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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning Express	7.35 a m
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Promo Accommodation	9.55 p m
Night Express	11.30 p m

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Evening Express	8.55 p m
Night Express	4.30 a m

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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

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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

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

Any one wishing to buy a real good farm in Lincoln county, clear for cash or on time will do well to correspond with A. W. Shoesmith, Novesta, Tuscola county, Mich.

TO RENT on shares a farm of 98 acres 1 mile south of Birmingham. Stephen Cooper. 29w2

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. 46 feet front. The two stores known as the Jennings store and the Leach building. For price and terms apply to F. Hageman, Birmingham, Mich.

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

NOTICE I wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that I have just purchased a new Dix horse-power feed cutter with elevator and am ready to do jobs of feed cutting for all farmers at their homes at very reasonable rates. Try me. S. F. Joyce, Birmingham, Mich. A postal card will bring me.

Drafts cashed not sold at the Birmingham Exchange Bank at low rates.

FOR SALE—Commodious house in Birmingham village. 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.

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. 50

FOR SALE—One-half interest in Birmingham Planing Mills in Birmingham. A small cash payment will secure the property; balance can remain on paper if desired. This property must be sold. No fictitious price asked. For particulars call on or address, F. T. Hoffhiner, Birmingham, Mich. 2m51

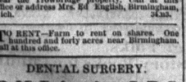
FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres, 1½ miles east of Birmingham, good buildings, 35 acres of heavy timber, balance improved. No waste land, good soil. Price low, terms easy. Call on or address Wm. Sloan, Birmingham, Mich. 38

FOR SALE—Eleven acres of land in the village of Birmingham, east of the railroad near the Cowdrey cottage property. Call at this office or address Mrs. Ed. Eagles, Birmingham, Mich. 34tf

TO RENT—Farm to rent on shares. One hundred and forty acres near Birmingham. Call at this office.

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.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

We are putting in an elegant line of new and desirable Holiday novelties which we shall sell cheaper than you have ever seen them sold. It will save you DOLLARS to look over our

Books,
Photograph Albums,
Autograph and Scrap Albums,
Box Papers, Perfume Cases,
Perfumery, Work Boxes,
Toilet Sets, Fancy Boxes,
Fancy Baskets and

CHINA TEA SETS.

Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Plates, Pitchers, and Novelties in Decorated Ware

Beautiful New Glass-Ware, Gloves & Mittens.

Large Line of DOLLS in Bisque, China, Cloth and Wax. Dirt Cheap. Toys for the Boys, Girls and Babies.

LOOK at our stock Before You Buy.

Come and See. Come and Buy.

J. R. CORSON.

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Dry Goods.		Boots and Shoes.
Mens Fur Caps $1.50	V	Best Rubber Boots $2.75
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Lonsdale Cotton 9c		A full line of Overs to Sock and Felts. Shoes at 50c worth $1.00
Red Flannel, a bargain, 25c	O	GROCERIES.
A full line of Underwear, Shirts, Mitts, Gloves, Shawls and Pants and Overalls at prices that will defy competition.	N & Co	Best Tea Dust 20c Magic baking Powder 25c Japan Tea 35c or 3 lbs for $1 6lb box Starch 50c Canned Corn 10c 300 Matches 1c Babbits Soap 4½c

V. NIXON AND Co.

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.

Christmas is coming.

See advt of farm to rent on shares in cheap column.

It costs Rochester, Mich., just $15 per month to light her streets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lathrop visited friends in town the fore part of this week.

Mrs Ed. English advertises her land for sale near this village, consisting of 11 acres. See cheap column.

The divide has got into Webster's unabridged dictionary. The weight of the covers almost kill him.

Annual communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 93, F. & A.M., next Monday evening, December 26.

J. R. Corson was home over Sunday and reported business just booming at his new store in Northville.

Those elegant cloth and gilt 12mo books at Whitehead & Mitchell's this week only at 38c, 3 for $1.

Don't fail to see Santa in "Among the Breakers" at Library hall. He is just too irresistable for anything

The Pontiac Democrat says the question of localization would be defeated in this county by a vote of 1,000.

Mrs. J. B. Chapman and daughter of Utica, who have been visiting friends here, returned home last week.

Regular communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., next Thursday evening, December 29.

No social hops at Holly so far this season. Sycum of the Advertiser hasn't time to attend to them, doncher know?

Annual meeting of the Oakland Co agricultural society takes place at the court house, Pontiac, Wednesday December 28.

D. M. Doty, wife and daughter of Southfield have returned from a visit to friends in New York state and report a good visit.

We will make a liberal reduction on prices of goods designed for Christmas presents from Sunday schools to teachers. Whitehead & Mitchell.

Boom? Get out of the way. Turk is coming. If anybody goes without clothes this winter it will not be Greg. Turk's fault. See advt.

There will be a weight social at the residence of J. S. Cannon in Royal Oak on Wednesday evening, December 28. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Ed. English has bought Wm. L. Shadbolt's house and lot in the south part of the village and will return here to live. We bid her a hearty welcome.

Just notice that unique change of ad. for V. Nixon & Co. this week. Their prices are right down to hard-pan and they invite you to call and inspect their stock.

It is asserted by the oldest inhabitant that a stormy fall will be accompanied by a comparatively mild winter. Fetch on your mild winter. We are more than entitled to it this year.

This is more of a military country than many people suppose, after all. Over 7,000 college students alone are receiving military instructions at the hands of United States Army officers.

Married, on Wednesday evening, December 14, 1887, George Randall and Miss Julia Kelcher, both of this place. The young couple have our best wishes for a long and happy life.

The Free Press of December 15 says: Pontiac has a Turk among its residents. He is the live fortune of that place and earned that title through liberal advertising. G. H. Turk is his name.

The new state law requires that each township and voting ward must have an election seal. It will be the duty of each township board to provide one before the annual spring election.

A great tumble in books. For this week only we will sell 160 volumes of choice books, regular retail price $1 25, for 38c each or three for $1. Call and see them. Whitehead & Mitchell.

A typographical error in Nixon & Co's ad. last week raised the price of boys' rubber boots and ladies button overshoes to the tune of 25c. You will find the rock bottom prices there this week.

Counterfeit postal cards have been discovered which are so skillfully executed that their detection is very difficult. This is the first attempt to put spurious postal cards into circulation.

I have commenced my annual closing out sale of winter hats and bonnets Come and buy for the holidays. Greatest reductions on millinery that was ever known in Birmingham. L. T. Furman.

"Dick" Ferguson of Royal Oak, while fastening a binder on a load of hay last Friday, fell to the ground striking his head, completely paralyzing him. Dr. Clelland of Detroit pronounces his case hopeless.

On Wednesday evening December 28, at the Congregational church in Royal Oak, there will be an entertainment consisting of music, recitations and magic lantern views. Admission 10c. All are invited.

Appropriate Christmas services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and a Christmas concert in the evening. A cordial welcome will be extended to all who attend these services.

Get your Christmas presents at Whitehead & Mitchell's and make a selection for your best girl. Great drop in literature. Choice books at 38c each, or three for one dollar. Handsomely bound and nice to look at. Call and examine.

David Carter and Bruce Hunter, as presented by Messrs Simonson and Johnson in "Among the Breakers" at Library hall, are parts that will be powerfully acted. Don't fail to see "Among the Breakers"

Next Saturday, December 24, Will T. Perkins will have a grand shooting match and raffle for turkeys, chickens, oysters, etc., at his place three miles east of Birmingham. Free lunch at noon and everybody invited.

At the M. E. church Christmas night there will be a Sunday school concert by the scholars of the Sunday school. A very interesting program has been arranged for the occasion and all are cordially invited to be present.

A surprise party at Mr. Wm. Todd's of Royal Oak, was one of the happy events of the season. The young folks were well entertained by the good people of the house and all present enjoyed themselves immensely.

The drama is revived in Birmingham Thursday evening, December 29, at Library hall, "Among the Breakers" will be presented by home talent under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Merrill Come out and see the ***.

A. W. Hanner, the Bohemian oat agent convicted at Flint, has paid his fine of $550. If every farmer Hanner took a note from should bring suit for obtaining money under false pretenses the oat agent would find life a burden to him.

Any of our readers who know the present name and address of Mrs. Carlton who formerly kept a photographic car in this village, will confer a great favor by forwarding the same to E. Ashley, Oakes, Dickey Co., D. T., or leave it at this office.

The case of Long vs. Goodell, which was to have been tried last Saturday, has been amacably settled, each party paying half the costs. Mr. Goodell says he was to have the stove returned, but was horrified to find two holes in the reservoir and mourns over the apertures.

On Saturday next there will be a shooting match and raffle at Birmingham under Bub Barns' management, when a single harness, Winchester rifle, target rifle, turkeys, chickens, etc., will be disposed of. Free lunch at noon and a long day's sport guaranteed.

To night the third lecture of the Birmingham lecture association takes place at the M. E. church. Dr. Headley will discourse upon "Failure and Success," and we predict a full house as usual. Get your family together and go in a body, for the ticket taker will be there and look closely after all applicants.

Just now quite a building boom has struck the southwestern part of the village and John M. Rainey and Almon Park are each building nice houses and either of them would be an ornament and one to be proud of in any city. Let the good work go gloriously forward for every new house adds just so much to the beauty and value of our cosy village.

The Ladies' Society of the Presbyterian Church, have indefinitely postponed their oyster supper, and instead will give a social at the residence of Mr. Perry, on Wednesday evening December 28. Doughnuts and coffee and a humorous literary entertainment will be the order of the evening. A general invitation is extended. Collection at the door. By order of committee.

There's lots of grim humor in the Rochester Observer's account of its own death: Who killed the Observer? I, said the Era, I never made a murmur, but I killed the Observer. Who killed the Observer? I, said the Sentinel, E. Rufus Frank as well, I killed the Observer. Who killed the Observer? I, said the business man, I wouldn't advertise, therefore the paper dies. I killed the Observer.

The Chicago & Grand Trunk, Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee, Railway and Michigan Air Line and Detroit Division of the Grand Trunk Railway will sell round trip tickets for the holidays, to all Canadian points west of and including Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, at half rates. Tickets will be sold on December 24, 25, 26, and 31, and January 1 and 2, all good to return until January 3, 1888, inclusive

So many swindling dodges are being practised upon the unsuspicious farmers that after perusing our exchanges we are forced to conlude that the only safe way for our granger friends to act is to receive all callers with shot-guns in hand, and let the pastor take his chances with the rest. If you are asked to sign any document go into battery action, turn the gun loose and trust to the workings of a mysterious Providence for the result.

The person who furnishes the most items for a newspaper is the best friend an editor has. Many persons hesitate in sending personals to a newspaper regarding the movements of themselves or friends, lest the newspaper man should think them too anxious to see their name in print in the village paper. He will think nothing of the kind, but on the contrary is always glad to get such news notes where the simple facts are stated and there is no mercenary or selfish object in view.

The opening chapters of a splendid story for the young, by the famous showman, P. T. Barnum, appears this week in the columns of The New York Story Paper. The story describes the adventures of an American boy, whom Mr. Barnum calls "My Plucky Boy Tom," and whom he sent to India in search of wild, fierce, and rare animals to replace those destroyed by the disastrous fire in Bridgeport last month. The reader is thrilled by the hair-breadth escapes of this dauntless American boy when capturing the fiercest and wildest animals ever seen in any traveling show. The New York Family Story Paper is for sale at all news-stands.

Shriff Mathews telephoned to Deputy Beattie on Monday morning last that a colored man had stolen a horse and buggy from the Railroad Exchange at Pontiac and was probably headed for Detroit. That was all Beattie needed and in ten minutes after he received the message he was on the road. He drove to Detroit and found no trace of his man and turned back and found a trace at the first toll-gate. Following up his clue he arrested a colored man named Christopher Johnson at this home on Chene street in Detroit, and on Tuesday had he came through with the man and his horse and buggy en route for Pontiac Johnson claimed to own the rig and that it was being held for board at the Exchange when he skipped out with it. He will have a chance to explain the matter before the proper authorities.

The rumored visit of the ruler of Persia to Europe, makes the beautifully illustrated article on "The Shah and His Court," by Wolf von Schierbrand, with which the December number of The Cosmopolitan opens, very timely; it presents the Shah in the light of an American barbarian, to whom cruelty and the accumulation of wealth are sources of great pleasure. Olive Thorne Miller's article on "Mr. Crowley, the Chimpanzee," illustrated by J. Carter Beard, the well known animal artist, is a charming study of a creature in the Central Park Zoological Museum that attracts more attention than any other New Yorker. There is also a fine tragic love story, entitled "Yesuit," by Paul Diaz, and a pathetic sketch, entitled "Lyuhaven Cross," by John Esten Cook. "Modern Magicians," by Dr. Felex Oswald, "Sharking Off Nantucket," by Arlo Bates, and "Dangers of the Ice Pack," by W. H. Gilder, with poems by James Whitcomb Riley, James T. McKay and Robertson Trobridge, complete the interesting table of contents.

On Wednesday night of last week a young man who has been employed as a brakeman of the D., G. H. & M. R'y, applied to John Mooney, the hostler at Beattie's livery stable, for permission to stay in the livery office until the midnight train going west. Jack willingly gave him permission and went to bed in the same room and went to sleep. In the morning he awoke a sadder and poorer man, as the young man, who bears the name of Robert Russell, had taken the midnight train and had also taken Jack's coat, overcoat and vest and also Beattie's silver watch and $3 in cash. The affair was telephoned and the telegraph freely used, and it was subsequently learned that a valiant deputy sheriff at Owosso had his eye on the thief" all the afternoon and had even examined the watch, after having had a telegram from Beattie, but being afraid to detain him, allowed him to walk off an hour or two before Beattie's arrival at Owosso. Of course Jim was mad and disgusted, but his man was gone just the same and there was nothing to do but go back to Pontiac and return empty handed.

CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Written for the Eccentric.

Hooty toot, at early morn,
I hear the toot of Santa's horn,
He's coming on the wintry blast,
His coursers now are flying fast.

Glad tidings will the children bring,
With many a precious little thing;
"Nigger" dolls and bob-tail ponies,
Squint-eyed girls and long-eared coneys,

Candy, cake and peanuts sweet,
And Babies young with pretty feet,

Squealing pigs and blue-nosed sheep,
Canary birds that wink and peep,

Dishes clean with knives and forks,
And bottles small stopped up with corks.

So, little children, Christmas morning,
I wish to give you timely warning,

Old Santa Claus will come this way,
And blow his horn at peep o' day,

So hang your stocking on the wall—
That queer old chap will fill them all.

—W. C. Hoyt.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

The Chicago & Grand Trunk railway and Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railway have arranged to sell special holiday excursion tickets at single fare between stations on their lines under the following arrangements:

Christmas tickets will be on sale from December 24 to December 26, inclusive, and good to return up to and including January 3, 1888.

New Years tickets will be on sale from December 31, 1887, to January 2, 1887, inclusive, and good to return up to and including January 3, 1888.

The Detroit division of the Grand Trunk railway and the Michigan Air Line railway will sell special return tickets on the above dates and at single fare for the round trip between stations on these divisions.

All divisions will sell round trip tickets to Canada points west of and including Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, at one fare for the round trip. Same dates and limits as described above.

The custom of holiday excursion rates was inaugurated by these lines several years ago, and the increased patronage year after year has demonstrated their popularity with the traveling public.

AMONG THE BREAKERS.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR BREAKERS

At Library Hall on Thursday Evening, December 29, 1887.

The Birmingham amateur dramatic club being filled to overflowing with talent, ambition and a desire to appear before the footlights, have determined to present to a delighted public the beautiful drama "Among the Breakers," in two acts. Six gentlemen and four ladies complete the cast of characters, and to say the least the play is most wonderfully interesting. The cast is as follows:

David Murray, keeper of Fair Point Light	Allie J. Simonson.
Larry Devine, his assistant	Ben Converse
Hon Bruce Hunter	D. M. Johnston
Clarence Hunter	Allie Bolitz
Peter Paragraph, a reporter	D. B. Churchill
Scud, a colored servant	Will Talver
Minnie Daze, Hunter's niece	Gertie Merrill
Rose Starbright	Lena Blakeslee
Mother Carey, a fortune teller	Mrs. D. Johnston
Biddy Bean, an Irish girl	Mrs. Maud Donaldson

The above cast has been selected with great care by the manager, Mrs. J. C. Merrill, and they have been in steady practice for the some time and we can promise all who attend that their time will be pleasantly passed. The admission has been put down to the low price of 15c and we predict a very full house. Doors open at 7 and the play begins promptly at half past 7, local time.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

In answer to the piece with the above heading in the Eccentric of December 8, I would say I never even offered to to insure property in the Hartford Insurance company because J. Allen Bigelow is their agent here, and why this charge is brought against me I will let people judge for themselves. I do insure in Birmingham for the Ætna Insurance Co., the largest company in the United States. My motto is to insure at as low rates as first-class companies will accept of. Thus I do right by my company by securing them good business and also by my patrons who number over thirty in Birmingham, among whom will be found the owners of some of the largest, newest and best residences here.

I have some first-class Life and Accident Insurance companies.

WHITNEY I. SMITH, Agent Ætna

Office at Chas. W. Flind's, Birmingham, Mich. 2

FROM THE FAR WEST.

To the Editors of the Eccentric.

Perhaps you will be surprised upon hearing from me in the west, but I am a sort of a roaming planet. I thought, perhaps, you would like to know something about this country and what I am doing, so I made up my mind to write you a short letter.

I landed in Huron one year ago last May, staid there during the summer then hearing of a new town being located farther north I made up my mind to go there. On my arrival there was one sod shanty; that was one year ago last October; now there is about 500 inhabitants. It is at the terminus of two railroads, the western and Northern Pacific. The Minneapolis and Pacific pass through here, and there are prospects of two more in the spring.

There are three elevators, three hotels, two hardware stores, two furniture stores, three general stores, two meat markets, one dry goods store, three lumber yards, three blacksmith shops, two drug stores, and two livery stables. The foundation is being laid for a mill that will turn out 150 barrels of flour per day.

We paid $175 a piece for lots that are now selling for $500. We expect there will be another boom in the spring when property will advance more. I have bought a reliquishment of 160 acres one and one-half miles from town.

For fear I am tiring you with my description I will proceed to something else. Enclosed you will find express order for 12 to be applied to your most valuable and welcome paper. Please credit the same to S. Hollingshead. It answers for both of us, as we are all one family. I wish you would ask through the columns of your paper for the address of Mrs. Carlton who used to keep the photograph car in Birmingham. It would be great value to me, as I want her affidavit in regard to a pension claim. I am now laid up with pheumatism and have been so for three months.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain yours truly,

E. ADSLEY.

Oakes, Dickey Co., D. T.

TROY TWINKLES.

There will be a donation for the pastor at the parsonage next Friday evening, December 23.

While chopping in the woods last Friday George Durdle came near losing his life by having a tree fall on him. He was badly bruised about the head and shoulders.

Our esteemed friend, Chris Horton, the shoe-maker has moved to Stoney Creek.

Wm. Lakye has a very sick horse.

Our mail carrier, Mr. Cutler, talks of selling his place her and buying in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Chatfield Blunt and Mrs. Fannie Smith have opened a dress-making shop over Cutting's store.

Will somebody please explain why taxes are so high in Troy this year, while in Avon they are not so high?

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell

SILVER AND GOLD.

Written for the Eccentric.

By the beautiful gate of the city,
An object of woe and despair
Sat begging his alms out of pity
Of the brave and the strong and the fair.
Distorted, despairing and wretched he lay,
Forsaken by foes, friends and all,
A subject for scoffing and jeering that day
From those upon whom he should call.

Two men are approaching that way,
The cripple now eyes them with care,
He hears one of them say,
"We go to the temple for prayer."
No hope of a gift from these two,
Their poverty shows in great measure,
And yet, in the city are few,
Who have in their hearts so much treasure.

The twain now with pleasure are gazing
At wretchedness linked with despair,
When, slowly his eyes from the cripple upraising,
Peter cried, "what an object for prayer.
Man! Silver and gold have I none;
Of these we will step not to talk,
But by the Grace of the Father and Son,
I bid the to rise up and walk."

"Oh, joy beyond measure!
What mystery is this?
I walk now with pleasure,
My heart's full o' bliss.
My crooked limbs are straight,
Banished are all my pains;
For me no begging by the gate,
My blood goes bounding through my veins."

Now thank the Lord, once crippled man,
For this great worked He's done,
And in the future of the plan,
Praise Thou the Father and the Son.

C. A. B.

THE TURKEY.

The following effort is desirous of being dedicated to the Birmingham Chautauqua Circle as also to other dealers in historical lore. Circumstances: A Birmingham youth's return to the parental roof for Christmas day. Mr. Gobble, to save his neck makes the following (historical?) plea, which, though faulty, must be overlooked as it is only turkey talk.

"I'm old and tough, and very thin, poor eating
I would prove;
And for your son he not enough his hunger
to remove.
But if a 'Turkey in Europe' I'm sure my wits
would please,
And make a very savory dish, one not 'Remus'
in 'Greece,'
Much care to the old 'Galileo,' as in United
States,
We lovingly our lives have passed with our as
happy mates,
And though 'twill tear my breast with grief,
thus never more to 'Home,'
Yet, 'Xenas' your son, you spared to make
another home;
So I my wife to you will give, if to 'Severus'
seem wise.
Once 'Ceasar' in my warm embrace as 'Titus' in
a vice,
Then 'Russia' way to hide my grief in corner
far remote;
For 'Italy' upon my 'Gaul' this last, this hard,
sad stroke.
And though this year I go 'Scot' free, if you do
but decide
That I may 'Livy' 'nother year, last turkey of
my tribe.
Then 'Nero' near unto my heart will I your
kindness lay,
And willing sacrifice my life some other festal
day."

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SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the standing of the pupils for HIGH SCHOOL.

the fall term:

John Keyser m-	Jennie Worth g
Rosetta Keyser g†	Ellen Cooper g
Ida Wilson g-	Stella Rundell e-
John Spencer g†	Daisy Bibby e
Allie Hagerman g†	Harry Bayley g
Edward Buttolph g-	Judd Walters g
Birdie Jarvis e-	James Bayley g†
Fannie Dewey e-	Elmer Evans e
Arthur Young e-	Seymour Adams g†
Addie Houghton e-	Anna Parks g
Mary McCausland e	Mary Parks g†
James VanEvery g	Arch McCracken g†
Stella Mills g	Roland Powell e-
Maggie Hanna g	James Hanna m
Willie Brush e	Ben Converse m
Anna Bell e	Lillie Elmwood m
Lottie Bell e-	Lottie Hall g
Emma Brooks g†	Myrtie Ames e-
Mary Hegeman e-	Frank Hall g-
Retta Blumberg g†	Rhoda Daniels e
Gertie Merrill e	Hattie Simpson e-
John Keyser m	Grace Koeland g
Emma Adams e-	Emma Geddes e-
Edwin Keyser e-	Alta Ford e-
Arthur McClelland, g-	Hattie Shields e-

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Willie Daniels e†	Cora Adam e
Willie Adams g†	Franklin Adams g
Edwin Prince g	John McQuarter g†
Charlie Hingston e-	Willie Miller e
Bertie Miller e-	Gary Hall m
Walter Hall m-	Arville Adams m†
Georgie Adams g	Johnnie Kline e-
Rosa Kline g†	Nora Newfanger m
Carrie Kline g	Lena Shoults g†
Bertha Daniels e-	Wilson Bray g†

Harrison Bray g†

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PONTIAC PICKINGS.

Hon. B. G. Stout and wife have returned from the east.

Four pigs not a year old, fed by Jim Ogle of the Rose House, weighed 2,000 pounds.

Charlie Bristol, formerly of Pontiac but now of Rochester, is the daddy of a pair of twins.

Josephus Smith of Troy was in town this week.

Henry Jackson's new residence on Mt. Clemens street is a beauty.

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Our Sabbath school will have a Christmas tree.

Mrs. T. C. Beach has returned from her western visit.

Fred Boomer made a flying visit home last week.

Gertie Patch has gone to Novesta to live with her aunt. Mrs. T. Patch is also there at present.

Mr. Satterlee and daughter Minnie attended the grange at Lansing last week.

Mrs. C. Nelson has been quite ill.

Julia Hughes is not expected to live.

Mr. Sawtel is Mrs. T. C. Beach's guest.

Will Shue of Chicago, in company with Mrs. Hattie Shug, visited with Mose Shug last week.

School has closed for the holidays.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.