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DETROIT, G'D HAVEN & MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning express	7.35 a. m.
Mail	11.20 a. m.
Steamboat express	5.20 p. m.
Night express	11.20 p. m.

GOING EAST.

Night Express	4.30 a. m.
Holly express	7.10 a. m.
Steamboat express	10.55 a. m.
Mail	4.00 p. m.
Evening express	8.55 p. m.
Evening Express	9.00 p. m.

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GOOD GOODS!

We are trying to establish a trade on the merits of our goods. We are constantly improving on our stock and endeavoring to handle only the best and that at lowest possible prices.

Remember our drug trade is our best effort. We can be found night and day—always at the wheel.

ASHTON SALT

Matches fearful cheap. French Villa soap—(look out for the piano.)

Sugar, starch and all kind of groceries at bottom figures.

Our roasted coffee can be had twice of the same quality. We hang to the best brand.

We have added to our list a very choice line of French cream candies which we will sell at 30 cents a pound. Give us a call.

F. B. RAYNALE & Co.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Our new crop of 50 cent Japan Tea has arrived and the quality is unusually fine.

As an inducement for you to try it we will give with each pound sold on Saturday next, a beautiful card sold at retail at from 10 to 15 cents. We cannot afford to continue this, as the expense is too great, but do so simply to get you to try our fine qualities of teas, believing that the goods will secure for us your future trade We will also extend this offer to all purchasers of 50 cents worth of our pure and

Fresh Roasted Coffees.

We have the only Coffee Roaster in town, and our Coffees are always the freshest and best.

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Elegant Colored Glass-Ware, Mirrors, beautiful Oil Paintings, a large variety of Baskets, Book Racks, Brackets and other Fancy Wooden Articles suitable for Presents, and a large line of other Goods just in from Chicago.

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In order to make room for our Fall Stock we will sell

Men's Plow Shoes at $1 former price $1 40

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OUR ENTIRE LINE OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS AND WALKING SHOES AT A REDUCTION.

INSPECT OUR BOOT AND SHOE STOCK BEFORE YOU BUY.

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We have the best selection of Dry Goods in town and can save you money.

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always on hand and prices the lowest in town. Call and inspect our stock, as we shall make very low prices for the next 60 days. We MUST have the room for our Fall Stock.

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Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE. The McLaughlin homestead lots on Pierce street, are left in the hands of A. Partridge for sale. They will be sold separately or together. Apply to Mr. Partridge for particulars. 11

WANTED.—A good girl for general house work. Wages $2 per week. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—A thoroughbred registered Hates shorthorn bull 2 years old. Will sell or exchange for sheep or young cattle. Call on or address John McGoldrick, Royal Oak, Mich. 18pd3w

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These pills have been prepared and used by the doctor in his extensive practice for more than quarter of a century Compounded from simple roots and plants, they have this advantage over all others, that NO HARM CAN POSITIVELY RESULT FROM THEIR USE. Their action on the liver and Kidneys is thorough, thus cleansing the system of impurities, with none of the injurous effects of powerful and dangerous minerals. They will positively cure

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They are a vegetable Tonic Purgative, absolutely harmless under all circumstances, never injuring the weakest female for this youngest child. They may be used as a Mild Laxative, and by increasing the dose they will act as a brisk cathetic, making them the best Family Medicine in the world. For sale by Druggists.

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SPEC AL NOTICES.

Mrs. Furman sells newspapers and magazines and would like to increase her subscription list; also sells Seaside and Franklin Square publications.

Trimmed hats and bonnets at greatly reduced prices at Mrs. Furman's.

Ice cream Saturday afternoons and evenings at Mrs. Furman's.

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.

Band at the rink Saturday night.

Mrs. Jerome Aldrich, of Big Beaver, is sick with erysipelas.

D. M. Johnston's dental office will be closed for ten or fifteen days.

Beauties in lace remnants just received at J. R. Corson jr., & Co's.

Mrs. A. J. Bigelow of East Saginaw was in town last week visiting her many friends.

A good scrub brush 10 cents, a good whisk broom 8 cents, at J. R. Corson jr., & Co's.

L. Corey of Stanton last week sold one-half section of pine land for the neat sum of $65,000.

Theodore T. Robinson of Chicago is visiting relatives at Mrs. O. L. Robinson's on the town line.

Our band boys wish to tender their thanks to Vet Robbins of Big Beaver for his generosity the night of the band hop.

Now is your time to buy furniture at Farmington for Kynast brothers are selling it at closing out prices for a short time.

A man named Ed. Brookville dropped dead at Wm. Razor's last week while threshing. His disease was dropsy of the heart.

The Rev. Mr. Hedger, M. E. minister who preached in this village some 23 years ago, was the guest of J. H. Alger last week.

Mrs. John Measles, of Troy, is dangerously ill. She is attended by Dr Woodruff and hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Married: At the residence of the minister Rev. S. V. McKee, Sunday evening last, Chas. O.Brien to Miss Carrie E. Haines.

According to County Clerk Fay's report there were 357 deaths, 570 births and 285 marriages in Oakland county during the past year.

Try a pound of our choice new tea or 50 cents worth of fresh coffee and get a beautiful card *free*, next Saturday, at J. R. Corson jr., & Co's.

Little beauties of flower baskets, children's beads, small velvet frames, vases and colored glass ware just received at J. R. Corson jr., & Co's.

Miss Annie Thompson of Southfield returned from a visit at Lexington, Sanilac county, last week, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Robert Stewart.

"Divine Conqueror of Bozra" will be the subject of the discourse at the Advent church, Sabbath evening. The services will be conducted by J. A. Sherrard.

Wilborn Harris says he'll never ride Slade's mustang again so long as he and the mustang both shall live, unless Slade has a Westinghouse air-brake put on the animal.

The Misses Ann Hagerman and Belle Smith started last Tuesday for an eastern tour through New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They will be absent about six weeks.

Wm. A. Parks and wife visited Mrs. Parks' parents at Novesta recently. They returned last week and report having had a most enjoyable visit. They found the old people well and happy.

Phil Durkee is happy over the arrival of a bran new little girl at his house on Sunday evening last.

Decorated lamp chimneys, hand baskets, mirrors and hand-bags just in at J. R. Corson jr., & Co's.

Miss Flora Wilber of East Jordan, Mich., is visiting old acquaintances and relatives in this place and vicinity.

Miss Rosa Allen and sister Sarah returned from a visit to their brother Frank at Sand Beach, on Saturday last.

The cottage on the corner of Chester and Willett streets can be bought for just what it is worth. Call at this office.

The new house of "ye junior" on Saginaw street is undergoing a siege of papering, plastering, painting and carpentering and in about four weeks, perhaps, he'll take up his residence in the new quarters.

Messrs Cannon and Bassett have been for over two weeks making important repairs at Fredericks & Willes's mill. When completed these millers will be in shape to furnish the very best roller buckwheat ever made.

The club to which the newly made benedict, D. M. Johnston belonged before his wedding, presented to their departed comrade as a mark of their esteem, a beautiful silver berry dish with sauce dishes. A very beautiful gift.

Recently Johnathan Todd fell from a wagon striking head foremost, slightly fracturing the neck bone and affecting his spine. He lies very low at the present writing and his injuries are such that they will ultimately cause his death.

Owing to being too smart and saucy, Fred White, who has lived with John Cantrel of Cold Rain, for six years, has taken his departure never to return. It is alleged that he has spoken untruthfully about Mrs. Cantrel, who is a good moral woman.

The new issue of postal cards commenced on September 1, and the manufacture is being pushed with all possible speed. The design of the new cards is more ornamental than the old ones, the color is lighter and the material seems to be better for writing upon.

A new time table went into effect on the D., G. H. & M. railroad September 6, and the changes for Birmingham are the evening train east five minutes later, and night express east at 4.30 a. m. instead of 10.55, making close connections for the east over the Great Western.

Since the M. E. conference at the skating rink in Pontiac, they call it "the tabernacle." Next winter you will see small bills around town with displayed type announcing "great skating race and Big Thing on Wheels at the Pontiac Tabernacle." It's all right but how it looks!

The bicycle races at Pontiac turned out well for Birmingham. The $20 prize gold medal, was won by Goodman, who also took the cake in the slow race. Sam Slade took the gold medal in the green race, while Mortie Bigelow got a suit of clothes for winning the boys' race.

Undoubtedly many a bustle goes bobbing about our streets, the material of which they are composed being Holly Advertisers for which the subscription has never been paid. We have a private mark whereby we are enabled to detect all such bustles.—[Holly Advertiser. Oh, Jim! And you a single man, too. Ah me! So young and fair—and frail.

Persons who are troubled with deafness are invited to call at Whitehead & Mitchell's and examine a new invention, by which the deaf are enabled to hear distinctly. It is a very simple appliance and can be carried in the pocket. No matter how deaf you are, it is well worthy the trial. Parties whose hearing is almost entirely destroyed, are enabled to hear a conversation carried on in an ordinary tone.

Birmingham Eccentric: "Married, at the M. E. parsonage, by the Rev. G. W. Lowe, Sunday, September 6, 1885, Fred A. Osmun to Miss May E. Dodge, all of Pontiac." It is unnecessary to say that there is blood in the air. The kids to the above marriage are respectively 17 and 15 years of age, just in the early foliage of youthful nonsense. But the deed is consumated, and we hope they may develope into sensible manhood and womanhood.—[Pontiac Gazette.

Richard Cox, the Birmingham blacksmith, is not usually very nervous, but the drive through the rain from Birmingham to Pontiac Wednesday evening was probably the cause of his absentmindedness. He was married on that evening by Rev. W. R. Seaver, to Miss Rose Kimmins, of this city, giving his name as Richard "Fox," and the residence of both at Birmingham. However, Richard is himself again, and attending to business. The young couple have the best wishes of all who know them.—[Pontiac Democrat.

Married: At the residence of the bride, on Tuesday afternoon, September 15, 1885, by the Rev. J. Sherrard, Daniel M. Johnston to Miss Georgia Blakeslee. The friends of the groom presented the young couple with an elegant combination fruit dish and other valuable presents were not wanting. A limited number of personal friends and relatives were present and the happy couple took the afternoon train east for an extended tour in Canada and the east. We join with their many friends in wishing them all happiness in their new departure.

Geo. H. Mitchell and wife attended the services of the M. E. conference at Pontiac last Sunday, being kindly entertained at the home of Mr. B. F. Ellwood of that place. In the morning at the Presbyterian church the Rev. Dr. Ramsey of Detroit, held a very large congregation spell-bound by his powerful reasoning and eloquence. His sermon was pronounced by all who heard him as something better than is commonly listened to. In the afternoon Bishop Warren preached a sermon to about 1,800 at the Pontiac rink that was said by all who could get within hearing, to be a fine effort.

Friday afternoon was a lively one on Brown street. The prize was an organ and the principal contestants were Deputy Sheriff Beattie and George Shadlolt vs. Mrs. Stephen Cochell. In default of rent the organ was levied upon by George and a lively time ensued. George was nearly knocked out in the first round, but recovering himself, he sent his feminine opponent to grass in the two following. The game was decided in favor of George by a score of 2 to 1. A number of spectators were present, but of course at a respectable distance from the bald-headed end of that broom. George has since been sued in the circuit court for the valuation of the organ and the case is called to-day (Thursday).

Notice to Debtors.

All accounts due the firm of Converse & Parks must be settled within twenty days from date, or the amounts will be left with John Bodine for collection.

CONVERSE & PARKS.

BIRMINGHAM, Sept. 10, 1885.

Farm For Sale at Auction.

I will sell on the premises, 4½ miles south of Pontiac and 3½ miles northwest of Birmingham, on Wednesday, October 7, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m., the place known as the Vaughan farm, with all its outfit, barns, outbuildings, etc. Good house and barns, 15 acres of hardwood timber. Everything in good order; possession given November 1. Clark Vaughan, proprietor. J. P. Foster, auctioneer. Terms made known on day of sale.

Detroit Bread 6c per loaf at Mrs. Furman's.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Susie Hawley, (nee Susie McLaughlin) died at Adrian, Tuesday, August 25, 1885.

Mrs. Hawley was born at Brighton, Mich., Aug. 30, 1861. A year after her parents removed to Birmingham, where they resided until they removed to Pennsylvania; there her mother died when she was about six years old, her father dying shortly after. Susie had her home with her grandparents in Birmingham for a number of years. For some years past she has lived chiefly in Detroit where a sister, Mrs. Durand, and two brothers, R. J. and J. R. McLaughlin, had their homes. Thus the family circle was made complete, the two brothers and two sisters being close to one another. On the 28th of last May Miss McLaughlin was married to Mr. F. R. Hawley of Adrian, Mich., all who looked upon her on her bridal day, as she stood in all her lovliness and took upon herself the marriage vow, anticipated as they wished for her, years of life and happiness.

She went to Adrian a happy, hopeful bride to enter upon her home life. A few weeks after she was called to the bedside of the dear old grandmother, who had been as a mother to her, to receive her dying blessing. The dear old lady come from her home in Birmingham to see Susie married, and in a few weeks she passed away to join the loved ones "gone before," Mrs. Hawley returned home after her grandmother's funeral, and was soon taken sick with typhoid fever. Under skillful treatment however of Dr. Stephenson, she seemed to be getting safely through the disease and to be recovering, until Tuesday, August 25, when hemorrhage of the bowels set in, and it soon became apparent that her life was near an end. The end came quickly; and calmly, peacefully she passed away into a brighter, better home than that sweet, pleasant, happy one she had in Adrian, leaving a young husband almost broken hearted, and a sister and two brothers deeply mourning her early and unexpected removal. The circle is broken, the loving quartette parted, the brightest taken away. "Even so Father, for it seemed good in thy sight."

Three months from her wedding day, almost at the same hour at which her nuptials were celebrated, her funeral services were held at Elmwood cemetery, Detroit, whither the remains had been brought from Adrian. The minister who had performed the marriage ceremony, Rev. Thomas Middlemis, Wyandotte, who had known Mrs. Hawley for years, and on whose ministry at Birmingham she had largely attended, conducting the services. Rev. M. Holmes of Adrian, who had kindly led a short service at the home previous to the removal of the remains and had accompanied the friends to Detroit, being also present. It seems all so sad, so mysterious, that one so loving and so loved, so sweet and lovely, with every prospect of happiness before her, should thus soon be cut down. But so it is, we can but bow to the dear Lord's will and say while we weep and wonder "not our will but thine be done."

Mrs. Hawley never made a public profession of religion, but her life was influenced and regulated by the principles of the gospel of Jesus. She had firm convictions of right, and the will to carry out these convictions. Her character was well rounded and symmetrical, her disposition was tender and generous, her life was pure and lovely and her whole conduct such as won the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with her. Though but a short time in Adrian she had won her way to the hearts of many of the best and truest people there, and her brief career in that city has left memories that will not be readily forgotten. We believe she was a Christian, and had she been spared would have ere long come out decidedly on the Lord's side. As it is we have no doubt that Mrs. Hawley died in peace and is at home with Jesus. When she knew she was dying she had no fears but felt "it was well." When her husband, in his agony, said, "Susie, you cannot leave me; won't you live for my sake?" she calmly replied, "I would live to comfort you, but it cannot be; I am satisfied to go." In this spirit she fell asleep to wake in glory.

"So fades the lovely blooming flower,
Frail smiling solace of an hour;
So soon our transient comforts fly,
And pleasure only blooms to die."

Marriage Bells.

The marriage of Miss Mary McCracken and Clyde McCarroll was a social event long to be pleasantly remembered. The wedding took place at the family residence Sept., 3rd, at 7 o'clock p. m. and was solemnized by the father of the bride, Rev. J. McCracken.

It has seldom been our lot to attend a marriage characterized by so much good taste and kindly feeling. The house was a bower of beauty—every room was decorated with flowers, ferns and leaves glowing crimson with the first kiss of Autumn.

The refreshments were ample and appetizing and all who are acquainted with the genial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. McCracken, know that everything was done that could contribute to the comfort and happiness of their guests.

The presents were numerous and valuable, friends far and near testifying to their appreciation of "Clyde and Mary" by substantial tokens.

The young couple have gone on a tour of the lakes and on returning will go to their new home in West Bloomfield. May peace and happiness go with them.

GUESS.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wishes to thank her friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the illness and after the death of her husband. They will always be treasured as precious gems in the casket of memory.

MRS. EDWARD ENGLISH.

Amazed.

Saturday, September 12, 1885, being the 30th anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ellis, their daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Irving, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Merrill, invited a number of old friends and neighbors to come in and visit an evening with the worthy couple. The victims were invited away from home during the afternoon by Mrs. P. H. Sherman, and entertained until about 8 o'clock, when Sat Trowbridge called them up and calmly informed them that his mother and Susie were at their house for a short call, and "could you come home?" "Why, of course, we'll have to go," and with some urging Parm and his wife were persuaded to accompany them. The large number of friends at the Ellis house were cheerfully waiting in the dark for the appearance of their victims, and but for Mose Taber, Wm. Goodman, George Mitchell, A. Partridge and the rest of the boys, the house would have been reasonably quiet. But as it was with many a "here they come," "hush," "sh-h-h!" and "do be still," it was not so quiet as it might have been. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis approached their door, and to all appearances it was as empty as they had left it that afternoon. As Mr. Ellis unlocked the door and pushed it open the lights were suddenly turned up full strength, and before his gaze was the housefull from top to bottom of the elite of the town, all acquaintances from one to thirty years, wishing them joy. Ellis was all "broke up," and with his arms up said: "What th—what the dev"—but he was never allowed to finish the awful expression, for he was hustled into the parlor with his wife, and in their bewildered state Mr. Partridge, in behalf of the company, presented to them an elegant and richly upholstered patent rocker with foot-stool. The chair is a beauty and the selection of it proves that the buyers knew their business. After the congratulations were over supper was announced and the table was just as well supplied as if Mrs. Ellis herself had had the overseeing of that branch, which is saying that the supper could not have been better—plenty of everything extra good in the culinary line, and all enjoyed that part of the entertainment to their fullest capacity. While supper was in progress the Birmingham brass band wheeled up in front of the house and furnished some choice music, after which they also partook of refreshments, and in good time all bade their host and hostess "good night," and wished them many happy returns.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

WEST BLOOMFIELD.

Another pioneer gone. Theodore Armstrong died at his home on the 7th of hardening of the brain. He was one of the leading men of our town and a staunch democrat.

A daughter arrived at John Mellish jr's, th 5th.

Wonder how the Birmingham base ball club like to play ball with the second growth farmers, etc., of Franklin and vicinity. We should judge by the way they done 'em up that they would wish the grass had never dried off.

Thos. Wyckoff carries off the biscuit on the oat business. From five acres he threshed 385 bushels of oats.

The farmers have commenced seeding. The acerage being about the same as usual.

Corn will be a large crop if we have about two weeks more warm weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris spend a few days in Salem visiting their daughter.

CLAWSON.

We think if the pleasant weather keeps up, the corn crop will come to maturity.

Dry weather and plenty of sunshine is what we want.

The comers here for the past two weeks are, Mrs. Swan and family of Sand Beach at her uncle's Mr. Avery; Mr. Charles Gilbert and family of Memphis, at Mrs. Jonathan Chase's; Miss Annie M. Chase of Jackson and Miss Edith Evans of Detroit at John Lawson's.

H. J. Bowers is making improvements to his grist mill. He has put in one new reel and a new bran germ roller.

Abel Wanderlee and son are in Huron county building a house on his new purchase.

Abel Wanderlee's horse received a serious cut on his front leg recently, by running against the guards of a mowing machine.

Nothing more is heard of the Clawson scandal.

BIG BEAVER.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bailey have gone to Muskegon on a visit.

Wm. Phelps has been trying to get a flowing well. We understand that he has succeeded so far as to get one of the best pumping wells in this state. He paid Mr. Fuller $2 to locate the well.

Uncle Will Martin made us a flying visit Monday. He walks with a firm step and looks better than we have seen him for years. He will be 80 years old in January next, and has seen all of the improvements that have been made in this section. He was the first settler to take up land from the government on which now stands a part of Big Beaver 60 years ago.

Wm. Pallister, of Whitewood, has bought a lot and is building a house. Welcome, Mr. Pallister.

Vet Robbins is our new school officer.

Jack Frost made us a call—don't come again.

Mrs. Beaton is very low at present.

Mrs. Aldrich is on the sick list.

TRUTH.

PONTIAC.

The fair will soon be here.

Bill Willetts is at Mt. Clemens rusticating.

Billy Nisbett, of Big Rapids, was in town last week.

Steve Tucker is again leader of the Pontiac cornet band.

The Democrat is a daisy. Long may it live. Here's our ☞ Chawles.

The Detroit M. E. conference is a success, about 300 ministers being present.

C. E. Wakeman returned last week from a trip to Chicago and St. Louis.

Miss Mollie Healy, a much esteemed young lady of this city, died Saturday afternoon of consumption, aged 23 years.

The Pontiac shooting club went to Milford last week and got downed.

Miss Dolly Balsley, of Detroit, has been visiting friends near Elizabeth lake.

Miss May Giddings, of Romeo, has been in town on a visit.

It is a positive fact that on Sunday September 6th, the day that the corner stone of the new Catholic church was laid, there was lots of liquor sold in this city. In one saloon a large crowd of men including two ward constables were drinking intoxicating bevrages.

JULIA CROW.

COUNTY LINE.

Mr. William Martin, of Reed City, is visiting his daughter Mrs. Rhoda Skinner.

Frank Redich was elected director in our school district and Martin Blunt in the Geddes district.

Mrs. Levi Hoard is confined to her bed with no hopes of her ultimate recovery. The old lady has the sympathy of a host of friends.

School commences Monday Sept. 21, with a Mr. Benson at the head and, if we are not mistaken, will keep that institution during the school year. He is to receive $300 for nine months' teaching.

Mrs. Wm. McRoberts and Mrs. Sam Martin have both been under the care of Dr. Raynale lately. Both are convalescent at present.

Dr. Wilson has strong hopes of Thurston Barr getting the use of his limbs in the near future. So mote it be.

A German living near the county line while working on a scaffold at a threshing machine, fell off and was instantly killed. He leaves a wife and five children.

Wm. Hawthorne sr., made a visit to Marine City last week.

Al. Carey has gone into the huckstering business. We wish Al. success in his new role.

Lon Skinner had five acres of oats averaged 76 bushels per acre.

While threshing at R. Hoard's, Billy Shannahan, while attempting to put on a belt, had his arm broken and in less than five minutes afterwards, Tom Redick had his thumb so badly smashed that amputation will be necessary, and still it was a poor day for accidents.

PAT.

DITCH CONTRACT NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of September, A. D., 1885, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, on the Gulley ditch in said township of Royal Oak, in the county of Oakland, I will be present for the purpose of letting contracts for the cleaning out and deepening of the Gulley ditch, said drain commencing at a point 46 rods west and 30 links south of the quarter section corner on the east side of section 19 of said township, thence running in south one-half of highway; thence east 45 rods; thence south 20 rods; thence on section 20 of said township; thence easterly 115 rods to the quarter line; thence east on the quarter line 195 rods to the Hubbard ditch so called, a distance of 375 rods, and at that time I will let contracts for the cleaning out and deepening of said drain by sections to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders; also take notice that I will then and there at the time of the letting of such contracts be present to review all assessments of benefits upon the land to be benefited by the cleaning out and deepening of said drain.

ALFRED REYNOLDS,
Township Drain Commissioner in and for the Township of Royal Oak.
DATED this 4th day of September, A. D., 1885.

Fresh Detroit bread Wednesdays and Saturdays at Mrs. Furman's.

GLEANINGS.

"More wool and less dog" is a proposition that remains to be settled in Tennessee.—*Nashville American.*

Honesty pays. It is not every good thing that has such a sordid reason for practicing it; but it is a great gain to keep sharp people virtuous.—*Philadelphia Record.*

A group of portraits of eminent English artists, recently published, shows none of them wearing long hair or the sweeping mustache. A correspondent of the *Art Amateur*, reviewing the Royal Academy exhibition, says the spirit of dulness pervades everything. It is a case of Samson and the shears!

The technical press fills a very creditable place in journalism and represents no mean share of learning, industry, and ability. The sensationalism and vulgarity so often conspicuous in illustrated weeklies, and from which great dailies are not always free, is conspicuously absent from trade papers.