

BIRMINGHAM, MICH., DEC. 30, 1905

### To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers please to Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed this advertisement in our paper. A word to the good does no harm. Will you be good and do so?

### HOME NOTES

**New Advertisements.**  
H. B. Merrill—Shoes—Pontiac.  
Mrs. E. Ryan—Millinery—Pontiac.  
J. Lee Truss—Hardware—Birmingham.  
The J. L. Hudson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.  
William H. Elliott Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.  
Walt Bros. & Robertson—Dry Goods—Pontiac.

The Blue Cross.  
George Pearson was home over Christmas.

White corn meal, \$20 per ton, at Smith & Co's.

Bert Leonard, of Bethlehem, Pa., is home for the holidays.

Pontiac business houses closed on Monday for Christmas.

Tuesday was a regular April day, rain and quiet warm.

The Blue Cross next issue. See right now if you are entitled to it.

Mr. H. J. Reading, of Detroit, was in town Tuesday on business.

James Friend, of Hastings, Mich., was a Birmingham visitor last week.

Mrs. Ransom Weeks, of Detroit, visited Birmingham relatives Friday last.

Frank Simpson, of Goodison was calling on old friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hoffman visited relatives at Deford over Christmas.

W. A. Burtraw, wife and family, spent Christmas with Detroit relatives.

A \$20-overcoat for \$5 suitable for teaching. Call on C. H. Hoffman at this office.

Miss Ruth Bloomberg, teacher at Ovid, is home for the holidays and having a good good time.

Pontiac papers report a light at tending at her Lecture Course Entertainments. Ditto here.

Charlie Reynolds is doing as well as can be expected after an operation for stomach trouble.

Mrs. Ralph Tobin and little daughter, of Pontiac, were recent guests of Mrs. Flora Beattie.

The farewell recital tendered Mr. and Mrs. James B. Field one evening last week was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howey, of Novesta, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Buayan, last week.

For sale—Good, green hard wood at \$3.00 per cord. Address James Daily, R. F. D. No. 3, Royal Oak, Mich.

Miss M. Baldwin presented the eight grade room of her school with a fine picture, "The Writers of America."

Lloyd Campbell, Glenn Robinson and Miss Grace McBride, are home from the U. of M. for the holiday vacation.

Born, to Mrs. Zilla Beatty-Wilson of French Landing, very recently, an eight pound daughter, and all are doing nicely.

A Choral Union with a good sized membership has been organized in town under the direction of Rev. S. R. Williams.

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

The Sigma Tau reception given at Library Hall last evening was a very enjoyable affair. A large number were in attendance.

Lost, a lady's shawl, last Saturday evening, black and green, in this village. Finder please leave at this office for owner.

Miss Belle Ward is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Ruckman, at Washington, D. C., and enjoying the holiday season very much.

For Sale—One new milk cow, calf by side, also one springer nearly due. Price reasonable. James Van Every-Franklin, Mich.

Inmates of the County House was served Xmas day with a Christmas dinner and all that went with it to fill them up and make them all happy.

Santa Claus was extra good to everybody in this part of the state, judging from the reports of presents received, announced by many of the happy ones.

Rev. Dr. Jameison is expected to commence his labors with the First Presbyterian church on Sabbath next, Jan. 1, 1906. Seats free. Everybody welcome.

Wm. Naak, of Mt. Clemens, ex-shepherd of Macomb county and member-elect of the coming legislature, was in town Christmas day and visited his numerous friends.

Miss Mabel Camp who is suffering with spinal trouble is going to Harper's hospital, Detroit, for treatment. She was hurt while coasting about two years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pike, of Caro, Mich. are the holiday guests of Thos. Cook and family. This young couple were recently married and are certainly enjoying a fine honeymoon.

A big blizzard Tuesday night with a wind that Andrew Porter and Geo. H. Mitchell both solemnly avow was so strong that it blew them out of bed twice. Say, can you believe it?

An order for new books will soon be sent away by Whitehead & Mitchell. Call for a catalog, make your selections, and get all the 35c cloth-bound books you want at 16c each. "Tend to it right now."

At the pedro party at Mrs. Geo. Greer's one evening last week, Mrs. Ed Montgomery and James Shin won first prizes while Mrs. C. E. Mudge and Cal Ellenwood received consolations.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, will meet Thursday evening of next week, Jan. 5, at the home of Mrs. Aldrich. A cordial invitation is extended to members and friends.

Ice harvesting is now in progress. Schlaack Bros. have a large force of men at work filling their ice house recently purchased from J. N. Zimmerman. The ice is of good thickness and clear as crystal.

The Detroit papers have a grave apprehension that a woman burglar is operating around that town. If this be the case, she will accidentally but into a mouse some night and the jig will then be up.

The Misses Ethel Traphagen, Kate McGraw, Margaret Murray, Margaret Pepper, Ella Leepila, and Mable Craft, teachers in the Birmingham Schools, are at their respective homes for the holiday vacation.

A Royal Oak girl is mad because when she broke off her engagement last week, she asked to have everything returned, the young man sent back with her letters a lock of hair two shades darker than the one that she had given him.

A Southfield man went over to see a Troy farmer recently, and addressing a little boy in the yard, asked: "Where is your pa?" The little fellow replied: "Pa is out in the pig-pen." You can tell him because he has a hat on.

There was a man in our town and he was wondrous wise; he started in a little store but would not advertise. But when the trade did not come, with all his might and main, he put an Eccentric ad right in and trade came in like rain.

W. J. Dier and family ate Christmas dinner with his brother at the Armada Hotel, of which his brother is proprietor. There are eight brothers and sisters in the Dier family and they were all present with one exception.

After a month's visit with relatives and friends in this vicinity Thomas Hanna returned Friday last to Seattle, Washington, where he is engaged in business. Tom has many friends here who wish him the best of success in his western home.

There will be a meeting of the ladies of St. James church, at 2:30 o'clock, Thursday, Jan. 5, at the home of Mrs. William Hulbert. All members of the Auxiliary or any who may be interested are asked to be present.

Birmingham residents were treated to a beautiful and magnificent rainbow exhibition on Tuesday of this week. Somehow or other it was a canny exhibit, out of position, place and season, but nevertheless a pretty sight.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of Franklin will hold their meeting Thursday, Jan. 5, at MacCabe Hall. Dinner will be served by the ladies dressed in Japanese costume. A general invitation is extended to all.

It is said that a Birmingham reporter became so used to getting things free by saying "I am a newspaper reporter" that he dismissed the man carrying the collection box in church the other day with the wave of the hand and his mystic words.

Quite a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O'Neal met

with them at the home of Mrs. Miller last Tuesday evening to enjoy one more "good time" with them before their departure for their new home in Seattle. They intend leaving early next week.

Robt. Moore is a jolly farmer now with a farm all his own, too, and a nice property. He gave \$3,000 for the Polly Robinson farm in Troy and Robert is a lucky man. He buys from the owners Austin R. Parks and Mrs. Polly Bray—110 acres.

Christmas day was a beautiful, typical day for the enjoyment of the festivities that come to us this holiday season. Clear, cold and the ground white with snow made, a great contrast to the weather the previous Friday which was warm, moist and too warm for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parks, of Rondo, Mich., ate Christmas turkey with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parks, and enjoyed the holiday season by visiting all the rest of the relatives. Did they all have a good time? 'Deed they did. Allred has almost regained his usual good health and everybody is thankful.

Probate Clerk E. E. Blakeley has resigned his position as Clerk in probate court and will at once take up a more extensive law practice. In token of appreciation of his ability and general all around pleasantness, the lawyers of Pontiac presented him last week Friday with a handsome office chair.

David J. Rainey, after seven years absence in British Columbia, 800 miles northwest of Seattle, is home again. Dave is the same old boy, a little older looking, perhaps, but not much changed. He has a claim of 120 acres in that far off land with a house and barn, and taken altogether he is not sorry he went.

Birmingham motormen, McHugh and Bailey ran the new car 7155 just fitted out with new motors, one for each wheel. This is a mile-a-minute car and the run to Royal Oak is one-half minute, while to the Six Mile Road, 16 miles, is done easily in 17 minutes which includes all necessary stops.

Miss Lucy Ward was one of the participants in an elocution entertainment given by Mrs. Burtraw-Ravilier in Detroit one evening last week and won great praise and applause. She gave for her number a selection from "Courtship of Miles Standish," and was encored and encored until it took seven returns to quiet her delighted hearers.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church will be held on Saturday evening, Dec. 31, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, occupying an hour and a half time, to be followed by a stereopticon lecture to be given by Mr. Brooks, after which a watch-night prayer meeting is to be held to all of which the public is invited. No charge, directly or indirectly.

The regular monthly meeting of the M. E. church Ladies' Aid society will meet at the M. E. church Friday afternoon and evening. Supper served from 5 to 7 p. m. Committees as follows: Mrs. Ida Parks, Miss Parks, Mrs. Aldrich and Mrs. Shaw, cake; Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Smith, beans; Mrs. Swackhammer and Mrs. Simpson, biscuit.

Married, Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks to Ward Parks, at the home of the bride's mother, in Southfield one day last week in the presence of about 50 guests. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. L. Clark, after which all sat down to a bountiful repast. Mr. and Mrs. Parks were the recipients of numerous costly and lovely presents and the well wishes of their numerous friends.

The many friends of Prof. E. F. Waldo will be pained to learn that Mr. Waldo has been obliged to have his injured eye removed, caused by inflammation. At one time it was surely thought that the sight of both eyes would be saved, but the hope was shattered. Prof. Waldo's general health is good, spirits hopeful and we trust the worst is over and that no further trouble will ever come to him.

A new weekly paper has started in Pontiac. It is called The Herald and from all appearances has a generous support from the public. We hear that a new daily is soon to blossom at the county seat. Well, all we can say is that anyone who thinks Pontiac needs any more or better papers than the Daily Press, Weekly Post and Gazette, will find in time that they erred in judgment, but had the nerve all right, all right.

Geo. Haum, of Troy, had a horse and rig taken from a shed in town, Friday night, and it was thought it would remain a mystery, but when

George got home the engine was there safe and sound. It is thought the parties who took it feared detection and turned the animal loose and went home with its own accord. George don't feel any too good nattered about it as he is to walk home that night in the rain.

Miss Eva Felder, closed a successful term of school in the Parker schoolhouse Thursday evening of last week, with regular Christmas exercises. The children of the district were down for a neat little program which they carried out in a very satisfactory manner. Miss Alma Abel, of this village, was an invited guest and she favored the audience with several selections both in English and German. The work of this little girl in this line is certainly good, and one of these days she will be an elocutionist of no mean caliber.

Last Friday closed one of the most successful terms of our village public school. Through all grades good work has been done, and hard work, too. The number of parents and friends who have visited the school is larger by far than for the corresponding months in past years. The kindergarten is proving a great success. The room was crowded when each child presented the mother with some of his or her own work. This spirit of helpfulness and fine expression in many poems, and fine samples were on exhibition. School opens again next Tuesday and parents and friends are urged to visit J. B. Field and family will hereafter make their home at the Central city of Michigan—Jackson. The professor has for a few months on the side worked at soliciting life insurance and to his surprise, as well as the managers of the Massachusetts Mutual Life, he is a wonder at the business, so much so that it resulted in his being tendered the position of District Manager, with head office at Jackson as noted above. Seven counties comprise this district and with a fine suite of offices in the first business block of Jackson, and a payroll that beats school-teaching to a standstill. Mr. and Mrs. Field are accompanied by the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their continued prosperity and success.

**AT THE THEATERS.**  
**AVENUE.**  
An unusually long company and entirely different from last season's entertainment will be seen this week at the Avenue Theatre. The attraction is the Fay Foster Co., consisting of 35 people who appear in two different comedies that will prove a revelation to the theatergoers of this city. The first comedy is a nautical skit, entitled "Thirty Minutes at Sea," and gives the comedians unlimited opportunities to display their abilities. It will, we think, be fast and furious and the ensemble pieces are staged without regard to cost, more money being spent in this respect than is usually expended upon the so-called comedies upon Broadway.

**WHITNEY.**  
Charles E. Blaney's great detective play, which was one of the hits at the Whitney last season, will open at the theater next Sunday for an engagement of one week. Since seen here last season Mr. Blaney has added many new features, the most notable being that showing a real Colt's rifle going gun in action, which will be seen in the famous rescue scene in the third act, in which the den of the Child Slaves is raided by the harbor police of New York. Mr. Blaney's production is a play of strong melodramatic interest, dramatic reflex of life in the great metropolis. It tells an interesting story, a happy blending of pathos and humor, full of clever comedy, interspersed with singing and dancing specialties. Few acts of continuous heart interest, carried along with alert action, sudden surprises and thrilling situations, culminating in well wrought climaxes. Matinees will be given daily except Wednesdays.

**LYCEUM.**  
The first of George Sidney's big musical farce, "Buzzy Light," which comes to the Lyceum theater, beginning Sunday, will be in Izzy's department store, and the second act shows a summer hotel for which Izzy has traded his store. Of course in both store and hotel Izzy is the prime mover, and it is safe to say that never was a store or hotel run on such an extravagant scale as here pursued. The program tells the audience that the hotel here is an "enjoy yourself" and it is safe to assume that throughout the entire program the air is the same as if George Sidney won hosts of friends last season in this home vehicle, and the announcement of his coming now with an all-edited musical means that the entire program has been filled with new gags. The company numbers forty-five people, and consists of over 16 members. Matinees will be given on Wednesday and Saturday with a special matinee next Monday afternoon.

**A Costly Mistake.**  
Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be sorry if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. See, at Whitehead & Mitchell's or Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

## NOTICE

# William H. Elliott

### OUR ANNUAL CLEARING SALE NOW

Silks, Velvets, Colored and Black Dress Goods, Waistings and Flannels, Underwear, Hosiery, Ladies' Garmets, Boys' Clothing, etc., marked down to PERILOUSLY NEAR COST. IT'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

#### Suits

**LOT ONE**—Suits in Long or medium lengths. Cheviots, Broadcloths, Cravenettes, Covert and Mixed suitings, \$32.50 to close.....**\$15**

**LOT TWO**—Fifty choice Suits in all desirable colors; Cheviots, Mixtures, a few Broadcloths; Satons and Blooses; trimmed Skirts, formerly \$18, \$20, \$22.50; choice.....**\$10**

**LOT THREE**—Odd Suits are grouped regardless of former value and will be sold at bare cost of materials; choice.....**\$5**

#### Coats

**LOT ONE**—Choice selection of fine Covert, Cheviots and light-weight Broadcloth Coats. Many lined throughout. Some 1/2 lined with best wearing three-quarter styles. Former prices, \$15.00 to \$35.00; choice.....**\$15.00**

**LOT TWO**—Special lot of fine Cravenette Coats in full length, with fitted or full bellied backs; Full sleeves; 1 1/2 quality; choice.....**\$10.00**

**LOT THREE**—Coats of Cheviots, Kersey, Montague, and Fancy Mixtures. All popular colors and lengths, and good two-date styles. Former prices, \$7.50 to \$13.50.....**\$5.75**

### Walking Skirts at About Half Price.

**LOT 1**—Kilted, box pleated or new flounced effects in plain or fancy Cheviots, Broadcloth, Cravenettes, Covert and Mixed Skirts of Broadcloth, black, blue or brown, former price \$10, \$12 and \$15.00; choice.....**\$7.98**

**LOT 2**—Special lot of Skirts of man-made Mixtures, Panama Cloth or 37-plate styles, in fine Cheviots, white or colored, former price \$6.50 to \$7.50; styles, special.....**\$5.00**

**LOT 3**—All odd Skirts in Cheviots, Broadcloth, Cotton and Broadcloth, Black, Blue or Brown, tall or fancy trimmed, was \$5 and \$5; to close.....**\$3.98**

Dolls, Pictures, all Books that remain after the Holidays, Holiday Toilet Articles, Neckwear, Mussed Handkerchiefs (left after the grand rush), and all Holiday Novelties, marked at low prices to insure a quick exodus of everything of the kind.

Muslin Curtains, Good Material, only 42c per pair.

Ornamental Couch Covers, 98c—Special Sale

### Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice December 29, 1905:

Albert Fuller, E. A. Jonson, James Irvine Scott.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

#### ROYAL OAK.

Mr. LaMore is about to sell his fine farm near this village.

Another new house is being built in the southern part of the village.

Sam Alger brought down a load of evergreen trees from up north for Xmas.

Robert Hawthorne has sold his farm in Troy and expects to come to this place to live.

A ten pound girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bacert. Everybody doing nicely.

### FAN FOR THE HORSE.

Comfort for Quadruped in Design of Thoughtful Inventor.

It is a misnomer to call the best term of summer the "dog days," because little or no attention is paid to the dogs, while everybody who owns or drives a horse is giving the animal's care considerable thought. If named for some animal, it should be the "horse days." All sorts of devices are arranged to keep the equine as comfortable as possible under the handicap of a loaded wagon and a stifling sun, and a great deal of ingenuity has been directed in this channel.

A somewhat related novelty in this line is a fan that has just been invented.



Arthur Simmons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons.

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### Have You a Friend?

Then tell him about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Tell him how it cured your hard cough. Tell him why you always keep it in the house. Tell him to ask his doctor about it. Doctors use a great deal of it for throat and lung troubles.

"I had a terrible cold and cough and was threatened with pneumonia. I bought Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and it gave me quick and permanent relief. It is certainly a wonderful cough medicine."—E. W. WETNAM, Boston, Mass.

Made by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sole manufacturers of PAIN EXPELLER, SERRAVALLO'S PILLS, BARK VIGOR.

One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime will hasten recovery. Costly laxatives.



Well, in One Way He Has. It is hard for a girl to believe that the young man who tells her that her eyes are like twin stars, and that her hair is a golden mesh, in which many hearts are bound to be entangled, doesn't have good judgment.—Somerville.

Millionaire Lumberman Dies. Saginaw, Mich., special: Isaac Bearinger, a millionaire lumberman of this city, died last night at his home in Nova Scotia and in the iron mines industry of Minnesota, died suddenly of heart disease at Imlay City.

### Self-Balancing Fire-Escape.

My wife's an awful eater. I'm really afraid that she will eat my milk.

Story of Robins That Went Fishing. An extraordinary incident was witnessed recently by a sportsman at Bicester. Noting a party of five robins foraging among the pebbles in the bed of a small stream, from which they constantly flew on to a neighboring bank, the sportsman, in order to get into their beak, he followed the birds to their perch. Kneeling about on the top of the wall he found a small stick-like Retiring a few yards he then went watch, and found that the birds had their prey and held it crosswise after the fashion of a kingfisher. But they made no attempt to kill their prey before eating them, as the kingfisher does.

Ancient Thanksgiving Proclamation. Col. J. J. Copp has discovered among the archives of the office of the probate at Waltham, N. H., an original copy of the Thanksgiving day proclamation issued by Gov. Hancock of Massachusetts in 1790.

Can Strive to Do Right. Every one of us may do the wrong thing every day of our lives, yet none the less should we get up each morning determined to do the right.

Profitable Catnip Farm. A catnip farm near New York city has proved a profitable investment. The catnip from this farm is shipped in large quantities to pet animal dealers in New York city, and is sold to owners of cats.

Alliterative Annihilation. The pill-pot paragon publication printed periodically for the principal cities of the United States, has published its pretentious prattle-prattle of late—Clarkburg, W. Va., Telegram.

Her Case Hoisted. The woman who is so smitten that she is so interesting to herself can never hope to be beautiful or interesting to others.