

Devoted to Our Own Locality--We Labor for Its Interests.

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1903. NO. 33. WHOLE NO. 1316

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



WE ARE PREPARED WITH A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF
Diamonds
Watches
Clocks
Fine Jewelry
Silverware
Cut Glass and
Coilet Articles

These are Gifts that will be appreciated. Our prices are always the lowest, quality considered.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

Open Evenings until Xmas.

TRUSSES
THE RIGHT KIND TO BUY.
You can buy Trusses for almost nothing, or you can pay a very high price for them; but the price of a Truss does not prove that it is going to be the Truss which you need. Every case has to be fitted individually. That is where we have our big success with Trusses. No one goes out of our store with a Truss that does not fit perfectly. Therefore a great many people are wearing our Trusses and sending their friends to us for Trusses. If you are wearing a Truss and it does not feel right of stay in the right place come in and see us about it. We will tell you whether it is the right Truss for you to wear.

E. L. KEYSER,
PONTIAC, MICH.

FOR LUSCIOUS
STEAKS,
CUTLETS,
CHOPS,
HAM, Etc.,

A. R. PAKS,
The Corner Market Man.

Poultry, Game, Fish and Vegetables in Season.

Clarence L. Cowles,
Architect,
81 and 83 Third Street,
Birmingham, E. B. Mich

John D. Riker, M. D.
Practice Limited to
EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT.
Pontiac, Mich.
Queen & Crescent service Clinician to Atlanta and Jacksonville the best in the country.

FALL ARRIVALS 1903.

WE QUOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:
5,000 yards new Fall Outings at 7c, 8c and 10c per yd.
2,000 yards all-wool Trecoats at 25c per yd.
15,000 yards fancy Piced Waitings at 10c per yd.
1,000 yards fancy Ramona Flannels at 15c per yd.
New Line of Sarosis 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.
N. W. Line of Gents' Night Shirts at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
New Line of E. B. Pibbons, all shades, at 5c, 8c, 10c and 15c a yard.

BLANKETS **BLANKETS**
70-4 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.

F. BLAKESLEE
BIRMINGHAM MICH.

BANK of BIRMINGHAM

POWER & SMITH, Bankers
Responsibility \$50,000.00
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

HARDWARE.

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.

PLUMBING AND TINNING

ARE OUR SPECIALTIES.
Our line of TINWARE is complete in every detail, and contains everything essential to the thrifty housewife who delights in the Careful Art.
Your Trade Solicited.
J. R. BLAKESLEE.
Hardware Merchant, Birmingham Mich.

GOODS SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

WHITE GOODS DEPARTMENT
Along with our enormous stock of Household articles we shall offer a full line of Embroidered, White Goods, including: Towels, Handkerchiefs, Sheets, Pillow Cases, and many other articles, with from 2c to 25c each, at 20c, 25c and 30c.

MEN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.
Holiday Neckties, Mittens, Full-length Mittens, Suspenders, etc.

HOSIERY DEPARTMENT
An elegant line of Fancy Hosiery for Ladies and Children.

UMBRELLA DEPARTMENT
A complete line of Umbrellas for Ladies and Children in Cotton, Union and Silk Coverings and several designs in steel.

FANCY GOODS AND DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES—Table sets, Shaving sets, Manicure sets, Hairbrushes, Razors, Tooth Brushes, Hair Brushes, Hair Oil, Toilet Articles, and the best Face Creams, Hair Oil, Perfumes in bulk and fancy bottles to be found in any store.
LEATHER GOODS of every description. We sell a lot of Sew, Wallets, Portfolios, money and Leather Pouches, regular price 50c to \$1.00 each, at Half Price.
WORK BOOKS, Needle Cases, 1c by Tape Measure, Fancy Stationery and Christmas Cards, 1c to 5c.

HOLIDAY APRONS—Fancy Aprons with Ribbon and Lace Trimmings, Novel Aprons, Aprons with Tea Aprons, Gingham Aprons and Lace Aprons. All at POPULAR PRICES.

DRAPERY DEPARTMENT—Silk, Cotton, and Woolen Goods, Curtains, Blinds, Lace, and many other articles. All at POPULAR PRICES.

Mail-Orders for Christmas Promptly Filled.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Company,
165 to 169 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

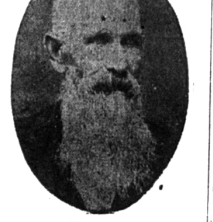
OUR HOLIDAY STOCK
Is coming in and we must have room to display it. Prices will be cut and every day will be Bargain Day for the next two weeks. The Ladies of Birmingham should not miss this opportunity.
MRS. G. W. TERRY,
Lorraine Street East, Pontiac, Mich.

GONE TO HIS REWARD

Rev. Robert Bird Dies at Home in Detroit After a Long and Useful Life.

Rev. Robert Bird, one of the oldest members of the Detroit Methodist Episcopal conference, died of paralysis at his late residence, 303 Boothman avenue, Thursday, December 10, at 2 p. m. In his prime he was one of the most ambitious and useful workers in the cause of Methodism in the state; his ministers having begun when he was years of age. In the early days of Michigan, he made many hard and long trips in the winter, by snowshoe and dog train, preaching to the people in the scattered northern communities and erecting a temple wherever he saw a flock that was in need of it. He was best known among the congregations of the Tabernacle, Detroit, and among them; Rochester, Sand Beach.

In 1874 Rev. Mr. Bird and a few others explored the northern part of the state and selected the site occupied by his View for a Methodist camp meeting, now known to be one of the largest and flourishing in existence. Nineteen years



REV. ROBERT BIRD, 1841-1903. Mr. Bird was born in Delaware, England, June 1, 1841, and came to this country with his parents at the age of 12, living for a time in Canada, but later moving to a farm near Romulus. Besides the widow, Mrs. A. J. Bird, he leaves three children: Robert and Misses Myrtle and Alta Bird.

The funeral was held at his late home Monday morning at 10 o'clock, interment at Brantingham; the remains being brought here by funeral car. At the funeral services held at his late residence special addresses were delivered by E. A. Blakeslee, minister of Detroit, Rev. W. H. White, of Romulus, and Mr. H. C. Armstrong, of Detroit. The music was by the choir of St. Clement's of the Detroit Conservatory of Music. On arrival of the body here many old time friends accompanied the funeral party to Green oak to pay their last respects to one who had often proved to be a friend. Rev. Mr. H. C. Armstrong conducted the services here and paid a worthy tribute to his former fellow worker in the vineyard.

Rev. Robert Bird was pastor of the Birmingham Methodist church from 1864 to 1874. During that time he was instrumental in bringing to completion the present fine house of worship. He had a wonderful faculty for raising money for such purposes. Although he belonged to one of the most orthodox of churches, he had broad sympathies, he showed nothing of the narrow sectarian spirit so common in early days.

Southfield Taxpayers Attention.

I will be at the following places for the purpose of collecting township taxes on dates specified:
Southfield, Dec. 18, 1903.
Bryn Mawr, Dec. 20, 1903.
Green, Birmingham, Franklin, December 21, 1903.
At home, every Friday during month.
JAMES S. PARKS,
Jan. 1. 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, every Monday in December, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, and Monday in January, 4th, from 8 o'clock to 3 p. m.
Big Beaver, every Tuesday in December, 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th and first Tuesday in January, 21st, from 8 o'clock to 3 p. m.
Exchange, every Wednesday, December 16th and 17th, from 8 o'clock until 3 p. m.
At home, 15 mile west of Troy, on house, every Friday, December 17th, 18th and 19th, and January 1st and 2nd, from 8 o'clock until 3 p. m.

A Costly Mistake.

Banders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally it has been the price of a mistake, but you'll never know if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver and Bile Troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's Drug stores.

School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.
EDITH CLARK—CLARENCE WEST,
VENESE BOGUELOW,
DICK HANNA,
MONTAGUE EDITORS
STELLA REED
MAK IRWIN.

New blotters have been distributed throughout the school.
Miss Smith was unable to attend school Thursday morning.

Edna Mallender was absent last week owing to the death of her little brother.
Mrs. McClellan visited the Physics and English History classes on Thursday of last week.

The physics class was very much amused by a cartoon diver in the laboratory Thursday afternoon.

The class in the art of teaching visited the lower rooms Tuesday morning to observe the methods employed.

Our old friend John Brooks paid a visit to his class '04. Everyone wishes they might see his pully face every day.

The pupils of Mrs. Koenig's room have been furnished with copies of the Christmas Carol by the Pontiac Music Co.

In spite of the "drop" in temperature over Sunday all the rooms were comfortable all the time Monday morning.

The school last week was visited by Raynold Whitehead, Clare Cummings and Miss Mary Wallace, all of class '03.

The botany class have planted beans and squash seeds and are to make drawings of them at the different stages of growth.

Tests in English History Thursday and Friday. The class has taken up the study of the Tudor kings and the Reformation.

The laboratory has been enriched by the addition of several new machines for illustrating principles in the mechanics of solids, fluids, etc.

The advanced German class has taken up the study of Hever's "Das Madchen von Trepp". They are glad that they do not have to copy any more exercises.

The school is much interested in the adventures of Sidney Troce, as given in "Barrel of the Blessed Isles," which is being read by Miss Smith during the morning exercises.

C. A. Simmons created much amusement Monday afternoon by presenting Miss McNeil a box containing, as one would suppose, diamonds, but on examination what proved to be a mechanical mouse.

The school had the pleasure of listening to Rev. McCracken on Monday morning, who, after conducting devotional exercises, invited the pupils to seek for a good clean character as the most important thing in life.

Messrs. Robert Hubbard, Harry Gray, Floyd Smith, Fred Rainey and Misses Jessie Jenks, Maybore Adams, Ethel Johnson and Ella Chapman entertained the school last week Wednesday morning with their curious and interesting.

The following pupils in Miss Koenig's room show a very good record in spelling during the past two years, as follows: Belle Streeter has not missed a word; Grace Steeter, Charles Loren, Loren Stanch and Ed Zimmerman each missed one; Edna Schick, Elsie Davenport and Ned Koss, two, and Max West, three.

The 51st annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' Association will be held at Ann Arbor, Dec. 29, 30 and 31, 1903. A very fine program covering nearly every phase of school work will be held.

The general meeting will be held at 10:30 a. m. in Hall, and the special meetings Wednesday afternoon in the various recreation rooms. Extensive exhibits of school supplies and of school work will be worth seeing. This is so in a large measure for the young teacher to meet and hear the leading teachers of the state and many from outside, to establish the rights at this great seat of learning. School officers will be much interested in their sectional meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The Pope Bicycle Daily Memoranda Calendar.
The re-issue of the Pope bicycle daily calendar may be considered the opening act proclaiming the natural and healthy return of bicycling. Cal Albert A. Pope, the founder of our bicycle industries and the pioneer in the Good Roads Movement, is again at the head of the bicycle industry. Upon the 25th centenary leaves are freshly written lines, from the poets of our greatest college press to the doctors, clergymen, statesmen, and other eminent men and women, all of them enthusiastically supporting bicycling. Half of each leaf is blank for memoranda. This calendar is free at the Pope Manufacturing Company's stores or any of our dealers can obtain it by sending five 2-cent stamps to the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or 143 Sigel Street, Chicago, Ill.

PEPSIKOLA is a grand nerve tonic and is sure to help all who feel run down and worn out because of the debilitating effects of the hot weather. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

For sale by Cobb & Cobb.

YOU POSITIVELY WILL SAVE MONEY

IF YOU BUY AT TRAVER'S

You might as well put one-third of your money in the fire as to see where if you're CHRISTMAS GIFTS for Men and Boys to Buy. This Great Reorganization Sale assures a positive saving on every article—it was inaugurated to dispose of this entire stock, because every dollar's worth must be sold to facilitate the reorganization plans made on every article we've sacrificed profits and in many cases part of the cost as well.

...HOLIDAY GIFTS...
Throughout this great Store you will find articles of apparel especially suitable for HOLIDAY GIFTS to men and boys. Here are a few suggestions:

Suits, Separate Trousers, Overcoats, Fancy Vests, Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Neckwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Mullers, Handkerchiefs, Jewelry, Shirts, Underwear, Hats, Caps, Fur Gloves, etc

FOR MEN

FOR BOYS

Suits, Overcoats, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Pajamas, Gloves, Mittens, Warm Caps, Shirt-waists, Shirts, Neckties, Mullers, Handkerchiefs, etc.

EVERYTHING IN THE STORE HAS BEEN MARKED DOWN
Yes, and they're marked down lower than prices on similar merchandise was ever marked before.

R-H-Traver Co.

171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

LITERARY CLUB MEETING.
The Ladies' Literary Club held the last meeting before the Christmas vacation at the home of Mrs. H. C. Hart last Monday evening.

A fine paper on the "City of Mexico" was read by Mrs. H. C. Wilton.
"Stenic America" was the interesting subject given by Mrs. Bigelow.

Why did the Pilgrims persecute when they themselves were driven out by persecution? was the subject of a description of an imaginary meeting between Cotton Mather, Roger Williams, and many departed warriors whose short comments were all pardoned by the fact that they had never known the meaning of the words pessimist and optimist and had never known the teaching of a woman's club.

Sickness prevented the attendance of Mrs. Beardslee and the fine paper prepared by her on "J. Pierpont Morgan" was read by the president, Mrs. Chiles. During the month of January the club will meet with Mrs. Shaw.

No one should really neglect to treat a 25-cent box of PEPSIKOLA, as it will not only give you a penny's worth of relief, but also cure the very real cause of indigestion and dyspepsia. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.
For sale by Cobb & Cobb.

FRIENDS OF THE BOWEN are requested when they have probable business, to ask the application of the legal notice in this issue.

SPARLING'S POPULAR PRICED DRY GOODS HOUSE

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

Women who have not 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 waists in Dress Goods, (Zobelias, Madras, Valenciennes, Crepe Cloth, Cam's Hair—30 inch yard)
\$1.25 SILKS for women wear, for Suits or separate skirts, 36 inch Peas de
L'Inde, Black or White—22 1/2 yard
\$1.50 HANDMADE SILKS in a variety of Mixtures and Plain Colors—36 inch each
NEW DRESS GOODS, 36 inch to 42 inch—\$1.50 each
23c FULL LENGTH of staple and fancy Hosiery, including all kinds of
Cotton, Flannel, Linen and Wool—22 1/2 yard
75c 11 GAMES Cotton Hosiery, all full 11 1/2 sets, hemmed and ready for
use in Tan, Black or White—22 1/2 yard
59c LINENS, 2c what every person will be glad to see. Table Linen
Shirts, White Vellings—39c yd
33c 300 YARDS BLACK PAPERETTE SILK, good quality for a very low
price, at—22 1/2 yard

Green Trading Store with all cash purchases.
SPARLING & CO.,
155 and 157 Woodward Ave., Detroit.