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Morning express.... 7.35 a. m.
Mail.... 11 10 a. m
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GOING EAST.

Limited Express.... 10.55 p. m.
Holly express.... 7.10 a. m.
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Mail.... 4.00 p. m.
Evening Express.... 9.00 p. m.

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Try our fresh roasted coffee at 20 cents. New Crockery. New goods in all lines this week at low prices. Highest Market price for Butter and Eggs.

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15 pounds granulated sugar	$1 00	Choice halibut	$ 12½
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10 3-pound cans tomatoes	1 00	Nice clean rice	4
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Try Upson's new French Process soap, 8 cents a cake, or two for 15 cents.

Our line of White Goods at cost.

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Our Line of Ladies' and Misses Slippers at cost.

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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.

School's called.

A. C. Ellis was in town last week.

John Beebe was in town last week.

Read C. A. Brush's business card in this issue.

Nearly all the 5c goods you can carry for $1 at Corson's.

Alex. McPherson of Detroit was in town this week.

Rev. G. W. Lowe will preach his fare well sermon on Sunday next.

Mr. August Aneuer of Detroit is visiting at A. D. Shadbolt's this week.

The U. P. social at Will Herbison's takes place Thursday evening, Sep. 9.

Edwin Baldwin has been quite ill, but we are glad to say he is no on the gain.

The Oakland County Advertiser has a chestnut bell but can't tell when to ring it.

Mrs. Mitt, grand-daughter of Mr. R. T. Merrill, visited with her people last week.

L. W. Brace, wife and two children of Muskegon are visiting at T. H. Blumberg's.

It sounds good again to hear the school bell ring and it isn't a chestnut bell, either.

The government has donated six brass cannons to Pontiac and the artilery arrived last week.

What is nicer than the invitation from lodge 44 to attend their musical and no admission charged?

Mrs. Anna M. Mills of Detroit visited her sister, Mrs. C. A. Brush, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. John Baldwin has returned home from a visit with relatives at Grand Ledge and vicinity.

Mr. John Hawley and Miss Berta Lott of Flint were the welcome guests of Mamie Utter last Monday.

Mr. Orlando Pearsall and wife of Grand Rapids were visiting their relatives in this vicinity last week.

Miss Mary Donaldson and Mrs. Lizzie Mahaffy of Pennsylvania are the guests of Alex. Means of Southfield.

See the scratch books at Whitehead & Mitchell's; also a full line of school books, pens, ink, paper, slates, etc.

Sabbath morning Rev. E. B. Service will deliver a discourse from John 17-17. Subject, "The Truth of the Book."

On Saturday, Aug. 28, at Troy the Clawsons beat the Troy Destroyers in a game of base ball by the score 87 to 30.

Mrs. Marion Masters and her mother have returned to their city home after a summer's rest in the city. Ditto Mrs. O'Keefe.

Miss Ella Todd has returned from a five weeks' visit among friends and relatives at Pine Lake, Benington and Owosso.

Mrs. Goodsell, who has been the guest of Mrs. M. Smith this summer, is at present trying the mineral water cure of Mt. Clemens.

Birmingham failed to come in for a share of Saturday's storm, but she got a beautiful refreshing Sunday afternoon and night.

The Misses Kahl of Flushing, visiting at A. Means', returned home on Thurs day last well pleased with their sojourn in Southfield.

He was a wrathy man who was charged 10c per mile for traveling on the gravel road with his steam thresher. Now he Frank about it; wasn't that so?

A 6-quart pail 10c, a 2-quart covered pail 10c, a hoe brush 10c, a scrub brush 10c, a shoe brush 10c, a fry pan 10c, and scores of useful articles at 10c each at Corson's.

A full and complete line of those celebrated "crazy quilt writing paper pads, for 5 cents each at Whitehead & Mitchell's. Just the thing for school.

Mrs. J. F. Rundel has been quite ill for some weeks past, but at this writing she is much better and it is now hoped that she will soon recover her usual good health.

The special examination of teachers held at Pontiac, August 28, was well attended, 61 candidates being present. There were five applicants for higher grade certificates.

The ladies of the U. P. church will give a watermelon social at Will Herbison's, but the fair writer who sent us the item forgot to send the day and date when the affair comes off.

When a horse that carries the mail 313 days in a year, can make a flying leap over two pair bars and a seven board gate, you can calculate that he has good feed and a careful driver.

C. W. Jenks was around the other day taking a farewell view of his old home for so many years and bidding farewell to his old friends and has gone to make his home in Cadillac.

John R. Clarke will speak in Red Ribbon hall at Big Beaver on Saturday evening, September 4. Everybody is very cordially invited to come and hear the only man who can bear comparison with John B. Gough.

Wanted, immediately: A strong, competent girl for general housework. One who likes children. Must come well recommended. To one who proves satisfactory I will pay $2 50 a week. Mrs. E. C. Poppleton. 2

After a long and tedious waiting Mrs. S. D. Beekman was pleased to recover the Lugenbiel towels, etc., she purchased from the seamp. Constable Crouch returned them to her because no owner came forward to claim the property.

H. Hood has made a survey and platted an addition to the village of Birmingham, running south from Freemont street and comprising nine lots. Reuben Russel of Royal Oak surveyed and platted it in a manner reflecting credit upon himself.

Mrs. Ann Rogers came near having a painful accident happen her last Monday by falling into the cistern. Fortunately the long dry weather had about emptied it, so she escaped drowning, but received a severe bruise that was painful but not dangerous.

Soapdont for hair oil, smells nice, but a young friend of ours says when his mother uses it on his little sister's hair for hair oil, it is going a little too far. He thinks 15 cents an ounce for hair oil is to rich for the family blood.

Miss Belle Curtis has returned home from her graduating exercises at Chautauqua where she graduated along with the rest of her class with the highest honors, and is all ready for her duties as lecturer in the Detroit schools which begin next Monday.

Two big jumps for printers last week. One on a wager of $500 jumped from the central span of the Brooklyn bridge, and another in Massachusetts jumped his board bill. The former was speedily arrested and there are some who would like to arrest the latter.

We were very much pleased to shake the friendly hand of Geo. W. Beekman of Marietta, Ohio, who greeted his many friends last week in his pleasant manner, just the same as when he was one of our citizens. George is doing well in his Ohio home and looks like a native born Buckeye.

Considerable gossip is caused by Mr. Henry Grinnell of near Franklin suddenly taking a notion to visit California. Perhaps Buckskin Sam has written him about a new scheme and Hank has gone to take a hand. We will wager a new hat that Henry returns safe and sound and well pleased over his vacation. Any takers?

The Milford Times comes to us this week heavily dirged in mourning, announcing the sudden death of its editor, I. P. Jackson, who died August 22. Mr. Jackson founded the Times nearly 16 years ago and has lived to see it grow to a periodical of great importance. Mrs. Jackson, Carrie M. and Bert W., her children, will continue its publication.

The [illegible] of the girl of the . are small, tapering and beautifully shaped, I I as beautiful as the * * and she is without an =; her frown is a † and her figure excites ! ! ! of surprise and a hankering —— her. In winter time when her beaux ; round to see her she ——away to put some : the grate, providing they don't use natural gas for fuel.

Young men never lose your presence of mind when you are in a trying situation. When you take the girl to a picnic and you wander away together to commune with nature, and she suddenly exclaims: "Oh, George, there is an ant down my back!" don't stand still with your mouth open; don't faint; don't go for the girl's mother, but go for the ant.

At the home of Wm. Goodman have arrived for a short visit from Cadillac Mrs. Frank Goodman, nee Flora Jenks; Louie Goodman and Steve from Clare. Louie is suffering from inflammed eyes and is obliged to keep in a dark room all the time. We are sorry for the affliction and hope he will soon be all right again.

Eight to four in favor of Birmingham, five innings, between Birmingham and the town line Invincibles. The boys on the town line have a dandy lot of timber for a base ball nine if they would only keep down their "Anson peculiarities." As fine a battery and first base man as any club could wish gave the Hungries a number of goose eggs, but alas! the sand of the Invincibles gave out at the end of the fifth inning and the game was ended.

The Republican state convention in session at Grand Rapids on Thursday of this week, nominated the following ticket: Governor, Cyrus G. Luce of Branch; lieutenant govenor, J. H. McDonald of Marquette; attorney general, Moses Taggart, Kent; treasurer, George L. Maltz, Alpena; auditor general, H. H. Alpin of Bay; secretary of state, Gil R. Osmun of Wayne; commissioner state land office, Roscoe D. Dix of Berrien; superintendent public instruction, Joseph Estabrook of Eaton; member state board of edncation, S. S. Babcock of Wayne.

Messrs. Bird and Bookham feel aggrieved over our local of last week in regard to the Southfield road grade difficulty. Brother Bird says the difficulty is that there is a difference of opinion in regard to the grade and that the objection of himself and others is to the manner in which the commissioner is making a gravel pit of the street, and hauling away the sand from in front of their premises. He also objects to being misrepresented in our columns. To all of which we answer candidly that we are very sorry if we have done so. But soft, wait a moment. We have some objections ourselves. We object most strenuously to mixing up in these corporation rows—for they are rows—and we object to the rows because they are rows and result in a waste of the people's valuable time and money and are a direct damage to the prosperity of our village But we see a brighter day coming bye and bye, but at what a distance! The third generation may see the blessed millenium, when all shall be peace and order and brotherly love like unto the times gone by, but we doubt it very much.

John R. Clarke is a noted lecturer, a gentleman and fine linguist and a good speaker. He is well known in this vicinity and comes endorsed by noted men of our country. He delivers two lectures at the M. E. church to-night and to-morrow night, Thursday and Friday, September 2 and 3. As Birmingham is such a poor lecture town let us surprise this versatile orator by a numerous audience. The admittance has been placed at the low price of 15c and it seems as if the church to-night and to-morrow night should be over crowded. Mr. Clarke's lectures always call for a 50c admission, and the reason we are so fortunate is because Mr. Clarke has many warm friends here who have urged him to come. The Chautauqua Assembly Herald says of him: "There has not been on the Chautauqua platform this year so remarkable a man as John R. Clarke, nor has there been given so unique and individual address. It was delivered in the amphitheatre and listened to by a very large and attentive audience. He held the crowd with a firm hand from beginning to the close, and many of his good hits were greeted with tremendnous appleause." The Flint Globe says: "He seems a mixture of Gough, Sol. Smith Russell and himself."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending August 31, 1886.

Miss Annie Dennen, 2; Mr. John Fahy, Mr. James Hathaway, Mrs. Hattie Hudson, Andy McBride, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Phebe Putny, Anthony Schloff, Miss Mate Wilson, Major Peter Walke.

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

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THE WAY SOME PEOPLE DO.

Taber and Mitchell last week put in a day or so laboring for the cause of Christianity. Not that they are directly personally interested in the cause any more than to wish success and lend their influence towards all good institutions in our midst; and their success was satisfactory, meeting with many generous friends and without a snub or any ungentlemanly treatment. The following letter from a well-known wealthy gentleman of Lake Superior tells its own story and as this is the second donation from the same source, it pleases us to publish his letter. The reply is in response to a letter notifying Mr. C. that the Cooper stock farm was assessed a "V" for the spread of the gospel:

OFFICE OF DETROIT & L. S. COPPER CO., Hurton House, Mich., Aug. 24, 1886.

Messrs. Taber and Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

GENTLEMEN—Your favor of the 21st inst. is received. I enclose you $5 for the purpose you mention and hope you will have no trouble in raising the amount you require. I pay an entrance fee in the church here, but it will do no harm to take a little stock in outside states occasionally. The church must be supported and I consider it any man's duty to help when necessary, whether he belongs to a church or not, for we must all admit that the different denominations do a vast amount of good. It is all right then to keep some of us honest and if there they can do to keep some of us honest and if there were no churches we would have to grow trees to get high to save our chickens. As a business and economical proposition we must maintain the churches, even if we have to join them to do so, and I would suggest that both you gentlemen retain your positions, as a brisker foot might get discouraged in your places.

Very truly yours, JAS. E. COOPER.

MASONIC MUSICAL.

The members of Birmingham lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., of Birmingham, Mich., hereby invite their friends to a musical concert to come off in this village in their lodge room, Tuesday evening, September 7, at which time the following program will be presented.

PROGRAM.

1. Brass Quartette.....The Day of the Lord
Messrs Sherman, Jarvis, Griffin and Mitchell
2. Male Quartette, Come where the Lillies Bloom
Messrs Slade, Hamp, Randall and Smith
3. Duet.....On Jordan's Dark and Stormy River
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lowe.
4. Solo.....Then You'll Remember Me
Jennie Worth.
5. Duet.....Only Thee
Ed. and Belle Smith.
6. Quartette.....Dancing Over the Waves
Misses Worth and Fredericks and Messrs Wiles and Smith
7. Duet.....Music and her Sister Song
Misses Worth and Fredericks.
8. Brass Quartette.....The Chapel
INTERMISSION—15 MINUTES.
9. Medley.....Cannibal Islands
10. Duet.....Belshazzar's Feast
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lowe.
11. Bass Solo.....Who Treads the Path of Duty
S. L. Slade.
12. Cornet Solo with Organ Accompaniment Op. 17, followed by Russian Obligato.
Prof. Norton of Detroit and Jennie Dusenberry of Troy.
13. Duet.....My Mother's Hymn
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lowe.
14. Song.....Comic Fantasie
J. H. Peabody.
15. Brass Quartette.....Calendula, Andante and Polka.

The entertainment will begin at 7.30 standard time. The brethren have arranged for a goodly attendance and look for a full house. The large and commodious hall will be fully seated so there need be no fear of not securing a seat. No admission required and everybody invited. Children not accompanied by their parents will not be allowed to enjoy the program.

I have now commenced my annual closing out sale of trimmed hats, bonnets etc., at greatly reduced prices. L. T. Furman.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

Editors of the Eccentric.

In your issue of last week under the announcement, "there was war on the Southfield road one day last week," you go on to say "Street Commissioner Geo. Blakeslee set a gang of men to work, leveling the street and establishing a grade." Now this statement of the case is so palpably wide of the facts, and so unfai; to all parties, as to demand a correction. The simple facts are these: The street commissioner came with men and teams, and as he distinctly avowed, not for the purpose of grading and leveling the street, but for the purpose of hauling away the gravel to be used on other streets several blocks away, which he did and continued to do through most of the day. We expostulated for the reason that all the available earth was needed on the spot for grading and leveling purposes. Not any of the gravel thus removed has been used for grading or leveling purposes on the Southfield road, and this thing of using the South field road as a gravel bed has been going on all summer, and after removing gravel has not been leveled but left in lumps and holes just as the earth was dug out and is in that condition to day.

ROBERT BIRD
THEOPHILUS BOOKHAM

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

The veteran Carter is boring a well for Terrence Dunn.

Megigin, Robert and Tommy Brace are digging wells. Better have bored and went deeper.

Mrs. Kelly has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Brace.

Allie Hendrickson has gone to Kansas on a prospecting tour.

A number of our young folks will attend the Birmingham school this winter.

Mrs. Lucy Lee of Utica has been visiting at Sam Martin's for a few days.

Miss Jennie and Eliza Parks have been calling on old acquaintances the past week.

Flinn & Co. did not succeed in getting a flowing well at the King place.

Sheriff Beattie sounds pretty well in these parts.

Mrs. Steen was buried on Sunday.

Gird Hoard is handling the Owosso pump. They are claimed to be the best pump out.

Mrs. E. Heard is visiting relatives near Toledo.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Mr. Arthur Lee of Royal Oak visited his cousin, Judd Walters, last week.

A large number of Southfielders attended the supervisors' picnic at Orchard Lake and pronounced it the largest picnic they ever attended.

The Farmington base ball club came down to play ball with the Southfield boys and beat them in fine style, too.

The L. A. S. at Mrs. Chapman's on last Friday was well attended and the time passed pleasantly in spite of the heat. The next meeting is to be at Mrs. Fuller's.

Mrs. Chase and children have returned to Toledo.

Mr. Hickey and son John visited in this place last week.

Threshing is about finished in this vicinity.

Some of our young men go cooning now-a-days.

We had no singing school last Saturday evening on account of the absence of the teacher, but part of the class improved the time by singing at the home of Eva Murphy.

Albert Chapman's and Henry Wedinstofer's children have got scarlet fever.

The watermelon social and dance at Dr. Holcomb's on Tuesday evening of last week netted the Union band $35.

TROY TWINKLES.

A. C. Trowbridge is rather on the decline.

Mrs. Smith has not heard any thing more from her son Brad.

Any one wishing to buy a good work horse, an almost new top carriage, and a light single harness, would do well to go and look them over. These are owned by Mrs. Calista Smith of Troy. Price $120.

Base ball is all the rage now a-days The Amy base ball club came down yesterday to flog the Troy Tigers and they were worsted so bad they looked like sick calves when they went home. Troy 55, Amy 9. Sept. 11 Clawsons will play Troy.

Mrs. McFarland who has been night watch at the asylum so long, will leave that institution and go to Ohio on a visit for a few months.

Mrs. C. H. Gibbs is expected home this week Thursday.

Next Sabath Rev. D. Whiteley will preach his farewell sermon.

On Sept. 11 John R. Clarke will give a temperance lecture at the Baptist Church.

EXCITEMENT IN TEXAS.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley who was so helpless he could not turn in bed or raise his head; everybody said he was drying of consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Medical Discovery was sent him. Finding relief he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of pills and two bottles of discovery he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

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

I am closing out a variety of dress buttons at 5 cents per dozen. L. T. Furman.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARD.

We are very much pleased over the recent rain even if it did only wet down half an inch.

Mr. Baldwin has sold his horse and gone out of the sewing machine business.

Ben Taylor has a splendid new pumping well. Of course James Bigham was the builder.

Louis Rikerd is laid upon the shelf with rheumatism. Too bad Louis, but you must stand it, so be quiet.

Miss Ella Tetsel spent Saturday and Sunday with I. S. Pearsall's family.

F. R. Lamb was trying to out run a cotton-tailed rabbit on Sunday last and was barehealed at that. He says he was not drunk, but we have an opinion of our own on the subject. Put on your hat, Fred, or you will sunstroke yourself.

We are sorry to hear that Jennie Terry has been very sick out in Idaho. She has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our school commences on September 6—Monday next, with Miss Emma Hall of Birmingham, teacher.

Vet Robbins and wife spent last week visiting friends in Milford.

Miss Amelia Shultz is visiting friends in Detroit.

Mrs. Newman's brother whom she has not seen since she was nine years old—18 years ago—is visiting her.

John R. Clarke will speak at the hall on Saturday night, September 4, for the benefit of the band. Come one, come all, for he is a No. 1 speaker. Admission 15c.

Miss Prager is visiting S. A. James' family.

Mrs. I. S. Pearsall has gone into the nursery business on an exensive scale. Her little charge, although but a few weeks old, already weighs 200 pounds and is gaining daily. Although Mrs. Pearsall is a decided temperance advocate, she makes a new departure in this case and furnishes the little one its sustenance from a bottle. Wonder if her red ribbon friends know about it.

The Tobacco Habit.

Two of our medical exchanges have contained a letter from a physician telling his experience with tobacco. He had been in the habit of using it, "in every form, perhaps not in excessive quantities," for thirty years, and during at least twenty years his bodily health and vigor were remarkably good. But during five years past he has been subject to attacks of diarrhœa, followed by long periods of obstinate constipation; on one occasion when away from home and using more tobacco than usual he fell in a fainting fit, and on another such occasion he was suddenly attacked with terrific chest pains. He naturally concluded that tobacco was injuring him, and ceased the habit at once, "without inconvenience." This case paves the way for a few remarks. Many men are so constituted that they may go on using tobacco ten or twenty years without apparent ill effect, and the daily papers are constantly informing us of very aged persons who seem to thrive on the pipe, but the fact remains that in the long run almost every user of tobacco sees cause to regret the habit—unless he dies too soon. The young men of twenty years may find his hand trembling like those of a palsied old man; the man of thirty may find his brain incapacitated for business, and his whole nervous system undermined; the man of forty may find his muscular fibre so relaxed that he is troubled with falling rectum, or impotency; the man of fifty or more years may find himself tottering in mind and body on the verge of a premature grave; the man and boy of any age is likely to find his heart's action deranged, his stomach disordered, his intellect clouded and his physical endurance impared by the use of tobacco.

It is only a question of time, if the man lives long enough, when almost every victim of the tobacco habit shall find reason to regret it. It is hard to make him believe that the time will come, and many a one is really suffering long before he can be convinced that tobacco is the cause, while some actually die from the effects of it without knowing what kills them.

A letter from Springfield, Ohio, to the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette*, describes the five-year old child of a saloon keeper, a prodigy named Petey, who is renowned throughout the city for his ability to smoke fifteen cigars daily. Petey has a three-year-old brother that shares not "glory" of this unfortunate precocity. The account says that a physician was called in to examine them, and finding no evidence of evil effects from the use of tobacco, sanctioned a continuance of it without stint. Except for the scriptural injunction against calling "thy brother a fool," we should have something to say of that professional brother. It is reported that both children began to smoke soon after they were one year old, and that their natural craving for it was tremendous Possibly they inherited with the appetite a great amount of "tolerance" for the weed, and they may be slow to show the ill effects of it, but we take some consolation in the firm conviction that they will not live to pass along their abnormality to another generation. "Their father is immensely proud over their accomplishment, and supplies them with all the cigars and tobacco they want; it is worth a great deal to him in a business way." "It is indescribably amusing to see the little fellows toddle into the barroom, and call for cigars." The subsequent history or these much abused infants will be interesting, but it will not be "indescribably amusing."—*From Dr. Foote's Health Monthly.*