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5,000 yards new Fall Outings at 5c, 8c and 10c per yd.
2,000 yards all-wool Trecots at 25c per yd.
1,500 yards fancy Fleeced Waistings at 10c per yd.
1,000 yards fancy Ramona Flannels at 15c per yd.
New Line of Sorosis Skirts at $1.00, $1.50 $2.00 and $2.50.
New Line of Ladies' Gowns at 50c, 75c and $1.00.
New Line of Corset Covers at 25c, 35c and 50c.
New Line of Gents' Night Shirts at 50c, 75c and $1.00.
New Line of Taffeta Ribbons, all shades, at 5c, 8c, 10c and 15c a yard.

BLANKETS BLANKETS

10-4 at 50c, 60c and 75c per pair.
11-4 at 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00.

We are now receiving our New Fall Stock, and can quote you low prices on Clean, Fresh Goods.

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

We have small banks which we loan to depositors. Call and get one for your child and teach him to save and know the worth of a dollar.

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

CHAS. E. TOMS, Cashier

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WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF

SHELF GOODS, STOVES OF ALL KINDS, RANGES, ETC.

When in need of Paints or Oils get our prices before purchasing Elsewhere.

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Our Line of TINWARE is complete in every detail, and contains everything essential to the thrifty housewife who delights in the Culinary Art.

Your Trade Solicited,

J. R. BLAKESLEE.

Hardware Merchant, Birmingham Mich.

Muslin Underwear Dept.

We have purchased from one of our best manufacturers his sample line of SILK PETTICOATS, in Black and Colors. We offer them at one-third less than regular prices.

UMBRELLA DEPARTMENT
We have just opened a choice assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's fine UMBRELLAS, plain and fancy handles. Gold goods at moderate prices. Initials engraved for the Holiday Trade free of Charge.

COTTON DEPARTMENT
FIFTY DOZEN 45x36 Pillow Slips. These Slips are made of heavy serviceable cotton, and at the price offered are much under values. This week only 12½c each.

WASH GOODS DEPARTMENT
We have a large assortment of patterns ready for the Holiday Trade, put up in neat boxes if desired. 50 inch GINGHAMS, $1.00 to $2.50 a pattern.
WASH PATTERNS from 75c to $3.00 a pattern. Many of these we have marked much under original prices.

DRAPERY DEPARTMENT
We offer a few odd lots in the following grades of RUGS at reduced prices to close

6-9 feet Bigelow Wilton for	$18.50
9-3x10-6 feet Bigelow Wilton for	27.50
9 x12 feet Bigelow Wilton for	30.00
6 x9 feet Bigelow Body Brussels for	16.00
9-3x1-6 feet Bigelow Body Brussels for	20.00
9 x12 feet Bigelow Body Brussels for	24.50
6-9 feet Wool Smyrna for	7.50
7.6x10-6 feet Wool Smyrna for	13.00
9 x12 feet Wool Smyrna for	15.00

CLOAK DEPARTMENT
We are still offering a line of Rich Robes at less than half original value.

Send for Illustrated Catalogue.

The Taylor Woolfenden Co.,
165 to 169 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

OUR HOLIDAY STOCK

Is coming in and we must have room to display it. Prices will be cut and every day will be Bargain Day for the next two weeks. The Ladies of Birmingham should not miss this opportunity.

MRS. G. W. TERRY,
Lawrence Street East, Pontiac, Mich.

School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.

Editor-in-Chief—CLARENCE WEST.
Associate Editors { JESSIE PIGEON, IDA HANNA, ESTELLA REED, MAE IRWIN.

Miss Mae Bell has left school.

Workmen have drawn soil to grade up outside of the school walk.

The botany class is making a study of the common fruits.

Report cards were given out for the first quarter Wednesday night.

The eighth grade joined with the High school Friday morning in a song service.

Mae Allen of the fourth grade was absent last week on account of sickness.

Ruby Mallery and Harvey Rowell of grade were absent on account of sickness.

We are pleased to note that George Deer has again been promoted from a seat.

The physics class are performing interesting experiments relating to mechanics of fluids.

The General History class listened to excellent examination papers by Miss Maud McDonald and Mr. Hulbert last week.

The B. H. S. listened to the following people Wednesday morning: Grace Purdy, Hazel Carter, Ida White, Edna Ford, Stella Buell, Mark Bassett, Eva McClellan and Charles Streeter.

The old bell which welcomed the pupils to school for more than a generation and which was replaced by a large new one last year, has been placed on a school building in Avon where Miss King is teaching.

AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

Today and tomorrow Williams & Tucker in "Skinny's Finish." Doan & Lynch in a 16 ottinary Big Jar." Besides many other fine sketches can be seen at the Avenue. Nothing but the best talent obtainable will be seen on this stage and the many patrons of this popular pay house from this town can vouch for this statement.

WHITNEY.

The multitude who believe that it is the privilege of fond parents to entertain people with startling stories and pictures on paper, and encourage them to cash and money by the pound, will have an opportunity of seeing this idea carried out at the Whitney Theater next week when the sensational comedy drama entitled "A Shoplifter" will be presented. The plot is said to begin with action that is calculated to early enthuse those susceptible to the dramatic strain, but releases its grip on this respect at times when a pin fondness of snarling and mad brilliant situations are introduced. A pretty story of genuine and love is told in the action by a cast of thirty people, headed by that man incident a cream, Miss Lottie Williams.

L. CEUM.

Of the younger men on the stage today, no one has scored the success that has been refunded to Neil McKinlay, the unique comedian who will be seen all next week in Ghosts." Said C. Dec. 11th, it the Lyceum Theater, in the production of "A Son of Rest." This must of course, be said to continue in more charming girls, a greater variety of specialties and last but not favorite, than does any other similar organization. Mr. McKinlay is in impersonation of the hayseed character, in the leading feature. The organization numbers sixty and up and brings this popular comedian to Birmingham, for its adequate production along.

SOCIETIES ELECT OFFICERS

The Masons and the Maccabees Hold their Annual Elections

Birmingham lodge, No. 41, F. and A. M., held its regular annual election of officers on Friday evening, December 4. The following officers were elected:

W. M.—William Masters.
S. W.—A. Whitehead.
J. W.—D. W. Bray.
Treas.—G. H. Satterlee.
Secy.—Charles G. Reynolds.
S. D.—Ell worth Randall.
J. D.—William Hanna.
Tyler.—H. W. Benedict.
Stewards—Fred Crawford and James Bingham.

A very pleasant evening was passed and D. M. Doty was master of the lunch and a fine repast was served.

Birmingham Chapter, No. 91, R. A. M., elected officers as follows:

H. P.—D. M. Doty.
K.—Wm. Smith.
S.—J. A. Bigelow.
Secy.—D. M. Johnston.
Treas.—P. H. Kerman.
C. H.—A. Whitehead.
P. S.—I. N. Baker.
R. A. C.—Ellsworth Randall.
M. 3d Vale—Miles Dewey.
M. 2d Vale—H. J. Bowers.
M. 1st Vale—R. C. Cummings.

On last Saturday evening the Ladies Maccabees elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

P. Com.—Carrie Knowles.
Com.—Nellie Barr.
Lieut. Com.—Anna Parks.
R. K.—Hattie Smith.
F. K.—Hattie Todd.
Chap.—Emily German.
Ser.—Fanny M. Shain.
M. at A.—Flora McHenry.
Sent.—Mary Rainey.
Examining Physician—C. M. Raynale.

No one should hesitate about trying a 25 cent bottle of PEPSIKOLA as it will not cost you a penny should it fail to relieve and cure that very worrying of indigestion and dyspepsia. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

A MIGHTY PURCHASE!

M. BARNETT, PONTIAC'S GREATEST CLOTHIER'S ENTIRE $40,000 STOCK.

Sold to United States Sale Co., the World's Greatest Bargain Givers.

Save This and Wait Until Saturday, Dec. 12, at 9 a. m., When the Entire Stock of M. Barnett Will Be Sold in Fifteen Days.

M. Barnett, Pontiac's greatest clothier, hatter and furnisher's entire stock consisting of $40,000 worth of fine tailor-made clothing, furnishing goods, shoes and hats, will be placed on sale and sold at retail at 53 cents on the dollar, beginning Saturday, Dec. 12 and positively closing in fifteen days. The entire stock must be sold, as the stock has been placed in the hands of the United States Sales Co., the largest institution of its kind in the world. As this sale will only last 15 days, everything will go rapidly. This is the first sale of its kind and magnitude that has ever occurred in this city, and it may never occur again. The opening will be made a gala day. Bring the children. There will be music all day, and in order to prove to you what tremendous sacrifices must be made, we mention a few of the extraordinary bargains that will be offered. And bear in mind that there are 1,000 different articles that we cannot mention here. We advise you to save this and bring it with you, so that you can get exactly the goods mentioned in this document. Remember, no postponement. This great United States Sale Co.'s sale will begin Saturday, Dec. 12 at M. Barnett's, in Pontiac, Mich., and closes in fifteen days. Just think of the following propositions and remember that all goods priced in this document can be brought back any time during the sale.

SPLENDID OVERCOAT IN MEDIUM, HEAVY OR LIGHT WEIGHT, AT ONLY $2.98

This coat is of the finest material and positively worth $10. We will allow you to take this coat home and wear it five days, and if you do not think it is worth $10, or no matter what the cause may be, you may return the same, and we hereby bind ourselves to refund the $2.98. Men's nice, good, durable overcoats in black and brown, for Sunday wear, $4.98, positively worth $15. Men's fine overcoats in black and satin lined, $6.98, worth $18, or your money refunded no matter what the cause may be. Men's fine Royal Standard Kersey overcoats in black, blue and brown, worth $20. United Sale Co.'s price, $7.98. The finest quality of custom tailor-made overcoats and imported Royal Standard Kerseys, all shades, and lined with plush, silk, or astrakan, $12.98, positively equal to a $40 custom tailor made garment, or your money refunded at any time during this sale.

A fine suit of men's clothes, all match..... $2.98
This suit positively worth $7.50 or your money refunded during the sale.

Men's fine suits in cheviots and Scotch plaids..... $4.98
Worth $10 or your money refunded at any time during the sale. If you are not satisfied.

Men's splendid suits in velour finish, all sizes, all sizes..... $5.98

Silk and satin lined dress suits in plain checks and stripes..... $7.48
This suit positively worth $22.

Men's extra fine dress suits in all the latest styles and shades, heavy silk and satin lined, equal to the best $30 tailor made to order suit for..... $12.48
Positively worth $35 this suit.

Men's fine dress pants..... 98c
Worth $3.00 or your money back.

Men's fine trousers for Sunday wear, in worsteds and fancy cheviots, at $2.39
Positively worth $5, $6 and $7, or your money refunded.

Boys' suits and overcoats, worth $4.50, for..... 98c

1,000 pairs boys' knee pants, worth 50c..... 9c

Men's best quality reinforced unlaundered shirts, worth $1,..... 29c

Good heavy work shirts, $1, for..... 19c

Over 1,000 dozen men's fancy colored shirts, among them such famous brands as Manhattan, worth $2, for..... 69c

Fine dress shirts, worth $1..... 39c

Men's hats, genuine Stetson shapes, also a few Dunlap shapes worth $3 and $5..... 98c

Men's 50c wool underwear..... 19c

A few hundred boys' hats and caps, worth $1, at 19c. Men's fine silk and knitted suspenders, worth 75c, at 46c. Good heavy socks worth 25c, at 3 for 50c. Dress and work gloves at one-third their value. Pontiac make gloves and mittens worth 50c and 75c, sale price 19c. Over 5,000 neckties in all shades, worth from 50c to $1, at 23c and 19c. Men's handkerchiefs worth 50c, at 3 for 1,000 pairs of overalls worth $1, at 49c and 29c. Men's, boys' and children's high grade underwear, in heavy wool ribbed silk fleeced, in all shades and colors.

NOTICE—M. Barnett has been in business and one of the city's most trustworthy and honorable associates for a number of years and could have sold his stock a much better advantage, but preferred placing same in the hands of a well known and reliable concern, who would deal with the people on the same honorable lines that have marked his fifteen years' career in Pontiac.

Never a Clothing Sale As Great as This

Never at this time of the year was such a sacrifice, in profits known to the buying public as these we make.

Why do we do it?

The reorganization of this firm caused by the purchase of a half interest in it by S. L. Bird of Chicago, compels it. Every dollar's worth of this stock must be sold.

But for that you would be paying regular prices and paying them willingly, too, for this elegant merchandise. Now's the time to buy your

.....Christmas Gifts.....

When such articles of apparel as men and boys appreciate receiving—CUTS, OVERCOATS, HATS, CAPS, HOUSE COATS, BATH ROBES, NECKWEAR, GLOVES, SUSPENDERS, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS, TIES ETC., the best of each, can be purchased for less than they've ever before been sold for

EVERYTHING IS REDUCED IN PRICE

And the reduction is genuine, too—you can see for yourself if you look at the price ticket just how much you save. The original price remains as it was before the sale, with the reduced price beneath it.

People can hardly realize what this sale means to them. Some won't believe such fine merchandise could be sold for so little till they come and see, then they are convinced.

Satisfaction is guaranteed or money will be refunded. You are more certain to be satisfied here than you are elsewhere in Detroit.

R·H·Traver Co·
171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Bloomfield Taxpayers Attention.

Until and including January 10, 1904, I will be at Cobb & Cobb's drug store in Birmingham every day except Saturday for the purpose of receiving township taxes. Saturdays I will be at the county treasurer's office, in Pontiac, for the same purpose. THOS. H. CONE,
(3m1) Bloomfield Township Treasurer.

Southfield Taxpayers Attention.

I will be at the following places for the purpose of collecting township taxes on dates specified:

Southfield Berg, December 16.
Erity's Mills, December 23.
Geo. Bingham's, in Franklin, December 30.

At home, every Friday during month.
JAMES S. PARKS,
(3m1) Southfield Township Treasurer.

Notice to Troy Tax Payers.

For the purpose of receiving taxes I will be at the following places on days specified:

Troy Corners, every Monday in December, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and first Monday in January, 4th, from 8 o'clock to 3 p. m.

Big Beaver, every Tuesday in December, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and first Tuesday in January, 5th, from 8 o'clock until 3 p. m.

Clerkin, Wednesday, December 16th and 30th from 8 o'clock until 3 p. m.

At home, ½ mile west of Troy town house, every Friday, December 11th and 18th and January 1st and 8th, from 8 o'clock until 3 p. m.

Exchange Bank, in Birmingham, every Saturday December 12th, 19th 26th, and first two Saturdays in January, 2nd and 9th. JOHN TRUESDELL,
(3m1) Treasurer of Troy.

Friday Evening Service in St. James Church.

Each Friday evening during Advent, service will be held in St. James church. The discourses will be on the following topics:

Dec. 11. Christ in the modern Christian Church.

Dec. 18. Christ in the modern Christian.

Beginning with the New Year a Bible study class will be organized to make a critical study of the Life and Teachings of Jesus. Membership in the class will be open to all.

Something New for the Children.

The Upside Down Colored Pictures now running in The Detroit Free Press Colored Supplement every Sunday have proven a great success. The "Brownies in the Philippines" and "Buster Brown," funny features, have always been popular. Taken as a whole, the Colored Supplement of the Detroit Free Press has no equal. The Sunday Detroit Free Press is the greatest newspaper published in Michigan and should be taken in every home. Order it for next Sunday. If you give it a trial you will always want it.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system if nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the Stomach, regulate the Kidneys and bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists.

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POPULAR PRICED DRY GOODS HOUSE

Stylish Ready-Made Garments, New Dress Goods, Fancy Hosiery, Silks, Linens, Etc.

Women who have'nt bought their Fall Suits, Dress Goods, Etc., will find it to their decided advantage to visit our Exposition of New Nobby Styles.

$1.00	WE make a leading price for all fashionable weaves in Dress Goods, 42 inches wide, Mohairs, Venetians, Crepe Cloth, Camel's Hair...$1.00 yard
$1.25	SILKS for autumn wear, for Suits or separate Skirts, 36 inch Peau de Soie, Satin Duchesse, Satin de Chene, Taffeta, all the new shades...$1.25 yard
$15	HANDSOME SUITS in a variety of Mixtures and Plain Cloths, the newest modes, satin and Taffeta lined...$15 each
25c	FULL LINES of staple and fancy Hose, including all kinds of Cotton, Fleeced Lined and Wool...25c pair
75c	15 CASES Cotton Blankets, all full 11-4 size, hemmed and ready for use, in Tan, Black or White...75c pair
59c	LINENS, just what every person will be glad to see. Table Linen, Cobwebs, Waffle Weavings...59c yd
33c	500 YARDS BLACK TAFFETA SILK, good quality for a short time only, at...33c yard

Green Trading Stamps with all cash purchases.

SPARLING & CO., McCall's Bazaar Patterns 10c and 15c. None higher.

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