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COME 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, 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 30, 1883. 3052

TAKEN UP BY THE UNDERSIGNED a subscriber on section 20 in the township of Troy, on Saturday, April 21, 1883, one cow described as follows: Color, red nose crumpled horns, about eight years old, white tail tip. 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. 3053

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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on your subscription—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 off at Langley 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 cloth liner, just in this week at Corson's.

The Pontiac cornet band in full dress, will play for the Railroy excursion.

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

Mr. D. Will Say, Detroit's favorite baritone, will sing at the Railroy excursion May 16.

Rurbank, Mammoth Pearl and Early Rose seed potatoes for sale by H. B. Daniels, Southfield.

The anvil chorus will be a grand feature at the Railroy excursion. For particulars see programmes.

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

Orion, Mich. at the depot where passengers are worth just $18.85—and could get a telephone to complete its happiness.

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

Mrs. Judah Moore of Troy, died last week Wednesday. She was one of the earliest Oakland county pioneers, aged 87 years.

Three new lumber wagons for sale cheap. Can be seen and particulars furnished by calling on Jody 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 is reduced in accordance with the reduction made by congress. Home Comfort 22 cents per pound at Whitehead & Mitchells.

Look at the hat, 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 Parsons 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 2,000 in the shape of a 120 boy. Great.

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

Table linen from 12 cents per yard to $1.25. Towelings in great variety at Corson's.

Rowley, Adams & Co. of Berlin were visited by Ethan Ladies last week who did a heap of purchasing and say the boys have a large store packed full with well assorted goods 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 I. E. Holmes' unique advt. Meanwhile Mr. Holmes pandeth along and reapeth his share of patronage of the great Pontiac 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. Watson and daughter, Mrs. Watson, of Pennsylvania are visiting relatives in town, and were joined by Mrs. Watson's husband on Monday. Mrs. Watson 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 Jasper 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 retenaded Saturday night by a bevy of fair maidens. Thanks, such sweet music from such sweet throats helps to poor heart broken editor to pass over the sale of tears with a 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 $48. 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" ten pounds sugar a blue jin or such. fifty pounds of kauphy, a sow of the nails. My wife has had a baby. Send a pound and two pads of a nice fancy tene."

Dance per hour at Union hall Thursday night. The boys are improving wonderfully and the way they can trip the "light fantastic" is a caution. Attend their benefit hop Friday night, May 18, and help them along to success. Admittance at the door.

Take Notice. The regular annual meeting of the Birmingham and Lost Make fishing tackle will be held at the store of L. S. Peabody, precedent, on Tuesday evening June 5. A full attendance is requested. Election of officers and other important business. J. M. Gilbert, Secretary.

On Monday last H. B. Randall and his brother Prince left for Detroit, where Horace has some investments in Detroit, and the village of Groton owning spring up on his possessions he intends putting his land and lots on the market very late. Verily the fortunes of our friend hath a boom.

The Eccentric office has a new dress. Printed from new type, with a change of form and has also come in for a share of new spring goods. His stock of carpets is immense and throughout the whole store the hands work of a master hand is apparent. Head clerk and general all round boss he stands high.

We have awoke to a realization fact and also that we must fill up. We want to complete our volume number 5, with the following numbers: Number 20 June 5, 1883; number 42, Feb. 1883; number 4, May 25, 1882. Any one having any of the above copies will confer a favor by sending to us and have the account squared.

Mrs. C. Hoy and daughters Blanche and Florence from McBride, have been relatives and friends in town for the past three or four weeks. Mrs. Hoy and Harris visited the carpet house of Adler & Kochbaum in Detroit and left a capital bargain in carpets and Whitehead & Mitchell 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. Baird's Amateurs. 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 231st anniversary of the settlement of Santa Fe, New Mexico, by the Franciscans, which is to take place at Santa Fe July 4, 1883. The invitation is always acceptable and brace many novelties as may be expected.

Tickets for the cornet hop and re pected of Tom Inanna, Fred Crombie and at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. The band boys will also have them for sale, and when you come to their rocking, or you don't make a body feel bad. Don't forget the hop to buy a ticket and help the boys. Friday evening, May 18, the place to get it. National hall.

The Oakland County Advertiser the before us consisting of 10 pages of choice reading matter and pictures. The enterprising publishers are Miller, Mr. Fred Slocum, is a printer by trade and has a fine location camp, and steam power press. The total cost of the same being $2,500. We are glad to see all in good of Fred Slocum, as he richly deserves it.

Just come to the office 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 keeps step to the right foot 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 Mrs. Walton & 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 execution. Their names were given as Green and Hartman. Hanging jobbed a man named McDett, 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 Mrs. Covert of Hastings, who is a relative of Heth's and says it will be valuable.

Some years ago Henry W. Randall of Southfield struck a flowing well on the place which dowed so much that it was said to be unexhaustible. But, as the sequel to the story will show, it has been in a state of peaceful inactivity until last week, when the spirit of enterprise which comprises a big part of Hart's make up prompted him to sink a pump and he called in the services of Thaver Carter. On boring into the spring was again reached and a stream of water filling a six 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 busy and now finding so by the liability of certain neighbors who seemingly covered a general watering and inundation of the entire town thinks the experiment real estate transfers have put the timid at rest. Mr. Randall will hereafter be known as the "Flowing Well" Randall.

OBITUARY.

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

Short is the race—the life is not there—
Short was the time ere death had claimed her;
Scarce had the bloom of youth begun to wear,
Ere the cold hand of death had touched her.

Tears wasted from the eyes had dried,
Was only the casket made of clay,
Here has gone to God's land of day
The spirit of the dead.

Away from worldly care and pain,
Where sorrow can no more attain,
Where all is peace.

No more of life and sickness 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's end, 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 visiting the four children in a good old-fashioned log cabin, but regardless of that we were happy. There we met with the reunion of three generations: Daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who met us with a cheerful hand. We stopped there 10 days and enjoyed it very much, which you all know if you are acquainted with Mr. Kingdon, as he is always apt 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 Kettley 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.

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 27 h, Mrs. Cummings, new 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 last week we don't know what you would call it, but 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. Bidwell of the well digger.

A monument will be placed 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 nice 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 Prickett 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 good thriving 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 tinde.

INDEPENDENT.

Pontiac

The hop at Clinton hall last Wednesday evening for the benifit 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 Allin 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.

Grace-lous, but can't the dill Foster 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 1883.

BEE-HIVE,

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 tastes 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 value 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 outline 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 candy business in 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 use brief, expressive English, and but little of it. It will weave truth with truth, thus adopting good goods, and as near as possible wear-resisting fabrics. So far no financial disaster has ever clouded 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 unable to call 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 east and abroad. 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 conern 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 house in the Kissing 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 cost, and you should look out for these are always worthy of attention. We have this season made special arrangements, including a large increase in our spring trade, the goods for which are all now in, and we ask if 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 are the same second to none offered to the good people of this city and county. With thanks for all past favors, and soliciting the favor of an early call, I remain

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

P. S.—You will not forget to watch us to see if there is not something crooked in the goods sent out or the prices charged for them? 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 swaying their own reward. We assure you that the Beehive is an active living reality, and also 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.