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At present Birmingham against the state on prices.

Our increase of trade on Tea and Coffee has compelled us to enlarge our stock and variety.

A Big Statement.

No place can you buy a better New Orleans or Porto Rico molasses for the money than at our store.

Please call for sample card of shades of paint manufactured by the

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White Lead Works,

We have but one Price on this paint.

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in bulk, white, 8 cts. a lb. We give away no Clocks, Watches or setts of dishes, but give down weight and goods worth the money.

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Birmingham, Mich.

Always in the Lead.

We Are Never Undersold.

We can save you at least 10 per cent on the average, and fully 20 per cent on many articles. New and fresh stock in all lines, and, lower prices this spring than ever before. Our assortment is the largest in the County.

New Dry Goods, New Cashimeres, New Ginghams, New Laces, Neckwear, Childrens Cloakings, Gloves, Silk Mittens, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Large line Wall Paper and Curtains, at prices to discount them all.

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Prices to wake you up.

Come and buy our Crackers. We can save you money on all your Groceries and Crockery. The largest line of Baskets and Wooden Ware in town. Clocks, Lamps and Mirrors.

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In bottles or bulk, at prices to suit your trade. Patent medicines, Corn Plasters, Asbestine, Paris White, Whiting, Glue, Brushes, etc., at prices to look them all.

Shelf and Heavy Hardware and Tinware.

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LOWEST PRICES.

Come and learn the prices we are making, and see our Store JAM FULL OF GOODS, which we are bound to sell at prices to make you happy. Remember that we always lead in low prices.

CORSON & SON.

Birmingham - - Mich.

F. BLAKESLEE. V. NIXIN.

DON'T BE HUMBUGED

By any so-called closing out sale, but go where you can get

BRAN NEW GOODS, LATEST STYLES AND PATTERNS

In every department. We do not advertise bargains in printers ink alone, but have the goods in stock. No odds and ends or shelf worn goods for us to sell or buy. Everything fresh, new and attractive.

OUR DRY GOODS

have been long, let with care, and desire to meet the wants of our intimate customers and our large increasing trade, and consists of a full line of

White Goods, Embroideries, Laces, Ribbons Etc.

We have an elegant line of Dress Goods, ranging in price from 15 cents to $1.00 per yard that cannot be excelled in style or fit. We are also daily receiving new novelties in spring goods. We also carry a fine line of

SILKS, PARASOLS, BUTTONS, CORSETS, GLOVES, NECKWEAR, HOSIERY, ETC. ETC.

HEADQUARTERS

for domestics of all kind, don't go to Detroit or Pontiac until you inspect our Stock and Prices.

Mens' Youths' and Boys CLOTHING at bottom figures, give us a call when in want of anything in that line.

BOOTS and SHOES, the best assortment in town. Mens' Kip Boots $1.75, $2, and $2.50 per pair. Mens' Calf Opera Boots $2.50, a bargain. Mens' Calf Alexis Shoes only $1.25, a bargain. Nobby assortment of Ladies Walking Shoes and Slippers 50c, 75c, $1, $1.25, $1.40, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.25.

OUR CROCKERY consists of White ware, English decorated and G K Lustre Band, all of which we will sell below Pontiac prices. Get your figures and then give us a call.

FRESH GROCERIES.

14 lbs. Granulated Sugar		$1 00	Mackerel 15 cents per doz.
16 " C "		1 00	12 lbs. Dried Apples $1 00
20 " C "		1 00	1 60 10 lb. cans Tomatoes 1 00
15 " New Prunes		1 00	8 3 lb cans Pie Peaches 1 00

We make our own price and wait for none. Our goods are bought to sell we do not wait for big profits, but desire to give our customers the benefit. Fresh Goods at small profits, as a "nimble six pence is better than a slow shilling." Don't wait to give us a call, while our stock is complete. Respectfully,

F. BLAKESLEE & CO.,

Birmingham, Mich.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FARM FOR SALE.—Situated in the township of Troy, Oakland county, Mich., and 8½ miles out lawn of Birmingham, consisting of 54 acres; 14 acres timber, the balance improved land, well fenced and underdrained and good water. 3 acres of fruit; apples, peaches and cherries. Good brick house, 18x30 with a wing 16x40. Good barn 30x60, horse barn 30x40 also a corn house 16x16, stone proof. These buildings are all built on gravel ridge, always dry and pleasantly situated. This farm is well adapted to all kinds of grain and can be had on reasonable terms. Call on or address, Nelson Burley, Troy, Mich. 43tf

WAGON MAKER WANTED. I want to rent the wagon shop on the east part of my blacksmith shop. To the right kind of a man, good terms will be offered. Call on or address Thos. Thurby, Birmingham, Mich. 43tf

FOR SALE.—A farm of 80 acres, good buildings, two orchards, ten acres of timber, rolling land same as north of Birmingham, price only $3,000. This farm is as good if not better, than any farm that can be bought near Birmingham, at from $4,00 to $5,000, and to any one who can be satisfied with a farm in Michigan, this is a bargain that may be found only once in a lifetime. Reason for selling, got a start on a sheep farm, come and see the farm or address, Robert Attwater, Wayne, Mich.

SEED CORN FOR SALE. A quantity of seed corn, one and two years old, of the best varieties. Call at my house, one mile north and 2 miles west of Birmingham.

SAMUEL LEACH.

W. H. CONNOR has for sale reasonable a few home eleven years old, and weighs about 1,000 pounds. SBtf

Sixty acres choice land for sale or exchange for small farm near Birmingham. For further particulars call on J. H. CORSON & SON.

WANTED by Mrs. Cyrus G. Jarvis all kinds of plain sewing, which will be finished in a very satisfactory manner. For prices and particulars call on Mrs. C. G. Jarvis, Lowes house, Pierce st., Birmingham, Mich. 5mt

SEED corn for sale. I have a few bushels of Pearl corn, yellow dent corn for sale, which I have tested, and think it will grow. Price two dollars a bushel. First come first served.

J. H. PEABODY.

FOR SALE CHEAP—1 No. 8 Cook stove, second hand. 1 No. 8 cook stove with reservoir and copper bottom, new. 1 three-spring one horse wagon. 1 new drop leaf ash table. Call at

CORSON & SON'S.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

New hats, bonnets, flowers, plumes, etc., at Mrs. Furman's. Also wall paper and bordering. tf

Call and look over my 25, 40 and 50 cent hats. Good bargains in hack and school hats. Mrs. Furman. tf

Don't fail to look over the goods on my five and ten cent counters. Good buttons five and ten cents. Mrs. Furman. tf

Call and look over my ten cent gloves and hosiery, also my calico and chambray. L. T. Furman. tf

A REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Mrs. Mary A. Dailey, of Tunkhannock, Pa., was afflicted for six years with Asthma and Bronchitis, during which time the best physicians could give no relief. Her life was despaired of, until in last October she procured a bottle of Dr King's New Discovery, when immediate relief was felt, and by continuing its use for a short time she was completely cured, gaining in flesh 50 lbs. in a few months. Free trial bottles of this certain cure of all throat and lung diseases at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Large bottles $1.00.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper, this will inform you when your subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Look at our dress straw hats, large line at Corson's.

Canton ginghams eight cents per yard at F. Blakeslee & Co's.

Birmingham was full to its utmost last Saturday evening.

New dress goods at ten cents, twenty-five cents and fifty cents at Corson's.

Adolph Wilde, wife and son Ray, visited friends in this vicinity the fore part of this week.

Mrs. L. A. Sherman and son Master William T., are the guests of T. A. Ward and family this week.

Miss Billie Walker visits her father this week at Fowlerville, and attends the wedding of her sister at that place, Wednesday, June 4.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends in general for their many deeds of kindness during our late illness. Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bell.

The new styles of summer hats from one of our fashionable millinery emporiums are redolent with cigar smoke. We could tell why if we dared.

Next Sabbath will be "Childrens day" at the M. E. church. The evening service will be given up to the children, and a very enjoyable time is anticipated.

Chas. Madge, P. M., (don't read post master, its patit master,) has received his road warrants, and is now ready to begin a savage war on the bad roads of his district.

A very handsome lamp shade ornamented by oil painting, the artistic efforts of Miss Sarah Neill, of Southfield, is the center of attraction at the post office, this week.

Miss Grace Hoffhauer acted as pianist at the late musical concert given by Mrs. Amelung in Abbtract hall, Detroit. She was frequently applauded by a large and respectable audience.

The special June term of the circuit court commences on the 16th. Among the names drawn to serve as jurors we notice John Cooper, Southfield, Oliver Davenport, Troy, John Bodine, Bloomfield, John E. Davis, Farmington.

The ladies will serve dinner for those working on Cemetery street at the hotel dining room, at 12 m. All are invited to bring or send lunch, and to assist in serving the dinner. Let us have a full turn out, a good dinner and plenty of people to get it.

Elsewhere Jay Simonson tells us of the prolific south, and by mail sends to the ECCENTRIC office a small box of fruit picked there at this season of the year. We have in it peaches, plums, grapes, and persimmons, and says everything is in a wonderful state of growth, as it appears to a northerner.

Decoration day was not observed publicly in our town—to our shame, be it said. In the evening a social gathering, under the auspices of the Ladies' Library association, was held at the house of Horace Randall, and about thirty were present. A pleasant time was had by those who attended, but the attendance was not as large as it should have been.

If our village fathers can buy a $200 road scraper with the people's money, and it is one of the best improvements ever made by the village, why can't they take about $20 more of the people's money and build a suitable shed to protect it from the weather, instead of leaving it exposed to the rays of the sun and the debilitating effects of the weather in general.

The Detroit Evening Journal is feeling good in its new quarters and is actually bubbling over with hospitality towards its brethren of the state press. It says, speaking of the editors of the Congress street, and Brezeze thinks he has struck the sunny side of life with his new Scott press and an exceptionally bright edition of 30,000 copies on Saturday last.

Ceiling decorations seem to take this season very well. Perhaps no other homes in Birmingham are more finely ornamented in this respect than the dwellings of Mr. A. C. Ellis and T. A. Ward. Both are handsomely furnished in gilt paper, the finest patterns, and covered walls and ceilings in every room in the house, making a very cosy comfortable and elegant interior.

A dancing party gotten up on the evening of Decoration day is about as appropriate a thing to do as one would be to celebrate the death of a dear friend, or some religious anniversary, and the fact that the one gotten up by private parties in our town last week, Friday evening, proved a failure, shows good judgment in the minds of the dancing part of our community, does it not?

The board of fish commissioners are anxious to get as full information as possible in regard to the success of their efforts in stocking the lakes and streams of this state with food fish. Therefore, they ask the co-operation of all persons interested in the matter, to furnish them, a report as full as possible of the present condition of the lakes and streams throughout the state. Any information in regard thereto will be thankfully received by the board. Address all communications to A. J. Kellogg, 1 Larned street, west.

Large line of crockery direct from the pottery this week at Corson's.

A Southfield boy has gone to somewhere near Davisburg chestnutting, rather early in the season we think.

Regular communication of Birmingham lodge No. 44 F. & A. M., this Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Full attendance requested.

Burglars visited the residence of G. W. Pattison on the plank road last Tuesday night, and relieved Cassius M. Toms of about $11 in good money, and from Mr. Pattison they took $11 in wild cat money. No trace of the rascals.

Mr. Spears' new large and commodious barn was duly christened last week. Friday evening, by a dance of a jolly crowd of young people. Messrs. Perkins and Spicer, violinists, furnished the musical share and everybody enjoyed themselves very much, of course.

The latest and best out yet in the shape of pleasure excursions, comes from the old and reliable D. G. H. & M. R. R. which offers excursions by six different routes, at popular prices from any station along its line, via. Detroit, Grand Rapids, Petosky, Mackinac City, Milwaukee to Mackinac Island, positively the cheapest and finest summer routes yet given by rail and water. For particulars address T. Tandy, general passenger agent.

David and Ellen Cantrell will sell at public auction on the premises one and a half miles east of Big Beaver, Wednesday, June 11, at 10 o'clock a. m., span of Percheron colts, one two year old colt, brood mare, two cows, two yearlings, two shotes, two buggies, harnesses, cutters, wheat, corn, oats, plows, drags, etc., household furniture, six acres oats on ground, six acres corn, fifteen acres grass, eight acres wheat and sixty cords stove wood.

A special meeting of Birmingham Long Lake Fishing club, will be held at the store of L. B. Peabody, on Monday evening, June 9, 1884, upon important business. First, to consider the kind and quantity of young fish to plant in our lakes, second, to vote upon the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, third, upon reorganizing under the new state law, fourth, correspondence with the state fish commissioner. L. B. Peabody, president, J. Allen Bigelow, secretary.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the post office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending May 31, 1884:

Brownlow, Miss Ida.
Reinhart, Mr. John A.
Schofield, Mr. Abram
Stalls, Andy.

Persons calling for any of the above named letters will please say "advertised."

ALMERON WHITEHEAD, P. M.

SUNNY SOUTH.

CYPRESS GROVE, MISS., May 20.—I send you by to-day's mail a sample of our fruits at this date. It is my mind that the south cannot be beaten as a fruit producing country. They can grow everything you can think of. The main part of this section of the south is swamp land, but there is as much hilly land here as any where in the state, and land is open to emigration. Good land can be purchased as cheap here as in the west.

J. F. SIMONSON.

DITCH CONTRACT NOTICES.

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of June A. D. 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the house of Adna Dunbar, on section 17, Southfield, I will be present for the purpose of letting contracts to the lowest bidder for the construction of a drain in the said township, commencing at a point on section line about 60 rods east of the angling road between sections 7 and 8, 17 and 18 of Southfield, thence south on land owned by Lemuel White and David Burke, all in township of Southfield, Oakland county, Michigan, and at that time I will let contracts for the construction of said drain by portions to the lowest responsible bidder. I will at the time of letting of such contracts, be present to review all assessments of benefits upon the lands which said drain is to benefit, also letting contract for putting in a culvert on section line between sections 7 and 17.

GEORGE SHERMAN.
Township Drain Commissioner
in and for the Township of
Southfield, County of Oakland.

Dated at Southfield this 28th day of May 1884.

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of June A. D. 1884, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the angling road school house, on section 17, I will be present for the purpose of letting contracts to the lowest bidder for the construction of a drain in said township, commencing at a point 3 chains north and 8 and 20-100 chains east of the northwest corner of section number 8, thence south on land owned by David Beebe, Peter VanEvery, Delos Short and Alexander Brown, all in township of Southfield, Oakland county, Mich. And at that time I will let contracts for the construction of said drain by portions to the lowest responsible bidder. I will at the time of letting of such contracts be present to review all assessments of benefits upon the lands which said drain is to benefit, also letting contract for putting in a culvert on section line between sections 8 and 17.

GEORGE SHERMAN.
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MARRIED.

PEARSALL—VINING.—In Ypsilanti, on the 1st inst., by Rev. I. N. Elwood, Mr. Claude H. Pearsall, of Louisville, Ky., formerly of Oakland county, Mich. and Miss May Vining, of Ypsilanti.

SCHOOL REPORT.

For the month ending May 30. First primary, enrollment 75. Second primary, 55. Intermediate, 44. Grammar, 33. High School 22. Total 227. Tardiness, 1st primary 13, 2d primary 9, intermediate 27, grammar 31, (sixteen were made by Maria Wilson), high school 12. Total 92.

The following have been model pupils, by being present every dayland taking over 80 per cent in their studies. First primary, Miss Agnes Parks teacher. May Thurlby, Johnie Merrill, Bertie Kandall, Della Snow, Florence Peabody, Mary Reynolds, Gracie Bruce, Jimmie Cobb, Sarah Ennis, Bertha Bartlett, Charlie Frederick, Charlie Toms, Fred Hoffman, Fred Irving, Fred Graving, Minnie Brown, Gertie Hagerman, Jessie King, Nellie Fall, Henry Burns, Tommy Thurlby, Linda Graving, Eddie Parks, Curtis White, Tommy Cobbs, Willie Blamberg, Bertha Parks, Willie Ennis, Audley Wilson, Myrtle Randall, Ray Hamlin, Lottie Lamb, Aggie Graving, Clauly Hanna, Ethel Bruce, Lottie Beals, Jennie Beals, Maggie Freeman, Jennie Leach. Second primary, Miss Ella Hickey teacher, Genie Smith, Frankie Brooks, Emma Parks, Edgar Parks, Fred Shadbolt, Ollie Fuller, Elmer Perry, Allie Adams, Lawrence Ward, Jennie Toms, John Irving, Nannie Carter, Anna Cooper, Eddie Benedict, Bertie Blakeslee, Minnie Hunt, Earnest Batzlaff, Lizzie Hanna, Stella Ward, Annie Adams, Mabel Jarvis, Anna Lambert, Jessie Bagley, Johnie Beals, Cora Negus, Fred Reynolds, Freddie Quarton, Albert Quarton, Hattie Leach, Anna Rose, Ella Berry. Intermediate, Miss Maggie Brown teacher. Jennie Manser, Edith Hamlin, Tommy Cooper, Maggie Hanna, Grace Kneeland, Polly Parks, Alice King, Emma Golden, Zada Hurlburt, Bertie Brown, Myrtle Bird, Emma Toms, Bessie Merrill, Emma King. Grammar, Miss Flora Jenks teacher. Ellen Cooper, Ezra Matthewson, Daisy Sibley. High school, Belle G. Campbell, principal, R. T. Campbell, assistant. Mary Cooper, May Eldred, Etta Scott, Hattie Simpson

AN ADDRESS

Delivered before the State Pioneer Society by Hon. O. Poppleton at Lansing June 5. A partial history of Oakland county.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE STATE PIONEER SOCIETY: Some months since I gave encouragement that I would prepare a paper on the early history of Oakland county, for the annual meeting of the State Pioneer Society, to be held here in June. At that time I did not realize the difficulty in obtaining the necessary data for such a paper, or I should have hesitated in giving such encouragement.

In my researches for early historical facts, which would be of interest to this society and meeting, prior to the first surveys and settlement of the county by the whites, I have been able to find but little which is authenticated by French or English writers, but more of the traditionary and theoretical.

When the whites first explored and settled in the county we find evidences of a prior occupation, semi-civilization and tillage of the soil by unknown agriculturists of a very remote period.

Many rude agricultural implements have been found in the tillage of the soil and in excavations, thus definitely demonstrating that the county had once been occupied by a people who subsisted wholly or in part by the tilling of the earth.

In many locations in the county it was an uncommon occurrence for the early settlers to find large areas which had been tilled in hoed crops, as was evident from the regular and well defined hills and rows upon which were growing the largest oaks of the forest, and which by actual count and computation of the yearly growth, must have been long prior to the discovery of this continent by Columbus. The Indian traditions were that corn, beans, and other crops were grown upon these lands, and that they had sustained a numerous population.

Stone, axes, hammers, knives, mortars and pestles, flint arrow-heads, pottery, etc., together with copper utensils and ornaments have frequently been found during and since the early settlement of the county by the whites.

At what period those people occupied the county it is difficult even to approximate a date. Yet from the modified barbarism which is indicated by works left by a pre-historic race, there can be no other conclusion than that this county has been occupied by a race long since extinct, who were undoubtedly connected with the early civilization of Europe.

In the early explorations of the Great Lakes by the French commencing in 1534-5 they found the descendents of the Algonquin tribes of Indians occupying the country to the north and west of Detroit, with whom they held social and commercial intercourse, yet but little of the French and early Indian history has been preserved. It is known that the fur traders made their annual visits to this region through the rivers Huron, Raisin and Clinton for the purpose of bartering with the Indians for furs and skins.

One Micheau, a Frenchman and Indian trader, who died about the time of the early settlement of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, at the advanced age of 115 or 116 years, relates that one of the traditions of the tribes was that a great and sanguinary battle occurred between the Foxes and Chippewas upon the plains northwest and adjoining the village of Birmingham, now known as the Willett, Dr. Swan and Capt. Blake farms on sections 24 and 25.

Their principal village was located near the present site of the cemetery and formed the nucleus from which they sallied forth upon their hunting, fishing and warlike expeditions, returning with varied success, as game, skins, and scalps of their hated foe, the Foxes. Between these tribes there had existed a deadly feud for many moons, until it culminated in an attack by the Foxes upon the village of the Chipewas. How many were engaged in that conflict tradition has failed to enlighten us. That there were many braves engaged on each side is evident from the numbers of dead bodies said to have been found in the track of the retreating Chippewas, and on the battle field. The Chippewas were defeated after a desperate struggle, and their village destroyed. They retreated along the trail toward what is now the city of Detroit, closely pursued by their foes. Seven hundred dead bodies were said to have been found along the line of retreat, while on the battle field they were too numerous to count. The pride and strength of this once powerful tribe was humbled, and thereafter they began to decline in influence and numbers.

There is one other notable Indian tradition of an event which occurred in the county that of a hostile meeting between the Great Chief Pontiac and another tribe which occurred under and around a large white oak tree, in the township of Royal Oak, on section 16, from which the township derived its name. At the time I first saw it in 1825, it bore many marks of the tomahawk, arrows and bullets, but at what date or what tribe was opposed to him I have never been able to learn.

Orchard Lake, situated in the township of West Bloomfield, was one of the homes of Pontiac, and was so called for the reason that on an island in the lake, containing about 38 acres, there was when first known by the whites, an apple orchard containing trees of large growth, and from which my friend Hon. B. O. Williams tells us he borrowed many trees for planting at Silver Lake. Orchard Lake was said to be a favorite resort of the Great Chief. It and the numerous other lakes, rivers and streams supplied these redskins with an ample stock of fish and water fowl, while the forests and plains were well stocked with wild game. During the siege of Detroit by Pontiac, from May 1763 to August 1764—fifteen months—this chieftain drew many of his supplies from this locality. When Col. Rogers, a Provincial officer of the colonies, under orders of his Brittanic Majesty, proceeded to take possession of the chain of forts on the Great Lakes and there, surrendered by France at the close of the French and English war, in 1760, arrived near the mouth of the Detroit river, Pontiac being aware of his coming, had gathered together his warriors from this region and stood sullenly in his path and demanded to know why he had dared to enter his country without his permission.

From the date of Pontiac's abandoning the siege of Detroit, in 1764, to the time of taking the survey of this county, by the Surveyor General in 1815, I find in my researches but little of authoritative historical interest. But in my investigations of the early surveys in the state and county I find it replete with interest.

(To be continued.)

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

OCEANA CO.

Mr. A. A. Rust, postmaster, who has been absent for about three weeks attending conference in Baltimore, is expected home shortly. He reports everything in fine condition down south.

Mrs. A. C. Irish is convalescent again, also Mrs. Levi Greer, who has been very sick.

Mrs. Rockwell is low, but improving slowly.

Will Thompson still keeps busy making brooms.

Dan Johnston and Bert Richardson paid us a flying visit last Monday night. The boys report everything booming in Birmingham.

Dick Cummings is busy at present doing some very fine work for Mrs. J. C. Dakes.

The frost cut everything in the vegetable line down on Wednesday night, of last week.

COUNTY LINE.

Mrs. Orcutt and daughter from Lapeer are visiting relatives and friends in our vicinity.

Ben Boughton who lately left our neighborhood and moved up near Flint, had about all his household goods stored in an old log house which caught fire and consumed all his goods.

Mrs. Hugh Conn and Mrs. May Chapman, from Boone, Iowa, are visiting their numerous friends and relatives in our vicinity.

Abraham Wager, Esq., has moved from Utica into Bob Hawthorns tenant house.

Charley Gamble successfully raised Sam. Martin's barn Saturday last. Sam. has a lot of good neighbors who are willing and able to help Charley put up the frame without a pike pole. A new wrinkle in raising a frame 30x41-18 feet posts.

A good many attended the funeral from the County Line and vicinity, of a daughter of Arthur Cromie, near Utica.

Professor Hatch has been operating around our neighborhood a good deal lately.

We hear the doctors have given up Henry Clement's wife.

Charley Gamble commences the Bonas district school house this week.

Can't you put in less Corson among your locals? PAT.

Corson pays ten cents a line for locals, want some, Pat?—EDS.

TOWN LINE.

Latest reports say only one boy, Harvey Jennings, has been found guilty of setting fire to the buildings in Auburn.

Sunday May 25th, the Town Liners met at the school house for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath school, about thirty were in attendance, and the following officers were appointed: Mrs. Elliott, superintendent, A. C. Kelly, assistant and chorister, Fannie Wordin, secretary, and Miases Shag, treasurer.

The following are the names of pupils in fractional district No. 10 of Avon, Troy, Bloomfield, and Pontiac, whose standing for the quarter ending May 16, was one hundred: Gertie Beach, Susie Bloomburg, Nannie Hodgden, Harry Featherstone, May Forbush, Josie Chene, and Elmer Scott. Julia Hughes, teacher.

A good time is reported to have been had at the barn dance at Spears' Friday night, not a very large crowd, but all that was out that night was hear. Too bad Birmingham.

Say—pull down the blinds when you try on your new—what is it?

The frost did quite a little damage to grape vines and garden stuff in some places, in others none at all.

MY PENCIL.

BIG BEAVER.

How we are! We have only been waiting, like Micawber, for "something to turn up," but as you are evidently becoming impatient we will delay no longer but try and turn up something.

The severe frost of last week did considerable damage to crops and fruit.

Fred Lamb had the misfortune, not long since, to have one of his fingers cut off while cutting staves. One cannot be too careful when working with edged tools.

Almeron Gibbs has gone to visit his daughter at North Branch.

The lectures delivered at red ribbon hall, by Mr. Willey, of Wisconsin, were instructive and edifying

Mr. Sober of Ypsilanti has settled in our midst, and opened a grocery store in the building formerly occupied by Chas. Flinn.

BLOOMFIELD CENTER.

Did you go to 4-Paws show?

Mrs. John Mells, who has been quite sick, is better.

Miss Lucy Allin is home again.

Mr. Trowbridge has been building an addition to his house.

The frost last week made the corn that was up look sick.

Miss May Sherman is teaching our young hopefuls this summer.

B. C. Gillespie has gone to Illinois to learn the carpenter trade.

G. K. Opdyke is quite sick.

Miss Adelia Benjamin is visiting relatives in the state of New York.

JIM & WIFE.

PONTIAC.

Mr. Editors, please excuse our negligence.

Will Elliott has gone to Sault St. Marie to sling type.

Hez Kittle has returned to Pontiac to live.

Charley Hoffman of Birmingham, was in town last Thursday.

The Smith murder case will be resumed June 11.

Master P. O. Grady, one of the champion boy roller skaters of Michigan, gave an exhibition of fancy skating at the rink last Friday evening.

Captain William Albertson and wife have returned from California, where they have been to spend the winter.

Manager Pittman closed the rink for the season last Friday evening.

Miss Carrie Blakeslee, one of Birmingham's dearest blondes, was in town on Saturday.

Decoration day was observed in this city by the G. A. R.

Lou. Benson, of Rochester, was in town last week.

There was a skating contest at the rink Saturday evening, for the championship of Michigan, between Master P. O. Grady, of Ann Arbor, and Master Winegar, which was won by the latter.

JULIA CROW.

ROYAL OAK.

Census enumerator, Reuben Russel.

Joshua Axtelle has traded his farm for Detroit property.

J. A. Brown and family have moved to Detroit.

Miss Sarah Lindermin of South Toledo, visited friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kenny will soon move into their new residence.

M. S. Marshall recently received a $500 present—a daughter.

Chas. VanValkenburg is putting up a cozy little cottage on his farm.

Two of our young men have secured good situations in Detroit, Clark Fay at McLennan & Co's. dry goods store and George Hickey at C. R. Mabley's.

We do not believe the malicious story being circulated, that a Southfield girl gave her Royal Oak beau the mitten because his was so low legged she could not sit on his lap.

DORZ.

The Advance of Photography.

A Cleveland inventor, named Fell, has perfected an invention by which a photograph can be taken on any substance which has a smooth surface and the expense need not be over a cent a picture. This would advance the lithographic art wonderfully, as there need no longer be any transfer by hand, which is clumsy and tedious, for now the picture can be taken stones on the stone, from which duplicates can be multiplied indefinitely. The inventor thinks this new process is as wonderful, and will be as useful in its way as the discovery of the electric light or the telephone.—*Democrat's.*