

# BIRMINGHAM ELECTRIC CO.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1903. NO. 17. WHOLE NO. 1310.

HEADQUARTERS FOR AMERICAN WATCHES

## WATCHES

We have received two shipments of GENTLEMEN'S new, thin Model Watches.

Another Line of LADIES' Beautiful Small Sized Watches.

These Watches are of most artistic design, finest quality, guaranteed for 25 years, and equipped with Elgin or Waltham Movements.

We will offer them for sale at ESPECIALLY LOW PRICES. ADOLPH ENGASS JEWELRY CO., 22 Gratiot Ave., DETROIT. Opp. Hudson's. Established 1865.

## 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 or 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. HEYSER, PONTIAC, MICH.

## A. R. PARKS

DEALER IN

Fresh, Salt and

Smoked.....

## MEATS

OYSTERS, GAME

and

VEGETABLES

all kinds in season



WHEN IN DETROIT

—EAT AT—

61 MICHIGAN AVENUE.

Meals 15c.

Clarence L. Cowles, Architect, 81 and 93 Chase Street, Saginaw, E. S. Mich.

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Practice Limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT.

Pontiac, Mich.

## JULY-CLEARANCE SALE-AUGUST

We are closing out seasonal goods at big reductions to make room for FALL STOCK. You can save money by taking advantage of these Bargains.

Men's Soft Front Neglige Shirts (with and without detached collars). Splendid assortment of Patterns and Colors—just what you want these hot days—regular price 75c and 85c—now FIFTY CENTS.  
Men's Halibron Shirts and Drawers, 35c quality, now \$0.25  
Men's Vici Kid dress Shoes, the \$2.75 quality, now 2.50  
Men's Mercerized Black Striped Shirts regular price \$1.00—now 40c  
We have fine assortment of Ladies' Corsets at 25c, 50c and 75c \$1.00 per pair—all late models in strap fronts and hip girds.  
38 pair Ladies' Oxford Slippers, sizes 3, 3½, 4, C last at 50c  
92 pairs of Ladies' Button Shoes, sizes 2½, 3, 3½, 4, go alder 98c  
We offer a genuine Opaque Window Shade at 25c 50c

We carry the best assortment of Laces and Ribbons in town.

We think it would be for your interest to look around as we can save you 25 per cent on your purchases.

R. 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 Bonds.  
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 Culinary Art.

Your Trade Solicited.

J. R. BLAKESLEE.

Hardware Merchant, Birmingham Mich.

FOUR PER CENT INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

FROM AND AFTER JUNE 1, 1903.

## PONTIAC SAVINGS BANK

Capital and Surplus \$68,000.00  
Assets \$600,000.00

S. S. MATTHEWS, President. CRAMER SMITH, F. H. HALE, Vice-President. Cashier.

CADILLAC MINING STOCK 25c PER SHARE.

Powder and Explosive Machinery has been ordered and will be ready for business about August 1. There's going to be a big boom about that time. Give your Stock before the raise. C. M. Hoffman of this office will supply your wants.



ONYX SCREEN PAINT

Householders will find it profitable to paint their screens each year to protect them from rust.

Four Shades—But up in Quairs, Pinks and Half Pinks.

Quairs 70c, Pinks 40c, Half Pinks 25c.

ONYX PAINT CO., Ltd., Pontiac, Mich.

## DAMAGED BY FIRE

Wes Faint's Home on Maple Avenue the Scene of a Conflagration Monday Night—Appears but is Afterward Retained—Loss Fully Covered by Insurance.

On Thursday forenoon of last week Wes Faint's cozy home on Maple Avenue had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire, prompt work by the volunteer fire department of the village averted it.

The fire, which evidently caught from a cooking range, had succeeded in getting quite a start before it was discovered and by the time the alarm was given and the fire company arrived on the scene, the kitchen was badly gutted but the "water cure" was administered and the flames were soon extinguished. The damage was considerable both by fire and water but we are glad to say was fully covered by insurance in the Citizens' Mutual.

We understand the company will make the building as good as before, and any other damage to credit will be handled in a manner as satisfactory to all concerned. While the household goods were being carried out into the yard some about a hundred persons intruded some \$150 in cash on a pair of trousers belonging to Mr. Faint. The loss was not discovered and created much talk but who it was took the cash will probably never be found during the search for the missing money it was returned to the pocket of the pants by the person who had it. No one saw who took it and no one saw who returned it. Evidently it was a case of guilty conscience and Mr. Faint is well pleased to think that such was the case, he being \$150.00 better off than he otherwise would have been.

## GRAT PROTESTS THIS YEAR.

State Fair Promises to Be Better than Ever Before—New Features.

The Michigan State Fair, at Pontiac, Sept. 7 to 11 next, says Secretary Butterfield, will exceed in interest and variety of features, any previous exhibition. The facilities for the comfort and entertainment of visitors have been greatly improved. The demands for space far exceed any previous record, thus insuring the most complete general exhibition of Michigan products ever seen. The Northwest Territory fruit display is again entered. Several fine attractions have been provided, giving with the races a three hours' entertainment every afternoon.

Among these are: The thrilling bicycle plunge and dive, the Keosauqua exhibition in hoop rolling and on roller skates; Mulliner's educated pigs and sheep; foot races on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, ladies' driving, farmers' race, and fire department team races.

With such an attractive show and low rates on the railroads, Secretary Butterfield expects a record-breaking attendance, in which hope all lovers of grand old Michigan will sincerely join him. We hope to see the Michigan State Fair from start to finish. Nothing less is due to the enterprise and energy of the management in providing such a highly attractive exhibition.

The handsomely illustrated souvenir and program of the Fair of 1903 will be mailed free on request, by addressing I. H. Butterfield, Secretary, Pontiac, Mich.

## KIMBALL-BLOUNT NUPPIALS.

Wednesday evening, August 19, 1903 at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Kimball, their eldest daughter, Grace, was united in marriage to Harry Blount, a highly respected young man. Rev. Sutcliffe performed the ceremony, using the beautiful ring service.

Miss Starr, at the piano rendered strains from Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the parlor.

The bride was gown in cream white silk, carrying a tall rose, maid of honor, Miss Mae Kimball, wearing white and carrying carnations; bridesmaid, Miss Lula Williamson, wearing white over pink, carrying white carnations; ring bearer, Florence Williamson.

The groom was attended by his brother Frank.

Color scheme: Pink and white, festoons of green and sweet peas, forming a canopy, beautiful ferns banked, forming a river under which the knot was tied. After congratulations and viewing the many tokens of love and esteem, dainty refreshments were served to one hundred guests. The bride and groom took the 11 o'clock car for Pontiac, soon leaving for the Falls and Buffalo. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Blount will take up their residence at the Buzant home.

The out of town guests at the wedding were Wm Sills and wife, Detroit; Bert and Annie Scott, California; Harry Weaver and wife, Pontiac, and many others from that vicinity.

## End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an absolute right," writes J. F. Hughes of Detroit, "and gave up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried the King's New Discovery for Croup. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I'm entirely free of my health." I recovered from Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00 Trial bottles free.

## MISS KATHARINE SHEARER.

The following article taken from Beauty and Health, a magazine published in New York, tells of one of our former Birmingham young ladies, who is just as popular here as she is in Detroit, her present home:

"Miss Katharine Shearer, a beautiful young artist of Detroit, is not only one of the most accomplished women of that city, but probably has the most perfect carriage and correct figure of any of the belles of the city. She wears no corset nor ever has. By actual measurement, Miss Shearer is considered by many of her friends to be the 'perfect woman,' and attributes both health, figure and strength to her Miss Shearer has been fond of outdoor sports, and, with her, each season brings its own exercise. She sails a tricky little rigged-boat in all kinds of weather, frequently runs the engine on her launch, and is a crack shot, spending much of the hunting season in the fields and marshes, scarcely ever acknowledging fatigue. A fearless horse rider, a veritable mermaid at the beach, and thinking little of a five-mile walk, Miss Shearer practically includes all the outdoor sports in the category."

"All her life, Miss Shearer is a girl of the Gibson type, with a face full of intelligence and expressive of good cheer, a great crown of wavy hair, serving as a halo to her delicately fair skin."

## Monroe Family Reunion.

A reunion of the Monroe family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Monroe, Thursday, August 13. This was the 4th annual reunion and 31 members of the Monroe family were present. David Monroe, of Chesaning, Adam Fox and family, of Saginaw, James T. Monroe and family, of Novi, Bedard Monroe, of N. W. vice president, and Mrs. Elmer Monroe, of Birmingham, secretary of the association for the ensuing year.

Adam Fox, who married a Monroe, was elected president, James Monroe, of N. W. vice president, and Mrs. Elmer Monroe, of Birmingham, secretary of the association for the ensuing year.

## Fire Caused by Careless Smokers

Last Sunday morning Mr. Lamb and Mr. Peabody noticed a cloud of smoke rising in the direction of the cemetery. Mr. Lamb and Miss Baldwin were the first to reach the grounds where they found the whole southwest part a mass of flames, and two men, but courageous boys trying to fight the fire. These were soon reinforced by Mr. and Mrs. Benedict who brought pails from the tool-house, and just as the fire was mounting into a tall pine tree water was brought to bear on it before the spread of the fire to the north was checked. The south fence was on fire and a good portion of the field to the southward. Mr. Joseph Allen and her grandson who happened to be on the grounds helped in the fight, and these boys, Masters Randall, Gunman and Allen carried great buckets of water and had it not been for them the whole of the south fence would have gone.

The fire was sweeping on toward the houses in the Randall subdivision when help came from the Quanton and Watkins farms. Many trees were badly burned, and had help been a few moments later, the tank-house and engine would have been destroyed.

Two young men were seen going from the cemetery and no doubt it was their careless use of matches and cigars that caused the whole trouble. Those who fought the fire do not care to repeat the experience.

## AN OBSERVATION.

Would it not be well for our village board to invite everyone to use the space along the street south of the power house and under the sidewalk trestle for a dumping place for all village rubbish until it is filled? Inside of two years the high trestle work will become so decayed as to be dangerous. In fact it is really so now in places, and at the end of the two years it will need to be extensively repaired or pulled down and the road widened at great expense. By using the space for a dumping ground it will be filled in time at no expense to our taxpayers. Of course it will look a little unsightly during the filling in process but we all can endure that if we only think we can.

## Puts an End to It All.

A grievous ailment comes as a result of unbearable pain from overtaxed organs: Bile, Gallbladder, Liver, complaint and Constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills, they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb's druggists.

MICHIGAN STATE FAIR, PONTIAC, Sept. 7th to 11th, 1903.

The Grand Truck Railway System will sell Excursion Tickets for a single fare for the round trip, plus 50c, for admission to the Fair Grounds on Sept. 7th to 11th, 1903. Through Ticket Service for the Fair Grounds, for further particulars consult agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A. Div. Dept., Chicago, Ill. sept 5. FRIENDS of the EXCURSION are requested to have their tickets ready to take the publication of the legal notice in this paper.

## TWO INVITING SPECIALS IN BOYS' SUITS

Just when they are needed most. When boys must be fitted out for school we reduce the price of suits such as every mother would want for her boy. This cut in price is simply to make business during August—not because the suits are wrong in any way, as inspection will show. Here are the particulars:

\$5 and \$6 Boys' Suits, \$3.50.

About a hundred single and double breasted styles for boys from 7 to 16 years. Fabrics are stout, plain and fancy Cheviots with a sprinkling of Serges among them. Boys can wear them with comfort until snow flies.

\$7.50 and \$8 Young Men's Suits, \$5.

Plain Serges and Cheviots, and neat, fancy mixed fabrics accurately fashioned into single and double breasted sack styles. Every suit has all the ear marks of made to measure garments.

Your own judgment will convince you that these are money savers.

R. H. TRAVER CO.,

DETROIT.

171, 173, 175 Woodward Ave.

## AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

An altogether good show is the announcement for the Avenue theater, Detroit, next week. That is to say, the show will not contain any top-heavy headliner, but he will be balanced and excellent from start to finish. And after all this kind is the best where the entertainment is continuous from rise to fall of curtain.

The attendance at the Avenue Theater last week was 16,998. Try a guess. You may get two tickets free.

## United Presbyterian Synod.

The United Presbyterian synod of Ohio, of which Presbytery of Detroit is a part, will meet in the U. P. church here next Wednesday afternoon, August 26, at 2 o'clock, continuing until Thursday afternoon and evening are intended for the general public, and will be of special interest.

The program of the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, 2 p. m. Opening sermon by the moderator, roll call, election of officers, etc.; paper by Dr. John A. Wilson, The Pastor and his Work. Wednesday evening, 7:45: Devotional exercises; 8: Announcements of committees, 8:30: Conference. Christ for the World, the World for Christ, Rev. M. Watson to preside; Christ's Great Commission to his Church, Rev. W. L. Gargies; 2: Our Part in Fulfilling it, Rev. L. S. Clark; 3: The Responsibility of the Pastors and Sessions in raising the Mission Funds, Rev. D. W. McQuiston. Thursday morning 9 o'clock: Devotional exercises; 9:30: Business papers, reports, etc.; 10: Conference. The Message of the Pulpit to the World, Rev. J. H. Littlell presiding; 11: The Gospel of Salvation, Rev. J. G. Webster; 12: The Gospel of Holy Living, Rev. J. T. Cudwell; 3: The Gospel of Comfort, Dr. Thomas Halph; 4: The Gospel of Service, Rev. W. M. Gargies; 11:22: Business. Thursday afternoon, 2 o'clock: Devotional exercises; 2:30: Business.

## Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or laborious inability to provide food and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self-destruction take Electric Bitters. It brings a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's a great S tonic, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists.

## OUR NEWSCHOOL CATALOG

Under the authority of the Board of Education a twelve page announcement of the Birmingham Union Schools has just been issued.

It is brim full of information for prospective pupils, tells all about course of study, text books and rules. Copies will be distributed among our home pupils soon, and outsiders may have one for the asking.

By the way, do you know our high school is in tip-top shape and all ready to do the best of business when opening day arrives on September 7? Our high room is a dandy, has the best of light, is absolutely perfect, and the heating apparatus and down stairs to recitation, are on the same floor with the high room. The teaching force is all right and we have a first class faculty. Miss Ethel Traphagen of Hilldale college, and a special student of M. T. takes the English and Latin and German, while Prof. Field, the all-around man, will look after the sciences.

The grade teachers are all up-to-date, have been tried and have never been vigorously fought fire in my home last week Thursday. Without their timely help I would have been homeless today. Also Hiram Daniels, the gentlemanly local agent for the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties. I was fortunate in the above company through Mr. Daniels and he is doing everything in his power to repair and make good all damages.

WES PAINT.

## Card of Thanks.

I take this method of thanking the Birmingham Fire Department and the Birmingham citizens who so kindly and vigorously fought fire in my home last week Thursday. Without their timely help I would have been homeless today. Also Hiram Daniels, the gentlemanly local agent for the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties. I was fortunate in the above company through Mr. Daniels and he is doing everything in his power to repair and make good all damages.

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## Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice August 15, 1903:

Lizzie Cronin, Fannie Balkwill, Gertrude Marore, Ira S. King, Lillian Second, Minnie Second, Miss R. D. Lamb, Miss Nancy Beam R. F. D. No. 3.

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

## TORONTO EXPOSITION EXCURSION

Via Grand Truck Railway System. Single Fare for the Round Trip from all Michigan Points, except Detroit and Port Huron. Selling dates August 26th to Sept. 14th, inclusive, return limit Sept. 14, 1903. For further particulars call on agent, or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A. Div. Dept., Chicago Ill. august 26.

## SPARLING'S POPULAR PRICED DRY GOODS HOUSE

—OFFERS— ALL SUMMER GOODS AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES

WE MUST HAVE THE ROOM FOR THE NEW FALL GOODS.

Many Lines of SILKS, DRESS GOODS, LADIES' SUITS AND JACKETS, DRESSING GOODS AND

BEDROOM FURNISHINGS

Are now on display. We invite your inspection. Our Goods are Dependable, our Prices are always the lowest

on first-class MERCHANDISE.

Money saving Green Trading Stamps given with all cash purchases.

McCall's Bazaar Patterns are the best. All seasons allowed. Prices low and no higher.

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