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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning Express	7.35 a m
Mail	11.15 a m
Steamboat Express	5.20 p m
Pwsso Accommodation	4.55 p m
Night Express	11.50 p m

GOING EAST.

Pwsso Accommodation	7.10 a m
Detroit Express	11.15 a m
Mail	4.00 p m
Evening Express	8.55 p m
Night Express	4.20 a m

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F. BLAKESLEE

is showing more new novelties in line of Dry-goods, than any house in town, and can offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS in the way of STYLE and

PRICES

for the reason that Dry-goods is made a SPECIALTY.

We offer the best selection of Striped, Plaid and Plain Velveteens.

We offer the best selection of Men's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's underwear.

We show a very fine line of Dress Trimmings.

We show a very fine line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Tobogan Caps.

We have some very fine selections in

FALL STYLES

of the celebrated Broadhead Dress Fabrics and at very LOW PRICES.

We handle a fine assortment of Vassar Flannels, Dress Flannels, Cotton Flannels, Shirtings, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Ruching, Lace Ladies' Collars, Cuffs, Ties and full line of Fancy Dry Goods.

Give us a call when in want of medium priced Dress Goods, Crompton Cloths, Cable Cords, Fall Style Satins, Ginghams, etc.

We show the best Ladies'

JERSEY

for $1.75 in town.

Woolen Blankets

from $1.50 to $5.

Don't forget we have the most popular line of CORSETS.

Don't forget that we have no old stock to offer; no old goods to pull down and show year after year. But everything

NEW, FRESH —AND— ATTRACTIVE at

F. BLAKESLEE'S

BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

You get lowest Prices on Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Wall-paper, Curtains, 5c Goods, 10c Goods, Toys, Fancy Goods, Books and Stationery at Corson's. Everything at reduced rates. Everything less than city Prices. Bargains, Big Bargains, closing out the whole Line. Everything is being slaughtered.

—OUR NEW—

Fall and Winter Stock

---OF---

DRY GOODS

Groceries, Boots and Shoes is now on exhibition.

Special attention is also called to our Dress Goods, Trimmings, Velvets, Ribbons, Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Fancy Goods and Notions.

We also have an immense new line of Boots and Shoes for Men's, Ladies' and Children's wear.

Dry Goods!

Lonsdale Cotton	$ 09
A good All Wool Red Flannel per yard	25
Shirting Flannel per yard	35
Black Cordsette, all wool, 42 in. wide per yard	50
All wool, black and colored Cashmere, 40 in. wide, per yard	50
Silk Velvets	1 00
45 in Dress Flannels	50
Jersey Jackets, ½ off.	

Groceries!

3 lbs. good Japan Tea	$1 00
Cocoanut, per lb	25
Rabbit's Soap, per bar	04½
Magic Baking Powder per lb	25
Matches, 500 in box, per box	01
Home Comfort Tobacco per lb	38
4 bars Biechele's Magic Soap	25
Sugar Corn, per can	10

Badger State Shawls

the best in the market, $5 00 to $10 00.

Spanish Saxony and Shetland yarns

at the lowest market price.

A new line of Gimps for Trimmings.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

We have the largest and best line in town in Men's, Ladies' and Children's Fine Shoes. Also a full line of winter Goods in Felts, German Socks and Overshoes.

Ladies' Pebble Goat, Fleeced Lined Shoes at $2 25.

Men's Kip Boots at $2 50

Boys' Oil Grains shoes, sz. 1 to 2, $1 75

We are determined not to be undersold and we are equally determined that no such bargains as we offer shall be obtained elsewhere. Respectfully,

V. NIXON & CO.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

ANY one wishing to buy a real good farm in Tuscola county, cheap for cash or on time will do well to correspond with A. W. Shoesmith, Newaygo, Tuscola county, Mich.

HAY FOR SALE. I offer for sale 10 to 15 tons of good choice hay. Eight tons of clover and the balance timothy, cheap for cash. Call on or address Will Hughes, Birmingham, Mich. Hay can be seen at the Torrey farm ¼ mile north and 1¼ miles west of Birmingham. Will Hughes.

BOARDERS—Two or three persons can find board at the residence of Mrs. James Shain one door west of Corson's store.

For sale. Valuable piece of city property situated on Saginaw st. in the village of Birmingham, Mich. 66 feet front. The two stores known as the Jennings store and the Leach building. For price and terms apply to F. Hagerman, Birmingham, Mich.

A barn in Birmingham, Mich., to rent or for sale cheap. The barn on the McLaughlin lots, corner of Pierce and Townsend streets. I also offer the four McLaughlin lots for sale very reasonable. I offer for sale also the Will Bell place, consisting of two acres with good new horse barn all painted uptiecely and in good shape. This place is 2 miles south and ¼ mile east of Franklin. Good well and cistern, some young fruit trees, etc. For full particulars and terms call on or address Thos. Cook, Birmingham, mich.

On the Will Bell place in Southfield, is a new house with six rooms, all nicely painted.

FOR SALE CHEAP. Having purchased elsewhere I will sell my residence on Pierce st. at a bargain and less than cost. Six rooms conveniently arranged and handsomly decorated, excellent cellar with coal bin and cistern, rain water and well water in kitchen, good wood shed. One of the coziest of homes for a small family, terms easy. Call on or address, A. Whitehead, Birmingham Mich.

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres, 1½ miles east of Birmingham, good buildings, 35 acres of heavy timber, 45 acres improved. No waste land, good soil. Price low, terms easy. Call on or address, William Toms, Birmingham, Mich.

FOR SALE—Village lots for sale cheap bounded by Chester, Townsend and Merrill streets, lying just south of the school house and will be sold in sub purchases to suit purchasers on easy terms. For particulars call on or address Samuel Jarvis, Birmingham, Mich. 27

FARM FOR SALE. I offer for sale my farm, consisting of 80 acres, 1 mile north of Birmingham, said farm being under a good state of cultivation, well underdrained, good living stream of water flowing through it, never well of water, never dry, good buildings, 2 houses. It is one of the best produce and stock farms in the country. Time and terms to suit purchaser. Come quick and secure a bargain. Call on or address Clark Pearsall, Birmingham, Mich., or Whitehead & Mitchell.

FOR SALE—Commodious house in Birmingham. Well and cistern, water in the house woodshed attached, garden containing about ¼ acre with fruit trees; well fenced, desirable family residence. Apply to H. Irving, Birmingham Mich. 22tf.

FOR SALE—Dwelling house in village of Birmingham, situated just east of the Presbyterian church and now occupied by E. Benedict. Good well, cistern, small fruits, etc. Inquire of or address John E. Benedict, Birmingham, Mich. 30

DENTAL SURGERY.

D. M. Johnston, L D S

Gas and Vitalized Air used for the painless extraction of teeth. Office first door west of Presbyterian church. Hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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.

Blue cross is coming.

More school news next week.

See boarders wanted in cheap column.

Where are the progressive euchre clubs?

John Sprague, the athelete, was in in town last week.

Oh, ye delinquents, come and settle before you see the blue cross.

Let's see, didn't some one say something about California climate?

Lost, between the depot and Fred Stephan's corner, a whalebone whip. Please leave at this office.

Our readers will notice this week the adv't in cheap column of Whitehead's house for sale. Look it up. 2

Levi Wooster is doing a great meat-market business at Maple Rapids and his success is great and deserved.

If you fail to visit the Battle of Atlanta while in Detroit, you miss an event that you will regret all your life.

The blue cross vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up, but it gets there this month sure, if you don't pay up.

Mr. McEwen, the boss of the section gang, died at his residence on Tuesday afternoon of an abscess in the groin.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday morning by Rev. McLean, state Evangelist. Everybody invited.

Anyone wishing to buy a good single barrel, breech-loading shot-gun, cheap, can strike a good bargain by calling at this office.

Wm. Stevenson was unfortunate on Monday morning last. His valuable black pony died, after an illness of about a week.

Almost every window in town is filled with artemesia blossoms. Why not cultivate the plant and have a genuine flower show next year.

Will Hughes, on the Torrey place, has a quantity of nice hay for sale, very cheap. Call and see him or read his ad't in cheap column.

On Monday last Lew Converse's horse became frightened at the cars and Mr. and Mrs. Converse were thrown out, the latter dislocating her wrist.

Lost: Between the residence of John G. Durkee and Charles Hunt's, a leather horse collar with zinc pad. Return to this office and receive reward.

Erity & Wilde will have their roller mill running in first class shape by next Monday and take this method of informing the farmers of the fact.

H. M. R. Gibbs passed a very creditable examination at Lansing recently, at the state Pharmaceutical examination and Hal is now a full-fedged pharmacist.

Be honest, be truthful, be industrious, be frugal and most of all, be sure and keep the blue cross off your paper.

Farmers, for the best custom milling call on us. We have just finished our new roller mills and are now ready for business and invite your custom milling. Erity & Wilde.

Notice. All those that have five or six or a dozen cats to spare, please tie them up in a bag and drop them at Mrs. John G. Wilson's, three trees Saginaw street, south end.

Sunday base ball players of Rochester recently got a severe overhauling by the congregational minister of the above place. "Tis a pity he waited until the season was closed.

Turkey raffle and shooting match on Thursday, Nov. 24, at Clawson. Messrs Lawson and Buell are the projectors and they solemnly aver that there is fun ahead and lots of it.

Cassius Carter, his best girl and one of F. Fords best livery rigs took a tumble into a ditch recently and if Cassius had not been so Quick the damage would have been much greater.

Mr. Geo. W. Beakman is back among his old friends for a short visit, having come up from "old Kentuck" with some high-priced horse flesh which was recently purchased by Wm. Willits of Pontiac.

Dave Hyde, who once worked for Corson and who is now in business at Maple Rapids, had his collar bone dislocated recently in a runaway, but is now on the road to recovery as rapidly as possible.

Those trees on the west side of Saginaw St. are already throwing such a dense shade on the adjacent stores that it is necessary to burn lights all day. Fact. We are not trying to make light of it.

Lost: A bottle of sulphate of quinine, between the drug store of Whitehead & Mitchell and the Erity school house. Please be so kind as condescending as to leave it at this office—providing you find it.

Miss Mollie Smith has thoroughly learned the Taylor cutting and fitting system and is now prepared to do all kinds of sewing, either at home or by the day, being ably assisted by a new Domestic sewing machine.

Miss Mary Miller of Southfield was the recipient of a surprise party from her many young friends one evening last week. They brought the luscious bivalves with them and had a fine supper and a glorious good time.

Died, at the E. M. Asylum, Sunday, November 13, 1887, Mrs. Orange Niles, aged 70. Funeral was held Wednesday and largely attended. We should be pleased to receive a more extended obituary of this most estimable lady.

For sale cheap. I have for sale at my farm, three miles west of Birmingham, sixteen tons of office hay, fifteen fine wool sheep, five shoats, one colt; also 100 bushels of rutta bagas. All the above I will sell cheap for cash, on the premises. Mrs. Geo. W. Durkee.

News comes to us by Rev. John Hamilton that Rev. G. W. Lowe, while preaching at East Tawas, Mich., had a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs and was taken home quite ill. At this writing we are informed that he lies in a critical condition at his old home in Morenci.

Wm. Midgley is putting down crock wells in our midst with his usual success.

Mrs. Casper Case keeps in about the same condition. Their oldest son, Charles, has gone to the pine woods. He armed himself with a supply of fine combs and thinks he will enjoy the winter in the woods.

Now is the time to subscribe for the Saturday nights edition of the Evening Journal, an 8 page paper containing all the news of the day besides a fine collection of sketches and short stories. It will be delivered at your house every Saturday at ten cents for five weeks. Orders may be left at this office.

I receive this week the latest styles in silk beaver and fine felt hats. Velvet bonnets made over at the lowest possible prices. No charge for trimming new hats. A badly trimmed hat disfigures the prettiest face. Don't wear one! I sell the best hose-supporter in the market. Coraline corsets always on hand. L. T. Furman. 2

Miss Maria Baum of Troy, aged 27, twin sister of Murilla Baum of this place, died at her home on Friday, November 11. The funeral services were holden at the Baptist church in Troy on Sunday last and largely attended by relatives and a host of young friends, all of whom sadly mourn the untimely death of the deceased.

The Birmingham Bank of Exchange is doing a very nice business, some of the leading firms of Detroit entrusting their collections to our care, and nearly every firm in Birmingham remitting money all over the country by draft on New York or Detroit. It is the safest, cheapest and most business-like way of sending money. Try it once.

If you want flour superior to all other brands made, buy our new roller flour, the Jewel, warranted to be the best made. Try it. Erity & Wilde.

It is said that a man came into our village recently with the intention of starting a sash and blind factory, but was frightened out by some zealous workers for the stand-still position of of our village. Shame, oh shame! If you can't invest in business and help the town, there is no use discouraging others who wish to do so.

A rare bargain is offered in the cheap column this week, and any one in need of a cozy home for a very little money would do well to take advantage of it. It is the new and convenient residence of A. Whitehead on Pierce street. Every thing new, house handsomely decorated and every modern convenience. Terms easy. Call at this office. 2

Will Thompson, the blind boy well known in the vicinity of Franklin and Beverlands, died of consumption on Saturday last at the residence of his sister near Pontiac. Seven years ago, when he was about 21 years old, he went hunting and was shot in the face by a comrade and lost his eyesight in consequence. The funeral took place on Monday last.

The northern hunters are sadly returning one by one. George Warner has come back with a toe shot off by the accidental discharge of his gun, and Frank Durkee was hastened home by a ferocious carbuncle that pained him far beyond all description. Latest reports give plenty of deer, but as everything is so dry there is no approaching the wily buck or doe.

John Pound has a new ad. this week which he calls banner week. He has experienced and felt the great dry goods revival and wishes to inform all the ladies of our immediate vicinity that he has the largest stock of goods in the country and at the very lowest prices. Call on him when in Pontiac. You will always be courteously treated whether you purchase or not.

Beloved readers, wist ye not that the time of the serc and yellow leaf is right here and that so surely as November and May come around on the calendar, just so sure doth the azure tinted emblem of your indebtedness appear on your paper. That's awful nice and affectionate, but we could have said it more briefly. Frinstance, if your time is out and you don't pay up before December 1 you'll see the blue cross, sure.

Last Saturday night about 8 o'clock, as William Truesdell, of Troy, was driving along the Pontiac gravel, 3½ miles southwest of Rochester, in front of Irv" Taylor's, his horse walked into the "Taylor drain," in course of construction, carrying buggy and occupant with him. The ditch is about six feet deep and four wide. In falling the carriage was wrecked and Mr. Truesdell stunned. "Irv" Taylor hearing the crash rushed out and with help soon brought order out of chaos. It was a narrow escape for Mr. Truesdell. The horse was uninjured.

The readers who have formed the acquaintance of "The Late Mrs. Null and Freddie" will be pleased to know that "The Hundredth Man" by the same author, that has been so long published as a serial in the Century, is at last published in book form. The Chicago Interior says that few serials have proven more popular than this powerful story. You will also find "The Bow of Orange Ribbon," by Miss Barr, a good book, as are all by that author. The set of Henry Bishop's works has been filled by the purchase of his first story, "Dimold." These books and many others have been added to the ladies' library.

On Wednesday night of last week, our readers will perhaps remember that it was very dark indeed. If our readers don't, a certain young man in the town of Southfield will surely remember the fact as long as he lives. He was en route for Birmingham with his best girl to attend the first lecture of the course, as a sensible young man would naturally do, and upon turning the corner near Tom Spencer's they tried to cross the bridge before they got to it, and the horse, buggy, driver and girl rolled ingloriously into the ten-foot ditch. The buggy was a total wreck, but strange to say, not one of the parties in the affair were injured.

Southfield is becoming celebrated. Just think. The capture of an insane criminal, the attempted murder of a worthy young citizen and the world renowned gas well all brought to light in one month! That's something like it. Now here in Birmingham there hasn't been so much as a dog-fight to disturb the serene repose of our village for the last three months. It's awful trying to a well-meaning young man who is trying hard to write newsy locals when there isn't anything to write about. Never mind, when that Maple avenue wedding comes off we will—but Great Scott! we promised not to say anything about it. Now don't tell, will you?

On Friday evening last we looked in upon the scene of the festivities at National Hall for a few minutes, upon the occasion of the second annual hop of the Franklin band and although the crowd was by no means as large as the boys really deserved, about fifty couples were having one of the jolliest times imaginable, for who could help but dance to the musical rhythm of music from two cornets, a clarionette, two violins and a base viol played by members of Prof. Spiel's orchestra of Detroit. It was a continuous concert and if we hadn't been old and rheumatic the Lord only knows where our inclinations would have led us. It was superb and the boys deserve credit for the production of such excellent music.

The fact that there are no tailoring establishments or stocks of ready-made clothing in Birmingham, makes it necessary for our citizens to go to Detroit or Pontiac for their clothing. If you go to the former place be sure and steer straight for Hudson's three mammoth stores, Nos. 141, 143 and 145 Woodward avenue. They never had so large a stock of clothing on their shelves as now, and it matters not whether you are a plain, honest farmer or a butterfly dude, you will meet with the same courteous treatment. Hudson's prices are right. A seasonable hint is proper on overcoats from $2 25 to $30, men's sizes, and boots and shoes! Well, there is no place in the world like Hudson's to buy shoes. Try this house just once. We will guarantee that two-thirds of the men in this vicinity already buy their clothing at Hudson's.

Messrs Allie and Frank Lowes, scientific threshers, have converted their threshing machine into a machine that now threshes corn in a most wonderful manner. Their first job was done for the Davenport Bros. in Troy, and the corn was husked, threshed out and shelled, the stalks chopped up in a manner far superior to any cutting-box, and deposited in the barn all ready to feed out. The boys threshed out 332 bushels of shelled corn in just six hours, in a highly satisfactory manner. The corn is carried in shocks to the machine, band cut and fed just the same as wheat or oats. The Lowes brothers are the pioneers of corn threshing in Oakland county, and are doing a mammoth business in this line. Old and experienced farmers who saw this job performed are enthusiastic in its favor and promise to pay more attention to corn raising in the future, now that it can be cared for so easily.

The November number of the Cosmopolitan opens with a beautiful frontispiece of a buffalo bull, engraved by the well known engraver, Frederick Juengling; it accompanies the second part of Wm. T. Hornaday's important article, "The passing of the buffalo." Julian Hawthorn's article on "The noble Art of Self-defence," illustrated handsomely by M. S. Burns, is certain to attract attention, because of its advocacy of pugilism and the author's personal reminiscences of Heenan and Sayers. "The California Ranch," by Ella Sterling Cummins, is an illustrated article, giving in an attractive way a mass of information in regard to the great farms on the Pacific Coast. F. D. Murfee's story of "The Show that came to Sequatchee Valley," and M. Fulano's "The Story of the Priest," are unusually excellent. The poems of the number are contributed by Louise Chandler Moulton, George Edgar Montgomery, Edith M. Thomas, May Riley Smith, Henry Tyrrell and Frank Dempster Sherman.

Call and see the new fall and winter hats. I am selling them very cheap. New feathers, ribbons and ornaments. L. T. Furman.

ALMOST A MURDER.

The Latest Details of the Stabbing of John Sherwood of Southfield.

On Sunday of last week the woods near Wm. S. Youngs' in the township of Southfield were discovered to be on fire and the neighbors were called upon before the flames were extinguished. The cause of the fire was not known at the time, but the next day towards evening as a young man named John Sherwood was coming through the woods near Youngs', he found a man setting fire to the leaves and brush. He accosted the man who immediately attacked him with a knife, and as Sherwood threw his left arm up to protect himself he received five severe flesh wounds on the hand and wrist. His assailant then fled and although diligent search was made, no trace of him could be found.

Sherwood found that his wounds were bleeding at a terrible rate and after wrapping his hand and arm up in his coat he hurried as fast as he was able to the house of Wm. Young, jr., but upon approaching the house he became too weak from the loss of blood to go further, but managed to call loud enough to be heard in the house and assistance was soon rendered him, and he was taken to Dr. Holcomb at Southfield Center, who dressed his wounds and made him comfortable. On Tuesday the wounds broke out bleeding afresh and nearly resulted in the patient's death, but latest advices say he is rapidly recovering.

The day after the assult search was made in the neighborhood, and although Sheriff Matthews used every endeavor to clear up the mystery of Sherwood's misfortune, which so nearly resulted in a tragedy, his efforts were entirely unsuccessful

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM, Mich., Friday eve., Nov. 11, 1887.

Meeting called to order by the president.

Present—Luther Stanley, president. Trustees Peabody, Bodine, Campbell, Hagerman, Taber. Absent—Ford.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Action on the Middle street sidewalk was put over for further investigation.

On motion of M. K. Taber, seconded by Bodine, the following accounts were allowed.

Ira Slade	$5 52
H. Irving	18
W. H. Robinson	6 00
R. W. Farrand	1 85
Henry Beverland	1 75
Wm. Robinson	4 44

On motion of L. E. Peabody, seconded by Bodine, it was moved that a crosswalk be built on Pierce street, to be located by the street committee. Carried.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

GEO. H. MITCHELL, Clerk. LUTHER STANLEY, President.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SAN LEANDRO, Cal., Aug. 25, 1887.

Correspondence of the Eccentric.

Again it is my pleasure to write you from this far-off Pacific coast. I came out yesterday morning and Mr. Hall took me a ride of probably 15 miles through a perfect paradise of a country. Imagine roads in every direction, as fine as any in England, though wider, eucalyptus, locust, poplar and pepper trees instead of hedges, and fruit farms on every side, and beautiful residences and grounds more beautiful than any you have ever seen. You are amazed, bewildered and charmed with all you see. The climate here is much better than in the city, though a trifle too cool for a new-comer. The climate in Livermore is the best I have seen yet. With a slight altitude (500 feet) the air is dry and warm and the nights are just right. I went to the city last night and came out again this morning. These people are most kind and urge upon me a greater hospitality than I feel inclined to accept. Real estate is booming terribly all through here, but I shall not get excited over it. I think, however, I shall secure about 20 acres of fruit land. This will be perfectly safe and is considered the best investment to be made.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 29, 1887.

Arrived here on Saturday and went to church Sunday, heard a good sermon and was kindly taken in by one of the brethren and introduced to Mr. Doughty, the pastor, and a number of others. They are going to make an effort to get the convention out here, but they are not likely to succeed as it is too far to come. But once here I have no doubt they would be royaly entertained. I have been in California now two weeks and am getting considerably "mashed" on it and should the climate do what I hope it will for my health I shall feel strongly tempted to move here with my family, provided of course, the business prospects will warrant it, and of this I have no doubt. But there will be time enough to talk about that after I have made further investigation and tried the climate thoroughly. One thing is certain; it does not disagree with me, though all the "Forty-Niners" say this is the worst summer ever seen here. The climate here, as I wrote you before, is not at all pleasant at this season, but in winter they all say it is lovely. Over in Oakland it is much warmer and pleasanter and out to San Leandro, better still. A person just arriving from the east is apt to feel very chilly, and if he is full of Michigan malaria he will feel it in his bones right sharp for a few days, but it soon gives way. I couldn't help noticing how much better I felt there yesterday and to-day than when I first went there. Around there is the prettiest part of the state I have seen, though fruit lands from the nearness to San Francisco and their excellent quality are very high. Bearing orchards are worth $1,000 per acre and unimproved orchard land from $300 the $400 per acre. I can buy fine fruit lands in same localities for $100 to $200 per acre. Ten acres of fruit will make a big living for a family and twenty acres make money. Orchards commence bearing in three or four years, but in the meantime they raise every conceivable thing on the land, vegetables, berries, etc., and everything pays. There is probably money in canning and evaporating fruit and I shall look into such matters fully while I am here. From the best information I can get it seems reasonably certain that fruit culture will be profitable here for years to come. It would surprise you to see how comfortable and happy people are here. I feel very sure you would like it here with all the conditions favorable. But let that pass now.

I am going to start for Santa Barbara to-morrow. That has been my objective point for climate all along. They are very proud of their climate in this part of the state, except here in San Francisco, but they all admit that Santa Barbara is the place for me to go. I am liable to remain in that vicinity for a month or longer. TRAVELER.

A PRAYER.

Written for the Eccentric.

Father in Heaven when the heart
Turns in its helplessness to thee,
When friends, treasures, all depart
And all life's hopes and pleasure flee,
Within Thy strong and shelltering arms,
May not the spirit seek repose
From a'l earth's turmoil and alarms?
Its changing friends and open foes,
On the kind bosom of Thy love,
May she not fold her weary wings,
And at the holy font above,
Drink healing from its living springs?

Life's thorny path my feet have trod,
And many a dark, besetting sin
Has stood between my heart and God,
Or lurked the the spirits depths within,
Too often have my wayward feet
Strayed from the narrow path away,
Too often did my lips repeat
Thoughts that might lead the soul astray;
Too often has my heart resigned
The highest hopes my life has known,
And offered at an earthly shrine,
The love that should be Thine own.

Soon, yet how soon, I may not tell,
This weary frame shall be at rest,
The throbbing pulses cease to swell;
The heart le still within the breast,
Yet Father, ere that hour shall come,
When "dust to dust" is sadly given,
Grant me one boon, I ask but one,
That all my sins may be forgiven.
From the just record kept on high
Blot out each light and idle word,
And for each sin of darker hue
May Mercy's gentle voice be heard.

Birmingham, Nov. 7. M. J. Y.

THE CYCLORAMA OF ATLANTA.

One of the Finest Attractions ever Placed on Exhibition in Detroit.

Have you yet seen the Cyclorama of the great battle of Atlanta? If not, do not fail to go immediately, and if you go once, our word for it, you'll go again and again.

We will own that we have been quite slow in visiting the great picture, but at last we got there and were amazed at the grand spectacle that spreads out before us. Situated in the heart of the city, very centrally located, is the great circular brick building, built especially to accommodate this wonderful conception. Passing along a narrow corridor you next ascend a winding stairway, pass through a turnstile and where are you? Detroit is forgotten, you lose sight of the fact you are in the city of Detroit or even in a land that you ever knew, for spread out before you in all its wildness is the great wilderness in which the battle of Atlanta was fought. Seemingly you are in the very center of a fierce fight, shells bursting in air, horses madly plunging, men fighting for dear life and everything startling real, with the exception of the noise and roar of the artillery, which was happily absent.

Our attention was attracted at once to John A. Logan who took a prominent part in the fight and who was in command of the Federal forces after the death of McPherson. Mr. Eugene Timmens is the lecturer, and a gentleman who takes great pleasure in explaining even the most minute details of the dreadful carnage spread around. No doubt many here often thought they would like to view a battle—from a safe stand-point, of course. Now, here is your chance to see one of the greatest battles of the late rebellion, with a lecturer to tell you the moves of both sides. From one to four hours can be passed here agreeably and one will then have a very good idea of what a battle is.

Mr. Timmens is on hand from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. with a fund of anecdotes and descriptive matter, and takes great pleasure in imparting his knowledge to all who visit the Cyclorama.

We cannot close without relating an incident which Mr. Timmens tells about Rev. John Hamilton of our village. Mr. Hamilton took an active part in this affair and upon his first visit there Major Clark, an officer in this battle and a friend of Mr. Hamilton, met him and after shaking awhile, said to one of the attaches: "I wish you would blindfold Mr. Hamilton and take him to Atlanta." They did so, and facing him towards the east, where at about a mile and a half distant is plainly visible the city of Atlanta, Mr. Hamilton's eyes were quickly uncovered and his first remark was "look out, boys! there comes two shells!" and he quickly dodged to the further side of the platform, the old battle instinct as fresh and strong as ever. The puffs of smoke seen in mid air, which to a green hand, seems like a cloud, Mr. Hamilton at once recognized as shells, and seemingly coming right at the spectator.

The fight is worth going miles to see and we advise everyone of readers who has not seen the Battle of Atlanta, to go at once and see it, and our word for it, you'll thank us for the advice.