

To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers after in Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit, it will be a special favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

HOME NOTES.

New Advertisements.
H. B. Morris—Shoes—Pontiac.
Miss M. Flynn—Millinery—Pontiac.
L. Lee Frank—Hardware—Birmingham.
The J. L. Hudson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.
William H. Elliott Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.
Walter Ross & Robertson—Dry Goods—Pontiac

The blue cross.
Charles J. Shain was home over Sunday last.

Read the article about the business men's club.
Read Howard G. Carter & Co.'s new adv't this week.

Feather social at National hotel Friday eve., December 23.
What do I want for a Christmas present? A six month's subscription to the library.

Don't fail to make at least one visit to the school before it closes for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Mort Cooper, of Clintonville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Staley, this week.

This week V. Nixon has a new adv't that it will pay you to read. Useful holiday gifts is what he has to offer.

Mason Leonard, who has been ill at his mother's residence in this village for some time, is still in poor health.

We are glad to say that Ed L. Keyser, of Pontiac, is able to be down to his store once again and is recovering very rapidly.

For Sale—One small size base-burner, one season and in good condition. Address W. H., Box 55, Birmingham, Mich.

Dates for the Lansing meeting of the State Teachers' Association are Dec. 27-29. Half fares have been given on all roads.

Read the blue cross article in another column. While it may not apply to you, it certainly is interesting to yours truly.

Wood for Sale—Good hard wood at \$2.00 per cord. Address Chas. Kauliger, Birmingham, R. F. D. No. 5.

Lost—On or about the school grounds a Holland fountain pen. Finder please leave at Cobb & Cobb's and receive reward.

For Sale Cheap—One hanging hall lamp (kerosene), two hanging gasolene lamps, all in good condition. J. Allen Bigelow.

On December 12 the town awoke to find everything covered with a blanket of snow. The same thing happened just one year ago.

Eugene Smith and W. I. Deer with their respective wives enjoyed a Sunday visit and dinner with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lafargy, north of Pontiac.

Mrs. John Baldwin gave a six o'clock dinner to a few invited friends one day last week. Baked blue points on the half shell headed the menu.

Anyone having furs of any description for sale, call on J. F. Rundel. He will pay the highest market price. At home Saturday afternoons.

The Queen Esther Circle will hold an Xmas sale at the M. E. church Friday afternoon and evening and all day Saturday. Lots of fine things off sale.

Wanted—Farm to work on shares—120 to 160 acres. Must be good soil, good buildings and well fenced. W. H. Shields, R. F. D. No. 2, Pontiac, Mich.

The fire alarm Thursday of last week was caused from a burning chimney on W. C. Smith's home on Willis street. The blaze was extinguished with slight damage.

This is one of the driest falls in many years. Quite a number of wells and cisterns in this vicinity have failed entirely, and a heavy rain would be hailed with delight.

Annual festival at the Maccabee Hall to Franklin, Tuesday evening, Dec. 20. Chicken pie and donation party for the benefit of Rev. B. G. Hescott. All are invited.

Aaron Johnson has opened up a wood working shop in the rear of J.

M. Clement's blacksmith shop where he is prepared to do all kinds of wood work at moderate prices. Give him a call.

You want to read the book everyone is reading and the one that reads the list of recent fiction—"The Masquerader," by Katherine Cecil Thurston. Ask for it at the library.

At the closing meeting of the State Horticultural society at Benton Harbor last week, C. E. Hadsell, of Troy, was elected president of the association and member of the executive board. A good selection.

Read Whitehead & Mitchell's Christmas adv't. This firm will be putting in a line of trashy goods for presents, offer for your inspection fine perfumes in fancy bottles, sachet powders, toilet soaps, anything and everything in their lines.

The annual meeting of the Ladies Church society of the Presbyterian church will be held at the residence of Mrs. W. D. Clizbe, on Wednesday afternoon, December 21, at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this meeting.

Who'll take care of the children when the mothers go to vote? Why, the same ones that took care of them when they went to pay their taxes. They are paying them these days by the hundreds, but they believe that taxation without representation is as unjust as ever was.

A musical society is about to be organized in this village, a long felt need. All those interested in learning to sing, or in the practice of high class vocal music, come and help to make it a success. Meeting for organization at the M. E. church Friday evening, Dec. 16, at 8 o'clock.

James W. Carson, who left here about eight years ago, is home on a visit to his sons in this state. He now lives on a ranch near West Hope, North Dakota, and is getting rich. West Hope is only a few miles, has 1,000 inhabitants, electric lights and is a progressing western city.

The death of Mr. Michael Jeffers at Saginaw removes a pioneer of this place as well as from that city. The family once lived where the library building now stands. It was not until the society bought the lot that a quit claim deed from Mr. Jeffers to them made the title perfect.

The members of St. James church are happy over the gift of the entire piping and installment of the fixtures of the new acetylene light for the church, basement and vestry room, which was made by Mrs. Charles Stinchfield. The evening services on Sunday have become popular and the attendance is very gratifying, so that the new light is welcome.

Jacob Trend, who had his foot crushed by an electric car nearly a year ago, and has been a great sufferer during this time, underwent a second amputation on Saturday last Dr. Shaw performed the operation, assisted by Dr. Campbell, Raynald and Rymald. Jake went through the operation all right and his many friends will be pleased to see him again in the near future.

At the last regular meeting of the L. O. T. M. M. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. C., Mrs. Nellie Blair; I. L. C., Miss Anna Parks; P. C. Mrs. Carrie Knowles; R. K., Mrs. Emily Hunt; F. K., Mrs. Hattie Todd; S. M., Francis Shain; M. at A., Mrs. Flora McHenry; Sentinel, Mrs. Mary Rainey; Chaplain, Mrs. G. Gray.

The annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers' Association will be held at Lansing, beginning Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27, and closing at noon, Thursday, the 29th. One of the strongest programs in the history of the association has been prepared, and Lansing people are making unusual preparations to take care of the large attendance that is expected. Half-fare rates have been arranged on all roads.

Mr. E. Clark, our enterprising photographer, and by the way is a photo artist as there is in the state, called on us lately and ordered out his big adv't. It appeared just one issue and he tells us (not for publication but merely to show his appreciation of our advertising powers) that he was literally swamped with orders and has now more work than he can do up to and past the holidays.

D. H. Morrow and C. A. Hooper will sell at auction on the old J. R. Morrow farm, two miles north and one mile east of Sand Hill, on the Base Line, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Three mares, one horse, 16 cows, three heifers, yearling bull, six wagons, two buggies, cutter, set horse clippers, compressed air sprayer, harnesses, land roller.

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Some individuals make it a habit to bestow kindness only on those who do not require them.

A Costly Mistake.
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AZURE TINT

FIRST ISSUE IN JANUARY IT IS DUE—IS IT DUE TO YOU?

Just Think of It, Another Year Has Passed Away—Time Swiftly Speeds Along.

The first issue in January is when we are first looking for our annual New Year's present from our dear 1,000 friends, that is, those who are in arrears on their subscription. As all the sums are small it seems like a matter to "get a bunch" on, but "many a mickle makes a muckle."

It is such a small matter to tell how much is due from you or how much is due from us. Just cast your eagle eye upon the date after your name which is either on the wrapper enclosing it or on the paper itself. If the date is past "tag" you're it, and we have something coming. If the date is anywhere "1905" you will not be favored with the "BLUE TINT," but if back, look out for it, for the blue cross is due to arrive on our first issue in January, 1905. While it may seem a small matter to you, the great number coming always helps along the needs of tax time, Christmas and a few such extra expenses.

Farm leases. Yep; that's the safe way to do it. Then you can't say "Oh, well, I thought you said so-and-so and you thought different and there you are. My word is as good as yours." Then the next thing is a lawsuit and a lot of unnecessary expense when a properly made lease made by a competent notary public or conveyancer would have been a trifling cost and saved all the bother and expense. It's the business way to do it and you can have it done at the Exchange Bank, cheaply, promptly, properly and typewritten in the latest improved manner. Wills, deeds, mortgages, contracts and all kinds of legal papers. Thirty years experience, private office and every convenience.

AT THE THEATERS.
Avenue.
Bob Manchester's Cracker Jacks Famous Barbers—the show that has made a reputation from Maine to California, and this season promises things extraordinary in every respect, the show being in its entirety new except in name, are at the Avenue this week. There is a cortege of vaudeville artists, each a novelty in himself. Bob Van Orsdel is the chief comedian and can certainly make you laugh. There will be "doctors" at the Avenue next week.

Whitney.
The coming attraction at the Whitney theater will be the genuine "Go to the Sun" which is a real gem, grand scenic effects combined with a thrilling sensation of western life. There is a fascination in a well told story of western life in those days of old, days of gold, those days of "go, and who can tell it better than the popular author, Mr. Charles A. Taylor, who was raised among the picturesque characters and scenes which has made his best play, "Queen of the Highway," one of the greatest successes of the day. In the production one gets a true insight to the hazardous life of the scout, pony express rider and the stage driver of earlier days, besides many touching scenes of affection and devotion. The leading character around whom the play revolves, is on the strenuous order, bold, dashing, riding and shooting better than men, yet retaining her beauty and marks of refinement to the last. The engagement is for one week, beginning Sunday afternoon, December 18.

Lyceum.
At the Lyceum theater next week Henri Greavit will present the talented actor, William Bramwell, in "Captain Barrington," the sensation and greatest success of last season. In this play, Bramwell has created a splendid reputation in such roles as Macbeth, Romeo, John Storm in "The Christian," Iago, etc., and is well adapted for the romantic and role of Barrington in this Revolutionary war drama. The magnificent scenery, beautiful costumes of the period, colonial settings, all form a perfect and accurate setting for this picturesque play. The character of General Washington, also played by Mr. Bramwell, is introduced as the plot of a historical plot to deliver him to the British by treachery. The play has 28 speaking parts and the company is composed of some of our best players.

Notice to Taxpayers of Troy.
I will be at the following places for the purpose of gathering taxes for Troy township.
I will be at home, Friday, Dec. 16, and every Friday until Jan. 10.
At Birmingham Exchange Bank, Saturday, Dec. 17, and every Saturday until Jan. 10.
At Troy Corners, Monday, Dec. 19, and every Monday until Jan. 10.
At Big Beaver, Tuesday, Dec. 20, and every Tuesday until Jan. 10.
At Cole Run, one day, Wednesday, Jan. 4. Hours from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Wm. H. TRUESDELL,
Treasurer Troy Township.

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William H. Elliott Co.

A Special Sale of Carpets, Rugs and Curtains
This week at Elliott's enables you to put your money into gifts that cannot be surpassed.
Notice the drop in prices.

Tapestry Brussels Carpets, sterling quality, was 75c a yard, for 63c yard.
Tapestry Brussels Carpets, 10 wire, was 90c yard, for 75c yard.
Velvet Carpeting, stylish designs, extra quality, was \$1.10, for 85c yard.
Bigelow Axminster Carpeting, rich designs, extra quality was \$1.25 yard, for \$1.10 yard.
Borders to match above equally low.
Ingrain Carpeting, strictly all wool, was 65c yard, for 55c yard.
Best all-wool, double extra, Superior Ingrain, was 75c, for 67c yard.
Ingrain Carpeting, Brussels weave, best extra heavy, all wool and stylish pattern, 90c quality, for 79c yard.
Best quality popular Fiber Carpeting, 65c quality, for 49c yard.
Rugs—Way Down in Price.
Smyrna Rugs of Selected Jute, 30x60, were \$1.25, now 95c.
Wool Velvet Rugs, 27x54, were \$1.75, now \$1.35.
Smyrna Rugs, best all wool, 30x60, were \$2.25, now \$1.89.
Smyrna Rugs, best all wool, 36x72, were \$3.00, now \$2.40.
All other Smyrna Rugs equally cheap.
Moroccan Rugs, 27x63, were \$2.25, now \$1.75.
Lionel Axminster Rugs, 30x60, were \$1.50, now \$3.60.
Smyrna Rugs, all wool, 4x7, were \$5.00, now \$4.00.
Smyrna Rugs, all wool, 7x10 1/2, were \$19.99, now \$13.50.
Reversible Ingrain Rugs, 7x10 1/2, were \$7.50, now \$5.00.
Reversible Brussels Ingrain Rugs, 9x12, were \$12.00, now \$9.00.
Other sizes equally low.
Kashmir Rugs, 6x9, were \$5.00, now \$4.50.
Kashmir Rugs, 9x12, were \$11.50, now \$9.00.
Sizes between just as cheap in proportion.
10-wire Tapestry Brussels Rugs, 7x9, were \$12.80, now \$9.75.
Best Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12, were \$22.00, now \$16.50.
Best Body Brussels Rugs, 6x9, were \$18.00, now \$15.00.
Best Body Brussels Rugs, 9x12, were \$25.00, now \$21.00.
Sizes between equally low in price.
Rich Wilton Rugs, 9x12, were \$21.00, now \$17.50.
Rich Wilton Rugs, 9x12, were \$35, now \$29.00.
Equisite Paris Wilton Rugs, 9x12, were \$50.00, now \$35.00.
Delightful Velvet Rugs, 9x12, were \$20.00, now \$16.50.
Delightful Velvet Rugs, 9x12, were \$22.50, now \$18.00.
Brussels Axminster Rugs, 9x12, were \$15.00, now \$12.00.
Suzo Rugs, Oriental types, 30x60, 98c.
Suzo Rugs, Oriental types, 36x72, for \$1.30.
Popular Bath Rugs, 18x36, 65c, \$2.50.
Cut 1/2 of new Carpet 11-sock, 25c.

HOWARD G. CARTER & CO

MAJESTIC BUILDING, DETROIT.

WE OFFER AND RECOMMEND

\$50,000, 6 PER CENT FIRST MORTGAGE, GOLD BONDS OF \$500 EACH,
(Redeemable on or after May 1, 1909).

United States Hardware Manufacturing Co.,

of Port Clinton, Ohio. Bonds will be sold at par.

ENTIRE ISSUE OF BONDS—\$100,000

The avails of the bonds are to be used exclusively for building and equipping the Company's Plant, and to be disbursed by the Security Savings Bank and Trust Co., of Toledo, Ohio, and only upon the estimates of the Architect and Mechanical Engineer as the work progresses, or by contract with surety bond.

The following industries are to be operated under the management of the United States Hardware Mfg. Co.:

Harness, Carriage, Wagon, Automobile and General Hardware.

Ohio Malleable Steel Casting Co.
Malleable Steel Castings, lighter and superior to Malleable Iron Castings.

Consolidated Trunk Hardware Co.
Stamped and Cast Malleable Steel Trunk Trimmings.

American Tubular Steel Hame Co.
A new Hame superseding Solid Iron and Wooden Hames, being lighter, stronger, cheaper and better finished.

Port Clinton donated 40 acres for the site and 300 building lots for homes for the laborers; also \$5,000 in Cash.

Part of the Company's Plant is under roof and the company is now manufacturing, but at the plant of the Standard Steel Tube Works, Toledo, which latter they own and control. Estimated assets, \$300,000. A fact worthy of consideration is that the failure of a malleable casting plant is unknown within the history of the industry.

The Sadley Hardware Mfg. Co. and the North & Judd Co., of New Britton, Conn., who are in a like line, have paid 10 per cent quarterly dividends for 15 years; 15 per cent quarterly dividends for 4 years and 20 per cent quarterly dividends for 1 year.

The United States Hardware Co. will undoubtedly do better than the above. This company and its policy have been endorsed by the executive committee of the National Harness Makers' Protective Association of the United States.

The prime factor in the establishment of this industry is MR. CEO. F. EBERHARD, founder and for many years General Superintendent of the Eberhard Mfg. Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, the largest manufacturers of Harness Hardware in the United States.

The name EBERHARD as associated with the Manufacture of Harness Hardware stands as the highest guarantee of the success of this new organization.

If interested and desire to know more about the above, call at our office, 508-9 Majestic Building, Detroit, or notify us and our representative will call on you. Please bear in mind that the above is a strictly high grade and safe investment.

George Madden, of Twin City; Will Patch, of Detroit, and John Hartwick, of Detroit.

TOWN LINE.

Dance tonight at Jake Robinson's.
Fred Schoch is away visiting relatives up north.

Mr. Thoma has been to Sanilac visiting her sister.

Lee Stanley and family were guests of Mr. Stanley, Sen., Lake Angelus, last week.

Mr. Clark Beach visited at Ford City last Saturday. Mrs. Lena Carpenter is also there caring for a sick lady.

Mr. Stevenson has moved into the new tenant house on the Joy farm, and the cottage on the hill is empty again.

An outer supper and social at Clark Beach's last Friday night was well attended and a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Waldron after spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Schoch, has gone north to stay with her daughter this winter.

Visitors here recently: Mrs. Irene Ryan and daughter, of Harbor Beach;

SHORT-HORNS

COWS AND HEIFERS

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

8 O. I. C. Pigs.

4 O. I. C. Bar Pigs.

1 Broad Sow and 8 Pigs.

Fred E. Brooks,

Spring Brook Stock Farm

7 1/2 Miles West of Birmingham.

For Coughs and Colds

There is a remedy over sixty years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and hard colds on the chest. Ask your doctor about it.

Ayer's Pills increase the activity of the liver, and thus aid recovery.