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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning Express	7.35 a m
Mail	11.15 a m
Steamboat Express	6.20 p m
Owosso 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
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

PRICES

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

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

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We show a very fine line of Dress Trimmings.

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

We have some very fine selections in

FALL STYLES

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

We handle a fine assortment of Vassar, Midnight, Saxony, Spanish, Germantown, German Knitting and Fairy Yarns.

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS

for Vassar Flannels, Dress Flannels, Cotton Flannels, Shirtings, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Ruching, Lace Ladies' Collars, Cuffs, Ties and full line of Fancy Dry Goods.

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

We show the best Ladies'

JERSEY

for $1.75 in town.

Woolen Blankets

from $1.50 to $5.

Don't forget we have the most popular line of

CORSETS.

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

NEW, FRESH

—AND—

ATTRACTIVE at F. BLAKESLEE'S

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Fire, Wind, Life and Accident.

WHY

Insure in an inferior company when you can get a policy in

THE OLD ÆTNA

of Hartford, the largest company in the United States, for the same money? Why not insure with the agent that always gives his best rates without being compelled to by competition?

Whitney I. Smith, agent for the Ætna; also agent for first-class life and accident companies. Office at: Chas. W. Flinn's, Birmingham, Mich.

Waste, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR sale. Valuable piece of city property situated on Saginaw st. in the vilag of Birmingham, Mich. 80 feet front. The two stores known as the Jennings store and the Leach building. For prices and terms apply to P. Hagerman, Birmingham, Mich.

FOR SALE—My house and one and one-half acres of land on Saginaw street in the village of Birmingham. Good barn, 7 wells, 2 cisterns, good out buildings, etc., in excellent repair. Plenty of fruit of all kinds. Terms easy. Inquire at the premises, or address Fred Cartwright, Birmingham, Mich. Mrs. J. B. Cartwright. 25

NOTICE I wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that I have just purchased a new Dia mond feed cutter with elevator and am ready to do jobs of feed cutting for all Try me. S. F. Joyce, Birmingham, Mich. A postal card will bring me.

FOR SALE—Commodious house in Birmingham. Well and cistern, water in the house, woodshed attached, garden containing about ¼ acre with fruit trees; well fenced; desirable family residence. Apply to H. Irving, Birmingham Mich. 21tf

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

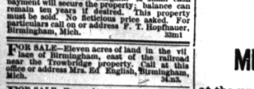
FOR SALE—One-half interest in Birmingham Planing Mills at a Bargain. A small cash payment will secure the property; balance can remain ten years if desired. The property must be sold. No fictitious price asked. For particulars call on or address F. T. Hopkins, Birmingham, Mich. 30tf

FOR SALE—Eleven acres of land in the village of Birmingham, east of the railroad near the Township hall. Call at this office or address Mrs. Ed English, Birmingham, Mich. 30

FOR SALE—Farm of 81 acres, one mile north of and one-half miles west of Birmingham. Good timber, good house with eight rooms, barn, wagon shed, granary and other outbuildings. Forty-five old apple trees, 20 young trees, all bearing late fruit. Good spring of water, never fails. Price $3000, one-third down, balance on time. Inquire of Wm. Brown on the premises or address him at Birmingham, Mich. 30

DENTAL SURGERY.

D. M. Johnston, L. D. S



Gas and Vitalized Air used for the painless extraction of teeth. Office first door west of Presbyterian church. Hours from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

A. WHITEHEAD. G. H. MITCHELL.

—HERE WE ARE WITH A—

HAPPY NEW YEAR

For all, both friends and ——will, we havn't any. The Holiday Season having passed perfectly satisfactorily to each and everybody, we can still say that here we are, somewhat battered, but still in the ring and have a complete stock of

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,

Drugs and Patent Medicines

School Books and Stationery

Furniture, Sewing Machines and most anything you may call for.

Best Salt Pork and Choice Family Lard

Alden Fruit Vinegar & Pure Cider Vinegar

Open Kettle Boiled New Orleans Molasses.

Oysters received daily, fresh from the city.

We are headquarters for Flour and Meal, and sell

DAWSON'S PURITY, BOWERS' FANCY,

Erity & Wilde's Jewell, Fredericks' Flour,

J. J. TOMS' FLOUR. PETER VAN EVERY'S FLOUR

—AND—

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

We have School Suppliessuch as Books of all kinds, Scratch Blocks of all kinds, Pens, Pencils, Ink, etc.; Writing Paper in Boxes and by the Quire, School and class Registers, Erasers and Crayons.

Come and see us. It does us good whether you buy or not.

Your Friends,

Whitehead & Mitchell.

YOUR ATTENTION

Is called to the Prices at which we are closing out our entire Stock of

UNDERWEAR

at 50 per cent. less than regular prices.

10 doz Mens heavy all wool Underwear at $1, former price $1 50.

10 doz Mens heavy all wool Underwear at $1, former price $1 25.

10 doz Mens heavy Underwear at 75c, former price one dollar.

10 doz Ladies scarlet Underwear at 75c, former price $1 25.

10 doz Ladies Camel Hair Underwear at $1, former price $1 50.

10 doz Ladies Camel Hair Underwear at 75c, former price one dollar

Childrens and Misses Underwear at the same reductions.

It will pay you to buy now, as prices are 50 per cent. less than the regular prices.

We will also make a special sale of

MEN'S WOOL AND SCOTCH CAPS

at the uniform price of 50c each, which is less than they can be bought by the dozen.

This Sale continues for the next 60 days,

Come early as the Goods cannot last long at these prices. Yours resp.,

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.

Are you ready for the masquerade?

Wedding near Franklin soon—look out.

Jersey Jackets at cost at V. Nixon & Co's.

Miss Dora Beatty was home for the holidays.

Second hop of the series to-morrow, Friday, night.

Mrs. N. S. Schuyler is visiting friends at Charlotte.

Cal. Ellenwood is bound to raise all calves muleys.

Wm. Parks and wife sojourned to Imlay City last week.

L. A. Randall and family of Detroit were in town recently.

The L. L. A. masquerade comes off Friday evening, January 27.

Miss Kittie Buel is visiting Miss Hoyt and other friends in Port Huron.

The average tea party cannot now be a success without hand painted china.

V. Nixon & Co. are cutting prices and tell you about it in their ad this week.

Mary Sharp and Jane Sharp of Linden visited Jim Sharp's family on New Years.

Ernest Fay of Detroit made his many friends in these parts a pleasant visit recently.

M. G. Jones has been perambulating the northern woods with an idea of speculating.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kist of Millington are visiting John Kist and wife at A. B. Parker's.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Durkee spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Bigelow of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Day of Augusta have been visting J. H. Day at the Watkins farm.

Mrs. Wm. Youngs is on the sick list.

George Warner is sick at Lansing but is now on the gain.

Look out for the "corrupter of morals" who goes about roaring like a lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Dollie Robinson of Oxford returned recently from a three week's visit with her cousin, Florence Jones.

Everything in ladies', Misses' and children's hoods will be closed out at 50c each at V. Nixon & Co's.

Arbuckle, the great coffee man, has been sued for the trifling amount of $100,000 for breach of promise.

George White and family of Elk, Mich., are visiting old friends in this vicinity and having a jolly good time.

Don't put coal ashes into the middle street, as it not only spoils the sleighing but it looks bad after the snow is gone.

Not long ago Mr. and Mrs. John Pool of Lyons visited Mrs. H. J. Bumberg of this place and had an enjoyable time.

This is leap year and the young lady who lets the opportunity pass, may be considered as not in a hurry to drive double.

The social event of the season takes place at National hall to-morrow night, January 13. Same music and another select party.

Miss Xenia Post of this place has a large class in painting in Pontiac and gives instructions to an equally large number here.

Mrs. Miles Dewey and daughter Fannie visited Sam Solts at Bath, Mich., last week and returned home the forepart of this week.

The committee on the street-sprinkler wish to express their thanks to all who took part in the play "Among the Breakers," and especially to the manager.

Special communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., Thursday evening, January 12, 1888. Work on first degree. A full attendance is requested.

The Rankin Scottish concert company gave a very pleasing entertainment at Library hall Tuesday night, but they really deserved a better patronage than they received.

Only five eclipses this year, three of the sun and two of the moon, the latter visible in this latitude, both total. The first appears January 28, and the other July 22-23.

Dr. O. W. Sylvester is now pleasantly located in the comfortable shoes left vacant by Dr. Ile, and we trust will soon secure the large and lucrative practice that he richly deserves.

Frank Howland is home again looking as hale and hearty as ever, and is the same old Frank. At present he is assisting Frank Pearsall in his large and extensive wood shipments by rail.

Misfortunes never come singly. Last Monday Frank Cutting of Troy lost a valuable horse. On Tuesday his son Park hitched up a new horse with the mate of the defunct equine and they ran away, injuring him severely.

The Ladies' Library association will hold their annual meeting; Saturday evening, Jan. 14, at Library hall. It is hoped there will be a full attendance of the members, to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact other business.

Mrs. Rundel visited her son Morgan at Kalamazoo last week and found him dgeply interested in his studies and progressing quite rapidly.

Installation of officers at the Birmingham grange next Saturday evening, January 14, followed by a feast. All graugers are requested to be present.

Wanted, a carriage horse; must be under eight years old, sound and thoroughly gentle; weight not less than 1000 pounds nor more than 1100. Anyone having such a horse for sale will please address, with full description, G. box 24, Birmingham, Mich.

Perhaps it's all right to quarrel and fight, but a continual commotion without any devotion, from saint or from sinner will publish a dinner, that will enlighten the people, to open their eyes, and keep away from the angel that is cloaked in disguise.

We have never yet said a word about J. O. Beattie's new public truck which he has brought into our midst. It is positively gorgeous and a very handsome affair, and the way Jim, with an axle corps of assistants, watches the train ensures prompt service.

We acknowledge receipt of the Decatur, Ala., Free Lance, and heartily welcome it to our exchange list. We like to hear the stirring echos from the booming "Gateway of the South," even if we don't keep up with the procession so that we can hear the band play.

Mrs. Comstock Prentice of Vermont but who 45 years ago was a resident of Clawson, spent New Years with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Samuel Noyse of Royal Oak. She had a very enjoyable visit with her old friends and acquaintances and started on her return home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wiley of Owosso have been among old friends and neighbors the past week. The meeting between Tom and Ed Lamb was very affecting, as it brought back to them their younger days—the days when Tom and Ed formed the battery for the old Stars.

It is reported that the ice crop is held subject to a claim of about $120 before it can be taken off the pond, that being the amount the proprietor of the old Stewart farm thinks the crop worth, or rather that is the amount required for driving over a small portion of the farm to get at the ice.

The strangest thing to the ECCENTRIC is the apparent good feeling and encouragement the Detroit Evening Journal receives, while for the News hardly a word of kindness is expressed. Why has the News fallen back, and why does the Journal seem to be sailing on towards the pinacle of success.

To-morrow evening the first benefit of the Redford brass and reed band takes place at Masonic hall, Sand Hill. Do not forget the date, Friday evening, Jan. 13. Bill only 50c. Refreshments extra for those who so desire. This organization furnishes its own music, both string and brass. Proceeds go to pay for instruments.

Mr. Thomas Westlake called on his brother-in-law, Edson James of this village, on Monday last and we might incidentally add that he brought his bran new wife with him. They were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Greenfield on Sunday evening last, and her maiden name was Miss Cora Langley. They have our warmest wishes for a happy future.

Last week Mr. Norton of Pontiac bought from our old friend Luther Stanley, three head of the best cattle we have ever seen go out of Birmingham. They were grade Short-horns and were fed on the Stanley farm just south of the village, under the careful supervision of James Todd, and weighed 5,100 pounds. They were delivered on Monday last and were really a sight to see.

The regular annual clearing sale of dry goods is now on at H. E. Kenny & Co's., Detroit, and their immense stock of winter goods is now offered for sale at a big reduction. Read their new ad. which appears in this issue and remember that when in the city their invitation to you is always open to come to their store, which is centrally located, and make it your headquarters while in the city, and our word for it, you will be pleased over the polite and courteous treatment you are sure to receive.

The Misses Baines of Detroit, the most fashionable costumers in the city, have been engaged to supply costumes for the masquerade party at National hall. As we gently dawned upon the average masquerade attender that a rented suit is much more "chic" than a home made, which, as far as expense is concerned, to say nothing of the time, trouble, work, anxiety and care, puts the balance largely in favor of one of Miss Baines' neat and tidy costumes. She will be at the National all day Friday, January 27, at which time selections can be made.

When that innocent little paragraph in last week's issue, relative to the good to be derived from a war in the church, was written, we little knew that anyone would take exceptions to it. As a matter of fact we didn't know there was a row in any church in town; but we won't back water an inch. If there is a row the church is benefitted by it. There is a better attendance in the church where the row is than there has been for the past ten years—that is, if there is a row, with a church in it, or a church with a row in it, or a church with a chow in it, or a — — —

Sloeum of the Tuscola Advertiser says: Many people fail to realize that the columns of a newspaper is the editor's stock in trade, as much as the goods on the shelves are that of a merchant. Can any one inform us why he should be expected to give them away? He can do so if he chooses, and he does, as a matter of fact, furnishing a great deal of space free. But it does not follow that he should do so. It ought to be recognized as a contribution, exactly as would the giving away of coffee or sugar by the grocery man. But strange to say it is not looked upon in that light at all, yet everybody knows that the existence of a newspaper depends just as much upon the rent of its space and the sale of its papers as the merchant's success depends upon selling his goods instead of giving them away.

Whittier's beautiful poem in the January number of St. Nicholas, telling the legend of "The Brown Dwarf of Rugen," will delight all the readers of this number. It is illustrated by the frontispiece and other drawings by E. H. Blashfield. Mrs. Burnett continues her fascinating story, "Sara Crewe; or What Happened at Miss Minchin's," with the excellent illustrations by R. B. Birch; and Mr. Stockton concludes "The Clocks of Rondaine," which began in the December number. Mrs. Pennel gives an amusing description of the "London Christmas Pantomines," including the recent representation of "Alice in Wonderland," with drawings by Mr. Pennel, and reproductions of photographs taken during the performance. There are also short, mirthful sketches, anecdotes, choice poems, and the first series of "Housekeepings," set to music.

MINERAL WATER.

A quantity of water taken from the flowing well owned by Edwin Baldwin, on the flats near the mill, was sent to the university at Ann Arbor for analysis and F. B. Raynale, who is attending there in the pharmacy department is the one to whom we are indebted for the result. As Bert did the analysing himself, we vouch for its correctness, as his care and accuracy is proverbial. After a careful and elaborate analysis the result shows as follows:

Water	1 gal
Total residue by evaporation	.30.03 grs
Lose by ignition	2.62 grs
Lime as an oxide	6.47 grs
Magnesium oxide	8.54 grs
Sodium oxide	2.8 grs
Iron and alumnia combined	5.09 grs
Chlorine	7.11 grs
Silica	.8 grs

The result of this analysis proves that this well compares most favorably with the celebrated wells at Owosso, Eaton Rapids, St. Louis and many others. We have no doubt that if this well had been a struck when mineral wells were fashionable Birmingham could have a sanitarium and with just as good and as many resultant cures as any well in Michigan.

THE NEW YEAR WELL STARTED.

A pleasant event was the marriage of Mr. James Holcomb and Miss Cora Akin, both of Detroit, which took place Monday afternoon, January 2, 1888, at the residence of the bride's brother, Cyrus Akin of Maple avenue, the Rev. John Hamilton officiating. The bride was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents. The happy couple went to their home in Detroit on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Holcomb is employed in the laboratory of Parke, Davis & Co, and this firm is noted for the curative properties of their medicines, but we venture to assert that they have never heretofore converted a case of Akin of so many years standing to so short a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb have our sincere wishes for a long and happy life.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that my wife, Ida VanValkenburg has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, and that I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract.

CHAS. VANVALKENBURG.

NOTICE.

The building committee of school district No. 4, township of Royal Oak, will receive sealed bids for the building of a school house, up to January 20, 1888. The plans and specifications can be seen at M. H. Blunt's. The committe reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids to be addressed to M. H. Blunt, secretary of building committee, Warren, Mich. 2

AUCTION SALES.

Having sold my farm I will sell at auction on the premises, one-half mile south and one and one-half miles east of Royal Oak village, on Friday, Jan. 20, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: One 10-year old mare, 1 4-year old mare, 2 cows, 1 spring heifer, 1 bull, chickens, hay, oats, cornstalks, wagons, farming tools, household goods and everything to close out. Terms as usual. Alfred David, proprietor; A. W Decker, auctioneer; L. D. Finn, clerk. Free lunch at noon.

The undersigned being about to remove to California will sell at auction on the premises, one mile north and one and one-half miles west of Birmingham, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: My farm consisting of 48 acres of land, on easy terms; 1 span horses weighing 2100 lbs, 3 milch cows, 1 Jersey heifer coming 2 years old, 1 brood sow, 1 platform buggy, lumber wagon, hay rack, 30 bushels of corn, sleighs, cutter, barrel of pork, potatoes, household furniture, etc. Wm. Brown, proprietor; Henry Spicer, auctioneer. 2

REMOVAL.

G. H. TURK, THE CLOTHIER,

To meet the demands of his large and increasing trade, has moved his immense stock of clothing to the large store under Clinton hall, where he will be better enabled than ever before to display his large and diversified stock of clothing, hats, caps, robes and blankets.

The growth of this business has been one of the marvels of Pontiac's trade and enterprise. One year ago the first of last June, Mr. Turk first opened up in his new venture. Before embarking in this line of trade, he thoroughly canvassed advantages and disadvantages; having satisfied himself that by push and good management a profitable business could be built up and established, he started in expecting to succeed, but did not anticipate the very large increase of trade far in excess of his most sanguine expectations.

During the first two months of his trade in Pontiac he received a large patronage from the farmers and people of northern Oakland. Encouraged by the liberal support, he last March, opened a clothing store in Oxford, which has proved a grand success, without any falling off of trade at the home store, a sufficient proof of the prosperity and growth of his Pontiac business. During the few closing months of the old year he became convinced that the store he occupied was too small and narrow for his fast expanding trade, which necessitated great storage capacity, and more room to show his goods. In looking over the various stores, their dimensions and locality, he made up his mind that Clinton hall block was the place for him. He at once entered into negotiations for the store occupied for some years by Rossman & Fox, and C. R. Richardson, later by C. F. Bowlby. After securing a lease he at once went to work fitting up the store with some additional show counters, and a thorough internal cleaning and painting. When completed, and the large and diversified stock arranged, he will have as fine a store and stock as any retail clothing house outside of the metropolis.

With an abundance of capial back of his business, he enters the wholesale markets independent of credit favors, buying goods at prices which will enable him to successfully meet any and all competitors. With the experience of a lifetime in trade, in both buying and selling, he enters upon the new year confident of greatly enlarged sales for the year of 1883.

The new store will be arranged in compartments for the showing of the various lines of goods. One of the principal features will be the departments for the showing and fitting of children's clothing, which will be especially adapted to and made pleasant, by being carpeted and supplied with all modern accessories to a children's department.

The Oxford store will continue under the management of the energetic and thorough clothing man, Albert Kessell, who will spare no effort to make the business what the proprietor desires, a popular and profitable investment.

The Pontiac store will be under the management of Mr. Turk, who will be supported by the competent salesman, F. E. Starker of life-long experience in trade, and the active and energetic Frank Fox and other competent salesmen. Mr. Turk begins the new year with bright anticipations and expects to realize the fruition of his desires by devotion to the wants of his customers whose approval and patronage he expects to maintain and hold by selling clothing as low and of as good quality as can be bought in the state.

CODNOR AT THE TELEHONE.

He was wild-eyed, his hair stood on end, he was bare-headed, he frothed at mouth and ran into the telephone office shrieking, "Give me, oh give me a telephone!"

Whitehead told him there was a screwdriver on his desk and the axe stood behind the door, and to take them and welcome.

"Oh no! not that; I want the female seminary of Chicago. My horse has been stolen." "What has the seminary in Chicago got to do with stolen horses?" asked Whitey. "I said I wanted the police headquarters in Detroit and want to report my stolen horse." "Oh, all right," said Whitey, and in a few moments Codnor, through Whitehead, was breathing his troubles and a description of his horse into the ear of chief of police at headquarters, when Frank Young stepped in and told Codnor that his horse was at Cassius Crawford's all safe and sound, where it had wandered from where Henry had left it unhitched for just eight minutes, when it disappeared as effectually as if the earth had opened and swallowed it.

William Henry was over-joyed to hear of his good luck and made Mr. Young repeat the good news, and the last we heard of our old friend, he was murmuring, "well, I never get excited; I keep perfectly cool."

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Trouble. Was given up by doctors. Am now in the best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the standing of the pupils for the fall term:

SECOND PRIMARY.

Millie Alexander g
Harvey Ayris g
Willie Blakeslee g
Thomas Cob e
Dowdy Hanna e
Linda Grayline g
Willie McEwen g
Eddie Parks g
Nellie Reynolds m
Rena Raymond g
Maud Rowland g
Charley Toms g
Audley Wilson g
Harvey Ayris g
Bert Alderson g
Ethel Bruce e
Millie Cooper g
Winnie Daines g
Ray Hamilton g
Charley Jarvis g
Florence King g
Blossom Raymond g
Mildred Randall g
Mamie Taber e
Howard Glen e
Vina Robinson m
Bertha Bartlett e
Royal Blakeslee e
Elmer Coe g
Fred Grayline e
Fred Hoffman g
Frand Keyser g
Willie Parks e
Willie Reynolds g
Ana Effenberg g
Cyrel Shadbolt e
Alta Risley g
Tommy Thurbby m
Ethel Edmiston e
Anna Anderson g
Emily Alexander m
Emma Blakeslee g
Robert Coe g
Lena Faist g
Rosa Hutchinson m
Claude Jarvis g
George Raynale g
Frank Shanble g
Maud Sherrard e
Minnie Wilson m
May Brayman g
Nellie Camp e
Nellie Fall g

EVENING.

Written for the Eccentric.

The day is merging into night,
The flush of strife is still;
The sun, in all its splendor bright,
Has sunk beneath the hill.

And now appears the orb of night,
High in the eastern sky;
It freely sheds its silv'ry light
O'er fields of wheat and rye.

And one by one the stars appear
In the heavens clear and blue,
The songsters of the night we hear,
And feel the chilly dew.

And as we sit in darkness here,
And ponder o'er the past,
The evils seen, I almost fear,
Will make us stand aghast.

But undiscouraged new vows are made,
We promise to do better,
From the paths of right we know we're strayed,
And to our God are debtors.

We hear the clock ring eight, then nine,
The lights are geing fast,
"Then ten and eleven," says old Father Time,
Then to bed we retire at last.

We ask that the sins of the day be forgiven
And the night with slumbers blest;
We pray for a trust in a pardoning heaven,
As the cot on which we rest.

—H. J. J.

FATE OF THE HANDSOME THREE.

Three Birmingham girls, all happy and gay,
Took in" the city on a cold winter's day,
And being only on pleasure bent,
They'd have some fun—didn't care a cent.

They walked and walked, and crowded through the masses on Woodward avenue;
They looked quite sweet and "quite well,"
And the way they flirted, no one can tell.

Then bye and bye a policeman hold
Got on their track, so we are told,
And finding them on the "wrong side,"
Concluded to give the girls a ride.

They begged and pleaded with might and main,
And said they'd never do it again,
But the "cop" was mad, he had no soul,
And he loaded all three into the "patrol."

$6 — .05 — ?

If some of the people who pay five cents a month to the Improvement society will remember that each lamp bought by them has cost from five to six dollars, and then solve the above problem, they will see why the society is able to place lamps in the most needy places, and slowly at that. And please remember that it is the village board and not the society that decides where they shall go.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

Rumor says Will got two mittens in one day. One pair is a good hand to draw to. Go in, Will, there are two more days left.

Charlie, use more long oats next time and get there before Ma changes her mind.

Alonzo Simons was here on Monday looking after his real estate.

Mrs. Schlaack has sold her wagon shop, blacksmith shop, house and barn and one acre of land north of the corners, to Wm. Shanahan for $675. When Mr. Shanahan gets moved into our village he will "keep tavern."

Mrs. Gibbs' Sunday school class presented her with a beautiful album.

John H. Rhind removes to Omaha, Neb., in the early spring.

The surprise party at Harry Wattles' last week was a success. All report having had a good time.

The young man who has that penknife had better return it or he will stop breathing.

Mr. Hammond of Ironton is visiting his sister, Mrs. I. Strong.

Mrs. Byron Newman was just returned from Newago county, where she has been making her brother a visit and reports having had a good time.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

John Blakeley came home from Idaho to spend the holidays.

George Geddes draws a pension.

George White and family are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

H. H. Bonesteele is agent for the Waldro washing machine in Troy.

Mrs. L. Millard is visiting her sister at Fenton.

Levi Hoard is in poor health at present.

Benjamin Harmon is suffering from kidney disease.

Mrs. Warren Babcock is away visiting Mrs. W. Phelps and other old friends.

SAND HILL HOOTINGS.

Benefit dance at Masonic hall for the band boys on Friday evening Jan. 13.

Mr. Robbins has had a painful arm and hand for some time, but is now on the mend.

Santa Claus was very generous with all of us this year.

Rather slippery times, but suppose we ought to expect it about tax time.

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