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TOWN TALK.

Henry Pulver has been appointed Deputy Sheriff.

Only two days more to buy Christmas presents.

The police force is keeping a keen eye open to the saloons and gambling rooms.

The weather commenced to moderate at midnight, and the atmosphere felt as though rain might ensue.

Thatcher, Primrose & West's Consolidated Minstrels are billed for Powers's Opera House on the 29th inst.

Only three more witnesses to be examined in the Millard trial. The arguments will probably be reached to-day.

The last call of the telephone to Police Headquarters this morning brought the reply "all quiet along the Pole."

C. R. Mabley will locate his Grand Rapids branch at No. 37 Canal street, and already the building is being fitted up for him.

It has been definitely settled that the charity ball for the benefit of St. Mark's Home will be given at The Morton on January 13.

The Secretary of the Law and Order League has commenced his labors, and the report of several saloons being open after hours is the result.

The members of the Unitarian Sunday school meet at the Ladies' Literary Club rooms to-morrow evening for rehearsal of the Christmas exercises, to be held at Powers's Opera House next Sunday evening.

It is rumored that J. Barth has changed his mind about retiring from business, and has secured a store on Monroe street where he will be more extensively in trade than ever. This will be good news for the ladies.

Capt. Wm. A. Gavit has been appointed Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent of the Chicago & West Michigan Railway, to succeed Mr. Carpenter. He will assume charge of that department Jan. 1, next.

Clarence Wood and Ira Hufford, the boys who were arrested for stealing a brass kettle, were arraigned in Police Court yesterday. Wood, aged 14, was bound out to his uncle until 16, and Hufford was returned to the custody of his parents.

The last man was the best one in the Saturday night raffle held at the corner of Canal and Huron streets. The "boys" insisted on Albert Brouwer taking a "chance" for a dollar. He did; and as a result the prize of the evening, a red plush parlor set, was drawn by the otherwise undistinguished Albert.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Frank B. Stockbridge and wife, of Kalamazoo, are at the Morton.

Mrs. M. E. Chipman, of Niles, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Miller.

J. M. Jamieson left this morning for Indiana and Ohio, where he will spend the holidays visiting his parents and friends.

Gus Moulton, general agent for Thatcher, Primrose & West's minstrels, is in the city, making arrangements for the performance of his company next Monday evening at Powers's.

YESTERDAY'S COURTS.

Circuit—Channey Curtis v. Sarah Out-house, et al. Bill to declare a lien upon real estate (two lots) situate on South Division street.—In re, Mary F. Chappell, infant. Petition for sale of real estate filed.

United States—Edward D. Bigelow v. The Grand Haven Lumber Company. Trial over. Motion for new trial argued and submitted.

Probate—Estate of Mary P. Hatch, deceased. Order admitting will to probate and appointing Ira C. Hatch and Edward C. Hunt, executors.—Estate of Francisco Shiner, deceased. Order appointing Ferdinand Shidler, administrator.—Estate of Eugene Nicholas, et al., minors. Report of sale of real estate filed, confirmed and deed executed.

Superior—The People v. Wm. Murphy. Robbery. Ten days time granted to move for new trial and settle bill of exceptions.—Same v. Fred Fairchild. Sentenced to Ionia House of Correction for three years.—Same v. Joseph Miller. Larceny. Sentenced to Ionia for one year.—Same v. Wm. McDonald. Breaking into store. Sentenced to Ionia for one year.—Same v. Jacob Walker. Larceny. Sentenced to Ionia for two years.—Same v. Helene Long. Larceny from store. Motion for new trial argued and submitted.—Garrett Stool, administrator, et al., v. the G. R. & I. R. Co. Trespass on the case. Continued over to next term.—Falke Granster, administrator, et al., v. the same. Same continued over to next term.—Gerardina Brandell, administrator, et al., v. the same. Case continued over to next term.—The People v. Frederick Deuntjer. Breaking and entering store. Plea guilty.

Police—Albert Jassehopia, drunk, paid \$4.35. Frederick Dexter, burglary and larceny. Waived examination and was held for trial in the Superior Court. Clarence Wood and Ira Hufford, larceny less than \$25. Remanded to the care of the guardians.

Justice Brown—Peter Thomason and H. Van Dyke v. Oceans Van Buren. Jury trial. On trial.

Real Estate Transfers.

[Furnished daily from the office of W. R. Scribner, real estate dealer.] Benjamin T. Pines to Clara F. Pines, a 1/4 blk 27 and part of a 1/4 of blk 13, Stew- arn's add. \$ 2,000

Elias A. Nestell to Nonh F. Allen, s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 16, Lewis. \$ 1,500

Peer Sacco to Aretta A. Sargent, s and 1/2 lots 7 and 8, Fisher Station. 900

John W. Johnson to Horace D. Gar- conter, lot 21, West of Sec 3, Paris. 250

Compe F. Idema to George C. Fitch, a 30 ft lot 8, Corbett & Co.'s add. 1,000

Homer A. Collar to Charles Cuntines, a 1/4 s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 3, Paris. 400

Charles Cuntines to George C. Fitch, a 1/4 s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 3, Paris. 450

Aeha Maxwell to Theodore Bennett, and 1/2 s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 4, Sparta. 300

Hugh L. Maxwell to Theodore Bennett, and 1/2 s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 4, Sparta. 400

Estate of Levi Fonger to John W. Pennell, 1/2 s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 2, Wyoming. 1,150

Adolph Weinberger to Annie Weinberger, a 10 a s w 1/4 s w 1/4 of sec 5, Grand Rap- ids. 700

"Alvin Joslin."

Those who enjoy genuine innocent fun may have their fill on Christmas Day when Charles L. Davis appears in his homespun comedy of "Alvin Joslin." His Boston Herald says:

Mr. Davis's impersonation of "Uncle Alvin," is a wonderful creation. He is a capital representative of the Yankee character, bringing to his task a genuine talent for impersonating old men par. Having an excellent Yankee dialect, and an abundant store of quaint New Englandisms to enrich the dialogue, a remarkable make-up and a fine stage presence.

The council of the Baptist Church which has been investigating the conduct of Professor Moss at Burlington, Ind., brought in a verdict that the Professor was guilty of moral wrong.

THE CITY LEGISLATURE.

VARIOUS SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

The Cable Railway Ordinance, Other Street Railway Matters—Ald. Grady Threatens the Press.

All of the Aldermen were present at the regular session of the Common Council last night. The first important question which came up for discussion was the removal of the hay and wood market. Ald. DeGraaf claimed that the respectable residents in the vicinity of said market wished it removed; that it was a nuisance and that since the location of the market on Summit street that locality had become famous for houses of prostitution and low saloons; that respectable ladies residing in that locality could not reach the central part of the city without being insulted by the wood vendors and the hoodlums who thronged them. Alderman Nestor arose and denominated the people who desired the removal of the market as persons after his own heart, that is they were cranks, while the veteran old Brenner believed it should be removed. Ald. DeGraaf played upon the idea that the present location of the market was city property. Ald. Grady moved that the matter be referred to the committee on streets; lost. Ald. Grady then moved as an amendment that the hay and wood market be removed to the east side of Island. The original motion was then taken up "that the hay and wood market be removed within three days after the action of the Council." The vote was a tie, and was lost by the Mayor voting nay.

William Hartman petitioned to be appointed city auctioneer; referred to the Mayor. The Marshal asked thirty days further time to collect the Bowery street and James street grading rolls. Bowery street was stricken out, and the prayer granted. The Marshal was given thirty days further to collect the North Front street grading roll.

The controllers report was accepted, and the City Attorney reported the confiction of a section of the city ordinance with the charter. Upon motion of Ald. Gilbert, the necessary correction was ordered. The City Attorney reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners asking for the removal of the street railway tracks on South Lafayette street and Fifth avenue. Ald. Gilbert moved that the same be removed in four months, and that the stringers and rails be removed in thirty days. Ald. Moore moved as an amendment that the company be given ninety days instead of thirty. Carried.

The contract for building the Fulton street bridge was reported correct by the City Attorney, and the same placed on file.

The Committee on Lamps recommended that naphtha lamps be placed on different streets in the northern outskirts of the city. The same committee also reported adversely to the placing of an electric light on the corner of Fourth and Stocking streets.

Ald. Moore of the Committee on Ordinances presented an ordinance granting permission to the Valley City Cable Street Railway to construct a street railway on certain streets, and asked that it be placed on its first reading. Upon the motion of Ald. Killean the said ordinance was placed on its third reading, and laid on the table one week. Carried. The same committee offered an ordinance in favor of the street railway company of Grand Rapids building a street railway on Stocking street. An ordinance relative to stone sidewalks on certain streets was accepted and placed upon the table for one week. An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance relative to the streets of Grand Rapids was accepted and the usual motion placed upon its third reading. The intention of the ordinance was to govern the usage of salt in the street railway tracks directing that the salt be placed upon the rails only and providing a penalty for the violation of said ordinance. Ald. Whitney moved that the portion granting the street railway company permission to use salt be stricken out. Ald. Whitney moved an amendment opposing the granting of the company permission to use salt. Ald. Grady favored the prayer of the company. Ald. Grady moved as a substitute that the ordinance be laid upon the table for one week, and printed; lost. Ald. Whitney's amendment was then voted upon and lost. Ald. Whitney alone voted "aye." Then followed numerous petty exceptions to the ordinance in all tending to qualify the extent salt might be used. The original motion to adopt the ordinance was then put by the Mayor, and carried. The special committee on the matter of providing for the procuring of street signs, reported against any action being taken upon the matter at present. Ald. Brenner moved that the report lay on the table. Carried.

The assessment roll for the grading and paving of Lagrange street from Maple street to Blakey avenue was, upon motion of Ald. Pierce, taken from the table and ratified. The assessment roll for the grading and paving of Jefferson avenue from the north line of Cherry street to Maple street was taken from the table and ratified. Ald. Grady offered a resolution to the effect that the Street Railway Company be exempted from calling the name of the cross streets until further ordered by the Council. Ald. Gilbert offered a resolution amending the proposed revision of the charter, making the members of the Board of Review and Equalization appointive by the Mayor instead of elected by the people as heretofore. A vote upon the resolution resulted in a tie, and the Mayor voted aye.

Ald. Brenner offered a resolution embracing the thanks of the Council to Ald. Gilbert for the courteous manner in which he entertained the Council on the 13th, and that the resolution be engrossed and presented to Mrs. Gilbert.

Ald. Creque offered a resolution wishing the compliments of the season to the Council, the sincerity of which be established by handing the Marshal a box of cigars with a request that they be distributed among the aldermen and members of the press. This incident had a tendency to put all the aldermen in good humor except Aids. Gilbert, Nestor and Grady, who took occasion to say in some uncomplimentary things about the press. Some one of the daily papers had said something in reference to one of the committees of the Council holding a secret session, to which Ald. Nestor took exception. Ald. Gilbert followed, by insinuating that he ignored newspaper vendid.

Alderman Grady waxed wrath and declared that a paper had misrepresented him and that he could whip a score of reporters. This excited a ripple of merriment among the knights of the april present, who treated the threat lightly, knowing that such courtesy had unconsciously influenced Grady.

On account of his long residence in the First Ward, Alderman DeGraaf seconded in sentiment the remarks of the senior alderman of the First by sarcastically inviting the reporters to come down in that ward and have a combat with the "hoodlums."

The Council then adjourned until Friday night when the charter amendments will again be considered.

HEARTLESS BURGLARS.

Blind, Gag, Blindfold and Rob an Aged Farmer.

On a small farm two miles and a half southeast of Grandville, in Wyoming township, lives Israel Smith, an old bachelor seventy-six years of age. For the past few years he has been carefully storing away what money he could gain from the farm, against the day when he should become unable to perform manual labor. By saving the quarters, dimes and nickels he had accumulated nearly two hundred dollars, which he kept secreted about his little log house. Yesterday morning three burglars, who probably knew well the old gentleman's habits and circumstances, went to his house between one and two o'clock, took a rail from the fence, battered in the door, and with a revolver placed close to Mr. Smith's head, formally took possession of the premises. They compelled Mr. Smith to arise from his bed, tightly bound him to a bed-post, blindfolded and gagged him. They then proceeded to search for his small fortune. The old gentleman's pockets were found to contain \$31.35; they soon appropriated this. In a dark corner they found an old leather valise that contained \$100, mostly in silver of small denominations; they then emptied the bed-tick, bureau drawers and overturned everything in the room in their search. While this was going on inside a fourth party was keeping watch in the road in front of the house and holding a horse attached to a cutter, in which they had come and made good their escape. After feeling assured they had obtained all of the old man's wealth they left Mr. Smith fastened to the bed-post in his night clothes, and to make things still less cheerful left the door open when departing. The men entered the cutter and drove rapidly in the direction of Grandville. Mr. Smith, when he had fairly had time to consider his situation and was alone, began desperate measures to loosen himself from his critical condition. He managed to free one hand from the cord that bound it, with his teeth, and the rest was easily accomplished. He immediately went to the house of Mr. Collins, a neighbor, informed him of what had happened, and together they returned to the scene of the robbery. They found everything in a sad-looking condition, but, fortunately, discovered the bold thieves had missed one nugget of \$50, that was deposited in the bed-tick and was over-looked by them when turning out the straw. Mr. Collins followed the burglars by the sleigh track as far as Grandville, but the snow-storm rendered it impossible to track them further. He telephoned to Sheriff Kinney, who sent Deputy Sheriffs Boyland and Pulver to the scene. The officers failed to get any clue yesterday, but will exercise their best skill to discover the men and bring them to justice.

Burns' Anniversary.

The Burns Club met at their rooms last Saturday evening and made preparations for celebrating the anniversary of Robert Burns, Jan. 25, next. The committee on arrangements was appointed as follows: J. Muir, R. Spronl, C. Scott, T. Kininment, and J. F. Croll.

A natural gas explosion in the residence of John Gates, at Butler, Pa., left the building a mass of ruins. The family, consisting of six persons, were rescued from the debris alive, but severely injured.

A Sweeping Reduction.

Commencing to-day, the sale to continue until New Years, Winegar, in the Porter Block, will offer his large stock at the following tremendously reduced prices: Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, \$9.00. British Poets, red line edition, 60 cents. An ordinance in Padded Alligator, \$1.98. Household edition, Whittier, Tennyson and Longfellow, \$1.75. E. P. Roe's complete works, \$1.20 each. Full stock of 12-mos. \$2.95 cents. French plate push back hand mirrors, 60c, worth \$1.00. Portfolios marked down 5 per cent. below cost. Photograph Albums in leather and silk plush, selling within ten per cent. of cost. Be sure you look the stock over before purchasing. These goods are offered at ridiculously low prices.—Ed.

Only a few Wood Writing Desks left, which will be closed very low.

Our whole line of games, sliced pictures, A, B, C, and building blocks, and boy's tool chests, marked at prices beyond competition.

Notwithstanding the rush of last week we still have a good assortment of juvenile books, which have been reduced 10 per cent.

Bibles, Testaments, common Prayer Books and Hymnals at prices that cannot be beat. Serap's Books at 10, 16, 20, 25, 33, 48, 59, 68, 78, 87, 98, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75. An elegant line of Fringed Books at 75, \$1.10, \$1.25. Cut Glass Ink and Paper Weights, an immense assortment, 15 cents to \$2.25. Ladies' Hand Bags in all styles. We are bound to close. Come and pick out your own.

Velvet Frames, all sizes and styles, 25 to 98 cents.

Comb and Brush Sets in plush and leather \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.97, \$5.00, \$5.98. Work Boxes in wood, plush and leather, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.40, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00. A box of fine Key West Cigars \$2.25.

Boxed Stationary, Autograph Albums and Christmas Cards, at the same sweeping reduction. All goods marked in plain figures at Winegar's, in Porter block.

William A. Berkeley's store, No. 47 Waterloo street, will be open every evening until after the holidays.

To the Housekeepers of the City.

Ask your grocer for the Lily White Patent Roller Flour, the best flour manufactured in the city. If he don't keep it, send us a postal card or telephone to No. 47, and we will deliver it promptly to your residence.

There will be a Grand Fancy Mask Carnival at the West Side Roller Rink on Thursday evening, December 25. A prize will be given to the lady and gentleman wearing the most fancy and comical costume. All wishing to mask will please call at the Rink office for an invitation to be presented at the door. Admission 25 cents. Skates 10 cents.

Great Cut in Relishes of all Sorts at Hatch's.

The great "cut" at Hatch's extends to all manner of sauces, relishes, etc. You can now buy Lee & Perrin's celebrated Worcestershire sauce at 50 cents per bottle; Durkee's salad dressing at 45 cents; Halford sauce at 25 cents; and Grosse & Blackwell's pickles, pint bottles 30 cents and quarts 50 cents. Goods guaranteed A. 1.

For elegant Christmas Goods go to J. J. Van Leuven's.

Diamonds and other rich stones, Gold Watches, fine Gold Jewelry and Silverware in great variety, are now being offered to close out at prices that are down to cost. A large invoice of elegant new styles just received at Harvey's, 5 Canal street.

Curiosities of Trade.

The cheapening of merchandise is a remarkable feature of our commercial life. This is apparent in the prices at which Holiday Goods are offered by some of our leading stores. For instance for five cents you can buy a China Mug, Tin Cup, China Doll, Toy Watch, China Figure, Tin Toy on wheels, Savings Bank, Goblet, Salt Celler, Glass Plate, Nest Egg, Bisque Figure, China Vase, China Toy Pitcher, Battle and Whistle, Buttonhole Boquet Holder, Fringed Christmas Card, &c., &c.

For Ten Cents you can buy a China Cup and Saucer, Bohemian Vase 6, 7 or 8 inches high, Child's A B C Plate, Child's Picture Mug, China or Majolica Cream Pitcher, Large Glass Mug, Engraved Goblet, Fancy Tin Cup or Pall, Wooden Toy Pall, Whisk Broom, Majolica Bogonia Lent, Large Fringed Christmas Card, &c.

For Twenty-Five Cents you can buy a Cologne Bottle, 1, 2, 3 or 4 oz., richly cut or decorated; 8 oz. cut Stopper Cologne, for covering with satin; Ymagette; Crystal Thermometer; Fancy Ink Bottle; Crystal Boquet Holder; China Vase, with mixed flowers; Toothpick Holder; Comic Bisque Figure; China Jewel Box; Bronze Match Box; Kiota Ash Receiver; Bohemian Cologne Bottle; Powder Box; China Milk Pitcher; China Fruit Plate; China Fruit Basket in wire frame; Majolica Water Pitcher; Crumb Brush and Tray; Decorated Bread and Milk Set; Decorated Cup Saucer and Plate; handsome Bohemian Vase, 8, 9 or 10 inches high; Shells of Ocean.

For Fifty Cents you can buy a Cologne Bottle, 4, 6 or 8 oz., rich cut or engraved; Paper Weight; Fancy Pepper or Salt Bottle; Thermometer, on crystal stand; 1 doz. Majolica Individual Bottles; Luminous Match Box; colored glass Water Jug; decorated China Pitcher; large Motto Cup and Saucer; Monstache Cup and Saucer; fine Motto Mug; Shaving Mug; Fruit Basket; Bisque Figure, 4 to 6 inches high; Majolica Teapot; Majolica Water Pitcher; Majolica Molasses Pitcher; Majolica Butter Dish; Bisque Figure, with Umbrella; Lava Smoking Set; Majolica Salad Bowl; Majolica Bread Plate.

The above prices are at H. Leonard & Sons, 16 Monroe street.

Piano to be Given Away.

It has been stated by certain competitors through advertisements and in conversation with people that the Solmer piano is a "second-class" and an "inferior" instrument. In order to give them a chance to substantiate these statements publicly I will make the following offer:

If these parties will bring competent authority and proof that the Solmer is not a "first-class" piano in tone, action, material, workmanship and durability—in fact in every respect—I will give the finest piano, at my store to a worthy musical society of this city free of charge.

This offer I will hold open for the next thirty days.

In the meantime I invite the public to call at my store to examine the Solmer, which is the standard of excellence.

PAUL W. FRIEDRICH, 24 Monroe street.

Real Laces and Handkerchiefs at J. J. Van Leuven's. Every lady will appreciate them.

Great Reduction in Canned Goods at Hatch's.

Just think of 3-pound cans of tomatoes, only 10 cents per can; 3-pound cans yellow peaches, 20 cents; 2-pound cans corn, 10 cents; 2-pound cans Lima beans, 10 cents; 2-pound cans string beans, 10 cents; 4-pounds of dried currants for 25 cents; French peas and mushrooms only 25 cents per can; and a similar reduction of reduction in olives, sardines, and all kinds of canned and bottled goods and relishes. Call and sample or telephone your order.

Dining room parlors now open over the Grand Union Cafe.

The finest assortment of Cutters in the city at A. R. Antisdell's.

Choice French Candies at Hatch's, 25 cts. per pound.

A Substantial Present.

We enjoyed on Saturday a visit to the new establishment of Wm. A. Berkeley, on Waterloo street. Mr. Berkeley is now in splendid shape to do business. In his large ware-rooms will be found a very large stock of all kinds of furniture, which will be sold at cheaper prices than ever before offered in Grand Rapids. Those seeking a substantial and acceptable Christmas gift will find in his stock many articles that will nicely meet their wishes.

By Fans at J. J. Van Leuven's. Merry Christmas.

For a nice Christmas present step into our salesrooms and we will help you out. We offer our stock of Camp Chairs at cost to close. Some good patterns left.

Music Cabinets and Fancy Tables at very low prices. A few Parlor Desks to sell at cost in cherry and mahogany. Reed and Rattan Chairs and Rockers at reduced prices before taking stock.

Please to call and see if we can please you. PHOENIX FURNITURE CO.

For a Cutter, buy of A. R. Antisdell. Cheapest in the City.

Christmas cards, albums, box papers, comb and brush cases, cut glass bottles, perfumeries, etc., just received at Ross's Drug Store, corner of Vermont and West Fulton streets, and corner of Straight and West Fulton streets. Make your selection early, before the assortment is broken.

Choice Mixed Candies at Hatch's, 12 1/2 cents per pound.

Get your Christmas Gifts at J. J. Van Leuven's, 70 Monroe street.

Bigger Bargains Than Ever at Hatch's.

Still another reduction. Now you can buy all groceries at Hatch's cheaper than before the war. Just think of 15 pounds granulated sugar for \$1.00; 16 pounds A coffee sugar, \$1.00; 18 pounds yellow coffee sugar, \$1.00; best old Govt. Java coffee, 25 cents; best golden Rio coffee, 20 cents; best Japan tea, 60 cents; good Japan teas, 40, 50 and 60 cents; best patent flour, \$2.75 per hundred pounds; Crescent roller flour, \$2.30 per hundred, and choice late Rose potatoes, 35 cents per bushel, and 6 boxes starch 45 cents. Prices of all other staple groceries reduced in proportion.

Buy your Cutters of A. R. Antisdell. Choice French Candies at Hatch's, 25 cts. per pound.

Facts Worth Knowing.

That Brummeler, the Monroe street grocer, is again prepared to meet his numerous customers with a full line of choice groceries. You will find there nice maple sugar, maple syrup, fine rock honey drips and extra fine sugar syrup and N. O. molasses, beekwheat flour and a full line of farm-house goods, also the Danish-style Graham flour and Granula. We carry a full line of canned goods, among others the well-known brand of Gibbens & Reaxmer, E. R. Miller & company's fine Penang spices, raisins, nuts, oranges, lemons, sauer kraut, choice fresh roasted coffee, vegetables, butter and eggs and all that is to be found in a first-class grocery house at low prices. Convince yourself by calling at above place. No trouble to show goods.

Holiday Reductions.

We are Reducing the Prices of Goods in all Departments. We are not alone selling Qualities of Goods at Cost, but in some instances Below Cost.

READ THE PRICES.

Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns

Pick out any one that suits and take off 25 per cent. from the marked price.

\$40 Dressing Gowns, \$30. \$15 Smoking Jackets, \$11.25. \$25 Smoking Jackets, \$18.75. \$10 Smoking Jackets, 7.50.

MERCHANT TAILORING

Is Being Greatly Sacrificed. We are taking off more than 25 per cent.

\$27.50 Scotch Cass. Suits, \$18.50. \$30.80 Fancy Cass. Suits, \$22.50. \$35.00 Worsted Suits, \$28 00. \$45.00 Imported Suits, \$35.00. \$30.00 Chinchilla Overcoats, \$22.50. \$45.00 Kersey Overcoats, \$32.00. \$5 Cassimere Pants, \$4. \$6.50 Cassimere Pants, \$5.00. \$7.50 Cassimere Pants, \$6.00. \$10.00 Cassimere Pants, \$7.50. \$13.00 Imported Cassimere Pants, \$10.

Our Cutter is the Best in the land. Our Tailors are all Artists and our trimmers are A, No. 1.

WE HAVE PUT THE KNIFE IN READY-MADE SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

\$10 All Wool Cass. Suits, 5.75. \$15 Cloth Finished Cass Suits, 12.50. \$18 Worsted Suits, 14.85. \$22 Worsted Suits, 17.65. Overcoats at nearly half price. \$5 Chinchilla Overcoats, 2.85. \$7.50 Chinchilla Overcoats, 5.50. \$10 All Wool Cass. Overcoats, 7.65. \$15 Blue Cass. Overcoats, 11.75. \$18 Corkscrew Worsted, 11.75. \$22 Corkscrew Worsted, 14.85. \$25 Brown and Blue Kersey, 18.75. \$2.00 Boys' Grey and Black Overcoats, only 99c! 99c! 99c!

PRESENTS FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

Silk Handkerchief and Box, 50c. Mufflers, 75c to \$1.50. Silk Handkerchiefs, 75c to \$1.50. \$3.50 Silk Mufflers, \$2.50. Mufflers, 50c. Silk Suspenders, 50c to \$1.50.

Star Clothing House.

SPECIAL SALE IN FINE UNDERWEAR. \$1 Scarlet Underwear, 48c. \$3 Scotch Wool, White and Scarlet, \$2. Silk Plush Caps one-half the market price.

FREE TRADE!

AMUSEMENTS. Powers's Opera House. WM. H. POWERS, - - Manager. Grand Christmas Matinee and Night, Thursday, Dec. 25.

CHARLES L. DAVIS, World renowned. Alvin Joslin Comedy Co., \$10,000 CHALLENGE BAND. Magnificent Orchestra.

NEW PRINTING, NEW SCENERY. 180 Laughs in 180 Minutes. MATINEE AT 3 P. M. Reserved Seats for sale at Geo. A. Hall & Co.'s.

\$25.00! GRAND RAPIDS AND RETURN. Only one Change of Cars, via the Chicago & West Michigan Railway.

J. H. PALMER, Gen'l Pass. Agent. J. B. MULLIKEN, General Manager.

DIVISION STREET. Roller Rink. GRAND OPENING, Wednesday, December 24.

Three Sessions Christmas, Forenoon, Afternoon and Evening. Admission, 15c. Skates, 10c. BAYNE & LEONARD, Managers.

HOLIDAY GOODS AT Geo. A. Hall & Co.'s.

Our store is packed with new, rich and elegant goods suitable for the Holiday season, to which we invite your inspection.

ECONOMICAL BUYERS Will here find a rich assortment of goods at moderate prices.

We would call special attention to our line of Christmas Cards which comprises selections from the best English, German, French and American Publishers. Extra inducements to teachers and other purchasing quantities.