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Try a pair of TRI-ON-FA Shoes. All styles and one quality and one price--

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equal to shoes sold at \$3.00 elsewhere. They are made from the finest Brazil kid on stylish lasts, and everything about them, workmanship, material, finish, fit, etc., is the best. Sold by

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Large line of Ladies' Oxfords for summer wear.



At Nixon's one week for Cash only!

Thread 2c spool. Suspenders 10c pair. Men's Cotton Hose 5c per pair. 24 pairs Children's Cloth Top Shoes from 8 to 2 at \$1.00--former price \$1.50. This is a snap if you want something for nothing, as these goods are made by Johnson & Boile, Millsbury, Pa.

one lot of oil-wax Poms, for 35c, for one week for \$2--a great bargain. Men's Hats in Straw and Wool at 50c--cannot be bought from the "color-woman" goods man for less than \$1.00.

I can give you better goods than any other house in town. Yours,

I GIVE TRADING STAMPS WITH CASH PURCHASES. Birmingham, Mich.

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is always threshing at something, and now it is HAMMOCKS, CROQUET, WINDOW POLES, BRASS RODS FOR CURTAINS, GRANITE WARE, and now and then a piece of Crockery. Come and look the stock over and see for yourself. s.

Pontiac, Mich.

BARGAINS IN

Dining Chairs, Red Rockers, Oak Rockers.

New lines of Suits, and prices low. Bedroom Suits, special at \$14 and up to \$30. Good Tufted Couch for \$5 and upwards.

New Assortment of Jardineers just arrived. Am selling Wall Paper lower than any place in town.

I desire a share of your patronage.

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WHO IS Bladder-trouble, Dr. Kupper's... Try a pair of TRI-ON-FA Shoes...

CLAWSON Mrs. Carrie Clawson is ill with pleurisy. John Lawson has a fine new bicycle.

Visitors at J. Lawson's: Jos. Ches; Jacob Lawson and Mrs. Bookham.

Geo. Robinson has taken the contract to furnish timber for the electric road. Niles Peterson and daughter Helen, of Adrian, are the guests of H. J. Bowen this week.

The Detroit & Lake Orion Co. are now grading the road between Royal Oak and this place and expect to complete it to Rochester by September.

COUNTY LINE A jeweler has set up a shop in Mason's store. Several dogs have been poisoned lately in Warren.

Ernest Joiner, son of R. Joiner, broke his arm last week. Dr. Flynn has secured a drugstore for his new store.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church at Warren last Sunday. William Brown received some machinery for their new mill last week.

Frank Peck, who was working at Rondo, returned home a few days ago. E. Soten represented Warren Lodge K. of P. at the Grand Lodge at Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Jerome Moore, daughter of R. Hoard, living near Lenox, committed suicide last week. Mrs. Moore lived near here a good many years.

BEYOND A DOUBT. This Should Encourage Any Person to Try It.

Result of recent experience with Dr. Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer which establishes beyond question the superiority of this cure over all other remedies, for the permanent cure of all stomach and nerve troubles.

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—I thought I would write a few lines to let you know that your medicine is helping me very much. I think if I were young I would improve much faster. You can quote me as saying, 'Dr. Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer is certainly a good medicine.'"

"Very respectfully yours, 'Mrs. T. S. ROBERTS. 'Leslie, Mich.'"

"MESSRS. DRAKE & RHODES, Kendallville, Ind.:—I have been using your Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer every day according to directions for two weeks, and while I am not cured, I am ready to confess that all remedies that I have used, the effects of your tablets have been superior to all other remedies, and shall continue the use of this one in the future."

"JOHN HAAS, City Treasurer."

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MOURNING CUSTOMS. Violet the Correct Color in Turkey-- Diplomat's Pansy Error. New York Press: Some men like to wear a broad band of black crepe on their hats. They think it improves the appearance of man and changes, and do not hesitate to adopt it whether there is a death in the family or not.

The British have taken to the arm band as an outward show of grief, and we see its employment creeping in here. It is in very poor taste. Following an ancient and honorable custom certain regiments regard the death of a fallen soldier as an exemption from bathing for seven days. The Greeks and Romans fasted, and all nations, at one time or another, have had funeral feasts. A fashionable street on Sunday I noticed two house a sporting rosette and streamers, the colors of violet, once saw a similar emblem at the Hotel de Byzance, in Constantinople, and the landlord, Mr. Archipopoulos, informed me that the ordinary color for mourning in Europe is black, in China white, in Ethiopia brown. It was white in Spain until 1498. You all have heard the story of the Chinese minister at Washington, who, having but recently arrived, threw the entire legation in mourning because a boy employed to scatter white handbills about the city cast a lot into the windows and doors of the big house at 2703 Fourteenth street. He thought the pieces of paper had been sent in the order of the administration to signify to him that some high official was dead. The blinds were closed and the embassy solemnly proceeded to suspend business for three days.

QUEUES HUNG UP. As an Evidence That Chinese Rebels Had A Met Justice. Shanghai correspondence New York Sun: Letters from a missionary who has just traveled across northern China from Honansell, Babes for the British and Foreign Bible society, give graphic pictures of the terror and disaster caused by the rebellion in that province. The missionary started out with a corps of two and two young Chinese wheeling barrows. For several days they simply heard rumors of the approach of the rebels, who were killing, plundering and burning. Finally, after four days' travel, they neared a large city and were stopped at a barrier from the surrounding country where was pouring by every road. At all the small villages rusty old guns were being furnished up and spears brought to the front. The city was expected to be held, but thousands were pressing about the gates eager to secure the shelter of the walls. The missionary was unable to gain entrance to the gates because of the crowd, which would give way only to an official. Many of these refugees had come some distance, and all were carrying their household belongings in carts or in wheelbarrows. Little children were crying from hunger and exposure. On reaching Suichow, Kiangnan, he found that the soldiers had defeated the marauders, killing a large number. Over the west gate were hanging about 70 queues, some with the ears attached, and over the south gate were 200 more, grim evidence that justice had been dealt out to some of the criminals who have terrorized the whole province.

PARENTS GO INSANE. Over Christian Science and Save Their Children with Hot Irons. San Francisco Examiner: Ten years ago in Paso Robles a pretty sixteen-year-old Swedish girl, Klara, the bride of an industrious young man, a native of her own country. During these ten years the couple lived in comfort and contentment. Five children were born to them. Today these little ones are worse than orphaned, for their parents have been committed to the asylum for the insane at Asylum. They are fanatics on religion. Converts to the doctrine of Christian Science, they refused medical aid when their youngest child was ill with cholera. He died, they claimed to see strange, supernatural visions, and in obedience to what they declared a divine being they seared their children's bodies with red-hot irons. They had selected the 15th day of April as the date for crucifixion of themselves and children. Their mania is the more remarkable because they are people of education and intelligence. Fortunately it is rare that a father and mother lose their reason simultaneously, as did this unhappy couple, whose children can now be traced, untraced, now call the "poor farm" of Monterey county their home.

To Stop Pauperism. The municipal authorities of Mons, Belgium, have just adopted a resolution which will prevent children from being born paupers in that city. Every child born in Mons, after being registered officially, will have a bank account opened in its name with the city savings bank. The authorities will deposit one franc for the infant, who, when he arrives at a sufficient age will find this as a nucleus to augment with his penny savings. The original deposit of one franc, after being registered at any time, but the interest accruing is the property of the young depositor.

Improved Vaseline. Stranger (to Boston Post) suppose this suburban trolley line has increased its values hereabouts? Farmer Greene—Oh, yes! Ole Bill Goswynn wasn't he the pedlar, or rather, the pedlar of Bridgetown till he got run over by one of them cars—now he's worth \$5,000.—Puck.

Where Dreams Would Fail. Van Twiller—I dreamed that I committed suicide last night on your account. Miss O'Connell (quaintly)—He- he—hadn't you better go back to member about it? Van Twiller—Oh, I wouldn't dream of that.—Judge.

The man who thinks right, and too loves womanly better than creed, seldom goes wrong, unless he gets well paid for it when nobody is looking.

SHAFER'S. Boys' Long Pant Suits \$4.50, \$6, \$7.50. Children's Vestee Suits \$2.50, \$3.50. Boys' Two-Piece Suits \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.

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SHAFER'S. LADIES' GLOVES. Kayser's double tips, black pearl, white, gray, modes and tan, at 90c, 75c and \$1.00. Taffeta Gloves, all colors, 25c. White Silk Evening Gloves, 75c and \$1.00. White Kid Gloves, \$1.15, \$2.00. Chamois Gloves, white and natural, 75c. Bicycle Gloves, 25c and 50c. Children's Confirmation Gloves.

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Sizes 8 to 17 years; all the wanted styles and materials such as blue black and fancy worsteds, blue tractors, blue serges, chevots in black and, fancy plaids and mixtures, cassimers, etc. Made, trimmed and finished throughout in the best possible manner. Full hat double seat and knee. Regular prices \$4 to \$10.

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Florence.

Dry Goods, Carpets and Cloaks--Waltz Brothers & Co. Flour, Feed and Hay--J. W. Hart & Co., S. Lawrence St. E. Hardware, Groves and Tinware--E. J. Halverson. Laundry--Pontiac Steam Laundry, D. J. Vilever Prop.

Monticello, Pa.

Fort Collins, Colo.--James E. DuBois, secretary of the Colorado state board of agriculture, committed suicide by taking poison. Wichita, Kas.--Dr. Edmund, member of a posse seeking "Bill" Watson, a horse-thief, was shot and killed by the latter, northwest of Shawnee, O. T. Enid, O. T.--A negro cake-maker at the street railway depot in a riot between whites and negroes. Three white men and four negroes were wounded. Beaver Dam, Wis.--Addison Parker, aged 56, for years associated with Robert Bonner of New York, committed suicide. Philadelphia, Pa.--John Klein and William A. Bentley of Jersey City have been arrested by Chief Wikke, charged with swindling prominent business firms there and in New York and Brooklyn. Terre Haute, Ind.--Squire Draper stepped from the sick room of his wife, where he had learned she would not survive, and after firing two shots into the ground to test his revolver, sent the third bullet into his brain. Toronto, Ont.--At the hanging of Marion Brown the Rev. Robert Johnston, his spiritual adviser, said Brown had not had a fair chance. Hollenberg, Kas.--Sheriff Ed Colgan was shot and sentenced to the penitentiary for six days. Brighten City, Utah--Judge Hart pronounced sentence of death on Abe Majors, convicted of killing Captain of Police Brown of Ogden on April 30. Majors will be shot. San Francisco, Cal.--James McDonald, a guard in San Quentin penitentiary, was attacked by Jacob Gubelheimer, a prisoner, whom he had repudiated, and was stabbed with a knife five times. He will die. New York--George D. Scott, for the last two years manager of the Tarrytown estate of John D. Rockefeller, committed suicide at Tarrytown. Hollenberg, Kas.--Sheriff Ed Colgan of Washington county, Kansas, was shot and instantly killed by William Hoxie, whom he was attempting to arrest. In the encounter Hoxie was fatally shot. Hoxie was wanted on the charge of robbery. New York--Arthur S. Colyar, Jr., a lawyer from Newville, pleaded guilty to an attempt to kidnap Nicholas A. Hocken, a witness in the Mollen case, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for six days. Oakland City, Ind.--Elliott Burkhardt, 14 years old, was run over and killed in a freight train. The girl was an only daughter of a widowed mother and made a living for both by selling papers.

Monongahela, Pa.--The entire plant of the Monongahela Window Glass company was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$18,000. Guthrie, O. T.--The Rev. H. H. Baldwin, pastor of the Christian church, was recently killed by lightning. Ann Arbor, Mich.--At the fire in Mack & Co.'s big furniture store university students proved themselves as brave as the Boston Journal. They rushed into the burning building and saved considerable valuable stock. Fort Dodge, Iowa--Alfred Peterson, an iron worker at the Cardiff, gypsum mills, was caught by a revolving shaft and seriously injured. Pomeroy, Iowa--A fire started in the Smith building and spread until buildings belonging to F. G. Hillman, G. W. Smith, George Olcott and F. C. Butson were burned. Des Moines, Ia.--The boiler of D. O. Smith's sawmill in Marion township exploded. Ned Carlin was blown to pieces and D. O. Smith was badly injured. Oakland City, Ind.--Elliott Burkhardt, 14 years old, was run over and killed in a freight train. The girl was an only daughter of a widowed mother and made a living for both by selling papers.

Editorial Elect and Officers. The new directors of the Associated Press have elected the following: President--Victor F. Lawson, First Vice President--Harper D. Brace, Second Vice President--Geo. Stephenson Gray Otis of the Los Angeles Times. Secretary and General Manager--Melville E. Stone. Assistant Secretary and General Manager--Charles R. Dineen. Executive Committee--Victor F. Lawson, he Chicago Record and Chicago Daily News; Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic; Frederick D. Isaacson, St. Paul Pioneer Press; John Norris, New York World; and Frank B. Noyes, Washington Star.

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