

To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our dealers in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCESTRIC

HOME NOTES.

Haste in the balance of your ice. Buy your wood before the roads break up.

Clare Aldrich of Howell was in town over Sunday.

Geo. Kemp of Detroit was in town over Sunday.

Charles Leonard has returned to his home at Ishpeming.

Ed. McHugh took in "Fiddle Dec-Dee" last Friday evening.

Mrs. Mason Leonard of Troy visited Mrs. Esther Leonard on Saturday last.

The Rev. Jesse Kilpatrick occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church last Sabbath.

Some thoroughbred stock for sale at the Stoneycroft farms. See cheap column.

The W. H. M. S. will meet with Mrs. B. Shan next Thursday afternoon, February 12.

Mrs. John Baldwin visited her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Mills, at Pontiac part of last week.

There is some consolation in knowing that we won't have to worry about coal after July 1.

Flinch is raging to a serious extent in our town, and it is a slow person that is not on to flinch.

Only 10 votes cast at the school meeting Monday night, and those were cast in favor of a new boiler.

If you are in, want of Cadillac mining stock, H. Hoffman of this office can supply you. Investigate it.

Gus. Dundero and wife of Royal Oak were guests of mine host Fish and wife of the National last Sunday.

H. B. Merritt, the Pontiac shoe man, tells you all about the spring styles in footwear in his new ad, this week.

Mrs. Henry Stevens and two children of Southfield visited her sister, Mrs. C. H. Hoffman, last Saturday.

Business at the Wilson Gate Co's plant is rushing, the force of men having to work overtime to fill present orders.

Our fellow townsman, the Hon. Samuel Alexander, has been reappointed park botanist for the city of Detroit.

Charles W. Button of Farmington, an ex-supervisor, is dead. Funeral was held from his late home on Saturday morning last.

Mrs. Alna McDonald-Creak and husband, recently married in Windsor, visited relatives and friends here last week.

The state of Michigan has taken charge of two children and the little ones will be sent to Coldwater for care and keeping.

We are sorry to announce the fact that our old friend W. H. Codnor of Troy is in poor health, and we hope for his speedy recovery.

Wm. Satterlee of the town line has a receipt for the payment of one year's subscription to the Pontiac Gazette, nearly sixty years old.

Lost—on car leaving Detroit at 10:30 a. m., Jan. 28, a lady's black leather wrist bag. Reward if returned to 23 Garfield ave., Detroit.

Those genial clothiers, the R. H. Traver Co. of Detroit, are making some sweeping reductions in boys' clothing this week. Look up their new ad.

Editor Graffort of the Buchanan Argus disappeared several weeks ago, but has returned and asks forgiveness of his many friends for neglecting them.

If a stranger calls at your door and wants money in advance for enlarging pictures, just pass him by. Swindlers in this line are abroad in the land.

David Lowe of "Fair View" farm will sell his stock, implements, wagons, etc., at auction on the premises two miles west of Birmingham, on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

Royal Oak is up against the real thing for fair. She is in the legislature asking for permission to bond the town for \$3,000 to finish the new school building.

A 12-pound fish is a pretty good fish for another fish to take, but Ed. Fish of the National took one of that size recently. Oh, no! He didn't buy it. He caught it.

Man with small family can hear of a good position as a farm hand by inquiring at Exchange Bank. Good comfortable tenant house and excellent neighborhood. None apply. Industrious parties need apply.

We knew the price of oil had been boosted, but have just found out the cause. John D. Rockefeller has a grandson, and of course the little chap must have a few millions in his own name by the time he is four weeks old.

The friends and relatives of Mrs. John Howland gave that lady a very pleasant surprise on Friday evening last. Everybody had a good time and went home happy. She was presented with a handsome water set by her friends.

A member of the Indiana legislature wants a law passed compelling divorced women to wear sunbonnets. What would the divorced women of Chicago think of a law like that in Illinois?

The Mutual Home Insurance Co. is very prosperous. Their losses were only \$168 75 on an insurance of \$483,766. The rate is only 60c on \$4,000 and Fred M. Warner is its president.

The thirty-first annual state convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held at Pontiac, February 12-15. Prominent speakers from all over the state will be present and an instructive meeting will be held.

We learn from the associated press that Joseph Powell of New Albany, Ind., is growing out of his skin. He must be the kid who, when being asked where he lived, replied, "I live in my skin, when I jump out you can jump in."

When El. Enoch of Hopkins Station tried to eat all the pancakes made from a gallon of batter his stomach proved just twelve cakes too small. Had he had just three more bites on his back he could have accomplished the feat.

George Newman has decided to quit farming and will sell his stock and implements at auction on the premises known as the Stephen R. Newman farm, 2-1/2 miles north of Royal Oak, Saturday, Feb. 14, at 10 o'clock a. m. Free lunch at noon. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

Mr. Erwin Spicer is at the Red Cross hospital being decorated. Not long ago while at work in the woods a limb fell and striking his eye tore it from the socket. Dr. Frothingham of Detroit is attending him, and the latest reports from the sufferer say his sight will be saved.

J. Pierpont Morgan and his ilk have gobbled up about everything in this country worth gobbling, and have now crossed the Atlantic and gobbled up all the railways in Holland. But we are pleased to say they haven't gobbled our antique codfish skin yet.

On Saturday, February 28, at one o'clock p. m., M. H. Blunt, auctioneer, will sell for E. Vanocent in the village of Warren, horse, cows, etc., saw a large assortment of farming tools and other articles too numerous to mention. Nine months credit at 6 per cent on sums over \$10.

E. B. Converse has returned from an extended trip out west, and reports everything booming in the country of the "wild and woolly" west. He will soon hit himself back again to the mountainous regions of Washington, where health, wealth and good fellowship reign supreme.

Thursday evening of last week eighteen young friends of Clarence Ruffenbarger gathered at his home on Willow avenue and gave him a pleasant surprise. Light refreshments were served, and games lasted until 12 o'clock, when all returned to their homes, having had a pleasant time.

Mrs. Jarley's wax figures will be exhibited at the Baptist church Friday evening, February 13, 1903. Among the collection are the modern policeman and politician, a genius, mermaid, Samantha and Josiah Allen, Signorina Screech and 25 others. Admission 15c; children 7c.

Mrs. Chas. Behenisher, a prominent worker in the M. E. church and also in the L. O. F. M.; of Commerce, was engaged in installing officers on Saturday evening of last week dropped dead. Mrs. Behenisher was the mother of W.

Behenisher of the Watkins farm. He attended the funeral services.

Free coal at Orion recently. A freight train was sidetracked recently, and among the locked cars was a car of hard coal—real anemic coal. Word was sent out and with the help of the village dray which was confiscated, the coal was soon confiscated and the last load was left on the dray for the drayman.

Robbins singing in January are not often seen, but our representative, C. H. Hoffman, saw three last week and they were as happy as they could be. You don't believe it, eh? Well, he did see them, and if you will visit the music part of the Temple theater you can see them yourself any old day in winter.

The state fair will be held in Pontiac. The directors of the State Agricultural society were in session at the Hotel Hodges all day Wednesday finishing up the business of 1902. Reports were made by Secretary Butterfield and Treasurer Young, whose report showed a cash balance on hand of \$13,530 21.

Pontiac is going to be a food and cereal center sure enough. The Pontiac Cereal Co. is putting out a fine drink; a perfect substitute for coffee, fine flavor, helps digestion and is wholly free from any injurious properties. With every package is a ticket good for five premiums. Sold in Birmingham by Cobb & Cobb, M. R. Blair, F. Hagerman, and Whitehead & Mitchell.

Mr. A. McCallum of Pontiac will give a lecture on the "Early Life of Jesus," illustrated with stereoscopic views from the holy land, at Library hall, on Wednesday evening, February 11, 1903. Don't fail to hear Mr. McCallum. He is a man of wide experience in the lecture field and will give you your money's worth. For further particulars see ad on front page.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Knowles coming home from Pontiac one night last week, after attending a well functioned reception to a young married couple—met with quite an accident. The back of the cutter gave way and out the good couple went backwards. Fortunately no bones were broken, but it took until three o'clock in the morning for them to get home.

A small reaction at Peasbark's liquid emporium, where artists' materials for painting the town red are sold, caused the arrest of Anthony Ducharme and Tony Azack last Saturday night. They were brought before Justice Dutoy Monday morning, and Ducharme was bound over to the circuit court on the charge of resisting an officer, while Tony was fined a \$5 for disturbing the peace.

At a regular meeting of Hall Ten No. 227, K. O. T. M., held January 19, the following officers were installed: Com., Chas. Reynolds; Lieut., Com. Wilburn Harris; R. K., Wm. Cobb; F. K., James B. Hunt; Chap., W. B. Carter; Physician, J. L. Campbell; Sergeants, F. P. German, M. A. Charles, Allen; 1st M. G., Clarence Lowes; 2d M. G., Harry Ramsey; Sentinel, Charles E. Mudge; Picket, A. H. Miller.

I had been hoping that the name of Henry Wiseman, the murderer of Mrs. Elmer Huss at Royal Oak, would never be heard in Oakland county again, but it is now stated that he has become suddenly rich by the death of an uncle in Canada. We don't believe there is any truth in it, but if there is, he is safe in Marquette and will not be permitted to enjoy it. He is here for life. Let the miserable brute and his name perish together. — Pontiac Gazette. Here too.

Having decided to quit farming I will sell at public auction on the premises, one-half mile west of Troy Corners, on Thursday, February 12, 1903, at 12:30 p. m., horses, cattle, hogs, farming tools, Hunt separator, hay, corn in the ear, cornstalks, and other articles too numerous to mention. All sums over \$10 and under cash; all sums over \$5, ten months time with approved notes at 6 per cent. Chas. W. Upton, auctioneer; Harry Aspinwall, proprietor.

Arrangements have been completed for a grand Lincoln Republican Club banquet at Pontiac, February 12, 1903. This is the 14th annual banquet and is going to be a hummer. The speaking will be short bursts of oratory from the following gentlemen: Hon. Patrick Kelly will respond to the "Young Man and His Party"; Hon. P. T. Colgrove of Hastings to "The Relation of Organized Labor to Politics"; Captain E. P. Allen of Port-Lad to "The Stars and Stripes, the Gift of Washington and the Heritage of Lincoln"; and Rev. W. H. Gallagher of Saginaw to "Lincoln."

Did you hear the new whistle at the water works, to be used hereafter as a fire alarm? It is of the shocking bird variety and the whistles, whisks, groans and runs the chromatic scale would make the chromatic scale. It was tried Monday last, and a lady from Southfield who was trading at Whitehead & Mitchell's, on hearing it, dropped on her knees and began praying to beat the band. The good soul thought it was Gabriel's trumpet. Engineer Randall says it is 5314 inches in size and a thoroughbred screamer.

A good joke has come to light on the Birmingham lodge of Lady Macabees who went one night recently to visit their Pontiac sisters. A mistake in the night fixed to go caused the mix up. The new lodge of Pontiac Elks were holding a grand initiation and right in the middle of the wild ride on elks and mooses, came a timid knock on the door, and to the question "who comes there?" in came the bees and a more shocked lot of Elks you never saw, while the bees started right out and walked down the three flights of stairs singing "What Will the Harvest be?"

Hall Ten 227, K. O. T. M. will give one of those good old-fashioned dances at Library hall on Friday evening, February 20. You can wear your cow-hide boots if you wish and hoe it down to your heart's content. It will not be a dance where only the "faucy dancers" dance the launers," but a dance of the old-time sort where a good time can be had by all. And you know Landlord Fish of the National will furnish the supper. That means a good lot to a hungry man. Fish never does things by halves. Fifty cents for the dance and 50 cents per couple for the supper—that's all, come all.

Detroit Free Press: The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times, says an exchange. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robin, her second Sparrow, and the present one's name is Quail. There are now two couples in the home, one Sparrow and three little Quails in the family. One grandfather was a Sparrow and another was a Jay, but he is dead now and a bird of Paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who writes this article is a live bird and an interested relative of the family.

The Economic management Messrs. Whitehead & Mitchell, with their wives, are away this week attending the annual meeting of the Michigan press association. George H. Mitchell reads an address before the association on Wednesday; subject, "An Eccentric Experience." The Economic, with about 150 other newspaper managers and editors, with their wives, will be banquetted at the Post-tavern, Battle Creek, and entertained at the Post theater. The meeting lasts three days and will be followed by an excursion to the Mammoth cave for those who wish to go.

Miss Lucy Ward, daughter of T. A. Ward, gave a junior rental at Macabree hall last week Friday evening, under the direction of her teacher of elocution, Mrs. Emma Bartraw-Kavler of Detroit. The hall was filled to overflowing with an enthusiastic audience of the far speaker's friends. The numbers given by Miss Ward show that she has fine elocutionary power, and that she is a credit to her teacher. She was most generously assisted by home talent, consisting of vocal and instrumental music. All in attendance voted the entertainment first class.

There was excitement at the residence of Harvey Wilson on Friday evening last, and but for the timely arrival of Rev. Bartram there might have been a costly conflagration. The evening paper had blown away and Mrs. Wilson was holding the lamp so the little girl could see where the paper had blown to, when the lamp and trouble began. Rev. Bartram happened to see the blaze and rushing to the assistance of Mrs. Wilson and her sister, soon extinguished the fire, but not until it had destroyed the curtains, stand cover, rug, etc. Of course Harvey was at his office and knew nothing of it until it was all over. Damage about \$40, with no insurance.

The following are the petit jurors drawn for the February term of the circuit court: Charles Rie, Addison C. Chamberlain, Avon; Chas. L. Rockwell, Bloomfield; Harvey Barnes, Brandon; Serrin Gillic, Commerce; Harry Lewis, Farmington; Henry A. Tracy, Groveland; Isadore Tuttle, Holly; Frank Stein,

Boys' Clothing & Off.

Heavy Cotton Vestings for Waists are proper this now and for spring. Our buyers secured a fine assortment in New York which are now on sale. Our specialty is our heavy cord Fancy Vesting at 25c a yard.

Monday "Opening of new Fancy Dimities, Muslins, and Blouses" every pretty design at 12-1-2, 15c, and 17c. We stock with an entirely new stock, having sold out every yard last fall.

Remnants of fine Flannels and Wool Stuffs for Waists—at low prices to close them out rapidly.

Children's Eiderdown Bath Robes, good size, 75c to \$1.00 each.

Reduced prices for Children's Wash Dresses—you'll be surprised at the pretty dresses now being sold here at 50c, etc.

Ladies Silk Petticoats—stylish colors, that were \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00, put in two lots, viz., \$3.98 and \$5.00

Ladies' Suits, Jackets and Separate Waists

Are certainly being closed out cheap here. We believe it to your interest to visit this department any time—and particularly NOW.

An overplus of LADIES' JACKETS—Eastern—cheapest in the lot was \$7.50, \$10.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00—now only \$3.98.

Too many Black and White Cloth Jackets for \$5.00—now only \$3.00.

Capes Cut Down in Price—Black and colored, full length, \$2.00 articles for \$2.00. Black and colored full length \$2.00 articles for \$1.00.

Monte Carlo Coats—Prices severely cut, articles formerly \$8.50, now \$5.00.

Monte Carlo Coats—\$19 and \$16, now \$10.00.

3-4 Length Coats in Black, Blue and Castor, formerly \$25.00, now \$15.00.

3-4 Length Coats of stylish Mixture Cloth, formerly \$15.00, now \$6.00.

Monte Carlo Coats of Black Silk, formerly \$18.50 and \$20.00 for \$10.00.

baugh, Highland; John W. Brown, Independence; Chas. Sprague, Lyon; Alvin F. Crawford, Milford; Robt. Beatty, Novi; Peter Wilden, Oxford; Frank E. Wilson, Orion; William A. George, Oakland; Ralph Cobb, Pontiac; R. W. Reasner, Rose; T. Lacey, Royal Oak; John Aurand, Springfield; Thos. Renshaw, Troy; Joseph Lutner, Waterford; George Barber, West Bloomfield; James Russell, White Lake; John Meloy, Pontiac; J. W. Hill, Park Ridge; Pauline, 4th ward; Charles Hunt, Pontiac, 4th ward; Thomas Carver, Pontiac, 5th ward.

New Use for Electricity.

The power lines in the great electric power houses have a new use clearly to which the attention of physicians might be called. This use was exemplified at the striking way the other night in one of the uptown houses.

One of the workmen labored in on a great tree that he did not walk on was wrapped in a white towel. "I got a noose in here," he explained. He went over to one of the big dynamo motors in the room of some one he had his wounded foot and then extended it to the current.

"I ran this noose in this morning," he said, as he sat waiting. "It disappeared somewhere or other. I couldn't find it the doctor couldn't find it; I thought I'd be the current so if it could find it, the current would find it, so I don't know how they get nooses lost inside of me."

The man smiled. Ten minutes, ten minutes passed. Suddenly his foot twitched and he gave a groan of pain. The noose had drawn forth by the power of the current, and he had been jerked from his perch. He nearly flew off the end of the way with his hands, Philadelphia Record.

Marmarostown Cotton in Utah.

"Nobody looks on Utah as a cotton-producing State, and yet there is a cotton producing town in our State that has engaged in its production for at least a quarter of a century," said G. C. Calkins, president of the Utah Cotton Growers' Association. "The same old industry is in the extreme southwestern part of Utah, and not only does it produce the raw material, but it also manufactures the cotton into cloth. The cotton is produced in the shape of a mill I never saw. It was with a fiber, not material, was of a coarse nature, and in its construction there is not a single nail. Wooden pegs alone were utilized, but so cleverly was the work done that the building is standing to-day in as solid condition as the day it was built."—Chicago Journal.

To show that he does not desire to molest the cotton plant, the Shah of Persia divorced 1,640 of his 1,700 wives. And yet he might have had a selfish motive.

My Lungs

"A gripple left me with a bad cough. My friends said 'consumption' and they tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and was promptly cured."

A. K. Randles, Nokomis, Ill.

You forget to buy a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral when your cold first came on, so you let it run along. Even now, with all your hard coughing, it will not disappoint you. There's a record of sixty years.

One size 25c, 50c, 75c. Consult your doctor. If he says you need it, take it as he says. If he tells you not to take it, don't take it.

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\$12, \$13.50, \$14 and \$15 Black Silk Dress Skirts—suitable to wear for best—handsome garments of good silk—cut to \$10.00 each.

Wool Waists—only half, sizes broken—choice \$1.00. \$2.75 and \$3 Wool Waists—broken sizes—cut to \$1.95.

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Carpet sizes—..... 8x10 8, for \$25.00

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Lowell, Bigelow Body Brussels—\$a12, for \$10.00

Hampshire Velvet Rugs—..... \$a12, for \$22.00

Tapestry Brussels Rugs—..... \$a12, for \$12.75

6x6 and 7x6 quality Extra Super Ingrain Carpeting, "All Wool" for 50c yard.

70 quality Tapestry Brussels Carpeting—Borders also—82c yard.

82c quality Tapestry Brussels Carpeting—Borders also—75c yard.

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\$1.25 quality Exquisite Wilton Velvet Carpeting—Borders also for \$1.10 yard.

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