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LEGAL.

CAME INTO THE ENCLOSURE OF the undersigned subscriber on section 15, in the township of Southfield on Saturday, April 7, 1883, a horse described as follows: A bright bay horse about seven years old, a little white on each hind foot, small star in forehead, weight about eleven hundred pounds. The owner of said horse is hereby requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away.

J. A. MILLER.

Southfield, April 10, 1883. 51n53

TAKEN UP BY THE UNDERSIGNED subscriber on section 20 in the township of Troy, on Saturday April 21, 1883, a milch cow described as follows: Color, red roan, crumpled horns, about eight years old, with halter on. The owner of said cow is hereby requested to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

GEORGE FORD.

Dated, Troy, Oakland county, Mich., April 28, 1883. 51-56.

Business Cards.

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Having bought the county right to manufacture the Superior Bed Spring, I am now enabled to furnish them to anyone at $3 75 per set, or two sets for $7. These prices cannot be beaten, and I guarantee satisfaction in every case. I will sell two bed springs at the price of one Comstock. Try me.

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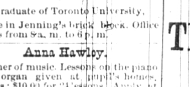

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Teacher of music. Lessons on the piano and organ given at pupil's homes. Terms: $10.00 for 24 lessons. Apply at Corson & Son's store or residence on Mill St. 33

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FOR SALE: An open side bar buggy in good order. Can be seen at my barn in Birmingham. C. M. Raynale. 47

FOR SALE OR RENT. My house and lot pleasantly situated in the village of Royal Oak. A bargain for somebody. Inquire of G. F. Aldrich, D. G. H. & M. R. R. agent, Birmingham. 47

FOR SALE.—Ellis House in Birmingham; pleasantly located near depot; well arranged for Hotel, Boarding House or private families. A. C. Ellis. 5vn37tf.

FARM FOR SALE. I offer my farm of 56 acres for sale. Situated in the town of Royal Oak, 3 miles south of Birmingham on the gravel road. Good buildings, well watered, 8 acres of timber land. Terms easy; for full particulars call on or address J. H. Blodgett, Royal Oak, Mich. 44

WANTED—The people to know that I am selling the well known Comstock Spring Bed. The beds that formerly sold for $10 I will sell from my wagon for $7 each. All orders by mail or otherwise promptly filled. R. H. Perkins, Birmingham, Mich. 50m1

FARM FOR SALE. I offer my farm of 80 acres adjoining the Cooper farm, 2½ miles from Birmingham, on very low terms; 65 acres improved, balance good oak timber. Good buildings and plenty of fruit. Call on or address Thomas Stone, Birmingham, Mich. 44,1mp

FOR SALE CHEAP or to rent. The Hubbard place of 5¾ acres. Good house and barn and plenty of fruit. Pleasantly situated on Pierce street within five minutes' walk of the postoffice. Inquire of Whitehead & Mitchell. 41tf

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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper; this tells you when your Subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

The hammock season is nearly here.

Everybody's going to the band hop.

Rochester Mich. girls affect Langtry bangs.

Band hop Friday night, May 18, at National hall.

E. W. Reynolds of Armada smiled on his old friends Sunday.

Spring and summer suits in clothing, just in this week, at Corson's.

The Pontiac cornet band in full dress will play for the Rainey concert.

For sale or will trade for a colt, a 12 year old work horse. Inquire at this office.

Mr. D. Witt Ney, Detroit's favorite baritone, will sing at the Rainey concert May 16.

Burbank, Mammoth Pearl and Late Rose seed potatoes for sale by H. F. Daniels, Southfield.

The anvil chorus will be a grand feature at the Rainey concert. For particulars see programmes.

Dr. Flinn of Warren starts immediately for Colorado on account of his health. Denver will be his locating point.

Orion, Mich. at the supervisors assessment is worth just $148,825—and wants a telephone to complete its happiness.

Field peas and garden seeds in bulk at Corson's.

Mrs. Huldah Moore of Troy, died last week Wednesday. She was one of the earliest Oakland county pioneers, aged 84 years.

Three new lumber wagons for sale cheap. Can be seen and particulars furnished by calling on Jacob Erb of Royal Oak, Mich. 2w

Decoration Day is fast approaching. What arrangements have been made for the proper observance of the same in our midst, any?

What ails our esteemed contemporary, the Milford Review. Looks to us as if there was a screw loose in the ash-pan or something.

Did you ever see such a lot of building, repairing and general overhauling as is going on in Birmingham at the present time? No, never.

Prices on all tobacco reduced in accordance with the reduction made by congress. Home Comfort 32 cents per pound at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Look at the hats, hosiery and gloves at Corson's.

What if you don't amount to much around home after you are somebody.

The Lowell Journal speaks of Mayor Slade of Birmingham: Ahem!

It is reported by the partisan press that the Hon. John M. Norton, state senator from this county, rides around on railroad passes, and the Hon. John jumps up quickly and says "taint so."

The next term of the circuit court begins May 15. William Everett of Southfield and Warren Pomeroy of Royal Oak will form part and parcel of the jury.

We thought a wild Texas steer had struck town last Monday, but found out it was only Mel Buell who had fallen heir to 20,000 in the shape of a 12½ boy. Good.

The Mystic News Echo of Flushing, Mich., asks us to X. Certainly, of course, and all the "muscepicker" because its wide awake publisher is a lady, Mrs. V. S. Smith.

Table linen from 25 cents per yard to $1 25. Towelings in great variety at Corson's.

Kenny, Adams & Co. of Detroit were visited by B'ham ladies last week who did a heap of purchasing and say the boys have a large store, packed full and sell wonderfully cheap.

Nuns veilings, zephyr robes and fancy dry goods at Corson's. Nun's veilings and zephyr robes are all the rage and it will do you no harm to call and see the latest styles.

Just cast your eye on the last page and read E. E. Helmes' unique advt. Meanwhile Mr. Helmes ploddeth along and reapeth his share of patronage of the great American public.

Strayed or stolen, red cow, with white on its back and tail, just coming in. Finder will be rewarded by returning to owner, two miles south of Royal Oak, and 80 rods west of Pontiac road.

Mrs. Walton and daughter, Mrs. Watson, of Pennsylvania are visiting relatives in town, and were joined by Mrs. Walton's husband on Saturday. Mrs. Walton is a sister of Mrs. Lewis Simpson.

That Southfield girl who circulated the report that one of her fellow town men was "drunk as a fool" the latter part of last month, is respectfully informed that she is very much mistaken.

Mr. John Graham and wife of Lapeer made us a short but pleasant call one day last week. Mr. Graham is a son of Mrs. M. M. Toms, and used to be a typo, but he has graduated and is now a succesful hotel keeper at the above city.

Our band boys are sure to stick together this time and have a good band. Buy a ticket for their benefit hop Friday night, May 18, at National hall, and help them along to success. They need appropriate music for Decoration Day.

For one day only, Saturday May 12, we will sell all prints at 6 cents per yard. J. R. Corson & Son.

We were serenaded Saturday night by a bevy of fair maidens. Thanks, such sweet music from such sweet throats helps ye poor heart broken editor to pass over the vale of tears with the calm, inward reflection that he is not altogether forgotten.

We have on hand and for sale a real good Howe sewing machine, three draws, drop leaf and all the attachments complete, which we will sell for $15. Five dollars down and the balance at $1 per month until paid. Call at this office and view it.

Not long ago a merchant in this place received the following order from a Royal Oaker: "Please send by bearer John [illegible] two pounds shugar a blackin brush, five pounds of kauphy, some little nails. My [illegible] hat a [illegible] by last night and two padlocks and a monkey rench."

"Did ye hear the boys band last Saturday night?" The boys are improving wonderfully and the way they [illegible] "Sweet By and By" is paralyzing [illegible]. Attend their benefit hop Friday night, May 18, and help them on toward the [illegible].

Take Notice. The regular annual meeting of the Birmingham and Long Lake fishing club will be held at the store of L. B. Peabody president on Tuesday evening June 5. A full attendance is requested. Election of officers and other important business. J. Allen Bigelow, secretary. 3

On Monday last H. A. Randall and his brother Frank left for Dakota, where Horace has made investments in lands, and the village of Groton having sprung up on his possessions he intends putting his land and laying it out in city lots. Verily the fortunes of our friends hath a boom.

The Beehive of Pontiac, with John Pound at the helm, comes out this issue with a change of advt and has his store jam full of new spring goods. His stock of carpets is immense and throughout his whole store the handiwork of a master hand is apparent. Read his advt and see what and how he talks to you.

We have awoke to a solemn fact and a loss that we must fill up. We want to complete our volume number 5, with the following numbers: Number 39 July 25 1882, number 42 Feb. 1883, number 4, May 25, 1882. Any one having any of the above copies will have our everlasting thanks for any of the above papers.

Mrs. C. Hoy and daughters Blanch and Florence from McBrides, have been relatives and friends in town for the past three or four weeks. Mrs. Hoy and Harris visited the carpet house of Abbot & Ketchum in Detroit made a capital bargain in carpets and curtains and are loud in their praise of the gentlemanly salesmen.

Sam Slade of this place made his *debut* at the Detroit opera house this week Wednesday evening as "Marc Anthony" in Julius Cæsar. A number of our citizens attended the play and report Sam as having done wonderfully well. The play was presented by Prof. E. Barrett Warman. Prof. Warman makes his bow as "Cassius."

THE ECCENTRIC returns thanks for the receipt of invitations and cards of admission to the celebration in commemoration of the 333d anniversary of the settlement of Santa Fe, New Mexico, by the Europeans, which is to take place at Santa Fe July 2. The celebration lasts 33 days and will embrace many novelties as may be expected.

Tickets for the band hop can be procured of Tom Hanna, Fred Crombie and at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. The band boys will also have them for sale, and when you see one of them looking for you, don't make a hasty retreat, but stand your ground, buy a ticket and help the boys, next Friday evening, May 18, the event takes place at National hall.

The Oakland County Advertiser lies before us, consisting of 10 pages of choice reading matter and paying adds. The enterprising publisher and editor, Mr. Fred Sleeum, now prints his paper from a two revolution Campbell steam power press, the total cost of the same being $2,600. We are glad to see such proof of Fred's success, as he richly deserves it.

Just come to the village on Wednesday May 16, and see the street parade by the Pontiac cornet band, led by Steve Tucker. This band is composed of 17 pieces, has a drum-major and plays very nicely, in fact wonderfully for so young a band and such a short time as they have played. The parade is free for all and you are invited to come and hear them. Joe says so, anyway.

The Autophone, a new mechanical musical instrument which executes choice music, sacred, sentimental and comic, was lately purchased through Whitehead & Mitchell by Miss Ada Spear. The instrument is easily managed, plays very nicely and anyone possessing one of these novelties can play all the popular airs of the day, immediately, just as well as to take music lessons for two or three years. To see one is to buy one.

Last Week Samuel I. Slade, with E. B. Warman of Detroit, attended "Julius Cæsar" at Cincinnati as presented by the great tragedian Lawrence Barrett, to get pointers for their parts in the play last night in Detroit. While en route for Cincinnati the train, running 50 miles per hour, ran off the track on account of an open switch. Sam describes the accident in a graphic manner and thanks his stars that he escaped without a scratch, although several persons were injured.

The house, on Pierce street, formerly owned and occupied by John Roach and family, has been slowly but surely improving in appearance ever since its purchase by R. Carlton, more than a year ago. The inside portion has been plastered, painted, papered and finished, and the outside has received a thorough painting, a wing has been added, a plain substantial fence put up in front and it is one of the most convenient and snug little houses in the village. It is offered for sale or to rent.

We have on exhibition at our store the photograph of two murderers who were hung on a railroad bridge at Hastings, Neb., by a gang of lynchers, who speedily but quietly took them from jail and finished their existence. Their names were given as Green and Ingraham. They robbed a man named Millett, and when he tried to escape they murdered him by shooting. The picture belongs to John N. Heth of Southfield, and was sent to him by Mr. Covert of Hastings, who is a nephew of John's and an eye witness of the fact.

Some years ago Henry W. Randall of Southfield struck a flowing well on his place which flowed so much that it was said to be undermining his house, so he stopped it up again and it has been in a state of peaceful inactivity until last week, when the spirit of enterprise which comprises a big part of Henry's make up prompted him to stir it up again, and he called in the services of Harve Carter. On Friday last the spring was again reached and a stream of water filling a 2-inch pipe and enough head to raise it 22 feet high burst forth. Mr. Randall would have opened up the well before this, but was prevented from doing so by the timidity of certain neighbors who seemed to entertain a general feeling of an inundation of the entire township. The subsequent real estate transfers have put the timid ones at a safe distance, and hence Mr. Randall's activity. When the water has become clear Mr. Randall intends running pipes to his house near by, and carrying the water to every room in the house.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—In Troy May 1st 1883, after a brief illness, Dora Goodall in her 23rd year.

Silent is our home, she is not there;
She needs no more your tender care,
Your watchful love.

The wasted form they laid away,
Was only the casket made of clay,
Dora has gone to realms of day,
She lives above.

Away from weakness, grief and pain,
Where comes no death, no sin, no stain,
Where all is peace.

No more of life and anxious fears,
No more watching and falling tears;
But life where angels count the years.
Oh! sweet release.

From Traverse City—A Safe Arrival!

To The Editors of The Eccentric.

Whether you think these few lines worthy of your columns or not, I am going to write anyway, as I have taken this way of letting my friends know of our journey and safe arrival at Traverse City:

Our first stop after leaving Birmingham was at Pontiac, to bid our friends farewell; we then boarded the train for East Saginaw where we had to lay over five hours for the train to St. Louis, Gratiot county, near where our daughter lives, and upon our arrival there we were met by our son-in-law, John L. Kingdon, with a hearty welcome. We then had to go four miles by team in the country, where they reside. We had the pleasure of riding the four miles in a good old-fashioned snow storm, but regardless of that we were happy. There we met with the offsprin of three generations: Daughters, grand-daughters and great-granddaughters who met us with a cheerful hand. We stopped there 10 days and enjoyed it very much, (which you all know who are acquainted with Mr. Kingdon, as he is always ready to make everything pleasant that he can.) We then boarded the train for Saginaw City where we met with another daughter, Mrs. John Wright; there we took ample time to rest and have a good visit, then we took the train for Reed City, where we changed for Walton's Junction; we arrived there at midnight and took lodgings for the night, and the next day at noon we started for Traverse City where, upon our arrival, we met our son Schuyler at the depot to receive us, when we were soon escorted to his home for refreshments and a good rest. Our son Elijah is also here and has a new house about finished. Schuyler and I are about to build one for myself. You can scarcely look in any direction but what you will see a new house. Traverse City is growing very rapid. They have commenced laying the foundation for the new asylum and everything seems to boom. We like it here very well and think of making it our home for the future. I would say that if any of my friends are coming this way don't forget where we live, for you will all be welcome.

As my letter is getting long I will close with our best wishes to all, and hope you will think this worthy of your valuable columns.

Most respectfully,
JOHN ADSLEY.

A large variety of trimmed school hats at 50 cents. Ladies' hats from 50 cents up. NO charge for trimming.

New spring hats, flowers, etc; also new styles in neckwear at Mrs. Furman's.

Warren.

Mrs. E. Davey has returned from Muskegon.

Married at Phillip Halsey's, by the Rev. Joseph Keltley of Disce, Mr. Joseph Parrott to Miss Mary Brewer of Wales.

The Rev. Mr. Dean and wife have returned from Howell.

Levi Wilson's boy is able to sit up.

Forest Davey commenced his term of school in the Sylvester district last Monday.

The Rev. Calvin Gibbs is visiting at E. Davey's.

Farmington.

Another little daughter at Eugene Edwards's.

Died at the resident of her son-in-law Mr. Isaac Covert, Mrs. Vaughn, the diseased was a resident of this place.

Died in this village April 23rd Mrs. Nelson. The funeral services were holden here in the Universalist's church. Her remains were taken to Pontiac for interment.

Last Tuesday the infant son of Will and Ida Cummings of Detroit, was brought to this place for interment and on Friday April 27th, Mrs. Cummings, nee Ida Sperry of this village, died aged 22 years. Her remains were brought to this place and laid by the side of her child. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church last sabbath.

The Whitney family gave a concert (or what we don't know what you would call it, her last week Saturday.

There is a young man in this town who thinks he is a regular "heart-smasher." Well, by George he is good looking.

William Kennedy is very sick with the quick consumption, and also Mr. O. Bosted the mail carrier.

A donation will be held here in the town hall May 11, for the benefit of the Baptist minister Mr. Bliss. All are invited to come.

House cleaning time has come again.

MACK.

CLAWSON.

The addition that Mr. Blair has been building is hardly large enough to hold Morris and that nine pound boy that came last week.

Mrs. David Williams a very estimable old lady, aged 81 and for fifty years a resident of Royal Oak, was buried on Sunday last. Rev. Knickerbocker officiating. Mrs. Williams was a wonderful smart old lady both physically and mentally, as there was no subject but what she could converse upon, and did her own house work more or less in the last five years.

The late rains have been a detriment to spring work in this community.

Fishing seems to be all the rage in Clawson. A party went from here last Friday night to Utica and made a haul of about three hundred we were informed.

Oliver Puckett is erecting a new house.

Bert Buell has came home from school and is going to farming.

Jessie Bowers, infant daughter of H. J. Bowers, has been quite sick with the whooping cough, but was better at last accounts.

We hear our one horse peddler had a sound thrashing and made to promise he would give up the kissing business. Sure, discretion is the better part of valor and it is as necessary for two to agree upon kissing, to have it work well, as it is one pair of stockings and a paper of blacking to make a trade.

INDEPENDENT.

Pontiac

The hop at Clinton hall last Wednesday evening for the benefit of the cornet band was a success. The boys realized about $60.

We stepped into the Beehive the other day and such a fine lot of goods we never saw before. John has been to New York, you know.

Miss Minnie Allis graduated from the Pontiac business college recently.

C. H. Hoffman and Arthur Blakeslee of Birmingham were in town one day last week.

George Parkins and Miss Mary Nice were married last week. George is a good fellow and Mary is a Nice girl anyway you can fix it, and we wish them a long and prosperous life, and may their troubles be "little ones."

C. F. Kimball of the Gazette has gone to New York for his health.

Gracious, but can't the bill Poster man eat ice cream!

Barney McBride of Detroit was in town last week.

They do say that Jimmy is engaged. Poor fellow!

Mr. Frank Jarred and Miss Carrie Badcock were married on April 25. "Here's hopin'."

Harry Bond is going to Canada to spend the summer. What will you do there for a telephone connection, eh, Bondy?

Russell Perkins of Clawson and "Jessee" James of Birmingham were in town last Thursday.

Jolly Josh Bird, of the firm of Bird & Hamlin, was 40 years old on Monday of last week, and celebrated the event with a party at his domicile.

A few of the young men who attended the band hop had a little too much "who will care for mama now." Oh, you supercilious fops!

JULIA CROW

Call and look over our new wall paper and bordering. We will not make you feel obliged to buy. Mrs. L. T. Furman.

SPRING —AND— SUMMER, 1883.

1870. THE BEE-HIVE, 1883.

PONTIAC, MICH.

NEAR THE COURT HOUSE.

Twenty-seventh Semi-annual Announcement.

To My Numerous Friends and Patrons and the General Public.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Having been closely connected with the dry goods business for thirteen years past (without intermission) in the premises I now occupy, (having enlarged the same twice during that time) prompts me to issue my semi-annual trade letter, as heretofore has been my custom without a break since I began business in 1870. I present herewith a few brief facts for your consideration: I believe in order to succeed one must be engaged in a business he feels interested in, a legitimate calling, and must be ready to give it years of close and unremitting attention. One should have no other "irons in the fire" nor "axes to grind" outside, thus calling him hourly away from his business. He should display good judgment in making purchases, and a prescient and far-seeing knowledge of values appertaining thereto. He should not at any season of the year unduly diminish his stock, so that when a customer comes from a distance he may be sure of always being enabled to place before him a first class selection. He should place no fictitious values on anything. His system of doing business, when proven to be good and right, hours of opening, closing, etc., should be rigidly and inflexibly adhered to. He should be an unceasing and unflinching advocate for the prosperity of his own city, and for the general welfare of the community in which he resides. I positively promise you that I will endeavor to comply consistently with the above.

Now a word or two with reference to our situation: This city is thriving and will soon be growing. With the increased railroad accommodations, we shall expect an increase in our population. The county business is all done here; our crops are likely to be reasonably good, and as a people we are enjoying a sound financial basis. I will not moralize further, theoretically, but come at once to business: The Beehive does not imitate old styles, but originates new ones. It will endeavor to be brief, expressive English, and but little of it. It will weave truth with trust by keeping good goods, and as near as possible wear-resisting fabrics. So far no financial disaster has ever beclouded our career. We feel quite sure, while we have health and strength, that none ever will. In consequence of this we are at the top of the ladder when buying goods. So many dealers in small places are so often failing and assigning that they cannot in consequence buy cheaply; hence are obliged to remain at home, buying in the state, and totally unable to visit the large jobbing and importing houses at the seaboard. Some of these, we are sorry to say, imitate every movement and copy every advertisement of their more successful rivals. I must, of course, say that the "Beehive" has no business connection whatever with any other business concern in Oakland county or elsewhere calling itself such, and that our one and only address is "NEAR THE COURT HOUSE, PONTIAC." All orders entrusted to us will be executed with taste, promptitude and at most moderate prices.

The Beehive is noted far and near for fair dealing, and its goods for their good quality, positive cheapness, variety and sterling value of all goods offered. We believe for the above our goods will bear the tests of comparison with any retail store in the United States. We invite our customers who reside out of town and cannot conveniently come, to send for samples and prices; by this means we shall endeavor to obtain your confidence and secure your custom when you come to town. We make it our aim to provide a class of goods that we can at all times recommend for durability.

Being constantly and regularly represented in the best markets, we frequently have opportunities for purchasing large quantities of goods very cheap for cash, and we offer these, often without advertising them, much below ordinary prices, and lots such as these are always worthy of attention. We have this season made special arrangements, anticipating a large increase in our spring trade, the goods for which are all now in, and we ask of you an early inspection of the same. We have much pleasure in advising you that many of the styles are much superior to those of some former seasons.

We do not hesitate to say that our stock is the largest in Oakland county, and the fashions and styles of some second to none offered to the good people of this city and county. With thanks for all past patronage, and soliciting the favor of an early call, I remain

Yours to command,
JOHN POUND,
PROPRIETOR BEEHIVE, Pontiac, Mich.

P. S.—You will not have to watch us to see if there is not something crooked in the goods sent out or the prices charged for them. Our hundreds of customers in all parts of the county know and can testify that our assertions have been strictly lived up to, to the letter, and are having their own reward. We assure you that the Beehive is an active living reality, and that its inmates are no drones.

J. P.

P. P. S.—Notes of all solvent Canadian banks and U. S. trade dollars taken at par for goods for the convenience of our customers.

Wildwood Valley.

The farmers rejoice over the recent warm rains.

William Parks has moved into Andrew Graham's house.

Edward Greer of Bloomfield visited at Will A. Parks' last Sunday.

Frank Stephen's little son is slowly recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Alex. Parks sold 20 head of steers last week at 6 cents per pound, averaging 1,265 pounds each. He has gone north this week after another carload.

Frank Pearsall has erected a new wind-mill.

MAYFLOWER.