

### To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers either in Birmingham, or elsewhere, it will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed this advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, will do us much good and benefit us greatly. Will you be good and do so?



**New Advertisements.**  
R. B. Morris—Shoes—Pontiac.  
Mrs. J. W. Terry—Millinery—Pontiac.  
I. Lee Tracy—Hardware—Birmingham.  
William H. Elliott Co.—Dry Goods—Detroit.  
Walter Knox & Robertson—Dry Goods—Pontiac.  
J. J. Johnson Co.—Clothing—Detroit.

The life is a thing that money could buy. The rich would live and the poor would die. Maccabean dance tonight. Mrs. Fuller is home again after an absence of five weeks.

Mrs. Louis Stauch entertained the Finch club Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Laidlaw are enjoying the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

The Brooks farm has 15 fine horses for sale. See ad. on first page.

Mrs. W. C. Aldrich visited with relatives at North Farmington the first of the week.

Washington Birthday next Monday. The banks will be closed. Dont say we didn't warn you.

Lawrence F. McHugh is being confined to his bed the past week, with quinsy, is now convalescent.

The comic valentine was much in evidence Monday, and as a result bushels of fun were completely spread about town.

If you want the most complete, pleasant, modern home in Detroit, and want to buy it right, just read the adv't in another column.

Charles Carson sustained a bad fall with a bushel of coal Monday last. Dr. J. L. Campbell soon made him good as new.

The Franklin Public Hall association will give a social hop at their hall, on Monday night, February 22. Dewey's orchestra, bill 50c, supper 50c per couple, good time.

Hon. Thomas L. Patterson is president of the Oakland County Pioneer society, and the next annual meeting will be held at Pontiac on February 22.

I. Lee Tracy, the hardware man, has an up-to-date tinner and plumber, and is ready for all kinds of repair work. He gives you some timely hints in his new ad., this week.

How many will send in bids for the first 30 feet on the north end next to Mr. Doty's of my property on Woodward avenue? Address Mrs. H. H. Sawyer, 158 Lafayette Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Village election occurs this year just about as late as, could possibly be without damaging the calendar. The date is March 14. No candidates for the various offices are even mentioned as yet.

George Fleetham, formerly a well known ball player in this vicinity, but for the past 14 years representative for an Eastern dry goods house, was in town the first of the week renewing old acquaintance.

Frank Blakeslee our Dry Goods Merchant of Maple Ave.—No 6—is keeping up to the times. His list of mail order of wall paper has just arrived and he is now looking for a double-Morris Chair for his clerk.

Your last chance to attend one of those dances at which you always have a good time, will be at Liberty Hall, tonight, Feb. 19. The dance is given under the auspices of the Birmingham K. O. T. M. C.

The superintendents of the poor have closed their regular monthly meeting at Pontiac last week. James Chamberlain, who has been keeper of the poor farm for the past five years, was hired as keeper again.

The man in this neck o' the woods howling loudest for hot weather is George H. Toms. He wants to bury his pug dog that died last Christmas and which has been in coldstorage ever since, and George says the dog is beautiful—looks as if he was sleeping.

Reports from 12 to 16 degrees below zero at 7 o'clock came in from various parts of the country Tuesday morning. At 2:30 a. m. Prof. Field of the High School held a kettleful of coals under his thermometer for one hour, but failed to get Old Mercury up where he could be seen.

For the first time in eighty years Mrs. James B. Hunt will celebrate her birthday anniversary the last day of this month the 29th day of February. We won't say for sure, but judging from her birthday anniversary celebrations the lady must be in the neighborhood of 12 years old.

Had it been a robin we would not had mention, but it was a blue bird that took shelter in Miss Ennis' room at the high school Tuesday morning. It came in through the window, perched itself on the organ and after giving a few chirps it took its departure. The thermometer registered a below zero.

A Detroit produce dealer says: "The present outlook in the potato market indicates an importation of the tubers from Europe, making the price about \$1.25 per bushel in Detroit during the next month. Yet the Michigan crop for 1904 exceeded that of 1902 by 1,400,000 bushels."

Master Loyd Chappell a second grader of our union school called on us one evening this week to correct a gross error that we made in our last issue. Master Loyd Chappell won a medal and we said it was Loyd Campbell. We most cheerfully correct the flagrant error.

Tom Davis the alleged Baxter Burglar Bank Blower Suspect has his examination before Judge Doty next Tuesday February 23d. It is expected that a case will be made against the man. From things hoped that in the near future the whole history of the crime, will be made clear to everybody.

Among the many other ways in which the present strenuous winter has made a record is instanced in the smashing into hundreds of fragments a \$150 plate glass window in St. Johns. The pane of glass was 9x15 feet in size and the breakage was due to the intense cold shoving the building out of plumb.

This is what everybody is after and is getting scarcer than hen's teeth: Ten acres right on Woodward Ave, comfortable house and basement barn, fruit, shade, and nice creek, just outside of the corporation so your taxes will be low. Tell your Detroit friends only \$2900. Good speculation as it will bring \$500 more by the time that first automobile goes by this spring. Inquire Exchange Bank.

The Trenton Times says and we second the motion: "It is our custom to send bills to those in arrears for subscription and it will be well for those who have taken the paper and have not paid for it, to bear in mind that the refusal of it at the postoffice does not constitute a settlement of the bill. The manly thing to do and the thing that will save you further trouble is to remit us for the time that you have received the paper."

A twelve page paper is what Bro. Fox of the Rochester Era put out last week booming Rochester. Of all the good, interesting papers ever issued by Brother Fox this one is the best and booms Rochester in a way that ought to please everybody in town. "What Rochester Era" can never be better told than the Era has done it. She has 14 distinct requisites that go to make up a model country city.

Morell B. Dennis is home again from the Sunny South where he has been on a visit the past winter with his brother Charles. We believe everything he tells us of his home, pleasant Texas as he says, is as beautiful, generous boomer of English violets just as fresh and sweet as when first picked by him from Charlie's Texas garden. We even believe that he went in the gulf bathing on New Year's Day. No one here did it.

Mrs. H. A. Hamlin fell from a chair in her own home Thursday of last week and was quite badly injured. She was hanging up a picture and in getting down from the chair on which she was standing she put her hand as she supposed on the back of a chair to aid her, but it proved to be a set of clothes bars and they gave away letting her fall to the floor. Her hip was injured and she was otherwise bruised. The good lady has the sympathy of all her friends.

The medical fraternity almost without exception maintain that the use of tobacco is deleterious to health in a greater or less degree. Palpitation of the heart, disturbance of the nervous system, decline of physical and mental vigor and resultant death are frequent and indisputable evidences of its evil effects; while on the other hand many people addicted to an excessive use of tobacco practically all

for sentence at the instance of Prosecutor Rockwell, while Bert Spencer, for the same offense, drew from one to two years at Ionia. Howard Knick, for burglary, got from one to three years at Ionia, while Clayton Dusenberry, for the same offense, was given from six to eight months at the state reformatory. Richard Clark, for larceny from a dwelling, also drew from six to eight months at Ionia. Floyd Branton, drunkard and tippler, drew from one to two years at Jackson.

### ANOTHER MUDGLE

Circuit Court Asked to Unriddle the Eljah Willets Estate

A suit was commenced Friday in the circuit court in chancery, which asks the court to solve a legal tangle in regard to the ownership of a certain piece of property in this place. The bill of complaint sets forth that Eljah Willets died a number of years ago, being owner at the time of his death of a tract of land in Birmingham, a portion of which is the property now owned by the Detroit United Railway for their electric park near the power house.

Eljah Willets left no will and six children. After the death of Mr. Willets the widow and heirs gave John Harmon a trust deed on power attorney to plan and sell the lands and to hold the proceeds as a fund during the life of Rachel Willets, the widow, and after her death to go to his heirs. Subsequently John Harmon gave a deed of the undivided 1/6 of the land to Rachel Willets and to Mary J. Hunt one of the daughters. The remaining 5/6 were never disposed of by Harmon.

In the meantime after the death of the property above mentioned, Mary J. Hunt died leaving no will and leaving two children, both of whom died without having married and under age. The property owned by Mary J. Hunt was inherited by her two daughters and on the 16th of the month of March, 1902, the bill alleges that Rachel Willets obtained the undivided 1/6 of the property owned as above and also the undivided 1/6 of 5/6 of 1/36 of the property. Rachel Willets died leaving a will bequeathing her property to the entire estate to her daughter, Sarah M. Lee, and her son, William Willets. The son, William Willets, died before his mother, leaving a widow, Mary J. Willets, and two children, both living at the time of Rachel Willets' death, namely, Carrie TenEyck and Frank Willets. The latter has sold whatever interest he had in the estate to Mary J. Willets.

The bill of complaint further alleges that Mary J. Willets takes 1/6 of Rachel Willets' 1/36, Carrie TenEyck the same and in addition each of them takes 1/6 of the undivided 5/6 of the undivided 1/6 of the undivided 5/6. The bill also states that Sarah M. Lee takes 1/6 of the undivided 5/6 in addition to her 1/2 of 1/36 belonging to Rachel Willets. Eliza Dusenberry is alleged to be the owner of 1/6 of 5/6, while the children of Emily M. Lee, a deceased daughter, and the children of Wellington Willets, a deceased son, each take the undivided 5/144 of the property.

The bill was filed by Patterson & Whitehead, attorneys for Almeron Whitehead who is administrator of the estate of Rachel Willets, deceased, and of Mary J. Willets and Carrie TenEyck, both of whom are living, thereby making the other parties defendants in the action. The uncertainty of the interests of each and the diversity of the interests of each, renders it almost impossible to an adjournment of the interests of each without the aid of the court. The court is asked to determine the interest of each and authorize the sale of the property for the purpose of distributing the proceeds among the persons entitled to the same.

The "how old is Ann" problem is no it for a minute. Nearly Forty's Life. A runaway almost ending fatally, started a horse race on the leg of J. B. Orser, Franklin Grove, Ill. For three years it defied the doctors and all remedies. But Buckner's Eucalyptus had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

Advertisements. The following is a list of letters remaining in the Birmingham postoffice February 13, 1904: Mr. Wm. Devins, Mr. Geo. F. Willey, Miss Clara A. Ross care of John Snook, 1011 Havana, P. M.

FRIENDS OF THE ECCENTRIC are requested when they have probate business, to ask the Publication of the legal notice in this paper.

### SPRING GOODS

**SILKS**  
Fine lustrous Black Taffeta Silk, hitherto 90c, now 79c  
Yard-wide Rich Black Taffeta Silks, \$1.25 value, now \$1.00  
Black "Reverable" Peau de Soie, hitherto \$1.00, now 85c  
7 yd. Desirable Black Peau de Cuygne—exceptionally good for 69c  
Navy Crepe de China, 24 inches wide, equal to any store's \$1.25 value, but we offer you it here at \$1.00 yard.  
The new Bionic effects Silk for Suits, 75c value, now 59c  
Reversible Black Peau de Soie, three-quarter yard wide, material we fully guarantee—its value is \$1.40—we ask \$1.25 yard.  
Its hotel Silks have advanced ten per cent owing to the war. Our low prices still prevail.  
N. W. Ponces and Suits Silks for Spring.

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Fancy Stripped or Dotted Toilet Cloth, a new wash Fabric, 25c yard.  
The very newest solid colors in same cloth.  
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Yours for Good Goods and Low Prices.

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"Birmingham people are coming in every day inquiring if it really is true that we will pay back your money with the understanding I will cure dyspepsia if you pay back the money." "Of course I will guarantee plan to quit unless we do, just as we agree and we will hand back your quarter without the least argument if you are not decidedly benefited." "As a matter of fact," continued the druggist, "not one person in fifty has asked for their money, and it may surprise you to know that a dozen within the last ten days have been in to tell us how much they have been relieved, and how glad they are to know at last there is a remedy that really will cure indigestion and dyspepsia."

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**SILKS**  
Cotton Suits—Fancy Nabb Effects—very stylish designs—25c yard.  
Spring Bataste and Dainties—the newest fancy designs—10c yard.  
Corded Percales, fancy designs, absolutely fast colors—12 1/2c yard.  
Dress and Waist Gingham, new lot just in, special at 10c yard.  
Colored Madras for Waists or Men's Negligee Shirts—16c yard.

### Dress Fabrics

**Newest Colors.**  
Real Australia Wool Crapella Cloth, ten exquisite shades 400 yards, \$1.00 value, for 75c yard.  
600 yards Mixed Scotch Tweed Suiting at 50c yard.  
Fine all-wool American—High-class material for suit dresses—Eight shades—44-inch—\$1.00 yard.  
42 and 44-inch fine all-wool colored Crepe de Chine and Silk and Wool Crepe at 85c and \$1.00 yard.  
Tweed Mixture Cloth for Walking suits and Skirts, 54-inch—only \$1.25 yard.  
Best English make of New-ly Crashing Suiting, ideal for Shirt Waist Suits, 44-inch, \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard.  
44-inch solid colors, Wool Crap., Canvas and Armure weaves—popular for Shirts Waists, \$1.00 and \$1.10.  
Many Mohairs, Sicilians, plain and fancy weaves—11.00 the stylish colors and different qualities—50c to \$1.50.

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**Village Caucus.**  
Notice is hereby given that a village caucus will be held at the Town Hall on Friday, the 19th day of March, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for Village Officers of the village of Birmingham, state of Michigan, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.  
By Order of Village Board.  
CHAS. E. TOMS, Village Clerk.

**Mysterious Circumstance.**  
One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is basking with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By persistently arousing the lax organs they compel good digestion and best of all, digestion. Try them. Only 25c, at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's druggists.

Sixteen persons were hurt when the motor of a heavily loaded passenger car of the Eastern Ohio traction Co. lost control of his brakes and the car dashed down a steep hill for more than a mile near Crystal Falls, O., jumped the track, and

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