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- Boy's Box Calf, perforated vamps, heavy sole lace Shoes . . . \$1.25 to \$2.00
- Boy's Kangaroo Calf, Never Rip, heavy sole lace Shoes . . . \$1.25 to \$1.75
- Boy's Seal Grain, Waterproof, circlettes in heel and sole . . . \$1.50 & \$1.75
- Girl's Box Calf, Lace Shoes, heavy soles . . . \$1.25 to \$1.75
- Girl's Vici Kid, patent tips or stock tips, heavy extension soles, \$1.25 to \$1.75

At these prices you cannot afford to let your children's feet look shabby. Bring the children or send them.

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75 prs. Ladies' Oxfords (2 1/2, 3 1/2 and 4) at . . . 50c per pair
25 prs. Men's Oxfords (4, 8, 9 and 10) at . . . \$1.00 per pair
Wall Paper at . . . 2 1/2, 4, 5, 6 and 8c

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NEW LINE OF—
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Also a full line of Summer Underwear.

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You might as well fix up your home and enjoy life. Don't put off buying that new Carpet or Bedroom Suit, or anything you need in the line of Furniture because you haven't the money. Come and take advantage of our weekly payment plan. Call and look over our stock whether you buy or not.

Special Sale on Bedroom Suits This Week

Home Furnishing Company
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FALL STATIONERY

Our stock of stationery keeps growing because we have a growing trade. This season's line is bigger and better than ever. Box papers in all sizes and qualities.

There are two reasons why we expect your trade in stationery. First, we give you an ample assortment to choose from. Second, we sell at dearest possible prices.

Everything we say of stationery applies to the things that go with stationery. Inks, pens, pencils, etc. Right kinds at right prices.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHEL, DRUGGISTS
Birmingham

A VISIT TO THE OIL FIELDS OF OHIO

WE ARRIVED at Lima, Ohio about six o'clock in the evening and after partaking of a generous repast we took in the sights of the business and residence section of the city.

This is a city of some 24,000 inhabitants and shows much thrift and prosperity on every hand. Early the next morning a party of eight started for the oil fields. We went to the well at 10 o'clock and after a pleasant drive over a macadamized road of some seven miles, through a rich and level farming country, in which oil derricks loomed up on every side, we arrived at the time of our destination. We tenderly and respectfully climbed the ladders and inspected the well that was to be shot. We found here a portable engine and a drilling machine and the employes busily engaged on removing their drilling tools and as the ropes came up, covered with the crude petroleum, the drillers would put their hands on it and then let it drain off, with the remark, "Very hot, but not so hot as the oil."

Now began the speculation as to how much would the well flow or pump in a day. Would these men soon harvest at small intervals or would they lose their "big investment"? Would Mr. Gilbert's prophecy of a twenty-five barrel well be fulfilled? That it would be a good well was assured—but how much it would be a question. This was the question that was put to me by a visitor. Standing at what we considered a safe distance, we saw him leisurely take from a box in the rear of the wagon a number of tin cans containing nitroglycerine. These cans were carefully left down the well and now every boy is ready for dropping the "Go Devil".

"Two 'Go Devils' in a cast iron barrel two feet long, poured at both ends with fuses on the sides." "Who wants to drop the 'Go Devil'?" is asked and I Mr. Sacker of Cleveland, O., volunteer.

The crowd scatters in every direction, and when everyone is at a safe distance we see Mr. Sacker leap and run toward us and we wait in all expectancy. "Will it never go off? Is it a failure?" passes through our minds, when suddenly we hear a report like that of a small rifle, followed by a stream of water and oil a hundred feet into the air; then another such a hundred feet higher and it immediately begins to spray out on all sides, while he heard simultaneously the exclamations: "See it spray! See it spray!"

After spending about ten or fifteen minutes it begins to gradually subside and we all draw near the well where we find everything in the vicinity covered with oil, and the aroma, which is strong and not particularly pleasing to the olfactory organs, while the atmosphere is killed wherever the oil has touched it. This well was drilled 1297 feet, of which 63 feet was through Trenton rock, in which the oil is found, and 460 feet of rock were drilled.

After they have produced wells they set up tanks, containing about 120 barrels of sulphur, in the vicinity of the gas engine, the gas being produced from the well. When the tank is full they notify the gangster of the Standard Oil Co., who takes the oil and gives a receipt for it. The gas engine, which is used at the price of the day, the gas is used for the purpose of heating the water in the tanks. In the afternoon we visited territory south of Lima and were surprised at the immense number of wells that were being worked, some of them for twenty years or more. The production of oil in this section is from 80 barrels to 80 cents per barrel and will probably go higher, as the demand exceeds the production. New wells are being put in every week and the amount of money invested and made in this section is surprising to a stranger.

Obituary.
Mr. John Bodine, a retired merchant of Birmingham, was born in Baptist Town, Huntington county, N. Y., in 1814, and departed this life August 29, 1902, at the time of his death he was 87 years of age.

His mother died when he was about nine years old and before he was six he started out in life on his own responsibility. After leaving his home he was for a while engaged as a journeyman in various parts of New York and Connecticut until 1850, when he came to Birmingham and opened a tailor shop and clothing business which he followed until 1886, when he retired from active business.

On January 30, 1842, he married Miss Elizabeth Hays of Pottsville, Pa., who died Jan. 8, 1881, leaving three daughters, Mrs. Alice Harrison, Mrs. C. M. Reynolds and Mrs. James Crump.

Mr. Bodine was again married in 1892 to Miss Sarah Briggs of New Haven, Conn., and they were born five children, John L., Elizabeth, Mrs. J. Whitcomb, Mrs. Ed. Howard, William E., who lives in Wyoming, and Albert J.

During his active career Mr. Bodine was for a number of years a member of the school board and for a few years held the office of supervisor of the city and in those relations in his discharged his duties faithfully. His associates and acquaintances of former years bear cheerful testimony to his integrity and uprightness, the general goodness of his life and the valuable services which he rendered to the community in which he lived so long.

During the past six years Mr. Bodine was a great sufferer. None but kind and his faithful wife and family can tell the story of this long career of intense suffering through which he passed. His struggle for life and his battle with death was fought out with the courage of a hero, but the ark of life has done down and the good man has passed on to that other life to receive there, we trust, that which he has made his reward through suffering.

His funeral was held from his late residence Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. M. H. Bartram, assisted by Rev. Mr. Watson, after which of this was mortal was taken charge of by Miss M. Louise Jordan and after their beautiful and impressive service was rendered, was laid away in Greenwood cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to record our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and hearty sympathy during the sickness and after the death of our husband and father. Please to the care and attention of the flower girls.
MRS. MARY CRUMPTON, MRS. ALICE HARRISON, MRS. J. H. BODINE, MRS. J. H. BODINE.

Worthy of More Than Special Mention

Though it is but the first week in September, there are some lines in our Boys' Department which fairly surpass those of past seasons, early as it is. The one most deserving of special mention is the line of

Ten Dollar Suits for Young Men
This is a choice variety of fabrics—offers—blues, blacks, and the most attractive of fancy mixtures—they are of the latest fashion and so perfectly tailored made—you'd think they were made to measure productions. Styles are acutely pleasing, especially to young men who wish to keep up with the procession. Sizes 16 to 19.

You'll find plenty of \$10 suits at other stores, but if you want comparison, take any of the other fellows \$12 suits and see how many you can get them for \$10.
The best at Traver's always and fairly priced. You can't buy trash here.
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A boy's Wild Ride for Life.
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A Parson's Noble Act.
"I want all the world to know," writes Rev. C. J. Badlong of Ashaway, R. I., "what a thoroughly good and reliable medicine I found on Electric Bitters. They cured me of jaundice and liver troubles that had caused me great suffering or many years. For a cause all-around cure they exceed anything I ever saw." Electric Bitters are the surprise of all for their wonderful work in Liver, Kidney and Stomach troubles. Don't fail to try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb.

Advertised Letters.
The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice Aug. 31, 1902.
Mrs. Mary Wainwright, Miss Alice Robinson, Miss May Mead, J. M. Marshall. Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised."

Rev. F. L. Church Honored.
The following is an extract from a letter to E. J. Kunsten from Rev. F. L. Church of Newton Center, Mass., a former pastor of the Baptist church in this place.
"I had the pleasure and honor of preaching in the Rogers Street Baptist Church of Boston last Sunday morning and evening to large and attentive audiences. This church is the largest in Boston. Mrs. Church is visiting Michigan and some of the people of Birmingham may look for a call from her before she returns. Kind regards to all my friends there and much prayer for the dear old church. From your old friend and pastor."
F. L. CHURCH.

Fatal Complexion Dose.
Durand Hill, dispatch: Miss Ethel Feltz and Miss Effie McKinzie were found in a semi-comatose state at the home of the former from arsenical poisoning. They said they had taken arsenic for their complexion.

Annual School Meeting.
The annual school meeting of district No. 1, fractional, of the townships of Bloomfield, Troy, Southfield and Royal Oak, was held at the Bloomingdale Hotel Monday evening, and was largely attended. The meeting passed off very harmoniously.

The financial report of Director Best was very satisfactory. In the general expenses of the district for the year from all sources was \$7,624.00; expenditures were \$5,807.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,816.35.

In the building fund the receipts from sources amounted to \$405.25. The disbursements to date amounted to \$8,647.66, leaving a balance on hand of \$3,790.

At the election of officers, Director Best was elected to succeed himself and J. L. Burlew was elected to succeed Trustee Ford—be other officers holding over.

Hotel Man a Bankrupt.
Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch: George J. Seaman, was declared a bankrupt by Judge Seaman, and the proceedings referred to Referee D. Lloyd Jones. His debts are \$76,000.

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