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TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1903.

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Diamonds Watches Jewelry Cut Glass Silverware Etc., Etc.

We will make a CLEAN SWEEP on these goods FIRST COME--FIRST SERVED.

The Adolph Enggras JEWELRY CO. 22 GRATIOT AVE., HUDSON'S

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MEN'S AND LADIES' UNDERWEAR

The Best Line of HOSIERY in Town

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I can give you better values at 10 to 20 per cent less than my competitors.

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DEALER IN Marble and Granite Monuments

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

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Fire and Tornado Insurance and Real Estate Agents.

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

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Seasonable Goods Reasonable Prices

5000 rolls New Fall Patterns WALL PAPER at 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 1/2c per roll--Borders to match, same price...

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We do a general banking business. Pay 4 per cent on certificates of deposit and also issue Savings Bonds.

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Personal attention will be given your banking business by proprietors, who have had ample experience. We want at least a portion of your business.

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There's habit in human ills. The nerve that throbs once will throbb easier again.

If headaches are neglected their tendency is to come at more frequent intervals.

MITCHELL'S RELIABLE HEADACHE CURE

cures headaches in a few minutes and every cure is a step towards permanent banishment of the affliction.

This remedy contains no opiates, can't harm, and has given universal satisfaction.

Price 10 and 25 cents

Whitehead & Mitchell, THE DRUGGISTS Birmingham, Mich.

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DEALER IN Fresh, Salt and Smoked Meats

Findings to Live. The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey, of Chautauque, Ind.

MEATS OYSTERS, GAME and VEGETABLES of all kinds in season

One hundred miles shortest to Chattanooga, Queens & Crescent Route.

SUICIDED

AN ACT OF DESPONDENCY

George W. Beckman Takes His Own Life by Hanging at The National Hotel--Aged 68 Years.

Our village was startled last Friday morning by the announcement that George W. Beckman had committed suicide at the National hotel. It was too true. A domestic at the hotel went to the bath room about five o'clock that morning but hearing some one inside...

It would seem that Mr. Beckman had intended to open his regular vein and lived to death. He sat in a chair at the head of the bath tub and made four cuts into his neck, not only blood enough flowed to run down the slanting head of the tub...

The announcement was made and George W. Beckman, who was a partner in one of the best stores in the city, was seen with other Sheriff Richmond, who on one took the body from the post.

Mr. Beckman leaves a widow, Mrs. H. C. Beckman of Argyle, Pa., and two daughters, also two brothers, Martin W. of Pontiac and Frank P. who lives on the old homestead in Southfield.

Mr. Beckman followed the profession of a veterinary surgeon and his 35 years was proficient in his skill. But in later years his luck seemed to have left him and in common parlance he was "on his uppers."

He was his own worst enemy and it was a perfect genius. We can truly say that a finer old school gentleman we never met, always kind and polite and with a dignified personality that is well to be seen.

He immediately apprised the decision and no doubt this portion went the way of all the rest in lawing and fighting opposition. Years ago when he was in a prime he was clerk of the Board of Health in Detroit, the cadillac of that day, and was a man peculiarly fitted for the position.

The last few weeks of his life Mr. Beckman was berefted by John N. Hertz, a short time ago, he received a kind encouraging letter from his wife and daughters asking that he come to them, and they would provide for him and make him comfortable. Mr. Hertz gave them. He went to Detroit and from this city purchased a new hat, a pair of overboots and a scalper's ticket to the east.

Brother Mitchell of the Birmingham Electric arrived a lady's back comb and said the lady could have it by calling at the office.

Then the Oxford Leader got presumptuous and wanted to know "how the comb got there."

Death of Henry W. Randall.

Henry W. Randall, an old and well known citizen of Birmingham, died at his home in this place on the 17th of January after a long period of suffering.

The deceased was born May 2nd, 1840, in Livingston county, N. Y., and came to Oakland county, Mich., in 1841. He was married October 1, 1859, to Miss Martha Brown of Southfield, living in this vicinity ever since.

He was a member of Brock Richardson Post, G. A. R., of Birmingham, Lodge, F. & A. M., and was justice of the peace in Southfield for eight years. Two years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and has been a great sufferer, but bore his burden bravely.

He was a member of the Birmingham Board of Health, and was in charge of the health department for several years. He was a kind husband and a loving father. He sides his wife and children, he leaves one son, Mrs. Lucy Cowles of Sogawaw, and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

Bids Wanted.

The Birmingham school board are receiving bids for a new building for heating purposes, the present building being entirely too small for the amount of space to be heated.

The length of the day, sensibly constant Through Periods of Ten Thousand Years.

Professor H. S. Woodward, the director of the Allegheny Observatory has made a mathematical investigation of the effect of the contraction of the earth through cooling on the one hand, and the increase of its bulk from the accumulation of meteoric dust, on the other hand.

The length of the day which we are accustomed to is a very sensible fraction of its present length. Assuming that the earth had originally a temperature of 2000 degrees centigrade, it follows, according to his calculations, that the day will ultimately be shortened by about six per cent of its initial length.

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to clean them up--we never carry goods over from season to season--neatness must be assured Traver's customers same as is the highest quality.

So you've a chance yet to take advantage of our remarkable offerings of which we told you last week.

\$14.50 for any \$18, \$20, \$22, \$22.50 Overcoats

Remember that they'll remain at that price till every one is sold. But don't wait too long, such values will not last forever.

Money back if they don't please or are not better than you can buy elsewhere. You can't be disappointed when you buy at this store even if prices are reduced.

R. H. TRAVER CO.

171, 173, 175 Woodward Ave. Detroit

AT THE THEATERS.

WHITNEY. At the Whitney theater next week "McFadden's Row of Flats," known as one of the most successful farces, will be presented in an entirely new dress.

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McFadden's Row of Flats is said to be superior to any of its former productions.

LYCEUM. Everybody conversant with stage affairs will welcome the Lyceum play "Love's Labor's Lost," which Wm. A. Brady offers at the Lyceum theater next Sunday.

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Can't Pay \$6 a Ton. In view of the agitation among the farmers in regard to demanding \$6 a ton for their sugar beets next season, Wm. S. Humphrey, president of the Michigan Beet Sugar Manufacturers and a stockholder in the Salsburg Sugar Co., says:

So far as the farmer's \$6 a ton for their beets, \$6 would run the whole business--the manufacturers couldn't run the factories. That is practically three cents a pound for all the sugar in the beets. The yield of sugar is only about 200 pounds to the ton of beets.

The Secret of Long Life. Consists in keeping all the main organs of the body in healthy, regular action, and in quickly destroying deadly disease germs.

Electric Bitters regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, and give a general appetite. They work wonders in curing Kidney Troubles and Female Complaints, Nervous Diseases, Constipation, Dyspepsia and Malaria. Give them a trial and strength will surely follow their use. Price 50c, guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cribb & Cobb, druggists.

For a had taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25c. Warranted Pure. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

The Administrator's Sale

at SPARLING'S, 155 and 157 Woodward Ave.

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Thousands of Odds and Ends

Broken Lots and Short Lengths

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Reduced Prices

does not express the great sacrifice of Reliable DRY GOODS and NOTIONS

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The greatest money-saving opportunity ever known in Detroit

Money-Saving Green Trading Stamps given with all cash purchases.

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Great Inventory Shoe Sale

.....GOING'S CORNER SHOE STORE.....

We are closing out all remnant sizes left from our full business at CUT PRICES.

All Women's Warm Lined Shoes sold at \$2.00 and less, to be closed out at \$1.12

Several lots of Men's Fine Shoes on up-to-date lasts, which sold at \$3.00 and \$3.50 to close out at \$2.62

40 prs. Ladies' Fine Shoes--sizes 2 3/4, 3, 3 1/2--off styles--to close out at 63c

Too good an opportunity to lose

Call early--first choice is always best

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