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New Line of Corset Covers at 25c, 35c and 50c.
N. W. Line of Gents' Night Shirts at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
New Line of Toilet Ribbons, all shades, at 5c, 8c, 10c and 15c a yard.

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10-4 at 50c, 60c and 75c per pair.
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WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW.

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It is now up to those in authority to obtain the best possible site. It can now be procured, speedily possession given and an unassailable title within one-half minute of present site, high and dry, natural gravel, drainage, no damp basements and void of quicksand. The golden opportunity now exists.

Remember you are building for 100 years ahead. Do not commit a grave error and get a remote, noisy, and inconvenient site—the locale-et-situ is everything.

We are in receipt from a valued special correspondent of authentic and absolutely correct information direct from best and solely accurate sources, concerning site, and buildings of numerous recently constructed court houses in Michigan and from three other cities near our state line in Ohio. The county seats our correspondent has just heard from are Toledo, Bowling Green, and Warren, Ohio, and those in Michigan are Ann Arbor, Marshall, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Hillsdale, Hastings, Cornum, Flint, Mason, Ithaca, Allegan, Charlotte, Adrian, Monroe, Coldwater and Paw Paw.

The queries propounded were (5) five and the requests were made for replies seriatim, viz:

1. Is your court house located in its own block or square, amid its own grounds and without alleys?
2. How far is it from your main business center or thoroughfare?
3. Is it surrounded by wide streets and can it thus be approached from any one of all sides for plumber's work, drainage, gas, sewers, water, and electric light wiring?
4. Is there to or remote from steam and trolley car lines, also from the dirt and hum of ordinary business.
5. The replies are as follows: To question No. 1, all say "yes," "no alleys."
- To No. 2, "none less than two, some four and six."
- To No. 3, "none very far, many one and two blocks only."
- To No. 4, "alleys, yes," "as to wide streets, all can be so reached."
- To No. 5, "not too far from nor too near trolleys, not near steam cars—nor far from business—in quiet places."

We obtained this information and our correspondent spent his time to procure it correctly from headquarters in order that certain statements heretofore published as to sites, localities, entrances, etc., may be better understood by our people generally both in the city and all over the county and that the public at large may know what other important counties and up to date localities are at this moment doing where new court houses have recently been built and are in process of erection.

School Notes

Again the school bell is heard regularly and more than 300 boys, interested children hurry by its call. By reason the enrollment is as follows: High school 95, eighth grade 12, sixth and seventh grades 42, fourth and fifth 44, second and third 46, chart and first 51. There are 52 non-residents divided as follows: High school 42, eighth grade 8, seventh grade 2.

On Tuesday evening occurred the opening reception. More than a hundred attended. A short musical and literary program was given, also a guessing contest on shadow picture. Grace Purdy having the list nearest correct was presented with a prize book. During the evening Supt. Field announced the addition of three fine pictures to the high school collection. First a finely framed group of the class of '03, similar to that of '02, presented in May; second, two large photographic views of the Niagara Falls, one of the American and one of the Canadian side. They are handsomely mounted on hand engraved maps, and suitably marked in water colors. The frames are of heavy quarter-sawn oak. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. J. Bert Peabody. May the number who shall thus honor themselves and benefit the school, continually increase.

Judging by the way numbers of the class of '03 wander back to the school building and classes, they are loath to quit the old places and associations.

What is Life?

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

Attention—5th Mich. Cavalry.

Please send items and dates and places for Historical Paper to embrace July 15th, '95, to 1st October 19th, '95. J. A. Grier, Editor. Will state papers please copy.

PIONEER DAY.

Wednesday of this week was Pioneer Day on the year book of the Ladies' Literary club of this place. The club invited about 75 of the older women of the village to the Library Hall for the afternoon. The program consisted of short talks, recitations, about old times, old songs, etc. Refreshments were served by the club, and during the social hour that followed, many stories of the long ago were told.

Same Nuisance in Birmingham.

One of Inlay City's estimable young ladies was a recent caller at the Times office and made a strong protest against the filthy practice of spitting on the sidewalks. This nuisance should be abated and with that end in view some of the business men have inserted notices in their windows bearing this request: "Please do not spit on this sidewalk." Gentlemen will not persist in continuing this nuisance and an ordinance would have a desirable effect on the other kind.—Inlay City Times.

Excursions to Detroit

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
Single Fare for the Round Trip on all trains Oct. 15, 16, 17 and 19, valid returning to and including Oct. 23, 1903. A fee of 25c will be charged for the validation of return portion of tickets. For further information consult Local Agents, or write to GEO. W. VAUX, A. G. P. & T. A., Adv. Dept., Chicago, Ill. Oct 12

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING.
(OFFICIAL.)
COUNCIL ROOM, Sept. 14, 1903.
Meeting called to order, President Rundo in the chair.
Trustees present—Whitehead, O'Neil, Snow, Daines and Johnston.
Absent—Parks.
Moved by Whitehead, supported by Snow, that the bills be allowed as read and orders drawn for the payment of same.
Vote by call of roll. Ayes—Whitehead, Daines, Snow, O'Neil and Johnston.
The following bills were allowed:
GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.
Wm. Randall 40.00
Whitehead & Mitchell 22.75
Wm. Randall 1.05
Cobb & Cobb 3.29
The Courier Pub. Co. 4.10
The J. A. Brown 11.76
WATER WORKS FUND.
H. D. Walcott 50.00
H. D. Walcott 3.02
The J. A. Brown 7.89
HIGHWAY FUND.
H. A. Poppleton 4.00
At Water 12.00
Ezra Edwards 29.30
Cairo Mason 3.00
Wm. Randall 15.00
Samuel Masters 28.50
Ed. Holman 29.25
Wm. Hathaway 35.85
Charles E. Judge 41.60
M. D. Masters 16.35
Levi Allen 73.44
John Allen 16.35
H. D. Walcott 6.74
John Allen 145.94
Minutes read and approved.
Moved to adjourn—carried.

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Traver has a Gift for you

It's something entirely new—you've never heard of the Bogie Man have you? Well, it's a steel Jack O'Lantern and you can imagine how much fun you can have after dark with one.

We will give one of these Bogie Men with every suit or overcoat bought in our Boys' Department—it's a present for the boys.

Boys, urge your parents to buy your new suit or overcoat at Traver's so that you may have a Bogie Man for Halloween—if they don't know it tell them that their money will buy better clothes here than it will elsewhere. You'll like our clothes, too, they so stylish—make you look like a man, and how they will wear.

SUITS \$4, \$5 AND \$6—NONE BETTER SOLD.

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171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

FAIRS IN THE THUMB.

Those of our people who have never visited the thumb of Michigan, the coming agricultural section of the state, should attend the Cass City fair, which is to be held Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 2, 3. The P. O. & N. Railway Company has improved its tracks and will give extremely low rates during the fair. The 7 o'clock car from this place will get you to the P. O. & N. depot in ample time to get the morning train. You will not be regretful.

You will also have an opportunity to visit friends and relatives at Inlay City during the fair which is held there Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2. North Branch entertain you during the fair on Oct. 7-9. Don't visit these places thinking you are going into a howling wilderness. The thumb of Michigan is one of the best farming sections of the state and during these low rates of fare you can look the country over if you wish to buy a home. If you are going, go now; go now if you are going.

BULLETIN BUBBLES.

Boxed in rounds—pills.

An act of the legislature—adornment.

If money talks, can the bank teller tell all his secrets?

The mat-maker has no terrors for the tobacco-smoker.

Age cannot wither nor custom stale pain's infinite variety.

Truth makes a better showing as a slugger than as a boxer.

The man who makes hay while the sun shines is no farmer.

Men who dock their horses should have their salaries docked.

Age can never hope to know as much as youth thinks it knows.

Thanks are returned to "Toot! Stranger" for sympathy extended.

In the matter of bad habits "Practice put an edge on precept" so that you can cut it out.

Dancing is a frivolous, not to say disgraceful, pastime to the thinking of the man who has a sore toe.

In Holland an automobile is called "superaardelozevoerwagevoertuig" or, in other words, a "motor car" to stop he only recites the first chapter.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A BACHELOR'S CONSOLATION.

Paint heart: never won fair lady, but—

Paint heart never had a mother-in-law.

Paint heart never had to pay alimony.

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