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Ladies' Fine Fleeced 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 Mits, Side and Back Combs, Hair Ornaments, Jewelry, Broaches, 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, Bowels 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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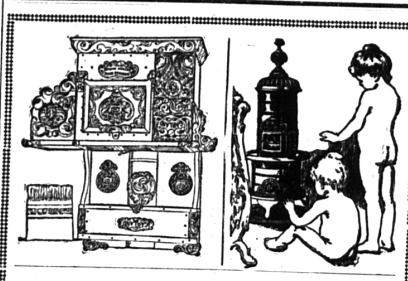
We Order Butterick's Patterns.



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

Oil Heaters from $2.75 up.

J. R. BLAKESLEE
Hardware Merchant, Birmingham, Mich.

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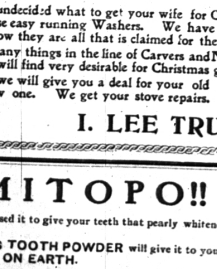

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

If you are undecided what to get your wife for Christmas just order one of these easy running Washers. We have sold over 30 of them and know they are all that is claimed for them.

We have many things in the line of Carvers and Nickel Plated Ware that you will find very desirable for Christmas giving.

Remember we will give you a deal for your old stove in exchange for a new one. We get your stove repairs.

I. LEE TRUAX.

MITOPO!!

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.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup.

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

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

BIRMINGHAM LADIES
Should Come Early For Their
Holiday Millinery

We have many Beauties already trimmed. Our prices are adjusted to all purse strings. Our marked down Hats are not of the flimsy, shoddy sort, but are of good, substantial worth. Come any day for BARGAINS.

PONTIAC, MICH .....

MISS E. FLYNN.

PASSED AWAY AT 93

WAS A RESIDENT OF SOUTHFIELD OVER 80 YEARS

Mrs. Parmelia Ives-Johnson, One of the Oldest Pioneers of Oakland County, Lived a Busy Life.

Mrs. Parmelia Ives-Johnson, wife of the late Horace J. Johnson, was born in the town of Lee, Oneida county, N. Y., September, 13, 1811, and died at her home in Southfield, Mich., December 7, 1904.

When she was quite young her parents, William and Mary Ives, returned to their former home in Vermont, and in 1828 they came to Michigan via canal from Whitehall to Buffalo, to Detroit via boat, crossing Lake Erie in nine days.

On the 20th of October they left Detroit for their future home in Southfield, making the journey by ox team, going through Birmingham, and taking two

MRS. PARMELIA JOHNSON,
Oakland County Pioneer Who Died at the Age of 93 Years.

weary days' travel to make the trip which can now be made in two hours. The family consisted of her parents, three sons and three daughters, all of whom have since passed away.

May 11, 1835, she was married to Horace J. Johnson of Pontiac, with whom she spent 50 years of wedded life, he having passed to the better land in 1888. They took their place among the better class of pioneers, hard working, frugal, pay-as-you-go Christians, beloved and respected.

Mr. Johnson was a miller by trade and continued to work in the Pontiac mills for a time, then bought the Rockester mills, putting all their savings, about $2,000, into it, and then came "wild cat" times, and being unable to meet their payments they lost their all.

They returned to Southfield in 1841 and bought 40 acres of land, afterwards adding 80 acres more to it. Mr. Johnson worked in the Southfield mills for a while and finally came to Birmingham, moving into the house now occupied by Mrs. Thurlby, and worked in the mill here for Theron A. Flower. In the spring of 1853 they moved back to their Southfield farm, where 66 years of her life has been spent.

Mrs. Johnson secured a weaver's loom and assisted her husband materially in his financial struggle.

She leaves two sons, Charles and Jerome; twelve grandchildren and one great grand-daughter, a large number of nephews and nieces and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

For the past three years her niece, Ellen Myler of Denver, Colo., has been with her in her old home doing her work nobly and well.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were converted in the spring of 1839 at their home in Rochester, and after settling in Southfield they attended and gave their support to the M. E. church. Mrs. Johnson never lost interest in church work, and was an active member up to the time of the close of her remarkable life.

The funeral was held at her late home on Thursday, December 8, and the remains were laid away in Southfield cemetery, there to await the judgment morn.

F.

BROKE A LEG

Oscar Mudge Clung to Hogs Tail, Animal Ran Into Wire Fence and in the Rebound Oscar's Leg Was Broken.

Oscar Mudge is suffering from a fracture of his right leg, which he received in a very peculiar manner. He was catching hogs at a butchering and had a large one by the tail, when the animal ran into a wire fence and bounded back over Mr. Mudge's leg, breaking it just above the ankle. Dr. N. T. Shaw reduced the fracture and Oscar is getting along nicely.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. 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 attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb, druggists.

FRIENDS of the ECCENTRIC are requested when they have probable interest, to ask the publication of the legal notice in this paper.

HAS OAKLAND A RING?

IT LOOKS THAT WAY—CAN ANY ONE TELL?

Editor Smith of The Farmington Enterprise Starts the Ball a Rolling—Watch the Dust Raise.

The following article from the pen of Alexander H. Smith, the stalwart editor of the Farmington Enterprise voices our sentiments exactly. We have known this fact for twenty years and have been interested in securing the printing and publishing the supervisors' proceedings in county papers outside of Pontiac for years. Do you think it could be brought about? No Sirree! We will back Mr. Smith and all the rest of the county editors, and will say that the proceedings of the supervisors can be published in every paper in Oakland county and placed before four times as many reading tax payers for less money than it now costs the county. Mr. Smith, you are all right and on the right track—push along the good work. This is what Mr. Smith says on the subject:

When the writer purchased The Enterprise it was taken for granted that it was an Oakland county institution; that a part of the policy of the paper ought to be to work for the interest of the county and its people. At the same time it was taken for granted that of the county patronage in its line it was entitled to at least a small share, if not a proportionate one. Knowing that at the begining of each year the publication of the proceedings of the board of supervisors was contracted for, it was not expected that a division of the work could be made at any other time; but the printing of office stationery was regarded as something in which every printing office in the county was entitled to share. On visiting the county offices, however, it was soon discovered that the action of the board in contracting with the two Pontiac papers for the publishing of their proceedings had come to be construed to entitle those concerns to everything in the line of printing—in other words, no paper outside of Pontiac was entitled to any consideration at all.

The writer went to several members of board and requested that if this construction were not the one intended, a resolution so declaring should be adopted. The failure to do so we regard as evidence that they approved the construction stated and that they believe that the people of this county want them to keep feeding the county seat crowd all the swill.

At the last session the publisher of this paper submitted a proposition in which it was proposed, 1st—to publish the proceedings of the board and other notices, which by law they are required to have published at 30 per cent of the legal rate, or 2d—to be one of any number of publishers the board might select to publish the proceedings in all their papers at an aggregate cost of 80 per cent of legal rates. It was a part of the proposition that the writer was to enter into bonds, in such sum and with such sureties as the board might approve, for faithful performance of the contract.

The records show that the communication was "received" and that no consideration whatever was given it, although it meant a saving to the tax payers of hundreds of dollars. In the face of this offer the board adopted a resolution giving the work to the same old crowd at the same old rate. Why? Is it because the people want to pay more for the work to fatten the Pontiac publishers, or is there something in it for the members of the board? Perhaps they can answer this question satisfactorily to their constituents. A peculiar fact in this connection is that although the law requires a majority vote of the members elect to pass resolutions of this character, the records do not show the call of yeas and nays upon the question, without which it is impossible to know whether the resolution had a legal majority or not. Why? Was it passed without the required majority or were the members afraid to go on record? Perhaps they can tell. We confess we cannot.

One thing is certain. The members of the board do not pay three times as much of the peoples' money for any service as it can be secured for without some very strong reason. We propose to find out what the real reason is (not what excuse the members can fix up) and we will give that reason to the people of Oakland county for their knowledge if not for their benefit.

In the meantime there are others of whom we shall speak in a later issue.

J. F. TILLEY DEAD

He Was Government Supervisor of Construction at Fort Wayne.

J. F. Tilley, aged 75 years, supervisor of construction at Fort Wayne, died Monay morning of diabetes. Mr. Tilley was a veteran of the civil war, and had been connected with the quartermaster's department of the army for 15 years. He is survived by a widow, two sons, J. F. Tilley, of Washington, and C. R. Tilly of Chicago, and two daughters, Mrs. C. F. Schram of Omaha, and Miss Adelaide Tilley who lived with her parents.—Evening News.

The subject of the above sketch was the father of C. R. Tilly who has been installing the acetylene lighting plant here, and who has made many friends during his short stay among us.

OUR 25th ANNUAL
FAN SALE

Will open Thursday, December 8. The assortment of FANS is simply superb.
All Fans up to $5.00, ONE-QUARTER OFF.
All $5.00 up to $10.00, ONE-THIRD OFF.
All over $10.00, ONE-HALF OFF.

LACE DDPARTMENT—
We have just opened a new lot of fine Cotton Torchon Laces at 5c, and an assortment of new Normandy Valenciennes at 10c, suitable for Holiday Fancy Work.

WHITE GOODS DEPARTMENT—
An unusually good Bargain in Ladies' Handkerchiefs.
Among the many good things we have in Fancy Box Handkerchiefs we call attention to a special lot much under price.
Six Handsome Hemstitched Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, each one different, imported to sell for 50c each, only $2.49 for the box of six.
Shirt Waist Patterns in Fancy White Goods, also in Persian and India Lawns with embroidery—Boxed.
Dress Patterns in Fancy White Goods—Boxed.

Our Assortment of Staple Goods and Fancy Articles—
For gifts are almost unlimited. Boxed Dress Patterns and Waists in Silk, Wool and Linen Hose, Leather Goods in great variety; Toilet Articles, Mirrors, Brush and Comb Holiday Umbrellas, one of the best stocks of Ladies' Neckwear in the west; Holiday Handkerchiefs in boxes, large assortment of 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 Scarfs, Centers and Doylies. We are making special efforts to bring forward useful articles for the Holiday Season in every department.

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OLD LANDMARK BURNED

SARAH STEVENS' HOME DESTROYED SUNDAY NIGHT.

Afraid to Open Door of House When Neighbors Came to Warn Her of Her Danger.

Sarah E. Stevens' brick farm house one mile north of this village burned Sunday night, loss about $1,500. Fire caused by a defective chimney.

Miss Stevens is a maiden lady 60 years of age and has lived in the same house nearly all her life and lived alone for the past 20 years. Passengers on an electric car roused the neighbors along the line and when they reached there it was some time before they could get her to open the door, she thinking some bold, bad men were there for no good purpose. Most of the household effects were saved. The house was one of the old landmarks of Oakland county.

FELL WITH LAMP

Miss Jennie Purdy Slightly Burned on the Hand—What Might Have Been a Serious Accident Narrowly Averted.

Miss Jennie Purdy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy, of Pierce street, this village, was carrying a basket of washing down stairs, the other evening, with a lighted lamp in one hand. She stumbled and fell and the lamp exploded, setting fire to the clothes and the room. Other members of the family extinguished the flames with pieces of carpets and rugs. Miss Jennie escaped with slight burn on one hand.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice December 3, 1904:

Mr. T. A. Batchelor, Alden Turbot, G. N. Turner, Mrs. Magrie Baxter.

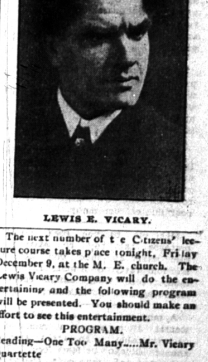
Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's & Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

VICARY CONCERT



LEWIS E. VICARY.

The next number of the Citizens' lecture course takes place tonight, Friday December 9, at the M. E. church. The Lewis Vicary Company will do the entertaining and the following program will be presented. You should make an effort to see this entertainment.

PROGRAM.

Reading—One Too Many.....Mr. Vicary
Quartette
Sunshine and Rain.....Miss Dent
Duette.....Misses Doltz and Dent
[a] Reading
[b] Reading
[c] Reading .....Mr. Vicary
[d] Song
Selected Song .....Miss Doltz
Selected Song.....Mr Brensky
Song, Selected.....Mr. H and
Reading.....Mr. Vicary
Quartette.....Misses Doltz and Dent, Messrs Brensky and Bland
Mrs. J. C. Chriselius accompanist.

Piano furnished by Pontiac Music Co.

Lewis E. Vicary of London proved a fine entertainer with his parody on "An Afternoon Tea" and other selections—Detroit Free Press.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at Southfield Burg, Tuesday, December 20, Erity's Mills, Tuesday, December 27, Exchange Bank, Birmingham, January 5; Bingham's store, Franklin, Monday, January 9; and at my office at home in Southfield every Friday during month of December, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

1jan JAMES S. PARKS,
Township Treasurer.