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"Sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, regular \$2.50 and \$3 Shoes
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One one-pound package
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AN ECHO FROM WISEMAN

He Writes to Mrs. Wiseman of a
Robert Black in Marquette
Prison.

Mrs. E. Holloway, of This Place, Also Receives a Letter and Two Pictures of a Robert Black from the Warden of Marquette Prison.

It appears from a report circulated by relatives of Henry Wiseman that Mrs. Henry Wiseman received a letter from her husband, who is in the Marquette prison, in which he (Wiseman) intimated that Robert Black was in the prison. Now the friends of Robert Black know for a surety that Robert did two years in West Branch, and in order to show the Birmingham friends of Robert Black that they are many that he is not in prison, his story, Mrs. E. Holloway, wrote to the prison warden at Marquette.

The following is a copy of the warden's reply accompanied by a picture of Wiseman's chum, which we are happy to say is no way looks like Robert Black.



MANQUETTE, Mich., Feb. 11, '02.
Mrs. E. Holloway,
Birmingham, Mich.
Dear Madam—Yours of the 7th instant at hand and contents, and enclosed find photograph of the party whom I have been informed is Robert Black.

Kindly inform me if this is your brother. He is here under an assumed name and I have been informed that he had someone write to his relatives stating that he was dead. Very respectfully,
GEORGE W. PARKMAN, Warden.



We are pleased to print the above letters and anyone who was acquainted with Robert Black will see at once that the pictures shown in this article in no way at all, even faintly, resemble the deceased Robert Black. Robert was considerably younger than this man appears and certainly "seemingly" done entirely of another man. Robert Black's death was fully proved in articles that appeared in this paper a year or so ago.

VILLAGE ELECTION.

Hardly enough interest in the Game to Nominate a Ticket.

At the very last hour and the very last moment a caucus got together and put in nomination the following candidates and elected them last Monday.

President—J. F. Randel.
Clerk—A. W. Campbell.
Treasurer—T. H. Cobb.
Assessor—Volney Nixon.

Trustees for two years—J. H. Snow, D. M. Johnston, A. Whitehead.
Our people did not manifest much interest in an election where there is no choice and all one side, so only poll of 47 votes and not much "sneaking" done. Voters are surely learning how to vote as no votes were thrown out from ignorance.

The Vice of Napping
Clouds the happiness of the home, but a nagging woman often needs help. She may be so nervous and run down in health that trifles annoy her. If she is melancholy, excited, troubled with loss of appetite, headache, sleeplessness, constipation or fainting and dizzy spells, she needs Electric Bitters, the most wonderful remedy for ailing women. Thousands of sufferers from female troubles, nervous troubles, backache and weak kidneys have used it, and become healthy and happy. Try it. Only 50c. Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb guarantee satisfaction.

Meetings at U. P. Church.

The following are announcements for week of gospel meetings to be held at the United Presbyterian church beginning Sunday, March 16th. Everybody invited to attend the services. Dates and subjects:
Sabbath, Mar. 16—Jesus Knocking.
Monday, Mar. 17—Cedar Christians.
Tuesday, Mar. 18—Christ the Door.
Wednesday, Mar. 19—God's Value of World.
Thursday, Mar. 20—Prayer Meeting.
Friday, Mar. 21—Christ or Barabbas.
Sabbath, Mar. 23—The Three Crosses, followed by the Lord's Supper.
Sabbath services at regular hours. Sermon by the pastor. Week-day services at 7:30. Rev. A. W. Martin of Fairgrove will preach during week except on Saturday. Thursday, Friday and Saturday meetings will also be held at Troy church.

To Well and, Truly Try.

The following named persons have been drawn to serve as jurors at the April term of circuit court.

- Address—Harrison Banghart.
Ayres—Harvey E. Sorell.
Bloomfield—Charles Parks and Samuel Bortle.
Brandon—Orson Backétoose.
Commerce—Alvin Hodge.
Farmington—Carl Hatten.
Groveland—Leman Campbell.
Holly—John Burroughs.
Highland—James Taylor.
Independence—Joseph Lowrey.
Lyon—Thomas Vallup.
Milford—Emery Vincent.
Navy—Johnson Furman.
Oxford—Isaac Cole.
Orion—Porter T. Butler.
Oakland—Herbert Crawford.
Pontiac—Cassius Crawford.
Rose—John Bush.
Royal Oak—John Lacey.
Southfield—Peter Reid.
Springfield—Benjamin Cole.
Troy—Alexander Groves.
Waterford—Wm. J. Noley.
West Bloomfield—Wm. V. Mason.
Pontiac, 1st ward—Geo. Rugenstein.
Pontiac, 2nd ward—Wm. Cashien.
Pontiac, 3rd ward—Geo. Richardson.
Pontiac, 4th ward—Herbert Lewis.

AT THE THEATERS.

LYCEUM
Starting with the new Sunday evening performance and Wednesday and Saturday matinees, the Lyceum will appear for nine performances at the Lyceum theatre. This will be its first appearance in Detroit at popular prices and many of the same cast will be seen on this occasion as when it last appeared in the Detroit Opera House. Although the usual light musical comedies and comic operas of two weeks ago, the "Bill of New York has such a strong hold on theatricals that each season it is bringing the number of performances up to the high water mark. In the musical program at the coronation of King Edward next May several numbers of the "Bill of New York" music will be played, as this is the first big musical show at the Lyceum it is doubtful if it will be large enough to hold the vast multitude that will welcome the return of the "Bill of New York" of Detroit.

WHITNEY
There is much that will interest theatre-goers in the "Gypsy Cross" which comes to the Wainwright opera house for an engagement of one week, beginning next Sunday. "The Gypsy Cross" is a play of two acts and tells the story of Christina Steyn, the Dancing girl who was stolen from her cradle, who by a gypsy was adopted to South Africa. The story of the girl's abduction, her adventures and her final restoration to her father in a most mysterious and unusual manner is intensely thrilling. It all comes through the agency of a mysterious cross which the gypsy has marked her with a cross and she has spent her life among the wandering tribes of the earth. Through out the play there runs a very pretty love story which reaches its climax in the last act in a most unusual manner. Miss Alma Derge will play the part of the Dancing Girl and at the brilliant lawn fete in the second act she will be seen in her characteristic dances which have made her famous.

Can't Keep It a Secret.
The splendid work of Dr. King's New Life Pills is daily coming to light. No such grand remedy for Liver and Bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing Constipation, Sick Headache, Biliousness, Jaundice and Indigestion. Try them. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending March 8, 1902:

Mr. David Hoek, Mrs. D. Hoek.
Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised."
JOHN HANNA, P. M.

How to Cure the Grip.
Remain quietly at home and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as directed and a quick recovery is sure to follow. That remedy counteracts any tendency of the grip to result in pneumonia, which is really the only serious danger. Among the tens of thousands who have used it for the grip, not one case has ever been reported that did not recover. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

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is sure to follow a close examination of our new Suits and Top Coats—they are overflowing with quality. Quality? You know what that word means here—it means that we like to talk quality in Traver's Clothes, like to educate people to look for quality when looking for clothes because that brings them to this store.

TOP COATS, \$10, \$12 & \$15 SUITS.

Men's Suits, of blue, black, and fancy mixed cloths that are full of good wearing qualities—the new styles, \$10, \$12 and \$15.
Men's Top Coats of light and dark colored cloths—very smart garments, \$10, \$12 and \$15.
Any one of 'em will give satisfaction from the time you buy 'em till they're threadbare.

R. H. TRAVER CO., 171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

SQUELCHED SUNDAY SMUDGE

Dr. J. L. Campbell Performs the Heroic Act of Saving the National Hotel.

Fire! FIRE! FIRE! Last Sunday about 11 o'clock Morell B. Dennis pushed the electric fire alarm. Mrs. Ira Reed, alone for the moment, gave back promptly by the answering whistle. The bell clanged, the people shouted "fire" and away ran the boys with the hose cart to the conflagration. Bro. Bartram hastily announced "the congregation is rescued" and was the first one on the scene of action. Bro. Justina's congregation stamped before he could pronounce the benediction, led by Mrs. G. H. Mitchell, closely followed by Uncle Stephen Cooper who, it is said, shouted "Save my black satchel! Save my black satchel!" at every jump.

All this excitement was caused by Dr. Billy Clark, who placed wood for Mr. Cooper to use in his room at the hotel too close to the stove pipe. More or less truthful reports are to the effect that Mrs. Fish, humming to herself in a soft and sorrowful undertone "Lead Kindly Light," was startled to feel a few live sparks and a gust of smoke lightly lighting on her devoted head and find their way down her neck in a light and fantastic manner. This naturally aroused her womanly curiosity, and she flew up stairs to find a good job healthy fire burning in Room No. 1, occupied by Mr. Stephen Cooper. The cry for help being promptly answered, the blaze was quickly put out by Dr. J. L. Campbell who was passing by, and amid the noise, smoke and confusion, the yells of the populace and the hissing of escaping steam from the numerous fire engines, Wylie Bell appeared at a window, pale and nearly exhausted, and faintly asked, holding a dark colored grip stretched in his shivering hand, "Is this the black satchel?" and on receiving a reassuring "YIP!" fell fainting into the arms outstretched to save his falling form.

Less \$10, paid the next morning by A. Whitehead, agent for the Sun Fire Insurance Co.

Lockjaw from Cobweb.
Cobwebs put on a cuttely gave a woman lockjaw. Millions know that the best thing to put on a cut is Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the infallible healer of Wounds, Burns, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Pains, Scalds and Piles. It cures or cures not. Only 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

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Many of our Spring Styles already on our shelves. The Douglas \$3 and \$5 Shoes for Men are the finest this spring that have ever been shown. Our celebrated Utz & Dunn Ladies' Shoes are complete in all the little details that go to make up a perfect shoe. Ask to see the following Ladies' Shoes, viz:

Special, \$3.50. Countess, \$3.00.
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All with extension soles. All these goods are fully warranted.

A few needle toe \$3 to \$4 Shoes left from our half-off sale to be closed out on our Bargain Table at 98c.

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Pontiac, Mich.