

# BIRMINGHAM CENTRIC.

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1903. NO. 20. WHOLE NO. 1313.

**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

—THE—

**ADOLPH ENGGASS 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. KEYSER,**  
PONTIAC, MICH.

**FOR LUSCIOUS**

STEAKS,  
CUTLETS,  
CHOPS,  
HAFT, Etc.,

GO TO

**A. R. PAKS,**  
The Corner Market Man.

Poultry, Game, Fish and  
Vegetables in Season.

**WHEN IN DETROIT**

—EAT AT—

**61 MICHIGAN AVENUE.**

**Meals 15c.**

**Clarence L. Cowles,**  
Architect,  
81 and 82 Chase Block,  
Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

**John D. Riker, M. D.**  
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 \$1.00—now FIFTY CENTS.

Men's Balbriggan 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 Sateen 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 strap, fronts and hip gore.

38 pairs Ladies' Oxford Slippers, sizes 3, 3½, 4, Chest, at..... 50

92 pairs of Ladies' Button Shoes, sizes 2½, 3, 3½, 4, go 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 1 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 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.

Promising and Expensive Machinery has been ordered and will be ready for business about August 1. There's going to be Dollars about that time. Get your Stock before the raise. C. H. Hoffman of this office will supply your wants.

## THE FAMOUS INSIDE ONYX PAINT

The Onyx Inside Paint is manufactured for Interior Painting only. It requires very little cleaning. TRY IT.

It has the same appearance as Enamel and the hardness of real Onyx. There's nothing just as good.

**BE SATISFIED WITH NONE BUT THE ONYX PAINTS**

Beware of imitations. None genuine without our trade mark. Once used no other will take its place.

**The Onyx Paint Co., Pontiac, Mich.**

### A. A. RUST PASSED AWAY

Franklin's Most Prominent Citizen Has Gone to His Reward—Last Illness of About Six Weeks Duration Deceased Was the Oldest Postmaster in Continuous Service in Michigan.

Died at his home in Franklin on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, after an illness of six weeks of pulmonary consumption, A. A. Rust aged 83 years.

In the death of Mr. Rust we lose one of the most prominent men in Oakland county, a man who has been before the public many years, and who has held many positions of trust, among them being that of postmaster at Franklin since 1868, he having held the office continuously since that time. He could justly lay claim to having held the office of postmaster longer than any other man in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Rust was born within two miles of Franklin in 1820; he attended school at the old academy in this place which stood where Whitehead & Mitchell's brick block now stands. In 1841 he returned to Franklin and engaged in mercantile pursuits, and in 1869 received his commission as postmaster at that place. He held the office of supervisor of Southfield for two terms and was treasurer of the M. P. conference. He retired from business four years ago, having served the public faithfully for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Rust was a staunch Republican and was an active worker in the party until the time of his death. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and was a man widely known and respected throughout the entire county.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon and was conducted by Birmingham Lodge No. 44. F. & A. M., of which order he was a member in high standing.

### REV. H. O. PARKER DEAD.

From Detroit Evening News of September 10.

Rev. H. O. Parker, the veteran Methodist minister and circuit rider of the early days, died this morning at his residence, 355 Twenty sixth street, aged 74 years and 7 months. He left a widow and two sons, Dr. Eben L. Parker, the well-known dentist, and Chas. H. Parker, of Oxford.

Mr. Parker was born in Green county, N. Y., in 1828, and had been in the ministry 48 years, 32 years of which he was a Methodist, and the remainder of the time a Congregationalist. He was chaplain of the Iowa reformatory six years. He began his work in the days when circuit riders traveled long distances on horseback to fill their appointments, and went often through great hardships and thrilling experiences. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon.

Many of our readers will remember Mr. Parker who about 35 years ago was pastor of the Birmingham M. E. church and made many friends in this vicinity during his stay here.

### AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

Clever Josephine Cassman and her clever little pickaninies will be among the big features of next week's program at the Avenue theater, Detroit. Other great favorites on the list are the Columbian trio of comedians, singers and dancers, Arthur Whitlaw, the well-known monologist, and Warren & Blanchard who are very entertaining in a black and white face specialty.

Lovers of the highest form of stage art are agreed that the dramatization of Thomas Hardy's novel, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," by Lorimer Stoddard, as presented by Rebecca Warren, and which will be presented at the Lyceum theater all next week, beginning Sunday evening, September 13, is the best of its class now presented in this country. It is not overburdened with a complicated plot. It holds the auditor's attention from beginning to end and you almost regret to see the act and the curtain fall. The woman who fails to be interested in this play can see nothing beautiful in this life. The cast contains twenty capable actors. Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

WHITNEY.

"A Cripple Creek," a play of genuine value, will be presented at the Whitney theater all next week, beginning Sunday afternoon, September 13. This piece is the latest work of Hal Reid, a noted playwright, and has been pronounced by leading critics to be Mr. Reid's best work and also the strongest and most interesting portrayal of life in the Rockies that has been given to our stage since Bartly Campbell's "My Partner." The piece contains many scenes of tenderest beauty, abounds with wholesome comedy and is replete with striking effects and striking situations.

A carload of special scenery is carried for its production. Matinees will be given daily except Wednesday.

### Prof. Waldo Says "Thank You."

OVID, Mich., Sept. 1, 1903.

MR. GEO. H. MITCHELL, Birmingham, Mich.

DEAR FRIENDS:—Today's express brought me a fine photograph of the class of 1903, B. H. S. There was no accompanying card, and no means of determining the source. Hence I am not sure whom to thank. If the class have remembered me in this very fine manner (and you will be able to help if it is the class) I wish you would put a card of thanks in an early issue of THE ECONOMIC, and send the bill for the same to me. If I had received a communication from the class, I could have replied more directly, but I think it may do just as well to put it in the paper.

Say, if you are through Ovid, stop off a train, or a day and see us all. I would enjoy it much, and I would try to make it pleasant for you. Yours truly,

E. F. WALDO.

### What Is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Also that law is very slightly, pain results, irregular living causes derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

### AN UNFORTUNATE MAN

Stephen Bolster, a Sailor, Picked up Near Blumberg's Toll Gate in a Demented Condition—Taken by Relatives to Detroit and Placed in a Marine Hospital.

About 5:00 o'clock Wednesday morning a stranger was found prowling around Theo. Blumberg's barn at the toll gate just south of this place and was driven away twice but came back the third time and tried to tear down the gate. This time he was driven away at the point of a revolver in the hands of Neil Blumberg. A little later he was taken into custody, brought to town and it was found the man was demented. At times he was quite rational and during these lucid moments he told the following story: "I am a sailor, I shipped as wheelman on the Charles P. Pratt at Buffalo some time ago; was sick at Port Huron and left the hospital. "His mind began to wander at this stage and he tried to give an account of his episode at the toll-gate. He thought he was with his landlady at 568 Summit street, Toledo and was going to carry the gate home for her. When asked who the man was with the gun he said it was a slip of a bartender, but he didn't know him from a woodpile.

Dr. J. L. Campbell was summoned and pronounced the man in a bad condition and said liquor was not responsible for the man's actions, and called it a case of lapse of memory caused by typhoid fever.

The man gave his name as Stephen Bolster, aged 39 years, had sailed the lakes for 20 years, and is well connected in Toledo, John Edmonds, city sewer inspector of 17, Clairmonte avenue, is his brother-in-law. He also has a brother in Detroit known as Garry Bolster, who has been in the employ of the city as boss carpenter for many years.

His relatives were notified and Mrs. L. Edmonds and Mrs. C. Edmonds, sisters of the demented man, came after him and took him to Detroit on the 11 o'clock car. He would be taken to the Marine Hospital for treatment as soon as they reached their destination.

### MRS. UTTER'S TRIP.

We carelessly omitted our best local item last week and that was announcing the safe return of Mrs. Caroline Utter from her trip to Owosso, Ovid, Corunna and other northern cities. Well, she has just returned from her round-trip and she received one continual ovation from relatives and friends. A fine visit with Mrs. Sidney Drake and her daughter, Mrs. Thos. Wiley, and Thomas himself. A nice visit with Mrs. Sarah Ford at Corunna. "Glad to go with the children of the original Diamond family at Owosso and Bancroft and a long happy visit with the family of Prof. E. F. Waldo, superintendent of Ovid schools. Here was a strenuous time for the good lady for she celebrated her 82d birthday anniversary at several visits and presents galore, being well remembered by many of her friends and relatives. While there Mr. and Mrs. Waldo celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary, another great day for the good lady. Numerous neighbors were invited in, a big dinner was served and all enjoyed the day hugely.

It was a treat to listen to the good lady's trip and what a good time she had every moment she was away. She was glad to go and real glad to come back to home, sweet home.

### DISAPPOINTED.

Our neighboring farmer, Geo. C. Hupp, after having paid his entry fee, securing room and the proper supplies as he thought, took his stock to Pontiac to the fair—found he had no room at all for exhibiting, that his place was taken by others and not only taken but the others had possession—and kept it, so George returned home with his stock at a loss of over \$100. He says he knows of four car loads of fancy stock that returned home for the same reason, all on account of no room for showing off stock. What's the matter up there?

### ROUSSEAU'S R. F. D. NO. 1.

Frank White has moved his barn. Mrs. C. C. Blumberg is entertaining friends from Detroit.

D. C. Brooks has reshingled the Franklin school-house.

Mrs. John Bolster is spending a few weeks at Cadillac, Mich.

Miss Minnie James has returned from a visit with Detroit friends.

Mrs. Anna McGaffey, of Oxford, is a guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Bell.

Mrs. V. B. Miller is attending the State Fair this week. She has several exhibits.

Mrs. Emma Brooks spent last Sunday at Romeo, the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. D. Sly.

Doc Severy and family have returned from a pleasant visit with Detroit relatives in Detroit.

Visitors at J. S. Cannon's, Walter McCrowell, of Gee Long, Australia, the McCrowell family of Detroit, Miss Mayme Cannon, of Denver, Colorado.

Miss Lizzie Render gave a party to about 25 of her friends in honor of her 14th birthday. A lunch was served under the maple trees in the woods. The hostess received many handsome presents and her guests returned to their homes all wishing her many more happy birthdays. They didn't forget to remember the mail man with a nice lunch. Thanks.

The man who admits that he is sentimental made the mistake of his life in not having been born a woman.

If there's one thing that disgraces a girl more than another it is to have a young man ask if she will permit him to kiss her.—Chicago News.

### SPARLING'S POPULAR PRICED DRY GOODS HOUSE

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## 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, DEAFER 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 altered. Prices 50c and 1/2c, no higher.

**J. SPARLING & CO.,**  
155 and 157 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

## The Suits Which Young Men Will Wear this Autumn

Are fashioned on more than conservative lines than last year—fabrics are different—they run into the mixtures and stripes, those rough, Scotch Cheviots and Tweeds being the most sought after.

In style there are some changes, all for the best, though, and those which young men will take to.

Every line, every detail that the best custom tailors in New York follow and put in are found in Traver's Clothes.

They are just right and you're but to place them beside the tailors' made to measure productions to realize that they equal them in every way.

Suits at \$8, \$10, \$12 and up to \$22, single and double breasted sack styles—a wide variety for your choosing. All that we ask young men is an inspection, then you'll realize that Traver's Clothes are quite a little better and not a bit more expensive than the Best you can find.

## R-H-Traver Co.

171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL MEETING OFFICIAL.

COUNCIL ROOM, Sept. 4, 1903.

Meeting called to order, President H. N. in the chair.

Treasurer present—Whitehead, O. Neal, Snow Dates, Johnson and Parks.

Moved by Whitehead, supported by Johnson, that the village treasurer be granted 15 days extension of time to collect the village taxes. Carried.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved to adjourn—carried.

CHAS. E. TOMS, Clerk.  
J. F. RUSSELL, President.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Lending a man a dollar is a deed of trust.

Many a man's nose blushes for the acts of his elbow.

An obnoxious form of light literature is the gas bill.

Two heads are undoubtedly better than one in a drum.

It is well to know some people well enough not to know them.

There is nothing so valuable and yet so cheap as politeness.

A straight ticket is one with all the crooked candidates left off.

Wise merchants put their show windows in the newspaper.

The best position of view is to throw them into the sewer.

Lack of interest in a story is enough to prove its truthfulness.

The road to prosperity goes right past the saloons without stopping.

An honest dealer does all a buying and selling by the same scales.

Fully half our earthly trouble is the result of calling things by another name.

Were it not for their vanity it would be impossible to please some people.

A lie made out of whole cloth should prove more satisfactory than a patched-up story.

After locking your family skeleton in the closet hide the key where your neighbors cannot find it.

An enterprising museum manager claims to have the lie that George Washington refused to tell.

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