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New Line of Corset Covers at 25c, 35c and 50c.
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BLANKETS BLANKETS

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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.

LONG JOURNEY ENDED.

Horace A. Hall, one of Birmingham's Oldest and Most Respected Citizens, Joins the Silent Majority.

After a lingering illness Horace A. Hall died at his home on Maple avenue in this village early Saturday morning. During the closing days of his long and busy life he has been tenderly cared for by dear relatives and no one will miss him more than those who knew so well that beneath a bluff exterior there beat a kind heart, always ready to extend a helping hand to those who might need assistance.

In the death of Horace A. Hall, Birmingham loses one of her oldest citizens and one widely known throughout Oakland and adjoining counties.

Mr. Hall was born at Richmond, N. Y., in 1814. At the age of 21, he was married and soon after he settled on a farm at Sterling, Macomb county, where he remained 14 years. Then he purchased the Six Mile house and 80 acres of land on Woodward avenue, near Detroit, where he was a popular

HORACE A. HALL,
One of Birmingham's Oldest Residents who Died at his Home Saturday Morning Last.

host for 12 years. In 1873, he sold this property and removed with his family to Birmingham. In April, 1900, his wife died in her ninetieth year, and since that he had lived with his grandson, Will H. Stephans.

Two children Mrs. Susie Smith of this place and William M. Hall of the township of Troy, survive him.

The funeral was held Monday at 2 p. m. Rev. M. B. Maxwell of the United Presbyterian church officiating. The burial was at Greenwood.

ANOTHER OIL COMPANY.

Nothing succeeds like success. At a meeting held at the office of A. W. Campbell, December 16, an Oil Company was formed under the name of Fortune Oil Company of Birmingham, Mich., with a captal of $75,000. The Directors chosen were Dr. J. L. Campbell, Wm. Erity, T. A. Ward, E. R. Smith, Austin Parks, of Birmingham, Mich., J. M Lawson C. H. Silman, A. C. Campbell, Royal Oak; Edward Bower, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Company has 333 acres under lease about six miles east of Lima, Ohio, and has two fine producing wells already on the property, notice of which has already been given in these columns. The third one is now drilling and is surrounded on three sides with good producing wells which eliminates all speculating in the matter and their success is assured.

There will be 3000 shares of treasury stock sold for development purposes only, after which the books will be closed. This company is formed on exactly the same plan as the Wolverine & Buckeye Oil Company of this place, which has been such a success.

Sotuhfield 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,
(jan1) 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 5 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.

Coleman, 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,
(jan1) Treasurer of Troy.

No one should really hesitate on trying a 25 cent box of PEPSIKOLA as it will not cost you a penny should it fail to relieve and cure the very worst case of indigestion and dyspepsia. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

For sale by Cobb & Cobb.

HE WAS SURPRISED

Ed Lamb Completely Dumbfounded by the Appearance of a Swarm of Friends.

Last Tuesday evening was the thirtieth anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lamb, and about forty old friends of the jolly couple took part in celebrating the event.

Of course Mrs. Lamb knew all about it but if ever a man was dumbfounded it was Ed Lamb when he opened the door to admit, as he supposed, some of the cousters who wanted to borrow a hammer to repair a sleigh. When half the crowd had filed in Ed caught his wind, as it were, and hearty hand shaking and good cheer were indulged in on all sides, after which Mr. Lamb made a break for down town and soon returned with cigars for the men and candy for the ladies.

The gentlemen with their cigars took possession of the upper floor for half an hour, when there was a call for pedro players and the lovers of the sport were soon at it in earnest.

The announcement that supper was ready put an end to the games and all enjoyed a repast fit for a king.

The jolly couple were presented with four pieces of sterling silver, consisting of a shaving set for Ed, a large sauce ladle and two large cake and fruit forks, Mrs. Lamb was the happy recipient of a beautiful gold watch presented by her liege lord the day before. At 12 o'clock the guests were ready for departure when Mrs. Lamb took it into her head to kiss the gentleman good night, and she proceeded to do it. This reminded Ed that the ladies present shouldn't be slighted and succeeded in kissing the whole bunch with the exception of three who had departed just previous to the starting of the kissing bee. Some of the timid ones hid in the dark corners and under the bed but they were pulled out and got four or five extra smacks for their trouble.

All wished Mr. and Mrs. Lamb many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

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. COBB,
(jan1) Bloomfield Township Treasurer

AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

Up with the times is the motto at the Avenue Theater. Nothing escapes the watchful eye of the manager when it comes to supplying the stage with holiday attractions. The best talent to be procured will be in evidence at the Avenue all next week. You have plenty of time this week to see one of the finest vaudeville shows in the city.

LYCEUM.

The appearance of Lottie Blair Parker's delightful play, "Under Southern Skies," at the Lyceum Theater next week, is an event that should be looked forward to with interest by our theater-goers. The company numbers 27 people. Scenery is beautiful, everything used in the presentation being carried by the company. The costuming is quaint and pretty, the gowns being of airy, summery stuff, made in the fashion of 1875, which is the period of the play. A Hallowe'en celebration, during which a pumpkin dance is introduced, is one of the lively features of the performance, and never fails to delight an audience. Beautiful Southern melodies are introduced throughout the play with great effect. The story of the play is both strong and interesting, and is relieved with much comedy, which is contributed by the darky servants and by their masters and mistresses, who are of the Southern aristocracy. "Under Southern Skies" is one of the big successes of recent years, and no one should fail to see it. The usual matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday and a special matinee on New Year's Day.

WHITNEY.

It is only necessary to announce that "The Fatal Wedding" will be the attraction at the Whitney Theater next week to insure capacity business. The success of Theodore Kremer's soul-stirring drama has been so great that it is a source of wonder to almost everyone interested in current theatricals. The play has been translated into French and German, and meets with success across the water. Aside from the novel plot and pretty story evolved by the author, Sullivan, Harris & Woods, under whose management the production is made, promise a superb scenic equipment and a strong cast. Matinees will be given daily except Wednesday.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING.

[OFFICIAL.]

COUNCIL ROOM, Dec. 17, 1903.

Meeting called to order by President Protem Johnston.

Trustees present--O'Neal, Whitehead, Haines.

Absent--Parks and Snow.

On motion of Haines, supported by O'Neal, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That Assessment Roll No. 4, heretofore reported to this board in the matter of constructing a sewer in Greenwood and Willits street in the village of Birmingham, be and the same hereby is corrected and altered so that the amount of benefit assessed against each of the respective lots in the said roll described shall be as follows:

Lots thirty-three (33) to forty-six (46) both inclusive, lot eight (8), and lot sixty-eight (68), eight dollars and twenty-five cents ($8 25) each; lots forty-seven (47) to fifty-five (55) both inclusive, lots sixty-six (66) and sixty-seven (67), and lot seven (7), six dollars ($6 00) each; lot nine (9), five dollars and seventy-five cents ($5.75); lot ten (10), four dollars and fifty cents ($4 50); lot six (6), three dollars ($3 00), lot five (5), one dollar and fifty cents ($1 50); lot four (4), one dollar ($1 00); lot sixty-four (64), two dollars ($2 00); and lot sixty-five (65), three dollars and twenty five cents ($3 25).

RESOLVED, 2nd. That the amount to be assessed against each of said lots respectively as hereinabove specified, be and the same is hereby directed to be set by the village clerk opposite the number of such lot in said assessment roll instead of the amount specified in said roll as heretofore reported to this board.

RESOLVED, 3rd. That the Village Council and the Board of Trustees will meet in the council room on Monday, January 11, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., local time, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll as hereinabove altered and corrected, and of hearing any objections thereto.

RESOLVED, 4th. That the Village Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to cause notice of the matters contained in these Resolutions to be published for two weeks successively in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC prior to the 11th day of January, 1904.

Minutes read and approved.
Moved to adjourn sine die.
Carried.

A. WHITEHEAD, Clerk Protem
D. M. JOHNSTON, President Protem.

NEWS ITEMS.

A well known Indiana man,
One dark night late last week
Went to the cellar with a match
In search of a gas leak.
(He found it.)

John Welch by curiosity
(Dispatches state) was goaded,
He squinted in his old shotgun
To see if it was loaded.
(It was.)

A man in Mason stopped to watch
A patent cigar clipper;
He wondered if his fingier was
Not quicker than the nipper.
(It wasn't.)

A Maine man read that human eyes
Of hypnotism were full;
He went to see if it would work
Upon an angry bull.
(It wouldn't.)

James Wilkins fancied if he died
The rolling spheres would stop;
He took the gas route to see if
The world would shut up shop.
(It didn't.)

—Lowell O. Reese in San Francico Bulletin.

OBITUARY.

Raymon Arthur, beloved and only son of Pred and Sarah A. Mallender, departed this life Dec. 10, 1903, aged 3 years. His illness was very brief. On Monday he was taken with tonsilitis and Tuesday evening was seized with croup and Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock he was taken with spasmodic croup which was the cause of his death which came at 4:45 p. m. The end was peaceful.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for their many acts of neighborly kindness during the late illness and after the death of our child. Such acts of neighborly kindness can never be forgotten.

FRED AND SARAH A. MALLENDER.

School Notes

EDITED BY THE PUPILS.

Editor-in-Chief—CLARENCE WEST.
Associate Editors { JESSIE BIGELOW. IDA HANNA. TELLA REED MAE IRWIN.

Christmas pictures are to found in the lower rooms.

Miss McNair was unable to meet her classes last Friday.

Several written tests were held this week in various classes.

Owing to vacation there will be no school notes for publication.

Rev. Warren Rogers conducted the devotional exercises Monday morning.

Teachers, do not forget the state association at Ann Arbor, December 29-31.

Miss Mina Ewing visited the high school Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Miss Mabel Kountz was ill a few days last week and her place was filled by Miss Dot Daniels.

School closes Thursday noon for the Christmas holiday. It will commence again January 4 for the winter term.

The general history class finished Grecian history last Thursday with a written test. They begun Roman history Monday.

Wednesday morning of this week the school viewed a varied collection of political cartoons illustrating current history of the past few months.

Last week the physical geography class was divided into two section for convenience in recitation, as the office is too small to accommodate so large a class.

Misses Abbie Michael, Belle Walker, and Mamie Wilson and Messrs C. J. West, Ray Keyser and Fred Blanding gave us current happenings Wednesday.

During the winter term six rhetorical programs will be given, the first one taking place January 8, 1904. The school would be pleased if the public would enter into the spirit of the program and encourage us by their presence.

CHRISTMAS MORNING MUSIC

The following musical program will be rendered at St. James Episcopal church Christmas morning at the 10 o'clock service:

Processional 49
O, come all ye faithful.
Venite, in F ..... R. Laugdon
Te Deum, in B♭ ..... Vine Hall
Jubilate Deo, in F ..... H. Aldrich
Hymn 59
It came upon a midnight clear.
ANTE COMMUNION.
Hymn 58
O, little town of Bethlehem.
SERMON.
Offertory Offering ..... Reade
Hark the herald angels sing.
COMMUNION SERVICE.
Sanctus, in C ..... Taylor
Hymn 106
Saviour who didst come,
Gloria in Excelsis.
Recessional, in F 60
Angels from the realms of glory.

Miss JENKS, Organist.
MR. DICKINSON, Choirmaster.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS Excursions Via Grand Trunk Railway System

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$15 | HANDSOME SUITS in a variety of Mixtures and Plain Cloths, the newest modes, satin and Taffeta lined.....$15 each
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59c | LINENS, just what every person will be glad to see. Table Linen, Sheets, White Vestings.....59c yd
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