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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1902.

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Rubber Boots
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Best grade of Knit Boots, Felt Boots and German Socks

Our line of Rubber Footwear is complete from beginning to end and we know we can save you

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New Fall Goods New Fall Styles

5000 rolls New Fall Patterns WALL PAPER at 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 1/2 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
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We not only SAVE you car fare--we give ABSOLUTELY AS FINE RESULTS as you can get out of town, or anywhere--COME YOURSELVES & BRING GRANDPA, GRANDMA AND THE BABIES

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Prices Correct Work Guaranteed

Special attention given to amateur work of all kinds

Holiday Silks and Wash Goods

First FLOOR

We have just placed on sale an early importation of Japanese Brocade Creled Wash Silks for the Holiday trade, all new and choice designs and of superior quality. Special price \$1.80, at \$2.50.

Our special Sale of Wool Dress Patterns for Holiday Gifts, is now on.

Wash Goods Dept.

Cotton Dress Patterns for Christmas Gifts.

100 Fine Madras Dress Patterns, regular price \$2.50, at \$1.25

100 Gingham Dress Patterns, regular price \$1.80, at \$1.00

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New Patterns in our best 10 in Cambray, at \$1.00 pattern

(a best lot with every pattern)

We are also showing a very fine line of Mererette Vestings and Waistings at 40c, 50c, 60c, 80c and \$1.00 per yard

Second Floor--Continuation of Twenty-Third Annual Fall Sale

Third Floor--

What would be more acceptable for a Christmas present than a Bath Robe? We still have a good assortment of the celebrated Biaz and Crescent Mills Turkish Terry Robes, worth up to \$5.00, which we offer at \$4.45.

SEND FOR HANDBICHERF CATALOGUE.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.

165 to 169 Woodward Ave. DETROIT

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A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT

Mrs. A. R. Parks Burned Almost to Death, but Alive at This Writing.

Last Saturday night will be long remembered by the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Parks of this village and also by those who answered to her calls for help. Mrs. Parks had attended the fair and supper at the St. James' church and on returning home she decided to take a good rest. She was to be their Sunday dinner and, according to her custom, she set the goose over the gasoline stove and lay down. After sleeping a while longer than she intended, she woke up and smelled burning grease and went out into the kitchen to see what was wrong. She found the goose on the stove where she found the entire outfit in flames. Her night dress of outing flannel was heavily and woefully. It burst into flames and was burned from her body. She ran from room to room crying for her help, and a neighbor who seemed as if no one would ever hear and come to her relief. Mrs. L. A. Ferguson, who lives on Ann street, was going home, heard the shrieks and was the first to enter the house and saw what seemed to be a mass of flames encircling a screaming person. The goose by this time was nearly all burned and also her under wrapper or vest. Throwing water on the victim and extinguishing the fire, Mrs. S. T. Shaw was hastily summoned. Mrs. C. C. H. Hill, who was at home and asleep, was awakened and was the next person to appear. Then followed Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Nellie Gould and Alex. Park. Frank Brooks, Walter C. Price and others, began at once to tend, help and make the victim as comfortable as possible. All that loving hearts and willing hands could do was done. She was terribly burned--from head to foot and was cruelly scalded in almost every part, olive oil and lard water. She was a great sufferer all night. Sunday night her life was despaired of. During the night Dr. C. M. Raynal was summoned and she was kept alive by the hyperthermic saline treatment. It was a trying time, but we hope by this time that she has passed all danger. A trained nurse from Harper hospital is in attendance and everything that skill and care can do is being done to make the sufferer comfortable and effect a speedy recovery.

Death of Mrs. Arthur J. VanEpps

Myrtle Wiley VanEpps, wife of Captain Arthur J. VanEpps, died at her residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wiley, West William street, Tuesday evening. The funeral services were held at the residence Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. VanEpps had been a sufferer from consumption for months past, and for some weeks her death had been expected, some of her friends, however, during all this time, however, she showed the same cheerful, loving disposition, making friends for her on every hand before her death. Although her illness meant suffering and no small degree of pain to her, she bore everything without complaint, never saying more than that she felt tired. Her death, therefore, while not coming as a surprise to her friends, brings with it the sad realization of such events at the loss of so estimable and lovable a young woman.

Miss Wiley was born in Birmingham September 20, 1871, but was brought to Okosaw by her parents while still in her young girlhood. She lived here with her parents from that time on, attending the Okosaw school and becoming one of the most active workers in the Congregational church and affiliated societies. She made friends among all with whom she associated, and was a positive factor for good in all her relations.

On June 14, 1890, she was married to Arthur J. VanEpps and has proved an loving and devoted a wife as she was daughter and friend. For the last few months, however, failing strength has compelled her to stay at home and attend to the duties, all of which were dear rather than burdensome to her.

The burial services were most beautiful and showed the respect in which she was associated. Floral offerings were sent by the different societies of which the different members of the family were members, and also by the members of the common council and fire department.

The body was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery, Ray, T. H. Hanks, her pastor, officiated--Okosaw Times.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS EXCURSIONS

One and one-third fare for the round trip. Going dates December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1902. All tickets valid returning any day to and including January 31, 1903.

For further information call on your local agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

Soup in France and England.

The average French person uses six pounds of soup a year; the average English person uses ten pounds

JOS. SPARLING PASSED AWAY

For Over 30 Years Mr. Sparling Had Been a Figure in Local Business Circles in Detroit.

With his wife and children at his bedside, Joseph Sparling, the well known dry goods merchant, of the firm of J. Sparling & Co., of Detroit, passed away at his residence, 299 Second avenue, Detroit, early last Tuesday morning, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Sparling received his first lessons in commercial life at Hamilton, Ont. He came to Detroit 30 years ago, and started with the wholesale dry goods firm of Allan Smith. He left that firm and started in with George Peck where he worked for himself up into a partnership in the firm with him were his brother, Walter Sparling, and Van H. Bell.

Mr. Elliott left him some time after and began business for himself. The old firm later became W. J. Sparling, and all hold him in the highest respect. A conservative but energetic business man he has won an honorarium name to Detroit.

Twenty years ago Mr. Sparling married Miss Mary Foster, daughter of Rev. Theo. Foster. He is survived by a widow and six children, three boys and three girls--Charles, Harry and Ralph Sparling, and Josephine, Edna and Evelyn Sparling.

Good applied to his business, it is thought, brought on heart trouble, and Mr. Sparling's health has been failing for the past two years. It was only five weeks ago that he had a good deal of warning to rest, and then it was late. At the time of his death he was 56 years of age.

The funeral was held Thursday at 2 o'clock, and the interment took place at Woodward lawn cemetery.

AT THE THEATERS.

LYCETUM

Judging by the big output for scenery, and other equipments, together with the intricate machine and absorbing interest of the story, "Sergeant James", by Eugene Walters, and produced under the management of Kirk Le Sire, will be as big a success as "The Great Escape" at the Lyceum next Sunday evening. It is a delightful play, clean and wholesome, as well as thrilling. Montana is the locale and the story is strenuous as the rugged state where the action takes place. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

WHITNEY.

"In the King of Detectives," which brings an engagement at the Whitney theater next Sunday afternoon, the papers are promised one of the greatest efforts in stage productions that have ever been attempted. The villain of the play invents an air-ship, abducts a beautiful young heiress and succeeds in getting her into his air-ship. He then begins an ascension in full view of the audience, but is followed by James Pierce, the king of detectives, on an old balloon. Both the balloon and air-ship are seen to excellent advantage and bring forth round after round of applause. Matinees daily except Wednesday.

WONDERLAND AND TEMPLE.

Lottie Brandon, the most daring and successful performance has ever appeared before the amusement-going public of this country, will present her sensational turn "Loop the Loop" at Wonderland and Temple, this evening, Detroit, next week. Her act consists of riding a bicycle on the inside of a 30-foot wheel which rests perpendicularly on its axle. In order to accomplish this great feat she must travel more than a mile a minute, for after leaving the lower third of the wheel she is working in opposition to all laws of gravitation; when she is riding the upper third of the wheel her bicycle is upside down, and while she is pointing toward the floor this time, her feet must be seen to be appreciated.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL.)

COUNCIL MEETING, Monday, Nov. 18, 1902.

Regular meeting.

President Rindel absent.

Trustees present--Whitehead, Snow, Johnston, Parks, O'Neil, Noyes, and VanEpps.

Whitehead moved, supported by Parks, the following bills be allowed as read and orders be drawn for same. Voted by the full of roll--yes--Whitehead, Parks, Johnston, O'Neil, Noyes, none.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

J. R. Blakeslee.....\$24.28

T. H. Cobb.....1.50

WATER WORKS FUND.

C. E. McMane.....4.98

Wm. Hathaway.....4.30

E. H. Randall.....45.00

HIGHWAY FUND.

Allen Bro's.....\$1.50

C. H. Schack & Co.....17.00

E. M. Brodeur.....25.00

Wm. Hathaway.....14.70

Wm. H. Hill.....7.00

W. E. Smith.....4.11

Wm. H. Hill.....1.00

Wm. H. Hill.....1.00

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn--carried.

A. W. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

D. M. JOHNSON, President Pro Tem.

Foils A Deadly Attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin of Waterloo, Ind. "It was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache & Malaria. Sold by all druggists and Cobb & Cobb's Drug stores, Birmingham, Mich.

DOIN'S AT NO. FORTY-FOUR

Annual Election of Officers, Presentation of Gifts and Banquet.

On Thursday evening of last week occurred the annual election of officers in Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., and it turned out to be one of the most enjoyable and profitable, both from a social and financial standpoint, of recent years. Everybody was happy and almost everybody was there, even to that faithful old patriarchal brother, G. W. Hendrickson of Troy, who seemed to enjoy himself as well as the younger part of the fraternity.

After the election of officers, a list of whom is given elsewhere, Brother Bartram arose and announced that he was authorized to initiate a new degree and asked that Past Masters Eugene Brooks, D. M. Johnston and G. H. Satterlee approach the altar, where he presented each of them with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a slight token of the esteem in which the brethren hold these men who have worked long and faithfully for the welfare of the lodge. To Brother Bartram's very appropriate remarks the three Past Masters responded in a manner which made the brethren sure of their appreciation of this evidence of brotherly love and friendship.

Then followed the installation of the new officers, after which in the banquet hall, where Brother Doy officiated, the brethren partook of light refreshments. Brother Henry Bartram further distinguished himself as toastmaster seldom surpassed, and never equalled.

Altogether the occasion was one to be long remembered by every member of the fraternity as an evening of good fellowship and brotherly love, and all wished that there may be many of them during the coming year, and that the ranks of good old Forty-four may be left intact by the Great Ruler.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected at the last regular review of Mary D. Hiver, L. O. T. M.

P. L. C. Carrie Knowles.

L. L. C. Nellie Blair.

L. L. C. Anna Parks.

R. K. C. Nellie Blair.

R. K. C. Hattie Todd.

S. C. E. Emily German.

S. C. E. M. J. B. B. B.

M. A. A. Margaret Carter.

S. C. E. Flora Mulgrew.

P. L. C. H. H. H. H.

Physician--Dr. N. T. Shaw.

At the election of officers of Big Beaver Lodge, L. O. T. M., held recently, the following officers were chosen:

P. L. C. Maggie Sullivan.

L. L. C. Ella Smith.

L. L. C. Frankie George.

R. K. C. Sara Spencer.

R. K. C. Charles Walkey.

C. H. A. C. H. A. C.

M. A. A. Margaret Carter.

S. C. E. Esther McRoberts.

Picket--Celia Denison.

Organist--Miles Parks.

At the regular annual meeting of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93, F. & A. M., the following named were elected officers for the ensuing year:

H. P. Eugene Brooks.

R. K. B. M. Johnston.

S. C. H. A. C. H. A. C.

P. S. M. B. Dennis.

S. C. E. W. W. H. H.

M. J. 3rd--Wm. H. Smith.

M. J. 2nd--H. J. Howers.

M. P. S. Val--R. C. Cummings.

Treasurer--F. Hugerman.

Secretary--A. B. Igelow.

At the annual meeting of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., the following officers were elected for the coming year:

W. M. Wm. W. Masters.

S. W. A. Whitehead.

S. W. D. W. H. H.

Secretary--Chas. Reynolds.

Treasurer--G. H. Satterlee.

Organist--Miles Rayney.

Picket--Wm. Bondell.

Physician--Henry Bennett.

OAKLAND CO. ASSOCIATION ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

First Annual Meeting and Election of Officers Held in Birmingham.

Oakland County Association, order of the Eastern Star, held its first session in Masonic hall, at Birmingham, December 10, 1902.

Meeting was called to order by the Matron of Birmingham Chapter, Mrs. Polly Masters, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Mrs. Hannah E. Scott, past matron of Pontiac Chapter, was chosen temporary chairman. After various opinions by various members of the convention were heard, a committee on organization was appointed. The report of the committee was read, and after a few changes were accepted, and the Oakland County Association, O. E. S., became an organization. The election of officers then followed.

President--Mrs. Emma B. Kattler of Pontiac.

Vice-President--Mr. W. A. Buttraw of Birmingham.

Secretary--Miss Bertha Eimer of Oxford.

Second Vice-Presidents--Miss Padlock, Commerce; Mrs. H. J. R. Rochester; Mrs. "Maude" Moore, Pontiac; Mrs. Power, Milford; Mrs. Bond, Farmington; Mrs. Howard, Oxford.

At the check meeting adjourned for supper which was served in the banquet room. After all the members had partaken of a bounteous repast, the County Association, at 7:30, was again called to order.

The president and vice president were called to their stations, in which the remainder of the business was disposed of. It was decided to hold the next meeting the second Tuesday in April, at Pontiac.

The President, Mrs. Kattler, then selected officers from the various chapters to exemplify the work at the meeting in April. Mrs. S. C. Mills, associate matron, and Mrs. Frank Blakeslee, chaplain, were chosen from Birmingham Chapter.

The County Association then adjourned, after which Birmingham Chapter was opened and the work exemplified by the home chapter in a very able manner.

A rising vote of thanks of the association was given Birmingham chapter for partaking the initiative in organizing the County Association.

At the close of the meeting a program by Birmingham Chapter, was listened to, after which the worthy patrons of the several chapters were called upon and responded with very interesting remarks.

The also listened to the worthy patron of Pontiac chapter, who, being a Free and Accepted Mason and a worker in the O. E. S., gave the Ladies and members my very interesting thoughts.

Our Eastern star is fairly lauded, and as we gratefully salute the woman upon our evening song, she brings upon the gala.

And as we glide the waters over, should send storm arise, We'll bravely meet them as they lower, And soon their troubles.

We speak the passing bold, and cheer The craft and friendly crew, Trusting that when the w. page doth end, Our friendship will renew.

The Ladies of Birmingham chapter deserve much credit for their efforts and the great amount of work they did in making this, the first meeting of the County Association, a grand success.

Notice.

I will collect Township Taxes every week day from December 1st to January 10th at the store of Cobb & Cobb, except every Saturday at County treasurer's office, Pontiac.

T. H. Cobb, Twp. Treas.

He Wants to Know, You Know.

I wish to know if after the Council has passed an ordinance in regard to the street, every Saturday at County treasurer's office, Pontiac.

A TAX PAYER.

Birmingham, Mich., Dec. 9, 1902.

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Dress Goods, Silks and Velvets and Ready-to-Wear GARMENTS

The newest creations of the season--Immense variety of styles and prices--many broken lots of the most popular goods and the quickest sellers, at