Try=Me. Try=Me. Try=Me.

"Stick to me, I'll carry you through," is the song of the "Try-Me" SHOE.

"Try-Me" $2.00 Shoes for Ladies

Dressy, durable, nice-fitting, equal to any $2.50 Shoe made and as good as lots of $3.00 Shoes offered by some dealers. They are well-made, stylish and up-to-date. Vici kid, light or heavy sole, patent or kid tip.

Patent Leather Dress Shoes, medium sole. We are exclusive agents for Pontiac.

H. B. Merritt, Pontiac.

Detroit Sugar Co.

will increase the capacity from

50,000 to 75,000 tons Sugar Beets

per annum, in their factory, due to the large acreage secured. Sign a contract now, before it is too late.

Address all communications to the Detroit Sugar Co., Union Trust Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Only One Night

Florida

CH&D SOUTH

St Augustine
Palm Beach
Miami
Jacksonville Tampa
Nassau. Bermuda. Havanna

Thomasville
Jekyll

The CH&DRy is prepared to give its patrons the best Service ever offered to the Sunny South

Through Pullman Cars from Toledo, every day (Ex Saturday & Sunday) attached to the Royal Florida Special. of Dining Cars Library Cars Observation Cars. Through to — Jacksonville and St Augustine —

Only One Night on the road.
Low Round Trip rates. No excess fares.

Write to J.A. Williamson agent CH&DRy Toledo, Ohio
or D.G. Edwards. Cincinnati.

Church Notes.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. M. R. [illegible]

BAPTIST [illegible]

UNITED [illegible]

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—Rev. B. Ryerson, Rector. Sunday services 10:30 a.m. Evening service each alternate Sunday. All are welcome.

M. H. BLUNT, Auctioneer,

WARREN, - MICH.

Having regained my usual health, I still offering my services as Auctioneer to the farmers of this vicinity. All sales guaranteed satisfactory.

M. H. BLUNT, Warren, Mich.

AUCTIONEER!

If you want a First-class Auctioneer, with 20 years' experience, 'phone or address

A. H. Phelps & Son,

North Farmington, Mich.

Or call at the ECCENTRIC OFFICE. They are authorized to make Terms and Dates for us.

I. W. HARPER KENTUCKY WHISKEY

For Gentlemen who cherish Quality.

Sold by E. C. FISH.

RAPID—RAILWAY—SYSTEM

ELECTRIC FAST LINE

DETROIT TO PORT HURON

[illegible]

Write for Folder and Booklet, "Along the Way."

GEO. M. DENEY, G. F. & P. Agt., 76 Woodward ave., Detroit.

Going South?

If so, you secure many advantages by going via Cincinnati, the Queen & Crescent Route and Southern Ry. Its fast trains penetrate every part of the Central South. 24 hour schedule Cincinnati to Jacksonville and New Orleans; 9 hours to Chattanooga, 48 hours to Shreveport, 36 hours to Port Tampa. Observation, parlor and cafe cars—free reclining chairs—Through Pullmans to all important Southern cities.

[illegible]

W. C. RINEARSON, G. P. A., CINCINNATI.

Frank Johnston

AUCTIONEER,

Franklin, - Mich.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—

I take this means of informing the people of this vicinity that I hereby offer my services as auctioneer to any one needing such a person. My terms will be made satisfactory and I guarantee perfect and [illegible] to all of my patrons. Give me a trial.

Repectfully yours,

FRANK JOHNSTON, Auctioneer.

Wanted, For Sale, For Rent.

I am moved and settled on Willets Ave., and hope my customers and friends will patronize me just the same as before. I still make shirt waists from 50c to $1.00 and also skirts from $1.00 to $1.50. Mrs. E. Lamb. 52tf

FOR SALE—Pony, Park Cart, Harness and Saddle. Fine bay pony about 13 hands, sound, kind and gentle, well broken to drive or ride. Fine Park Cart, with lamps; almost as good as new. Have no further use for them and will sell very cheap. Call on or address A. Whitehead, Birmingham, Mich. 26tf

WANTED—Within three miles of Bloomfield Center, a wood lot containing 10 to 20 acres. Apply to Charles Stinchfield, Circle, Mich. 39tf

A FINE HOME IN BIRMINGHAM—Can be secured by applying to the ECCENTRIC office. City water, furnace and all the comforts of a home. Call on Mitchell at this office (ECCENTRIC). tf

TO RENT—A new, clean home in Birmingham, good well and cistern, and at only $8 per month. A good chance for someone. Call at the premises. Mrs. J. R. [illegible], Townsend St., Birmingham, Mich. 45-3

WANTED—A good blacksmith at Harmon, Mich. Here is a chance for good, steady man at wages that will run from $2.50 to $3.00 a day, and steady work the year round. For particulars call on or address James S. Parks, Harmon, Mich.

Amateur Photographers—You can find Stanley Dry plates 4x5, printing papers and developer in cartridges at [illegible] prices at Whitehead & Mitchell's. tf

GRAND ∴ TRUNK ∴ RAILWAY ∴ SYSTEM

Time Table in Effect

Dec. 16, 1900

D., G. H. & M. DIVISION.

[illegible]

GEORGE W. ALDRICH, Agent.

PONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTHERN R. R.

TIME TABLE.

[illegible]

Schedule of Trains between

PONTIAC AND OXFORD

In Effect July 23, 1900.

[illegible]

W. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

Detroit & Pontiac Ry. Co.

CONDENSED.

Time Card Taking Effect January 22, 1901.

NORTH BOUND.

[illegible]

*As far as power house coming north.

SOUTH BOUND.

[illegible]

*These cars put into barn.

On Saturdays and Sundays cars run every half hour until 8:30 p.m. Then the 9:30 and 10:30 cars go through. The 9:00, 10:30, 11:30 and 12:30 cars on Saturday and Sunday only run to Birmingham.

JOHN BUSBY,

Birmingham, Mich. Superintendent.

W. M. Barnes, Optician.

Spectacles and Eye Glasses made only to special order to your exact measurement. Examination and consultation at our home free of charge. Glasses for babies a specialty. Address W. M. BARNES, Optician, 1369 Third Ave., Detroit, Mich.

IOWA GOVERNORS.

Compelled to Provide Their Own Houses While at the Capital.

Iowa governors have followed various plans in providing themselves with homes in Des Moines during their official terms. Gov. Larrabee occupied a frame house near the statehouse, says the Sioux City Journal. It was not very large and rented for about $50 a month, the sum which the state allows to the governor for house rent. Gov. Boies lived at the Savery house, occupying a small room when he was in town, and when he went out of town over night he gave up the room the same as any other transient. He never entertained. Gov. Jackson, who lives in a comfortable but modest home in this city, met the demands of his position socially in a very pleasing manner, having the assistance of a wife who was very capable and successful in discharging the duties of the governor's wife. Gov. Drake lived at the Savery House, where he occupied a parlor and entertained to some extent. Gov. Shaw has filled the position socially, as well as in other respects, to the complete satisfaction of all demands. He succeeded when he came here in renting a good furnished house from a family that was going to spend a year in Europe. During the last legislative session Governor and Mrs. Shaw occupied the Pratt house on Grand avenue. Since then they have lived in the Victoria, the new Hubbell apartment house. Governor and Mrs. Shaw have entertained liberally and have taken more part in the society of Des Moines than any previous governor except Gov. Jackson. All these experiences prove conclusively that no man can afford to be governor of Iowa unless he is wealthy and has an independent income. Gov. Shaw would probably not like to tell how much it cost him to maintain the governor's office. He urged that the salary be increased for the sake of his successors, because it is wholly inadequate to meet the most unavoidable demands upon the man who would maintain the dignity of the position. Gov. Jackson declined a second term because he found that he positively could not afford to retain the office any longer.

DIET FOR HEALTH.

Eating Such Food as the Family Doctor Prescribes.

Most people who are not in good health know in a general way what ails them; some of them know what kind of food they ought to eat in order to overcome their bodily infirmities and prevent a recurrence of them. But people who have good health usually consider only their taste or their pocketbook when they order a meal. An experiment which one of the Boston hotels is making shows that others beside invalids are beginning to understand that it is important to have the right sort of food as well as to have it properly cooked. The cafe of this hotel provides not only a bill of fare but a diet list made out by a physician and intended as a guide to the patrons of the house. It prescribes the food best suited to various physical conditions. To the fat man it offers a variety of dishes that tickle his palate, and at the same time check his tendency to grow fatter. The thin and anaemic can procure the things which make blood and tissue and build up an enfeebled system. The new way of looking at the food question puts health first and preference afterward. It considers the needs of the individual, and makes practical application of the old saying that "one man's meat is another man's poison." It tries to make the diet like a well-ordered wardrobe, offering plenty of variety, yet designed for and fitted to the person for whom it is intended. Lilac is a charming color, but the red haired girl does not need it to enhance her peculiar charms. Sirloin steak is a toothsome and desirable thing, but mellons and coarse bread may be better for the full blooded man who has a tendency to rheumatism. How one can fit his diet to his own needs is a matter which the physician can best decide. It is certainly easier to preserve health by the use of proper food than to regain it by taking medicine; and the prescription filled in a restaurant is pleasanter to take than one compounded by the druggist.—Youth's Companion.

A Preacher's Predicament.

A few weeks ago a noted minister went to one of the local railroad stations to meet a friend, says a Cleveland paper. Upon entering the station and looking around he saw an elegantly dressed woman, who apparently was about to board a train.

She was carrying a number of parcels in her arms, and besides had with her three or four children that with great difficulty she was trying to help along. The clergyman approached the lady and offered his assistance, which she accepted, afterward thanking him very graciously for the kindness. The train moved out of sight, and he went on his way thinking of the endless opportunities one has for doing good, when all at once he discovered that he was carrying a beautiful silk umbrella with pearl and gold trimmings. The reverend gentleman is now enduring distress of mind, fearful that the victim of his absent-mindedness may some day discover him in the pulpit.

Professional Women.

According to statistics furnished by the United States government the professions followed by women have largely increased in the last thirty years. In 1870 there was one woman architect; now there are fifty. Painters and sculptors have grown from 412 to 16,000, literary and scientific writers from 109 to 3,161, preachers from 67 to 1,522, dentists from 34 to 417, engineers from 67 to 201, journalists from 35 to 472, lawyers from 5 to 471, musicians from 5,763 to 47,309, doctors from 527 to 6,882, accountants from 0 to 43,071, copyists and secretaries from 8,016 to 92,824, and stenographers and typists from 7 to 50,633.

Minnesota's Tall Man.

Minnesota claims to have the tallest man in Louis Wilkins, born on a farm near St. Paul, who is now twenty-six years old, weighs 364 pounds and lacks less than one inch of being nine feet high.

New Spring Clothing For Boys and Children

We invite your inspection of our new stock of Boys' and Children's Clothing for Spring. It is a display that has never been equaled by this or any other local house. Three things that must impress the visitor forcibly are, first, the magnitude of the stock; second, the elegant quality, fashioning and making of the garments; third, our remarkably low prices.

Every new fabric, every new shade and color, every new pattern, every new idea in tailoring is shown. More (good) kinds, more styles and novelties than you can find in any store between New York and Chicago. Every garment in this entire exposition of Spring Clothing is now shown for the first time. Not any old stuff at Shafer's.

Whatever you desire in Clothing for Boys and Children, this great store will answer your demand with a ready "Here!" All tastes and purses are considered, and taste and purse together say "Content" with what we show. The advantage of cash buying and selling has never been more clearly demonstrated.

Russian Blouse Suits, $5 and $7.50. Fancy Reefers, $7.50. Vestee Suits, $3.50 up. Confirmation Suits, $2.50, $3.50, $5 to $10. Norfolk Suits, $7.50.

[illegible]

C. A. SHAFER

CITY·HALL·SQUARE·DETROIT

TROY.

J. B. McCullough was a caller in Troy one day this week.

J. C. Frank, of Pontiac, was a caller in Troy one day this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings made a trip to Detroit last week.

Mrs. Bert Tyack has been visiting friends in Detroit the past week.

Mrs. Edward Aspinwall has been very sick the past week with lagrippe.

Maude Phelps attended the wedding of her father Monday last at Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hadden spent Friday last with his sister at Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Pardy, of Pontiac, is taking care of her mother, Mrs. Stone, who is very sick.

Mrs. Arthur Childs and Mrs. Charles Leonard made a visit to Orion last Friday.

Dan Webster and wife, of Pontiac, were the guests of Cyrus Jarvis Friday last.

Frank Goodman and little daughter, of South Bend, Ind., spent Sunday last with his aunt, Mrs. F. D. Cutting.

Mrs. T. Smith and Mrs. C. Leonard made a trip to Detroit one day this week to select new books for the Ladies' Library of Troy.

R. Watson and D. Hamlin, of Rochester, G. Dondero and wife of Royal Oak, and Mr. and Mrs. Beach, of Pontiac, were callers at the home of Emmet Brown Sunday last.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents in Pontiac, Monday, March [illegible] 1901, Frank W. Phelps, of Troy, to Miss Minnie Noble. May their joys be many and their sorrows few. They will be at home after March 5th.

Last week Thursday, Feb. 28th, Wm. Taylor celebrated the 23d birthday of his son, Ted, with a surprise party, at which about 60 people enjoyed themselves with dancing and cards. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock, after which dancing and games continued until early in the morning, when the company wended their way home voting it the best of the season. Ed. Bromley, James Latimer and Judd Monger furnished the music.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy [illegible] in one day

SOUTHFIELD.

Mrs. Lawrence is on the sick list.

Malcolm Stuart is on the sick list.

Look out for a wedding in the near future.

Sleighing is about gone for this winter.

Mrs. Angstman is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Frank Yeager's baby has been quite sick.

Mrs. Chas. Murphy has moved to Farmington.

Miss Nancy Beam is home again after working a while for Mrs. Tibbits.

Beatrice Jackson is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wright.

Mrs. C. I. Johnson, of Detroit, is spending a few days with her mother-in-law.

Mose Staley has returned to his sister's, Mrs. Edwin Prince, after a few months' visit in Ohio.

Miss Tucker, of Detroit, is visiting her brother and sister, Ernest Tucker and Mrs. Marion White.

We understand Mr. Simmons, of Farmington, is going to make cheese for Mr. Beddow this coming summer.

WANTED—[illegible] person in every county to [illegible] company of solid financial reputation; $936 salary per year, payable weekly; $3 per day absolutely sure and all expenses; straight, bona-fide, definite salary, no commission; salary paid each Saturday and expense money advanced each week. STANDARD HOUSE, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago. Jan1

ROYAL OAK.

Miss Clara Starr entertained a cousin from Detroit Sunday.

The two oldest children of Julius Neff have the scarlet fever.

Wm. Hersback spent part of last week with friends in Fentonville.

Miss Minnie Brendt and sister, of Lawson, called on friends Saturday.

Mrs. Lathorn, of Windsor, was the guest of friends the fore part of the week.

Miss Pratt, of Detroit, was the guest of her cousin, Jessie Newton, the latter part of last week.

The Magnolia Pedro Club met at the home of the Misses Gaylord Wednesday evening of last week.

Harry Gardner, principal of the high school, has been very sick with the quinsy the past week, but is reported on the gain at this writing.

Carl Jansen is reported very sick with typhoid fever at his home in Detroit. During his illness John Lawson has been clerking for E. P. Newton.

The ball given by the F. of A. Circle, No. 2?2, Friday evening, March 1st, at the town hall, was largely attended. The I. O. F. will give one tonight.

H. S. Hitchcock has returned from his trip to Texas very much improved in health. Mrs. Hitchcock will return the latter part of the week, having stopped on the way to visit relatives.

A concert will be given under the auspices of the Epworth League Saturday evening, March 16th which will consist of recitations, songs, tableaux, etc. A good old-fashioned concert.

Miss Ettie Collins entertained a sleigh load of about 25 young people at her home last Tuesday evening. Games were played, refreshments were served and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Julius Brown, who has been a blacksmith here for a great many years, moved into the Royal Oak House one day last week. He is making several changes. May success attend him in his new undertaking.

AUCTION SALES.

Peter Kerr will sell at public auction on the premises, 2½ miles east and ½ mile north of Birmingham, and 2 miles west and ½ mile south of Big Beaver, on Wednesday, March 20th, at 10:30 a.m., 7 horses, 1 colt, 3 cows with calf, 5 cows giving milk, 1 Durham bull, 7 fat hogs, brood sow with 11 pigs, 7 shotes, 25 chickens, farm implements, 3 wagons, 1 surrey, buggy, cutter, bobsleighs, harnesses, seed corn, hive of bees and empty hives, household furniture, bicycle, etc. Free lunch at noon. Martin H. Blunt, auctioneer; A. Bayley, clerk.

Having leased my farm, I will at auction on the premises, 2½ miles west of Royal Oak village, on Thursday, March [illegible], 1901, at 10 a.m., 6 horses, 19 cows, [illegible] yearling heifers, 2 brood sows, 20 chickens, 2 swarms of bees, 20 potato crates, farming tools, bobsleighs, milk wagon and 4 milk cans, 2 wagons, top buggy, 2 open buggies, harnesses, cook stove, 25 tons hay, 200 bushels oats, 100 bushels corn in ear, potatoes, quantity shredded corn fodder and other articles. Free lunch at noon. H. R. Bachert, proprietor; M. H. Blunt, auctioneer; F. Vogel, clerk.

Strikes A Rich Find.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell.

A Sabbath School Superintendent Surprised.

The Troy U. P. Sabbath School stole a march up on their esteemed superintendent last Saturday. The home of William Harbison was the scene of much gaiety as a result. The family had slyly enticed the unsuspecting man away from home and when he returned about noon he found that his friends had taken complete possession of things. There were an even hundred present and to say that there was plenty of the best to eat and a good time generally is scarcely strong enough language to use.

Mr. Harbison has for several years been a faithful and efficient leader in this Sabbath school. As a token of their appreciation of his efforts in its behalf the school presented him with a handsome Morris chair. That he may live long to enjoy it is the wish of his many friends.

Successful Applicants.

The following applicants for certificates at the teachers' examination held at Holly, Feb. 15 and 16, were successful:

Grace Huntoon, Waterford; Elmer Cook, Andersonville; May Gamble, Milford; Aletha McCartney, Davisburg; Mark Wixom, Farmington; Jane Charlick, Clyde; Myrtle Bastian, Holly; Reuben Green, Holly; Carrie Wheaton, Clyde; Dollie Webster, Fenton; C. D. Brooks, Brandon; Emma Skinner, Highland Station.

The next regular examination will be held at Pontiac, March 28, 29 and 30. The June examination will be held at Royal Oak. The county teachers' association will hold its "Round Up" meeting at Pontiac, March 16. A general invitation is extended to all.

Oakland Co. Probate Business.

Considering age of county and population, it is said that Oakland has a larger probate business than any other county in the state. The first case that was placed on record was the estate of Eliphalet Harding under date of June 1, 1822, at which time Hon. William Thompson was probate judge. At the present time Judge Stockwell has a file number 8,199, nearly one-third as many as are on record in Wayne county, which has a population nine times as great as Oakland. It is estimated that the probate business of this county is as great as that of Genessee and Lapeer counties combined.

Night Was Her Terror

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and $1.00 at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

Administrator's Sale.

Farm of 207½ acres known as the Herrick farm on the Saginaw turnpike, two miles north of Davisburg and six miles east of Holly; 175 acres improved, large house and barns, good orchard and well watered; good stock and grain farm; postoffice, store and brick school ½ mile at Austin. Will sell to the highest bidder on March 13, 1901. Highway divides the farm; would sell in two equal parts. For terms, etc., address

J. D. HADDON, Adm'r.,

42t4 Holly, Mich.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.

Ex-sheriff R. D. Bett, who acted as auctioneer before going into the sheriff's office, has decided to resume that work. Parties desiring his services may leave notice at THE ECCENTRIC office or with Geo. W. Fay. Satisfaction guaranteed.