BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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DETROIT, G'D HAVEN & MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning Express	7.35 a m
Mail	11.15 a m
Mouniout Express	4.20 p m
Saginaw Accommodation	8.55 p m
Night Express	11.50 p m

GOING EAST.

Owosso Accommodation	7.10 a m
Detroit Express	11.15 a m
Mail	4.00 p m
Evening Express	8.55 p m
Limited Express	10.55 p m

A. B. ATWATER, General Supt.
W. J. SPICER, Manager.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

15 REGISTERED MERINO STOCK RAMS for sale. J. H. Snow, Birmingham, Mich

TO RENT—Any one wishing a nice pleasant house in Birmingham can rent Mrs. Clark Harris' house on Saginaw St., good well and cistern and everything up in tidy style. Enquire of Mrs. Clark Harris two doors west of depot on Maple ave.

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 to suit purchaser as regards price and terms. For particulars call on or address Samuel Jarvis, Birmingham, Mich.

STONE BOATS—Stone boats and stone boat plank for sale. Call on or address Wm. H. Smith, Birmingham, Mich. 51

HOUSE FOR SALE—A house and two cemetrally located lots on Maple avenue in the village of Birmingham for sale cheap and on reasonable terms. J. R. Corson, jr. 45

WANTED A good girl to general housework. Call at the old Stewart farm near the mill, or address John H. Day, Birmingham, Mich. 7tf

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

Business Cards.

PLAIN SEWING.

Mrs Betsy Shain, at the Lowes brick house on Pierce St., takes this way of informing the ladies of Birmingham that she does plain sewing and is ready and willing to please her customers. Miss Betsey Shain, Birmingham, Mich.

MEN WANTED on salary to sell our nursery stock. Reliable men of energy can find permanent employment at a good salary and expenses paid. Particulars free

The Chase Nurseries,
Geneva, N. Y.
☞ State your age and enclose stamp.

Waverly House, Pontiac.
GEORGE S. HICKS PROP'R.
Every attention paid to the to the travelling public. First class in every particular. Terms moderate. One of the best stables in the county in the connection with the house. 5 to 53.

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.

ATTENTION!
Having secured the agency of the celebrated
SCOVEL BUGGY,
manufactured at Ovid, I will keep a stock of both open and covered buggies on hand. Call and examine before purchasing.
SAM MARTIN, BIG BEAVER, MICH.

IRA SLADE
—DEALER IN—
LUMBER LATH, COAL, PLASTER
—AND—
FERTILIZERS
Agent for the best Fannin tured Mill ever Manufac
The Highest cash Price paid for all kinds of Farm Produce at all times.
Farmers wishing to sell their Grain, Wool, Pork or anything else, can save money by dealing with me.
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Fechheimer Bros.
67 & 69 Jefferson Ave.
DETROIT, MICH.
Distillers Of
BOURBON and RYE
WHISKIES,
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Wines & Liquors of all Kinds for Medical USE.
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NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS
—A CHOICE SELECTION OF—
Hats & Bonnets, Ribbons & Flowers
Silks, Satins, Laces, Yellings, Gloves, Hosiery and Hair Goods.
—Dress Buttons and Trimmings—
I would call special attention to my
WALL PAPER and BORDERING.
Books, Papers and Magazines for sale.
Combings made up.
Call and look at our
50c. CORSET.
E. T. HURMAN.

SPECIAL LOW PRICES
for two weeks to reduce Stock before moving into our new store, the
MASONIC BLOCK.
Don't forget--positively a clearing sale. We will move July 1 and must reduce stock. Everything cheap at Corson's.

Spring is Here and so are we
With a large line of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Groceries, Hats and Caps, Parasols, Kid, Silk and Lisle Thread Gloves, Bucle Jerseys, Broadhead Dress Goods, Sateens, Lawns, and White Goods
At prices that will defy competition.

GROCERIES.		DRY GOODS.	
16 lbs granulated sugar	$1 00	Stripe and plaid velvets, per yd	$1 25
17 lbs coffee sugar	1 00	Indigo prints	7
18 lbs extra C sugar	1 00	Argyle cotton	7
20 lbs brown sugar	1 00	Apron gingham	9
16 lbs prunes	1 00	Dress gingham	10
16 lbs pearl barley	1 00	Turkey red damask 35c to	50
20 lbs rice	1 00	Lonsdale cotton	9
24 lbs best Japan tea	1 00	Good bleached cotton	8
3 lbs good Japan tea	1 00	A large line of men's, ladies' and Misses hose, century cloth, crimp Seersuckers, Laces, Ribbons, Schrims in white and colored, etc	
4 lbs Japan nibs	1 00		
5½ lbs tea dust	1 00		
18 bars Babbitt's soap	1 00		
10 lbs good raisins	1 00		
4 lbs O. G., coffee, roasted	1 00		
4 lbs Honey bee coffee	1 00		

The best 50 cent Corset in town.

BOOTS AND SHOES
We have just received a large line of Smith & Herrick's and Robison & Burtenshaw's Ladies' fine Shoes. Every pair warranted to be first-class in every respect. In Men's Boots and Shoes we have a large line at prices that will pay to get before you buy.
We have the largest lines in popular styles in Parasols and Umbrellas in town. Prices way down. Don't fail to see what we show.
Yours resp,
V. NIXON & Co.
Successors to F. Blakeslee & Co.

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.

Our readers who have legal advertising to do should always bear in mind that it requires insertions from them to insure its publication in the Eccentric. A request to the probate judge or your attorney, that the advertisement be sent here, will be promptly complied with.

C. W. Jenks is among us for a brief stay.

Mr. Harris of Otisville is visiting his best friend in town.

Mr. Henry Dale of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting friends in town.

Miss Grace Brown of Battle Creek is visiting her mother, Mrs. Noble.

Theron Evarts of Detroit visited with friends in town on Saturday last.

John H. Day, on the Stewart farm, wants a hired girl. See cheap column.

Mrs. W. D. Clizbe of Lapeer, and daughter, are visiting grandpa Richardson.

Mrs. Chas. Howard of Alpena, and two children are visiting grandpa Bodine.

Cards of invitation are out for the regular annual meeting of the B. H. S. alumni.

Now is the time to buy dress goods cheap (we don't want to move them) at Corson's store.

John W. Beebee, of Detroit, was in town the fore part of the week, looking as well as ever.

John Sharp's barn was struck by lightning Very little damage was done, however.

Last week's Oxford Globe was Vol. IX, No. I, and a rattling good paper she still proves to be.

Rev. H. Hood recently spent a few days in Detroit, both pleasantly and profitably.

Ebenezer Robinson of Ionia county, a former resident of Troy township, is visiting relatives in town.

If you have found a halter on Saginaw street between Brush's corners and the village, please return it to us.

Miss Matie Stanley and a friend of Detroit, were in our village enjoying the renewal of old friendships last week.

Miss Libbie Riffenburg of Detroit spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Riffenburg of this place.

David Roy of Lexington, Mich., is visiting his brother-in-law, Jim Casey. He will stay two weeks and have a good time.

Go to G. I. Platt's new restaurant for lunch and ice cream, Saginaw street, Birmingham. Next door to L. B. Peabody's.

Mrs. H. Hood recently entertained her brother, J. R. Johnson, formerly of Royal Oak, but now a resident of Traverse City.

George Riffenburg is the man who brought in sixteen strawberries all on one stem, and they tipped the beam at seven ounces. Next.

Lost: On Monday last, between Birmingham and Herbison's corners, a black cashmere shawl. Finder will please leave at this office.

Before moving into the Masonic block we want to close out every whip and every pocket knife in stock, and they shall go cheap at Corson's.

The face of the Hon. Wm. Brown looks like a new-born babe's in its peculiar bland expression of hairless innocence.

We are under obligations to Prof. J. M. B. Sill of Ypsilanti for an invitation to attend the exercises of commencement week of the State Normal school, June 24 to 28.

Robert Moore of Royal Oak had a brief but varied experience with a runaway horse last week which resulted in a demoralized buggy and a harness that was badly "broke up."

M. G. Jones and A. Blakeslee are just more than booming the sale of the justly celebrated Deering Binder. They are meeting with the success that energy and a first class machine will always command.

The exercises for children's day at the M. E. church on Sunday morning last and the exercises at the Presbyterian church in the evening were largely attended and heartily enjoyed by the congregations.

E. C. Poppleton and wife left for Boston last week, for the purpose of securing expert treatment for Mr. Poppleton's loss of hearing. We earnestly hope Edgar will return to us with renewed faculties of hearing.

"It saves money for you and makes money for us" is the way Joe Stock well starts his new ad. this week. If you want to know how Joe figures this out, you must look up his ad. in this issue. We shan't say another word about it.

Those large maple trees in front of the residence of Eugene Brooks on Pierce street have been thinned out root and branch, and now the sunbeams shine into the windows of the Brooks mansion, where it hasn't shown before for years.

Mr. James Slocum of the Holly Advertiser was recently married to a daughter of the Hon. J. K. Tindall. Here's hoping Jim's married life will be as happy and prosperous as his journalistic career has proven to be.

"When the cat's away the mice will play" and the boys down to Andrew Graham's had a jolly party on Friday night last, and the lads and lassies seemed to trip it, heel and toe, just a little livelier, if anything, than as if Andy himself had been home from Iowa.

O. Poppleton is making many improvements in and around his home on Maple avenue, and his grounds are handsomely laid with the new cement walks, which makes a walk superior to flag stone, and it is by far the cheaper. The work was done by L. H Mower of Detroit.

We are in receipt of a souvenir of the fourteenth birthday of the Rochester Era, in the shape of a cabinet photograph of the building wherein that bright and newsy sheet has a local habitation and a name. T. B. and Will A. Fox have our warmest wishes for a long and successful career.

The master of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., is duly and truly pleased over the presentation to the lodge by C. S. Travis, of an elegant gavel of singular form and beauty, the handle being of the finest ebony and the gavel of solid ivory. It is a very costly and rare gift and as such will be duly prized by the recipients.

Died: At the residence of her sister, Mr. A. Bell in Southfield on Saturday evening, June 11, Mrs. Mary B. Stewart aged 90 years. She was born in county Armagh, Ireland, and came to this country in 1802. She was a life long member of the Covenanter church. The funeral took place on Monday last from the residence of Mrs. Bell, the Rev. Joseph McCracken officiating, and a large concourse of relatives and friends attending.

Fenn Weston's boy at the Centre is a great lover of frog's legs and one day recently he made a harpoon out of three large fish-hooks straightened and wired together. He went out for greenbacks and at the third effort he succeeded in jabbing the three hooks through his foot. "O-h-h-h!" Result: Doctor—Pontiac—lame boy—no frogs for dinner.

Charles Wiles of Waterford was in town over Sunday and denies the soft impeachment regarding his recent marriage which we published in good faith. Anyway, Charlie denies it, but judging from his lively, cheerful and kitten-like movements we should say if he isn't already married he soon will be and his many friends will then wish him joy.

Faint & Staley are kept very busy in their lines of painting, papering, etc. Wes says they paint anything that comes up from the sublime to the ridiculous—that is, from 'painting bumble-bees and St. John the Baptist in Masonic halls to painting barn roofs with a squirt gun. Anything in the painting line will be promptly attended to.

The owners of dogs in the village are moved to compassion by the antics of their pets with muzzles on, and every few days they take off the wire tortures from the noses of their favorites. Then a strange dog will come into town and be promptly massacred by the marshal. In less than two minutes thereafter every dog in town will be looking through a wire cage like a base ball catcher after two strikes have been called.

It seems strange that there is not enough life left in Birmingham to celebrate the glorious forth, when our sister village of Big Beaver is full to overflowing with enterprise and is out with bills larger than a dinner table announcing that the eagle will scream and the boys and girls will dance, refreshments will be on hand, fire works will redden the heavens in the evening and almost every one says he and his best girl will get there and celebrate.

Mrs. Adams Bayley has a class in the M. E. Sunday school of 24 young men and they like their teacher. It is natural that they should, for she is a lady of peculiarly kind and engaging manners. On Friday night last the class aforesaid selected from one to three of their best girls and went down to have a glorious time and by the way they talk, it is fair to presume they had it. Ice cream and cake and cake and ice cream were the order of the night and the crowd had a most pleasurable time.

The children's day exercises at the Baptist church last Sunday were very pleasing and instructive. The program consisted of recitations, music and responsive reading under the guidance of the Sabbath school superintendent, Mr. G. F. Aldrich. A dialogue in which six Misses took part, led by Miss Edith Hamlin, was particularly pleasing, as was a solo and chorus by Sylvia Leach and Robbie Coe. Miss Jennie Peck presided at the organ with her usual grace. The church was tastefully decorated and the day was one long to be remembered by the children and the older ones as well.

It is with sincere pleasure that we hear of the recent promotion of our excellent friend W. D. Clizbe of Lapeer, formerly of this place. He has been offered and has accepted the position of superintendent of schools at Ionia, where he will have exclusive charge of twenty-four teachers and fourteen hundred pupils. Ionia has one one of the best schools in the state and the congratulations of Mr. Clizbe's numerous friends are due him, for it really is a great big promotion with a largely increased salary. The schools of Ionia are bound to flourish under his efficient management too. See if they don't.

The strangest sight we have seen for some time met our gaze one day last week. While going west on Maple avenue we met one of the F. F. V. girls and she had her patent wire accordion bustle on outside of her dress. After many a vermillion flush and several superhuman efforts we asked her if that was the latest style and with our cane pointed at the trap. She immediately swooned and as Edward Agustus was not there she fell to the walk. On recovering she sobbed: "Oh, Allie! Allie whitehead! if you ever tell of this I shall die! I have been trying on a new dress skirt over the one I have on and to see the set of it, I put on this b-b-bustle and forgot to take it off. I shall die! I shall die!"

The Grand Trunk system will issue half rates, or single fare for round trips with 50 cents added for admittance coupon to the league games of base ball at Detroit in June, July, August and September. The D., G. R. & M. issues tickets from all stations between St. John and Royal Oak; the C. & G. T. between Potterville and Durand; the Port Huron division between Ft. Gratiot and Frazer, and the M. A. L. division between Rochester and Lenox. Tickets are valid to return only on the day of issue and will not be honored on return trip unless stamped by the Detroit base ball club, which will be done on entering the grounds.

Children's day was observed in the Birmingham grange Thursday last, and was a very enjoyable time for old and young. One year ago for the first time the day was observed generally throughout the state and gave so much satisfaction that June 9, 1887, was anticipated with pleasure. There was a good time at Birmingham grange The exercises consisted of recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music. Real first-class talent was shown by many of the children, but space will not allow the mention of names. The interest shown by the young people indicates that the grange has come to stay, and will never lack for new members. The entertainment closed with an ice cream supper with other good things which never fail to put in an appearance at a grange feast. It is self evident that the day will become more and more popular the longer it is observed.

Greatly Excited.

Not a few of the citizens of Birmingham have recently become greatly excited over the astounding facts that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable and beyond all hope—sufferig with that dreadful monster, Consumption—have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery, the only remedy that does positively cure all throat and lung diseases, coughs, colds, asthma and bronchitis. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's; large bottles $.

A CARD.

Having met with a severe loss by fire we ask all our friends who are owing us to come and settle their accounts without further notice as we are very much in need of the money.

PARGS & HANNA.

FROM BAY CITY.

Editors of the Eccentric.

Gents—I have been able to collect a few items of interest and if you are not already in possession of them you can use them as you see fit.

Bay City is located at the mouth of the Saginaw river, has a population of about 32,000 and ranks third in Michigan. West Bay City, lying directly opposite, is connected by a free bridge and has a population of 10,000. The assessed value of Bay City in 1886 was $9,745,246. Her principal productions are salt and lumber. There are 70 sawmills on both sides of the river and in 1886 these mills cut 409,956,415 feet of lumber. About one-half the mills are connected with the salt manufactories. At present there are 30 or 31 salt companies at work and in 1886 Bay county alone produced 907,348 barrels of salt. The manufacture of steam block salt is almost a necessity with some of them, as the cheapest way to get rid of their sawdust and other refuse matter is to burn it. It would be a surprise to any one who had not seen one of these in operation to know that it took from six to ten teams to haul away the refuse, to say nothing of the saw dust, which is all handled by elevators and taken directly to the fire-room and deposited in the furnace.

The lumber shipped from Bay City by water in 1886 was 416,380,000 feet; from Saginaw ports 171,457,009 feet. Bay City ranks third as a port on the great lakes, being exceeded only by Chicago and Buffalo. Her streets are lighted by electricity, there being 125 lights and five towers. The city has gas works also, a free mail delivery and ten miles of street railway, the main line being on Water street, which line is used by the railroad company at night for the transportation of the products of the different industries which are many on that street. The city has fifteen miles of paved streets, eight public parks, ten wholesale houses, a public library and a new $65,000 opera house. The city owns its own water works, producing water from the lakes. The county of Bay has spent $125,000 in building stone roads, all of them entering Bay City. She is surrounded by a good farming country and ranks third among the cities of the United States in percentage of growth in population from 1870 to 1880, being exceeded only by Minneapolis and Denver.

While this is known to many it may be that you will glean something from it that will not be familiar to all your readers. Some I take from statistics, some from the waste basket and some from personal observation, and among other things I observe the blue X on my paper. Please be kind enough to remove it, and to enable you to do so without reluctance I enclose one dollar for the service. Resp'y yours,

JULIEN LEET.

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM, Mich., Friday Evening, June 10, 1887.

Meeting called to order by the President, Luther Stanley.

Present: Luther Stanley, President. Trustees: Moses K. Taber, Frank Ford, Lyman B. Peabody, John L. Campbell, John Bodine, Frank Hagerman.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The petition of A. L. Miller et al., asking for a sidewalk on the north side of Middle street from Saginaw street to the railroad, was referred to the committee on streets and sidewalks

The petition of H. A. Randall et. al., asking that the so-called gravel pit be made safe for public travel, was referred to the committee on streets.

The communication from Miss M. Baldwin, secretary, and Mrs. H. A. Randall, treasurer of the Cemetery Association, was referred to the committee on ways and means.

The communication of R. A. Parker was received and read and the Clerk ordered to place the receipt on the record book and file the letter. The following is the receipt:

DETROIT, May 26, 1887.

Received from the Village of Birmingham the sum of $94 75 in full for attorney fees and disburse ments, of whatever name and nature to date.
R. A. PARKER.
Parker & Burton.

It was moved, supported and carried that the town line road be gravelled from the Adams house north to the line in lieu of the appropriation.

It was moved and supported that a poll tax be levied. Lost.

It was moved that the road scraper be under the supervision of the street commissioner and when used outside the corporation the price shall be $5 per day, which includes the services of the commissioner, and carried.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

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

Wonderful Cures.

W. D. Hoyt & Co., wholesale and retail druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salve for two years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. They have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

The Hotel Singer.

The hotel singer may possess many charms for the young woman with a pale, anxious face and prominent nose, but men do not smile upon the vocalist. The hotel singer is a comparatively young man, and his hair, slightly inclined to curl, is of a river-sand color. He may be a drummer or he may be a man who travels for his own—exclusively his own, pleasure. When he arrives at the hotel, the first thing he does after washing himself and combing his hair, is to go into the parlor, open the piano, which is nearly always out of tune, and torture out the pretense of an accompaniment to "There's a New Coon in Town," or some other song which the negro minstrels have just put aside. His voice is between a bad baritone and a roar, and its strength seems to afford his greatest delight. Guests passing through the corridor look in upon him, but, unaffected by the curious glances of the women or the frowns of the men, he throws back his head and roars so loudly that a nervous man, in a barber shop below, comes with an air of annovance and says: "There's that infernal hotel singer again. He worried the life out of me down the road the other night, and now he's after me again."

Occasionally the singer looks toward the door. Is he expecting some one? Yes. He is not acquainted with a soul on the place, but he knows the pale young woman will soon make her appearance. He left her at the "Grand American hotel" down at Waterbrash, and knows that she was not on the train which bore him away, yet he knows that she must be in the hotel, for whenever he finds a piano, experience has taught him that she is not far away. Pretty soon she appears timidly at the parlor door. Then, with cultivated shyness, she enters the room and seats herself near a window. He ceases playing, and slowly turns toward her. She says: "Please excuse me for intruding, but do you know "White Wings?" Does he know "White Wings?" Did he not sing it for her at the "Grand American," at the "European," the "Continental," and at the home-like hotel run by Mrs. Black? He tells her that he will try to sing it, and then he throws his head back and roars, while the nervous man, whom a boy is dusting off in the barber shop below, says:

"Hurry up."

"Where you going?" a friend asks.

"Any place to get beyond the range of that bull up-stairs."

Who in the town can get beyond the range of that bull up-stairs? Do you suppose that he will grant any one, even his dearest friend, such an immunity?—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

The Poor Benighted Heathen.

Chinese Child (in China)—Mamma, what are the people driving that stranger out of the village for?

Chinese Mamma—He came from a country called America and he is a missionary; that means he is a teacher.

"But what has he done?"

"Nothing yet, but the people know by letters received from their freinds who have gone to America that the inhabitants of that country beat and rob and murder strangers and also each other."

"May be that's why that man came here?"

"No, he came here to teach us bad things that would make us like Americans."—*Omaha World.*

A Fair Valuation.

Lawyer (to client)—You want to sue Robinson for $500 for libel, you say?

Client—Yes; he has blasted my character forever.

Lawyer—You think $500 the proper amount.

Client—Well, make it $250. I only want what's right.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Bobby's Little Tongue.

"And don't you know why, Bobby," said the minister, who was dining with the family," your mama doesn't want you to eat a second piece of pie?"

"Yes, sir," replied Bobby. "She said that if you didn't take any there would be enough for to-morrow."—*New York Sun.*

WE AIM TO PLEASE

and by our courtesy to customers, attention to business and a desire to be at all times accommodating to everybody, hope to still further increase our rapidly growing trade. We receive everything that is new in millinery as soon as it comes in. The very latest styles in hats and bonnets; another new supply of corsets, bustles, gloves, mitts, hose, etc. Fashion sheets for July given away. Flower baskets for commencement.

Wanted, girl (recommended) to go to the city. Good pay and light work. Allyn & Co.

WARREN WAFFLES.

The Warren boys must be up to some mischief, as they have been quiet for a week or two.

The leading question of the day is "Where are you going the fourth?" For our part we don't see why we can't have some doings here instead of going away to spend our money.

Haying will commence next week.

We have not heard from the ladies' aid society in about a year. We hope they are not bankrupt.

Bert has not been seen riding that velocipede yet. Perhaps it is one too many for him.

One night last week we were favored with some music by the Beaver band. Wish they would come oftener and stay longer.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Miss Ella Spencer has closed a successful term of school in district No. 3.

The R. P. church has received a new coat of paint inside. Faint and Staley did the work.

Do not forget the strawberry social in the Town Hall on Thursday evening next. All are welcome.

Mrs. Wm. S. Young is visiting at Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon of White Pigeon, Ind., visited at D. M. Doty's last week.

The decorations and exercises at the M. E. church on children's day won applause from all. The Sunday school talks of giving a series of concerts

We know of a young man who talks of getting a patent on the way he waters his horse. He opens the horse's mouth and throws the water down his throat with a dipper.

Mr. Shepard of Detroit visited relatives here last week.

Going to the festival to-night?

BLOOMFIELD BEES.

One day last week as a party of men were at work on the highway a short distance west of the Center, they unearthed the skeleton of a man. Nearly all the bones were in a good state of preservation, the teeth in the lower jaw being sound and the enamel bright. Near the bones was found a small copper pail and what once was the blade of a razor. Many theories regarding the cause of his death have been advanced. Fred King thinks he died because he didn't go to prayer three times a week. Levi Allen thinks he was hooked to death by one of Mr. Baker's cows, and Manly Leach says he wouldn't be surprised if Alexander had shut up his cow and when he came after her pounded him so hard that he died before he reached home, while Cad Youngs thinks he must have had a sun stroke while working his poll tax.

Ed Fosdick spent last week with his brother Jerome, at Gaylord.

Abe Lord is under the weather with rheumatism.

A man driving on the road six days in the week ought to be willing to work one day.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Hugh McBride is going to fix up his old house.

Charley Moore lost a span of twin colts the other day.

Wm. Pallister raised the additions to his barn last week.

Jim Bigham is boring for I. Pearsall.

Fred Banks is in very poor health. When you go to church and they are begging for some distant charity, please think of Fred.

Ike Brace has bought his brother George's share in the old estate.

Miss Mabel Jones closed our school last Friday after a successful term of nine months.

Mrs. Fred Brace fell down cellar one day last week, hurting herself severely.

Joe Goodwin has moved a house for R. Maney.

Mrs. Thurston Barr is convalescent.

Joe Gravlin and wife visited relatives in this vicinity last Sunday.

Major Jones is working hard to introduce the Deering binder in this community. Osborne & Beebe are working equally as hard for the W. A. Wood.

A new tonic has been introduced at the Corners. Some of our friends say it is a valuable medicine.

We hear rumors of another hotel at the Corners.

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

Our band progresses nicely.

Barney Hahle lost a horse last week.

Campbell Bros. are losing more sheep by the dogs.

A number of the young folks took in the dance at A. Graham's Friday eve.

At a recent German wedding in the southwestern part of the town fifteen kegs of beer were consumed and three were left over.

Rev. Ward is very sick and Mr. Wilson filled the pulpit last Sunday.

Everybody has the measles.

C. A. Warren of Detroit visited at Springstein's over Sunday.

Marc Robison is erecting a new house.