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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.

Limited Express	10.55 p. m.
Holly express	7.10 a. m.
Steamboat express	10.55 a. m.
Mail	4.00 p. m.
Evening express	8.55 p. m.

W. J. MORGAN,
General Supt.

W. J. SPICER, Manager,

N. B. The limited express, No. 10, D., G. H. & M. R'y, which leaves Grand Haven daily at 5.30 p. m., Grand Rapids at 6.30 p. m., arriving at Detroit 11.45 p. m., will temporarily run one hour and thirty minutes later than shown in time table. Passengers going east of Detroit will make connections at Durand at 11.06 p. m. with the limited express on the G. & G. T., making the same time to eastern points as heretofore.

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

Hammocks, Hammock Ropes and Stretchers, Wallets, Hand Bags, Combs Clocks, Stationery, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Nuts and Confectionery all at the very lowest prices.

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.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

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

I WANT to sell or trade for a good span of work oxenes a new Birdsall Threshe, (run only one season). Also my traction engine new (run only ten days.) Both of these pieces of machinery are really new, and some one can get a bargain by calling on Henry S. Becker, Big Beaver, Mich. 6tf

STRAY—Came into my enclosure 1½ miles west of Birmingham, July 17th, a white Suffolk sow, about one year old. Owner will please call, pay costs and take her away.
tf WM. F. CROMBIE.

WANTED—A good girl for general house work Wages $3 per week. Inquire at this office.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—A thoroughbred registered Percheron stallion, 5 years old. Will sell or exchange for sheep or young cattle. Call on or address John McGoldrick, Royal Oak, Mich. 18pd4w

KERMOTT'S PILLS.

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 injurious effects of powerful and dangerous minerals. They will positively cure

Sick Headache, Nervous Disorders, Liver Complaints, Dyspepsia, Kidney Difficulties, Neuralgia, and Griping Pains.

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

HAVE just bought a new St. Paul Self Binder and offer to my friends and neighbors my service with machine for the coming harvest. Satisfaction guaranteed. For particulars, call on me or write a postal to S. P. Joyce, Birmingham. 1y

FOR SALE. A good work horse, weight about 1300 pounds, sound every way and can be driven by any woman or child; also a good one horse wagon, most new, with top box, good spring seat and a heavy 1 horse harness, for $ will sell the horse separate. Call on or address C. H. Gibbs, Troy, Mich.

FOR SALE, A desirable vacant lot on the corner of Fremont and Henrietta streets. For further information inquire of O. W. Hewitt, Birmingham, Mich. June 18 6 wks

FOR SALE—I have for sale one Halliday Stan F cord wind mill, pump, tank, etc. Have plenty of water without pumping it; also one platform spring wagon with pole and shaves; also one middle pump, weight about 600 pounds. Mason Carmack, Troy, Mich. 3-4-6

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

Hot Weather Arguments.

Special Bargains in White Goods this Month.

Dotted Mull	worth 18 cents for	12½
Dotted Mull	worth 20 cents for	15
Dotted Mull	worth 25 cents for	20
Dotted Mull	worth 40 cents for	28
Fine Book Muslin	worth 30 cents for	22
A Lovely, Fine Muslin	worth 45 cents for	30
Nainsook	worth 30 cents for	20
Nainsook	worth 15 cents for	12
75 cents Lisle Thread Gloves for		50
60 cent Lisle Thread Gloves for		35

Few Parasols at Less Than Cost.

Fans at Reduced Prices.

An elegant Fan given to every purchaser of 50 cents or more of Dry Goods.

Ladies's Linen Collars, Jersey Jackets, Skirts, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs in new and pretty patterns. Macrame Cord, Embroidery Silk, Linen Floss, Mending Cotton, (3 cents per card) Furniture Fringe, Lap Dusters, Fly Nets, Horse Blankets and Whips.

J. R. Corson Jr., & Co.,

Birmingham - - Mich.

☞First Door East of Postoffice.

F. Blakeslee. V. Nixon.

OUR REDUCTIONS.

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

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

Men's Canvass Shoes at $1 25, former price $1 75.

Men's serg Congress Shoes at $1 50, former price $2.

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.

DRY GOODS.

Best check ginghams 5c, former price	8 10	Best ginghams chambrays 10c former price	12½
Best dress ginghams 10c, former price	12½	Best figured muslins 20c, former price	25
Best summer lawns 10c, former price	12½	Good figured muslins 15c, former price	20

Our line of White Dress Goods at a discount of 10 Per Cent to Close Out.

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

Our entire line of Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at cost to close out.

We have the best assortment of Men's Overalls, Cottonade Pants and Jumpers in town.

FRESH GROCERIES

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.

F. BLAKESLEE & CO.,

Birmingham - - - Mich.

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.

It booms!

Another wedding soon.

Oh, that watermillion!

Our school never was quite so prosperous.

Does not the old school bell sound good again?

Ira Chatfield is janitor at the school house this year.

Whitehead is authority for the facile bicycle in these diggins.

Mrs. Burson is spending a few weeks with friends at Schoolcraft.

Miss Jennie Cooper has returned from a month's sojourn at Harbor Pointe.

Buy your books and stationery at Corson & Co's and get beautiful cards free.

Services at the Advent church Sabbath evening at 7.30. Subject, "Reconciliation."

Mrs. T. P. Dean and daughter Della of Detroit visited over Sunday at P. C. Simonson's.

Ten cents will take you to a pleasing entertainment at the M. E. church next Wednesday night.

Miss Marion Masters, formerly of this place, has been spending a few days with friends here.

Misses Belle Curtis and Mamie Utter are spending a few weeks very pleasantly at Chautauqua.

Mrs. Nellie Hudson and daughter Marie of Detroit were guests of Mrs. Lizzie Irving this week.

Misses Sarah and Fannie Post and Miss Emma Hudson spent last week with J. Post of this place.

"Sweet potatoes, watermellons, bananas, oranges, lemons and confectionery cheap at J. R. Corson, jr. & Co's.,

Mr. and Mrs. Fenn of Stanton have been spending a few days in our midst, the guests of A. C. Wallace.

Mrs. S. V. McKee and daughter Carrie are visiting friends and relatives in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Vol. 1, No. 12 of the Academy News reaches us this issue. It is handsomely covered and a perfet gem in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slade are visiting relatives in Boston, and making a general tour of the eastern states.

Miss Hattie Hanks has been quite ill for some time, but under the care of J. L. Campbell she is recovering.

Mrs. Houghan, after a pleasant summer with her many friends in this place, returned to Denver, Col., last week.

Mrs. Foss and daughter of Crete, Neb., after a short visit to her old home, returned to the west on Friday last.

The improvement mania has struck one lawn in this village and left it in fine condition. Hope it won't stop there.

Miss Dora Brooks, the charming young niece of Eugene Brooks, left for her home in Denver, Colo., last week.

Miss O'Keefe of Detroit, who has been finding health and strength in this quiet town of ours, left for home on Saturday.

Mrs. Shannon of Alpena returned home last week, taking her father, Mr. Denison of Troy, with her for a short visit.

Samuel Jarvis and family will soon move to their new dwelling on Bates street, and will have a very comfortable home.

Mrs. Beckelman, who was summoned here by the death of her sister, Bertha Von Daniels, returned to Brooklyn last week.

Mrs. Hubbard and daughter Mamie, after a two weeks' visit in and around Birmingham, returned to Detroit last week.

Miss Hattie Drake left us last week for Tawas City where she has been called to accept a responsible position in the school of that place.

Miss Jennie Thorn of Detroit, who has been for some time the guest of the Misses Gray and Niles of Troy, took her departure last Saturday.

Miss Ostrander and Miss Lansing of New York state, who have been spending the summer with Mrs. G. M. Trowbridge, have returned home.

Any one wanting a fine thoroughbred shorthorn' bull, cheap, will do well to read the adv't of John McGoldrich of Royal Oak in cheap column.

The first examination of teachers for the ensuing year will be held at the court house, Pontiac, next Saturday. Further particulars next week.

One would think by the number of people who have left town during the past few days that Birmingham was getting to be quite a summer resort.

Ye junior has been under the weather for some time and has a little of every disease that mankind is heir to—and it didn't improve his temper, either.

Last week J. F. Robinson, wife and son returned to their home at East Tawas, after a few weeks' visit among friends and relatives in this vicinity.

We are under obligations to J. S. Hewitt, secretary, for complimentaries for the Milford Union Agricultual fair to be held September 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Having received information that her aunt near Grand Ledge was very ill, Mrs. John Baldwin started immediately for her bedside and her stay will be indefinite.

Next Sunday the Rev. G. W. Lowe will preach his last sermon before leaving for conference. We do hope he and his estimable wife will be returned to this charge.

Faint & Staley, with their apt, ready and quick support, Griffin and Monroe, have covered Mitchell's soon-to-be new home with a coat of paint which maketh the quarters shine.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Ella Leet returned to Eastlake where Mrs. Smith and Miss Leet will enter upon their fourth year as teachers in that place, Mrs. Smith as principal.

Books received by the L. L. A. Vols. IV and V of Brancoft's U. S. Misay, by Miss Harris; The Lady With the Rubies, by Wister; Silas Lapham, by Howell; True as Steel, by Harland.

We are sorry to announce the severe illness of our old townsman, Joseph Mead, who, at the present writing, is a very sick man with typhoid fever. Dr. C. M. Raynale attends him.

Fire was discover in the millinery store of Beatty & Giffin about 5.30 Tuesday afternoon. Great excitement prevailed but the fiery element was subdued. Loss, one half the roof; cause, too soon a fire and a bad chimney.

The Rev. S. N. Hill was in our midst a short time since looking scarcely a day older than when thirty years ago he used to call the roll in the old academy. How many could answer that roll call now?

The mania for improvement seems to have struck this town. New sidewalks are being built, houses are being repaired, and at last one new thing is being agitated in which many people will rejoice.

We have received No. 1, Vol. I. of the Holton Star, published by Fuller and Barnes of Holton, Muskegon county, Mich. It is full of twinkles, and the column called "Fuller's Foolings" is—well, right out loud, anyhow.

Miss L. Brooks of Detroit, after a week's visit with the family of N. S. Schuyler, returned home last Saturday the champion croquet player, having defeated the best players in that neighborhood. She took away the blue ribbon.

The schools of Detroit reopen next week and then four more people from this town will fold their tents like the Arabs and as silently steal away," which translated into stern prose means "pack their trunks and take the morning train."

In Justice Webster's court at Pontiac last Monday, Henry Schmidt was found guilty of non-support of his family and fined $50 and cost, or 90 days in the Detroit house of correction. He was given until to-morrow (Friday) to procure the necessary lucre. He will probably "raise the wind."

Now see here old man, you can see the want of an education, so it will be quite the proper thing to do if you send that boy of yours to the Birmingham school the coming fall and winter, and thus keep him with the times and give his the educational advantages which he should have.

Died, at her home in Troy, Mary, wife of Joseph Linton, aged 50 years. The deceased was afflicted with dropsy of the heart, but was as well as usual until a few minutes before her death, which occurred Monday, August 24. The bereaved husband has the sympathy of all in his sudden affliction.

A curious freak of nature may be seen on the farm of Lyman Howe. A calf eleven months old that gives two quarts of milk per day, from which an elegant quality of butter has been made. Here is a chance for scientific cattlemen to air a little wisdom in explaining the cause of this phenomenon.—[Advertiser.

The many floral decoration which have elicited so much praise at the M. E. church for many weeks past, have all been contributed to Mrs. Lowe by her many friends, and by her have been arranged. Last Sunday all former efforts were eclipsed and the flowers never appeared quite so bright and handsome.

If "19" of Clawson will sign his name we'll think over his contribution concerning Clawson's great scandal, but the way it reads now we don't know whether he intends to rotten-egg, ride-on-a-rail the parties implicated if they do not cease immediately, or give us the dose if we print it. Please be explicit.

The state bicycle tournament takes place at Pontiac Tuesday, September 15, 1885. Two hundred dollars in prizes and medals given away in the following races: Five mile dash; one half mile Star race; boys under 15 years race; slow race; green race. Address all communications to J. Davis, secretary, Pontiac, Mich.

Stewart Opslyke of Farwell, Mich., was in town last week and made us a brief visit. He reports business good with him, and he has bought the store and fixtures at Farwell where he has been during the past year. Verily the Birmingham boys all prosper when they leave Piety Hill and launch out in business for themselves.

A new tin roof is the latest improvement on L. B. Peabody's store. Martin Cochell & Son are the manipulators of brightness. The above firm has just purchased a large invoice of tin, copper, zinc, sheet iron, galvinized iron and in fact everything needed in their line to carry on a first-class business, and they are ready to serve the wants of the public at popular prices.

Don't forget, please, that next Wednesday night at the M. E. church there will be given an entertainment by the ladies of this church, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, reading, declamations and other literary curios will be presented, augmented by a liberal supply of chicken pie, graham gems and other refreshments for those who cannot live upon choice music and literary gems. All invited. Admittance 10 cents.

We have received at attractive illustrated circular of Adrian college, giving a description of the various departments of this institution. The pamphlet is embellished by handsome cuts of the college buildings, the museum, interiors, etc., and contains in a compact form just the information desired by those contemplating attending college. Any one may obtain copies of this circular, or of the annual college catalogue, by addressing Present D. S. Stephens, Adrian, Mich.

The rink has been secured for the forthcoming annual session of the Detroit M. E. conference which convenes on the 10th of September, and will be used for all the anniversary meetings and for the bishop's address on Sunday. E. H. Thompkins, furniture dealer of this city, has contracted to furnish and seat it with chairs and to keep it in order, which is a sufficient guarantee that the work will be well and faithfully done. It is estimated that it will furnish seating for 1,200 to 1,500 people, and we expect the rink will be crowded on every occasion.—[Bill Poster.

The Birmingham high school opened with more than usual vigor last Monday, ten grey-haired fathers being present looking up the interests of their children. Messrs Partridge, McKee and Lowe opened the school with appropriate remarks, and the school sailed off with Prof. W. C. Hull at the wheel, with brighter prospects of a glorious future than ever before. The high school department enrolls 55, grammar department, 36; intermediate department, 50; second primary, 53; first primary 70, a total of 264.

Limited express No. 10, Detroit, G'd Haven and Milwaukee railway, shown on their schedule as leaving Grand Haven daily at 5.30 p. m., Grand Rapids at 6.30 p. m., arriving at Detroit 11.45 p. m., will temporarily run one hour and thirty minutes later than shown in the schedule. This will make the leaving time from Grand Haven 7 p. m., Grand Rapids 8 p. m. Passengers for points east of Detroit will make connections at Durand 11.06 p. m., with fast limited express on the Chicago and Grand Trunk railway, making the same time to eastern points as heretofore.

Last Saturday evening more than forty friends of Miss Mattie Baldwin walked in unannounced and took complete possession of the house. After making themselves very comfortable and the pepple of the house very much surprised, the Rev. R. Bird, in behalf of the friends then assembled and many more who were not able to be present, presented her with an elegant silver water pitcher and goblets, as a token of their appreciation of her many public spirited efforts in behalf of our village. The surprise was complete and the recipient entirely unprepared for it. The pitcher is one of the very finest in the market, and bears this inscription: "Compliments of friends to Mattie Baldwin."

On Friday last J. F. Rundel took his departure for the great Ohio fair which takes place at Columbus, O., the present week. Mr. Rundel took a carload of sheep for exhibition and expects to astonish the natives of the Buckeye state and capture a goodly number of premiums, and if fine animals will do it, he will surely have his proudest hopes realized. The carload consisted of 47 head of sheep and lambs, 37 of which are Mr. Rundel's direct importations, and are of the variety known as Shropshires. The leader of the flock and the pride of Dale's heart is the superb ram "T. S. Minton," and although only one year old last February, is a very monarch in appearance and size. The imported 3-year old ram "Bromley" and the imported ram lamb "Fortune" are also very fine animals, and are worthy of the care and attention which they receive from their justly proud owner. Mr. Rundel values his carload of sheep at about $2,500. We hope to see him fairly clothed with blue ribbons.

Of the many large congregations that weekly listen at the M. E. church to the teachings of G. W. Lowe, the very large yet yet met the gaze of the pastor of this church last Sunday as he faced his congregation. The attendance could not but have pleased him and his sermon showed this to be true. During the past two years of his preaching in this place his church, quite badly separated at his beginning, has greatly, in spite of all opposition, grown in general interest, attendance largely increased and continually growing, which surely shows his influence for the good of his church and followers. The Sunday school also shows his strength. We found by inquiring from the librarian that the present number of scholars in the school was 186, a wonderful showing indeed, and all interested in their work. We do not doubt that the labor and excellent singing qualities of the pastor and his wife contribute to the success of the school. At a meeting of the official board it was unanimously voted that Mr. Lowe and wife be returned to Birmingham from the Pontiac M. E. conference to be held the 10th of this month.

New and beautiful patterns in colored glassware will be received at J. R. Corson, jr., & Co's. next week. Call and see them.

SPEC AL NOTICES.

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

Advertised Letters.

The following if a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending August 31, 1885.

Adams, Wm. H.,
McGee, Miss May,
Nichols, Miss Eliza,
Powers, P.,
Tabei, Miss Lizzie,
Thomas, Mrs. George,
Wing, Ben. S. (2).

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

A. WHITEHEAD, P. M.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the fractional school district of the township of Bloomfield, Troy, Southfield and Royal Oak, for the election of school district officers and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held at the high school room of said district, on Monday, the 7th day of September, at 7 o'clock p. m. Business of importance to every tax payer will be transacted on that occasion Every legal voter expected to be there.

Dated this 22d day of August, 1885.

ALANSON PARTRIDGE, Director.

It Explains Itself.

The following shows the rise of a young business firm in Detroit, and proves that pluck and printer's ink will always win when coupled with energy, tact and honesty.

Editors of the Eccentric.

GENTLEMEN—We enclose herewith a change of ad. which we would like inserted this week.

We have recently rented for a term of years the building adjoining our present site and workmen are now busy connecting the two stores. When completed will have one of the highest and most convenient stores in the city, having in addition to our present front on Woodward avenue, a fine front and entrance on Grand River avenue. The entire building is to be renovated and made handsome and as convenient as possible. We intend opening with an entire new stock and consequently have commenced the sale mentioned in our ad.

Very truly yours,
KENNY, ADAMS & CO.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

TROY.

After next Sunday is conference and if the Rev. D. Whiteley gets what is due him he will return and preach here another year.

Mrs. Clark Wheeler is quite low with consumption.

Mrs. George Niles is not expected to live. She has suffered with dropsy for some time.

Mrs. McFarland went to the asylum as night watch some time ago, but was taken sick and is now under the doctor's care. Rheumatism is her affliction.

At Big Beaver September 10, there will be a land benefit hop. The bowery dance held at Cutting's grove did not turn out as well as was expected, but what were there had a good time.

Mrs. Russell is in poor health.

CLARKSON.

The potato crop is small.

On Thursday H. H. Bailey, wife and daughter start to visit relatives in the western part of the state.

Miss Kittie Lyon of Detroit is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Aggie Travis.

Mrs. Watson Williams of Detroit made her mother, Mrs. Johnathan Chase, a short visit recently.

The bowery dance passed off finely, 28 numbers being sold.

While drawing the separator out of the barn, A. Hendrickson's colts took fright at the rattling of the straw-carrier and made a dash into the fence with the separator. Damage slight.

Harvest is now over and threshing is in full blast.

David Starr's hired man, Wm. Smith, is quite low, attended by Dr. Glazier.

Mrs. Johnathan Chase is improving.

COUNTY LINE.

Mr. Vinton threshed 884 bushels of wheat from 2½ acres.

Thurston Barr is improving slowly.

Mrs. George Holton's sister Clara is visiting her.

At the reunion of the 22d Mich. inft. at Romeo, Co. D was represented by Bob Hawthorn, Sam Martin, Seth Randall, George Wass, Tom Tucker and Jim Valentine. Romeo did herself proud in the way she used the old boys. It lasted two days and we think they were the greatest ever seen by Romeo. The next reunion will be held at Milford the last Wednesday in August.

The Warren band will play at the Catholic picnic next month on the Gration road.

Wm Phelps is boring a well.

Frank Redick has sold his team for $250.

Fred Moore is visiting at Gaines.

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

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

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

ROBERT COOMBS, of Georgia, has grown feeble, and frequently walks supported by his negro valet. One who saw him enter the Kimball House dining-room, in Atlanta, recently, says: "As he walked in, his silvered locks falling in careless ringlets over his magnificent forehead, his giant form and striking countenance attracted the eyes of all. He was attired in a dark suit, wearing the old-style regulation cutaway."

DITCH CONTRACT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, the township drain commissioner of the township of Troy, Oakland county, will on Monday, the 7th day of September, A. D. 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m. and at the house of John Davidson, in Troy, and proceeding along the line of said ditch, meet parties for the purpose of letting contracts for the construction of the same, also building a bridge across the highway on the line of said ditch between sections No. 32 and 33. The contract for the construction of said ditch will be let in sections as I have apportioned the same and divided it, commencing 13 chains and 50 links east of southwest corner of the east half of northeast quarter of section No. 32 and 10 links south of the quarter section running east and west through said section No. 32 and in said township; thence north 87¼ degrees, east 8 chains and 20 links; thence north 11½ degrees, east 7 chains and 70 links; thence south 89 degrees, east 5 chains and 60 links thence north 69 degrees, east 1 chain; thence north 33 degrees, east 2 chains and 75 links; thence north 83½ degrees, 3 chains and 75 links; thence 52 degrees, east 2 chains; north 78½ degrees, 3 chains and 25 links; thence south 53 degrees, east chains and 75 links; thence south 46½ degrees, east 8 chains and 50 links; thence south 27½ degrees, 6 chains to station No. 23; thence south 41 degrees, east 3 chains; thence south 89 degrees, 2 chains and 10 links; thence ½ degree, east 6 chains and 15 links; thence north 88 degrees, east 7 chains and 45 links, to station No. 31 in bottom of Lawson ditch its terminus. Such contracts will be let to persons who will do the work according to the specifications thereof made by me and now remaining in my office for the least sum of money and whowill give adequate security for the performance of the same, within such time as shall be specified in such contracts respectively. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Notice is also hereby given that at the time and place of said letting of contracts, the assessment of benefits will be reviewed. Ditch to be 3 feet on bottom, 1 foot slope to 1 foot rise, average width 9½ feet. Dated at Troy this 18th day of August, A. D. 1885.

HENRY A. JUDD, the township drain commissioner of the township of Troy.

THE ISLAND OF CEYLON.

A Mountainous Country With a Steadily Increasing Population.

The island of Ceylon is 270 miles in length, 156 in breadth, and very mountainous near the center, there being mountains ranging between 3,000 and 7,000 feet high, ten of which are above the latter limit. The highest is Pidurutalage, 8,296 feet. Large tracts of the island are still covered with dense jungle, in which many wild elephants are to be found; but the wanton slaughter of these useful animals led the government to prohibit their destruction except under special permission. Of late there have been great progress and improvements in the means of internal communication. There are good roadways, metalled and graveled, and now 178 miles of railway and 167 miles of canal, which have done much to promote the interests of the country.

The population has been steadily increasing, and now it numbers 2,850,000. There are Europeans, Eurasians, and Burghers, Sinhalese, Tamils, Moors, and a few Parsees, Afghans, Malays, and others. The Sinhalese inhabit the interior and parts of the coast, and comprise nearly 2,000,000 of the people, while the Tamils occupy the northern portion of the island, and number about 600,000. The Europeans are comparatively few in number, being under 5,000; but of Eurasians and Burghers there are nearly 18,000. There are 180,000 Moormen, who are to be found in large numbers all over the different provinces. The postal service throughout the island is in a very satisfactory state.

The island has many institutions for the sick and the diseased in body and mind, and in education the people are far in advance of their northern neighbors. English is pretty generally spoken, and particularly among the domestic class. The products of the country are very varied, and consist of rice, cinnamon, cocoanuts, paints, tobacco, sugar-cane, and cotton, and latterly coffee, cinchona, india rubber, and tea have been added. The land is admirably adapted for the growth of rice. The cultivation of cocoanuts has been gradually increasing, and, though a large quantity is exported, a large trade is done in the fiber from the husk and in expressed oil from the kernel of the nut. The cultivation extends nearly all along the west part of the island.

The great planting industry, however, is now coffee and tea. For many years, during the occupation of the Dutch in 1740, the cultivation of coffee was confined to the low-lying country, but it was not until the occupation by the British, when communication between the hill country and the coast was made, that it began to flourish, and since then it has been gradually extending all over the central and western provinces. The opening of the railway between Kandy and Colombo did much to stimulate the industry by supplying cheap free labor and greater facilities to the market. Large quantities of jungle were cleared and planted, and everything seemed to insure a permanent good investment, but an enemy appeared in the field who began his devastation and has continued steadily to diminish the productive power ever since till he has reduced the exports to less than a fifth of what they were. The enemy is a minute fungus on the leaf called *Hemileia vastatrix*. It appeared in a remote corner of one of the young coffee districts and spread with the greatest rapidity all over the coffee gardens. The leaves assumed a bright orange spot, and then they withered and decayed. The consequences of such a failure, following on the investment of a number of planters in the high districts, led to the most serious consequences and ruin. These losses convinced many that the climate and character of the soil were admirably adapted for the cultivation of tea, and the result has been that thousands of acres under coffee cultivation have now been changed to tea, and the jungle is being cleared for the extension of the cultivation of that plant.—*Cor. Glasgow Herald.*

General Grant is reported in one Newport *News* to have said "I always had an aversion to Napoleon and the whole family. When I was in Denmark, I declined seeing the Prince Imperial. I did not wish to see him. The first Emperor had great genius, but was one of the most selfish and cruel men in history. I see no redeeming trait in his character. The third Napoleon was a weak, vacillating, selfish, cruel, and treacherous character. I never had any sympathy with the Second Empire."