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

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FOR SALE—My house and one and one-half acres of land on Saginaw street in the village of Birmingham. Good house, 2 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, Warren, Mich. Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, Birmingham, Mich. 35

NOTICE. I wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that I have just purchased a new Dis horse-power feed cutter with elevator and am ready to do jobs of feeding for all farmers at their homes at very reasonable rates. 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 ½ acre with fruit trees; well fenced, desirable family residence. Apply to H. Irving, Birmingham, Mich. 37tf

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

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Agent for the Great Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Oakland, Genesee and Shiawassee counties. Best company in the state to insure in. Purely mutual. Insures only churches, school houses and dwellings. For rates and parties' wars apply to A. Partridge, Birmingham, Mich

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

For all, both friends and ——well, we haven'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,

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Best Salt Pork and Choice Family Lard

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

Your Friends,

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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.,

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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.

Dr. J. A. Post was in town over Sunday.

L. L. A. masquerade Friday evening, January 27. All invited.

Mrs A. D. Stickney is quite ill, attended by Dr. C. M. Raynale.

Miss Lizzie White is visiting among her many friends in this village.

Masquerade suits for only $1 00. Baines sisters, National hall, Jan. 27.

Trouble with the school house furnace so much that the stoves are now being used.

Oliver Davenport drives a very fine 2-year old bay, a worthy son of Louis Napoleon.

Miss Carrie Pepleton has been seriously ill for some time, but is now convalescent.

Farm of about 98 acres, 1 mile south of Birmingham, to rent on shares. Stephen Cooper.

Alex Parks is no relation to Forepaugh' but he had close relations with a sore-paw last week. Better.

Anyone wishing to borrow $800 on good mortgage secure can secure the same by calling at this office.

Miss Clara Rainey is teaching school on the angling road in Southfield and witn the most flattering success.

Henry Leach lost one of his horses last week. Too bad, for Henry just needs that horse in his business.

Master Earl Jenks, son of W. C. Jenks, manager of the Cooper farm, has been quite ill, but is now improving.

In another column will be found Dawson Bros.' advertisement concerning flour, which is of interest to farmers

The club dance at National hall last Friday night was a grand success, the music was fine and everybody was happy.

Anyone having a copy of the ECCENTRIC of the date of May 19, 1887, will confer a favor by leaving it at this office.

Mrs. James G. Hunter of Bloomfield Center is seriously ill with typhoid-pneumonia and is attended by Dr. Raynale.

Miss Lucy Simonson of the E. M. A. was home over Sunday and heartily enjoyed the brief rest she had from her duties.

Miss Sadie Sly of Wing Lake vicinity has been on a short visit among friends at Flint, Mt. Morris and other places in Genesee county.

Isaac B. Richardson of Lapeer spent Sunday with his parents, and on Monday he bade all his friends an affectionate good by for one year.

Miss Lottie Sly is spending the winter in Lugonia, Cal., and will return home in the spring accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Blanding.

Found, on Saginaw street, Tuesday afternoon, a bustle. The owner can have the same by calling on John Hanna at the city meat market.

Just think, ladies, a neat tidy costume for the masquerade can be procured at National hall Friday evening, January 27, for only $1.

What lady can get up a masquerade costume for $1? The Baines sisters make a specialty of masquerade costumes for ladies for only one dollar.

Everybody is on the qui vive for the masquerade which takes place at National hall Friday evening January 27. Get your costume of the Baines sisters.

S. J. Serrell was reappointed County Drain Commissioner for the ensuing term of two years, by the board of supervisors of Oakland county January 7, 1888.

Mrs. M. L. Noble is a severe sufferer from a bad cold and an attack of rheumatism. Dr. J. L. Campbell attends her and her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

It is said that one of our good ladies seriously thinks of using her furnace for a refrigerator—a good place to keep cold meat, potatoes, etc.,—and is negotiating for a coal stove.

The Holly Citizen has our thanks for a nice almanac published by the proprietors of the above paper, which is chock full of local advertisements and interesting reading matter.

The Ladies' library society are making great preparations for their annual masquerade and expect a large crowd. They deserve it and we predict for them a grand success.

Will Simonson was home for a flying visit from the west (Nebraska) for a day or so, and while here John came down from Bay City to have a few hours chat with his western brother.

A. C. Tibbits and Eugene Brooks attended a meeting of the grand chapter at Grand Rapids. They went Monday evening, returning last night, and report a most successful affair.

The Wing Lake school is just now in its highest success under the careful guardianship and teachings of Miss Ella Pennel of Walled Lake. Wish we were young again and lived in Wing lake district.

Willie Baldwin of Jackson Co. was the guest of Frank Leach for the past four weeks. Frank accompanied him home last Friday to stay over Sunday. We wish Frank a jolly visit and quick return.

W. N. Peake of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the firm for whom Tom Ward now sells wall paper. The firm for whom he formerly worked had sold all the goods they could possibly manufacture for the next year.

Some time last fall Whitehead & Mitchell lent their step-ladder and if the one who has this article will now inform the aforesaid W. & M., they will call with a guard and take away their step-ladder.

I saw a recent notice in your paper which is a mistake. John L. Sullivan did not get knocked out the first round. We don't keep those kind of John L's in this town. He was knocked out in the "third round." From your Sprinkles.

We caught a short glimpse of the the familiar face of Melvin Rose in town one day last week. He says life at South Lyons this winter is full of excitement caused by the great number of fires that our sister village has experienced of late.

Do not forget the Royal Oak band concert which comes off at Town Hall, Royal Oak, Saturday, Jan. 28, under the management of Prof. Norton. The boys have a deal of talent and it all will be brought out for the pleasure of the patrons of this promising young band.

We notice with regret the death of Mrs. Mary C. Hunter, widow of the late James G. Hunter of Bloomfield Center, which took place on Sunday evening last after a brief but severe illness. The funeral took place on Tuesday last and the remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery at Pontiac.

Deek Midgley, the popular baritone player of the Franklin band, now fills a responsible position at the Michigan Military Academy and draws a fair salary, all on account of his fine execution of baritone music in the academy's brass band. When Col. Rogers secured Deek he got a good honest young man and one that can be depended upon.

Mr. G. A. Shannon of Alpena made us a brief but pleasant ($2 00) call on Monday last. He was en route for Grand Rapids to purchase the furniture for the new Churchill House at Alpena, for which he has the contract. The house has 112 rooms and we know of no better more competent to make the selection than Mr. Shannon.

Mark S. Brewer has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the appointment of a commission whose duty it shall be to investigate the traffic and manufacture of liquor with reference to revenue and taxation, and the connection of the use of alcoholic beverages with pauperism, crime, public health and general welfare of the people, besides collecting a vast amount of other information on the subject.

We have just received from J. C. Groene & Co., their latest song called "Hungry at Somebody's Door," by Chas. A. Davis. It is a beautiful song and will become as popular as his last song, "There's no one like Mother to me," which we noticed some months ago. Any one of the songs will be sent for only eleven 2c stamps. Address, J. C. Groene & Co., 30 and 46 Arcade, Cincinnati, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Nelson of Bloomfield, celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage on the 5th inst. About sixty relatives and friends were present, some of whom were present at the wedding, twenty years ago. After a sumptuous supper P. J. Walton, of Pontiac, on behalf of the company, in a few felicious remarks, presented them with a beautiful set of silver ware. There were numerous other presents.—[Pontiad Gazette.

On Thursday last the final arrangements were made by which Major G. Jones becomes the owner of Frank T. Hopfhauser's half interest in the Birmingham flouring mills. The other half interest is owned by J. P. Fredericks, who has operated the mill so long and successfully. Just what disposition will be made of the interest purchased by Mr. Jones, and whether there will be any change in the management, we cannot say at present.

It seems strange that one so young and inexperienced in the trials and tribulations of this vale of tears should be asking this question: "When a fellow is in love and the thumping of his overflowing heart sanctions the taking of a bonnie bride to his bosom, is it necessary for him to take his blushing beauty before the county clerk when he applies for a license?" George Kemp is the young fellow and if any of our readers know about it, they will please inform him by postal card. It might save him making an extra trip to Pontiac.

Stone, timbers and lumber are already on the ground for a barn to be erected by John O'Connell for Volney Goodwin on his village property, corner Chester and Willits streets. Mr. Goodwin has also let the contract for another story to be added to the cottage and when finished he will have a very beautiful home. Mr. Goodwin has eye to improvements and informs us that after becoming settled his first move will be to set a street lamp on his corner, which will be heralded with approval by his neighbors.

Friends of Rev. G. W. Lowe for many weeks past have been pained to hear of his steady and almost fatal illness, but it is now hoped that the worst is passed and that he may soon recover. A difficulty of the heart has been the foremost trouble and has been very prostrating in its work. For weeks and weeks Mr. Lowe has not been able to lie down and rest at night, but sits bolstered up in an easy chair. Lately dropsy has made its appearance; but his physician thinks that has been subdued. We trust that the sufferer's recovery may be speedy and certain.

In speaking of the Ladies' Library society of that place a Pontiac paper says: "Every lady and gentleman in Pontiac should feel it a part of their duty to work for and help maintain this institution, and thereby bring it up to the most sanguine hopes of its founders." What about our own library? Its managers in their annual report show themselves good financiers, at any rate. For several years past they have asked the public patronage but once a year—at their annual masquerade party. Let us remember this next week, January 27, and show the ladies that we too are proud of our library.

A triumph of the carriage maker's art are those two new cutters made by R. C. Cummings of Franklin for J. O. Beattie's livery, and which were delivered to their proud owner on Friday last. They are upholstered in the finest crimson velvet plush, stuffed with the best grade of curled hair. The running gear is plain black, but with such a finish that you get the idea of a mirror. The iron work is strong and rigid, and the whole business is an elegant combination of strength and beauty. They are second to none in the state and the sum total is said in one sentence: "Cummings of Franklin made 'em."

Fully one thousand people greeted C. E. Bolton with his illustrations of "The Four Napoleons," on Wednesday evening of last week. The lecturer was evidently at home in French history and if his deductions were in no wise intricate, his story of four men of whom the first was really the only great one, was interesting in the extreme, while his calcium light pictures were a great factor in the enjoyable entertainment This was the fourth lecture of the course and on Wednesday evening, February 15, Wallace Bruce gives his lecture, "Native Metal." Our community can not but appreciate the result of the praiseworthy endeavors of the committee in furnishing our village with such a class of instructive entertainments at a trifling cost, and the public who are reaping such a rich literary harvest should remember to whom they owe the privileges which they are enjoying.

"Clubs and Club Life in Paris," by Edward King is one of the most striking and interesting articles in the January number of the Cosmopolitan. It presents in a vivacious manner a mass of gossip and facts about this most fascinating phase of Parisian life. "A Battle with the Sioux," a beautiful illustrated article by L. B. Platt, describes a savage encounter between the Sioux and the Pawnees, accompanied by the thrilling personal experiences of the writer. "An Orphan in Japan" is another powerful story of Mrs. Catherine B. Foot. Richard A. Proctor answers in the affirmative the question "Have Ghosts Been Seen?" Poems are contributed by Helen Gray Cone, Frank Dempster Sherman, Edith Sessions Tupper and several others

In another column we print the advertisement of that sterling and reliable paper, the New York Mail and Express and we wish to commend it to our readers as in the broadest sense a national newspaper, most carefully edited and adapted to the wants and tastes of intelligent readers throughout the entire country—north, south, east and west. It is a thoroughly clean paper, free from the corrupting, sensational and demoralizing trash, miss-called news which defiles the pages of too many city papers. The Mail and Express discusses with ability and fairness all questions of public interest as they arise, and is always found on the moral and progressive side. It gives the latest news from all parts of the world and presents in its special departments an immense amount of the choicest and best reading matter for the instruction and entertainment of every member of the family, old and young. Sample copies are sent free and we advise all our readers to send for them.

The January Wide Awake is the New Years issue, a fine holiday number, delightfully pictorial, giving as it does a dozen of the beautiful pencil pictures of child-life by the English pencil artist Warwick Brookes, together with an autograph letter of Mr. Gladstone's. Another delightful contribution is an illustrated article by Maud Howe (daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe), entitled "My Friends; The Dogs." Olive Risley Seward gives an exciting story of her "Journey to Peking" with Secretary Seward in his trip around the world. Mrs. General Fremont in her "Cruise of a Coverlet," writes a pathetic account of Farragut and his flagship, the Hartford, and the taking of the famous old warship "out of commission" and makes a powerful appeal to the country and to congress to save the vessel as a national possession, as the English nation preserves the old warships of Lord Nelson. The poems of the number are by Graham R. Tomson, Clara Doty Bates, Miss Wilkins, M. E. B. and H. R. Hudson. Wide Awake is only $2 40 per year. D. Lothrop Company, publishers, Boston.

Their Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size $1. Every bottle warranted.

FIRE!

Last Thursday evening the air was full of ice and snow and a gale was blowing from the southeast—a regular Dacotah blizzard—when the terrible cry "fire! fire!!" was heard upon the street, and a moment after the clanging of the fire bells brought the whole village into the street.

Our Mitchell was under the tender care of Hoffman, the barber, at the time, and his expansive cheek was white with lather, above which his rubicund nose gleamed like a light house in a yeasty sea. The first alarm brought the little man to his feet and the dreadful consequences of a fire in our village on such a night as this, flashed across his mind. He got down those stairs in one jump and bare headed tore around the corner and fell over the stone pile near Blakeslee & Hanna's store. Nothing daunted, he lowered his head to the storm and dove across the street, the towels flying out behind and the pelting storm driving against his bare head, his stentorian voice yelling the terrible refrain of "fire" until he brought up against something from which he rebounded like a rubber ball from a brick wall, and the little man laid senseless in the snow, while Lew Converse was rubbing his vest and wondering if a fly had kicked him.

By this time the boys were returning from the fire, which was nothing more than a chimney burning out on Mrs. Parks' house on Merrill street.

Mitchell was carried home on a stretcher. The family thought he was foaming at the mouth, but a close inspection revealed the fact that it was lather. He was put to bed and hot flat-irons and a "hot Scotch" made him all right. It is to be regretted that Charlie Smith and Buck Stephans were not on hand with the baggage truck to make out the Mitchell Fire Brigade, and the fact of the dreadful responsibility resting on his frail shoulders alone, was what made a total wreck of Mitchell.

THE COWBOY.

To the Editors of the ECCENTRIC.

While perusing a recent issue of your highly prized and thoroughly wide awake paper, as I rode over the prairie mounted on my firey broncho, and with my trusty "Colt's 45" by my side, my eye struck a letter from "C. Y.," and it occurred to me that I might try my hand.

I am situated on what is known as the "Bob's Creek Country" on the Kansas river, and a fine country it is. I can look over prairie slightly rolling here and there, black with sleek and fat cattle, to the east and south as far as the eye can reach, and on the north Pike's peak with its black background of mountains, looms up 90 miles away, and there is a continuous chain of mountains from Pike's to the Spanish peaks away off 90 miles to the south.

This is the time of the year when the cowboy can chew the cud of content until spring comes, when he must be out with the "round-ups," gathering in the cattle to be held for beef or to be branded and taken to their proper ranch. After several thousand head are gathered together at one time the cowboys' work then commences in good earnest, separating and branding stock belonging to each outfit. This continues all summer until late in the fall, and when the cold blizzards come sweeping down on the country and you are toasting your shins in front of a nice fire, the cowboy cannot stay under cover, but must be out all the time watching the cattle committed to his care, or they will stray away and get lost and never be heard from again.

Every spring and fall all the young calves are gathered together and branded. This is done by throwing a lasso over the calf's head (generally they are held by the hind feet), then a red-hot iron is taken from the fire and the brand of its owner is burnt into the hide, forming a deep scar which always remains on the animal. Some times you will see an animal that has been sold several times and its hide will be covered with brands. Sometimes the "calf" happens to be a two or three year old steer, when it is somewhat dangerous and very hard job to brand Mr. Steer, as he does not enjoy the operation at all. Sometimes, also, when a young calf is being branded its cries reach the ears of its mother and then the old cow immediately makes things lively for the cowboys, unless some one is standing near to throw his lariat over her horns and drag her away, and even that is very dangerous, as the old cow is liable to go to fighting.

I have seen steers so badly mired that it would sometimes take as many as six cowboys with their lariats to pull one of them out, and the thankful steers would try to prove their rescurers to death, so elated would they be over their deliverence from a miry grave. Such is the life of a cowboy. W. B. C.

Nepesta, Colo., January 12, 1888.

Brace Up.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

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

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL ROOMS, BIRMINGHAM, Mich., Friday eve. Jan. 13, 1888.

Board met at the usual hour.

Meeting called to order by the president pro tem., L. B. Peabody.

Trustees Present—Bodine, Campbell, Hagerman, Taber. Absent—Ford, Stanley.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

No action taken in regard to the bill of Crofoot, Burt and Crofoot, for $223 44.

The accounts of Whitehead & Mitchell, 25c, and W. H. Robidson, $6, were allowed.

The accounts of H. Irving, $30, and O. Poppleton, $38 32, were referred to the committee on ways and means for investigation.

It was decided by vote that the president be authorized to secure counsel, if necessary, to defend any action that may be brought against the village.

On motion of M. K. Taber, seconded by F. Hagerman, it was decided that an order for $25 should be drawn in favor of L. B. Peabody to pay him for money advanced in making the public test well during the past summer, and it is understood that the casing shall remain under the control of the village board.

A motion to adjourn was carried.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Clerk. L. B. PEABODY, President Pro. Tem.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' library society was held at the library room, Saturday evening, January 14, 1888, and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. R. E. Trowbridge.
Secretary—Miss Susie Trowbridge.
Treasurer—Miss Julia Post.
Board of Directors—Mrs. R. E. Trowbridge, Mrs. P. Sherman, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. J. Alger, Miss M. Baldwin.

The following reports were submitted:

The book committee reported the number of books in the library as being 1,429; number added during the year, 81; amount paid for books during the year, $43 67.

The secretary reported the number of members now drawing books, 847; the last numbered book in the library, 1,429.

The following is the treasurer's report;

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand	$ 80 22
To membership	3 00
To book rent and fines	4 00
To hall rent	1 05
To masquerade	44 75
	79 84
Total	$244 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid for books	$ 43 67
By cash paid for wood and oil	8 49
By cash paid janitors and reporters	19 07
Insurance	37 00
Street lamp	37 05
	5 00
Total	$113 28
To cash on hand	$131 08
Total	$244 36

JULIA POST, Treas.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Elsewhere will be found a card from A. Partridge who, after a careful inspection of their mode of doing business, has accepted the agency of the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Oakland, Genesee and Shiawassee counties. This company has been run about 13 years with the most gratifying success. Their rates are the lowest and the company is perfectly solid. They have now over 1,400 members and new ones are being constantly added. Below are a few reasons why you should insure at once in this company:

1. Because it is organized under our Michigan insurance law, therefore under the strict supervision of our state fire insurance department, and having been purified by 13 years successful management.

2. It furnishes its members with reliable insurance indemnity at its actual cost, having already saved money enough to its old members that if put at interest at 7 per cent., will keep their insurance in force for all time to come.

3. Because under like circumstances it will do as well by you.

The reasons why the Mutual companies insure cheaper than so-called Stock companies:

1. Because the most rigid economy is exercised in its management. No high commissions or salaried officers to pay.

2. Because it has no interest or dividends to pay on capital stock.

3. These points being carefully guarded and there being a sufficient amount of risks or business upon our books, to get a fair average, the desired end is obtained—success.

4. Mark you here, that all insurance is mutual, as the many have to pay premiums or assessments to pay the losses of the few, and the only principal difference between Stock companies and those termed Mutual is that the Stock companies pay dividends to its stockholders, whereas the mutuals pay dividends to its members.

Which will you do, pay or receive them? A. PARTRIDGE, Agent.

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, 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

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