

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

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1899.

NO. 51.

WHOLE NO. 1093.

THE PALACE Cash Meat Market

Is the place where you can buy all kinds of
Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats,
Butter, Eggs and Poultry
at reasonable prices.
Geo. E. Duff, Proprietor.
Birmingham, Mich.

HOW IS THIS?

For one month we will sell
All \$2 and \$2.50 Glasses for \$1.
Write to or call on

Hugh Connolly,
the Eye Specialist, corner
State and Griswold Sts.,
Detroit, Mich.

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.

Bench & Whing

Successors to John Hanna.
Will conduct the Meat Market
Business in the Hanna Block on
Pierce Street, commencing Monday
morning, March 27, 1899.

Reduced prices on Steaks.
All kinds of Fish and Vegetables.

Your patronage solicited.
BENCH & WHING,
Birmingham, Mich.

Clarence L. Cowles,
Architect,
21 and 22 Chase Block,
Saginaw, E. S. Mich.
Phone: Office 547--R. H.
Residence 408.

GEORGE M. CASWELL,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.
Prompt attention given to Conveyancing, Real Estate
and Mercantile Collections, etc., etc.
Office at D. M. Day's Marble Works.

WE ARE CLOSING OUT

Wall Paper at old prices. We bought our new stock before the advance in price and can sell you at 50 per cent less than new prices. You cannot afford to buy of book-men or dealers that have had to buy from the Combinations as they will have to get advanced prices, while we can sell for what they have to pay at wholesale. It will be for your interest and pocket-book this year to look at our goods and prices.

WE ARE SELLING

Window Shades and Men's and Ladies' Shoes at cost and can make it an object for you to call at

F. Blakeslee's,

Birmingham, Mich.

We Are Ready For Business

in our remodelled and renovated store. With increased facilities, convenience and better light we shall be able to serve our customers in a satisfactory manner. Elegant lines of Dress Fabrics for the early spring trade in

Wash Goods, Foreign and Domestic Wool Goods,
Silks of Every Weave and Quality.

New Goods in Every Dept.
New Elevator Service.
Popular Prices.

THE TAYLOR-WOOLFENDEN CO.
WOODWARD AVE. & STATE ST. DETROIT, MICH.

If You're Proud of Your Boy

you will have him as well dressed as any other boy in his "set." You owe it to him to dress him as well as you can. To dress him best, is to equip him with clothing of the sort and make we carry and sell.

Our stock for spring is now very complete with all the new styles, new shades and new fabrics. You will find ours the cheapest as well as the best.

SPECIAL—Twenty-five Boys' two-piece suits, ages 3 to 8 (formerly sold at \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00, now to close, \$2.50.

HAMMOND & JUDD, Clothiers,

PONTIAC, MICH.

BLANKETY BLANK! BLANK BLANK!

"Oh! For the Wings of a Dove," Sighed

A Young Man of this Vicinity who "Nosey" was Everything But a Blank After the Old Lady Appeared. Rewarded for His Gallantry—Life on the D & P. R. R. as Depicted by one of Our Fellow Townsmen.

Wes Point, in Detroit Sunday Tribune.
A nicely dressed young man occupied part of a seat in an over-crowded car on the Detroit & Pontiac railway. A large, elderly woman boarded the car at Birmingham. The woman looked as though she came from the country. When the car started she stumbled, caught a seat back to keep from falling, but was helped out of her predicament by the nicely dressed young man giving up his seat.

The old lady thanked him, sat down and never took her eyes off from him till the car reached Royal Oak. Finally, raising her voice so it could be heard by every one on the car, she asked: "Ain't your name Blank?"
"Yes, ma'am," replied the young man, politely.
"I distrusted you was," said the old lady, proudly. "You're a son of Bill Blank, ain't you?"
"Yes, ma'am," answered the young fellow, blushing at seeing the attention of the whole car fixed on him.

"Yaas, I know you by your nose," laughed the old lady in a cunning way. "Yaas, you've got a regular Blank nose. Your folks use to live in Southfield, didn't they?"
"Yes, I believe they did," continued the young man.



THE YOUNG MAN AND THE EMBARRASSED OLD LADY.
YOUNG MAN:
young man, looking as tho' he wished he were dead.

"Yaas," said the garrulous old woman, "your folks were our nearest neighbors in Southfield. I s'pose you don't remember me, alickin' my little Mary for callin' you 'Nosey'?"
"No!" said the old lady, answering herself. "Wal, I did like her warmly, 'specially in the makin' up of one and a uniformity. You 'an' Mary use to play with a dirty old rag doll by the hour; you 'sister like my little Mary, but you can't get her much steady!"

The young man, with his face as red as a sugar beet, tried to move away; his mouth opened with a noiseless gasp, and he seemed a fixture in that part of the car.

"Ah, you bashful young man, I see you feel bad 'bout losin' my gal. Your mother was a good neighbor, but my lands! What one to have, you was over tea or three times a day for a drawn of tea, a dish-pan of potatoes or a dab of butter, something all the time, and she never sent anything back in no time, only one of 'em, uniformity. You 'an' Mary use to play with a dirty old rag doll by the hour; you 'sister like my little Mary, but you can't get her much steady!"

"That I didn't blame your father, s'pose said I didn't; a body can't cook without wood now. Then when your father was treasurer of the —. Them folks had no business alickin' your father, if I have said it once, I've said it a thousand times, that even, if Bill Blank did take the money he had done lots for 'these fellows, any way."
"You don't remember a-savin' your thumb, do you? Wal, my lands, you order. You kept right at it till you was a great lump of a boy. I s'pose you was over tea or three times a day for a drawn of tea, a dish-pan of potatoes or a dab of butter, something all the time, and she never sent anything back in no time, only one of 'em, uniformity. You 'an' Mary use to play with a dirty old rag doll by the hour; you 'sister like my little Mary, but you can't get her much steady!"

A Correction.
"Trouble in the City Laundry last week caused quite a sensation, but it will all come out right in the wash. See if it don't."
The above item in last week's Centric caused the proprietor of the City Laundry to rise up in his wrath and give Mitchell "merry hell and Columbia," because everything at the city laundry is peaceful, prosperous and thriving. Mitchell had no say for "City" please read "Steam," located on Maple Ave. east, and the news will be as near correct as it is possible to make it in four lines. Sorry that so much trouble has been caused by a moment's thoughtlessness.

A Glowing Success.

The opening of C. H. Schlaack & Co.'s new store last Saturday was an auspicious event in the business annals of Birmingham. It is estimated that over 1,000 people visited the handsome store during the day and evening, and the exclamations of admiration from many present were evidence of their appreciation of a good thing when afforded the opportunity.

A number of wholesale hardware dealers and other business men from Detroit were present to whom was served a most appetizing tea by Mrs. Schlaack, which gave the city guests very favorable impressions of Birmingham hospitality. Did Charlie have the cigars? Well, we are informed that no smoker in all that vast assemblage was slighted when the cigars went the rounds.

The spacious building, together with its magnificent display of everything imaginable in the hardware line indeed presented an attractive appearance, and resulted in numerous sales. A large variety of wares, thus making the affair a financial success. The front show window was an artistic department with its elegant Peninsular range and fine array of cutlery. Mr. Schlaack will soon remove the old landmark (the building formerly occupied by him), which, it is claimed, was erected prior to the first railroad through Birmingham, being utilized as a hotel building for a time, and for the past 50 years, since 1849, it has been used in the capacity of a hardware store.

Very truly, Birmingham may well be proud of such an enterprise, and the firm of C. H. Schlaack & Co. have the hearty congratulations of the community on their passage "out of the old and into the new."

A Magnificent Specimen.

A person unacquainted with the circumstances would have thought there was a run on the Exchange Bank, for there was a constant stream of people going in and coming out of the doors of that institution all the afternoon of last Monday. It was only the arrival of the long looked for stag's head which has been under consideration of the competent hands of Taxidermist Chas. Campion of Grand River Ave., of Detroit, since "the boys" came home from their hunting excursion last fall, bringing with them one of the largest deer ever brought out of the woods of the Northern Peninsula, having been shot by Geo. Purdy.

As soon as the body of the deer was landed in camp, the proud and happy owner declared that the head and antlers should be set up and presented to Whitehead, to be a lasting memorial of the friendship existing between them and incidentally as a testimony of George's prowess as a mighty Nimrod, so it had at last arrived at its permanent home and graced the place of honor in the bank.

The figure of this patriarch of the forest looks as lifelike as if he were still treading the maze depths of his old home and almost invariably the holder expresses his or her feelings in the exclamation, "oh, what a pity to kill such a noble animal!" There is no question but what this was one of the largest deer ever brought out of the woods and Mr. Campion, one of the most expert taxidermists in the country, has evidently made the effort of his life to give this superb animal look as really life-like as possible, and anyone can tell whether he has succeeded or not by calling at the bank and looking over the effect of his handiwork. We challenge the whole country to produce as fine a stag's head as this, and Whitehead says that Purdy Bros. can have any old thing they are hankering after that can furnish.

Baby Wardrobe Patterns.

Twenty-seven patterns for different articles in long clothes with full and complete directions for making, including necessary materials, sent postpaid for 25c in stamps. Fifteen patterns of short clothes 25c, or both for 40c. "Information to Mothers" sent free with each order. Address: GEMER PATTERN CO., Chubbuck, Ind.

Ladies' Library Lotings.

Persons joining the Library now will have no dues to pay till January. Nine months' reading of the best and latest books for one dollar.

The Library Association now have 1,500 volumes. Thirty new books, Saturday from 5 to 9 and from 7 to 9 p. m. Strangers are cordially invited to look over the collection.

The Society was offered a fine new drop curtain, mounted and put in place all ready for use, but the offer was refused, because the parties wanted to use Detroit advertisements, and the Society preferred to use the old curtain, with home advertisements to a new one representing outside firms.

Do you want to know what everyone is reading? Then join the Library Association and read the books every one is discussing—David Harem. "The Life of a Tramp," as depicted by Prof. Wyckoff, in the books entitled "The Workers," is a study in labor problems. The first volume takes the tramp from New York to Chicago; the second from Chicago to the Pacific. The books are neatly illustrated. The second volume is already in our Library and the first is ordered, but so great is the call for them that orders cannot be promptly filled.

Debtors, Attention!

Having sold my meat business, I am very desirous of having all who owe me settle up at once. JOHN HANNA.

Traver quality always leads.

Neglige Shirts.

We introduce the complete lines for the Spring and Summer of 1899 to you tomorrow, and it's the grandest display ever shown in this city. New York stores may equal but cannot excel the variety. They begin with a line of 12 distinct patterns of handsome stripes and checks—two collars, and one pair of detached cuffs, for 50c, and pass upwards through the realms of Madras, Oxfords, Chevots and Silks, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3, with full lines in sizes.

Bicycle Hose, Belts and Sweaters, Gloves and Umbrellas, Neckwear and Collars, Handkerchiefs and Jewelry, Half Hose and Underwear.

Orders by mail carefully filled.

R. H. Traver,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave.

An Expression of Gratitude.

We, the members, of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Birmingham Presbyterian Church, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the public of this place for your presence at our social, given in the Library building, last Saturday evening. The attendance far exceeded our expectations and for the public of this place for your presence at our invitation we heartily thank you, for without it we could not have attained the success which was ours on this occasion.

Y. P. S. C. E.

Pertaining to Our Cemetery.

Lists of the lot owners in our cemetery are now in the hands of the officers of the society, who will be glad to receive the dues for the season. Mrs. Henry Blumberg is the collector, Miss M. Baldwin the secretary and W. Nixon the treasurer. Dues paid to any of these or to the sexton, H. Boneler, will be promptly credited on the books of the association. Lots which dues were not paid last year will not receive care until such dues are paid.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending April 15, 1899:

Charles Large, Henry Randy and S. C. Plash.
Persons calling for any of the above will please say "JOHN HANNA, P. M."

Farmers, Attention.

I have a thoroughbred Durham bull that I have just purchased for the use of farmers in this vicinity and hereby give notice so that all lovers of choice Durham stock can breed accordingly. Terms \$1.
HARRISON BENEDETT,
514 1/2 2 miles north of Birmingham.

HUDSON'S, The Big Store, Detroit.

\$5.00--THE HANAN SHOE--Best on Earth--\$5.00

SPRING OVERCOATS FOR MEN.

The praises and purchases of these New Overcoats last week by men who had looked all around, verified what we already knew of their unmatched goodness to your pockets. This hint of them:
A short Coat, just long enough to cover your sac..... \$7.50 to \$20
A herringbone Coat, just about long enough to reach your knees..... \$10 to \$20
A soft, fuzzy Vignin, in gray, black or herringbone effect, alk faced, with knee velvet collar, English just above your knees or just below them..... \$10 to \$20
SPECIAL—100 Men's fine Coat Top Coats, brand new, regular lengths, correct styles, and all sizes. They are right \$10 values for..... \$7.00

BOYS' Top Coats

Styles like the Men's; materials, cut, the same.
3 to 8 years..... \$4
9 to 15 years..... \$6
16 to 19 years..... \$7.50

LADIES' TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

SPECIAL—Extraordinary values in a special purchase of Man-Tailored Suits, made for this season's wear, stylish and correct. See the Grotat Ave. window. They're \$12.50 and \$15 values for..... \$7.00

SEEDS—Flower and Vegetable, see dozen packages, 1c.

Hudson's Big Store, DETROIT.

Our Reputation

is made by selling good shoes at honest values.

Your Reputation

as a good and up-to-date dresser will be made by allowing us to fit you.

The snappiest, most stylish things in Ladies' Shoes on the market at
\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.

Going's Shoe House,

Pontiac, Mich.
STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK.