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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning express ..... 7.15 a. m.
Mail ..... 11.10 a. m.
Steamboat express ..... 5.20 p. m.
Night express ..... 11.50 p. m.

GOING EAST.

Night Express ..... 4.30 a. m.
Holly express ..... 7.10 a. m.
Grand Rapids express ..... 11.10 a. m.
Mail ..... 4.00 p. m.
Evening Express ..... 9.00 p. m.

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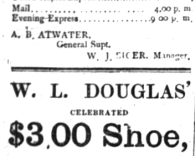
$3.00 Shoe,

Are without question the best advertised $3.00 Shoe in the country. Do not pay $5 or $6 for shoes for style durability and ease of fit, W. L. Douglas' are equally as good.



They have glove calf tops, best tannery calf vamps, stitched with silk and button holes worked with same.

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18 Registered Merino Rams For Sale—Anyone wishing anything of the kind call on J. H. Ives.

$65 A MONTH AND BOARD FOR 3 live young men or ladies in each county. Address P. W. ZIEGLER, Chicago. 32

FOR SALE—I have for sale at all times stone boats finished at $2 each, and stone boat chain which I will sell cheap; also a 6-class fishing boat and plenty of cider and cider vinegar. For particulars call on W. H. Smith, one mile north and one-half mile west of Birmingham. 49

WANTED.—A girl to do general housework. Wages $2 per week. Apply at this office. 47tf

FOR SALE CHEAP—A new moulin cow and calf. For particulars inquire on the George Bush farm, 2½ miles west of Birmingham, or of M. D. Masters. 46 4.

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Every attention paid to the to the travelling public. First class in every particular. Terms moderate. One of the best stables in the county in the connection with the house. 9n33.

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Gas and Vitalized air used for the painless extraction of teeth. Office opposite National Hotel. Hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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Getting our New Stock for the Spring Campaign.

Stocking up in all Lines.

Too busy to give Details.

Come and get Bargains.

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We have the exclusive sale of the celebrated O. P. Hazard Overalls, Pants and Jumpers. The best made goods in the market to-day and every article warranted. Give them a trial and you will buy no other.

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Our Men's all Calf Congress..... $2 50
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BEST LINE OF $2 50 AND $3 00 SHOES MADE. DON'T BUY ANY OTHER

The above line of men's shoes have been made from the best selected stock, and for style and durability can not be beat. Every pair warranted. Give them a trial. Our ladies grain button, at $1.25 is a bargain for a low price shoe.

Ladies opera toe and button slipper the best selection in town and all new styles bought for spring trade. Give us a call as we can not fail to suit you in price quality and styles.

DRY GOODS:

We shall offer the best and latest styles in DRESS FABRICS, Suitings, and also a new Line of the Broadhead Dress Goods. Our stock of Hosiery, Embroidery, Fancy Shawls, Handkerchiefs and Towels are the cheapest we have yet been able to offer.

When in want of anything in the above line of Goods give us a trial, as we can save you money. Everything new, Cheap and Warranted as Represented.

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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.

There is a man in Southfield town,
His name is Albert Lee,
He's the father of the finest boy
That ever you did see.
His fond and foolish daddy,
Named him Cleveland, so they say,
And the blooming, little cherub
Is two weeks old to-day.

The year is 105 days old.

See house to rent advt in cheap column.

The Rev. Wm. Wallace of Ohio will preach to the U. Ps. next Sabbath.

Gladiolus bulbs for sale at 50 cents a dozen by Mrs. W. Gillespie. 2

Miss Fannie Short of Detroit visited with Mrs. J. A. Bigelow over Sunday.

Milford's creamery is running in full blast and putting on airs over the fact.

Walter P. Durkee and family left for their new Colorado home on Friday last.

Mrs. Calista Smith and son Brady of Troy were guests of Cyrus Jarvis part of last week.

Sweet potatoes, cranberries, prunes, dried cherries, oranges, lemons, figs and candies at Corson's.

Many novelties and staple goods can be found on the 5 cent and 25 cent departments at Corson's.

The U. P. services will be held in the Baptist church Sabbath evening instead of the Advent church.

It is now thought that the very first thing our next legislature will do, will be to restore capital punishment.

A Concert by the Ladies literary society of West Bloomfield, this (Thursday) evening at Green's school house.

Communion at the Troy U. P. church next Sabbath. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. Wm. Wallace.

Miss Jennie Peck returned from the blind school at Lansing last week and will not return for the present, it at all.

All, or nearly all, the lucky Commercial Advertiser tickets are for sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's. A new lot just received.

No, that young star actress of the Kathleen dramatic company did not take a corner on pork as was recently reported.

The Franklin and Troy bands have a benefit hop at National hall on Friday evening, April 30. Further particulars next week.

There are no Knights of Labor in Birmingham, but the Knights of Leisure are in numerous than the leaves of autumn.

That new cross-walk at Big Beaver is the talk of Troy. Forty years it has been building and the whole town is very proud of it.

The O. P.s. and Y. K's. party at the National last Friday night was just well enough attended to make the affair a social success.

New and pure maple sugar for sale at Whitehead & Mitchell's, received this week from Saranac, Mich., the maple sugar center of Michigan.

The members of the Birmingham high school alumni are requested to meet at the residence of Miss Mollie Smith, Friday evening, April 16.

Read Wm. H. Smith's ad. in cheap column. It will pay anyone wanting anything in his line to call on him and get his figures before purchasing.

A full attendance is requested at the annual meeting of the Cemetery association to be held at Library hall on Saturday, April 17, at 3 o'clock p. m.

The painting craze is "on" in our village to an alarming extent, and all our ladies are striving to excel Rose Bonheur Schreyer, or Bougerreau.

Elegant stock of gentlemen's neck wear, celluloid and linen collars and cuffs, cuff buttons, scarf pins, lockets, pocket knives, and wallets, at Corson's.

Ira Slade is ready for the spring building boom. Any one desiring lumber or figures on the same, can save cash by calling on Ira and getting his figures.

The finest line of wall papers, ceiling decorations, and decorated cloth shades ever shown here and at very low prices are now open for inspection at Corson's.

Before gardens are made, if anyone wants Mitchell's cottage, corner of Chester and Willits streets, they should make it manifest at once, as it will soon be too late.

J. F. Randel went to Buffalo last week with three carloads of sheep. They were beauties and he purchased them from the well-known Harrison Walters of Charlotte county.

Mrs. L. T. Furman has made arrangements for furnishing ice cream to her many patrons this coming warm spell, and as soon as navigation opens ice cream will be ripe.

The Franklin band boometh with 16 active members and with Joe Brooks to lead them and Prof. Norton to teach them how to toot. Two more instruments are shortly to be added.

Regular communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., this Thursday evening, April 15. Work on the third degree. Brethren, turn out and let us have a full meeting. Ira J. Chatfield, secretary.

The cigar manufactory under the management of Mr. J. McGregor is now under full sway and Mr. McGregor promises to make a better five cent cigar than this town has been smoking. Try one.

We were in error in a recent issue in reporting that Miss Bell Schanhite had scarlet fever. The symptoms gave rise to the rumor and by the time it reached us it had grown to be a well established case of scarlet fever.

Ed Ford has about completed a really neat house on Merrill St., near the school house. It's a daisy, and Ed may well feel proud of being owner of such a tidy homestead. May he live long and enjoy it.

J. R. Logan has begun proceedings against the house on Maple avenue that Mrs. Noble purchased last winter. The building will be thoroughly overhauled and made comfortable and will soon be ready for occupancy.

James O. Beattie was over to Franklin last week and finished up a little detective work to the satisfaction of all concerned, but owing to the tender years of the guilty party we refrain from exposing him and trust he will do better.

Mr. Fred Hyde and wife, came out to Birmingham one day last week to attend the wedding ceremony of their brother at Southfield. Owing to the snow and no one coming after them, they returned home without witnessing the wedding.

Tuesday, April 20, at 10 o'clock a. m. Martin Blunt will sell at auction for John Bleakley, who has leased his farm and is going to Dakota, all of his farm stock, tools, implements, household furniture, etc. For further particular see posters.

Dick Cummings of Franklin is booming the carriage business as usual and is turning out a marvelous amount of work in a marvelous manner, as far as durability and extra finish are concerned. We know you won't believe what we say but this fact is easily proved—try him with some work.

Everyone take due notice and govern himself accordingly by the fact that Samuel A. Sloman, formerly with Fechheimer Bros. of Detroit, and who has a host of friends in this village, is the proud and happy father of a nine-pound son. His present home is in Omaha, Nebraska.

The ladies of the Cemetery association will give a "pink tea," accompanied by a "fish pond," at Library hall Friday evening, Adril 23. Supper from 6 to 8. Fiinn & Durfee's ice cream. Admission to the hall 5 cents. Supper 25 cents. Ice cream 10 cents. All are invited to attend.

Mack Randall and Will Swan left for San Diego, Cal., last week to seek their fortune in the land of glowing promises. Of all the young men who have left our town there are none who will be missed more or who will have more sincere wishes for their prosperity than our popular young friends.

Brummitt says that in consequence of the extremely bad state of the roads, by request, he will continue to take calcimets for a short time longer at $1 50 per dozen, to enable those who could not get ready before to have their pictures taken at these low rates. Don't put it off thinking it will last forever.

Charles Schlnack has sold out his Dragon manufacturing interests at Big Beaver and is in the market for a good location. He has positively the best patent on a road cart and if a stock company could be formed he would locate here, and without doubt much money could be made if our capitalists could only see it.

If you are intending to transfer real estate, or borrow or lend money on a mortgage, or lease or rent a farm or house, or want to make a contract or agreement of any kind, or in fact if you want any kind of notary public work or copying done, call at this office and you can have the business done in good style and at the lowest possible rates.

NOTICE.—All who are indebted to Whitehead & Mitchell are cordially invited to call and settle for two reasons. 1st. Being about to open a new ledger we would like to balance the old one for our own convenience and 2nd, we could use a very good advantage all amounts due us on our books and ask those who are indebted to us to give us a lift. Your friends, Whitehead & Mitchell. 2

The bicycle riding at the rink on Saturday evening last was the finest ever given in Cadillac and deserved a better house. Mr. Goodman is entitled, surely to the medals he wears, and is liable to capture still more. His balancing upon chairs, riding one wheel, turning a hand-spring, running and catching his bicycle again, were all difficult feats, very finely executed.

The case of the Village Board vs. H. Irving, before Justice Bodine last week, for payment of a sidewalk on the east side of Mr. Irving's property on Chester street, was decided for the plaintiffs and promptly carried up to the circuit court. The case of the Village Board vs. Mrs. S. Poppleton, tried before Justice Bodine, was also decided in favor, of the village officials and the case, like Mr. Irving's, was carried to the circuit court.

Mr. L. Goodman, the gentleman who gave so fine an exhibition of fancy bicycle riding at the rink on last Saturday night will repeat the exhibition on next Saturday evening, April 3. In addition to this there will be a race between Mr. Goodman on his bicycle and Les Beardslee on rollers. We heartily recommend Mr. Goodman's work and any one wishing to see first-class bicycle riding would do well to attend next Saturday.—[Cadillac News.

The Beehive, hearing that the new rug industry, springing up among the fair ladies of New York, is rapidly spreading westward, has a large supply of Germantown yarns of various colors, with which they are made. No Pontiac or Oakland county home need now be without this latest fashionable ornamental decoration. It is the latest fancy work of the ladies and bids fair to have a run of large proportions.

Pomona grange was held in this place last Tuesday and was largely attended.

Kenny, Adams & Co., having largely increased their room this spring, have the largest spring stock this season that they have ever had and are right on hand, ready and anxious for the fray. Read their ad., notice the low prices, and when in the city make their store your headquarters while there. This is the wish of the boys and it is their request that we make the invitation as general as possible.

Our store is now connected with the printing office, on the third floor by a new and fine working speaking tube which works to perfection and now when somebody comes in mad, we refer them to the boys up-stairs and before they have climbed the two long flights of weary stairs the boys have the bull dog tied loose, the bouncer ready for business and the blood cleaned off from the beat crowbar and ready for the next victim. Oh, it is a grand affair and is most satisfactory in all its details. Come and try it.

This was the inscription on a neatly tied up package in Whitehead & Mitchell's store recently:

"Who does this package dare displace
Must meet A. Graham face to face."

—and it wasn't ten seconds after Andy wrote it before in came Walter Gould of Troy, and in just one revolution of the coffee mill he dared not only misplace it, but brushed it from the counter and smashed a porcelain lamp shade into pieces smaller than No. 8 shot. Notwithstanding Mitchell shrieked like Kosciusko, the package fell and Andy with tears in his eyes asked pay for the shade, and in the face of a chance to settle with Beattie, Walter drove off and left a room full of mourners who still weep for Andy's sake.

Wm Mathewson a bright smart appearing youth of past sixteen, appeared in town not long ago and Mrs. J. Beattie, in the goodness of her heart, persuaded Jim to keep him awhile until he could find a place for him to work with some good farmer in this vicinity. Jim did so, and last week Thursday while Jim was at Franklin attending to his detective business and the family all being away this enterprising young stranger ransacked the house, breaking open every lock and drawer in the house searching for plunder. He left about three p. m., taking Mrs. Beattie's pony and a gold ring belonging to Jim, he started for Detroit, but was overhauled by Ed White near the five mile house, brought back to this place where Justice Bodine in default of bail remanded him to jail at Pontiac to await trial.

The board of supervisors for 1885 stood 17 Democrats to 12 Republicans. The following, 20 Democrats to 9 Republicans, is the board for 1886: Avon, Harvey J. Taylor, dem.; Addison, Matthew D. Ribble, dem.; Bloomfield, Edward Fosdick, rep.; Brandon, Charles Young, rep.; Commerce, Kellum, dem.; Farmington, Lewis D. Owen, rep.; Groveland, Wm. T. Mathews, rep.; Holly, Charles F. Collier, dem.; Highland, Morehouse, dem.; Independence, W. E. Irish, dem.; Lyon, Wm. M. Ellis, dem.; Milford, Charles Kingsley, rep.; Novi, Sessions, dem.; Orion, Wm. E. Littell, dem.; Oxford, Harvey G. Douglap, dem.; Oakland, Gleason F. Perry, dem.; Pontiac township, Davis, dem.; Pontiac, 1st ward, Robert Brown, dem.; Pontiac, 2d ward, Michael Griffin, dem.; Pontiac, 3d ward, J. G. Buchanan, dem.; Pontiac, 4th ward, Andrew J. Culver, Rose, Wm. P. Hicks, dem.; Royal Oak, Benjamin, rep.; Springfield, Pepper rep.; Southfield, Wm. Erite, rep.; Troy, Josephus Smith, rep.; Waterford, Wm. E. Carpenter, dem.; West Bloomfield, Wood, White Lake, Douchertv, dem.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neigbors who were so kind as to remember us on the anniversary of our marriage, and especially to thank Mrs. G. Simpson and daughter Mary for their clever management of the affair; also the band boys for the music furnished.

MR. AND MRS. C. JARVIS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between J. R. Corson Jr., & Wilson Hawley under the firm name of J. R. Corson Jr. & Co is this day dissolved by limitation. The business will be continued by J. R. Corson Jr., to whom all accounts must be paid.

March 31, 1886. 49 6w

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned wishes to publicly express her sincere gratitude to the neighbors and friends who so kindly rendered her assistance in so many ways during her recent affliction, particularly to those who furnished the beautiful flowers at the funeral of her late husband.

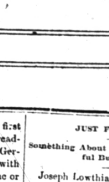
MRS. NELLIE CAMP.

IMPORTANT.

When you visit or leave New York City, save baggage, carriage and omnibus hire, and stop at the Grand Union, opposite the Grand Central depot. Elegant rooms fitted up at one cost of one million of dollars, reduced to $1 and upwards per day. European plan. Elevator. Horse cars and stages within the block. Restaurant supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and elevated railroad to all depots. Families can live better for the money at the Grand Union hotel than at any other first-class hotel in the city.

JUST FIVE YEARS.

Something About the Career of a Successful Business Man.



Joseph Lowthian Hudson entered this vale of tears by way of Newcastle, Eng. This event which, in its sequel, was to have an important bearing upon the memorial interests of Detroit, took place 40 years ago. But there wasn't room enough in the bustling little Island, not for Joseph, and it only took him seven years to find it out. Then it was he packed his receipted boots and round-a-bouts together and took the short cut road to America. At [JOSEPH L. HUDSON] Hamilton, Ont., he tackled a first-class education, and had it all his own way from the time he put his hands up to the finish. At 15 Joseph was heard of by C. R. Mabley and employed in his Pontiac firm. Young Hudson proved to be a grease lightning clerk and soon went into business with his father at Ionia, the name and title of the firm being R. Hudson & Son. The senior member of the firm died. Later fickle fortune placed an angry hand on the young merchant and he gave his creditors 60 cents on the dollar, they accepting it as settlement in full. But Joseph was not that kind of a man, and afterwards paralyzed his creditors by paying the balance with interest. He would have it that way and refusals wouldn't go. He afterward worked for Mabley again at a salary of $5,000 a year, and a subsequent interest in the business. He saved a sock full of money, and on April 2, 1881, just five years ago to-day, opened a store in Detroit. He spread out like a devil fish, and now has booming establishments in Toledo, Cleveland, Rochester, N. Y., and Ionia, beside his mammoth doubledecker in the Detroit opera house building. He handles his business as an old engineer does his locomotive, and runs her wide open all the time. Aside from his clothing interests, Joseph is the senior partner in the carpet and furniture firm of Hudson & Symington, director in the Dime savings bank, president of the Thompson-Houston light company and stockholder in the Detroit base ball club. Thus far the subject of this sketch has been too busy to find a wife partner.—[Evening Journal.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On Friday evening April 9 about 50 people might have been seen wending their way toward the southern part of the village, and from whispered remarks we learned they were going to the residence of Cyrus Jarvis to give him and his estimable wife a genuine surprise, it being the 15th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Jarvis was induced to go up town and of course knew not about what was going on at the house. About 9 o'clock Cyrus walked into the house and when he saw the smiling faces of his guests anyone with half an eye could have told that he was more than surprised. Shortly after his arrival the band boys put in an appearance and proceeded to give a first-class serenade, after which they were invited into the house. The guests were then increased in number by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Webster and Sam Howlett and Miss Anna Cotrell, who came down from Pontiac on the 9 o'clock train. Singing, games and instrumental music served to pass away the time pleasantly until supper was announced. Tables were set at the residence of Mr. G. Simpson, and here the second surprise was carried out by the presentation to Mrs. Jarvis by Mrs. J. O. Beattie, in behalf of the company, of an elegant set of china dishes. In speaking of the supper we can only say that everybody seemed to enjoy himself to the fullest capacity, the viands being plentiful and of the choicest kind. After supper was over the guests returned to the house of Mr. Jarvis and had a jolly good time until a late hour, when they dispersed to their respective homes, one and all declaring to have had a first rate time.

The presents given to the happy couple were as follows: Set of china dishes, by the company; bed-quilt, Mrs S. Jarvis; table cloth, Mrs. Calista Smith; hand mirror, Miss Mary Simpson; jelly dish, Mr. and Mrs. D. Webster; fruit dish, Mr. Samuel Howlett and Miss Anna Cotrell; pickle dish, Mr. S. C. Mills and wife; work basket, crochet needle and tooth pick, Mrs. Eugene Clafft.

THE BEST DAIRY COW.

From Dunton's Spirit of the Turf:

The vexed question as to which is the best breed of cows for the dairy seems to have been definitely settled in the most sensible and practicable way by putting each breed upon trial for its merits through first-class representatives, under similar and fair conditions, before competent and distinguished judges. Such a trial has been conducted by Prof. Wm. Brown of the Ontario experimental farm for seven consecutive months, with twelve different breeds, which resulted in the Jerseys leading all other breeds for butter and also for cheese. It had been generally acknowledged that the Jerseys were superior to all other breeds for butter; but it had been claimed by some that the Holsteins were the best for cheese. The record showed, however, that the Jerseys made nearly one-third more cheese than the Holsteins, while of butter the Jerseys made nearly two and a half times as much as the Holsteins. The second in merit were the Ayrshires, which made one-fifth less cheese and one-half less butter than the Jerseys. The Holsteins gave the largest amount of milk, but of a much poorer and thinner quality, as these experiments clearly proved. Similar results were reached by the comparative tests for a single day, made at the fairs just held at London and Toronto. The contest was to determine the best breed for milk, butter and cheese combined. The trial again showed the Jerseys first, the Ayrshires second, while the Shorthorn grade took the third place and the Holsteins fourth. The number of pounds of milk required to make a pound of butter in these experiments was only 14 for the Jersey, 23 for the Ayrshires, 29 for the Shorthorn grades and 33 for the Holsteins. The amount of cheese curd made from 100 pounds of milk was 15 pounds 6 ounces for the Jerseys, 12 pounds 9 ounces for the Ayrshires and 10 pounds 9 ounces for the Holsteins.

HE ORDERED A LIGHTNING ROD.

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

We never thought it would ever come into our province to have to tell our readers that the lightning rod man had again found a victim in our midst, and last of all that the victim would be our old and respected friend, Madison Spear, on the town line, who, it seems, has been taken in by that old, old scheme which we supposed was dead and buried long years ago by the agent trap, Bohemian oat scheme, or the Belgium wheat lodge; in fact we supposed the lightning rod man was dead from old age.

Well, not very long ago, a slick, genteel lightning rod man, called on Mr. Spear, who gave him a signed order to rod his house at a cost of not over $10 and with about 65 feet of lightning guide, and soon there appeared a gang of men who began their work of ornamentation and astonishment. They rodded the house, the kitchen, the woodshed, the little house, the pig-pen, the cow-shed, the chicken-coop and chased an old cow clear to the back lot and tried to get a rod on her, but in this they were unsuccessful. Anyhow the farm house bristles with lightning rods so that it looks like the back of a fretful porcupine. Notwithstanding the best efforts of Mr. Spear to have them cease, they kept on and when the work was finished the bill was $385, for which they then succeeded in getting him to give his note for full settlement. This is too bad for Mr. Spear, who can ill afford to lose this sum, and as misfortune never comes singly, he lost his best cow last Friday, which caps the climax and proves a heavy loss with his other troubles. The sympathy of all his old friends and neighbors is heard on all sides for Mr. Spear, but that don't pay the $385 or bring back to life the unfortunate cow.

HYMENIAL.

The marriage of David Hyde of Southfield and Miss Alice, daughter of Charles Chapman, of the same place, occurred at the residence of the bride's parents at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 7, Rev. Mr. Lanning, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating. The son-in-law elect and his bride left after the wedding supper for Detroit, there to enjoy a brief honeymoon. Returning to Southfield they will settle down to an unraveling of the realities of life in a house especially furnished for their occupancy, where they will find throngs of friends to wish them godspeed on their bright matrimonial voyage so auspiciously begun.

The following elegant presents were presented by the friends present: The groom presented the bride with a very fine present and she in return presented him with a very appropriate one. Mr. C. Chapman, center table; Mrs. Charles Chapman, bible and extension table; Mr. and Mr. H. D. Hyde, bedroom set; Mrs. H. D. Hyde, glass bread plate and hand-knit counterpane; Mrs. H. D. Hyde and Miss Amy Hyde, carpet; Miss Libbie Hyde, sofa, Miss Hattie Chapman, lemonade set; Mr. F. L. Hyde, rocker; Mrs. F. L. Hyde, lace curtains; Miss Mabel Hyde, curtain shades; F. W. Hyde and wife, hanging lamp; Miss M. C. W. Chapman, tidy and table spread; Miss Amy Hyde, pillow shams, L. W. Hyde, glass sauce dish and platter; S. Barnes, glass cake dish; Mrs. Seth Barnes, tidy; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stephens, silver pickle castor; Mr. Henry and Miss May Miller, books.

PONTIAC PICKINGS.

Skoolsoutforoneweek.

The Pontiac creamery will begin operations this week.

Master Dr. F. B. Galbraith, at your service.

Mrs. Henry Taylor was taken to the E. M. asylum last week for treatment.

Byron Sherwood, a brakeman on the P. O., & P. A., had one of his feet crushed by the cars last Friday at Cass City.

S. A. Pratt has fitted up his 99 cent store in great shape. It looks fine. Go see him.

Theo. Chaffer, foreman in the knitting room at the knitting works for the past ten years, has resigned and will sell patent fence for A. B. Donaldson.

In acceptance of an invitation we attended the fifteenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Jarvis as Birmingham last Friday evening and enjoyed ourselves hugely. We hope to be present at their fiftieth anniversary.

The junior exhibition of the class of 1887 was held at the high school building last Friday evening. Everything passed off pleasantly and a large crowd was present.

Charley Fox jr. captured a pickerel last week which weighed 18 pounds.

JULIA CROW.