1-2 Off

On any Lady's, Miss' or Child's Coat in stock for cash. We will lose a lot of money by this offer but we must clean up our stock. Call in at once before the best are gone.

1-3 off on any Men's, or Boys' Coats in stock for cash. This means elegant Fur-lined Coats for only **$13.69.**

1-2 off on any Fur Neck Pieces in stock.

1-3 off on any Muff in stock.

Cut Prices on Ball-Band Rubbers

Men's $2.90 Felts and Rubbers, **$2.25.**

Men's $2.15 2-buckle Rubbers for Socks, **$1.75.**

Men's $2.35 Duck 2-buckle Rubbers for Socks, **$2.00.**

Men's $2.65 8-inch cotton-top Rubbers for Socks, **$2.00.**

Men's $2.85 cotton-top Rubbers for Socks, **$2.35.**

Men's $1.90 1-buckle Rubbers for Socks, **$1.65.**

Wonderful Blanket Bargains

A special purchase of 30 beautiful heavy, extra large soft Bed Blankets that if you got them for $5.00 a pair you would consider them a bargain but for a leader they go at, per pair, **$3.50.**

Elegant great big soft, fluffy, all-wool Bed Blankets, while they last, for only **$3.98.**

Horse Blankets

Extra heavy black and white Plaid Blankets, 84x90, weight 7 lbs., worth $3.50, for **$2.50** each.

Beautiful Fawn-wool Blankets, with blue, black and white checked stripes, 84x90, weight 7 lbs., worth $4.50, for **$3.25** each.

Elegant all-wool warp and filling Horse Blankets, in a most beautiful fancy plaid, with red predominating, very fine and soft, the large 84x90 size, worth $7.00, for only **$4.75.**

Great big 90x96 Fawn-wool Blankets, the same as the Detroit Fire Department uses, worth $7.50, for only **$5.25.**

These prices are lower for the quality than you can get anywhere else. Send us your order by mail and money and freight charges will be refunded if not more than suited.

Other Bargains

Best 50c Fleeced Underwear goes at **39c.**

$2.00 Union Suits go at only **$1.50.**

A Word of Thanks

As we are closing by far the largest year's business we have ever had, I wish to thank all who have contributed to this most satisfying growth. My sales increasing so enables me to lay in continually greater quantities, and therefore cheaper, and consequently can sell for less.

LOWEST PRICES IN THE COUNTRY

It is a positive fact that I am selling goods for less money than you can buy for anywhere in this country. It is amusing me to see people send away to mail-order houses or to the city for goods and pay higher prices than they can get the same for here. I happened at the depot to see a Davenport from Sears, Roebuck & Co. that came from the same factory I buy some of.

WHO'S THE JOKE ON

I found this person paid them $3.25 for the same Davenport pad I sell at $2.98, and about $10 00 more than my price for the Davenport, besides he had the freight, very large, etc., to pay. Of course, some people send away thinking to spite their home dealer, but when they pay more extra than the profit I make, it looks as if they were spiting themselves.

D. K. SMITH'S

BIG ROYAL OAK STORE

Branch in Ford Market, Highland Park.

ORDER APPOINTING TIME FOR HEARING CLAIMS.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1914. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

LOUISE W. HELD, Deceased.

James Robb, executor of the will of said deceased, having filed in said Court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate. It is further ordered that the 10th day of April, 1915, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.
18dec-3jan

Chinese Reverence for Dead.

The Chinese revere the dead to such an extent that when the demise of a Chinaman occurs he is buried for three years. At the end of this time the body is dug up and the bones placed in a vase. The vase and its contents are then interred for all future time.

TROY

Merry Xmas, ye old time Eccentric friends.

Muxwell Cutting is home for the holiday vacation.

Iva Aspinwall, of Detroit, Sundayed at Chas. Aspinwall's.

Mrs. M. Harris and Miss Lakie were shoppers in Detroit Monday.

Mrs. Johnson had a beautiful Christmas tree for her three little girls.

F. D. Cutting ate Xmas dinner with his daughter, Mrs. Kate Leonard.

Mrs. Franc Daniels was helping her niece, Mabel Reavely, part of last week.

Mrs. Mabel Reavely will serve Christmas dinner to 18 of her husband's relatives.

F. D. Cutting & Son gave each of their patrons a very neat calendar for Christmas.

Frank Leonard and wife will be at the McClelland home at Highland Park Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Price, of Rochester, ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark Sunday.

A supper will be given the Troy Sunday school in the League room the evening of December 30.

The postoffice was piled high with Christmas parcel post bundles and boxes to be mailed, several times recently.

The first dance of the season was held at the Troy Hall December 18. Percy Washbean gave it. A jolly time was had.

Miss G. M. Hoek, of Detroit, was out to see her friend, Miss R. Niles, who has been sick the past week with a touch of the grip.

Miss May Watles, while unpacking some china, lost two finger rings and they were burned in the waste before her loss was discovered.

H. J. Lake and family, eight in all, enjoyed a fine turkey dinner and exchange of Christmas gifts at their cozy Troy home. Four of their children reside in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry, who have lived the past six months in the old parsonage, are now nicely settled in the Chas. Leonard tenant house and will work on the Leonard farm, under Albert Weir.

Checks Croup Instantly.

You know croup is dangerous. And you ought to know, too, the sense of security that comes from having Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. It cuts the thick mucous and clears away the phlegm, stops the strangling cough and gives easy breathing and quiet sleep. Every user is a friend. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

FRANKLIN

Archie Allen is home for his vacation.

New Year's sermon next Sunday morning.

Milo Kayner was a Birmingham visitor Monday.

Mrs. Effie Pickering was a Pontiac visitor one day last week.

Miss Blanche Evans is home from M. A. C. for her vacation.

Orlie Pickering was in Birmingham and Pontiac Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Winslow were visitors here Thursday of last week.

Hayes Levee returned home from New York state Thursday of last week.

Mr. James Bingham and daughter visited relatives around this vicinity recently.

Miss Mildred Schriber visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bingham a few days last week.

Best for Kidneys, Says Doctor.

Dr. J. T. R. Neal, Greenville, South Carolina, says that in his 30 years of experience he has found no preparation for the kidneys equal to Foley Kidney Pills. In 50c and $1 sizes. Best you can buy for backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder ailments. For sale by all druggists.—Adv.

R. D. NO. 1

Grace Haack is home for the holidays from Ypsilanti.

Ira Martin is home for the holidays from Ann Arbor.

Miss Lyria Tucker is home from Ypsilanti for the week.

Miss Louella Jackson is home from Chicago for two weeks.

Miss Glyds Hansen is home from Ypsilanti Normal for the holidays.

Andrew Johnston has bought a Holstein calf from Charles Delmarter.

Geo. B. Dort, Jr., is improving slowly after being sick for the past two months.

Mrs. D. J. McKinley and Mrs. Tim Render were callers in Pontiac last Monday.

R. J. St. Clair and family will celebrate on the old Two Oak farm. A big Christmas dinner and the mail man has a bid. It's a go.

S. C. Chassus will celebrate a big Christmas dinner and all the family will be there to put their feet under father and mother's table.

Geo. Henning will spend one week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Henning. This is George's last year at the Agricultural college.

ALL OVER

Mrs. Geo. Glefke, of Troy, has a very bad cold.

Sam Martin, of Troy, finished as juryman last Friday.

A. Pearce, of Troy, is repairing his hen house for warmth.

W. H. Codnor does business at J. M. Davis' this Monday night.

Lura Cary, of Clawson, dress-maked last week in Birmingham.

Milly Davidson, of Troy, was in Birmingham last week, dress making.

Tom Cole, near Harris in Troy, is recovering from a week's sickness from an attack of gripp and neuralgia.

Miss Laura Cary, of Clawson, is sick with a bad cold, preventing her being at Sunday School last Sunday teaching her class.

Bert Moses, of Clawson, one of the section hand on the electric road, froze his right hand while at work last week Monday.

Harmon Hendrickson, the Clawson gardner, is having a couple of hot houses built for starting the growths of early plants.

Walter Carpenter and family, of Troy, will visit, on the 27th, his sister, Mrs. Reynolds, on the Conroy road in Farmington.

Port Hoard, of Troy, recently bought his son-in-law, George Wright's, herd of 10 milch cows, making his number now 20 and now has a hired man.

According to previous custom the entire Stumpf family will unite to hold Christmas day at Grandmother Stumpf's near Starrs Corners in Royal Oak.

We have a white Christmas, likewise New Year's, and this month going cold and liot like. It will be a snug and cold winter, exceeding all winters in many years.

Mrs. Sidney Strong and her daughter, Lydia Halsey, will entertain on Christmas, Mrs. Frankie Smith and Walter Carpenter and family, all of the town of Troy.

Sam Martin and Jakey Prisel, both of Troy, were hunting around Lake Orion last Saturday and stopped over night with Bert Wilson, to his great pleasure in entertaining them.

Look wise and act quick and leave $2.25 with Mr. Fisher at the Eccentric office for receipt giving a holding for 2 years for Woman's Home Companion and one pair Finck's Petriot Special overalls from Codnor.

For this month W. H. Codnor offers the great daily Journal and also the great Woman's Home Companion, each one year, for $2.75; the Eccentric and Woman's Home Companion, each one year, for $1.65. Here is the unexcelled bargain for a Christmas present.

Port Hoard sold to Warren Wright, near Harris, his blind horse. Although a very faithful and good horse, Howard Wright and his brother Warren drove the blind horse to the milk depot, and being unused to him, met some trouble, breaking the end of the thill. Just become used to driving him and you find no trouble.

There was a dedication of the new brick school in Williams district in Royal Oak last week Monday night. The school superintendent, A. L. Craft, was there and also Rev. Sweet, of Pontiac. Fine pieces were recited and fine singing rendered to a large district attendance who were well satisfied by the fine appearances for bettering education hereafter.

Keep It Handy for Rheumatism

No use to squirm and wince and try to wear out your rheumatism. It will wear you out instead. Apply some Sloan's Liniment. Need not rub it in—just let it penetrate all through the affected parts, relieve the soreness and draw the pain. You get ease at once and feel so much better you want to go right out and tell other sufferers about Sloan's. Get a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for 25c of any druggist and have it in the house—against colds, sore and swollen joints, lumbago, sciatica and like ailments. Your money back if not satisfied, but it does give almost instant relief. Buy a bottle today.—Adv.

BIG BEAVER

Miss Dennison is very low at this writing.

Mrs. Charles Smith spent a few days last week shopping in Detroit.

Mrs. Ed. Fisher was a Christmas shopper in Pontiac last Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Daly, of Detroit, is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Chase and family are holiday guests of his parents at North Branch.

Mrs. Alfred Schoonover, of Utica, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse King.

Mrs. C. M. Harris and daughter Rhoda spent a few days with Mrs. Lloyd Wyckoff at North Detroit.

Quite a sum of money has been collected by the school children here for the benefit of the needy children throughout Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ford and son and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ford and baby daughter were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ford on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Converse will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parks on Christmas. The members of the Parks family will also be guests at this home for that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fisher on Christmas.

The church choir met last Tuesday at the home of Miss Ina Snyder to practice for the Christmas entertainment given at the church by the Sunday school on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Swaine arrived last week from Des Moine, Idaho, to visit her mother, Mrs. George Terry, and left on Monday to visit Mr. Swaine's aged mother in Massachusetts.

Michael Jenks, who recently lost the two fore fingers and thumb of the right hand by getting the hand caught in the gearing of a corn stalk shredder owned by Wm. Perkins for whom he worked, has sued his employer to collect damages for $2,000 through his attorney, George A. Donders, of Royal Oak.

A Test for Liver Complaint—Mentally Unhappy, Physically Dull.

The liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the stomach and liver are doing their work. Keep your liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the bowels freely, tone up your stomach, cure your constipation and purify the blood. 25c at druggists'. Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for piles.—Adv.

NOTICE TO SOUTHFIELD TAXPAYERS

For the purpose of receiving taxes I will be in the following places: Franklin, Currin's store, Jan. 4, 1915; Stolk store, Jan. 5, 1915; Southfield Town Hall, Jan. 6, 1915; First National Bank, Birmingham, Jan. 7, 1915. I will be at home Fridays until Jan. 11, 1915. Hours, between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. The 4 per cent fee will be added to all taxes received after Jan. 11, 1915.

THOS. R. BEDDOW,
18 dec Treasurer.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The rector wishes all his parishioners and friends a merry Christmas.

The Christmas music promises to be very fine on Sunday. The service will be at 10:45. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 6:30 a. m. and the Bible schools will meet at 9:45 and it goes without saying that a cordial welcome always awaits you at St. James.

The rector hopes to have a helpful Christmas message for his people at the Sunday service.

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. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of 10 are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. 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. F. J. CHENEY,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advertisement.

E. B. Davis, of Big Beaver, bobs up in the spotlight again and shows his latest venture to be the purchase of another fine team. This time it's a dandy span of prancing colts, black as jet excepting their white stockings. They are four years old, weigh 2950 pounds and are fine as silk. Mr. Davis is a lover of fine stock and is now owner of three as fine teams as any man would care to own, also 25 head of A-No. 1 dairy cattle, their milk test being second to none. He is considered a very progressive and successful farmer and his experience only covers the short space of time from April, 1913, to the present. We think he must sleep with an eye open and older farmers would do well to wake up, take notice and follow suit.

$100.00 Reward.

Any man who is tied up in a double knot with cramps in the bowels or crippled with the pains of rheumatism would sometimes pay that for a quick relief. Yet he can get what he wants for 25c by sending to the druggist for a bottle of Renne's Pain Killing Magic Oil. It is a powerful relieving remedy for all internal and external pain. Price 25c. Sold by Cobb & Jennelle.—Adv.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—Probate of Will.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1914. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

FRED G. BAILEY, Deceased.

Ada Bailey Ferguson having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to Roy Bailey and Ada Bailey Ferguson, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person,

It is ordered that the 3d day of January, A. D. 1915, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
JUDSON A. FREDENBUGH, Probate Clerk.
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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—General.

State of Michigan. The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1914. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

JOHN PATERSON, Deceased.

Roy S. Paterson, administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final allowance as such administrator, determining the heirs-at-law of said deceased, distributing the assets of said estate, and discharging said administrator,

It is ordered that the 16th day of January, A. D. 1915, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL,
(A true copy.) Judge of Probate.
JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.
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FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR stops the cough and heals lungs

HUNTER SHOOTS A DEER WITH OPIUM

Adirondack Guide Puts Big Buck to Sleep and Captures It Alive.

Rome, N. Y.—An Adirondack guide dropped into Boonville, north of this city, the other day to lay in his winter supply of provisions, traps, ammunition and clothing, and told of his ingenious capture, alive, of a big buck.

A man who owns a large deer park in the southern part of the Adirondacks had seen an unusually large buck, that he was very anxious to secure for his preserve, and he offered $100 for it, alive and crated, ready for shipment. All the guides in that sec-

Sent Contents of Both Barrels Into Its Side.

tion knew of the big deer and made efforts to get it alive.

John Benham went to the nearest village and had the druggist make some pellets of glue, flour, paste and opium a trifle larger than buckshot. Then he loaded several shells with them.

The next time he saw the big buck on the runway he sent the contents of both barrels into its side. It ran and he followed it, coming up to it about two hours later. The buck was in a clump of evergreens fast asleep.

As soon as the hardened mixture so heavily loaded with opium entered the deer's body it had begun to dissolve, and soon the animal was overcome by sleep.

Benham said the deer had run in a circle and was only a few rods from his camp when it dropped asleep.

It was carried to camp and boxed for shipment, the antlers and hoofs being tied to the sides and bottom of the crate. When the buck awoke it was well on its way to the private park. Benham got a check for $100 the next day.

TOUGH EAR TURNS A BULLET

Would-Be Suicide Fires Twice; First Bullet Only Tickles; Second Is a Mystery.

San Francisco, Cal.—Edward Ducios, an aged man, thought he wanted to die, so he bought a revolver and borrowed two cartridges. He suffered from an affliction in one ear. Putting the muzzle of the revolver in his ear he fired. The explosion was followed by a tickling sensation, so he took a little silver instrument used to probe his troublesome ear, and with this began feeling in the wound. The bullet dropped to the floor. Again he stuck the muzzle of the revolver in his ear and fired. Another explosion and still the tickling sensation.

Having no more bullets, Ducios went to Dr. E. W. Parson and told him a rambling story of a revolver accidentally going off and the bullet lodging in his ear. He said nothing about the second shot. Doctor Parsons sent him to St. Mary's hospital and notified the police. Detectives de la Guerra and Maloney investigated. Ducios seemed worried about something until the detectives found the revolver hidden in a woodpile with the second bullet jammed in the muzzle. They told Ducios.

"I'll never try to commit suicide again," he said. "I was afraid I had swallowed that second bullet."

SAVED FROM LIVING TOMB

Held for Forty-Eight Hours in Quicksand—Barrel Is Improvised Diver's Helmet.

Ware, Mass.—After 48 hours' imprisonment in quicksand, 25 feet below the surface of the earth, Maurice Allen was rescued by a gang of 50 firemen, policemen and citizens, who had dug a ditch 50 feet long and 30 feet deep to reach him.

Allen was conscious when rescued, but very weak. He said he had been unable to help himself, as his feet were held firmly by a piece of planking. A bit and saw, which were lowered to him, enabled him to work one of his feet free, but another cave-in buried the tools and left him as helpless as before.

An improvised diver's helmet made from a barrel was lowered into the hole just after midnight and Allen was supplied with air by a pump.

COW ON TRESTLE HALTS ALL

Falls Between Sills and Owner Cautions the Trackman to Handle Her Carefully.

Hazleton, Pa.—Transportation on the Jeddo branch of the Hazleton & Mahanoy division of the Lehigh railroad, was tied up for half a day by a cow which in walking across the trestle near Drifton fell down between the sills.

Her owner would not permit her to be handled roughly and the railroaders had their hands full to get her out.

The First National Bank of Birmingham Mich.

sends to you its hearty greetings

and sincere wishes

for a Happy Holiday Season and

trusts your prosperity in

the new year will be unbounded

"Merry Christmas"

To the customers and friends of this Bank, we extend to you the Season's Greetings.

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