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The finest line of Men's, Ladies', Misses' and Child's Shoes in Birmingham at the lowest cash prices.

Ladies' and Children's Rings, Sterling Silver Toilet Sundries.

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In fact everything that is useful for the Holidays.

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Do Your... Christmas Shopping

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The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.,

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Headquarters for Holiday Goods

Bargains in Silks, Dress Goods and Wash Goods.

Specials in Jackets, Suits and all Ready to Wear Garments.

Our usual immense stock of Handkerchiefs and Neckwear.

Elegant assortment of Laces and Ladies' Neckwear.

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Annual Fur Sale—greatly reduced prices.

A great sale of Aprons and Infants' Wear.

Baskets of all kinds—both Indian and Imported.

Draperies, Curtains, Rugs, Sofa Cushions, Shoe Boxes, etc.

If you cannot visit the city, try shopping by mail—it will pay you.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co

WE desire to thank the people of Birmingham and vicinity for the magnificent patronage that they have given us during the past year. Our sales have been greatly over those of previous years. This gratifies us greatly, as it shows that the people appreciate the fact that we are aiming to give them the best value in Shoes to be found anywhere. During the coming year we shall keep only the standard lines that we can fully back up.

We now wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and may you have many of 'em.

GOING, --YOUR SHOEMAN-- Pontiac, - Mich.

A USEFUL LIFE ENDED.

George W. Pattison Died at his Home Near this Place Sunday Morning.

Was Well Known Throughout the State—Had Been a Newspaper Man Many Years and at One Time Was State Printer—Kept a Book Store in Detroit and Was a Great Student—Laid to Rest at Marengo.

We [illegible] George W. Pattison [illegible] Michigan [illegible] Detroit and Michigan [illegible]

Mr. Pattison [illegible] Grand Rapids [illegible] Afterward the name of the paper was changed to the Grand Rapids Democrat and is to-day printed under that title.

In the early history of the state Mr. Pattison was an active figure in its development and in 1848-49 was state printer. After retiring from the hurry-burry of business Mr. Pattison opened a store for the sale of books and it was notable that he took more pleasure from the accumulation of those "children of the brain" than he did from their sale. For years his store on Michigan avenue near Griswold street was an attraction for those who loved to spend their spare time in turning the leaves of rare old volumes that naturally found a resting place in his keeping. Mr. Pattison seemed to have absorbed all that was good in his great collection of books and he was most entertaining when developing passages from his favorites. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat, with toleration for those of opposite political faith, but with the belief that in time the principles of his party would finally turn all in the way of righteousness. He was much perturbed over the upheaval of the past four years, but felt confident that the party would re-unite and would again be a force for the advancement of the country. Seven or eight years ago he retired to his farm near Birmingham and had since devoted himself to fruit raising and the propagation of trees.

He was born at Farmington, Ontario county, N. Y., May 5, 1817, his father, Sunderland Pattison, and his mother, a Gardner, being Quakers and natives of Rhode Island. His grandfather, Sunderland Pattison, was one of the fighting Quakers, and served as a captain in the war of the revolution. The Gardners, however, were non-combatants at that period, and known as the "Royal Gardner family" of Rhode Island. Mr. Pattison's father was prominent in the early history of Michigan, and was one of the contractors of the Erie canal, advancing money upon state bonds for the construction of a portion of it.

In 1834 he came to Michigan with his family, locating in Calhoun county, where he built mills and improved large tracts of land, dying there five years later. The early boyhood of George W. Pattison was spent on his father's farm and at the academy of his native town. When but 10 years of age he entered a printing office, which in those days was almost a preparatory school for college, so that when his apprenticeship was served he was able to enter Union College, from which he graduated in 1834. In the spring of that year he published "Lectures on Geography," the success of which encouraged him to go to Buffalo and establish the Western Star, the first daily paper published in that city. Soon after starting this paper the cholera broke out, and when the seventy-eighth number of the Star had been published his associate, Col. Daniel Munger, and he, decided to come to Detroit, but found the cholera worse there than at Buffalo.

Nevertheless they went to work on The Detroit Free Press, then a weekly paper published by Sheldon M. Knight. In the fall of 1836 Mr. Pattison left Col. Munger and went to Niagara Falls and started the Niagara Falls Journal for Benjamin Rathbun, who was at that time a prominent man and owned nearly all the land about Niagara Falls. Through some misunderstanding only one number of this paper was ever issued, Rathbun being convicted of forgery for which he served a term in state's prison. Mr. Pattison knowing that the material for the paper had been purchased on credit from N. Lyman, a type founder of Buffalo, packed up all the matter in the forms and shipped it back to Lyman.

About this time the real estate boom in the west started up, among the most prominent being the organization of the Kent County Land Co., of which William Richmond, of Grand Rapids, was agent. Feeling in want of a newspaper the company purchased from Lyman all the material of the Niagara Falls Journal and had it shipped to Grand Haven. Owing to the wrecking of the steamer Don Quixote on Thunder Bay, which compelled the transfer of the [illegible] to a sailing vessel, the stuff did not reach Grand Haven until late in the season.

The delay [illegible] the Kent Co. to offer to dispose of the office and George W. Pattison, although a minor, gave his notes for $4,100 for the entire material, and after overcoming many obstacles succeeded in getting it to Grand Rapids where he established his office and issued the first number of the Grand River Times, April 18, 1837. This was a great event and many of the prominent citizens were at the office to see the first number run off the new Washington hand press. In the spring of 1838 Mr. Pattison sold out to Judge Chas. I. Walker of Detroit, and after spending a few months in Texas he returned to Michigan, marrying Miss Mary A. White in August 18[illegible].

He then became a Quaker preacher, but in 1844 the old love for politics returned and he took charge of the Hillsdale Gazette for Meade & Swegles, conducting the paper through the campaign of Polk to the satisfaction of the owners and the demo[illegible] party.

In 1846 he came to Detroit and in connection with Col. Daniel Munger he started the Daily Commercial Bulletin in the interest of the Free Soil Party. In 1847 the capitol having been located at Lansing, he and Col. Munger established there the [illegible] Journal, running it in connection with the Detroit Commercial Bulletin. It was then that he was elected state printer [illegible] years later he sold out, and [illegible]

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[illegible] Mrs. H. [illegible] Birmingham, Mich.; Mrs. W. Patton [illegible] Robert P. Thomas, of Detroit [illegible] ern part of the state, is a brother of deceased. The interment was at Marengo Wednesday, he expressing a wish [illegible] beside the body of his wife.

HOW CHRISTMAS WAS OBSERVED.

The Only Thing Lacking to Make the Day an Ideal One Was Snow.

Christmas was observed in this [illegible] by everyone. Family reunions and [illegible] Christmas trees made the day one [illegible] to be remembered by the little ones [illegible] least. Had there been snow the [illegible] would have been an ideal one. The [illegible] were not forgotten and many a [illegible] was made glad on this one great [illegible] glorious day of all the year. "Out of your abundance give liberally" seemed to be the prevailing motto. The different churches carried out the programs printed last week and all voted them a success.

At the M. E. church the cantata "Christmas a Day Late" was presented Monday evening to a large audience. The church was decorated and the [illegible] of Santa Claus was well rendered by Mr. Lalurgy, who knows how to please the little folks. Presents were given from a large tree and everybody was remembered.

At the St. James church Monday evening a fine program was presented and instead of a tree a large artificial [illegible] held the presents for the children. [illegible] was one of the pleasant features of the evening.

At the United Presbyterian church Monday evening the cantata "A Good Time with Santa Claus" was carried out and the young folks at least seemed to have it. Recitations and singing made the evening pass almost too quickly. Presents were distributed and all were made happy.

The cantata, "While the Shepherds Watched," was presented at the Baptist church Monday evening and an interesting program was also presented. There was a Christmas tree and Will Crary was Santa Claus. Although all taking part did exceedingly well, some of the little people deserve especial mention, among them are Leland Bunyan, who made the welcome address, a recitation by Alvin Curran and another one with an encore by Ernest Burtraw, while the song by Lloyd Crary was heartily enjoyed. The singing by the primary and juvenile classes was also very good. Among the older people taking part were Miss Lucile Hunt and Mrs. Eldred, both of whom presented pathetic recitations which were well received. Santa Claus remembered all present.

The Presbyterian church held their exercises Tuesday evening and the cantata "Counterfeit Santa Claus" was given. The different characters were well represented and Edgar McBride made a capital Santa Claus. There was a revolving Christmas tree loaded with presents which were distributed to young and old. The church was handsomely decorated and the audience filled the building to the doors, even the gallery being filled to overflowing.

Ten Cents' Worth of Prevention.

If you are subject to colds, the very best thing you can do is to keep your system in as open and perfect condition as possible. If you do this you are much less liable to take cold. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is as pleasant to take as pure maple syrup and is the most effective stomach remedy to be had. Trial sizes, 10c (10 doses 10c), large sizes, 50c and $1. At Whitehead & Mitchell's.

New service, Queen & Crescent only 23 hrs. Cincinnati to Shreveport. Elegant service of Pullman Sleepers, Cafe and Observation Cars.

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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, 321 Parkman Ave., Detroit, Mich.

To All A Happy New Year

And now on the eve of the New Century we wish to thank our friends who have so generously appreciated our endeavors during the past year.

We can assure you the methods for conducting our business will be the same in the future as they have been in the past.

Traver's will always be "The Reliable Store," where nothing but the best can be bought, and at one price to all; where every article wears the Traver label as a guarantee of its quality; where satisfaction is assured, or your money returned promptly and cheerfully for any article that is not as we represented it.

R. H. Traver,

174-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

OBITUARY.

The death of Miss Margaret Todd was only briefly noticed in last week's paper. On Tuesday, December 18th, Miss Todd, whose health for years has been very poor, was seemingly as well as usual and spent the day about her home in her usual manner. About ten o'clock when in the kitchen preparing to retire she fell to the floor, and when the other members of the family, who were in an adjoining room, reached her they found that her life was fast ebbing away. The summons had come unexpectedly and almost before they knew it she had fallen asleep in Jesus to awake in the eternal morning of Heaven, where the inhabitants shall never say "I am sick."

"Aunt Margaret," as many of us had learned to call her, had many friends and the intelligence of her death was a cloud in the midst of our Christmas rejoicing, but we know that it was "far better for her to depart and be with Christ" where in the joy of her Lord there are no tears, or sorrows, or pains. She loved her Saviour and though she was a great sufferer nearly all her life she never wearied in His service. Few have done more for the cause of Christ, according to their ability, than did Miss Todd.

Deceased was born in April, 1824, at Liverpool, Ireland. In 1845 she came to Michigan with her parents and until about 6 years ago made her home in Troy. Since then she has resided with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Todd. Since her girlhood she had been a consistent member of the United Presbyterian church, having been one of the charter members of the Troy church and took an active part in building both that church and the U. P. church of this place. Devoted and earnest and loyal in christian work, thoughtful and charitable and true as a neighbor and friend, and kindly and loving in her home, many of us feel a great loss in her death.

The funeral services were held in the U. P. church on Friday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. M. B. Maxwell, her pastor, who spoke of the loss to the community and the church and the home in the departure of a human life allied with the power and presence of God, and of her gain in entering into the joy of the redeemed and the reward of the faithful. Rev. W. H. Vincent, D. D., of Detroit, was present and made very appropriate remarks. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The interment was in Crooks cemetery.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Notice to Southfield Tax Payers.

I will be at the following places to receive taxes: Southfield, Dec. 26; Erity's Mills, Dec. 27; Harmon, Jan. 2; Beddow, Jan. 4; at home every Friday.

H. J. BROUGHTON, Township Treasurer.

Notice to the Tax Payers of Troy.

I will be at the following places to receive taxes during December after the 10th: Tuesdays, at Troy Corners; Wednesdays, at Big Beaver; Thursdays at Colerain; Fridays, at home; Saturdays, at Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

CHAS. BAKER, Township Treasurer.

Notice to Taxpayers of Bloomfield Township.

I will be at the Exchange Bank in Birmingham, every Wednesday, at the store of T. H. Cobb every Monday, and at the County Treasurer's office, in Pontiac, every Saturday, from Dec. 5, 1900, to Jan. 10, 1901, for the purpose of receiving taxes. No money received after banking hours.

C. H. CARTER, Township Treasurer.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending December 22, 1900:

Estella Darby, Wm. Pursal, M. R. Knickerbocker.

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.

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A girl in Montgomery broke her engagement with one of the wealthiest young men in the county, because he had indigestion so bad he was a menace to her happiness and no good to himself. What a relief just one bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin would have been to that man and what a boon it is today to many a household, where it keeps all the family in a state of health that warrants true love, confidence and happiness in the home. Try it yourself. At Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Cafe, Observation and Parlor Cars on Florida and New Orleans trains, Queen & Crescent, Southern Ry. and Plant System.

TRADING STAMPS with All Cash Purchases.

SPARLING'S GIGANTIC SILK SALE

One that will surprise everybody by its Far-Reaching, Price-Cutting, Money-Saving Attractiveness.

Fancy check and stripe Wash Silks—
24 and 27 in. plain and changeable Lining Silks—
Plain All Silk Surrahs—
Imported plain colored China Silks—

Your choice 25c yard.

The above goods worth from 45c to 69c yd.

Fancy Pure Silk Taffetas—
Fancy check and stripe—
24-in. Foulard Silks—
Fancy two-toned Brocade Taffetas—

Your choice 39c yard.

The above goods worth from 65c to 85c yd.

Fancy Swiss Foulards and 24 in. Foulards—
Check and stripe Gros de Londres—
Evening shades Satin Brocades—
Fancy Stripe Taffetas Lace Effects—

Your choice 59c yard

The above worth from 85c to $1.25.

Corded, Braided and Lace Effect Taffetas—
Fancy Satin Stripe Taffetas—
Shirred Mousline de Soie and Corded Taffetas—
Evening Shades Taffeta and Crepe de Chine—

Your choice 75c yard.

The above goods worth from $1 to $2 yd.

All Our Best Reliable Black Silks and Satins at Cut Prices for This Sale

10 pieces Black, Bright Mohair Crepon, $2 goods for $1 yd.

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