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10 dozen Ladies' Ecru Sleeveless Vest, the 10c quality—Saturday..... 5c
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Performances—Afternoon and Evenings.

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It Pays to Buy at Going's.

WHY IS THIS?

Because he looks closely after the interests of his customers:

1st--By buying Reliable Footwear.
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Remember we warrant all workmanship and have the most complete repair shop in the city. Give us a trial, we will use you well.

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Corner Saginaw and Lawrence Sts., Pontiac.

SCHOOL LAWS

Two Laws of Our State That Have Never Yet Been Observed by Our School Board.

Published for Information Only.—Please Read Carefully.

CHAPTER XI.

Act No. 195, Laws of 1897.

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY SCHOOL BOARD.

Section 1—*The People of the State of Michigan enact,* That previous to the third Monday in September of every year, the Board of Education, or Board of Trustees, as the case may be, of any graded school district in this State in which one or more newspapers are published, shall cause to be published in a newspaper published in said district, and designated by said board, also a full and itemized financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of said district during the preceding school year, the expense of said publication to be paid out of the general fund of said district.

Section 2—If any board of education, or board of trustees, as the case may be, shall neglect to comply with the provisions of this act, each member of any such board shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars.

CHAPTER XXXII.

[Act No. 68, Public Acts of 1897.]

PURCHASE OF UNITED STATES FLAGS.

Section 1—*The People of the State of Michigan enact,* That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of the size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet and made of good flag bunting "A." flag staff and the necessary appliances therefor and shall display said flag upon, near (or in a conspicuous place within) the public school building during school hours and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper, and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred therein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are collected by law. And the penalties for neglect of duty provided in section two, chapter fourteen of the general school laws, shall apply to any school officer refusing to comply with the provisions of this act.

PREPARING FOR FALL.

C. A. Shafer Proposes to Wind Up The Present Season With A Sensational Sale.

In another part of this paper appears the announcement of a great clearing sale at Shafer's big department store. The reason given for this movement is a determination to close out Thousands of dollars' worth of this season's merchandise before opening the fall campaign. The quotations show startling reductions in prices on nearly every kind of men's, women's, and children's wearing apparel, dry goods and kindred lines, as well as many lines of household goods. It is a generally accepted fact that "Shafer does as Shafer says," and it is safe to predict that such inducements as the extraordinary bargains promised today will make a new sale's record for the store this week.

In the furniture departments a straight cut of 25 per cent on original prices prevails and this is remarkable in view of the fact that the cost of every article of furniture material has advanced 30 to 100 per cent. The stocks cover two immense floors and are said to contain a greater amount of very fine furniture than any other house in Michigan has ever shown.

In speaking of the prospect for fall trade, Mr. Shafer gave as his opinion that it will be the best known in years. He is making extensive preparations for an unusually busy season, and promises to surprise people with the quantity, quality, and prices of his goods. Much of the fall clothing has already arrived and the styles are extremely nobby, while the workmanship surpasses the best previous efforts of the wholesale tailors.

The concern has just finished their semi-annual inventory and with gratifying results. The figures show a big increase in business for the past six months, and this is attributed to the fact they have demonstrated to the public the advantage of buying for cash from a house that pays cash for its goods and thus secures big discounts and every possible concession from manufacturers.

The house has always refrained from misrepresentation and exaggeration in their advertising. The announcements are governed by the belief that an honest estimate may not bring as many buyers, but it will make a customer of every one of them.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending August 5, 1899:

Wm. Morris (4), Albert Vogel, Mrs. Mary Howlet, Mrs. Sayley

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

JOHN HANNAP, M.

Death of Miss Jennie Buttolph.

Wednesday morning at Grace Hospital occurred the death of Miss Jennie M. Buttolph, a member of the faculty of the Central High School, of Detroit. Miss Buttolph underwent an operation some weeks ago, and the immediate cause of her death was peritonitis. She was a young woman of exceptional worth and delightful personality. Her home was in Pontiac where she received her earlier schooling, after attending and graduating from the State Normal at Ypsilanti, and also studying for some time at the University of Michigan. She became connected with the faculty of the Detroit High School six years ago, teaching algebra, and in that time she had won the esteem of all with whom she was associated.

When Supt. Bliss was informed of her death he expressed the deepest regret, and said that in all the years of Miss Buttolph's teaching he had never heard of a single case of friction with her students. She was a strong and accurate teacher, and a splendid woman.

Miss Buttolph was a daughter of John Buttolph, of Pontiac. The funeral was held from the home last Friday afternoon.

A HARMONIOUS BOARD.

The School Board is Doing a Right Smart Heap of Good Work.

Last Saturday night all the members of the School Board being on hand quite a good deal of business was transacted, the most important being the engagement of Miss Mabel Steward, of Boise City, Idaho, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Harriet Beard. Miss Steward will come to Birmingham with as fine recommendations from as high sources as any stranger that ever came to our school and the Board one and all feel that they have won a prize. She is a graduate of the highest standing from an eastern college and a teacher with plenty of experience. Discussion on the needs of a new closet or toilet room for the schools, the old ones being obnoxious and a nuisance, was had and a committee to investigate ventilation and closet requirements, also to see about the boiler repairs for the heating system were appointed.

Monday evening a full board met and reports made by the different committees. The boiler is to be repaired at once and put in a safe and serviceable condition and it was voted to put new closet rooms in the north basement of the school building, also to enlarge the chimney with the proper requisites for draft and ventilation. This is a much needed want and the heart wishes of the near residents of the old closets will be granted by dispensing with them forever more.

In the choice of teachers to fill vacancy caused by Miss Hanna's resignation, Miss Clara Erb, of Royal Oak, secured the plum. Miss Erb is a Normal graduate, has had several years of experience and no doubt will prove successful here as well as elsewhere. She is also a graduate of our own school and has many friends in Birmingham who congratulate her on her good luck. Our teachers for the coming year are now all secured and are as follows:

Prof. E. F. Waldo, Supt.; Miss Mabel Steward, Mrs. H. T. Randall, Miss Anna Hall, Miss Delia E. Crosby, Miss Clara Erb, Miss Sara Eunis, Miss Charlotte Leonard. With the above corps of excellent teachers and under Prof. Waldo's known and experienced leadership, our past years of good results we certainly fell will be equalled if not excelled.

Elks' Carnival, Detroit.

All Detroit and a great portion of Michigan are interested just now in the Industrial exposition and street carnival to be given by Detroit Lodge No. 34, Benevolent Protective order of Elks, commencing Monday, Aug. 21, and lasting until Saturday, Sept. 2. Special arrangements have been made to take care of out-of-town visitors and reduced rates secured from the railroads for large parties. The D. A. C. park, on Woodward Ave., within 10 minutes' ride of the center of the city, has been secured by the managers for headquarters. A large force of men is now being employed there preparing for what will undoubtedly be the largest and finest affair of the kind ever given in the west.

At the entrance of the park there will be a beautiful arch and an electrical display of great magnificence. Passing through, visitors will enter a large auditorium, in the center of which a magnificent fountain will play. From there visitors will be taken to Elks street, 720 ft. long, lined with booths where merchants will make a grand display. In the center there will be a tower, from which a fine bird's-eye view of the grounds and the electrical display can be obtained. Among the attractions will be the German Village, the Indian Village, the largest elephant known in captivity will be seen in the Streets of Cairo, La Belle Rosea, the famous ouchee-couchee dancer, will be at the Turkish theater with graceful dancing girls from Algiers.

Monday, Aug. 21, opening day, will be devoted to newspaper men, who will be given a boat ride and luncheon on the river in the afternoon. Aug. 24 and 31 will be Elks' Days. At 11 p. m. there will be a social session in the German Village, something unique in Elkdom, which will be presided over by Grand Exalted Ruler B. M. Allen, of Birmingham, Ala.

The Cry is "STILL THEY COME."

The GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM are bound to give the people of Michigan all the excursions desirable, both East, West and North. The next excursion that will be given by the System is on Aug. 17th to the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing; on the 18th an excursion to Milwaukee, on the 19th an excursion to Traverse City, Pestoskey, Bay View and Mackinaw. All of these excursions are at extremely low rates, and the return limit is fifteen days from date of starting. This gives everybody a chance to take an outing to all the above prominent points.

For information, rates, etc., apply to all agents of the Company, connecting lines or to Ben. Fletcher, T. P. A., Detroit.

Takes quality to carry the Traver label.
But the wearing of it costs nothing extra.

CUTTING 'EM DOWN

At Traver's. Suit sale now on—all this week. MEN'S $10.00 and $12.00 SUITS FOR $7.50. Suits out of our regular $10 and $12 stock—Suits that have the Traver quality. They're not Suits bought specially for this sale. Same high-grade Suits that have given such great satisfaction right along to our customers. Lines full, not a size missing. Might's well save $2.50 or $4.50 on that new Suit.

R. H. TRAVER,
Orders by Mail filled promptly. DETROIT.

ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS.

The quickest wink on record is about one-sixth of a second.

Paris gets part of its ice by rail from a glacier near Briancon.

Of 124 law students admitted to the bar in London, 19 have Oriental names.

A church in Hawaii has raised $10,000 for missionary work in the Philippines.

California roses contain 20 per cent more perfume than those grown in other states.

Baltimore has the largest negro population of any city in the country. It is estimated to be about 125,000.

Pennsylvania's silk industry now amounts to $32,000,000 annually, an increase of 33 per cent since 1895.

Charcoal is the chief Italian fuel. It costs from $16 to $20 a ton in Italy and 700,000 tons are consumed yearly.

One day recently there were 106 carloads of watermelons on the railroad tracks in Pittsburg. The cars contained 100,000 melons.

There are eight inches more rainfall on the south shore of Lake Superior than on the north shore, and three inches more in the cases of Erie and Ontario.

In Switzerland a milkmaid gets better wages if gifted with a good voice, because it has been discovered that a cow will yield one-fifth more milk if soothed during milking by melody.

SELECTED SMILES.

"Papa, dear, why are these waterproof soles called 'gutta percha?'" "Because, my lad, they enable you to perch in the gutter without getting wet."

"How old are you, little girl?" asked the kind lady of a 3-year-old. "I's not old at all," was the reply. "I's almost new."

SAGE OF SAWHAW SAYS.

A man can't become an angel by spreading his opinions.

The man who is always citing aphorisms should be told he is quite trite.

Some men's writings are so strained that they might be called pen sieve.

A man's position in the world will depend considerably on his disposition.

Baseball enthusiasts consider the triumph of battery work a signal victory.

False pretenses is such a common expression one might suppose there could be true ones.

The vehicle in which the country swain does his wooing has not been known as a kissing buggy.

A man's sentiments when his ambitions are dashed to earth are generally too serious to express in dashes.

So train your mind that your heart can rely on its counsels in an emergency.—Chicago Democrat.

FREE OF CHARGE.

Any adult suffering from a cold settled on the breast, bronchitis, throat or lung troubles of any nature, who will call at Whitehead & Mitchell's will be presented with a sample bottle of Boschee's German Syrup, free of charge. Only one bottle given to one person and none to children without order from parents.

No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away and your druggist will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung Remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75-cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive you have a billious look; if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys be affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys. Purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store for 50 cents a bottle.

THE AUTOMOBILE.

As soon as the manufacture of automobiles becomes more rapid the prices will decline just as they have recently done in the case of bicycles.

The unpleasant odors due to gases in the vapor motors are being done away with, as is the vibration and also the noise, which for a time accompanied the running of some of the gas carriages. The carriages are constantly becoming lighter and more convenient.

In Paris, last Easter day, the first of the carriages of a large transportation company appeared, propelled by storage batteries. Their capacity was limited to from thirty-seven to forty-nine miles without being recharged. The expense of riding has been fixed at about thirty to thirty-eight cents an hour for one or two persons. For three persons, forty cents a trip is charged. Their adoption for general use, it is said, is a certainty.

Contrary to the prevailing idea, the automobile has not originated within the past ten or fifteen years. In fact, fully fifty years before the first use of the locomotive the automobile was experimented with. Away back in 1763 a Frenchman named Nicolas Joseph Cugnott worked out a steam carriage, and although his production was a somewhat clumsy affair, it was the forerunner of horseless carriages that have been more recently developed.

One of the most recent developments in the line of automobiles run by storage batteries is a means of charging the batteries when their current has been exhausted. John Van Wyck of the Edison Electric company has invented a slot machine which can be put up at convenient places along the downtown streets. By attaching two wires on the carriage to the hydrant and dropping a coin in the slot the current can be turned on and the batteries recharged.

CLOSE SHAVES.

Blood will tell in the man who shaves himself.—Evansville Courier.

A down-town barber advertises: "No vivisection done here."—Philadelphia Record.

When a man is being operated on by a barber, it is best for him to keep his mouth shut. The case is different when the patient is in the dentist's chair.—New Orleans Picayune.

A Cherryvale young man went to get his hair cut. The barber's comb struck an obstruction which turned out to be his girl's side comb. But he doesn't remember how it got there.—Kansas City Star.

"You shave yourselluf?" asked the barber. "Yes." "I thought so. You cut your chin. I neffer cut my chin." "So I see," returned the victim. "I wish you would, because it isn't particularly interesting."—Harlem Life.

"Look here," said the barber to the restless man in the chair, "if you don't keep still I'm liable to cut your throat." "O, I'm not afraid of that," replied the helpless victim, "so long as you continue to use that razor."—Pearson's Weekly.

Customer (as journeyman barber leaves the shop)—"What did you discharge him for?" Barber—"Why, he ain't got no more sense than a stone wall! One of my customers left a pair of razors here to be sharpened, and that ignorant chump actually went and sharpened them so that the man could shave with them."—Berlin (Md.) Herald.

STRAY FACTS.

Artificial ivory is made from borax and skimmed milk.

Women are employed as sailors in Denmark, Norway and Finland.

The churches of the United States claim 26,000,000 communicants.

The Anglican bishop of Labrador says that his diocese extends to the north pole.

The British navy owns sixty-two docks. Of these sixty-one are of stone. The other is of wood.

The fare on Chinese railroads is only one cent a mile for first class and a half cent for second class.