

### FRANKLIN

Mrs. Mattie Cummings is spending the winter with her son Judson at Holly.

Mrs. Clara Robinson and children, of Detroit, is spending a few weeks here with relatives.

Mrs. P. Pierce, of Detroit, is staying with her brother Charles Berger for a few weeks.

Misses Amy German and Ann Jubenville were Farmington business callers one evening the past week.

Mr. Voorhis, on route 2 is still giving perfect satisfaction, although meeting with some rough weather.

Mrs. Jubeville, who has been visiting her sister in Wheeling, Va., has returned home and reports a very nice time.

Mrs. Chas. Cox and daughter Helen have been the guests of her sister Mrs. F. Nichols of North Farmington the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon German, of Lansing, is expected home for the holidays and will be guests of their parents and other relatives.

Many who have been vaccinated here have not recovered and no doubt will be in trouble from that dreaded disease for some time in the future.

Christmas is here and the rush and hurry will soon be a thing of the past when every one can take a rest for the remaining part of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateman Wood left the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with the latter's parents and other relatives in Shepherd. They will return some time after Christmas.

Dr. F. D. German's new house is progressing finely and from all appearances will be modern and comfortable in a short time. The workmen are fast pushing it forward to the finish.

Wedding bells are ringing in our midst. The announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Hazel Jan Tibbitts, a former young lady of near this village and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Tibbitts, to Mr. Roy H. Sowersby, formerly of Detroit, at the home of the latter's uncle H. Friend, of Denver, Colo., Dec. 26, comes as a surprise to her many young friends here. Miss Tibbitts, who has been studying in Detroit for the past two years fitting herself for an opera singer. Her success in concerts predicted for her a bright future. At last Cupid stepped in and took the reins and turned her ideas in a different channel. The couple will spend the winter in Denver, Colo. A happy life over the matrimonial sea from her many friends here goes with them.

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Standard examinations for all positions of executives in the classified service have been established by the civil service commission in Washington in place of the different standards set up by the various departments. The change is important in that it will enable an applicant by passing one examination to become eligible for appointment in any branch in which physicians are employed.

**Commercial Value of Rat Skins.**

The use of rat skins in the manufacture of fancy articles is increasing. Last year the trade in Great Britain alone amounted to \$10,000, and supplies of brown rat skins are being sought in lots of from 100 to 10,000. It is proposed to start a business in Calcutta for securing and preparing the skins of the brown rat, to be used among a variety of purposes, in the binding of books and the making of purses, gloves and various articles for women's use and wear.



R. D. No 1

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rose were in Detroit last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stickey were at Pontiac last Saturday.

William Maxwell is going into headquarters in good shape this winter.

Vingar Spicer has just put down a good well just north and east of his barn.

Allen Castle has got moved on his farm, is all settled and ready for business.

Mrs. Alice Cruise of Concord, Mich., is the guest of the Nicholas family on the Parson farm.

Clyde Gass has cleaned up his road side south and west, and it looks fine. Let the good work go on.

Edna VanEvery has returned home from her buying trip. He feels fine, and is all ready for business.

George Hewson has commenced cleaning up the brush on the north side of his farm, and it looks 100 per cent better.

Listen! on the Snow and Bell farm, last week a cow but Wiley says a hole in the cream but such things will happen.

Mrs. Ona Uley of Pontiac, is the guest of her mother, and also visiting her many friends in and around the Birg for a few days.

The Jackson school held their Xmas tree last Tuesday night, and a jolly good time was had by everybody. E. J. Hanna furnished the tree.

Elmer Haak and sister, Grace, will be home from the U. of M., Ann Arbor for a week or two, for the Holidays. Will they make the old home jingle in Yuletide.

Our old friend Mr. George Cole has crawled into a hole and pulled the hole in after him this time, as I don't see any thing of him any more. Does this prognosticate a hard winter?

Hey There! Postmaster Hanna is all ready now for that turkey promised some time ago. He has not seen anything of it yet but lives in hopes that the promise will not be forgotten.

Now you all know William Duff, or in other words words, "Uncle Billy." Well, if you want to see a grand good specimen just pass his place, the Two Elm farm. The nightingale, and Sir William "Billy-on-the-Spot."

Well, our old Dr. D. No. 4, last week received part of his Xmas presents. A bag of corn, and a big fat squash, all from our old friends, Charles Porton and Albert Todd. Now up comes John Dolan with his new squash and Adam says, it is very thick.

Now if you want to see a nice bunch of dairy cows just go down to John H. Baldwin's dairy farm, and view a barn full of blooded Holsteins from 6 months old to 6 yrs. old. They ship from 2 to 3 tons of milk daily, and are managed by Charles Dolan and brother, the Hustlers.

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ALL OVER

Mrs. Alex. Groves is suffering from a bad cold.

Johnny Truesdale's little girl is suffering with a bad cold.

Mary Rander of Southfield, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Minnie Bennett, of Highland.

George Gleason and Joe Park moved the family of Chris. Vendt to Delray last Thursday.

Miss Florence Smith of Troy, and her cousin attended North Woodward Baptist church last Sunday.

Charles Baer has a trained nurse for his wife, and now her prospects for recovery is very bright indeed.

Stephen Hill of Troy, celebrated his 60th birthday on the 17th, inst., with all his family being present.

Mrs. Chas. Smith of Troy, lately at Minnie Taylor's helped celebrate her mother's 81st birthday anniversary.

Miss Alta Rei has been chosen to teach out the fall term for Myrtle Phillips, who is ill. She teaches in the Edwin A. Starr district.

Chris. Vendt near Clawson, sold his 40 acre farm to a party from Highland Park, and has given immediate possession, and has moved to Delray.

George Seely of Pontiac, with a Detroit party last Saturday were trying to make a deal with city property on a farm on the E. R. Flint Division.

W. H. Conroy has a great presentation offer of knives and handkerchiefs with the ECCENTRIC and the Michigan Farmer during this month, as presents for this paper, or the Royal Oak Tribune.

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25c Muslin Drawers at 19c  
25c Muslin Corset Covers at 19c

### Other Samples

75c Black Petticoats at 59c  
\$1.00 Black Petticoats at 75c  
50c Fascinators at 39c  
25c Sweater Coats at 19c  
\$1.00 Sweater Coats at 75c  
\$3.00 Sweater Coats at \$2.25

These are just a few of the grades and prices.

### Other Bargains

\$1.25 Fine Flannel Overshirts, 89c  
Women's extra heavy \$1.00 Flannellette Night Gowns at 89c  
Ladies' finest 50c Jersey Underwear at 39c  
Comforters, made sweet and clean of nice fresh cotton-battling, and fast-color Silkoline and Sateen, at \$1 and upward  
This is not a mistake in the type, but a fact, that I am offering **Strictly All-Wool BED BLANKETS**, large size, for only \$2.65

Last Thursday a large shipment of fine Furs left New York for me. They arrived Saturday morning and were about all sold by Saturday night. I have ordered another shipment—rushed forward for this Saturday's sales—including some beautiful novelties that I have not stocked before. As near as I can find out I am selling Furs for about one-half less than city prices. The superior qualities and low prices cause mighty fast selling, anyhow. I probably stock a better line of Furs than you may expect to find here. Last Saturday the sales of Men's Suits and Overcoats and Ladies' Fine Long Coats were many—in fact, the sales were much heavier than I expected, but to finish the selling quickly I make this astonishing cut in prices:

About 12 Ladies' splendid warm Plush-Lined Coats, with Fur Collars, worth from \$25.00 to \$35.00, YOUR CHOICE FOR ONLY \$10.

I am losing money on these, but after the Holidays I prefer to devote my attention to other lines; so it pays me to lose.

About 18 beautiful Broadcloth Sample Coats, made well of elegant rich goods, intended to sell, and these sold regularly are now selling at \$18.00 to \$25.00, but for quick selling I offer your choice for only \$8.75. Girls' \$3.00 Coats, to close, at \$1.50.

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