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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.

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We offer for your inspection a fine line of HOLIDAY GOODS—Articles that will make suitable and useful presents.

Ladies' Outing Gowns, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.
 Ladies' Fine Fleece Underwear, 25c and 50c.
 Ladies' Black Mercerized Skirts, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Ladies' Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, plain and fancy, Golf Gloves and Mitts, Side and Back Combs, Hair Ornaments, Jewelry, Brooches, Stick Pins, Collar Buttons, Cuff Buttons, Aprons, fancy and plain, Way's Mufflers and Ladies' Over-gaiters, Fancy Baskets from 10c up, Fancy Plates, Cups, Bowls and Pitchers, Fancy Box Paper from 25c to 75c per box, Shopping Bags, Ribbons, Perfumery and a general and useful line of goods.

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 We Order Butterick's Patterns.

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If you are in want of a Stove, Range or Coal Stove, come and look my stock over before buying elsewhere.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN CHOOSING Christmas Presents how much wiser it is to consider utility of the article as well as the beauty. One wants both—UTILITY so that the present will be a constant reminder of the giver, and also that the recipient will receive something of use, something from which they can get some good and some help—BEAUTY in the gift as the appearance has a great deal to do with the impression made.

A GOSHEN CARPET SWEEPER combines all points to be considered, beauty, utility and economy.

Make mother, daughter, sister or friend's Christmas happy by giving her a **GOSHEN SWEEPER.**

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2 STYLES, \$2.50 AND \$3.00.

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Have you ever used it to give your teeth that pearly whiteness so desired by everyone?
MITCHELL'S TOOTH POWDER will give it to you. Try it. Only 15c a bottle. **BEST ON EARTH.**

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 Have you ever tried it? You can cure any Cold and stop any Cough with it. Only 25c a bottle. **IT CURES. TRY IT.**

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THE ECCENTRIC
25c FOR 3 MONTHS

SHE WANTS HER MONEY

MRS. ELLA POPPLETON GOES TO COURT

BILL FILED BEFORE JUDGE SMITH

E. C. POPPLETON NAMED AS THE DEFENDANT.

Use of Fictional Name, P. A. Herbert, Charged in the Bill of Complaint.

In a bill of complaint now on file in the clerk's office as the commencement in a suit in chancery, Mrs. Ella Poppleton Detroit alleges that Edgar C. Poppleton of Birmingham, has failed to account to her for certain funds and securities he held in trust. She asks that he be compelled by the circuit court to make an accounting of all funds held in trust and to turn over to her whatever may be shown to be due her by such accounting.

The negative set forth in her petition that on March 18, 1892, Orrin Poppleton died, leaving three children, Edgar C. Poppleton, Herbert A. Poppleton and Ella Poppleton, besides the widow, Sarah Poppleton. Edgar C. Poppleton was sole executor and trustee of the estate. Mrs. Poppleton sets up that he also held as trustee funds and securities she received from her aunt, Alta Brown, which amounted to \$33,937.49 on January 1, 1895.

She sets forth that on September 6, 1893, Edgar C. Poppleton had exclusive control of all the property, managing it and investing it as he saw fit. She also sets forth that he held many mortgages in various counties of the state in the name of P. A. Herbert, of Chicago, and that the same was purely a fictitious one devised by Poppleton to serve his purposes.

She further claims that he had executed a power of attorney for the supposed P. A. Herbert to Orrin C. and Edgar C. Poppleton, in February, 1892, and that the transfer was made for purposes of deceit.

Mrs. Poppleton then goes on to state that Sarah Poppleton assigned to her real estate mortgages which aggregated \$3,475 and that she gave the assignment to Edgar C. Poppleton to hold in trust. She Poppleton now claims that Edgar C. Poppleton refuses to return the securities or to make an accounting and she claims at least \$3,775 due her.

One of the mortgages included in the assignment to Mrs. Ella Poppleton was for \$275 and this she claims was discharged directly by Sarah Poppleton, by whom it was assigned, without reference to the assignment and that she did not receive the amount paid in settlement of the mortgage. She also charges that Edgar C. Poppleton holds a mortgage for \$1,536 belonging to her, which she refuses to return to her.

Robert M. Brouson, of Detroit, appears as attorney for Mrs. Poppleton.

Mr. Poppleton has nothing to say concerning the case, but he did say he has never cheated Mrs. Poppleton out of a cent.

NEGATIVE WON

The High School Literary Club Decides That the Government Should not Own the Railroads.

The third meeting of the High school literary society was held on December 15, in the high school room, and the most interesting number on the program was the debate on the question: "Resolved, That the Government should own and operate the Railroads."

The affirmative was represented by Howard Hanna and Robert Halbert and the negative by Ella Davenport and Alta Nixon. Both sides showed in their debate a thoroughness of preparation which was highly commendable, and which showed a sample of the earnest work the society is doing.

The judges, Mrs. McClellan, Miss McGraw, Prof. Bellis and Ralph Bedlow decided in favor of the negative.

Among the affirmative points brought out were the following: If the railroads were operated by the government they would be operated for the benefit of all—not for profit; that many accidents would be averted which come about by over-worked men so that the owners will have more profit; being under one head the roads would be worked in harmony. There were many other good points along this line.

The negative set forth that in private management there is neither politics nor religion to effect the status of the working man; nor is he compelled to neglect his duties to act as a politician; at the time of the Cuban war railroads under private management transported troops to Tampa, Florida, and created no end of confusion and a delay at that point owing to the inability of the government to promptly handle and care for the troops brought there. Arguments along these lines is what won the day for the negative.

The only criticism that we would offer is that the affirmative trespassed too much upon each others' points. This was not seen in the negative.

Map of Oakland County Soils.

In 1903 the Bureau of Soils of the U. S. Department of Agriculture made an extensive soil survey of the smallest 20 miles square of Oakland county, comprising the townships of Waterford, West Bloomfield, Farmington, Pontiac, Bloomfield, Southfield, Avon, Troy, and Royal Oak. This territory is designated as the "Soil Survey Area" and the findings of the survey have just been set out in a pamphlet which must be particularly interesting to the residents of that section.

In the descriptive matter is treated the history, settlement and agricultural development of the region, its climate, physiography and geology. There is presented an analysis of the various kinds of soil found and the use each kind is best adapted for is stated. These descriptions studied in connection with the colored soil maps will enable one to determine the character of the soil on every square mile in the district.

SCHOOL NOTES

EDITED BY THE PUBLISHER.

E. H. H. IN CHARGE—CLARENCE WEST.

See an account of the debate elsewhere. Miss Groves enrolled with the Freshmen Monday morning.

The first five grades will be supplied now with a new supplementary reader, Jones as we believe.

The chemistry class are very interested in etching glass at present. Many pieces of work are being turned out.

The physiology class has been supplied with the Blaisdell's text. Those now in use were exchanged for the new.

The class in botany is performing interesting experiments in raising certain vegetables. The entire process is studied.

Exams will be held Thursdays and Friday. Christmas vacation will extend from Friday, Dec. 23 to Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Remember the next literary meeting on the 5th of January. The principal feature will be a debate "Resolved, That strikes on a whole, are a benefit to the working man." Affirmative, Earl Berr and Eva McClellan; negative, Harry Williams and Maude McDonald.

A new program went into effect Monday morning. The classes were greatly changed. Among the improvements made: The consolidation of the two geometry classes, giving the first grade more time for superintending the general school work. 2nd. The removal of the three conflicts in laboratory work.

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 Spring, Tuesday, Dec. 20, and every Tuesday until Jan. 10.
 At Cole Run store, one day, Wednesday, Jan. 4. Hours from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
JOHN TRUESDELL,
 Treasurer Troy Township.

FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

The Ladies' Literary Club Donates a Seat Little Sum—Let Others Do Likewise.

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club it was voted to take \$50.00 from the treasury and to use \$20.00 of it for a payment to the Lucia Stone Memorial Fund, and to spend the remaining \$30.00 for the benefit of the club for the support of the "Rest Room" for the woman of Oakland county.

The club women of Michigan decided two years ago to raise \$50,000 as a University Scholarship Fund in honor of the woman through whose efforts the doors of our University were first opened to women. Since that time one after another all the leading Universities have followed the lead of Michigan until now there are only the Protestant schools of more than 600 pupils that refuse degrees to women. The interest of this \$50,000 is to be used to help worthy women to pursue their studies at the State University.

The new court house is to contain a "Rest Room" for women of Oakland County. For some years the Postoffice Woman's club has maintained this "Rest Room" at their own expense, and has found, and are finding it hard to do. What the Birmingham Ladies Literary club has contributed is a small amount and if each club in the county will do something it will help to ease the burden that club has borne so bravely and uncomplainingly.

County papers please copy.

A Frightened Horse.
 Running like and down the street dumping the occupants, or a sudden other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable safe handy and there's none so good as Buckler's Arsenic Salve, Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, blisters quickly under its soothing effect. Sold at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR XMAS WEEK.
 Suitable Articles for Gifts.

We have a large variety of Fancy Goods and Novelties for the Holiday Trade. Work Baskets, Calendars, Match Strappers, Pin Cushions, Pillow Tops—Embroidered and unfinished.

Fancy Laundry Bags, Fancy Needle Cases, Work Boxes, Tape Measures, Emerys and other Novelties.

Box Dress Patterns and Waists in Silk, Wool and Wash Goods. Gloves for ladies, gentlemen and children. Dainty designs in Silk and Lino Hosiery. Leather Goods in great variety. An endless variety in Holiday Umbrellas. One of the best stocks of Ladies' Neckwear in the west.

Holiday Suspenders in Boxes.

Large assortment Men's Neckwear. Square and Dress Coat Mufflers in many designs. Splendid assortment of Household Linens. Table Linens in sets and a large variety of fancy pieces in Sheets, Covers and Doyles.

WHITE GOODS DEPT.—
 Shirt Waist Patterns in Fancy White Goods; also in Persian and India Lanes with embroidery—boxed.

Dress Patterns in Fancy White Goods—boxed.

Full line of Corset Embroideries.

Large assortment of Apron Lanes.

As usual one of the largest and best assortments of HANKERCHIEFS west of New York.

DRESS GOODS DEPT.—
 During this week we will sell the season's accumulation of short lengths (up to 1 yds) in Silk and Wool Crepes and Balmores, Wool Crepes, Voiles, Zebras, etc., at one-quarter off the regular price.

A good opportunity to buy a handsome Waist, Skirt or Gown at a bargain price.

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AT THE THEATERS.

AVENUE.

Did you ever notice that you couldn't run up against a poor show at the Avenue theater? There is no such thing in the vocabulary of this place of amusement. The play this week, like all others is a top-notch, and the famous Rent Stanley Co. is holding the boards. This sterling offering has for years been noted as gathering in its folds the prettiest girls and the brightest comedians. Many artists have graduated from the ranks of this company, and are to-day stellar lights for the big attractions. For a quarter of a century Manager Abe Leavitt has endeavored to give the amusement public the best that money could procure, and so well has succeeded that today the Rentz Stanley Co. is recognized as the 'peer of all traveling organizations. This season one has to but glance at the clientele of vandevillians to note the maintenance of the standard of excellence.

WHITNEY.

"Alone in the World" will hold the attention of theater goers at the Whitney theater all next week, beginning Sunday afternoon. It is a play from the pen of Hal Reid and comes recommended as a dramatic emerald, a bank cashier, an ordinary merit, and also as a scenic production of great splendor. The story is built along the lines calculated to best suit the tastes of an exacting public. The plot is centered around a little boy, and the characters embrace a banker, a bank cashier and his young wife, a colored couple who furnish the comedy, and nearly a score of characters of high and low degree to be found in the business center of a great city. Scientifically speaking the production as promised, will be one of the most beautiful to be seen this season and will include a number of novelties that have never been introduced in a play of this character. Matinees will be given daily except on Wednesday.

LYCUM.

"Under Southern Skies," which comes to the Lycum next Sunday evening for a week's engagement, is a love story, downright and wholesome, with youth and gaiety, humor and pathos, and a succession of delightful pictures of Southern life, all set to the music of Lee C. Crofton was won by two youths, one who wished for her happiness, and another who wished for his own selfish ends and forced her to an unhappy bride. The story is laid in Southern Louisiana during 1875, and the scenery is true to the latest detail of picturesque plantation life. The stately, wide verandah colonial mansion of Major Crofton, in the first and fourth acts, is an accurate reproduction of the one in the next act reveals the completing possibilities of hospitality and good cheer found in these mansions of the old regime. The Holloween party and the introduction of the libellee singer, are great features of the production, the old southern melodies and jubilation songs lending the real plantation light to the occasion. A large and capable company will be seen in the inter-feration. Matinees will be given on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Death of Frank Evans.

It is with regret that we chronicle this week the death of Frank T. Evans, a young farmer, who has lived in this vicinity all his life. For some time he had suffered with that dread disease consumption, and although everything was done to save his life it was not to be, and he passed away Thursday of last week, Dec. 15.

The deceased was a son of John Evans of Southfield, and was born in West Bloomfield June 30, 1857. His boyhood days were passed in agricultural pursuits and a number of years ago he was married to Miss Hattie Simpson of this village, who with four children, daughters, survive him.

The funeral was held Sunday, Dec. 18, Rev. S. R. Williams, of the M. R. church of this place, officiating. Many friends were present to pay their last respects to one who was always held in high esteem. The ceremony will be held in the M. R. church of this place, officiating. Many friends were present to pay their last respects to one who was always held in high esteem. The ceremony will be held in the M. R. church of this place, officiating. Many friends were present to pay their last respects to one who was always held in high esteem. The ceremony will be held in the M. R. church of this place, officiating.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the widow and children in this their hour of bereavement and sorrow.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Eminent Bitters will quickly diminish the troublesome cause. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual ailing aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it does not give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists.