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Of all Winter Goods. It will pay you to call.
Men's Fleece lined Shirts and Drawers,
50c quality at..... 30c
Men's Jersey Shirts, 50c quality at..... 30c
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Ladies' Fleece Lined Vests and Pants,
75c quality at..... 50c
Misses' and Children's Pants and Vests,
25c quality at..... 10c
Odds and Ends of Misses' and Children's
Vests go at..... 15c
75c prs Ladies' Shoes, sizes 2, 3, 3 1/2, 4 at \$1.00
50 prs Ladies' Shoes, sizes 2, 3, 3 1/2, 4 at..... 75c
Odds and Ends in Overshoes go at..... 50c
It will pay you to call if you can use any of the
above and save 33 1/3 per cent.

F. Blakeslee, Birmingham, Michigan.

Too Busy to write an Adv't this week.

Watch for it in our
next issue.

C. H. Schlaack & Co.

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Cobb & Cobb,

Successors to
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A few reasons why you should buy
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- 1st. Because we buy our Coffee from an exclusive Coffee House and they give up their entire time to coffee and thoroughly know their business.
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OUR LEADERS ARE
COBB'S CHOICE, a Mocha and Java, at 30c lb.
TOM'S BEST, a Mocha and Java, at 35c lb.
THE FAVORITE, a Blended Coffee, at 25c lb.

And of course we deliver goods promptly anywhere in town

CRIMINAL WORK WAS SHORT

In the February Term of Circuit Court.

Nearly All the Defendants Plead Guilty to the Charges Preferred Against Them in Court Last Week.

The February term of circuit court opened on Monday of last week, and although there were 22 cases on the criminal calendar it was one of the tamest court opening days ever seen in Oakland county. Fifteen of the 22 cases were against saloonkeepers for operating slot machines. Nine pleaded guilty and were fined \$20 each. When the disposition of the machines was called up, evidence was taken and decision reserved. It is claimed two of the machines are only musical boxes operated by checks the size of a nickel stamped "Good for one tune," and not gambling devices. The same musical boxes are being tested in Detroit and it will be well to see the disposition made of them there.

William Harrison, colored, of Pontiac, under two charges of larceny, pleaded guilty to both.

The Highland Park young men, Ford, Arns, Porritt and Smith, stood mute when charged with stealing a hound valued at \$20, the property of William T. Edwards, and the court ordered a plea of not guilty to be entered. They will probably contest the case to see if a dog is property under the law.

Wm. McCreary of Royal Oak, on his plea of guilty, paid a fine of \$25 and costs for obstruction to view of bar.

Harry I. Schellenberg, the Detroit attorney who took possession of the farm on which Wm. Cockerline was tenant, near Birmingham, and then threatened to blow off Cockerline's head with a shot gun if he stepped over a prescribed limit, was not present in court when his case was called. He came in later, and on a showing satisfactory to the court, the case was put over to the May term of court.

James Taylor, a Rochester man, pleaded not guilty to the charge of having too many wives. It was shown, however, that he had one more than the laws of the state of Michigan allow, whereupon he succumbed and changed his plea to guilty.

The case of Lewis T. Magley, charged with statutory rape, was discharged on motion of the prosecuting attorney, he having been misled in regard to the young woman's age. The defendant, however, will probably be charged with another crime.

Good Words for Prof. Hull.

The friends of Prof. Warren C. Hull, a former superintendent of the Birmingham school, now superintendent of the school for the blind at Lansing, will be interested in the following clipping from the Grand Rapids Herald of Jan. 30:

Bishop Gillespie spent Sunday at Lansing. In the morning he was at the school for the blind, making an address and visiting the various rooms and the new hospital. There are here about 100 pupils. The number has never risen much above this, yet the superintendent thinks that at all times all his pupils are in attendance. The new superintendent, while coming to his charge without experience, grasps the situation with an interest and intelligence that must insure his success. He is especially anxious to fit the pupils for self-support. The chief industries at present are broom making, piano tuning, printing and the Braille alphabet, and cooking for sight. Such attention is given to music as may train organists and singers for churches. The school is well equipped and has a body of able teachers. It is to be ranked with the educational institutions of the state and is on the same footing as to expense to the pupils.

A Legacy of the Grip

is often a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this so-called grip. The greatest and then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifier and regulator of Stomach, Liver and Kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system, and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles Hartwig, 24, Royal Oak; Rose Anson, 19, same.
Lamar Bruno, 23, Clyde; Myrtle Maxwell, 23, Cass City.
Adolph Bosenburg, 28, Pontiac; Bertha Seip, 20, Detroit.
Wm. Satpala, 26, Springfield; Pannie Sutton, 20, Rose.
Arthur Dierberger, 21, Lakeville; Beale Davis, 17, same.
George Renshaw Jr., 47, Troy; Mary Magan, 34, same.
Abney Lingham, 29, Milford; Clara Wells, 29, same.
Barbara Gallup, 61, Lenawee Co.; Barbara Belger, 49, Pontiac.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25c. Samples free at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

OBITUARY.

"That death loves a shining mark" was again exemplified on Friday last by the passing away of little Flora Castle, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Castle of this place. Flora was born in Southfield and her short life was spent in this vicinity. Since coming to Birmingham to live she had endeavored herself to all who knew her by her sweet disposition and gentle ways, seeming to have a smile and pleasant word for all whom she met. She was nearly twelve years of age and had been in ill health about a year from diabetes. Besides her parents, two sisters and two brothers are left to mourn her early loss.

The funeral was held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. S. Justema officiating. The love in which Flora was held was evidenced by the floral offerings, especially the beautiful piece presented by her schoolmates in Miss Pepper's room. Interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

Card of Thanks.
We desire to extend our heart-felt thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted in the sickness and burial of our little daughter and sister, also the classmates and friends who presented beautiful floral pieces.

WILLIAM CASTLE
AND FAMILY.

THEIR CRYSTAL WEDDING.

Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wooster at Their Home in Lyndon, Ill.

Sterling (Ill.) Gazette. The celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wooster, which took place Monday evening at the old Green Homestead, their residence near Lyn La, was one of the most elaborate and enjoyable social events of the season in that vicinity.

The guests numbered about seventy and began to gather about 8 o'clock. Most of them were from the vicinity of Lyndon and Prophetstown, though several were from Sterling and Morrison. Nearly all of those present were old friends, those who had been present at the wedding of the host and hostess which took place at the same place.

As the affair was a fancy dress party, each guest registered his or her name and character they represented on their arrival. At 8:30 the formal reception began. Mr. L. S. Stedman, as master of ceremonies and presented each character to Mr. and Mrs. Wooster, who received the motley throng in the great front parlor. Knights and fair dames mingled with peasants and strange visitors from foreign lands, priests and quakers called elbows, and roundheads and cavaliers exchanged the compliments of the season in a most friendly manner. The company was most brilliant, a picture rich in color and changeable as a kaleidoscope.

A large roomed parlor was decorated to represent the interior of Longfellow's Wayside Inn where the gifts of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wooster were displayed. There was much handsome cut glass in the array. In a corner of the spacious dining room was a reproduction of an ancient cell with a mossy bucket and weather-beaten sweep. Here a most excellent quality of lemonade was served throughout the evening.

There were many speeches made by prominent people present, the most notable being that of William Jennings Bryan (A. S. Green) who transmitted the golden cross into silver coin and the thorns of labor into waving fields of golden grain through the alchemy of his eloquence. Those who heard the speech concur in that the "Knight of the Silver Issue" did himself ample justice and lost not a jot of his reputation for the most persuasive oratory. A consummation suggested by the grouping of four young sons of the Green family, the answer to which, "A Mass of Greens," was the source of much amusement.

An elaborate supper served by the Messrs. Clark, caterers from this city, was one of the notable features of the evening.

Those who attended from thither say the gathering at the old Homestead was one of the most enjoyable and best appointed social functions given in this vicinity for some time past.

So Say We All.

Holly Herald. The proceedings of the Oakland county Board of Supervisors are published in two Pontiac papers. Which are supposed to circulate all over the county, which is true to a certain extent, but their circulation in Holly is less than 100 copies. It will be seen that less than one-third of the taxpayers ever see the proceedings of the board. This is not right, and when the Supervisors give two papers a monopoly of this business they are doing an injustice to the taxpayers as well to every other paper in the county. In Genesee county the papers formed an association and compelled the Supervisors to give the proceedings to every paper in the county. A similar association is called in Oakland county. There are 11 papers published in Oakland county outside of Pontiac, and the people of the whole county should be reached through them in conjunction with the Pontiac papers, whom we should like to see have an equal share with the others—and no more.

That Sale of Men's Overcoats Continues

This should be just as interesting to clothing buyers this week as it was last for it's an extraordinary chance to save money.

FIFTEEN DOLLAR OVERCOATS
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TEN DOLLARS

You can buy them with full confidence that you are getting the very best value ever offered in Overcoats at \$15. Strictly reliable quality, every garment made up to the full standard of merit this store demands.

The worst Overcoats ever sold at \$15 now going for \$10.

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Dunbar-Worth.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Thursday evening, Feb. 6, by Rev. Mr. Burns of the Hudson avenue M. E. church, Miss Alice Louisa, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dunbar, and Harry Burdette Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Worth of Birmingham. The bride's gown was of pale pink organza trimmed with chiffon and lace, and she carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Mrs. Edwin Dunbar was matron of honor, and Mr. Edwin Dunbar was the groom's best man. The wedding was a quiet one, only the family being present. The young people left that evening over the Wabash for a short wedding trip. Mr. and Mrs. Worth will be at home to their friends after March 1st, at 597 Tillman avenue, Detroit.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best and most famous compound in the world to conquer aches and kill pains. Cures Cuts, neural Burns and Bruises, subdues inflammation, masters Piles. Millions of Boxes sold yearly. Works wonders in Boils, Ulcers, Felons, Skin Eruptions. It cures or cures no pay. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb's drug store.

Horrible!

A bashful young man of Big Beaver was invited out to dine last Monday evening. He was very much agitated. He sat opposite a mirror and discovered that he had forgotten to comb his hair. Then he dropped his fork onto the floor, and as he stooped to pick it up he upset his coffee. Matters went from bad to worse, until finally in despair the young man quit eating and put his hands under the table. The loose end of the table cloth was lying on his lap. When he touched it the turned pale. He thought it was his shirt and that in nervous excitement while dressing he had forgotten to put the garment inside his trousers. That accounted for the smiles and his embarrassment. He hurriedly stuffed the supposed shirt inside his trousers. Afterward, when the family arose from the table, there was a crash. The dishes lay in a broken mass on the floor. The young man pulled three feet of table cloth out of his pants and fled to the woods.

Timber Wanted.

The Pontiac Turning Co. wishes to buy hickory, oak, ash, maple and elm bolts, at highest cash price delivered at factory on Gannon street. Call or write for price list and specifications.

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