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HOME NOTES. You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrap up this letter you when your subscription expires. 7 year is the longest possible and settles.

TAKE NOTICE.

We have recently purchased the old B. J. Mitchell property on Madison street and expect to give the entire premises a thorough overhauling, and add many improvements both for appearance and convenience. In order to do all these desirable things, it is necessary that we have a good orchestra to accompany the building in our lot. Let it come.

A small young orchestra is about budding in our lot. Let it come. Charlie Raymond had a 9-pound foal born at his house Monday night. Mother and son doing well.

A goodly number of Fifty Hillers attended the concert at Niagara on Thursday evening last. Some talk of another Y. P. C. concert assisted by Detroit talent. We think it would prove a grand success.

A genuine Dakota blizzard struck us last Saturday night and Sunday and the wind made everything dreadful enough. Albert Donaldson and wife have moved back to Birmingham and will occupy their own house on Saginaw street.

The reason Henry Stabler smiled so audibly last week was because his wife had presented him with a 12 pound baby boy. Rev. E. B. Service. Subject of sermon for Sabbath next: "There is a spirit man derived from matter, and capable of conscious and intelligent existence apart from matter."

Mr. S. Alexander has been engaged by the Detroit water color society to deliver a course of lectures on the subject of "Climate Perception," including the theory of shades and shadows.

On Monday, March 7, at 1 p. m., G. H. Foster will speak for Frank T. Hoppfner, 1 1/2 miles south and 1 mile west of Birmingham, on the Lawton farm, 1 brood mare, 4 colts, 1 cow, 35 lambs, 9 shoats, 4 cows, 1 hay, twine binder and other farming tools.

Partridge, Taber and Mitchell attended the convention at Pontiac last week and Partridge was made happy by being sent to the state convention this week at Detroit, and in the near future Taber will officiate as delegate at Oxford.

Frank Durkee is laid with rheumatism in his left shoulder. He can't imagine how he came to have rheumatism as he never had it before, but his folks think it is due to work he has done lately, for he has always worked left-handed till now.

The Pine Lake cemetery association will give one of their pleasant entertainments at the residence of Mrs. Frank Harger in West Bloomfield, March 11, 1887, to which everybody is invited to come and have a social time. Ten cents pays the bill. By order of the association.

Notice to boys: All boys are hereby notified that they must not climb upon nor in any way interfere with, or hang about Henry Leach's dry or horses. Henry says forbearance has ceased to be a virtue and he will subject of his celebrated Holstein sheep and Plymouth Rock pigs, not to mention his wife's excellent housekeeping abilities in general and her cooking in particular. Oh, boys, you've got the ability between you, both mechanical and literary—why not start the Clintonville Cowboy at once?

Among the features of which contribute to the individuality of the March story are, first of all, a complete short story by Mr. Cable, entitled "Grand Pointe," being the second of his stories of the Acadian country of Louisiana. Another feature of the sort which gives individuality to the Century is "The Coinage of the Greeks," by Mr. W. J. Stillman, the art-critic and connoisseur in coin. On the art side, also, a number contains the third of Mr. Brown's notes on "French Sculptors." The topics of the "Times" contain "The Toppling Power of Ignorance," "The New North," "The Ship Company," "Art in the Chinese Age" and "Breath in the Chinese Wall." For the present month instead of a battle paper we have from Mr. C. F. Raymond a collection of his war department—his recollections of Secretary Stanton, which give a well rounded presentation of one of the most striking individuals of the war.

We are indebted to Mr. Sly for late files of Wichita, Kas., papers. We clip the following from the Daily Eagle, which goes to show that the Oakland county boys are appreciated in the "East." "The boys of the Oakland county boys are appreciated in the 'East.' The boys of the Oakland county boys are appreciated in the 'East.' The boys of the Oakland county boys are appreciated in the 'East.'"

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MEETING OF THE PIONEER SOCIETY. The pioneers of Oakland county assembled at the court house in Pontiac, on Tuesday, 22, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., and were welcomed to order by the president, Hon. O. Poppleton.

The secretary read the list of members that had died during the past year, with their place of birth, settlement, age at death, etc.

At 1:30 p. m. the pioneers were agreeably entertained by an address from Hon. S. B. McCracken of Detroit who gave the society something of his personal history, and of his ancestors, with a comparative account of the present condition of the country and that of 60 years ago.

C. W. Green read a letter from the late C. C. Crowlidge of Detroit, to Dr. O. Williams, Esq. He also read a letter from Elias Comstock who settled in Pontiac and was the first clerk of the court.

C. C. W. of Holly sang "The Sword of Baneril" written by the Rev. Wm. H. Albright read some highly interesting papers on his father, Hon. Stephen V. R. Toombs, containing an account of the purchase of his farm in Troy, etc. The society then proceeded to elect officers.

C. W. Green was elected president and E. W. Williams, secretary. The president and secretary were authorized to appoint the vice-president. The meeting then adjourned.

OBITUARY. Wm. Gillespie, the subject of this sketch, was born at Murray, Wyoming on the 24th of April, 1812. He was a well known man in the early days of his first marriage in 1814 to Michigan, his first place of residence being the same farm which has been in the family for the past 30 years, and which at that time was known as the Captain Almy farm.

He died on the 21st of February, 1887, he was married to the lady who survives him, his death occurring on the 30th anniversary of his marriage. Of the surviving children three sons have been married and one son and one daughter remain single.

Marcey, P., and Elmira girls please copy. Rev. G. W. Lowe, who is at present in Birmingham owing for his sick wife, was called a few days since to attend the funeral of Mrs. A. G. Johns, who died on Tuesday, Wayne county, Mrs. Johns was the wife of Mr. A. G. Johns, who was postmaster of the Nankin post office in the town of Dearborn, Wayne county. His most estimable lady was held in the congregational church of Newburg which, notwithstanding the coldness of the day and also the rain, was filled with her parents when 11 years of age, setting in the town of Dearborn, Wayne county. She was married to Mr. A. G. Johns on the 10th of December, 1840. She was the mother of four children, two of whom are still living. In early married life Mrs. Johns was a devoted Christian and until