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Everything in Men's and Boys' Caps at	25c
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This shoe would be good value at $1.25	
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One lot Men's Fine Shoes, former price $2.00	$1.00
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Everything in Men's Fine Shirts with collars and cuffs at	43c each
One lot Boys' Fur Shoes, former price $1.25	$1.00
One lot Ladies' Fine Walking Shoes, former price $1.25	$1.00
One lot Men's Good Gloves at 25c and 50c	25c

The largest line of Men's, Ladies', Boys' and Misses' Shoes in town.

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Will bring you samples and prices of anything wanted in the line of DRY GOODS AND FURNISHINGS:

Silks, Dress Goods, White Goods, Wash Goods, Laces, Gloves, Hosiery, Fancy Goods, Linens, Corsets, Underwear, Cloaks, Jackets, Draperies, Rugs, Mattings, Etc.

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Do your CHRISTMAS SHOPPING with us by mail and save time, trouble and money.

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The Taylor-Woolfenden Co., Detroit.

IS ROBERT BLACK DEAD?

A Rumor to that Effect Has Been in Circulation Here for Some Time.

The Young Man Was a Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Black, of this Place, and Left Here About a Year Ago--Was Last Heard from in February--A Man Answering his Description Dies in May at the Ogemaw County House Under the Name of Robert Brooks--Different People Claim to Have Seen him Since he Was Reported Dead. Information that Would Clear up the Mystery Would Be Thankfully Received by his Parents.

For about three weeks rumors have been afloat about town that Robert Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Black, of this place, was dead, and that his death occurred some time in May last. An investigation seems to verify the following facts about the matter.

In the first place there is some doubt as to anything but the circumstances connected with his death do not clearly bear out the statement. Robert Black left here on the 10th of November, 1899, and reached St. Louis on the 13th of the same month and shortly after hired out for $10 a month and his board. As far as can be learned he worked all winter and his father received a letter from him in February last stating that he had this same money and that he was in the best of health.

The last time that Mr. Black heard from his son was through a friend, a man named Beach, who said that he had found that Robert Black had died at the Ogemaw County House at West Branch some time in May last.

Then Mr. Black started on an investigation and after some delay received the following letter from Frank P. Lewis, superintendent of the Poor Farm in Ogemaw county:

West Branch, Mich., Nov. 13, 1900.

Alfred Black, Birmingham, Mich.:

Dear Sir—I have this opportunity of informing you of your son's death at the County Poor House. He died in May and was buried here. He gave his name as Robert Brooks. When brought here he was in a state with water at the heart and orange fever, and he died well. We tried to persuade him to let us write to his friends and where his parents lived, but he would not. He said he was 22 years old. He was a good boy and we all like him. He was working and we all like him.

I will give you his description. He was about five feet tall and had red curly hair. He gave us his age as 22 years old. If we wish any further information write to

Yours respectfully,

LEWIS P. LEWIS,

Keeper of the Poor Farm.

After receiving the above Mr. Black wrote to Mr. Jones again and expects a letter in a few days that may contain evidence enough to show that the young man dying at West Branch was really his son.

On the other hand there are several people who always positive that they saw and conversed with Robert Black in July last and that he was at that time in Detroit. As to which is right only time will tell. If the young man who had no bad habits, worked all winter at $10 a month and board, why he should be compelled to seek the protection of a county house looks a little strange to say the least. Perhaps the people who claim to have met him in July last may be mistaken, but they are just as positive that they are not. At any rate any information that may lead to a knowledge whether they are or not is deemed of service will be thankfully received. His parents, who hardly know what to think about the matter, living in hope that the report may prove untrue and yet fearing that their son may be dead. The description given by Mr. Jones in his letter tallies almost exactly with that of Robert Black when last seen here.

Papers throughout the state will oblige a favor on the young man's parents by making mention of his disappearance.

AT THE THEATERS.

David Belasco's "Heart of Maryland" at the Lyceum, and David Higgins' "At Piney Ridge" at the Whitney Opera House, have been playing to immense business so far this week. "At Piney Ridge" is a splendid story of life in the mountains of Tennessee, and "The Heart of Maryland" is a war drama.

WHITNEY

Next week at Whitney's beginning with matinee Sunday, Nov. 25th, will be the Wilbur Opera Co. The following is the repertoire of opera to be given during the engagement: Sunday matinee, "The Two Vagabonds." Sunday night and Monday matinee, "Mascotte." Monday night and Tuesday matinee, "Amorita." Tuesday night, "Boccaccio." Wednesday night, "Bohemian Girl." Thursday matinee, "The Two Vagabonds." Thursday night, "Fra Diavolo." Friday matinee, "Grand Duchess." Friday night, "Martha." Saturday matinee, "Nellowynne." Saturday night, "The Miner's Wife." The famous living pictures will be given at each performance.

LYCEUM

Hoyt's "A Hole in the Ground," which has been pronounced the clever playwright's funniest and most amusing work, will be presented at the Lyceum for one week commencing next Sunday evening. Matinees on Wednesday and Saturday, and a special matinee on Thanksgiving Day.

Good Advice.

A wise old gentleman says that if a young man meets a girl with rosy cheeks who says, "I can't stay thirty minutes yet, because I want to help mother do the dishes," he ought to sit right down on the doorstep and stay that week. And he wants to cling to her like a burr to a mule's tail. She is worth her weight in gold and more, more worth of your esteem than the simpering simpleton who gads the streets to gab and flirt with every young man she meets. Every man who has an opinion of the girl who gads the streets, whether he doesn't care a fig for the public. Sixteen to one, she will make life miserable for the fellow she may marry, by her shiftlessness, her gossiping tongue. A girl who cling to her mother will never be a shiftless, evil-tongued wife. Never, never! Sooner or later she will be found out. The realization of her sphere and duties will dawn upon her, and she will become a woman worth having.

The Irl R. Hicks 1901 Almanac.

We have made no secret of the grounds upon which the Irl R. Hicks Almanac bases his yearly forecasts—the sun and weather. It has a remarkable record of specific warnings of every great storm, cold wave and disturbance. Over 100,000 copies printed in its issue. Hicks' Almanac for many years has been the latest startling proof of this fact was the day named by Prof. Hicks in his 1900 Almanac as one of danger for a storm along the gulf coast. The 1901 Almanac is by far the finest and most complete and beautiful yet published, as more than ever before it is a work of art. It contains two hundred pages, splendidly illustrated with colors and half tones, and is full of astronomical and meteorological information. Every one who pays 10 cents for a copy of Irl R. Hicks' Almanac will find it worth 25 cents, as it will save them from being imposed upon by worthless imitations. Send 10 cents to Irl R. Hicks, Chicago, Ill., and you will receive the Almanac by return mail, postage prepaid. Mention this paper when writing.

TROY.

Chas. Brown is at work for Tom Sweet on the West.

Bert Clark, of Walled Lake, called on friends in this vicinity Sunday.

Emmet Brown is at Pontiac getting her photograph taken.

Misses Christie and Vera Hoyt and gentlemen friend from Detroit spent Sunday in Troy.

The Farmers' Club will meet at the home of a series of lectures on Friday evening, Nov. 30, in Troy hall.

Geo. A. and Charles Clark have moved to Holley to take a position in the McMorris shoe shop.

The Dancing party will give a social dance in Troy hall next Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th. Bill 25.

They don't have to give a quarter little dollar and a half to get a ride on the Rochester electric road anymore, for a new one has taken its place.

Owing to a dance at Rochester last Friday evening, the attendance at the one given by the Foresters at Troy hall was not as large as usual.

There came near being a serious fire in town Saturday night. A building in which E. M. Chase stored his goods caught fire from the ash barrel but was discovered in time by John Hillman and extinguished.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

SOUTHFIELD.

John Beddow is up north hunting.

Chas. Murphy is gaining very slowly.

Mrs. Palmer's house has received a new coat of paint.

Chas. Bradley's sister and husband visited him one day last week.

Miss Lizzie McGraw spent Sunday with Miss Cox, of Farmington.

The social held at the town hall Friday night was well attended. Receipts were $12.

Frank Alexander while up north purchased a farm of 40 acres and will move there soon.

Miss Carrie Noble, of Farmington, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. John Beddow.

Mrs. Fader, of Cadadia, was called here last week by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Frank Alexander.

The Census of 1900.

A booklet giving the population of all cities of the United States of 25,000 and over according to the census of 1900 has just been issued by the Passenger Department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and a copy of it may be obtained by sending your address, with two-cent stamp to pay postage, to the General Passenger Agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Chicago, Ill.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

REEFERS FOR MEN

Short, warm garment—made especially for men who do a great deal of walking or driving during the winter. They are double breasted, have high ulster collars, are warmly lined, strongly made and fit loose—not baggy, but comfortable. Freize is the fabric they are made of—Blacks and Oxford grays. Their prices are

$8, $9, $10 and $12.

Orders for men who prefer them for driving great warm coats but like ones that defy the cold—$12 to $20.

$4 Suits for Boys

Gray, brown and blue all-wool Cheviot Suits—good strong ones—just the ticket for school wear. Jackets are double breasted—with trousers, strongly made, to stand a great deal of strain and wear. We would like to have you compare these with the $5 values in other stores—you'll buy of us if you do. Sizes 7 to 17 years.

Laundry Blouses for boys—good ones 50c—50c. Warm Wool Tuques for the same boys—19c, 50c and $1c.

R. H. Traver,

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or

Our Saviour in Art.

Just nearly $100,000 to produce. Contains nearly 100 full-page engravings of the Saviour and His Mother by the world's greatest painters. True copies of the greatest Masterpieces in the art galleries of Europe. Every picture is as beautiful as a sunrise over the hilltops. Contains description of the paintings, biographic of the painters, the names and locations of the galleries in Europe where the original may be seen. Also contains Child's Department, including a Child's Story of the Christ and His Mother, beautifully written to fit each picture. This wonderful book matchless in its purity and beauty, appeals to every mother's heart, and in every Christian home where there are children the book sells itself. Christian men and women are making money by taking orders. A Christian man or woman can in this community soon make $5,000 taking orders for Christmas presents. Mrs. Waite, our agent in Massachusetts, has sold over $4,000 worth of the books in a very short time. Mrs. Sackett, our agent in New York, has sold over $1,500 worth of the books in a very short time. The book is printed on velvet finished paper, beautifully bound in Cardinal Red and Gold, and adorned with Golden Roses and Lilies. It is, without doubt, the most beautiful book of this century. Write for terms quickly and get the management of that territory. You can make good salary on commission, and we know you will prove your success we will promote you to the position of Manager and Correspondent, at a permanent salary, to devote your time to attending to agents and the correspondence. Wanted also a State Manager to have charge of office in Leading City of the State and manage all the business of the State. Send for terms. Address—

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THANKSGIVING 1900.

Cheap Rates.

For the above the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM will sell tickets at one fare and a third for the round trip from all stations west of the Detroit and Port Huron, Port Huron and Sarnia, Port Huron and Lapeer, Tuesday, November 20th, 21st and 22nd, valid to return up to and including the 26th.

W. M. Barnes, Optician.

Spectacles and Eye Glasses made only to special order to your exact measurement. Examination and consultation at your home free of charge. Glasses for headaches a specialty. Address W. M. BARNES, Optician, 221 Parkman Ave., Detroit, Mich.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending November 17, 1900:

John Jones

Persons calling for the above will please say "Advertised."

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Farm for Sale.

Farm of 120 acres one mile south of Birmingham, one mile west of electric line. Good soil, good fences, flowing well, large orchard. Easy terms.

C. L. Nye,

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The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a foul cold in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Only 50 cents per bottle.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The average man's second thoughts are the wisest.

A bale full of cotton is certainly a baleful blessing.

If you have a home keep it so; if not, make it so.

Never dispute with a man more than 70 years of age or with a woman of any age.

Some men never work harder than when they are doing useless things without pay.

Don't wait until it begins to sprinkle before starting to lay up money for a rainy day.

It's a great pity that the average man cannot draw a check as easily as he can draw an inference.

A man should always wait for a lady to sit down before seating himself—unless there is only one chair in the room.

A physician says a man should never do any work before breakfast. Of course this doesn't apply to the tramp who is compelled to work someone for his breakfast.—Chicago News.

TEXTS FROM BROTHER DICKEY

De righteous man hez a hard time in dis worl', kaze he ain't got no comp'ny.

Misses' and Children's School Shoes....

This is the time of the year when the children need a good serviceable shoe that will not easily wet through. We have the utmost confidence that our line of these goods will satisfy every requirement.

$1.00 to $2.00.

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For Reliable Goods Go to Sparling's

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COLORED DRESS GOODS

from the best looms at home and abroad.

All Wool Albatross and Fine Henrietta, in all the new colors—

50c yard.

50-inch All Wool Cheviot Serge, 46-inch Extra Heavy Homespun. Special

75c yard.

52-inch Sponged and Shrunk Cheviot, 50-inch Twilled Venetian, all colors—

$1.00 yard.

Sparling's Special Extra Heavy Twilled Back Broadcloth, 50 colors to choose from—

$1.25 yard.

54- and 56-inch Extra Heavy Covert and Venetian Tailor Made Suitings, extra value—

$1.50 yard.

27- and 28-oz. Irish Frieze and Kersey Cloth, extra heavy, $2.50 quality—

$1.89 yard.

New Plaids in a very large assortment to choose from at

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New effects in White and Cream Woolen Dress Goods for Shirt Waists & Gowns.

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FLANNEL DEPT.

We show White Domet and Shaker Flannels—extra value—at

5c, 6c, 7c and 8c yard.

Fancy Outing Flannels, best makes—

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All-Wool Fancy Flannels for Shirt Waists and Children's Dresses—

39c yard.

Finest Imported French Flannel in plain colors—

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Best Imported Fancy French Flannels—our own styles—

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All Wool Fine Imported French Challies, light and dark—

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Fine White Saxony Flannels, suitable for ladies and children's wear—

25c to $1.00 yard.

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