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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning Express	7.35 a m
Mail	11.55 a m
Steamboat Express	5.20 p m
Owosso Accommodation	6.55 p m
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Detroit Express	11.15 a m
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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 Jarls, Birmingham, Mich. 37

We can send your money to any part of the United States at as low rates as are the National Bank of the Republic of New York and the First National Bank of Detroit. Whitehead & Mitchell, Proprietors of Birmingham Exchange Bank.

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 cents truly located lots on Maple avenue in the village of Birmingham for sale cheap and on reasonable terms. J. E. Corsan, jr. 43

The best way to remit money is by a draft on New York which can be bought at the Birmingham Exchange Bank at very low rates

Get your drafts cashed at the Birmingham Exchange Bank. Whitehead & Mitchell, proprietors.

FOR SALE—Dwelling house in village of Birmingham, situated just east of the Presbyterian church and now occupied by J. Bennett. Good well, cistern, small fruits, etc. Inquire of or address John E. Benedict, Birmingham, Mich. 50

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Drafts cashed and sold at the Birmingham Exchange Bank at low rates.

SHEEP FOR SALE—I offer for sale cheap, sixty choice ewes and others for feeding. Anyone desiring stock of this kind will do well to call on me. Wm. Bell, Clawson, Mich. 10 14

The Birmingham Exchange Bank will sell you drafts on New York or Detroit as cheap as any bank. Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

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 n33

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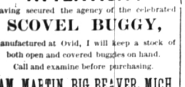

Gas and Vitalized Air used for the painless extraction of teeth. Office first door west of Presbyterian church. Hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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.

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Farmers wishing to sell their Grain, Wool, Pork or anything else, can save money by dealing with me,

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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.

L. L. LILLIE.

Grand Celebration and Formal Opening on

MONDAY JULY 4.

One of the largest lines of goods ever shown in this county will be opened for public inspection on the above date, in the Masonic Block.

Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Notions, 5 and 10c Goods, Wall Paper, Curtains, Crockery, Glassware, Clocks, Books, Stationary and Groceries.

Biggest Bargains Ever Offered Here.

On our opening day only all Calicos, excepting Mournings, Indigoes and Pinks at

FINE CENTS PER YARD.

Manchester Dress Goods at 20 cents per yard, worth 21jc at wholesale—new Goods, every yard. White Goods, Lawns, Seersuckers, Satines, Laces, Silks, Velvets, Ribbons, Hosiery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs in great variety, and cheaper than you ever saw them before.

Table Spreads, Tableing, Napkins and everything that goes to make up a well-equipped Dry Goods Store.

CROCKERY.

The largest line ever shown in this town. Decorated Tea Sets, Chamber Sets and Novelties of all descriptions.

GROCERIES.

Our stock of Groceries is unsuapassed. Look this department through completely.

Clocks very much cheaper than City Prices

Our Five and Tea cent tables are loaded with Bargains.

An old-fashioned Palm Leaf Fan given to every lady customer on opening day—July 4.

Foreign Fruits, Nuts and Fine Confectionery. Tobaccos and Cigars—best brands in the Market. Fireworks and Balloons.

No trouble to show goods. We will save you from 5 to 10 per cent on every dollar you expend at our store.

J. R. CORSON,

Masonic Block, Birmingham, Mich.

V. NIXON ISAAC MABEE.

THE CUT PRICES

From July 4th to make room for

OUR FALL STOCK.

Lower prices than these Goods have ever been sold for in Birmingham.

Babbitt's Soap 4½ cts per bar.	Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at cost. $1 for 75c; 75c for 50c; 50c for 40c.
Granulated Sugar 6½ cts per lb.	One lot of Men's Shoes at $3 50; former price $5. A bargain.
Rice 5 cts per lb or 6 lbs for 25c.	One lot of Men's $3 Shoes at $2 25 Cheap.
3lb cans peaches for 12c.	Here's a bargain for every lady in need of Slippers. Our $1 25 slippers at $1; our $1 40 and $1 50 slippers at $1 20; our $1 75 slippers at $1 25.
Good Japan Tea 35c per lb or 3 lbs for $1.	Opera and Low-Toe Slippers we will sell at a uniform price of $1. This is a chance to get a fine slipper very cheap.
Mull and Chambray dress patterns at one-quarter off. A bargain.	Remember we warrant every pair of Smith & Herrick's and Robson & Burtenshaw's Ladies' Fine Shoes.
Jersey Jackets at Detroit prices.	
Fancy Schrim at 12½c, former price 20c. A bargain.	
The best 50 cent Corset in town.	
The largest line of $1 Corsets in town.	
Cal. Cashmere Shawls at Cost.	

We guarantee our Prices to be as low as any house in Birmingham handling the same quality of Goods,

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 instructions 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.

Mrs. Charlie Baum of Troy is quite ill.

Mrs. Frank Halsey of Troy spent the 4th at Vassar.

Mrs. C. D. Miller and children are visiting grandpa Boyd in Troy.

Ebe Converse and family of Owosso visited relatives here on the fourth.

Ice cream, cake and watermellons will be served at the lawn party July 15.

We are in the midst of haying with every out-look for a large and fine crop.

Mrs. H J. Bowers' Sunday school class had a very pleasant time at Orchard Lake one day last week.

A Big Beaver lady wants to know who it is in that classic town that treads like a peacock? Who can tell?

Mr. W. E. Burnett, a stenographer of Bay City, and lady friend, spent the 4th with his brother, F. W. Burnett of this place.

Frankie Gibbs of Troy has closed a very successful year of school and has now gone on a visit to friends at Howell and Linden.

Messrs. J. R Cooper of Houghton and Gage Cooper of Port Huron passed the fourth at the Cooper farm and enjoyed it of course.

In addition to other attractions at the lawn party July 15, an interesting program consisting of literary exercises will be presented.

The Young People's Christian Association of the Presbyterian church will give a lawn social at the home of A. Ella Drake on Friday evening, July 15.

Will Bell of Clawson will engage in buying and selling stock on his own hook and advertises in cheap column. Farmers are requested to read and act accordingly.

Married, at the M. E. Parsonage in Pontiac, on June 29, 1887, by Rev. C. T. Allen, Mr. M. A. Haines to Miss Mary E. Toms, daughter of John Toms, all of Bloomfield.

The Holly editor is a regular hustler on base ball matters and takes great interest in local base ball neas. Hope he will take as much interest in bawl news in the future as he does at present.

For Petoskey, Bay View, Harbor Springs the safest, quickest and cheapest route is the old reliable D., G. H. & M. R'y, which will land you in direct communication with Petoskey and from thence by boat to all important ports.

Married. On Thursday, June 30, 1887, at Hamburg, Mich., Mr. Grant Race of Lansing to Miss Jennie G. Lake of Hamburg. Grant has many friends hereabouts who will be pleased to hear of his good fortune.

Married in Birmingham, by the Rev. J. Sherrard, Mr. James Millhollan and Miss Lizzie Cooper, all of Commerce. James and his new wife have our best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Lost, between this village and John Keyser's place, a leather covered memorandum book with name on cover. The finder will please leave it at the post office and get reward of $1. John Keyser.

The Franklin band, to show their appreciation of the assistance of Wes. Faint at their entertainments last winter, have presented him with a plush trimmed, student's easy chair. Wes. was surprised and everybody's happy.

Our fellow townsman, T. A. Ward, is receiving many flattering testimonials from the press all over the state with best wi hes for his steady and increasing prosperity in his new departure. No wonder, for Tom is known all over the state and universally respected.

Ninety days after the legislature adjourns it will be a criminal offense for any minister or justice to marry a couple who do not present a proper certificate from the county clerk which certificate must be taken up and returned to the clerk after the ceremony is performed.

Birmingham's fourth of July passed off very quietly. In fact more than Sabbath quietness pervaded our streets, everybody and his best girl having gone somewhere else to spend the fourth. But next year the merchants all say that the eagle will scream over our usually quiet village. Good, let 'er come.

In another column will be found an advertisement of Whitehead & Mitchell, who have added to their other numerous branches of business the business of an exchange bank. Exchange sold on Detroit and New York. If you wish to remit money to any part of the country this is the cheapest and safest way. Collections promptly attended to. This is a want supplied which has been long felt in this community and we hope to see it successful.

A serious runaway occurred at Franklin on the fourth. Some boys were firing a small cannon and a team driven by Phillip DeConick became frightened thereat and ran away, making splinters of the buggy, throwing Mr. DeConick out and breaking his collar bone, shoulder blade and two ribs, Dr. Buell reduced the fractures and the injured man will recover if good care and attention will do anything, but the chances are against him.

Mark Hollister's barn in Royal Oak was struck by lightning Tuesday evening and consumed. Mr. Hollister was in the barn and was badly shocked. His horses and farm implements were saved.

Died in Southfield, Saturday night, July 2, 1887, after a long and painful illness, Mrs. Daniel Russell. Deceased was well and favorably known and loved by a large circle of friends, who join in sympathy with the bereaved family in their hour of grief. She leaves four children, Mrs. James McKinley, Harry Russell, Jerry Russell and a daughter whose home is in Missouri. Rev. J. A. Sherrard preached the funeral sermon July 4 at the presbyterian church in Southfield.

Birmingham is clear down in the estimation of Mr. James Bigham of Troy who called upon us on his return from having taken "Jack" Hale to the county poor house, where Jack has at last been compelled to go. Mr. Bigham says he does not think much of Piety Hill charity, and that he took care of Jack who was sick when he arrived about six weeks ago and who was waited upon by Mrs. Bigham until her health gave out and the above is the result. For years Jack has led a strange life, living alone and making a living by doing odd jobs for different ones.

We are in receipt of a letter from Sergeant Cooper of Detroit, informing us that the U. S. signal service will furnish our citizens with the weather signals daily by telephone if our citizens will purchase the signal flags. They will cost $8 50, made of the best bunting. We will display the signals promptly every morning and they will prove of great value to ur citizens and the farming community. One hundred and fourteen towns are receiving these signals and if our citizens will raise the triffling amount required for the flags, they will be promptly purchased and displayed Subscriptions received at this office.

George Randall, the well driver, was in Detroit one day last week and while walking quietly along the street he was stopped by two men who wanted to borrow some money. On his replying that he had none, they mounted him, held him up, and one with money bag and the other with his watch, fled in opposite directions. George didn't wait long to decided before he took after his money and after a long chase he run the thief down and recovered $11, which was $3 less than the original amount and the robber than escaped. A day or two after Henry Randall went in as detective and found the watch in a pawn shop and recovered it.

The Caro Advertiser saves the trouble of going to the statutes for a bit of private information, which every tax payer ought do well to paste in his hat. Section eight of the Michigan statute defining the duties of overseers of highways, which is section 1,419 of Howell's annotated statutes, page 414, contains the following clause: "Every overseer shall cause the obnoxious weeds within the limits of the highway within his district to be cut down and destroyed twice in each year, once before the first day of July, and again before the first day of September, and the requisite work shall be considered highway work. * * Any overseer who shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties required by the section shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-five dollars."

We can scarcely pick up an exchange without finding an acount of a fearful runaway of a team, because the criminally careless driver left the horses standing unhitched. We believe there is a law against it which ought to be enforced vigorously against every owner of every team left to run loose, whether the team actually runs or not. There are plenty of devices for fastening the lines quickly to the hub of the wheel in case of big wagon teams which would prevent their starting; for lighter vehicles there is no safety but in constant attention and watchfulness, though there is not so much danger of damage by them. If the horses in many cases hadn't more sense than the drivers there would be much more damage done than there is now.—Ex.

The July Wide Awake ought to be put in the hands of every youngster in the land, for it opens with a long and delightful account of "Washington's Boyhood, Pursuits and Companions," written by William F. Carne, a citizen of the old village of Belhaven where the young Washington lived in his early years. The Queen's Jubilee is commemorated by a pretty paper of anecdotes from the pen of an English woman, Mrs. Raymond Blathwayt, which is accompained by a full-page engraving of the famous sitting statue of the Queen by Boehm, which stands in the Grand Vestibule at Windsor Castle; the article is entitled "Every Inch a Queen." The La Rose Blanche Wartimes story is entitled "Poor Whitey" and relates to one of the Mount Vernon candlesticks of Washington's time, and describes a plantation fete and an episode of the war. $3 per year.

In the Century for July the lighter material is of a sparkling out-of-doors character and naturally takes precedence in attractiveness at this season. The opening paper by John Burroughs, on "Wild Flowers," is profusely illustrated and likely to set many a young woman and summer boarder to botanizing; another by John J. Henderson on "The Sportsman's Music," giving pictures of live game-birds and recording the musical notes of their songs, appeals more to the other sex. A humorous story, yet not without a serious conclusion, is "Sister Todhunter's Heart," by H. S. Edwards, with attractive genre pictures by Remble, to which there is a foil in Mr. Boyesen's pathetic "Cracked John." To these must be added "Stockton's "Hundredth Man," by one of the individual of American fiction-writers. The Lincoln History closes up the Kansas troubles and discusses their corollary, the "Lincoln-Douglas Debates." The number is an exceptionally good one.

There are but few people in our quiet village, except the active participants in the chain of incidents, who know that there has been an uncivil war raging in all its "horrid pomp and circumstance" right here in our midst, for the last three months. The dramatis personæ are a most estimable and refined lady who manages a millinery store and news depot with an energy and cleverness worthy of a nobler cause a doughty harnessmaker whose acquaintances are all his friends, with the exception of the hatmaker aforesaid. The harnessmaker alluded to has an assistant and importer, assistant in the trouble, in the person of the junior partner of a prominent drug firm. The row was about a fence running east and west along the south side of a thoroughfare formerly known as "the alley." It is now called "Battle Alley," and its fame spreadeth abroad like unto the odor of a polecat. The first move was the removal of the fence by the little druggist, then a vigorous protest by the milliner. Then there were injunctions and threats of prosecution and arrests, in all of which the druggist and harnessmaker were on the offensive and there was no fence. They laughed and held high carnival over the defeat of the milliner. They averred that they could lick any woman this side of the Rockies and they swaggered a great deal and swore considerable and finally settled down to enjoy their laurels in Battle alley. They had said there should be no fence and there wasn't any. But the game was not played out yet. The little woman had yet to meet the thing in masculine garb that could beat her out of her own sweet will. The other morning the druggist took his long-limbed partner by the arm and led him to the south window and with tears streaming from his eyes faltered: "Whitey, old man, you've always been a good friend to-to-me. Tell me, for God's sake, what you see across the alley?" Whitey couldn't deceive him. There was a tight-board fence eleven feet high and four rods long just where the old one used to be! It was like Aladin's palace in point of growth. It had come up in one night. The little druggist went home and went to bed with a nervous headache and staid all day. He got up at 4 o'clock the next morning and went fishing all day long—and came back reconciled. The harnessmaker kicked up such a row as you would scarce expect from one of his age and lamb-like nature. He tore the pickets off the back fence—the little woman smiled and nailed 'em on again. He swore he would prosecute her—she smiled again and showed him a written permit from the owner of the premises to build the fence. He swore he would tear the d——n thing down, but he didn't. He went into the drug store next door and complained of a violent attack of cramp-colique, was prescribed for and went home and took to his bed for two days—and lo! the balm of a concrete spirit descended upon him like the dew of heaven and he was reconciled. The white dove of peace hovereth over Battle alley. The harnessmaker goeth about with a long visage and a cane. The little druggist struts his little stuff and smiles a sad, weary smile and—well the fence is still there and the little woman's motto is "one cent penny for tribute, but millions for defence." Kingdoms may rise, flourish and wane, but the majestic fence reareth its head heavenward and endureth forever. Selah!

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles and was cured of rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abram Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have handled in my 20 years experience is Electric bitters." Thousand of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the liver, kidneys or blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. 2

IMPORTANT TO BUILDERS.

Those intending to build and wanting the services of a competent mechanic can find one always find one ready to take contracts of any kind pertaining to this line of business. Will also file and set saws and repair furniture. John O'Connell, Birmingham, Mich. 10 4

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

I beg leave to announce that I will be open and ready for business July 9, 1887, with a well-selected line of fancy and staple dry goods, groceries, wall paper, curtains, shades and fixtures. My stock will be entirely new and fresh and shall have no old goods or styles to offer, but everything selected with care and bought from New York, Boston and Detroit markets and at prices that will enable me to meet all competition. I trust and hope by courteous treatment, fair dealing and close prices to meet a share of your patronage. F. BLAKESLEE.

TAKE NOTICE.

Shooting around my pond or anywhere on my premises is forbidden. I don't wish to take any chances of having my help or stock injured or killed, and any one caught shooting on my premises will be prosecuted. G. A. WATKINS. Birmingham, Mich., June 25. 6-13.

BURIED IN A DITCH.

Sudden Taking Off of Fred Findley at Pine Lake.

From the Pontiac Gazette.

Mrs. Marion Hodges, whose residence is on the east bank of Pine lake, is having a ditch dug for the purpose of putting in drainage and water pipes from her residence to the lake. Fred Findly was doing the ditching and Fred Hamlin (with Jacob Bros.) was doing the piping. The work progressed to just across the road and to within a few feet of the lake, but at the bluff-like shore was at its deepest point—about ten feet. It had caved several times, and Mr. Hamlin would not go into the ditch without boarding up and bracing, and admonishing Findly that it was unsafe. Tuesday forenoon Hamlin was delayed in town and Findly, after shoveling out the caving about the middle of the forenoon, had evidently commenced laying the joint tile. The ditch was very narrow and when at work he had got upon his knees, and it is supposed that while so engaged, and leaning forward, almost flat upon the ground, the caving took place, which brought down upon him about four feet of clay, stones, gravel and crocks which lay upon the bank, confining and crushing him, and probably smothering him instantly. In fact, when found his hands were grasping the tile in the act of pressing them into position. The accident probably took place about 10 o'clock, and he was not missed till Mrs. Hodges' maid went to take him his dinner, when the caving was discovered, and his spade was found with about four inches of the handle above ground. Help was obtained from the neighborhood and his remains exhumed. An inquest was held and a verdict found in accordance with the above facts. Mr. Findly, we believe, was a victim of the hurricane of several years since, when his house was blown down and much damage done. He leaves a wife and six children in poor circumstances. His age was about 35 years. The efforts to rescue the body were prompt and efficient and all reports to the contrary are without foundation.

PITH AND POINT.

One of the most economical men in town drives five miles around to avoid a toll-gate and the payment of 5 cents and spends 50 cents for a drink at the next hotel.—*Norristown Herald.*

Mr. Lowell declares that the dead languages are not dead. And yet how seldom it is that one American asks another for a chew of tobacco in Latin or Greek.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The El Paso bar was so startled by the earthquake that it lost its presence of mind and fled from the court-room instead of moving for a continuance.—*San Francisco Post.*

Eminent politicians should always use a type-writer. In case of forged letters it never gives the author's handwriting away.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

No one knows how dangerous a liver is until he reads the painted warnings on fences devoted to medicine advertisements.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

The mosquito, will soon be here, and then we shall realize that there are other troublesome bills beside the interstate commerce affair.

He who preaches holiness should be pure, and the breath of the temperance orator should not smell of gin.—*Orleans Picayune.*

The interstate law got rid of the deadheads easily enough, but the commission finds a great deal of trouble with blockheads.

Why a man boots his dog but merely shoos his hen has never been precisely determined.—*Philadelphia Call*

The monkey picks up pennies and gathers the peanuts, but he can not think he turns the organ.

A man who will pass around a hat in church might be the first to kick one found on a sidewalk.

The Romans used to recline at their banquets and the habit of lying at public dinners still prevails.

The young man who went into the Kentucky democratic state convention the other day trying to sell ice-water at 5 cents a glass should go down to the equator and peddle hot soda. His chances of opulence would be infinitely bettered by the change.—*Philadelphia Press.*

The largest hail-stones mentioned in accounts of the recent western cyclone were only thirteen inches in circumference. We note with pleasure the increasing moderation and carefulness shown in the statements of western correspondents.—*New Haven News.*

The Standard Oil Company's candidate for United States senator in West Virginia was compelled to withdraw. The track seems to have been lubricated so exceedingly that he could not travel over it without danger of slipping.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

It is all very well to advise a man not to cross a bridge until he comes to it. In these days of railroad accidents that man may be considered very fortunate who is able to cross a bridge even when he has come to it.—*Boston Post.*

Our esteemed contemporary, *The Alta California*, asks: "Why does a plot thicken?" Don't you really know, dear? Why, generally a plot thickens because the story writer is paid space rates.—*Philadelphia Press.*

Buckien'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

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month end. June 30, 1887.

Joseph Burton, James McChin, Wm. West, Orester Watkins, Mr. J. W. Lawrence.

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

F. HAGERMAN, P. M.

WES FAINT SURPRISED.

I was agreeably surprised on Saturday afternoon last by being the proud and happy recipient of a beautiful and costly easy chair, presented by the well-known Franklin cornet band. Boys, you do me proud. Now, after coming home late at at night from the violent exercise of a 15 mile walk from work out in the country, all out of gear and unjointed from "laming" stones at cross dogs, I can stack my paint brushes and run way ahead of schedule time the next morn by dropping a sleep in my easy chair.

I thank you boys, one and all, for your beautiful present, and will always think that when we were "staring" a few months ago with the concerts it did me more good than a $50 doctor bill. I just sat down in the chair, shut my eyes and I could see all your friendly faces around me.

I will conclude by saying that I am proud of my present and will be happy to remember that every one of you is my warm personal friend. The chair is, in the words of the late lamented Simple Simon, "real slick, now mind I tell you."

WES. FAINT.

WARREN WAFFLES.

The Sunday school convention was a grand success, it being as well attended as could be expected at the busiest season of the year.

When we saw that couple hanging on Mr. Barton's gate we expected it would be in a bad condition the next morning, but it was all right.

The ice cream festival Saturday night was well attended, the ladies present outnumbering the gents two to one.

Now, Otto, if you intend to go with that girl, you had better get a moving, as she can't wait all summer for you.

There are rumors afloat that the boys intend to paint the town red some night in the near future.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Miss Sarah Heart is visiting a sister near Pontiac.

Frank Chapman is improving.

A large number of Southfielders spent their 4th at the Lake.

School closed in the White district last Friday, after a very successful term taught by Miss Millie Shain of Birmingham.

There is some talk of a picnic after the close of the school in district No. 10.

Miss Kate Sherman is visiting in this vicinity.

At Mr. Lanning's donation last week $25 was donated, for which he returns his thanks.

PONTIAC PICKINGS.

Morris Flower of Battle Creek and Miss Lutie Dwinelle of this city were united in marriage, Rev. C. T. Allen officiating. The same evening Phil Sheridan and Miss Lydia Hyde were also married.

Johnnie Nye was in town a few evenings ago. John is quite attractive here in town.

Will Elliott is home from Ann Arbor.

Scene: On the east bank of Pine lake. Time: Last Sunday afternoon. Two Birmingham couples swinging in those hammocks to the music of the birds, the rippling of the waters and the sound of loving words.

The asylum boys done up the Amy boys at base ball a few days ago.

Bert Kelley of the asylum farm is nursing a broken leg.

WEST BLOOMFIELD BUZZINGS.

Our new school house closes its fourth term of school to morrow having been under the careful instruction of Prof. Gillespie, it is thought that the young shoots need a few week's of recreation.

The Association picnic was held today at Orchard Lake.

The young people are particularly requested to be present at Mr. Long's evening services.

The Franklin Sunday school picnic is to be held the 7th of July.

Some of our young people were quite sly about getting to the commencement exercises.

One of the greatest sensations in this town, is the summer resort one mile west of Franklin, which is very highly appreciated by our young bloodies. We do not blame you for not wishing to show any partiality, Shorty. Serve all alike, but why do you not keep Frank at home to help you entertain those ladies.

The social held at Mrs. Susan Haskin's was not very largely attended owing to the bad weather. Band music was saved for some other time there being only three of the band boy's in attendance, they having music of a different type.

One of our over-grown boy's trying to lift a man was greatly surprised to find himself in the bottom of the creek. It is thought the man has gone to live with the fishes, but perhaps he'll return with a faded coat some day. Recollect my friend sin is heavy, and you should not be fooling around deep water.

Flinn & Durfee's ice cream for sale at Mrs. Furman's every Saturday. A share of your patronage is solicited