THE

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

Devoted to Our Own Locality--We Labor for Its Interests.

TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1902. NO. 26. WHOLE NO. 1275.

A REMINDER

Our shipments of Fall Trade are all in. We have a complete and beautiful line of

Cut Glass

Diamonds

Watches

Sterling Silverware

Etc., Etc.

Our location, just a few doors off Woodward Ave., places us in a position to

SAVE YOU MONEY

An inspection and comparison solicited.

The Adolph Craggs JEWELRY CO. OPPOSITE 226 GRATIOT AVE. HUDSONS

Shetland Floss

90c box—the best.

MEN'S AND LADIES' UNDERWEAR

from 25c up.

The Best Line of HOSIERY in Town

and prices right.

OUTING FLANNELS

from 5c up.

IN SHOES

I can give you better values at 10 to 20 per cent less than my competitors. Yours for good goods and low prices,

V. NIXON

D. M. DOTY

DEALER IN

Marble and Granite Monuments

Birmingham, - Mich.

Parties contemplating purchasing a monument or tombstone will save money by consulting with me before placing their order.

D. M. DOTY.

John D. Riker, M. D.

Practice Limited to EYE, EAR NOSE, THROAT.

Pontiac, -:- Mich.

A. W. CAMPBELL,

Fire and Tornado Insurance and Real Estate Agent.

Collector of Rent and Notary Public.

If you want responsible insurance at the lowest rates, inquire at my office.

Ford Block, . Birmingham, Mich.

1902 New Fall Goods 1902

New Fall Styles

5000 rolls New Fall Patterns WALL PAPER at 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12½c per roll—Borders to match, same price

75 lbs Saxony, Midnight and Shetland Floss YARNS at ..... 10c skein

New styles of Black Taffeta and Fancy RIBBONS— at ..... 5, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 25c per yard

A new line of OUTING FLANNELS at 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10c yd

All shades of FLANNEL SOCKING at ..... 12½c yd

We are daily receiving

NEW NOVELTIES in the DRY GOODS LINE

and we make Detroit prices on the same at

F. Blakeslee's

BIRMINGHAM

MICHIGAN'S GREATEST STORE

More Michigan people trade here than with any other concern in the United States. Once you become our customer you will understand why. Distance need not bar you from the advantages we offer in quality, assortment and price.

Send for our Mail-Order Catalogue

and you can choose from our immense stocks as easily as those who visit the store in person. In some respects you are much better off by not being here. Our mail-order clerks know the store better than you do and in many cases make more satisfactory selections than you could.

WEARING APPAREL for the whole family; CARPETS, RUGS and DRAPERIES, DRY GOODS, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE and HOUSEFURNISHINGS, DRUGS and MEDICINES and GROCERIES are our principal lines. No other store sells worthy merchandise cheaper, and under our rules delivery charges are prepaid on mail orders, so that you pay no more for goods than customers trading at our counters—and much less than they would cost you at home.

Write for the catalogue today. Send no money or stamps—just your name and address.

PARDRIDGE & BLACKWELL,

MAJESTIC BUILDING DETROIT, MICH.

New and Seasonable Goods

First Floor—Dress Goods Dept.

Our assortment of both heavy and sheer fabrics is complete. Rollenne, Etamine, Voille Crevelle Batiste, Albatross, etc., for house gowns to all the choice shades, 50c to $1.50 yd. Zibeline, Camel's Hair, Venetian, Cheviot, Canvas, Snowflake, etc., for street wear, 50c to $2.00 yard.

Second Floor Cloths and Flannels.

Broad Cloths, Coverts and Venetians, from $1.25 to $4.00 yard.
Walking Skirt Cloth, $1.25 to $3.00 yard.
One lot extra value skirt cloth, 54 inch, regular value $2.00, at 98c yard.
Fancy Velveteen Shirt Waist Goods, 75c, 85c and $1.20 yard.
Corduroy and Velvet Cords from 75c to $1.25 yard.
French Flannel Waisting, plain and fancy, 65c and 75c.
Scotch Wool Flannels, at 85c yard.
Silk Embroidered Flannels, $1.00 and $1.50.
Silk Embroidered Shirt Waist Flannel (3 yards to pattern), $3.00, $4.50 and $6 pattern.

Muslin Underwear Dept.

A new and beautiful line of Ladies' White Petticoats and elegant values at $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and up to $5.00.
One lot of Ladies' Drawers, beautifully hemstitched and tucked, at 25c. Another lot of drawers in good cotton, tucked and umbrella flounce, 39c.

Infant's Department.

Babies' Mittens, all colors, 25c. Babies' Veils, 25c, 39c, 50c and up.
Babies' Drawer Legens, 50c, 75c and 90c. A beautiful line of Babies' and Children's Caps and Bonnets from 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and upwards to $8.00 each.
Beautiful novelties in Children's Cloaks in black, white and colors.

Fourth Floor—Drapery Department.

We are showing Bigelow Wilton Rugs in

9x12 feet	$30 00
8.3x9.0 feet	$26 00
6x9 feet	$17 50

A fine line of Ruffled Nc. Curtains, for this week at $1.50, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $3.00 pair

New Catalogues ready—sent free to any address.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.

165 to 169 Woodward Ave. DETROIT

84c

Clearance Sale

Ladies' Small Sized Shoes

We have about 200 pairs of Ladies' size 2, 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2, lace and button shoes that have accumulated from our several bargain sales. These shoes are all standard makes and which are made to sell at from $2.00 to $4.00. However, we desire to move this lot of goods quickly and have placed upon them the extremely low price of

84c THE PAIR

If you have a small foot this is the chance for you to lay in a supply of shoes for some time to come, considering the price you usually pay for such goods.

See 'em on our front table.

GOING'S CORNER SHOE STORE Pontiac, Mich.

OUR PHILIPPINE LETTER

BLAKESLEE AND HIS FRIEND GIVE "A SPREAD."

Unique Bill of Fare—Officials Got Their Share of the Salt—How the Natives Do Their Cooking.

BANTON, P. I., July 13, 1902

Dear Folk at Home:

Here it is Sunday morning, just after high mass, and everything is quiet and restful. Although only 8 o'clock, I have swept out, had breakfast, cleaned my salt and have dinner under way. Yesterday we shot three birds about the size of large blackbirds. These were pure yellow with black tipped wings and tail, very pretty, and from the smell I guess they will be pretty good eating. My week to attend to the work.

On Sunday the people go to church about 7 o'clock a. m. and the band furnishes the music to their chants, which are in Latin. These chants, together with the Lord's prayer and the Ave Maria, both in Spanish and which but few understand, make up the services. From here the women go home to change their clothes and the men to get their roosters ready for the cockfights in the afternoon. Sunday is as much of a holiday to these people as Thanksgiving is to us at home, and here the Americans are not much better than the natives.

In the last letter I told you that we were going to give "aspread" to the officials. Now I want to tell you about the spread. We bought a nice goat, about half grown, and forty ears of corn. We cooked the meat up in two ways, Americano and Filipino, made a pail of soup, boiled and roasted the corn, cooked a pail full of prunes and two cans full of rice. We put the rice, hardtack and soup on the table and passed the corn, meat and prunes. We borrowed dishes, etc., from all over the town. Only a few had ever used knives, forks or spoons before. Many had never eaten from a table, and it was comical enough to see them eat at it. It just reminded me of a lot of ten year olds with a big basket of candy in front of them and each one afraid that he wouldn't get his share. About twenty of the leading officials were present.

Here the only salt used is a coarse salt evaporated from sea water, so to come a joke on them I filled a saucer with our fine white salt and asked them in Spanish if they wanted some salt. A few understood and took a little for their corn, but about fifteen thought they must get their share of that also, so they dipped their spoons in and filled them and in order not to let someone get more than they, they put the spoonful right into their mouths and started to grab another. However, they didn't take any more, neither did they look happy. The ones who had understood what I said laughed until I thought they'd fall in pieces. Yesterday they were talking about the food over at the Tribunal and I guess they all enjoyed themselves.

From my seat I can see some little boys and girls playing in the streets, clothed only with a smile and a feeling of righteousness. Around them are the houses, under some of the roofs of which the smoke is coming out as the people are cooking their chaw, dried fish, snails, rice or camotes. Haven't seen a chimney since I have been in the Islands. The people have a box of dirt or ashes and in this place three stones to hold up the kettle and make a little fire right under the kettle. We do all our cooking that way too. The wood you burn in a day would last me a week. Just three little sticks with the ends right under the kettle soon makes it boil and quickly prepares a meal.

Tomorrow school begins and then we will settle down in earnest. No more holidays until September. Then we have a big fiesta that lasts a week. The people have bought three cows already and are getting in their rice, also are practicing their comedies, songs and dances.

We have but little thunder here but much lightning, sometimes due to the heat and sometimes to showers. Our storms are winds and rains. In the storm here last Monday a big waterspout came ashore and did much damage. A waterspout is a cyclone on the ocean and sucks up water, so that as it moves forward it forms a great column of whirling water. In going about town I have counted 70 houses destroyed and 30 more partly so. One side of the convent was pushed in and the next big storm will probably finish it.

A boat is being pushed into the water and will shortly go to Romblon, for the wind has changed to the northeast, so will close this now and send it for I may not have another chance for some time.

With love to you all,

BERT.

He Learned a Great Truth.

It is said of John Wesley that he once said to Mistress Wesley: "Why do you tell that child the same thing over and over again?" "John Wesley, because once telling is not enough." It is for this same reason that you are told again and again that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cures colds and grip; that it counteracts any tendency of these diseases to result in pneumonia, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Handy Wagon Company, October 30. Don't forget it.

The Hungry Nine and Others.

On Friday evening last an informal invitation was extended by mine host Fish to various citizens to meet the old Hungry Nine Base Ball club at their first grand reunion and banquet at the National Hotel. Of course the boys of the original Nine were on hand, or at least the majority of them were, and at about 8:30 p. m. they assembled in the dining room of the hotel, a choice aggregation of good fellows who sat down to a rare and radiant supply of the clam chowder for which the proprietor is becoming widely known and enjoys an almost national reputation. No use talking, you can't beat Fish's clam chowder with a club.

After the chowder was disposed of the claret and cigars were inaugurated, and at the suggestion of one of the guests, Mr. A. P. Jacobs was unanimously elected toastmaster of the occasion and what he did to the other guests was a plenty. He called on pretty nearly everyone in the room and got a response out of them, one and all. The two nominees for representative in the State Legislature, Messrs. D. M. Johnston and Thad Seeley, were noticed and responded in a very happy manner. "Mr. Trowbridge" was called upon and when the question was asked as to which one was wanted, Till said, "Let Sat. talk, and when he gets through you won't let me talk if I want to," and Sat. responded in his usual happy vein, telling briefly the cause of the old club being called the "Hungry Nine" and giving other pleasing reminiscences. All together it was a most enjoyable occasion for all who were fortunate enough to participate.

There are two very peculiar circumstances in connection with this affair. That ten men, who were active young fellows thirty years ago, should all be living, and stranger still, all get together in one place, is very rare. Thirty years ago no man could have made a list of any ten men then living in Birmingham, who would be alive today and, much less, have a reunion. But the strangest part of it is that a man who never knew any of the old nine in the best day of their prime and has only been acquainted with a few of them for a very short time, should so interest himself as to get the boys together and without fee or reward give them such a hearty welcome and generous spread as we all sat down to at his hospitable board on Friday evening last, passeth the understanding of the selfish and mercenary man of today. The fact of the keen appreciation of the guests for the generous hospitality of Mr. Fish was perhaps satisfaction enough to our host to repay him for all of his trouble and expense, but we know of one poor scribe who will never live long enough to forget the flavor of the excellent clam chowder, and we think it is safe to say the sentiment of the guests that as Dr. Reynale proposed as a parting toast to our host, in language of good old Rip: "Here's to him—if and his family and may they live long and prosper!"

Registration Notice.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Township Board of Registration of Bloomfield Township will be held at the Town Hall in the village of Birmingham,

Saturday, November 1, A. D., 1902,

for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications at the time of such meeting, who may apply for that purpose; and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock, a. m., until 5 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose aforesaid.

By order of the Township Board of Registration.

Dated this 20th day of October, A. D., 1902

C. H. CARTER, Township Clerk.

Election Notice.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that the next ensuing General Election for the said Township will be held at the Town Hall in Birmingham Village,

Tuesday, November 4, A. D., 1902.

At which election, officers for State and County are to be chosen; also, one U. S. Representative, one State Senator and one Representative to the State Legislature; two amendments to the State Constitution will also be submitted to the people at this time. The polls of said election will be open at seven (7) o'clock in the forenoon and will remain open until five (5) o'clock in the afternoon of said day of election, unless the Board of Election Inspectors shall in their discretion adjourn the polls at 12 o'clock, noon for one hour.

By order of the Board of Election Inspectors of said township.

Dated this 20th day of October, A. D., 1902

C. H. CARTER, Township Clerk.

ALL TRUE.

It's a great work of art to make art pay.

A good memory sometimes comes in handy to forget with.

Boston is nearly 300 years old. No wonder she wears spectacles.

Lots of women do foolish things so they can snub those who don't.

Worry knocks the life out of lots of men long before they are dead.

After a lively race for a husband many an heiress marries a run-down nobleman.

One touch of nature keeps the whole world on the lookout for new sensations.

One half of the world envies the other half because it doesn't know how it lives.

No woman regards comparisons as odious when told that she is pretty.

Queen & Crescent service Cincinnati to Atlanta and Jacksonville the best in the country.

Fine Stylish Overcoats for Men

The most refined, best appearing and serviceable winter overcoat a man can buy is one of black or gray frieze or plain Kersey.

They are always stylish and can be worn every day and Sundays. We've put forth extra efforts and have an extra fine line of particularly attractive Winter Overcoats for Men, at

Fifteen Dollars

They're made of absolutely pure wool fabrica which we've tested for durability and fast color.

Every coat is silk sewed, buttons are extra well put on, and the linings are so good that they will wear as long as the coat.

Made in all sizes for tall men, stout men, or men of regular build. You'll regret it if you buy your winter coat before you see these at $15.

R. H. TRAVER CO.

171, 173, 175 Woodward Ave.

DETROIT, MICH.

Are These Men Appreciated?

In Tuesday's Detroit papers articles appeared commending the firm of Pittman & Dean, coal dealers of Detroit, who, all through the coal panic, kept on in the even tenor of their ways, supplying coal to their regular customers at the old price, whereas had they taken the price which would and did naturally prevail, Mr. Dean would have been forty thousand dollars richer than he is today.

Now, I am slightly acquainted with Mr. Dean, and anyone that knows him, knows that is Charley Dean. They know that he will not take advantage of another's necessity even when it would be legitimate, and when coal was $8, $9 and $10 per ton, and even more, their prices kept on in the old style. Pontiac was selling for $9 and here in Birmingham E. R. Smith & Co., were selling for $6.75, when they could have had $9, and more, just as quickly. The firm of Smith & Co. kept the same old price when they could have made $3.50 all fair and square, and truly I do not think anyone could consistently criticise them for advancing the price had they done so.

Now, in the future let us speak a good word for such firms as Pittman & Dean and E. R. Smith & Co., and I truly believe there is not a firm in Birmingham but what would do the same under like circumstances. Can all towns say the same of their dealers? No, Sir! The past says, No, Sir!"

J. ALLEN BIGELOW.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Watkins, 31, Oakland; Anna Young, 30, Lapeer.

Wm. H. Walter, 20, Farmington; Lottie Beckwith, 18, Sand Hill.

Irwin H. Neff, 35, Pontiac; Bertha A. Bigelow, 27, Birmingham.

Herman R. Wilson, 21, Troy; Ida B. McKay, 22, Goodrich.

Fred S. Daines, 36, Battle Creek; Clara Bell Crooks, 22, Holly.

John W. Wulff, 27, Chicago; Nettie Howell, 28, Pontiac.

Frank L. Clark, 21, Troy; Marie Drinkhar, 22, Canada.

Frank Ingersall, 22, Holly; Ada Fish, 22, Holly.

Jessie F. Bailey, 29, Oxford; Clara Kern, 19, Detroit.

Alfred E. Phelps, 21, N. Farmington; Mary A. Spencer, 19, Birmingham.

Otto R. Wilde, 27, Detroit; Elma Ashley, 23, Highland Station.

S. Fred Trumbull, 28, Troy; Grace McCarter, 30, Sterling.

Burdett Lusher, 24, Leonard; Elna Terry, 21, Dryden.

Frank Glenan, 26, South Lyon, Lovina Westwhal, 26, Brighton.

Clarence Deedrick, 27, Rochester; Ella Lomason, 26, Rochester.

POPULAR LECTURE COURSE

That of Messrs. Snowdon and North of Pontiac.

Messrs. Snowdon and North are deserving of great credit for the fine list of entertainments that they have provided for the people of Pontiac and vicinity. The entire course of entertainments being placed at the low price of one dollar affords every opportunity for one to attend the course as the price is within the reach of all.

The course opens Tuesday, October 28, with Brooke and his famous Chicago Marine Band and Orchestra. The Alice Carey Concert Company; the Hawthorne Musical Club; Leoard Carver; the Floyd's Novelty Company; Fr. Francis Kelly; Congressman Chas. B. Landis of Indiana; Wilson Frye Co.; the Swiss Bell Ringers and Mr. Melvin Robinson complete the list of as fine a list of entertainments as Pontiac has ever had and the people should see to it that the course is well patronized. Tickets are now on sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

How One Housewife Makes Fuel

Here is the manner in which one housewife has to a certain degree overcome the pressing question of fuel:

She took four common bricks and placed them in a pail. Over the bricks she poured a gal on of kerosene oil and let them stand until the bricks had absorbed all of the oil they would take up. Then she took out two of the bricks and placed them in the kitchen range and set fire to them. They burned fully two hours, and the fire that they made was one by which it was possible to do any kind of cookig or work requiring considerable heat. The lady says in this way it will be possible in her home to get along with the cooking, washing and ironing without resort to gas. There was no unpleasant odor or any trouble whatever, for the oil just blazed away like a stove full of good wood—Utica Observer.

SAYINGS OF THE DAY.

Reward is its own virtue.

Once bit, leave the girl alone.

While there's life there's soap.

Punctuality is the thief of time.

A rolling stone spoils the broth.

Procrastination is the soul of wit.

Charity covers a multitude of skins.

He laughs last who doesn't see the joke.

It's a long lane that has no worm in it.

A bird in a cage is worth two in the hand.

There is many a sober word spoken in drink.

Never do to-day what you can put off to-morrow.

Grand Display of New Fall and Winter Goods at

Sparling's *Popular Priced Dry Goods House*

Every department filled to overflowing with

THE WORLD'S NEWEST CREATIONS

In SILKS, DRESS GOODS and LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS.

FANCY WAISTINGS, KIMONA and WRAPPER FLANNELS and the most complete line of OUTING FLANNELS ever shown, from 5c to 15c a yard

CURTAINS, DRAPERIES, HOUSEHOLD LINENS, MEN'S and LADIES' FURNISHINGS and NOTIONS---Teeming with newness at prices within the reach of all.

Money Saving Green Trading Stamps Given with All Cash Purchases

J. Sparling & Co.

155 and 157 Woodward Ave.

Mail Orders promptly and Carefully filled