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DETROIT, G'D HAVEN & MILWAU-KEE RAILWAY.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. MORNING WEST. GOING WEST. Morning Express, 7:15 a. m. Daily Express, 8:00 a. m. Night Express, 11:50 p. m.

GOING EAST. Night Express, 4:30 a. m. Daily Express, 7:10 a. m. Morning Express, 8:00 a. m. Evening Express, 9:00 p. m.

KERMOTT'S PILLS.

These pills have been prepared and found by the doctor in his extensive practice for more than a quarter of a century. Compounded from simple roots and plants, they have this advantage over all other pills.

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

They are a vegetable Tonic Purgative, absolutely harmless under all circumstances, never injuring the weakest stomach, never acting on the liver and kidneys as thorough, though innocent, as the injurious effects of powerful and dangerous mineral salts. They will positively cure.

JOB WORK.—SUCH AS Cards, Bill-heads, Circulars, Foster And all kinds of Plain & Ornamental Printing.

EXCUTED TO ORDER. With Neatness and Dispatch.

15 BIRMINGHAM FARM FOR SALE.

FARM FOR SALE.—Offer for sale 110 acres of the east side of the old Jackson Hill farm.

TAMARACK FARM FOR SALE.—Offer for sale 100 acres of the east side of the old Jackson Hill farm.

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FUR AND CLOTH CAPS

BEST LINE OF FUR AND CLOTH CAPS IN TOWN.

Every day we are receiving new goods.

Choice Bargains.

We shall show the largest line of Holiday Goods this season ever offered in this town and at prices lower than ever.

LOOK AT OUR SPECIAL BARGAINS

In Staple Goods, Dress Goods, Underwear, Flannels, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, and a full line of Dress Goods and Fancy Goods. Lovely Glassware, Crockery, Groceries and Novelties in all lines.

Toboggan Caps and all the latest Styles in Hoods.

Spend a half hour in our store. The bargains will please you and save you some money.

J. R. CORSON, JR.

1886. OUR 1886.

CAMPBELL'S

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

GROCERIES.

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

TOBOGGAN CAPS,

(something new and all the rage), Shawls, Skirts, Underwear, Men's Jersey Shirts, and a complete line of Flannels; Tricots, Cottons, and Gingham; also

GLOVES AND MITTENS.

Have a splendid assortment of Ladies' SHOES AND SLIPPERS.

Also Men's and Boys' Boots and Shoes.

You can save money by looking over our line of Boots and Shoes before purchasing.

A Fine Line of Fresh Groceries always on Hand.

F. BLAKESLEE & CO.

Birmingham, Mich.

HOME NOTES.

F. R. Lamb the town treasurer of Troy, will be at Cutting's store, Troy

Complais & Williams occupy just about as much space in our office as one firm is entitled to, and it will certainly pay you to examine this timely

John K. Adams' auction comes off this morning.

B. Blakeslee & Co., will open your eyes next week.

One thousand pairs gloves and mittens at 10 per cent less than market prices

Cutters, sleighs and wagon-gears constantly on hand at D. Broughton's, Franklin.

John Rainey and his mother have been visiting relatives at Ridgeway the past week.

Wheat seems to be looking upward a little, and farmers are feeling a little more buoyant.

Rev. Howard Harris delivered a temperance lecture at the M. E. church last Sunday night.

Home-made bread, cookies, fresh cakes, and Detroit bread, 6c per loaf at Mrs. Furman's.

The pond is frozen over and every day the boys take their lives in their hands and skate thereon.

Never has such a variety of holiday goods been shown in this town as can be seen today at Corson's.

Fishing through the ice has commenced, but the fish don't seem to make it very lively for the fishermen.

Boys girls, the next time you invite the boys down, keep your promise and go to the train to meet them.

The residence of Channing Waldcott near Farmington was destroyed by fire on Monday morning last.

Canton, "dannels in fancy goods, embroidery silk, flannels knitting silk and chenille silks" at Corson's.

The Knights of Progressive Liberty hold their at the residence of John Baldwin on Monday evening last.

Sabbath morning Rev. Mr. Service will deliver a discourse from John 11:15, Subject, The Five Parables Explained.

The fashion in two-entrance suits will change about January 1, next. The ground work of the new issue will be blue.

A week from next Sabbath morning Pastor E. B. Service will administer the ordinance of baptism in the Birmingham Baptist church.

Regular annual meeting of Birmingham Lodge, No. 93, R. A. M., held last Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Eugene Brooks, H. P.; Alanson Partridge, K.; Miles A. Dewey, S.; M. C. Randall, C. H.; Wm. C. Richardson, P.; W. H. Smith, G. M.; J. V. A. Whitfield, G. M.; J. V. A. Walter, N. G.; G. M. J. V. A. Frank Hagaman, treasurer; John Miller, w. c. y.; Samuel J. Aldrich, secretary.

Dr. David Ward of Pontiac recently outwitted numerous capitalists and by the services of a staid attorney purchased 8,000 acres of oak and timber lands in West Virginia for \$251,000. In addition Mr. Ward paid the legal gentleman \$10 a day, all expenses and \$10 per week for his services. E. E. Livingston offered Mr. Ward a cool million for his bargain, but the doctor thinks he wouldn't part with the doctor for less than \$5,000,000. It takes a Yankee to make money.—(Bill W. V.)

Should you discover the azure-tinted emblem of indelible-ink, i. e., the blue cross, on your paper, don't let that for a moment that it is anything personal between us—it is only a question of bread and butter for 39 printer men's babies.

A dollar is a very small matter for any one of our readers, but to us the aggregate is immense, and as we have large monthly bills to meet in the way of expenses for paper, labor, type, etc., we feel that you will cheerfully contribute your "wider's mite."

An advertisement appeared in the Free Press in which a young lady, age 16, wanted a home, a place to work etc., and for her services she offered as a steady home. Well, they have been longing for some time for a domestic at the Taber mansion, so last Monday Will put on his checker-coat, fur-trimmed and took a half-mile ride to better interview the lassie and what he ran against no one knows. He didn't bring any calico home, he won't tell what he saw, and he took a half-mile ride "where was Moses when Will went after the girl?"

A most agreeable surprise party came off last Friday evening at the residence of John Felder, it being the sixth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Felder. Bill W. V. was present and the evening was whittled away in playing games, singing songs and other amusements. In the forepart of the evening Mr. Bennett, who has been giving him a running donation at the residence of Mrs. T. Higdon. A real joyous evening's social visit was enjoyed by all and everything went along as smooth as a road.

First-class coal stove for sale cheap. J. R. Corson.

homes will pleased with the evening's visit. Allyn & Co. invite the attention of the ladies of Birmingham and vicinity to their new and well selected stock of millinery and fancy goods.

We are assured that the quality and price of our goods will repay for the trouble of calling. We are selling trimmed felt hats from 1 1/2 upwards; corsets, 50c and 75c; hose, 10c and up; handkerchiefs, 5c and up; legging, 40c and up; underwear, three shirtings and up; toboggan caps, 50c to a dollar; extra bathing, 10c a roll. We keep adding to our stock every day and we propose to sell goods as cheap as you can purchase in Detroit, and a great deal cheaper than in Pontiac.

We take orders for Butterick's patterns and give away the Metropolitan Fashion sheet. Call and get one for December.

Allyn & Co., old Amos Day store, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Post and family wish to thank the good folks who so nobly assisted them at the recent fair.

On Monday morning last Mel Sly of Franklin telephoned Hubbs, the clothier at Detroit, that he wanted a new suit of clothes. Mr. Hickey asked if they should take the same measure as last year and was quickly informed that his old clothes wouldn't fit him and that the reason he wanted new ones. His present measure given by telephone was: Length of leg, 30 in.; waist, 34 in.; chest, 40 in.; arm, 12 in.; waist, measure, 10 in. "Hello" said Hickey, at this point, "ain't this a mistake, ain't it, coming to the point of leg, you mean 30 in.?" "Well, you just let your life there ain't no mistake about it, it's a girl and came out 'night."

The neighbors all yelped last night. "How do you like that?" "I don't know, but I have some to show you."

Look at the new goods. Special bargains this week at Corson's.

ADVERTISED LETTERS. The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending November 30, 1886.

Mrs. Geo. Adams, Ausley Beach, Emma A. Barney, James Cramel, Mrs. Lucy B. Cogswell, Mrs. Harriet Delmar, Mrs. G. W. Green, George Green, Monsieur Amiet Gauthier, Monsieur Jean Gauthier, Mrs. J. Hemming, John Henry, Mrs. E. Johnston, Henry Kenney, Mrs. Chas. Mullin, Frank McCoy, H. D. Reaner, John Thompson.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "E. HIGGEMAN, P. M."

Greatly excited. A not few of the citizens of Birmingham have recently become greatly excited over the death of a certain individual of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable and hopeless of recovery from that dreadful monster, Consumption—having been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery, and bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's, 625 bottles for \$1.

There will be an orator's supper at the residence of Chaffin Blount on Friday evening, December 10, for the benefit of the M. E. church. Besides other good things there will be about 40 cents a couple's pay the bill.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church and a sociable time is looked for.

The monument of the late Oliver Jennings was placed on its foundation on Friday last, and when completed it will be a model of beauty.

Charles Smith has been heard from in Colorado, and likes his life better than he expected. Braddy has gained nearly twenty pounds in weight since he went there.

The mother of the Brater will be continued for some time yet.

Charles Rampton is keeping bachelor's room.

Park Cutting has returned from his trip to Kingston.

Ed Harris' heavy sick at 1887, will be Mrs. Toyn Adams.

The hunter who shot through the north and brought back eleven deer. That is all right, but Frank Fall mourns the loss of his dog, for which he wouldn't take the hunter's word for it.

Dr. Woodruff made a flying visit to Flint recently to see a sick sister, but he found her improving and returned to attend to his patients here.

F. R. Lamb, our town treasurer, has been to rob the people as is usually the case once a year.

The first look a half-mile ride the other day at a 2.40 gait and some think faster.

James Aldrich, accompanied by Jerome Reed, went out for another drive of cattle December 8.

W. D. C. Co. wholesale and retail druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Anger-Salve for two years. Have never had a single complaint against it, and give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by this medicine. It is a safe and reliable case of protracted Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery.

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ANCIENT EDIFICES AT NAPLES.

Old Romance and Modern Improvements.—Famous Monasteries and Convents of Naples.

Another of the interesting old convents of Naples, that of the Sapienza, has in connection with the sanitary improvements of the city, been taken possession of by the government, and written a correspondent of The London Daily News. The royal decree ordering its evacuation by the resident nuns for the purpose of providing lodgings for the people to be ejected from one of the worst of the infamous fondaci arrived in Naples on Sept. 20, and although a week's time has been given to the nuns to remove, the carrying away of their goods and chattels had already commenced when I visited the place on that morning.

The archbishop of Naples made great opposition to the plan as soon as it was proposed by the government, and he has written a letter to the latter, and also telegraphed to his majesty's ministers, but the nuns have refused to permit the application of the law. The law of 1860 in regard to the sequestration of convents, which permitted the nuns to remain in many of the convents until death should gradually come upon them, has been modified in the case of the Sapienza it now turns the nuns out of their homes, and has caused a decrease since 1860, that has added to their number at least 17,000. The liberal of the paper has been given its rights and unlawfully permitted the closing of the veil by new nuns. Those nuns who had been expelled from the convent of Santa Chiara, while all the nuns of the other convents were required to return to their families, were permitted to remain in the convent in the case of the Sapienza.

The nuns of the church of the Sapienza are a very ancient edifice, situated at the back of the church of the same name, and was founded by the Sapienza of this church, built after the design of Fontana, is one of the few of really fine architecture which have remained outside the walls of the city.

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