

SANTA CLAUS

B'ham Dept Store!

Holiday Gifts for Everybody at Everybody's Prices!

Never before in the history of Birmingham has there been shown such a magnificent stock of the latest and most useful gifts, such as we are showing this year. Our prices are from 25 to 40 per cent lower than elsewhere. Our qualities are equally as good or better as Detroit.

Come - for inspection and you will be convinced that you can save money - save time, and save yourself trouble carrying your merchandise from Detroit.

Handsome Walk-Over Calendars given away free - one to each customer. Be sure to ask for one. They are beautiful. Come early and avoid the rush. Ask for things that you don't see. We have everything that you want.

Store open every evening until 9:30 standard time.

Birmingham Dept. Store

MORRIS LEVINSON, Prop.

AUCTION

M. H. BLUNT, Auctioneer

Holding sold my farm, the undersigned will sell at public auction on the premises 2 1/2 miles south and 2 miles west of Birmingham, and 6 miles north of Reelford, on

Wednesday, DEC. 18

- At 1:00 o'clock p. m. sharp, of the following described property:
- Buckskin Mare, 7 yrs, wght 1,300
 - Buckskin Mare, 10 yrs, wght 1,200
 - Grade Cow, 9 years old
 - Registered Duroc-Jersey Sow
 - Shire-bred Jersey-Duroc Pigs
 - Stanhacker Wagon, nearly new
 - Fur Harness
 - Light Double-Driving Harness - nearly new
 - Combination Hay-and-Stock Rack
 - Cast Land Roller
 - Syracuse Plow
 - Quantity of Oats
 - Spring Tooth Harrow
 - Cultivator
 - Log Chain
 - 4 Acres Corn in shuck
 - Quantity of Mixed Hay
 - Quantity Cornstalks
 - Quantity Potatoes
 - Rubber-tired Two-wheeled Surrey - nearly new

and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS - All sums of \$10 and under, cash; all sums over \$10, 12 months credit with approved indorsable notes, with interest at 6 per cent per annum.

LEW FRITCHETT, Prop.

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST

of things you can buy at D. K. Smith's, Royal Oak, that are suitable for

XMAS GIFTS

- Pianos
- Grafonolas
- Rockers
- Pedestals
- Couches
- Sectional Bookcases
- Combination "Parlor Suites"
- Morris Chairs
- Davenport
- Sewing Machines
- Washing Machines
- Wringers
- Electric Sad Irons
- Chiffoniers
- Lace Curtains
- Table Linen
- Overcoats
- Men's and Boys' Suits
- Ladies' Coats
- Children's Coats
- Sweater Coats
- Furs
- Fur Coats
- Fur and Cloth Caps
- Towels
- Aprons
- Mufflers
- Lace Bed Sets
- Jardinieres
- Mirrors
- Fur Gloves & Mittens
- Dolls and Toys
- Rocking Horses
- Black Boards
- Children's Fur Sets
- Carpet Sweepers
- Lamps
- Toilet Sets
- Dinner Sets
- Food Choppers
- Record Cabinets
- Music Cabinets
- Go-Carts
- Parlor Tables
- Buffets
- Chairs
- Sideboards
- Rugs
- Dressers
- China Closets
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Bedspreads
- House Dresses
- Petticoats
- Dressing Sacques
- Dress Skirts
- Kimonas
- Neckties
- Shirt Waists
- Underwear
- Parlor Clocks
- High-grade Watches
- Trunks
- Horse Blankets
- Bed Blankets
- Robes
- Footwear
- Slippers
- Night Gowns
- Children's Chairs
- Doll Buggies

You know my prices will save you money, so you better make us a visit and supply as many of your holiday needs as you can here.

I wish to call your attention to a few Ladies' and Men's High-grade Elgin, Waltham and Hampden Watches, on which I will give you a discount of 20 per cent for cash, to close out.

D. K. SMITH, Royal Oak, Mich.

TROY

Mrs. Alice Niles was Sunday visitor with Mrs. Mary Harris.

Will Clark has rented his farm two sturdy Scotchmen by the name of Burck.

Mrs. Flora Carpenter Raynolds lies very ill with little hope of her recovery at her home near Farmington.

The missionary dinner and mite box opening and a lesson study on China was held at Mrs. Elliotts home.

Mrs. Madeline Tripp, Aspinwall and Miss Aspinwall of Detroit were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clark.

Chas. Aspinwall and family moved into their new home the first of the week. The King family will soon take up their residence in the old Aspinwall home.

A birthday surprise was given Adelerbert Smith Thursday evening last by 35 of his friends and neighbors, bare foot and ready to retire, he welcomed his friends.

Rev. Watman of Bay City, addressed the Troy people Sunday morning on "The State Anti-Liquor Movement."

Mr. Martell of Flint and his landscape gardener from the Monroe Nursery, were in Troy Saturday laying out the land for the planting of an Orchard etc. on his property east of Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kelly have moved to Royal Oak. Mr. Kelly has bought the cement building, corner of 4th and Railroad street. His outfit and profession as an undertaker and embalmer are complete.

Feed Schooner has sold his lease of the Chas. Scholten farm to Albert Weir, who has taken possession. M. S. has bought the place known as the Gillet farm just east of the West Ulica D. L. R. stop.

The Men's club of the church met Monday evening with Chas. and Ed. Scholten. Young men came and join the rank and file of the best and who stands for right all along the lines of right doing and being right.

Saturday 2 p. m. the boys and girls of the Sunday school and others interested, see to it that the children are allowed the pleasure of taking part in Xmas exercises, parts and dances to the program, are ready for you.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. In some cases it is owing to a catarrh of the Eustachian tube, which may be cured by the use of our method. In other cases it is owing to a general condition of the system, which may be cured by our method. We will give \$100 for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. E. J. CHENEY, Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. -Advertisement.

R. D. NO. 1

Mrs. Electa White is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. G. Tucker.

Miss Harris of Birmingham, visited her aunt, Mrs. L. G. Tucker last week.

Charles C. Parks had to undergo another operation at Harper hospital but will be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Detroit were recent visitors with their brother, E. G. Tucker and family.

Braze & Smith, carpenters at F. G. Hansen's new house are trying their very best to induce the snow shovellers.

Wm. Shepherd gave four, and a big bag of potatoes. Many thanks for the same.

George B. Dort and son are back home from Detroit, having had a very profitable year in the cement side walk business in Detroit.

Now a kind and encouraging word for Mrs. F. W. Belenger, the progressive, competent and able manager of the Maplehurst Poultry Farm.

John Merritt, who recently bought the Mary Sharp Dickinson farm on Warsaw ave. is keeping up with the times. Besides the improvements he is making on this purchase, John is putting up three fine new homes on his Parker sub-division. John is the original Royal Oak hustler.

Well our good old friend, Brown Cannon of the Irons, paid us a flying visit, one short and sweet. He had along with him his \$1,000 mail, and his glad hand. He was accompanied by his father, James S., and his sister, Mrs. A. W. Woodruff of Waterloo, Mich. and her daughter, Miss Mary Agnes. They all enjoyed a happy visit with J. Mel. Henning and his family. They all left Tuesday for their respective homes.

Dr. William Sailer, author of "The Cause and Cure of Colds," says that common colds should be taken seriously, especially when they are "hauled down" by the use of "honey and sugar" or "Boly's Honey and Tar Compound" is a reliable household medicine for coughs and colds, equally effective for children and for grown persons. Take it when you feel a cold coming on. It will avert danger of serious results and cure quickly. No harmful drugs. Sold by druggists. -Advertisement.

Dr. Miles, Anti-Pain Pills for leucorrhoea.

Whole Family Benefited By Wonderful Remedy

There are many little things to annoy us, under present conditions of life. The hurry, hard work, noise and strain all tell on us and tend to provoke nervousness and irritability. We are frequently so worried out we can neither eat, sleep nor work with any comfort. We are out of line with ourselves and others as well.

A good thing to do under such circumstances is to take something like

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills

to relieve the strain on the nerves. Mrs. J. B. Hartford, 33 Corport St., Atlanta Ga., writes:

"I have on several occasions been vastly relieved by the use of your medicine, especially the Anti-Pain Pills. I keep constantly on hand for myself and my husband and two sons. Nothing in the world equals them as a headache remedy. Often I am afflicted by the use of one or two of the Pills to continue my household work otherwise I would be in bed. My husband joins me in my praise of the Anti-Pain Pills and Nervine."

Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills

are relied upon to relieve pain, nervousness and irritability in thousands of households. Of proven merit after twenty years' use, you can have no reason for being without them.

At All Druggists, 25 doses 25 cents. MILES MEDICAL CO. Elkhart, Ind.

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65 West Grand River Avenue. Located in the heart of the city. Modern course of training for business appointments. Includes a copy of its new calendar. Admission Free. E. S. SHAW, President, Detroit, Mich.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS - Notice is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the above named bank will be held at the office of the bank on TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1912, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors and officers for the year ending December 31, 1912. The books of the bank will be closed at 5:00 p. m. on January 10, 1912. Dated at Birmingham, Michigan, December 1, 1911. J. M. LAWSON, President.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

of the First National Bank of Birmingham

At Birmingham, in the State of Michigan, at the close of business, November 26, 1912.

Assets	Liabilities
Reserve funds, secured and unsecured, \$1,236,211.17	Capital stock paid in, \$200,000.00
Overseas, secured and unsecured, 50,000.00	Undivided profits, less expenses paid, 5,909.00
U. S. and National, 7,000.00	Surplus fund, 1,502.50
Due from approved reserve agents, 4,714.00	Commercial Department, 424,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, 7,714.00	Savings Department, 143,750.00
Exchange for clearing houses, 84.40	Stocks, mortgages and securities, 16,328.25
Loans on collateral, 24,000.00	Real estate, 1,214,669.63
Personal paper, currency, notes and coins, 245.00	Real estate, 1,214,669.63
Legal money reserve in bank vaults, 99.06	Real estate, 1,214,669.63
Legal-tender notes, 14,281.00	Real estate, 1,214,669.63
Reserve fund with U. S. Treasurer, 500.00	Real estate, 1,214,669.63
15 per cent of circulation, 500.00	Real estate, 1,214,669.63
Total, \$21,217.17	Real estate, 1,214,669.63

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

of the First State Savings Bank

At Birmingham, Michigan, at the close of business, November 26, 1912, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

Assets	Liabilities
Reserve funds, secured and unsecured, \$58,622.11	Capital stock paid in, \$200,000.00
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The-Danger Signal in Investment.

The newspapers have certainly featured the failure of the International Lumber and Investment Company. The officers have been arrested, and that is about all the satisfaction the people who invested six and a half million dollars in this swindle have to date. The Post-Office authorities say that this particular swindle caught the rich as well as the poor, and that the appeal to greed was impossible interest returns.

A straight business proposition at home has little attraction for small investors. They do not realize how little their small savings count in the world of business and finance. They are lured away from the strong bank at home, whose safety they know all about, by the "promise of figures," the promise of the improbable, if not the impossible.

The truth of all experience is against them. They are unimpressed by the repeated announcement that a 3-1-2 per cent. issue of bonds of some city or great and sound corporation is largely over-subscribed. It is the "wise money" of investors that offers itself to these safe enterprises. They are never on the bargain counter hawked by peddlars. The earning power of investment money is as firmly fixed as standard merchandise. The per cent. of PROMISED returns is the danger signal in investment. In its saving department the

ROYAL OAK SAVINGS BANK

offers you the choice between SAFETY and speculation; the CERTAINTY of the return to you of principal and interest.

Beware of the Danger Signal!

Monuments of Quality

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Bell Phone 23
Independent 215

ROYAL OAK SAVINGS BANK

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Most Extraordinary Price Reductions on High-Grade Coats.

I have simply thrown profits to the wind and have cut the price right and left on all Winter Coats in stock, to close them out quickly.

As I only bought these Coats a very short time ago in the factory's wind-up clearance season. You save not only my profit, but the manufacturer's, so I am really offering Coats at about the cost of bare materials. Investigate all other dealers' offerings and then come here and see what havoc my low expenses allows me to make in prices on Coats.