

BIRMINGHAM CENTRIC.

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1904. NO. 35. WHOLE NO. 1318

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



WE ARE PREPARED WITH A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF
Diamonds
Watches
Clocks
Fine Jewelry
Silverware
Cut Glass and
Coffet Articles

These are Gifts that will be appreciated.
Our prices are always the lowest, quality considered.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

Joseph Engress
JEWELRY CO.
226 GRANT AVE.
Open Evenings until Xmas.

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,
PORTLAND, MICH.

FOR LUSCIOUS

STEAKS,
CUTLETS,
CHOPS,
HAPP, Etc.,

GO TO

A. R. PAKS,
The Corner Market Man.

Poultry, Game, Fish and Vegetables in Season.

Clarence L. Cowles,
Architect,
31 and 33 Chase Block,
Birmingham, B. S. Mich.

John D. Riker, M. D.

Practice Limited to
EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT.
Pontiac, Mich.

Queen & Crescent service Cincinnati to Atlanta and Jacksonville the best in the country.

FALL ARRIVALS 1903.

WE QUOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

5,000 yards new Fall Outings at 5c, 8c and 10c per yd.
2,000 yards all-wool Trecoats at 5c per yd.
1,500 yards fancy Pleated Waistings at 10c per yd.
1,000 yards fancy Ramona Plannings at 15c per yd.
New Line of Corset Skirts at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00 and \$3.50.
New Line of Ladies' Gowns at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
New Line of Corset Covers at 25c, 35c and 50c.
New Line of Gents' Night Shirts at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
New Line of Taffeta Ribbons, all shades, at 5c, 8c, 10c and 15c a yard.

BLANKETS BLANKETS

10-4 at 50c, 60c and 75c per pair.
11-4 at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

We are now receiving our New Fall Stock, and can quote you low prices on Clean, Fresh Goods.

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 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.

ANNUAL SALES

—OF—

HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

—AND—

SEWED UNDERWEAR

BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2, 1904

These Sales comprise all grades of Goods and cover the entire Stocks and are offered at a large reduction from regular prices.

Goods marked down in every Department to close out during January.

Mail Orders Promptly Filled.

The Taylor Woolfenden Co.,
165 to 169 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

...Clearance Sale...

The Ladies of Birmingham are invited to call and take their pick from my large Stock of Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats. I need the room for Early Arrivals. All the latest styles and the prices are within the reach of every purse.

MRS. G. W. TERRY,

Lawrence Street East, Pontiac, Mich.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Personal Exercises Helped to Make the Little Ones Happy.

All the churches celebrated Christmas on Christmas eve by giving their Sunday school children a truly royal grand treat. As each church had its own following and all the same evening no crowding occurred and at each place it was as if one immense family had gathered around the family tree to celebrate the day together.

THE PRESBYTERIAN
At the Presbyterian church Cassius H. Carter was busy superintending a Christmas tree from which each and every child of the Sunday school received presents of candy, oranges, popcorn, etc. A general good time was had. Miss Lucy Ward delighted her hearers by a recitation well delivered and happily applauded. Everyone departed happily.

THE M. H. SUNDAY SCHOOL
The M. H. Sunday school had a fine time. A Christmas tree from which presents for all and everybody were distributed by old Santa Claus himself, but it didn't take the excited children long to find out that it was not Santa Claus, but D. M. Johnston, who filled the bill perfectly and gave the utmost satisfaction by his generous distributions. A short entertainment was furnished.

THE ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The pastor, Mr. Watson, superintended a very pleasing program of recitations, songs, etc., to a full house. The children acquitted themselves finely and the Christmas trees were loaded to almost a breaking point and the presents were distributed by Mr. Cobb, old saint. It is needless to say he filled the bill to the complete satisfaction of the children present and we haven't heard any of the older ones complaining.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH
A Christmas tree for the children, presents for everybody, with a beautiful cantata of Christmas tide caused the evening to pass away joyfully. All the children enjoyed the treat immensely and went home laden with presents and hearts full of gratitude.

THE V. P. CHURCH
Was filled to the doors by its many members and their families. Super was served. A Christmas tree was shorn of its fruit and Bro. F. Young on behalf of the members presented the pastor, Bro. M. B. Maxwell a purse of silver containing \$45.25. On his arrival home Pastor Maxwell made Mrs. Maxwell a Christmas present of this same purse. It pleased the lady. During the short wait for supper Bro. Frank Young was appointed a committee to amuse the children until supper was ready. Did he fill the bill? Ask his wife. All the kids wait that there is no entertainer like Frank Young who can be as one of 'em when he is ordered so to do.

THE WIDOW'S MITE

It is Just as Precious and Valuable and Potent as Biblical Times.

Christmas comes once a year and with it presents for all and even "poor editor" fared well. The appended letter accompanied a dainty package wrapped in white tissue paper with a large blue ribbon in a true lovers' knot and came from Mitchell via Uncle Sam's post office. When Mitchell received it from the hands of the little lady who plied his pen, he noticed the papers he noticed a dense smile lining the corners of her mouth and wondered what it was not suspicious. Visions of a necktie, handkerchiefs, matches, a pocketbook and a thousand and one things for Xmas passed through his mind and when he opened it he just dropped dead in the P. O. John Hanna P. M. swept up the remains and the I. I. carried 'em out on a dustpan to the heap. The contents of the pretty package was just a nice 2x4 piece of healthy, aromatic CODFISH. The letter read as follows:

MR. EDITOR,
DEAR SIR:—Commiserating your most unhappy condition because of delinquent subscribers to your paper and as my errand is a bit because of the national richness of the milk of human kindness (like that of your condensed cream) forbids my sleeping or resting, I beg you to accept the enclosed, a pair of EXACT half weight and measure, of my Christmas stock. The obligation will be mine as I shall be able to enjoy mine more and will be thinking meanwhile that you, a dear friend of years, to whom I feel greatly indebted, are struggling with that same old skin this merry Christmas. Very truly yours,

A WIDOW ON WIDOW STREET,
Birmingham, Mich.
December 24, 1903.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS RECEPTIONS
Grand French Rally System

One and One-third Price for the Round Trip on all trains December 24th, 25th and 26th, 1903, also January 1st, 1904. Tickets valid returning to and including January 1st, 1904. For further particulars call on local Agent or write to Geo. W. Vatz, Chicago, Ill.

A. G. P. A. S. A. Adv. Dept.
MEMPHIS, TENN. is a grand new book and is sure to help all who feel run down and worn out because of the debilitating effects of the hot weather. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell. For sale by Cobb & Cobb.

YOUR CHOICE OF ANY WINTER OVERCOAT OR SACK SUIT IN OUR ESTABLISHMENT For

\$15

And there are no exception—every one of our fine garments must be sold.

The reorganization plans call for the disposition of this entire stock before a certain date which is very near, and to comply with the requirements extraordinary reduction in prices was necessary.

There's a great deal to be done here—carpenters, electricians and decorators will soon be busily engaged remodeling and preparing the departments for the reception of the grandest stock of merchandise ever seen in Detroit, which will be shown when the store opens under the name of the new firm, TRAYER-BIRD CO.

We simply must dispose of our entire stock of fine garments, so come and get the most expensive suit or Overcoat—size of those \$25.00 silk-lined Overcoats or a \$32.00 Fancy Wooted Suit—we are anxious to have you choose them as we are the \$25.00 Black Suits or the fine Overcoats. Choose any—the price of each and every one is \$15.

We Believe That First Loss is Always The Best.

R. H. Traver Co.

171-173 Woodward Ave. Detroit.

RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, That Assessment Roll No. 4, heretofore reported to this board in the matter of constructing a sewer in Greenwood and White street in the village of Birmingham, be and the same hereby is corrected and altered so that the amount of benefit assessed against each of the respective lots in the said roll described shall be as follows:

Lot thirty-three (33) to forty-six (46) both inclusive, lot eight (8), and lot sixty-eight (68), eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$8.25) each; lot forty-seven (47) to fifty-five (55) both inclusive, lot sixty-six (66) and sixty-seven (67), and lot seven (7), six dollars (\$6.00) each; lot nine (9), five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$5.75); lot ten (10), four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50); lot six (6), three dollars (\$3.00); lot five (5), one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50); lot four (4), one dollar (\$1.00); lot sixty-four (64), two dollars (\$2.00); and lot sixty-five (65), three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25). Resolved, That the amount to be assessed against each of said lots respectively as hereinabove specified, be and the same is hereby directed to be set by the village clerk upon the number of such lot in said assessment roll instead of the amount specified in said roll as heretofore reported to this board.

Be it also resolved, That the Village Council and the Board of Trustees will meet in the court room on Monday, January 11, 1904, at 10:30 P. M. on local time, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll as hereinabove corrected and altered, and of hearing any objections thereto.

Be it also resolved, That the Village Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to cause notice of the matters contained in these resolutions to be published for two weeks successively in the BIRMINGHAM ECONOMIC prior to the 15th day of January, 1904.

A. WHITEHEAD, Clerk Pro Tem.
D. M. JOHNSON, President Pro Tem.

AT THE THEATERS.

Don't miss the fine attractions at the Avenue Theater next week. Nothing has been left undone to please the patrons of this popular place of amusement. You can't fail to find a good show at this house any day in the year.

WHITNEY.
What sweet memory of the past are recalled by the coming to the Whitney next week of the dearest "White Slave," with all its old fashioned character, its pretty love story, thrilling episodes and quaint comedy scenes. It is many years since the "White Slave" first appeared to us and the time has brought many changes, yet through all these years the "White Slave" has illuminated the lives of thousands of play-goers, whose children and grand children are among those who are crying and laughing with the heroine now just as if the story of her wrongs had never been told. The production is absolutely complete in every detail and the company competent in every particular. The engagement will doubtless be one of the most successful of the season. Daily matinee except Wednesday.

LYCEUM.

Messrs. Kirk La Selle and Raymond will again present America's greatest play, "Arizona," at the Lyceum, week commencing Sunday, January 3. The theater-going public seems never to tire of this charming comedy drama, and we wish to say that the coming presentation will be as good as perfect. We do so to detail on any of its former visits. You see the same bluff, hearty Canby and his comely wife, the same Estrella with her weak points, that are natured by the fatality of the captain, until the frank, open-hearted first lieutenant, Donaworth, comes to her danger, charming, ingenious, witty with all the sprightliness of youth; the sedate cavalier-like husband, Colonel Bonham, and all the attendant characters, including the Vagabond Tony, the blight Dr. Jones and his economic love-making to Miss McCullough and all the rest of the pleasing characters which go to make up the cast of this more than pleasing play. Matinees will be given Wednesday and Saturday.

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bartlett, Tenn., save her drying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottle 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's Drug Store.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice December 28, 1903:
Mr. Ross Andrews, Mrs. Geo. Taylor, JOHN HANNA, P. M.

You Need a Rest.

If you are not feeling well, don't call a doctor but take a lake trip! You return home feeling new life, and your brain blown free from cobwebs. Send us for folder and map. Address, A. A. Schaefer, G. P. T. Mgr., Detroit, Mich.

Southfield Taxpayers At Attention.

I will be at the following places for the purpose of collecting township taxes on days specified:
Southfield Reg. December 16.
Erlitz's Mills, December 23.
Geo. Bingham's, in Franklin, December 30.

At home, every Friday during month.

JAMES S. PARKS,
(Jani) Southfield Township Treasurer.

REGISTERED STOCK

SPRING BROOK STOCK FARM

One of our young farmers went of this place will be known as a breeder of registered cattle and hogs one of these days and that is Fred E. Brooks. He has a very fine herd of Shorthorn cattle and has just added to his farm a fine pair of improved Chester White Sows and is now patiently waiting the arrival of a young male hog from Illinois and will be in a short time ready to sell the best stock money can buy at farmers' prices.

FRED E. BROOKS,
1 1/2 miles west of Birmingham.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally but these can be induced by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. See at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's Drug Store.

SOUTHFIELD.

Mrs. Sara Clark is on the sick list. Orville Brooks was home from college for Christmas.

Henry Miller is entertaining relatives at a New Year's dinner today.

Mrs. Virgie Beattie and daughter Eva, of Judd's Corners, are visiting at Mrs. Henry Miller's.

Mrs. J. R. Brooks and daughter Eva and Mrs. H. Potts are spending the week with their niece, Mrs. Volney Miller.

Volney Miller and family, Mrs. J. R. Brooks and Mrs. Potts spent Wednesday with Mrs. Brooks' sister, Mrs. H. J. Broughton, at Walnut Lake.

No one should really hesitate on trying a 25 cent box of PERSIKOLA as it will not cost you a penny should it fail to relieve and cure the very worst cases of indigestion and dyspepsia. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

For sale by Cobb & Cobb.

CLAWSON.

Mrs. Hattie Rice, of Toledo, visited at Mrs. P. A. Hunt's Xmas.

Jack Lawson and family spent Xmas at Royal Oak.

Harry Goldsmith was surprised one night recently.

Miss Jessie Lawson visited at Southfield a few days last week.

Ed Fall, of Eral, is visiting at home during the holidays.

Mrs. James McBride gave a Christmas dinner to her children.

Everybody enjoyed the Xmas tree and exercises at the Log Cabin Christmas eve.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pain of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Blackie's Anion Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. Use the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. 50c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's, Druggists.

SPARLING'S POPULAR PRICED DRY GOODS HOUSE

Stylish Ready-Made Garments, New Dress Goods, Fancy Hosiery, Silks, Linens, Etc.

Women who have not bought their Fall Suits, Dress Goods, Etc. will find it to their decided advantage to visit our Exposition of New Nobby Styles.

\$1.00 WE make a leading price for all fashionable women's Dress Goods, Silks, Linens, Hosiery, etc. at 50c and 75c.
\$1.25 (Suits for autumn wear, for Suits or separate Skirts, 50c from 50c to 75c for Black Taffeta).
\$15 HANDMADE SUITS in a variety of Mixtures and Plain Cloths (the newest modes, made and Tailored).
25c FULL LINES of staple and fancy Hosiery, including all kinds of Cotton, Pile and Lisle and Wool.
75c 15 CANES Cotton Blankets, all full 114 size, hemmed and ready for use. In Tan, Black or White.
59c LINENS, just what every person will be glad to see. Table Linens, Sheets, White Vestings.
33c 100 YARDS BLACK TAFFETA SILK, good quality for a short time. In Tan, Black or White.
Green Trading Stamp with all mail orders.
SPARLING & CO.,
155 and 157 Woodward Ave., Detroit.