

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1899.

NO. 44.

WHOLE NO. 1086.

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, Sausages 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.

Boarders 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,
21 and 22 Cagwin Bldg.,
Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

Phone: Office 547-R, R. 1002e 408.

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

Prompt attention given in Charge of Property, Brokerage, and Mercantile Collections, etc., etc.
Office at D. M. Doty's Marble Works.

Men's UP-TO-DATE Footwear.

Just received for the Spring of 1899:

- Hannaway, Soule & Harrington Best Black Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.50
- Hannaway, Soule & Harrington Best Brown Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.50
- W. L. Douglas Best Brown Vici Kid Boots ... \$4.00
- W. L. Douglas Vesting, Patent Top, Brown, Vici Kid Boots ... \$4.00
- W. L. Douglas Vesting, Patent Top, Brown Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.50
- W. L. Douglas Brown Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.50
- W. L. Douglas Brown Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.00
- W. L. Douglas Black Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.00
- W. L. Douglas Vesting Top Black Vici Kid Boots ... \$3.50

All made on the New Shape Last.

THE LATEST FOOTWEAR AT

GOING'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 over when in want of DRY GOODS, SHOES, SHADES 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 5th.

It will pay you to patronize it if you need anything in CLOTHING, CAPS or FURNISHINGS.

FOR INSTANCE

\$5.00, \$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, etc. for only \$7.75

HAMMOND & JUDD,

CLOTHIERS, PONTIAC.

THEY RIDE THE GOAT!

Six Entered Apprentices Become Full Fledged Masons Last Monday.

They Banquet and Smoke and Chat With Their Brothers and Fellow.

Business at the old stand of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, P. M., was quiet all over the State on Friday, March 3, and it is true, too. Some time ago we told you of three new members taking their first degree, which was an occurrence unheard of in the history of this healthy lodge, but last Monday afternoon and evening capped the climax in work, for W. M. Dan'l. Johnston began at 6 o'clock p. m. to make full fledged 3d degree Masons and it was near twelve when he finished; but now he has six new members to rise up and call him blessed.

Word was passed around the lodge that there was plenty of work and that the meeting would open sharply at 5 p. m. and continue to the finish. A large number of working brothers were right on the spot promptly.

About 5 o'clock supper was served in the Banquet Hall adjoining the lodge, and Caterers Doty and Knudall outdid all their former efforts and set before the "lucky" brothers a good square meal.

Never before was the lodge in such a flourishing condition. More new members have been made and more are in sight, and the cry is "still they come." The Royal Arch Chapter is working fine, too, gaining in strength and numbers they are up to date. The Order of the Eastern Star, an organization to which all Masons' wives and daughters and mothers should belong, is rapidly reaching 100 members. These three branches of Masonry were kept the lodge room warm almost all the time. Very, many are alive and well in and around Birmingham.

RELEASED FROM HIS SUFFERINGS.

A Brother Mason H. J. Reynolds Succumbs to the Inevitable.

Last Sabbath morning about 9 o'clock, the hour when the thoughts of many church-going people are naturally drifting to a purer than usual on other days of the week, the spirit of H. J. Reynolds took its flight from the poor, diseased body and returned to its Creator. Mr. Reynolds had been a sufferer from cancerous diseases for about three years past, the first one appearing on his lip. He submitted to an operation and thought the cancer had disappeared, but evidently some part of the speedy growth had permeated his system for a second one appeared; this time on his left jaw bone. Last July the sufferer was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, and a portion of the diseased tissue was removed, the home scraped, etc., but all to no avail. In October last the victim was again operated upon by specialists at the Union Institute, a portion of his jaw bone and his tongue being removed. The doctors pronounced the operation a success, providing the patient possessed vitality enough to rally from the severe physical shock he did not, gradually losing strength until last week Thursday, when extreme hemorrhages set in and continued until Sunday morning which resulted in unceasing an artery, causing his death. He had taken no solid food since before Christmas, depending upon liquids for all nourishment.

Deceased was born in Southfield, Jan. 4, 1846, making him 53 years of age. He had spent most of his life here and in this immediate vicinity, working in various capacities until about a year ago, when he engaged in the oil and gasoline business. He was a Mason and a Maccabee, carrying \$1,000 insurance in the latter organization.

Besides a widow the surviving family comprises a son, Charles, two daughters, Nellie and Orpha, and a little granddaughter, Minnie Marsh, who together with numerous other friends and acquaintances will mourn the loss of a kind husband, father and a respected citizen.

The funeral occurred from the house at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, the Masons having charge of the service assisted by Rev. Eugene Allen, with interment in Greenwood Cemetery. The floral tributes from various friends were beautiful, including a magnificent bouquet of roses from St. James Episcopal Choir of Birmingham, and a design in hyacinths from Miss Ivah McHardy, of Lansing, a niece of the deceased.

The bereaved family wish, through these columns, to express their sincere appreciation to their friends and neighbors who by their many kindly acts so willingly aided them in their time of sorrow.

Notice of Village Election.

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OBITUARY.

After an illness of typhoid pneumonia for five weeks, Mrs. Agnes Edgar, nee Bell, passed into peaceful rest Feb. 17, at the age of 73 years.

She was born in Ireland June 7, 1826. She was united in marriage with Joseph Edgar at the age of 23 years. Five children were born unto them, three of whom survive her, James and Wm. Edgar, of Royal Oak, and Mrs. Mattheu McElrath, of this place.

In 1861 she, with four children, came to this country and settled in Royal Oak township, where she remained until the time of her death, leaving her eldest child and husband buried in Ireland.

She was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian church for 51 years, of which she remained in full standing until the time of her death. She was buried from her last residence on Monday, Feb. 20 at 10:30 a. m. and the remains were interred in Royal Oak Cemetery, Reva, Joseph McCracken and M. B. Maxwell officiating.

Deceased was the fourth child of a family of 10 children, of whom survive her Mrs. Robt. Hanna, Sr., of Birmingham, the oldest of the family, and John Bell of Troy; they are the only brother and sister living in Michigan.

She died as she had lived, trusting in her Saviour. Her last words were: "I shall my salvation and all my desires, and closing her eyes she fell asleep, never to awake until the "Resurrection Morn."

"But for me, I thy son
In righteousness,
And with thy blessing, when I wake
I shall behold thee!"

ANOTHER PIONEER CALLED HOME.

Rev. L. F. Fay, a Former Resident of Troy, Dies of La Grippe at Kalamazoo.

Died at Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 18, 1899. Rev. L. F. Fay at the advanced age of 83 years. He was the last of a family of twelve and lived more years than any other member of his family. He was born in Worcester, Mass., in 1816. Came to Michigan in 1831, locating in Troy township where he lived many years. He married Mrs. Harriet Back, daughter of William Daniels. He was ordained to the ministry when quite a young man and followed his vocation up to within a few years ago. About a year ago his health failed, his last sickness being la grippe.

The people of Birmingham and vicinity will remember him as a brother of Deacon Joshua Fay, deceased, and uncle to Mrs. S. Jarvis and G. W. Fay, of this place. He had a loving wife and daughter and many friends who will ever remember him as a kind husband and indulgent father. The family reside in Grand Rapids, where the remains were shipped for interment. At rest after a long and useful life.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS: It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove, by the hand of death, our sister Mrs. Backwell, therefore be it resolved: That the death of the deceased, Mrs. Backwell, be a source of grief and sorrow to all who are acquainted with her; and that we express our sympathy to her family, and that we pray for the repose of her soul. We can not express the deep feeling of sadness that weighs down our hearts, but these resolutions as only in a small degree expressive of our feelings on this sad occasion.

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be spread on our minutes and printed in the Birmingham Eccentric.

Mrs. EUGEN JONES,
Mrs. W. E. McCLELLAN,
Mrs. SUSIE R. ALLEN,
Committee.

Pope Leo XIII before the Biograph

Despite his dislike to be photographed, Pope Leo XIII has permitted himself to be pictured by the Biograph, and a number of the most interesting portraits will be found in the March Ladies' Home Journal. They show the venerable Pontiff in his grounds of the Vatican, passing along his favorite walks and drives, attended by his secretary, guards or members of his household. The pictures are exceedingly interesting in showing the Pope as he is, at the Vatican, and his surroundings, and are doubly valuable because they are the first pictures that have been made of the Pope in a great many years.

VILLAGE CALCUUS.

Notice is hereby given that a village caucus will be held at the Town Hall, in the village of Birmingham, Mich., on the 6th day of March, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for village officers of the village of Birmingham, state of Michigan, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. By order of ALBERT W. CAMPBELL, Village Clerk.

Dated this 29th day of February, 1899.

Registration Notice.

To the Electors of the Village of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the village above named will be held at the Town Hall, in the village of Birmingham, Mich., on the 6th day of March, 1899, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for village officers of the village of Birmingham, state of Michigan, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. By order of ALBERT W. CAMPBELL, Village Clerk.

The Sale of Men's Trousers

continues, giving you values that it seldom your good fortune to secure. Low price is not the only attraction of these offerings; there's the absolute certainty that you are getting standard Traver clothing, guaranteed to be strictly reliable and satisfactory.

- \$4.50 Trousers at \$2.45
- \$4.00 Trousers at \$2.45
- \$3.60 Trousers at \$2.45
- \$3.00 Trousers at \$2.45
- \$2.25 Trousers at \$1.45
- \$2.00 Trousers at \$1.45
- \$1.75 Trousers at \$1.45

These are winter weight Trousers of fashionable make and material. Light and dark colors. Plain, striped, plaid and mixed goods. Every lot is not complete in sizes, (that's why prices are cut) but all sizes are included in the entire assortment, so that every buyer can be perfectly fitted. Order by mail if you can't come in.

R. H. Traver,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave.

HIS SCHEME MISARRIED.

Villain Attempts to Wreck Ewing's Mill Engine at Delray.

Could the Misanthrope be Captured the Mystery of the Recent Fire at This Place Might Be Cleared up.

Since the burning of the Ewing saw-mill at this place much speculation has been indulged in as to what was the cause of the fire, and perhaps the following from the Detroit Free Press of Friday morning may throw a little light on the subject. Mr. Ewing evidently has some one in the world who does not wish him well.

"Some misanthrope feloniously entered Ewing's saw mill at Delray Tuesday night with the evident intention of wrecking the engine. After ransacking the engine room he unscrewed several parts of the engine and then removed the nut and cap from the blow-off pipe. Watchman Burg was in another part of the building at the time, and when he entered the room there was a small explosion, filling the room with scalding steam. Fortunately no damage was done, aside from wrecking unimportant parts of the engine. There is no clue to the man who did the job."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending February 25, 1899.

James Smith, W. Nelson, Rev. Robert Harper, Frank Gibbard, Mrs. Balm. Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

HUDSON'S, The Big Store, Detroit.

THE GREAT HALF PRICE CLEARING SALE OF

Men's and Winter Clothing

gives you an opportunity seldom afforded to buy STRONG CLOTHING VALUES at a merely nominal price. Cost not considered; by our object is to get rid of all small lots and broken sizes before the opening of the spring season. Two among many grand bargains to be picked up on the great Clothing Floor.

At Just Half Price.

- WE MENTION SPECIALLY
- Men's Finest Blue and Black Kersy 150 Overcoats, raw edge and lap seams, box cut, beautifully tailored and trimmed with the season's latest make and style, good as just half \$7.50
- Men's Finest 200 Kersy Overcoats, in blue and black, lined with fine Italian cloth, silk 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

If you want an Overcoat, for immediate use or future needs, you'll get no better chance than this. Just the common-sense garments you'll pick out for steady wear.

Boys' Clothing at Half-Price, Too, as Good as the Men's.

\$5.00 JACKETS.

The demand for these truly remarkable values is so steady--they are doing so well--that we are unable to offer you tomorrow any more opportunity. Another grand lot of fine Tailor-Made jackets, high-grade garments made to sell and actually worth \$20, \$18 and \$16. Warm, reasonable and serviceable. Absolutely fashionable and correct. Nothing better. The price is magnetic. Your choice. \$5.00.

MEN'S SPRING HATS.

STIFF OR SOFT--Advance Spring styles in Men's Derby or Fedora Hats in Blacks and all the new spring colorings. Stylish and correct in every way. The quality is the \$1.50 kind, our price, 98c.

THE BIG STORE, DETROIT.