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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1903. NO. 18.

WHOLE NO. 1311.

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, fine quality guaranteed for 25 years, and equipped with Elgin or Waltham Movements.

We will offer them for sale at ESPECIALLY LOW PRICES.

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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. KEYSER, PONTIAC.

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STEAKS, CUTLETS, CHOPS, HAFT, ETC.,

GO TO

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Poultry, Game, Fish and Vegetables in Season.



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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 Negligee Shirts (with and without detached collars). Splendid assortment of Patterns and Colors—just what you want these hot days—regular price 75c and \$1.00—now FIFTY CENTS.
Men's Ballbriggs Shirts and Drawers, 35c quality, now.....\$0.25
Men's Vici Kid dress Shoes, the \$2.75 quality, now.....2.50
Men's Mercerized Ball Sheet Shirts regular price \$1.00.....40
We have fine assortment of Ladies' Corsets at 25c, 50c and 75c \$1.00 per pair—all late models in straight fronts and hip girth.
38 pairs Ladies' Oxford Slippers, sizes 3, 3½, 4, 4½ last, at.....50
92 pairs of Ladies' Button Shoes, sizes 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 4½ last, at.....98
We offer a genuine Opaque Window Shade at.....25

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.

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 Bonds.

We have small banks which we loan to depositors. Call and get one for your child and teach him to save and leave 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, Cashier.
F. H. HALE, Vice-President.

CADILLAC MINING STOCK 25c PER SHARE.

Ponderous and Expensive Machinery has been ordered and will be ready for business about August 1. There's going to be a big thing about that time. Get your stock before the rate. C. H. Hoffman of this office will supply your wants.

USE ONYX PAINT FOR ALL KINDS OF WORK.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

TRY THE FAMOUS SUN PROOF LEAD Which will stand 10 gallons of oil to 100 pounds.

TRY THE FAMOUS ONYX LEAD Which will stand 1 gallon of oil to 100 pounds.

TRY THE FAMOUS CARTER LEAD Which will stand 1 gallon of oil to 100 pounds.

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

SAVED FROM DROWNING.

John Kline, Ed Roberts and Joe Gravelin, Sr. of Franklin, pulled out of Wing Lake by Three Birmingham Boys.

While Birmingham does not lay claim to having a life saving station, she has three young men who would prove a valuable addition to any such institution in the country. The three young men are entitled to a medal and perhaps will get one.

On Monday afternoon while Gay Blair, Howard Montgomery and Raynal Whitehead were fishing from a boat in Wing Lake their attention was attracted to another boat a short distance away containing three men. After watching the party a little while the Birmingham boys were horrified to see the other boat tip over and the occupants precipitated into the lake.

Then the life saving part of the drama and real heroism began. The boys pulled in their anchor and rowed over to the struggling men and by careful maneuvering succeeded in getting them all safely into the boat with themselves. The rescued party proved to be John Kline, Ed Roberts and Joe Gravelin, Sr. of Franklin, the latter being a very old man. The upturned boat was righted, bailed out with a minnow pail and the men returned to shore in it, sadder and wetter.

During the excitement one man lost his shoes in the lake and a fish pole and other valuables also disappeared in the briny deep.

The Birmingham boys resumed their fishing as though nothing had happened but of the ordinary and returned to town in the early evening with a fine string of pickerel and other members of the finny tribe.

Two of the rescued men could not swim and had it not been for the plucky work of the Birmingham lads, no doubt would have met their deaths in the waters of Wing Lake.

Reunion Class '03.

Where is the class of '03? Gone, only an association of the past. No not hardly, just ask the members where they were on the eighteenth. Not only a few of them, but every one of the "Jolly Twenty-two" stood by their colors—orange and white—and obeyed their summons to meet at the home of Rena Denison for a jolly reunion. At 6 o'clock—except, oh, don't ask—entered the prettily decorated dining-room, which showed the loyalty of the hostess, and partook of a dainty supper, and proved true the old saying, "eat, drink and be merry." The rest of the time passed pleasantly by songs, music and a general good time. This important event was crowned by an old-time class meeting in which the members resolved that such acquaintance should not be forgotten and so called to mind, and that they agreed directed by Mr. Campbell as president should henceforth be known as the "Jolly Twenty-two" and meet twice a year, the arrangement for which is left to the social committee. Long live the "Jolly Twenty-two" and three cheers for Denison.

OBITUARY.

The deceased, Mrs. Elizabeth Trimley Howlett, was born in Detroit, in December, 1856, and died August 8, 1903.

In 1873 she was united in marriage to Charles F. Howlett. To this union were born seven children, four sons and three daughters. Two sons, William and Palmer, and two daughters, Beadie and Mabel, survive her. Two sons and one daughter have passed on before.

She was a kind and indulgent wife and mother, ready to sacrifice for her family. She was best known to those nearest her and will be most missed by those who knew her best.

She was buried at Pontiac, the funeral service being held at the home, No. 11, L. Houghton officiating.

GREAT PROSPECTS THIS YEAR.

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

The Michigan State Fair, at Pontiac, Sept. 7 to 14 next, says Secretary Butters, will exceed in interest and variety of features any previous exhibition. The facilities for the comfort and convenience 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 new attractions have been provided, giving with the races a three hours' entertainment every afternoon. Among these are: The thrilling bicycle plunge and dive; the Rexco's graceful exhibition in hoop rolling and on roller skates; Mullaney's flying 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 Butters expects a record-breaking attendance, in which hope all lovers of grand old Michigan will sincerely join him. We hope to see the Fair fully patronized from start to finish. Nothing less is due to the enterprising and energetic management in providing such a highly attractive exhibit.

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

AT THE THEATERS.

DeKola, the famous wizard, who is said to perform feats of legendama that seem like miracles, will be one of the big drawing cards at the Avenue theater Detroit, next week. Another will be Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hamonde in the beautiful, pathetic playlet, "The Soldier of Propville."

The guessing contest was being discontinued.

WHITNEY.

The clever young comedian, Harry Clay Blaney, who has become very popular with the patrons of the Whitney theater during the last few years, returns for his annual engagement, beginning next Sunday, again portraying the enterprising war correspondent "Willie Live" in the military comedy drama, "Across the Pacific," which is a mixture of farce comedy, straight melodrama and military drama. Varying elements that one would imagine could not be satisfactorily mixed, are thrown together in a manner that keeps the audience from orchestra circle to gallery on edge with enthusiastic interest. The musical music by the "Hough Riders" band thrills the audience to an extreme and the excitement of the minute abrupt changes to pathos, when the band, after handling the transport, and as the steamer pulls out from the dock, plays "Auld Lang Syne."

LYCEUM.

Nonsense and melody run hand and hand through the "Show Girl," Edward E. Rice's musical comedy, which will be seen at the Lyceum all next week. The "Show Girl" is clever and is good to look upon. She shines by reason of the brightness of her lines, the freshness of her jokes, the unfeigned catch, of her air and song, and the grace and daintiness of her dance and marches. She is light, frothy, effervescent, pleasing, amusing and satisfying. Stella Mayhew heads the company, which includes many artists, besides thirty singing and dancing girls. The performance is filled with clever specialties, among which are the three Fast sisters, acrobatic dancers, Stella Mayhew, Sam Wyle and Vern Melrose.

Does Advertising Pay?

The small merchant who sits in his store and waits for customers, is advertising as well as money might, and profit look at some of the old established concerns in the country whose names have become household words, and whose goods one would think would sell themselves, so well they are known. But this is not the case. The concerns whose sales are the heaviest, keep them so by constant advertising. For instance, glance over this list of the ten largest advertisers in this country, and the amount of money annually spent by each: American Tobacco Co., \$1,000,000; Dr. Pierce, \$500,000; C. I. Hood & Co., \$500,000; Persu Co., \$500,000; Castoria, \$500,000; National Biscuit Co., \$500,000; Proctor & Gamble, Ivory Soap, \$500,000; Force Food Co., \$500,000; J. C. Ayer & Co., \$500,000; Lydia Pinkham, \$500,000; Scott & Bowne, \$500,000; Royal Baking Powder, \$500,000; Postum Food Co., \$500,000. Total, \$6,450,000.

Marine City's Genius.

Unless guilty of borrowing without credit, the local writer of the Marine City Globe will not long remain in that humble position. Here is specimen of his immortalization of the sagacity of a goat: "There was a man named Koonah, that bought a goat just for the stall; one day the goat became inclined to eat red shirts right off the line. Then Koonah to the goat did say, 'Your time has come, you must eat this day.' He took him to the railroad track, and there he bound him on his back. The train came, the wind it blew, the goat he knew his time was due, and with an awful shriek of pain, coughed up the shirt and flung the train."

Puts an End to It All.

A grievous ailment often comes as a result of unbearable pain from overtaxed organs. Indigestion, flatulence, 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. One box guaranteed by Wm. Wood & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's druggists.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice August 22, 1903:

Mr. J. W. McKinney, Mrs. Hiram Johnson, Miss Maggie Brooks, Miss E. S. Watson, Mrs. Jane McLaughlin, Route No. 2.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN EXCURSIONS

Traverse City, Petoskey, Bay View, Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie, Au Sable, Alpena, Alpena Park, Grand Island, Grand Trunk Railway System.

Round Trip Excursion Tickets on sale September 15th, 1903, valid returning any date to and including September 25th, 1903, at extremely low fares. For further particulars consult Agent, or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A. A. R. P. Chicago, Ill. sept13

MOTHERS:

Note these Reductions in Prices.

\$5 and \$6 Boys' Knee Trousers Suits reduced to \$3.50
Sizes 7 to 17 years.

\$7.50 and \$8 Boys' Long Trousers Suits reduced to \$5.00
Sizes 16 to 19 years.

Both are just the sorts you'd choose for your boy to wear at school and the last you'd look for under price. Such reductions mean much to every mother, in fact they make buying elsewhere costly to them.

Where else but at Traver's is the best assured? Where else are you so certain of satisfaction as you are at this store? It's the same now when prices are reduced as it is at any other time—your money will be returned if you are not suited. Just remember that prices are easy to quote, but it's quality that tells the tale. Mail orders bring satisfaction—we guarantee.

R. H. TRAVER CO.,

DETROIT.

171, 173, 175 Woodward Ave.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING.

(OFFICIAL.)

COUNCIL ROOM, Aug. 25, 1903.
Meeting called to order, President Rundle in the chair.

Trustees present: Whitehead, O'Neal, Snow, Daines and Johnston.
Absent: Parks.

Moved by Snow, supported by Whitehead, the resignation of Wm. Haddell as village marshal be accepted. Carried.
Moved by Whitehead, supported by Johnston, that P. P. Jacobs' bill for expenses and disbursements be allowed.

Vote by roll call: Ayas—Whitehead, Snow, Johnston, Daines and O'Neal.
GENERAL EXPENSE FUND \$24.00

A. P. Jacobs Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn—carried.

C. H. E. Toms, Clerk.

V. C. James—The Honey Boy.

Everybody knows Vic James. Good old Troy boy. Well, Vic has been and will be making honey and this combination makes lots of money. Isn't it funny? But say the jolly, jumping joke is on Vic yet.

Early one morning recently he lifted off a cap of the finest, sweetest, whitest, clearest, sweet old honey you ever saw and setting it down near the house, told his wife when the bees cleared out of it, to take it inside the house and they would gorge themselves on "some of the finest." The good lady being intensely interested herself, did watch and watch and watch, till never at any one time did it seem to her but that the bees grew more numerous, and it did appear that a convention, camp-meeting, supervisors' picnic or a state fair in bee life was being held right over that cap of honey.

At noon the liege lord and master came and said, "Why, wife, you're forgot the honey." "No," replied she, "I didn't, but the bees never seemed to leave the cap."

In an inquisitive sort of a way Vic lifted the cap, and his hat went up in the air along with the cap which he quickly examined and found to his amazement and sorrow was quite emptied of honey. Fact. The industrious little busy bees from all over the country had been stealing Vic's honey and had not left a teaspoonful.

For a jolly liver, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They invigorate the liver, aid the digestion, regulate the bowels and prevent bilious attacks. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

FRIENDS OF THE BEECENTRE are requested when they have probable business, to ask the Publication of the legal notice in this paper.

TROY.

Mrs. Perkins and family have returned to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Smith are away for a week's outing.

Lilly Harper is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fox, north of Rochester.

Miss Fanny Coffin was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Wright, Tuesday.

Miss Lucy Cutting, who has been quite poorly of late, is improving slowly.

Mrs. Cone, of Birmingham, called at her farm and at H. Weaver's, Tuesday.

Carl Coe, of Denver, who has been at Waldron Place for a week, left Troy last Monday.

Williamson's Pointe, Long Lake, has a merry company of young folks from here camping.

Henry C. Denison has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Clara Shannon, of Alpena, for a couple of weeks.

Misses Aspinwall and Clark, of Milwaukee Ave., Detroit, were at E. M. Clark's for the day Tuesday.

Elmore Maitrot is drawing a lot of oak logs to the sawmill. No grinding or sawing done until next week Tuesday.

Mrs. Nell Gray Clark, of Helena, Montana, formerly of Troy, and Mrs. Mary Doney, of Pontiac, were entertained at the C. E. Haddell home, Thursday last week. Mrs. Clark and daughter Myra leave for their western home today, Friday.

CLAWSON.

Born to Mrs. Frank Phelps, recently, a boy.

Jessie Powers is visiting in Detroit this week.

Francis Poole is putting up a new silo this week.

Miner Spencer is building an addition to his house.

Will Peters of Detroit visited at O. H. Hunt's last Sunday.

Mrs. Stitts of Orion visited at Mrs. Flavia Hunt's last week.

Payson Halsey is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Oliver Prickett and daughter of North Carolina are visiting Eli Phillips.

A large crowd attended the Sunday excursion at Log Cabin Park last Friday.

Milow Ellsworth of Arkansas, Mrs. Bray of Birmingham, Walter North of Northville, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Kerr and Miss Radaway of Detroit were visitors at H. J. Bowers' last week.

Corn is beginning to taste as if you were cheating the horse.

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.

DRAFTY 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 Sewing Patterns are the best. All seams allowed. Prices not 15c. or higher.

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