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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 1888

WHOLE NO. 3

DETOIT, O'D HAVEN & MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.	
Morning Express	7:30 a. m.
Day Express	11:30 a. m.
Evening Express	4:30 p. m.
Night Express	11:30 p. m.

GOING EAST.	
Chicago Express	7:30 a. m.
Day Express	11:30 a. m.
Evening Express	4:30 p. m.
Night Express	11:30 p. m.

A. B. ATWATER,
General Supt.

W. J. SPICER, Manager.

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS!

AND NEW HOLIDAY NOVELTIES, JUST RECEIVED

For Toys, Dolls, China Cups and Saucers, Shaving Mugs, Stamped Goods, of All Descriptions, TOBOGGAN HOODS, GIOVES AND MITTS,

Fancy Handkerchiefs, Silk Mufflers, Ladies' and Gent's Ties.

CHRISTMAS CARDS,

Fine assortment of Ladies' Lace Pins, Hair Ornaments, Ribbons, Towels, and useful

Holiday Gifts,

Call at F. Blakelee's, Birmingham Mich.

Well Fed and Still Hungry

FOR TRADE.

DEFY COMPETITION!

FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

We have a large line of Gent's Mufflers, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Men's Fur and Plush Caps, Ladies Fur Caps, Shawls, Skirts, Hosiery, Underwear and Fancy Work. Ruchings from 5c to 30c each. Fine Perfumes.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

We have the largest line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Footwear in town and at prices that will defy competition. We have for the holiday trade a full line of Men's and Ladies' Fancy Slippers, and for the next sixty days we will give 5 per cent off on all leather goods. This is for cash only.

REMEMBER

This is the time to buy everything you want in this line of goods, as we prefer to give everybody a chance to buy them at home and at a less price than they can be bought for in Pontiac or Detroit.

V. NIXON AND Co.

Birmingham, Mich.



SPECIAL NOTICE
You will please notice date after your name on paper not overprints this note unless you have written your name on it.

Coming—New Years
Most Bigelow is home for his holiday vacation.

John Wilson spent Christmas at Franklin.

George Warner ate turkey in New York state.

Mark Miller of Detroit turkied with relatives in this vicinity.

Clarence Cowles of Detroit spent Christmas with his mother in this place.

I have a few pure blood, choice Plymouth Rock Cockrels for sale. T. A. Ward.

John McCarroll and wife spent Christmas with Mr. McCarroll's brother in New York.

Calvin H. Young, the murderer of Levi Allen, will spend 25 years in state prison for his crime.

Call at Ed O'Neale and see the music in his orchestra for a span of good work horses. Equine of L. B. Peabody.

Emmett Brown of Troy has a sowing well that is the pride of his heart. It was discovered by the Messrs. Mott of Utica.

Now is the time of year when Johnnie brings forth his fowling piece and pursues the festive rabbit o'er hill and dale.

It is reported that the Birmingham Tack Co. will employ forty hands next spring. Let the good work go on unabated.

Mrs. R. J. Mitchell started Monday night for Chicago where she will spend a week with her daughter, Mrs. Myron St. John.

Married, at the residence of Mrs. John German, by the Rev. S. A. Long, Dec. 18, 1888, Chas. W. Johnston and Millie German, all of Franklin.

Persons indebted to me for work done over the past year, please call and settle during this month, or such accounts will be left with the Exchange Bank for collection. D. M. Johnston.

C. H. Smith will give a concert at the U. P. church in Southfield on Saturday evening next. Admission 15c.

The footgear repair emporium of James Frost has been so well fitted with patch work for the past two weeks that it became a dire necessity for Jim to put on his boots and get out to see Oliver Lapierre fill the position.

Lost, in the town of Troy, on the 3d inst, a shepherd dog of medium size, with white legs and white around his neck, the rest black. If anyone has information concerning him will be rewarded \$1. H. Reynolds, Pontiac, Mich. Box 508.

Married, in Troy, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Thursday, Dec. 20, Mr. Allen J. Simonson and Miss E. E. Trench. We hope to be able to give a more extended notice of this brilliant affair in our next issue.

The following will receive New Year's day: Mrs. A. and Miss Bertha Bigelow, Miss V. Post, Mr. C. Merrill, Miss Allie Hagerman, assisted by the Misses Merrill; Miss Jennie Worth, assisted by Misses Frankie and Mamie Lett; Mrs. C. M. Raynal, assisted by the Misses Lett; Miss C. Merrill, Mrs. C. A. Howard, Miss Carrie Lett; Misses Lett in Birmingham; Miss Flora Krake, Ludington; Miss Hattie C. Drake, East Tawas; Mrs. Ida Howard and two children, Alpena; Ed Bodine, Alliance, Mich.; Guy Wallace, Olivet; Miss Addie Colquhoun, Clawson; Miss M. A. McEvers, Detroit; Mort Bigelow, Ann Arbor.

The high school exhibition at Library hall last Friday evening was a success financially and a credit to all participants. The proceeds will go toward making the high school library what it should be—a well developed library suitable for the exacting. It gives us pleasure to see such worthy causes so well supported by our ever-ready citizens.

On Friday evening last the many friends of Miles Dewey met at his residence in Troy and presented him with his worthy spouse with a gift of a china dish, it being the occasion of his 23rd wedding anniversary. Mirth and merriment reigned supreme and all were well pleased with the manner in which they were entertained by the genial host and hostess.

The verdict of the jury in the Young Allen murder case, of murder in the second degree is a lighter one than expected and Judge Moore's sentence of 25 years at hard labor in the state prison at Jackson is as moderate as any one could hope for. The judge's remarks in his charge were affecting to the extreme and brought tears to the eyes of every person present. Young takes his departure for Jackson this week.

Mrs. Will Davenport of Troy has either succeeded in getting a good one for a month, and one day last week she noticed that something was in its nose. She immediately brought the child to the Dr. J. M. Campbell, and sided by Dr. Wm. J. Detroit, who happened to be

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE DETROIT FREE PRESS?

Three years ago at the encampment of the Michigan state troops at Brighton was first heard the high-pitched inquiry: "What's the matter with this one?" and then the stentorian cry, "He's all right!"

The interrogatory and the answer, expressive and talking, spread over the land, being made especially prominent by Michigan men at Chicago last summer, and as a rallying cry was vociferously repeated all through the late campaign.

As the Free Press comes under the discriminating eye of readers we seem to hear this question:

"What's the matter with the Free Press?"

And its vast array of readers shut-out a poor jibbing chorus in responding:

"O! The Free Press is all right!"

And in variety the Free Press is all right.

What would you have, good reader? The Michigan state troops at Brighton were first heard the high-pitched inquiry: "What's the matter with this one?" and then the stentorian cry, "He's all right!"

Do you want for the proceedings of the courts, the shall we say—doings of congress, the news of the government, the amazing variety of intelligence gathered from all parts of the continent and the world?

Are you interested in Michigan news, the movements of notable persons, a picture of life in the great cities as seen by a corps of intelligent reporters and vividly reproduced in all the varying phases of nature?

Will editorial discussion of topics of general interest, keenly analyzed and comprehensive, interest you?

Will it please you to read matters pertaining to "The Household" or "The Farm and Garden"?

Are you entertained by discourse on music and the drama, a discussion of plays in the gossip of the stage? Are you interested in general art matters?

Do you find pleasure in reading what is going on in the world of athletics? Do you desire to read the most pertinent, securest, your emotions touched, your humor tickled, your faculties improved by the wonderfully interesting stories, poems, sketches, essays, anecdotes and other exposures of human nature, which are to be found in this column, original, all of them, contributed by scores of writers of intellect and cultivation, a brighter and larger array than has ever appeared in any other paper, but to be read in the Free Press alone?

Do you like to know what is going on in the society world, and what are the latest society "fads"?

If these things cannot satisfy, please and instruct you, then it is hardly worth the power of those who labor to produce a pure, refined and high class, modern newspaper to do so.

But if you will take the trouble to compare the paper with any other which may come before you, it will show you what place, near or remote, bearing in mind that the daily is furnished every day in the year for \$7 a year, or 10c (10 1/2 pages) each week for a year for all, your unbiased judgment in response to those who have labored to produce the Free Press? cannot be other than this: The Free Press is one of the best and cheapest family newspapers in the world, therefore, "The Free Press is all right!"

AN ANSWER

The firm of Whitehead & Mitchell has been very busy lately sending statements to those having accounts due at the store and below point with pride to an answer received for an gentleman that is characteristic of his jolly good nature. It was signed by the cashier, but the joke this time got on more before the following was received:

HAMPSHIRE, Mich., Dec. 2, 1888.

Dear Whitehead & Mitchell, I have just received your bill for the amount of \$10.00, which I have paid in full. I am sorry that I have not been able to pay you sooner, but I have been very busy lately. I am sure that you will understand my position. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. M. Smith.

Electric Bitters.
This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular that it is not necessary to mention all who have used Electric Bitters with the most satisfactory results. It cures all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Rheumatism, Boils, Eruptions and other skin diseases, and restores the system to its normal condition. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all ailments of the digestive system. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

PONTIAC 90c STORE.
LOOK HERE.

One ticket in drawing for a large \$500 worth of goods, playing 12c, with a dollar's worth or more of goods sold at any one time, to any one person, up to January 1, 1889. The drawing to be conducted by the holders of the tickets on January 1, 1889.

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FRANKLIN PLATTERING.

Rev. S. A. Long who for three years was pastor of the Methodist Protestant church at Franklin, this Co., last September accepted a call to the Congregational church of Cooper, Kalamazoo county, this state, visited Franklin the 15th inst., and sailed in marriage Chas. Johnson and Miss Millie German, of that place.

He reports himself as being well pleased with his surroundings. He declines to say that there was occasion "irregular" in the transaction of transferring his horse and buggy from Franklin to Cooper. The young man, Jim, who started to drive the horse through the remainder of the way and paid him for doing so. The man thus employed, made a mistake and took the horse to Kalamazoo, six miles from Cooper and enquired for the owner and of course could not get no track of him. "Jim" had the horse for his horse in southern Illinois, but did not notify the owner what he had done until after he had reached home three days later. The sheriff at Albion seems to have been short of business and had the horse and buggy taken back to Albion. Then he telephoned and telegraphed all over the state for the owner of the property and sheriff Matthew of Pontiac, was informed of the case. The sheriff at Albion had had money to pay his railroad fare without selling the preacher's horse and buggy to obtain it.

This statement was given Jim Moss.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPING.

Grant Beck and wife are visiting relatives in vicinity of County Line. Jas. Blakeley, Sr. has been seriously ill, but at present is some better.

Mrs. John Smith has been removed home and is suffering slowly. Mrs. Martin and W. Trandell have returned from a trip to North Carolina and Virginia.

Mrs. John Sprague of Genesee Co., is visiting her relatives in our vicinity. Wm. Hawthorne Sr., still keeps feeling pretty well.

Wm. Thurston sold 12 oak trees for over \$100.00.

Mrs. Danson Barr is very poorly. Wm. Pallister bought 30 head of cattle on Monday.

Miss Katy Hawthorne had her sister visit one day.

Weddings are numerous in Troy. Two more this week.

Frank Schlick's smiling all over his face. "Wonder if he's going to get married."

Mrs. H. Ackerman presented her husband with a \$75 gold watch for a Christmas present.

Wm. W. Stone spent Christmas with his family on the farm.

John Daniels had a slight stroke one day last week, but it proved to be nothing serious. He is better now.

One of the leading boys of the Troy boys has the inside track and the Troy boys get a clear for not going home with the girl when the Peavertie is not there.

ROYAL OAK HARBINGER.

The M. E. church will hold a Christmas dinner at the town hall Thursday.

Rev. H. Hitchcock and wife will move to Detroit this week. Prof. Norton and family will occupy Mr. Hitchcock's house.

N. E. Springsteen has resigned his lucrative position on the railroad and will devote his time to his various patronages.

Died, December 16, 1888, Henry Russell. The funeral was held December 18 at the M. E. church. Mr. Russell was nearly 60 years old, and had been almost blind the several years.

Married, December 24, Mr. Robert Ford and Miss Myra McDonald.

WHAT BLOODEDLY SUFFERING.

Chas. Coryell of Oakland township recently visited with his aunt, Mrs. S. Hawkins.

Mrs. Elmore Higby, sr., has returned from the West. He will care for her son and daughter.

George German and wife have been spending a few weeks at Tiffin, Ohio.

The young people report a good time at the dance given at the school house.

The lakes are nearly frozen over. Now get your ice box in good order. We saw Kish on the lake the other day with full sails set and he looked just lively. Let us be sure to stay on land a while longer.

Mrs. Ida Chichester has gone and got married. Susanna.

STANLEY IS SAFE.

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