

**SYDNEY, O'D HAVEN & MILWAU-
KEE RAILWAY.**
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.
GAINS WEST.
Morning express..... 7:35 a. m.
Night express..... 11:10 a. m.
Grand Rapids express..... 11:30 a. m.
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Whitehead & Mitchell
SAY
TIMES ARE TOO HARD

To buy Flashy Christmas Goods.
We offer for your inspection for Holiday party giving a fine selection of Christmas gifts that are useful as well as ornamental. We have received a large stock of complete line of goods.
GENTS' LONG SLEEVED SUITS.
CUFF SHIRTS & SHIRTS.
LADIES' SHOPPING SUITS.
PORTMONETS.
HATS AND HAT BRUSHES.
PERFUMERY IN BULK AND BOTTLES.
TOOTH AND NAIL BRUSHES.
TOILET SOAP.
GAMES, CHEKERS.
DOMINOES.
PHOTO ALBUMS.
LEATHER PENCIL CASES.
GOLF STICKS, VANISH.
WHISK BOTTLES AND BOTTLES IN METAL.
250 GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY.
SEWING MACHINES.
COUCHES.
WALNUT STANDS ONE DOLLAR.
DOMESTIC SEWING MACHINES.
WRITING TABLES ALL STYLES.
FINE ASSORTMENT OF CANDLES.
A second hand Singer writing machine, good as new \$12.
Gent's new, Emerson's Forty best and a large stock of pills and holiday specialties. Call and visit us. We are yearning for your presence and delight in doing so.
ALLEN AND GEORGE.
Cats, Lot, Pens, etc.

15 REGISTERED MERRY STOCK RACES
FOR SALE. A new beauty stock horse, a dark bay and well bred, etc. Kind and good for selling, going west. Address, C. H. Hill, 10000 1/2
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And our Stock is replete with novelties and staple goods suitable for Christmas
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Never has our store been more crowded with fine goods than now.

TOYS for the CHILDREN
Dolls, Dolls, Dolls in endless profusion!
Dolls enough for every little girl in the county.
More china goods than we have ever shown before. China tea sets, cups and saucers, shaving mugs, table sets of cup, saucer and plate, bread and milk sets, glass sets, celery dishes, etc.
Hanging lamps, stand lamps, clocks, fancy baskets, lovely

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS
In leather and plush at lower prices than you have ever seen. Autograph albums, scrap books, miscellaneous books, juvenile and toy books, bibles and fine box paper in ornamental boxes in plush.

GAMES AND BLOCKS.
Penny toys, 6c-toys, 10c-toys, 25c-toys and toys at all prices. The finest line of

GLOVES AND MITTENS
In the county for ladies, gents, boys and girls—kid, cloth, jersey, yarn, etc.

Lovers' Tea Sets,
Ladies, come and see them.
Hand-bags, which brooms and broom holders. We have thousands of articles to select from and at 10 to 25 per cent less than last year's prices.
Finest line of Candies, Fruits and Nuts in town.

Buy a Fine Dress for your wife's mother or sister.
If you have not seen our stock, see it now and save money by buying at home.

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CAMPAIGN
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A full line of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps and

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We are Headquarters for Midnight, Spanish, Saxony, Shetland, Vassar and Angora Yarns, Ladies' and Children's Hoods and

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HOME NOTES.
You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrap; this is to give you information regarding the time it will take to please call and write.

A nice big rain last Sunday.
The blue crew did noble service last week.
Frank Allen is baking for the Smith party.
Mrs. E. A. Warner visited relatives over Sunday.
C. P. Quick and wife, of Concord are visiting Dr. H. H. Quirk's family.
Harry Dewey of Detroit visited friends and relatives in town over Sunday.
Read the J. R. Corson, Jr., Christmas note. It is check full of profit to the public.
Once more the Birmingham band is re-entertained with James McGregor manager.
Mrs. Alfred Phelps made a pleasant visit at Mrs. James Bayley's one day last week.
The library will be open only in the two lead clerks of two leading firms in town, making ardent love upon the open streets, but it won't do to repeat it. It and we agree not to tell and we won't. Sh h! For Heaven's sake don't say we told you so.
Special rates, on the D. G. H. & M. for the holidays. On Friday Dec. 24th tickets to any point on the P. & M. will be issued at 50c, to return on the D. G. H. & M. before Dec. 27th and the same rates on Friday Dec. 31st good to return on or before Jan. 1st.
Any one wanting Bronze turkeys before any one or they will be gone. J. H. H. Snow.
Mrs. D. H. Quirk has been very sick with inflammation of the lungs, but is now convalescent.
Miss Anna Lienemyer of Traverse City is visiting at Alex Park's and at Mrs. Stauch's.
Rev. McElwain, P. E., conducted the quarterly meeting services at the M. E. Church last Sunday.
Read Cox & Clement's new advt. about saw-minging. The boys have the best machine in existence.
An elegant line of holiday goods in toilet articles, perfumes, white-brace, etc. at Whitehead & Mitchell's.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim White of Grand Harbor have been visiting Mrs. A. Burns and other relatives in this vicinity.
John Bell of Troy has been a little under the weather, but at this writing he has recovered his usual good health.
Rev. J. W. Sanford of Detroit will preach at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. Everybody invited to attend.
"Man cannot live by bread alone," but if he could, he could live quite nicely, as Mrs. Furman sells Detroit bread at 3c per loaf.
The poetry upon the subject of the donation is good and we regret that the crowded state of our columns will not allow us to print it.
Home-made bread, cream crackers, home-made cookies and bakers, 16c per dozen, and Detroit bread 5c per loaf at Mrs. Furman's.
The auction sale of John K. Adams was a gratifying success, over \$500 being realized and all present were feasted to their heart's content.
Sabbath afternoon Elder Service will deliver a special discourse in Trinity Baptist chapel from Gal. 6:14. Subject, "The Wonders of the Cross."
Died on December 18, 1886, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Ann Swan in the town of Bloomfield, Mr. Avery Swan, in his 81st year.
The election of officers of the Big River reform club will be held next Saturday evening, December 18. A full attendance is requested.
If you want to find who has holiday goods to sell read the advertisements of those who make an effort in this direction. You will find them in this issue.
Lost: Part of a harness, bag and breeching; the vehicle and Norton McHenry's. Finder leave at this office and get reward. James Shain.
Fred Lamb received a great many of the Yarns of their late at Whitehead & Mitchell's on Saturday last and he will do the same thing again next Saturday.
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"TWO SCRAPES"
While the dancing school was in progress at the usual cross of boys congregated on the outside of the building, yelling, hooting, peaking in the windows and making nuisances of themselves generally. The pupils and the managers of the school were very much annoyed and the janitor, Henry Benedict, was directed to go out and speak to them and he did so, requesting that they disperse. Upon his return the noise increased until forbearance ceased to be a virtue. Henry sailed out and captured the first one he could lay hands on, which was Charles Fremont Smith and then the drum party was over. Charles felt very much hurt about it, in fact his face was despoiled of his customary beauty and he has even got the mangled piece ever since. The next morning Benedict situated about \$4 towards the literary fund and contributed one dollar and costs.
As a school Benedict was interviewed by George Shadbolt in Peabody's store on Saturday night and George mildly inquired about the incident. Benedict was not of a high order, interlarding his remarks with a few artistic adjectives. Then Benedict tried to see how far he could push George's nose up between his eyes and the result was a most amusing spectacle. The combatants were separated and 15 dozen of Peabody's eggs were saved from an ignominious death. On Monday morning Benedict was up again and situated about \$4 towards the literary fund of the county. Then he had warranted issued for George Shadbolt, Fred Shadbolt and Charles Fremont Smith for disturbing the peace and the end is not yet.
There is a boy on the town who has been bridled cat hath mewed seven or more times. Villain! It is as false as hell! Mireward! I am old but thou' it-still old!
[Slow music, blue lights, curtain and lightning. Whishes vanish. Thunder.]

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OBITUARY.
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Mr. Brusk was well and widely known, having come to Birmingham in 1840, after arriving apprenticeship with a carpenter named Bart. He began business on his own account and his first work was done on the house in which Dr. E. K. Dayne lived and died. He was born in Massachusetts county, N. Y., April 29, 1821, going to Ohio, then to New York and came to Michigan in 1844. Here he was married to Miss Eliza Sherman, sister of Mrs. Alanson Partridge, February 8, 1844. He was a wife and two sons, C. A. and F. G. Brusk and a large circle of intimate friends and relatives. He died as he lived, with an adding faith in God's merciful promises. The funeral services were held at the house on Monday last and were conducted by Rev. John Hamilton.

CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to extend our most heartfelt thanks to our many friends far and near who so kindly came to our aid during the illness of our dear son, John Hamilton, Tuesday afternoon last, at the home of the deceased and were largely attended by relatives and friends who followed the remains to their last resting place in the Crooks cemetery in Troy, Michigan.

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Wednesday evening the 8th inst., was an evening long to be remembered in our home. It was the evening of our annual donation party and a large and lively one it was. People, young and old, married and unmarried, came from every quarter and county, until long past midnight. In addition to the music, good cheer and an abundance of the substantial of life. We had just seated ourselves in the business parlour of our new home on the corner of Saginaw and Brown streets, and the evening allowed referred to may serve as the time for our next year's party. In business parlour we are very much indebted to our many friends, both of the town and county. This statement will be seen to be true when we make known the fact of our annual party on the 8th inst. The ceremony was a business supply party for our many friends and a generous one. We are very much indebted to our many friends, both of the town and county. This statement will be seen to be true when we make known the fact of our annual party on the 8th inst. The ceremony was a business supply party for our many friends and a generous one.

THE VERDICT ENOCHIOUS.
W. D. Sullivan, Detroit, Ind., writes: "I can recommend Enoch's Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle of it has done for me in every case. One man took six bottles and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." "Abram Harris, drug, Baltimore, Md., affirms: "The best selling medicine I have handled in my 20 years' experience is Enoch's Bitters. Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unambiguous that every bottle of it does of all diseases of the liver, kidneys or blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store."

THOU TWITTERING.
Miss Sarah Robbins spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. George Niles, and Mrs. C. Harris gave a party Thursday night in honor of her husband's birthday and for one the young people completely surprised Charles and his friends. They received several remembrances and an enjoyable evening was the result.
The Christmas exercises will be held at the M. E. church Friday evening. Mrs. Ann Swan of Bloomfield is invited.
Mrs. Norton teaches our band.