

Shoes and Slippers

For Children's Day Exercises.

- Child's Strap Sandal, black or chocolate, sizes 3 to 6... 50c
Child's and Misses' Patent Leather, strap sandals, sizes 3 to 6... 75c
Patent Tip, strap sandal... 90c to \$1.50
New styles in Children's Shoes, new styles... 50c
Children's Tan Shoes, plain or vamping tops, sizes 3 to 6... \$1.15 to \$2.00
Slippers for Grooming and Parties... \$1.15 to \$2.00
Largest stock of White Slippers in the city... \$1.50, \$1.35 and \$1.50
Black Vici Kid Strap Sandals... \$1.00 to \$2.00
Patent Leather Slippers and Oxford...

H. B. MERRITT, Pontiac.

Special Sale of Furniture...

- 5-piece Parlor Suit for \$20, upholstered in silk tapestry.
Combination Book Case for \$8.00.
Fine line of Dining Chairs for \$3.00 a set up.
New line of Parlor Table with prices and styles to suit you.
Couches at reduced prices.
Bathroom Mirrors for less than you will buy them at wholesale today.
A few Smyrna Rugs and prices low.
Remember I can save you money on Carpets sold by sample.
New line of Matting and Mats. Come and see what a little cash will do.
Have you seen the cut prices on Musical Instruments? Better take advantage of it now. Good violin for \$3.00 and Guitar for \$4.

W. A. O'NEAL.

Ladies, Do You Collect Trading Stamps?
Birmingham.

If not, why not? Trading Stamps are as good as gold at our store. You might just as well derive the benefits obtained by collecting Trading Stamps as your neighbor. You buy goods as cheap from the following merchants as elsewhere and by asking for trading stamps you get more than value for your money.

- Birmingham: Bakery and Lunch—Mrs. C. Ellenswood; Drugs, Books and Stationery—Whitehead & Mitchell; Dry Goods, Gent's Furnishings, Boots and Shoes—W. Nixon.
Pontiac: Boots, Shoes and Rubbers—C. H. Goring; China, Glass and Crockery—W. R. Owen; Clothing and Wood—J. W. Hart & Co., 8 East Lawrence St.; Dressing, Merchandise Tailoring, Men's Furnishings, etc.—J. W. Hart; Drugs—E. L. Keyser.

W. R. OWEN

is always thrashing 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 yourselves.

Pontiac, Mich.

STOP AT COR. WOODWARD AND GRATIOT AVES. RELIABLE KERN'S STORE.

- A GREAT SILK SALE: 15 pieces of Corded WASH SILKS, 35c value at, per yard... 21c; WAIST SILKS: Broken plaids, checks and stripes of Taffeta Silks, pretty waist styles... 75c and \$1 kind, all for... 69c; SILK GREYADEINE: 44-inch Silk and Mohair Greendene. These are cheap at 75c. On sale at, per yard... 69c; TAFFETA SILKS: The best quality of plain and changeable Taffeta Silk, regularly 85c. Buy them here at... 75c.

TAILORED SUITS: The greatest values for the money. Made of Venetians and Covers in all the stylish spring colorings, such as canter, brown, blue, black, red, dip front; skirts bell shaped or braided trimmed. This suit has no equal at... \$10; Timely Bargain in Spring Jackets: Made of all wool covers, fly front silk lined. On sale... \$3.50; A great variety of very swell coats; Elegant tailor finish, strap seamed or button trimmed—the prettiest jacket ever sold at... \$5; Our showing of new Shirt Waists: The most complete in the city. The Prettiest Patterns. The Latest Designs. Stylish Novelties, economically priced at 39c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Everyone of them is new. Come, and see them.

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ROYAL OAK. Mrs. J. Heaver spent Saturday with Detroit friends. Mrs. W. Campbell is slowly recovering, also Mrs. McDowell.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Wheeler this evening. G. Dondoro has had the old Leach farm surveyed into village lots.

Miss Ina Ross is seriously ill, the result of swallowing a pin sometime last week. We are sorry to say that little Francis Heaver and Vina Russell are on the sick list.

Mrs. B. Russell entertained Mrs. Jacks and her daughter, Mrs. R. Russell of Cleveland, last week. Royal Oak is getting more patriotic every day, as we received the benefit of two memorial services in one day.

There was a mistake regarding Wm. Helinger's gas well burning to the height of four feet. It must have been four inches. J. Ribb has purchased two lots on Center street, where he has moved his old home. He is erecting a fine new residence on the old site.

Remember that on the 9th of June the 8th grade promotion exercises will take place at the Royal Oak High School. Admission 10c.

On account of the repairs which the M. E. church is undergoing the services of that society will be held in the Town Hall, this place, on the usual hour, 10:30, next Sunday.

We were sorry to hear of the painful accident which happened Thomas Hill, last Friday afternoon, while working on the electric road he had a leg broken. We were very much surprised to see him riding out Saturday evening.

COUNTY LINE. D. Blakely has gone west. Mrs. C. Evans is visiting her sister at Uica.

F. Brace jr. is working on the electric road. George Berry raised a large barn last Friday. F. Brace has sold his real estate to Sarah Chase.

Will F. all of Oxford called on relatives at Warren lately. A good many Warren people attended Memorial services at Uica.

Chas. Wilson is going to build an addition to his house at Warren. D. Barr, Warren's R. R. agent, and wife are taking a six weeks' vacation.

Memorial services in the Warren M. E. church were largely attended. C. W. Hoard and C. Osborn attended the funeral of Mrs. Jerome Moore near Lennon.

P. Drummond of Turner, is moving the balance of his furniture from Warren. Miss Emma McClure's school closed Friday last. The children played at Palmer Park.

Jerome Moore's barn near Lennon was struck by lightning and burned. Jerome has had luck lately. A. Parks, of R. Reno, called on Warren friends this week. A reports an unusually good lumber trade and has bought 80 acres of timber near his mill.

Free Pills. Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merit. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken, by their action but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell, Druggists.

OUR... Curtain Selling. This season has been beyond all expectation. The reason of this is easily explained if you will visit our light and commodious department, examine our magnificent assortment and note our exceptionally low prices. An assortment of Irish Point Curtains, special at, per pair... \$2.89; Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 56 inches wide, per pair... \$1.00; Saxony Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, per pair... \$2.00; Bissel's Carpet Sweepers, special at... \$1.98.

New Wash Goods. Pretty Saint Waist Materials—New Gingham Stripes corded effects, per yard... 10c; Yard-wide Percales pretty patterns, per yard... 6c; White Pique A splendid heavy quality... 12 1/2c.

Is Baby Too Thin? If so, there must be some trouble with its food. Well babies are plump; only the sick are thin. Are you sure the food is all right? Children can't help but grow; they must grow if their food nourishes them. Perhaps a mistake was made in the past and as a result the digestion is weakened. If that is so, don't give the baby a lot of medicine; just use your every-day common sense and help nature a little, and the way to do it is to add half a teaspoonful of SCOTT'S EMULSION to the baby's food three or four times a day. The gain will begin the very first day you give it. It seems to correct the digestion and gets the baby started right again. If the baby is nursing but does not thrive, then the mother should take the emulsion. It will have a good effect both upon the mother and child. Twenty-five years proved this fact.

THE ONCE PAINTING Farmers' Alliance in Kansas is now rural almost entirely by women. A 110-acre burial ground for animals and birds has been established at Cozart, N. N. There are 3,064 languages in the world, and its inhabitants profess more than 1,000 religions. The Jogat Guru Banharacharya of Dewarka is lecturing in Calcutta on the Vedas and the Upanishads. Advanced English barmaths object to that name and call themselves "licensed distillers and assistants." Thomas L. Wilson, of St. Catharines, Ont., discovered acetylene gas while smelting for metallurgical purposes. There are 439 bridges in New York. The borough of Richmond has 17,000 brooms; 79,000; 46; Brooklyn, 53, and Manhattan, 17. T. L. Jones, a Leeds police constable, has been appointed accepted at the Royal Academy. He is 30 years old and self-taught. In lower Austria the weather was so cold during the last week of March that thousands of song-birds perished. Deer were emboldened by hunger to approach farm houses. Employer—So you want a fortnight's salary in advance? What do you expect you should be tonight? Clerk (proudly)—Sir, I may be poor, but I am a gentleman.—London Tit-Bits.

New York has supplied more candidates for the vice presidency than any other state in the union, having had at least one candidate in sixteen of the twenty-eight states. The life of an editor in Serbia is not a delightful one. Within the last two years one weekly paper has had sixteen editors. Fifteen of them are in jail for commenting upon government affairs. The total value of Kansas' dairy products in 1907 was \$5,259,752, and in 1908 increased 15 per cent to \$6,049,552. From the estimates of the general cultural department the increase for 1899 will be still greater.

Chicago, Ill.—What became of that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" crowd which billed here last week? Buckler Bits—Oh, they're kind of disbanded. The boys Lynch Legged, made Uncle Tom marry, the sheriff married Eva and the Indians ate the dogs.—Puck. It is said that during a conversation between Col. Henry Waterson and Ambassador Choate before the latter sailed for England, Choate remarked: "Henry, you and I and George Peck (ex-governor of Wisconsin) are the greatest orators." "What's the use of mentioning Peck?" rejoined Waterson; "he isn't here."

Fred Huson, of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers, writes from the Philippines: "I am not much afraid of battle. I would love rather to go into battle than climb a Kansas windmill." The Kansas City Journal thinks that this expression "will be appreciated by every man who has climbed a rickety tower to pour oil into the coogs of those buzzing demons."

SCIENTIFIC. Fish will have difficulty in dislodging a newly designed hook from their mouths when new hooks with an auxiliary barb being placed on the point opposite the barb now in use and lower down on the shank. Horse and bicycle races are accurately timed by a new electric mechanism, having a camera set opposite a timing clock, with magnets for operating a starting gate and the timing clock. The camera, the operations being controlled by push buttons. Books can be adjusted in a convenient position to be read by the use of a lamp support, consisting of a vertical stand mounted on ball bearings to revolve freely, having a tilting rack at the top which clamps the book and holds it at the angle desired.

Long Range Firing. No one who reads about the desperate fighting going on in these long-range, quick-firing days could have felt so amazed at the small number of resulting casualties. As a matter of fact, the firing begins when the combatants are miles apart and ends before they can see the whites of each other's eyes. There is no "shoot and run" business as of yore. What killing is done is miscellaneous and accidental. This is particularly true with respect to the warfare now being waged in the Philippines. The fatalities among our troops mainly result from the fire of sharpshooters, who pick their victims from the dense cover of the jungle. The Filipino has been learned to protect themselves by keeping out of range. Two or three severe Jessons sufficed—Philadelphia Record.

What a Memory. One rainy day in spring, says Stray Stories, an old Yorkshire shepherd returned to his native village after an absence of fifteen years, and fearfully sought the house which sheltered his deserted wife. Entering without knocking he found her near the open door, took a long and vigorous pull at his dirty clay pipe, and nodded jerkily to "Towl woman" "Mornin', Maria," he said, "there it is." She looked up from the potatoes she was peeling, and tried to utter the scathing trade she had fully rehearsed since his departure, but it would not come. "Ben," she said, "I don't know who you are, 'bring them over to C' fire, an' Ah'll darn that hole if 'er set that we build fairly good vessels in this country."

Other Interests. "Say, what has become of your millinery enthusiasm? Aren't you going to buy a new hat?" "While the baseball season is on, 's'pose not?"—Indianapolis Journal.

An Irish paper prints this protest from "A Cyelet": "While cycling the road near Healy's bridge a foxey terrier dog stole on me unperceived and bit me on the calf of the leg, from which I am now suffering. The dog, I understand, belongs to a magistrate who resides in the neighborhood, and is allowed to wander on the road unattended, and yet sits on the bench in judgment on others."

A law class of forty-eight women has just been graduated from New York University. It is now nine years since this course was introduced, yet the women are beginning to understand and appreciate its purpose. Its aim is not to make lawyers out of women, but to give them a practical knowledge of the laws which concern them, especially in the direction of the management of property.

Here is a new style of wedding notice from Windsor, Mo.: "His name is Orta P. Edds and he is sixteen years old. Her name was Pearl Ramp and she is fifteen years old. Sunday they were married in Warren, Mo. They then moved to a farm near Lamotte, where they will go to housekeeping the great struggle against the law which hustling and women scheming from dawn until the crack of doom."

Down here they saw the horns off the "wild" or Texas cattle before they slip them east. The animals pack better, take up less room in the cars, are not so likely to injure one another and look better to the buyer. A Texas steer may carry just as much beef and tallow as a milky cow, but his horns are a valuable book-keeper. Texas cattle have a bad reputation, too, and when their horns are sawed off they look as innocent and harmless as a baby's hair.—Iola (Kan.) Letter-Chicago Record.

The names of some of the Oklahoma newspapers are a high range of originality. In the following list is the Shawnee Daily Dinner Bell. The Reader is a favorite name, and there are several papers so called in different parts of the territory, although in the cattle trade it has a dreadful significance. The Sunbeam is also popular. There are several dailies, and the Kicker is an influential Populist organ, and its rival is the Pottawatomie County Plain People.—Correspondence Chicago Record.

Approves of the question as to whether or not women should remove their hats in church a Lexington (Mo.) man suggests a return to the good old custom under which the men sat on one side of the church and the women on the other. "That was," says the writer, "the women could get the full benefit of their big hats. Women who remove their hats out of courtesy to those who sit behind them could, of course, sit where they chose. The writer would have the full benefit of attempting to see the preacher through a jungle of feathers and gee-gaws."

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In a letter to an Ottawa county (Kan.) paper one of the members of Gen. MacArthur's brigade writes from Manila: "Night before last I was on picket duty all night, and yesterday morning I found that the nigger picket was within a hundred yards of me. After a little talk we both laid down our guns and met between the lines and had a little visit. He said the people in their army did not want to fight us, but they had to or their officers would kill them. He also said that he had had a bite to eat for three days. I gave him what hardtack I had with me, and he said he was good to see him eat it than if I had given him a pie. When we parted we shook hands, and he cried like a baby."

RECENT INVENTIONS. An electric company of New Jersey is to manufacture an automatic hair clipper, in which the blades are to be reciprocated by a small motor set in the casing forming the handle of the clipper. A handy perpetual calendar has been designed, with the days of the week arranged at the edge of a circular dial, on a revolving plate, to be adjusted for each month. For handling small cakes of ice an improved pair of tongs has been placed on the market, a single piece of wire being bent into a V, with pointed ends which are forced into the cake by lifting on a chain connecting the two arms of the tongs.

PARAGRAPHS WITH POINTS. Consul Rose has succeeded in rounding up an unlimited supply of responsibility. Sometimes the wages of sin look suspiciously like fat dividends on watered stock. The work of purchasing experience in the stock market has been so lively that quite a number of persons find themselves on the long side of the game. When Spain undertakes the work of restoring her navy she will make a serious mistake if she overlooks the fact that we build fairly good vessels in this country. Many a wife dusts the billiard cloth for her husband's coat and sheds tears of sympathy because of the late season he must spend at a desk close to a whitewashed wall.

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- Men's Clothing: Boys' Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Hats and Caps, Shoes, Ladies' Suits, Cloaks, Shirt Waists, Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Infants' Wear, Silks, Groceries.
Dress Goods: Linings, Prints, Flannels, Linens, Notions, Trimmings, Jewelry, Art Goods, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear.
House Furnishings: Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Furniture, Sporting Goods, Cameras, Bicycles, Millinery, Veilings, Ribbons, Laces, Music.

Don't forget that you are expected to use our check rooms when you are in town, and we have comfortably furnished resting place, free telephones, lavatories, etc. Best restaurant in the state on the seventh floor, overlooking the city and river, and the prices are very reasonable.

C. A. SHAFER, Detroit.

THE FIRST WOMAN PATRON OF THE Spanish war is Mrs. S. C. Gilbreath of Austin, Tex., whose husband, a major in the Eleventh infantry, died in Porto Rico last summer. Librarian of Congress Herbert Putnam says: "The popular idea of a library is to give forth its best to all who sought. My ideal is to arouse people to seek the library." The late Simon Armour, brother of P. B. Armour, spent the first forty-two years of his life on a farm, and did not go into the packing business, wherein he made his fortune, for some years.

MISSING LINKS. Roberts College, Constantinople, has completed its thirty-eighth year. It has 248 students, not only from Turkey, but from all the surrounding countries. Dr. John G. Paton's reports for the past year tell of 1,102 South Sea Islanders won from cannibalism, to Christianity, one missionary alone receiving 200 adults into church membership. According to the geographical boundary established by the late general conference, Bishop Thoburn is head of India and of the islands inhabited by the Malay race. This includes the Philippines. Since the Five Points Mission was founded in New York in 1850 there have been 43,000 pupils taught and cared for, 864 during the past year in the day school, and thirty-nine adults in the night school.

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