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Mail..... 11.10 a. m.
Steamboat express..... 5.20 p. m.
Night express..... 11.20 p. m.

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Holly express..... 7.10 a. m.
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Mail..... 4.00 p. m.
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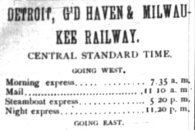

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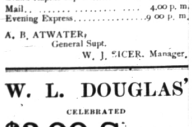

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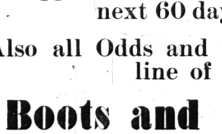

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HOME NOTES.

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.

"Sheriff Beattie?"

Calamity has gone!

Fireworks next Monday night.

Big Beaver celebrates this 4th.

Will Leggett is safely settled in Paris.

Dr. Raynale's new house will soon be framed.

Mrs. Electa Keys spent Sunday in Pontiac.

B. A. Thorne has resigned the office of justice of the peace.

Fine satin wall paper only 15c per roll at J. R. Corson, jr's.

Nice screen doors at Whitehead & Mitchell's; very cheap.

Mrs. James O. Beattie has opened ice cream parlors on Saginaw street.

Miss Anna Foulks of Vincennes, Ind., is visiting her cousin, Carrie McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper of Greenville visited with Orson I. Riley last week.

Some of the boys are getting too frisky Saturday nights. Let up; it don't pay.

Don't forget the races at the Birmingham driving park on Monday afternoon, July 5.

Brother Kelly is attending the Michigan press association at St. Joseph this week.

Fire crackers, 5c goods, 10c goods, 25c goods and granulated sugar 6½c per lb at Corson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDermont of Farmington were the guests of Orson I. Riley on Monday.

Miss Minnie Gillett has closed a successful school year in the Troy Log Cabin school house.

The Oakland County Advertiser will hear something drop from Orion pretty soon, see if it don't.

Cox & Clement are busy making an anchor for P. H. Sherman & Son's Orchard Lake steamer.

Our wool market is booming and prices are kept to the highest possible point by Messrs Slade and Rundel.

Mrs. J. P. Fredericks bought a fine Maogany bedroom set of W. & M. last week; ditto James M. Camp.

W. S. Albertson has taken the contract to furnish the asylum with coal. It takes 2,500 tons per annum.

Whew! Peter Pad of Pontiac talks of doublin' up. Well, well! will wonders never cease! Shake, Julia.

No trace of Ed. McManus, the slippery swindler. Guess he is safe under the shelter Victoria's arms.

F. S. Moody of South Lyon has embarked in the tobacco business. Here's good luck and prosperity to him.

Mr. E. Montague and grandson, Chas. M. Erwin, of Conneautville, Pa., have been visiting at J. A. Bigelow's.

We are glad to note that Miss Helen Shepherd has so far recovered as to be around town a little, after a tedious illness.

It was nip and tuck between Buck and the husband, but after a severe chase Buck hid in a woodshed and saved his life.

If any farmer wants a hayfork rope cheap, see Whitehead & Mitchell's rope and get a piece that is simply—very cheap.

Born to Mrs. O. E. Angstman of Detroit, the 15th inst., a daughter, and no one is happier than this young lady's parents.

Tom. Nelson's new house is about ready for the plasterers and when completed he will have as good a home as any one.

You will not fail to notice F. Blakeslee & Co's. new ad this week with its new attractions. Read it up and profit thereby.

A. J. Crosby was in town last week on business and when he left he said he had no claim on any real estate in Birmingham.

The Philo Phillips farm, west of Toms' mill, will be sold at auction one week from next Friday, July 9, at 10 o'clock a. m.

For sale: One good mare seven years old, weight 1200 pounds; also 115 sheep, ewes and wethers. George A. Waters, Southfield, Mich.

The Mehan quartette of Detroit will give a concert at Library hall on July 9, for the benefit of the young ladies' Brownell society.

Wes Faint's children have about recovered from their recent affliction and Wes' face is rapidly recovering its accustomed rotundity.

Fresh roasted peanuts, English walnuts, Brazil nuts, almonds, bananas, oranges, lemons, dates, figs and fine confectionery at Corson's.

The family of George Campbell of Royal Oak has been nearly swept away by diphtheria, Mr. Campbell having lost his wife and two children.

Mrs. Wilkie, the aged mother of Mrs. Slade, fell off the front steps on Monday last and fractured her wrist. Dr. Campbell reduced the fracture.

Some pigs belonging to Vandy Wooster, on the Durkee farm near Wing lake, were poisoned last week and three of the porkers gave up the ghost.

We meant to have mentioned the fact that Mason Leonard had been boycotted. It's a fact and now Mason has a quartette of boys that any man ought to proud of.

Mortie Bigelow won first prize in the boys' race at the Detroit bicycle tournament last week. It is a neat silver badge and is highly prized by the owner.

Frankie Gibbs closed a successful term of school in district No. 1 of Troy last week and received the compliment of having the school offered to her for next year without any solicitation on her part.

The Oxford Globe hits it when it says: Fifty cents charged to hear a first-class concert troupe sing sets some people into chills, but 75 cents to see a few passed balls and muffs is dirt cheap. There is no accounting for tastes.

James O. Beattie begins to loom as a candidate for sheriff in the Pontiac Democrat. One thing is sure and that is if Jim gets the nomination he'll get there without a doubt and a good officer for the county would be secured.

If certain immoral proceedings, about which the principal actors are scarcely modest enough to wait until darkness hides their actions, are not stopped at once, they will have a brick house presented to them—one brick at a time.

Franklin will celebrate the glorious 3d The band will play, refreshments be served, Wes Faint and Doc Leet will talk, sing, dance and holler and they'll all feel gay. For particulars see small bills.

M. Hollister had the misfortune to lose a valuable mare last week. Heart disease was the trouble and was so pronounced by veterinary surgeon Young, and a post-mortem examination proved his diagnosis.

Frank Beekman solemnly avers and has three witnesses to prove it if called upon, that one day last week in Troy he saw a pure white robbin and it foretells war, pestilence, famine and we don't know what else.

We have had on exhibition the past few days a ripe fig and a bunch of the new variety of currants called cherry currants. They were grown in the garden of E. R. Post and are curiosities in their respective classes.

Monday afternoon, July 5, will be the time for sport in Birmingham. There will be races fast and furious at the driving park and a grand display of fireworks in the evening. The fun will end with one of Neil's rousing dances. All come.

Romeo Observer: Mark Brewer is strongly talked of as a candidate for congress in the sixth district. He is about the biggest runner the party has got in this district. They all seem to know it, as he made an efficient congressman during his former service.

The furniture firm of Whitehead & Mitchell shipped last week, very satisfactorily to all parties interested, a marble top bedroom suit to New York state. It was of the Phenix manufacturing company's make which is a guarantee of fine and substantial work.

Dennis Cusling of Franklin hitched up his horse to his two-wheeled cart recently, and started for California. The last heard of him he was somewhere in Iowa. Although Dennis is not yet gifted with wings we'll bet high against heavy odds that "he'll get there just the same."

Cards were out announcing the marriage of Grant H. Slocum, formerly editor and business manager of the Holly Advertiser but now foreman of the Caro Advertiser, to Miss Ada M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mertz of the same place, and the event took place at Miss Mertz's home on Tuesday, June 29.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Noys, who lives on Ike Pearsall's place near Big Beaver, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Aldrich, and was going down a few steps into the milk cellar, she fell and broke her limb. Dr. Woodruff reduced the fracture. Mrs. Noys is an aged lady and her misfortune falls heavily upon her.

A superstitious subscriber who found a spider in a copy of his paper wants to know if it is a bad omen? Nothing of the kind. The spider was merely looking over the columns of the paper to see what merchant was not advertising, so that it could spin its web across the store door and be free from disturbance.

On the 20th inst. Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcox of near Franklin were very much surprised by being presented with a beautiful set of Shakespearian china, it being the occasion of their 20th anniversary and all present had a most enjoyable time. After partaking of a bountiful repast all returned home, declaring that it was better to give than receive.

The fraudulent transactions of Ed. McManus continue to multiply. The Michigan Mutual life insurance company in June, 1884, made a loan to Ed of $700 on several pieces of real estate; on one parcel there was a mortgage of $1,500 which he claimed had been paid, producing an official discharge of said mortgage, which now turns out to have been forged.

Livingston Republican: A Michigan armer wrote to a congressman thanking him for his efforts in behalf of the oleomargarine bill and wound up with the following exhortation: "Give it to um make um pitch durty oljmargarene in the paysifuc ocean and ete what the ocust farmers churn." There was a little difficulty about the spelling, but he got the idea all right.

J. R. Corson, jr., has a change of ad this week and announces the fact that he has secured the services of Dave Hyde, formerly of Southfield, whose many friends will wish him success in his new position. As Dave has rented the house formerly occupied by Wm. Manser, he will be conveniently situated for his work. Both gentlemen are to be congratulated.

The M. E. church lawn social at M. K Taber's last week was largely attended and all present enjoyed themselves. John Guilloz and family of Detroit and J. S. Stockwell with his family from Pontiac were among those present. Fifteen gallons of ice cream were absorbed and from all appearances everybody went in for a general good time and they had it, we are sure.

This week yo junior editor and wife, with Rev. G. W. Lowe and wife, after a day or two's visit at Jackson, go to Eaton Rapids to take in the state M. E. camp meeting, at which time the world renowned and popular eccentric preacher, Sam Jones, will speak daily during the continuance of the meeting which lasts about two weeks. The quartette will be home to-morrow or next day.

On the evening of June 17 about 60 relatives and friends gathered at the residence of John Wilcox, near Franklin, to celebrate the 19th birthday of his daughter Ellen. Many useful and beautiful presents were presented to her. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour, each and all declaring they had had a most enjoyable time and each wishing her many happy returns of the occasion.

Rev. S. Titus, formerly of the 12th street Mission church, Detroit, preached at the M. E. church last Sunday evening to a large congregation. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Titus became very warm friends during their ministerial stay at Flint ten years ago, and from Mr. Lowe's hearty introduction of Mr. Titus it is very evident that the friendship has not grown lax or cold. On account of failing health Mr. Titus has been obliged to cease preaching for a while.

C. R. Jenks has taken his departure for Cadillac with his trusty trombone and thus our village band becomes demoralized. Surely it has bad luck, but not for lack of patronage by the business men who have liberally paid Prof. Norton for their lessons, but from a woeful indifference on the part of some of the members who failed to produce at all. Will it rise again phoenix-like from its ashes? We hope so. There is timber enough in town if it would get together and stay there.

Walter Sturman, who lives with Dave Brooks near Franklin, got a colony of rats cornered in the granary last Saturday and managed to slaughter 17 of them, and everybody had remarked all the forenoon that it was an awful poor day for rats. Now come on with your rat stories and when you are all done, we'll just speak to a man living near Franklin who really does kill rats sometimes, and when it is a good day for rats he'll just hump himself and see what he can do. Rats!!

Support the local press. The quality and success of a newspaper depends largely on the liberality of its patrons; if a community desires a healthy journal all the conditions incident to the welfare of the enterprise must be favorable. Here will remember that it takes money to run a printing press. If they would have the interests well attended to, their welfare looked after in a manner that would be acceptable to themselves and a credit to the place, then support the local press.—[Fullerton.

In our report of the school exercises last week a few thought we did not give the valedictorian, Steve Goodman, as much space as he was entitled to. We thought Prof. Hall certainly gave this clever graduate the highest praise possible when he said Steve stood the highest among the gentlemen in his class and that more on our report would seem superfluous. But we want all to know that Steve Goodman is A 1 in every respect, at home, among his associates, in his dealings with the public everywhere and no one wishes him greater success nor more good luck than we do.

Mitchell has gone to Eaton Rapids to hear Sam Jones and ere this is sitting on a bench in the great camp meeting with the flies crawling over his elongated proboscis and into his wide open mouth Rev. G. W. Lowe and wife and Mitchell's own wife accompany him—merely as adjuncts. A brief glance into his grip before he left showed us the following articles: Opera glasses, cork-screw, bottle of brandy, socks, can salmon, more brandy, can-opener and ball of chalk, euchre deck, box cigars, brandy, 'nother pair socks, shirt, box of pills, box of sardines and another bottle of brandy. Wonder why he didn't take more brandy.

Wednesday of last week was a red letter day for at least one person in our village, inasmuch as it was the 6th anniversary of the birthday of our bright, old fashioned little friend, Don Williams, whose parents occupy the Trowbridge residence on Maple avenue. The day and evening was made more memorable to the happy hearted little fellow by the presence of about a dozen of his little friends from Detroit with their parents. In the evening Chinese lanterns, red and blue fire, fireworks, etc., made the beautiful grounds more beautiful, and Mr. Rowe of M. S. Smith & Co.'s, conductor Peter Milne (everybody knows big, fat, jolly "Peter") and engineer McGinnis climbed the fence while their train was waiting on the siding and partook of the hospitalities for which Mr. Williams and his wife are becoming famous, and ate and drank the health of Master Don. Here's hoping the little fellow may live to see at least ten times six years and more too, if he wants to.

What makes F. D. Cutting of Troy limp so? He stepped on a nail recently and for several days he suffered severely.

It is with sincere sorrow that we publish the fact of the death of our old friend Wells Keeney, which took place at his residence on Wednesday, June, 23. Mr. Keeney was born in Connecticut in 1810 and was married to Miss Roxana Adams in New York state in 1838; came to Michigan in 1844; was a member of the Presbyterian church of fifty years standing and of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., for thirteen years. The latter society performed the funeral services of the order for their deceased brother on Friday last, from the M. E. church at Franklin, the Rev. S. A. Long preaching a most able and eloquent sermon, followed by a few fitting remarks by Rev. G. W. Lowe of Birmingham. In spite of the pelting storm of the afternoon a large number of friends paid the last tribute to the memory of their departed friend.

Articles of entertainment and serious timely interests share equally the space of July's Century. In the illustrated papers are a double article on "Cross-Country Riding in America," by Theodore Roosevelt and Henry Cabot Lodge, the former drawing from his experience in riding to hounds on Long Island and the latter describing the older hunt at Geneseo, Livingston county, N. Y., and that of the Myopia Club in Essex county, Mass.; "Homing Pigeons," a finely illustrated account by Mrs. E. S. Starr, of the training and use of carrier-pigeons; "A Day in Surrey with Wm. Morris," the English poet, artist and socialist, by Mrs. Emma Lazarus, and Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselear's third paper on "American Country Dwellings." As usual the war papers are profusely illustrated and entertaining. Mr. Howells contributes the sixth installment of his new novel, "The Minister's Charge;" and the short stories of the number are a humorous negro sketch by H. S. Edwards, entitled "Two Runaways" and "Claiborne Kean" by James T. McKay.

SEFER GIVE UP.

If you are suffering with low and depressed spirits, loss of appetite, general debility, disorded blood, weak constitution, headache, or any disease of a bilious nature, by all means procure a bottle of Electric Bitters. You will be surprised to see the rapid improvement that will follow; you will be inspired with new life, strength and activity will return, pain and misery will cease, and henceforth you will rejoice in the praise of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50 cents a bottle by Whitehead & Mitchell.

FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSION RATES.

The Chicago and Grand Trunk, Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee, Michigan Air Line and Detroit Division of Grand Trunk Railway, extend to their patrons the usual half rates. Tickets sold going July 3d, 4th and 5th. Good to return July 6th inclusive, at single fare for the round trip.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted and supported us in our trials and afflictions in the death of our late husband, Wells Keeney, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks.

MRS. ROXANA KEENEY.

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Died, June 23, at his home in Bloomfield, Mr. John Blair, in the 81st year of his age. Death was a welcome release from constant suffering which, for the past year, he has borne with such unrivaled patience. To be at rest with his departed kin were almost the last words spoken. The funeral services at the house Friday were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Stephans, Episcopal minister of Pontiac. Mr. Blair has resided in this county for 23 years, most of the time on the town line. He was a good citizen, doing all he could to promote the welfare of the school, interfereing with none but most hospitable to all.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARD.

Miss Effie Hutchins closed a successful term of school last Friday.

Mrs. Geo. Terry has gone to Canada to visit her parents for the first time in 15 years.

Last Saturday evening the following officers were elected in the red ribbon club for the next six months: President, I. S. Pearsall; 1st vice-president, F. R. Lamb; 2d vice-president, F. Schlaack; 3d vice-president, F. A. James; secretary, Minnie Gillett; financial secretary, Miss Frankie Gibbs; treasurer, E. W. Millard; steward, Philip Schlaack; 1st marshal, Delbert Smith; 2d marshal, Marlin Millard; sergeant at arms, John Buttolph; organist, Jennie Ebling. After the election of officers Miss Emma Schlaack read a very appropriate article entitled "Keep Good Company."

A WALKING SKELETON.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa, writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles, found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with a hearty appetite and a gain in flesh of 46 lbs." Call at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all lung diseases. Large bottles $1.

Flinn & Durfee's ice cream at Mrs. Furman's every Wednesday and Saturday, afternoon and evening.

THAT HACKING COUGH can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's cure. We guarantee it. A. A. Rust, Franklin.

WILL YOU SUFFER with dyspepsia and liver complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. A. A. Rust, Franklin.

"HACKMETACK," a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cts. A. A. Rust, Franklin.

FOUR FINE COLTS.

And Their Sire, Sansonnet, a Good Representative Percheron.

One day recently we were among a few privileged spectators of a miniature horse fair held at the residence of Zephaniah Caswell in the town of Troy, where was exhibited a few of the progeny of his thoroughbred Percheron stallion, Sansonet.

George Harmon of Troy showed a half-bred colt five weeks old, a veritable copy of the sire, with the distinctive features of the Percheron strongly developed.

Mason Leonard of Troy showed a fine three-quarter bred, weight 390 pounds, nine weeks old, with fine action and good style, of which the owner may be justly proud. The little one shows the points of the sire as well as those of the dam, a well-built, stocky dapple gray mare from the Chandler breed of horses.

Frank Wiest of Pontiac showed a beautiful little thoroughbred, weighing 230 pounds, three weeks old, whose dam is a fine gray mare sired by the celebrated Percheron stallion, Success, whose progeny has made the breeding stables of Dunham & Co., near Chicago, world famous. This colt could be picked out as a representative Percheron from among a thousand, so marked are the peculiarities of the breed. Short, strong limbs, fine head, stylish neck and massive shoulders, with the well rounded hips and short strong back of the ideal draft horse make him an invaluable addition to the breeding stock of Oakland county. Mr. Wiest has been offered $500 for this colt as soon as he shall have become six months old.

William Moore of Sterling, Macomb county showed a half-bred colt six months old, weight 380 pounds, which had all the points of his competitors and an action both in trotting and walking which pleased our unprofessional eye better than any of the rest. A springy, elastic step gives promise of an excellent roadster in the future and Mr. Moore can now rest assured that he has one of the finest colts in the whole of Sansonet's get.

To conclude the show Mr. Caswell brought out Sansonnet the illustrious sire of the four youngsters, and we must say that this beautiful horse has improved in looks since his purchase by his present owner something over a year ago. At any rate he stands without a peer in Oakland county to-day, in our estimation, as the perfection draft horse. With more style and better action than the average Percheron, he lacks none of the strong points which are making the breed invaluable to the farming community, who are rapidly waking up to the fact that it is worse than folly to breed for fancy trotters with no certainty of getting horses worth anything for their business, when a good st. ck draft horse is invaluable to a farmer and costs no more to raise than a half-bred racer just fast enough to get on the right side of the distance flag after an expensive education under high priced drivers.

San-onnet is a dapple gray, 16½ hands high, weighs 1770 pounds, is seven years old, possessing uncommon style, with beautifully arched neck and a wealth of silky mane, and was imported by Savage & Farnham of Detroit, Mich.

Some of Webster's Love-Letters.

From "Reminiscences of Daniel Webster," accompanied by a striking frontispiece portrait, in the March CENTURY, we quote the following: "Lovers in these days, it appears, were in the habit of sitting up late, or rather early; and his manner of letting his lady know at what time he would leave her is, to say the least, novel. It reads as follows:

"'MY COUSIN: I intend to set out for home from your house at three o'clock.—D. W.

"'Miss Grace Fletcher, Present.'

"One day he assisted her in disentangling a skein of silk, and, taking up a piece of tape, he said:

"'Grace, cannot you help me to tie a knot that will never untie?'

"She blushingly replied:

"'I don't know, Daniel, but am willing to try.'

"The knot was tied, and though eighty years have since sped by, it lies before me to-day, time-colored, it is true, but nevertheless still gatied. I have a note in my possession dated March, 1805, addressed to Miss Grace Fletcher.

"'Miss FLETCHER: Monday morning five o'clock I expect to go out on the stage for Amherst. If it should consist with your convenience to ride to Dunstable on that day, I should be happy to be charged with the duty of attending you. It will probably be in my way to be in Cambridge Sunday eve, and I can furnish you a passage into town.

"'D. WEBSTER.'

"Another note in an envelope marked by Miss Fletcher 'Precious Documents' reads as follows:

"'DEAR GRACE: I was fortunate enough to be at home Sunday morning at five o'clock, after a solitary ride. . . . Early in the week after next I hope to be with you.

"'Yours entirely, D. W.'"

A Russian traveler predicts that Tibet will prove to be a second California, as, during a recent visit there, he found the natives gold-washing in the crudest way, but with the richest results. If the same class of men should be attracted to the gold-bearing districts of that barbaric country as went to California in '49, it is very probable that the civilization of that region would be accomplished with a degree of rapidity which would prove most salutary in its lesson to the Czars, Emperors, Queens and Ameers who are struggling for empire in that part of the world after the manner of the Middle Ages.—*The Current.*

The appointment of General Macpherson as successor of General Roberts in the command of the British army at Madras, in India, is significant. He greatly distinguished himself in the Afghan campaign, and is one of the best fighting men of the British army. The new British Cabinet is putting the best men at the front in India.