from \$1 up.

## New Styles in Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords!

**H. B. Merritt, 17 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac.**

# TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER

In all Winter Goods for the next 30 days to make room for spring stock:

- Hed and Horse Blankets at one-third off.
- Everything in Ladies' Wrappers at 79c. Regular price \$1 to \$1.75.
- Men's and Boys' Caps at one third off.
- 1 Lot Men's and Boys' Underwear at 25c. Former price 50c.
- 1 Lot Men's Wool Shirts 38c.
- 300 pairs of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes at half price.
- 100 Men's Undershirts 29c.
- 100 Lined Shirts at 35c. Former price 75c.
- Men's Woolen Hose at 10c.
- Men's Cotton Hose at 5c.
- Men's Duck Coats at 75c.
- 1 Lot Men's Underwear at 19c. This is no cheap John stock.
- Ladies' Warm Lined Shoes at 87c, \$1.09, \$1.19. Former price \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
- 1 Lot Men's Half Wool Underwear, former price 6c, now 43c.

These goods are for cash only. Yours for low prices and good goods.

# W. NIXON, Birmingham.

**TRY**

Heinz's Baked Beans and  
Hyne's Yellow Peaches.

You Will Find Them at the

**Triangle Grocery.**

Also Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and Figs.

**T. H. COBB.**

# "Spades Are Trumps"

And W. R. Owen is digging in the best he knows how to make his Crockerly Department a success by placing on his counters the finest stock he ever displayed. The prices are right, the goods are up-to-date, and all his wares is that his friends should make themselves happy by carrying away an armful of goods now and then.

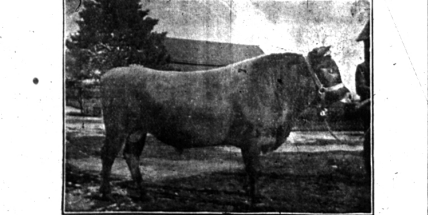
Yours truly,

**W. R. OWEN, Pontiac, Mich.**

# TO FARMERS!

We wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that the use of a Thoroughbred Jersey Bull can be secured at the Peabody farm in Troy, one mile north and one-half east of this village.

The Jersey Bull, "CANTILEVER EXHILE." Weight 1,500 pounds.



The Bull "Cantilever Exhile," 42,297, is by Stone Pogue Cantilever 28,266 and is four years old this spring. He traces through Prospect Kites to Matilda and to Lorne and to Marjoram.

Farmers who wish to improve their stock have now the best chance in the world to do so at the wonderful low price of \$1.00.

Yours respectfully,  
**Potts & Peabody.**

**Consumption Cured.**  
Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from yellow jaundice for over six months and was treated by one of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our drug, recommended Electric Bitters, and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. As a grateful yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky." Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

**A CARD**  
We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your coughs, colds, etc. We also guarantee a 50-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

May 11  
LOUIS BROWN, Royal Oak, Mich.

# The Kidney Checked.

The pale, sallow, sunken-cheeked, distressed-looking people who so often meet are afflicted with "Kidney Complaint."

Their kidneys are turning to a purple color. So is their complexion.

They may also have indigestion, or suffer from sleeplessness, rheumatism, neuralgia, brain trouble, nervous exhaustion and sometimes the heart beats sick in bed.

Usually the sufferer from kidney disease does not find out what the trouble is until it is almost too late, because the symptoms are so like mild sickness that they do not think they need a medicine or a doctor until they find themselves sick in bed.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-root will build up and strengthen their weak and diseased kidneys, purify the blood, cleanse the system, clear their complexion and soon they will enjoy better health.

You can get the regular size at the drug store, at fifty cents and one dollar, or you may first prove for yourself the wonderful virtues of this great discovery, Swamp-root, by sending your address, Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent to you absolutely free by mail. When writing kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in the Birmingham Excelsior.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Of the Village of Birmingham, Mich., for the Years 1908 and 1909.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.	
Feb. 21, '08, balance on hand	\$ 118.46
July 1, '08, rec'd from General Tax	250.00
May 17, '08, rec'd from General Tax	250.00
July 1, '08, rec'd from Sheriff for delivery	4.50
July 1, '08, rec'd from County Treasurer	100.00
Nov. 1, '08, rec'd from County Treasurer	1.54
Nov. 1, '08, rec'd from Waterworks Fund	100.00
Nov. 1, '08, rec'd from excess of fund	1.54
Total	1,025.90
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Sept. 12, '08, transferred to Waterworks Fund	\$ 100.00
Dec. 1, '08, bond paid on file	100.00
Feb. 21, '09, interest on bonds paid on file	90.25
Apr. 15, '09, 100 Vouchers paid on file	100.00
Balance on hand this day	19.65
Total	\$ 390.25
HIGHWAY FUND.	
Feb. 21, '08, balance on hand	\$ 178.81
July 1, '08, rec'd from Bond Issue	250.00
May 17, '08, rec'd from Bond Issue	250.00
July 1, '08, rec'd from General Tax	100.00
Nov. 1, '08, rec'd from General Tax	100.00
Nov. 1, '08, transferred from Waterworks Fund	50.00
Total	\$ 828.81
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Nov. 16, '08, transferred to Highway Fund	\$ 50.00
Feb. 21, '09, interest on bonds paid on file	100.00
Feb. 21, '09, 100 Vouchers paid on file	100.00
Balance on hand this day	58.81
Total	\$ 658.81
HANN & PURDY SPECIAL DEBIT.	
Feb. 21, '08, balance on hand	\$ 11.30
Feb. 27, '09, balance on hand this day	11.30
Total	\$ 22.60
EAST SIDE DRAIN RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 21, '08, balance on hand	\$ 10.81
Feb. 27, '09, balance on hand this day	10.81
Total	\$ 21.62
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Feb. 27, '09, balance on hand	\$ 10.81
Total	\$ 10.81
INTEREST FUND RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 21, '08, balance on hand	\$ 2.15
Feb. 27, '09, balance on hand this day	2.15
Total	\$ 4.30
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Feb. 27, '09, balance on hand	\$ 2.15
Total	\$ 2.15
RECAPITULATION RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 21, '08, balance on hand all funds	\$ 1,025.90
Receipts from General Tax	500.00
Receipts from Sheriff for destroying	4.50
Receipts from County Treasurer	100.00
Receipts from Bond Issue	500.00
Receipts from Waterworks Fund	100.00
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Total	\$ 3,028.92
DISBURSEMENTS.	
From following funds less transfers as per statement in detail:	\$ 2,222.12
From General Expense Fund	390.25
From Highway Fund	658.81
From Hann & Purdy Special Debit	22.60
From East Side Drain	21.62
From Interest Fund	4.30
Total	\$ 2,017.50
Balance on hand	1,011.42
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## A Few Questions on Imperialism.

by Tom Williams.

Has God given one man the moral right to exercise authority over another without the other's consent?

If I justified in holding a loaded revolver in one hand and the Gospel in the other, has that laid down one rule of action for the individual and another for the nation?

If the people of the United States try to introduce Christianity in the Philippine Islands by force of arms, are they not equal to the Turks in Armenia?

If all men are created free and equal, are we to suppose that the Filipinos are designed to be an exception to the rule?

If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, what right has our nation to rule over the Filipinos without their consent?

If Spain was not justified in her war of subjugation, can we see how we are justified in the same sort of warfare in the Philippines?

If Spain deserved to be driven out of Cuba, what should be done with Uncle Sam in the Philippines?

At the moment of the East should be denied the privilege of forming colonies on the American continent, according to the Monroe doctrine, how can we claim the right to a colony in the West?

If it is an act of national justice to annex Hawaii to the United States without giving the people of that country a voice in the matter?

## MARVELOUS RESULTS.

What a Well-known Citizen of Lansing, Mich., Says of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer.

"I have had dyspepsia for 15 years. My troubles were indigestion, sour stomach, acid fermentation, palpitation of the heart, sleeplessness and terrible sick-headache, which at times would entirely unfit me for business. I have had special treatment by seven physicians, and it seems as though I have tried nearly every known or supposed remedy, with some little relief, but would soon relapse to the old condition. I commenced using Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer a few weeks ago, have used about two and one-half boxes, which have done me more real good than all the treatment and so-called remedies I have ever taken. I would advise any person afflicted with stomach troubles, dyspepsia, or nerve troubles, to try this treatment.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD N. WOOD,  
North Lansing, Mich.

March 22, 1888.  
Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer is not propped up by fictitious testimonials, but is demonstrating its curative power every day, in stubborn cases of acute, chronic and nervous dyspepsia. A trial will substantiate all that is claimed for it. For sale by Hagerman, leading druggist of Birmingham.

A book on stomach and nerve troubles, their symptoms and cures, given free for the asking at the above store.

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## WARREN H. SMITH, Nominée for School Commissioner, Pontiac.

Warren H. Smith is a graduate of the University of Michigan with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Since his graduation in the class of 1889 he has been teaching continuously. He began his educational work as Assistant Principal at Lancaster, Wisconsin, and served in the same capacity at an increase of salary at Sparta, Wisconsin. He has taught eight years in Michigan, two years at Lansing and for six years as principal of the Pontiac Public Schools. He is now in the position of County School Commissioner, for which he is thoroughly equipped by both education and experience.—Oct. 10 Leader, March 3, '99.

## Opinion of President of the Pontiac School Board—transferred from a letter written over two years ago, not for political purposes.

"Mr. Smith has been for several years principal of our high school and during that period has proved himself to be a gentleman of high character, of first-rate scholarship and of the best professional qualifications. We have looked to regard him as a safe and efficient teacher of young people. An earnest and enthusiastic teacher, he always inspires his pupils to do their best, with the result that they have become them. His success in our high school has been marked."

(Signed), Dr. MASON W. GRAY.

Col. S. S. Matthews, another member of the Board, wrote at about the same time as follows:

Mr. Smith is a strong, industrious, conscientious teacher—character and ability beyond compare. He is fully familiar with his profession and has a rare faculty of inspiring an interest in study by his pupils.

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## COUNTY LINE

J. H. Harlow and Miss Flora Holman were married March 2.

Frank Wronner has been under the doctor's care, but is better.

Richard M. Long, and Miss Zula's elder has taken a course at Rochester.

Presed Jones has been receivingarnings and other news from young things.

Miss B. Pallister was married last night, she did not learn the happy man's name.

Frank Dunn and wife are keeping house on his own place near Royal Oak.

S. Martin has bought a new fence machine and has the agency in Troy for the H. C. Coyle one.

Joseph Blakey came operated on by Dr. S. Stutz and Anderson for appendicitis last week. At the present writing he is getting along nicely.

The J. S. Sells estate the 118 acres sold for \$70 a acre, the south 40 acres sold for \$60 an acre. The best of the money was bought by J. B. Hicks' father.

John Speller, 27 years old, living on the Centre Line, fell off a load of hay last week and was killed. He was buried by Undertaker Cartwright from Centre Line church last Monday.

## Best Cough Remedy on Earth.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup cures a cold in 24 hours if taken in time and does not stop cough in one minute by paralyzing the throat, but cures the disease and leaves the throat and lungs healthy and strong; 25 and 50 cents.

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Indians Who Say He Ever Ruled the Potawatomes.

Was the late Simon Pokagon ever chief of the Potawatomes? Prominent Indians say that after the death of Francis Pokagon, some forty years ago, he was elected to the position of chief. It was a hard job, and he died just west of town, nearly 20 years ago. He was a brave, shrewd man, and he was a good interpreter. He was followed about by a number of his band with the election of Alexis, with Simon Pokagon as interpreter.

Last fall another election was held, the choice falling on Cow Tom, Jack, or "Williams," as he is called, with Thomas Tomash as interpreter. Since then no other election has been held, and this history is true and your correspondent obtained it from the chief Alexis, and other Indians of the band who were personal friends and reliable. Pokagon was never their chief, but assumed the leadership of the band through his superior intelligence and gift for leadership.

## HER EYES MET RALPH'S.

As Ralph walked toward the camera what he saw took his breath away. The vision of his dreams! The same woman face, the great form, the same smile, the same eyes, the same hair. The pleasant voice of a well-known society woman broke in: "Allow me, Mr. Thordyke, to present my friend, Miss Marjorie, to you and your best effort in art." The artist bowed, expressing himself the best he could, with such a whirling brain as pleased to allow them to see the scene.

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## Look Against Him.

Two young attorneys were talking in the postoffice corridor the other day, and one of them said, "Jack, I've sworn off smoking a Scott's New Year resolution, you know. I suppose you have taken some of a pledge, haven't you?" "No," replied the other. "Not one I tried last year and it failed." "How was that?" "Well, I have always been a sort of a spendthrift, as you know. So last year, as you say, I said I would give up every day life, making some sort of a resolution, why not make one yourself? So I resolved to save up the money from a salary of an inch and a quarter in height, on a blue bow. Should this possesser ever become a governor, I will divide the money to other men; but the cold otherwise obtain.

## Shelter and Working Skinning.

Of the entire human population estimated that 500,000,000 are well clothed—that is, they wear garments of some kind—\$50,000,000 habitually wear no clothes. It is estimated that 700,000,000 live in houses, 700,000,000 have virtually no shelter at all.