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JETROIT, G'D HAVEN & MILWAUKEE RAILWAY.

CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning Express ..... 7.35 a m
Mail ..... 11.15 a m
Steamboat Express ..... 5.30 p m
Chicago Express ..... 8.50 p m

GOING EAST.

Chicago Express ..... 7.10 a m
Detroit Express ..... 11.15 a m
Mail ..... 4.00 p m
Evening Express ..... 8.55 p m

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

Wall Paper.

Just received direct from the manufacturers,

A fine line of new Spring Wall Paper which will be sold at the following low prices:

New Brown Blanks, per roll, 6c to	8c
New White Blanks, 8c to	10c
New Flat Blanks	20c
New Moss	20c
New Ingrains	25c
Gold Paper, 10c, 12½c, 20c to	25c

EVERY DESIGN

and Pattern is of the latest Style, and I have some very artistic goods at prices that will meet the wants of all

Remember, no old Stock or Patterns to offer.

F. Blakeslee,

BIRMINGHAM, MICH

Think Carefully, Decide Wisely

--AND--

ACT PROMPTLY.

OUR CREED.

We believe in selling Such Goods only as can pausibly be expected to pay our customers to buy.

We believe no Customer should give us his patronage unless it is for his interest to do so

We believe what we say and always say what we believe, and this forces us to say that the nimble sixpence is better than a slow shilling, and although we are always willing to accommodate our friends from three to fifty years, time has proven unsatisfactorily to the principal parties.

We believe that the success of our customers is our own and that their interests are ours also; that if they prosper we shall not starve; that a small customer often becomes a large one; that a small order satisfactorily filled often leads to a greater one, and hence we aim to give all orders, large or small, equally prompt, careful,and conscientious attention.

We fully believe that a trial Order from you for anything in our lines will lead to many others and with that feeling we earnestly solicit your patronage.

We believe that this appeal will bring a response and hope new business relations may be formed between us which will continue between us long, pleasantly and profitably, and we shall always consider it a favor to serve the public in any capacity that we can.

We confidentially believe that we keep as full and complete line of Drugs and Patent Medicines, Fresh Staple and Fancy Groceries as anyone in town. Flour from all mills in this vicinity

Piso's Cure for Consumption is always in demand and we always keep it in stock. We have have all the best Cough Medicines and can please you all. Try us and we can convince you.

Furniture of all Kinds. Bedroom suits in Walnut, with large bevel glass, for only $20. Come and see a dandy Alleger Organ for only $55.

Salt Pork and Lard. Tubs, Pails, Brooms, Rope, Fine New Orleans Molasses at 50c and 80c per gallon.

We cannot enumerate all but come and see us yank ourselves around busy at some of the following work

Druggists, Grocers, Stationers, Furniture Dealers, Fancy Toilet Articles, School Books and all kinds of School supplies.

Notaries Public, Birmingham Exchange Bank, Pubs. Birmingham Eccentric, American Express Office, Public Telephone

Yours respectfully,

Whitenead & Mitchell.

Special Sale.

--SURPLUS STOCK OF--

BOOTS AND SHOES!

One lot Men's Lace and Congress Shoes reduced from $5 to $3 50

One lot Men's Lace and Congress Shoes reduced from $3 to 2 25

One lot Men's Lace and Congress Shoes reduced from $2 to 1 50

One lot Ladies' Kid Button Shoes reduced from $2 25 to 1 50

One lot Ladies' Kid Lace Shoes reduced from $2 to 1 00

One lot Misses' Calf Lace Shoes reduced from $1 75 to 1 00

One lot Children's Shoes reduced from $1 25 to 50

One lot Ladies High Button Overshoes reduced from $1 50 to 1 20

One lot Alaska Overshoes reduced from 1 00 to 65

We are giving Everybody Great Bargains in Shoes this month and are bound to get rid of our surplus Stock, and we have made prices to insure their going quickly. Yours, etc,

V. NIXON AND Co.

Birmingham, Mich.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

NOTICE.

We would respectfully call the attention of horse breeders to our imported Clydesdale and Cleveland Bay Stallions, and for the services of an experienced auccioneer, apply to Horton Bros., or this office. 47tf

TO RENT—House and barn to rent on Sa.l ? saw street. The premises are in excellent condition and have every convenience for a comfortable home. Terms very reasonable. Call on or address Mrs. English, Birmingham, M 49 1

NOTICE—I wish to inform the ladies of Birmingham and vicinity that I will do dress-making at the home of Mrs. F. F. Richardson or by the day, at reasonable rates. Please call and see me. Taylor system of cutting. Christie Fetts. 46tnlpd

FOR SALE OR RENT—Farm of 120 acres, in the township of Royal Oak, three-quarters of a mile east of Stumpf's Blacksmith Shop. Address John Blakeley, Big Beaver, Mich. 46

FOR SALE—My Clydesdale stallion, "Young Glendifer," six years old, sound, kind and broke single or double. Call at the premises, 1 mile southeast of Franklin, or address Wm. A. Parks, Franklin, Mich. 47m1

For sale. Valuable piece of city property situated on Saginaw st. in the village of Birmingham, Mich. 46 feet front. The two stores known as the Jennings store and the Lowe building. For prices and terms apply to F. Hagerman, Birmingham, Mich.

FOR SALE—My house and one-half acres of land on Saginaw street in the village of Birmingham. Good barn, 2 wells, 2 cisterns, good orchard of apple, etc., excellent repair. Plenty of fruit of all kinds. Terms easy. Inquire at the premises, of address Fred Cartwright, Warren, Mich. Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, Birmingham, Mich. 35

FOR SALE—Two farms for sale. One o. 63 acres and one of 42 acres. Will be sold separately or together. Houses and Barns on each place. Plenty of water and fruit, 15 acres of timber. Two miles from Birmingham and 14 miles from Detroit on the gravel road. Every thing in good repair. Terms easy. Call on or address Wm T Parks, Birmingham, Mich. 48 1

NOTICE.—Any one having dress making to do, or sewing, can be accommodated by calling on Mrs. Mary McKown at Mrs. Clark Harris' house on Saginaw st. I will sew at very reasonable rates and guarantee satisfaction. Mrs. Mary McKown, Birmingham, Mich.

FOR SALE.—House, barn and 3 lots in Birmingham, corner of Townsend and Bates sts. Well, cistern, cistern, good barn, nearly new house of seven rooms, good cellar, small fruits, plenty of shade and every convenience. Terms easy. Price low if sold within 30 days. Call on or address Lewis Lawyer, Birmingham, Mich. 16Feb16Mar

FOR SALE—Eleven acres of land in the village of Birmingham, east of the railroad near the Trowbridge property. Call at this office or address Mrs. Ed English, Birmingham, Mich. 36tf.

A. PARTRIDGE,

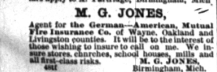
Agent for the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Oakland, Genesee and Shiawassee counties. Best company in the state to insure in. Purely mutual. Insures only churches, school houses and dwellings. For rates and particulars apply to A. Partridge, Birmingham, Mich.

M. G. JONES,

Agent for the German—American, Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties. It will be to the interest of those wishing to insure to call on me. We insure stores, churches, school houses, mills and all first-class risks. M. G. JONES, 46tf Birmingham, Mich.

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 rom 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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.

The chinch-bug eats the farmer's grain,
The bee moth spoils his honey,
The bed-bug fills him full of pain,
The hunting scoops his money.

J. L. Hudson tells you all about it in his new ad this week.

Look out for the Improvement society's social on April 2 and 3.

Mac Randall is absent in Charlevoix this week, visiting his father.

Anyone wishing board will please apply to Mrs. Richard Cox, Maple ave.

Read Mrs. English's new ad—t of house to rent in the cheap column this week.

See advertisement of Miss Chrissie Petts for dress-making in cheap column this week.

Everybody is invited to attend the Improvement society's social. Particulars next week.

James Camp is about to leave Fountain farm, and has not decided where his next location will be.

The Excelsior C. L. S. C. meets with Miss M. A. Cromwell, March 16. Quotations from Longfellow.

Miles Evarts has rented his farm in the town of Southfield, to Richard Millard, of Redford, for two years.

A good new cook stove for sale cheap. Nearly new, with copper reservoir and copper boiler thrown in. Inquire of J. F. Aldrich. 2

Messrs Luther Stanley and Frank Ford, with Miss Alta Ford, are expected home this month, having had a most enjoyable trip about the wild west.

We are glad to learn that James Nye is back in Bloomfield again. Detroit is good, but the old home is better and Jim will now settle down to business.

Mr. Johns has become established at the Watkins farm and says he thinks the prospects of a long and prosperous term at that place are very flattering.

On Friday, March 16, Henry Spicer will sell at auction for Alex. Parks, 1½ miles east and ¼ mile south of Birmingham, 5 horses, 10 cows, corn, oats, hay, etc.

Wanted. A good, trusty, competent girl for general housework. To one who proves satisfactory will pay $2 50 a week. Apply at once to Mrs. E. C. Poppleton.

A prohibition conference will be held at Library hall, Saturday March 18, at 3 o'clock p. m. All interested in the temperance cause are invited to attend. By order Comm.

One heavy work horse and one new milch cow with calf for sale at a very low price. For particulars inquire of Wm F. Crombie, one mile east of Birmingham.

Albert Burson of Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo county, son-in-law of John Bodine of this place, has been allowed a pension of $14 per month and back pay amounting to $700.

George McHenry and family are home again from Detroit and George will work his own farm. We are real glad of it, and we suppose George now knows which is preferable, country or city life.

The Cemetery association has for sale this spring a small number of the following trees, at low prices: American Arbor Vitæ, Scotch Pine, Austrian Pine, and Hardy Catalpa. For prices inquire of J. Wilson, sexton.

Mrs Mary McKown has started a bakery shop and confectionery store in the shop formerly occupied by E. O'Neal, in the Lowes block, and a Mr. Peters will occupy Mrs. Harris house vacated by Mrs. McKown.

The following jurors have been drawn for the May term of the circuit court: Arthur Ford, Troy; Tillman C. Trowbridge, Bloomfield; Albert Carey, Royal Oak; Robert Greer, West Bloomfield; Caleb Jackson, Southfield.

Note the D. & M. time table. You can now go to Detroit on Sunday, spend the day there and return home at 8.55 in the evening. This train, we have no doubt, will be largely patronized when warm weather sets in.

Miss Lottie Buttolph of Woodlawn, Mo., sister of Mrs. Nellie Camp, has started on her return home. After a few weeks visit here. She will make a short visit with relatives at Jackson, after which she will proceed homeward.

The mixing up of two items last week, one of them telling about the pleasant and artistic manner in which Miss Edia Park delivered her oration before the Farmers' institute at Pontiac, made very curious reading to say the least.

Canadian money, both bills and silver, is looked upon with fear and distrust, bills especially being sat upon decidedly, no one being willing to accept them at all, and all make mention of the 20 per cent discount on Canadian silver.

Be sure and attend the meeting of the Oakland county branch of the Michigan club at National hall to morrow evening. Prominent men from Detroit and Pontiac will be present and address the meeting Every body invited.

Martin H. Blunt will sell for Wm. Kennedy, on the premises 2 miles east and ¼ mile south of Warren village, on the Chas. Ladaroot farm, on Tuesday, March, 20, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1 cow, pigs, buggies and farming implements.

The township caucuses are bobbing up serenely again, and we take occasion to remind our friends that they can get their caucus notices in the ECCENTRIC free of charge. If they then give us the job of printing their township tickets, why of course we won't "kick" to any serious extent.

The wedding of Henry Streeter and Mary A. McClure of Royal Oak, last week Wednesday evening, was one long to be remembered by the large crowd that witnessed the ceremony. Rev. J. A. Sherrard tied the knot in his usual happy manner, after which those present enjoyed a good supper and had a jolly good time.

Free Masonry seems to be taking a new start all along the line these days, three lodges in this county each having received about 12 applications for membership within the past six months, and one lodge in Detroit received 21 applications for membership at its last regular. All the Detroit lodges, with one exception, have advanced the fee for membership from $30 to $50.]—Utica Sentinel.

The programme of the Birmingham Grange is before us and we are sorry that our crowded columns will not allow us to present it entire. The subjects embraced are assigned to members whose personal attributes fit them for the discussion of the subject to which they are assigned, and the results of the years work must surely be most beneficial to those who are fortunate enough to be members. There is no class of people who enjoy themselves better than these same grangers.

We told Leo Matheson not long ago that he'd see from behind the bara soon, if he did not mend his ways and sure enough, last Tuesday constable Beattie took poor Leo away to Pontiac, charged by Major G. Jones of till tapping at the mill. The amount claimed to have been taken by Leo is said to be nearly two dollars. This is Leo's second offense at the same place.

It is a small red pocket-book and is of no value to any one but the owner, but N. E. Springsteen of Royal Oak will liberally reward any one who will return it to him. It contained a number of passes on different railroads which can be used by no one except himself and they will save him the trouble of having them duplicated. It was lost on the road between here and Royal Oak on Saturday last and "Spring" wants it real bad.

John Pound, the wide-awake beehive dry goods merchant of Pontiac, believes in doing business carefully, practically and without any unnecessary flourish. You will not find the walk in front of his store banked up with goods, neither will you find any cotton signs stuck on to John. His stock is inside and complete. His business hours are from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., and Saturdays from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Read his new ad.

The nuptials of Mr. Harry Dale of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Mattie Irving of this place were celebrated in a quiet manner at the residence of the bride's father on Maple avenue, on Wednesday evening of last week, the relatives of the high contracting parties and a few particular friends being the only ones favored with an invitation. They will leave for their new home in St. Louis this week, where Mr. Dale is connected with a large book and stationery store.

Hugging socials, says an exchange, are becoming popular all around us and are said to be a great success in swelling the funds for paying off church debts. The scale of prices is as follows: Girls under 16 years of age, 35 cents for each hug of two minutes, from 16 to 20, 75 cents; schoolmams, 40 cents; widows —according to looks and style—10 cents to $3; old maids, 3 cents each or 2 for a nickel, with no limit of time; married ladies, whose husbands are not present, free for all. Ministers and editors are not charged.

The real estate agency of Whitehead & Mitchell just organized effected the sale of the Watkins place last week. This fine cheap property was taken in by Peter McKay at only $350 and writings made Monday last. Keep your eye on the bargain list on the Real Estate column. In it some very choice real estate sales will be offered and no doubt many will take advantage of the "no sale, no pay" plan. If you have property to dispose of, farms, village lots, etc., call on us for an explanation of "How we do it."

The Oakland County Pioneers' Associations held its annual meeting at the Court House, Pontiac, Wednesday. The meeting was well attended and the exercise interesting. Hon. Orin Poppleton presided over the meeting. Fannie E. Fish read a paper on "Anecdotes on the Early Settlement of Bloomfield." Speeches were delivered by Hons. A. C. Baldwin, Mark Walter E. R. Wilcox, Dr. J. M. Hoyt, Rev. Wm. Jackson. A poem written by Luther Lee was read by W. H. Elliot and one written by Andrew Porter was read by M. Walter. Hon. Orin Poppleton, President of the Association, delivered an address. It was a successful meeting.

The meeting of the Adelphi literary society was called to order by the vice-president, the president being absent. The report of the previous meeting was read and followed by the orchestra. Next came the oration by W. H. Hawke, showing and portraying the uses and advantages of history and it was both instructive and interesting. The declamation by Hattie Simpson was well delivered. Next came the essay by Allie Hagerman, portraying some of the prevalent disagreeable habits of busybodys. The music by the orchesta was well executed and showed the brilliant talent of the participants and was so much appreciated they were called back. Next followed the paper containing many pleasing incidents in home news. The debate came next and was decided in the negative and was very interesting. The final selection of music was superb and closed the exercises.

The Womans Foreign Missionary society, connected with the Presbyterian church of Birmingham, held its annual meeting last week Wednesday for the election of officers, with Mrs. Curtis. The attendance was very large and enthusiastic. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Cromwell, president; Mrs. A. Adams, vice president; Mrs. Hemmingway, secretary; Miss Cromwell, treasurer. The society is in a very prosperous condition. The annual report so ably prepared by Mrs. Hemmingway showed that the amount raised during the year was nearly fifty dollars. Mrs. Cromwell the president for the last five years, under the inspiration of an increased interest in this good work has rendered very effective service to the society. While she, urged to retire from her office it was the unanimous voice of the membership to retain her as their leader. The results of this year's work were in every way gratifying. The bountiful repast served at the close was both a thank-offering and a pledge to do greater things for the cause of missions.

Some years ago the Purdy brothers of Southfield bored for a well of water within a few feet of their barn and struck such a flow of natural gas that they were almost frightened to death over it and endeavored to shut it off, but it wouldn't have it that way and continued to throw up gas, water and stones as if it had taken a barrel of ipecac at one dose, and the Purdy well became celebrated all over the state. After persistent effort the flow was stopped and the matter was forgotten. But the boys kept thinking what a fine thing it would be to burn natural gas in their farm house, run an engine to cut feed, etc., so the other day they procured the services of Messrs Flinn & Dennis and went down after that gas again with a result which fully came up to her fondest hopes. On Friday last they struck the same old vein and the gas is even more active than it was in the first place. When it has stopped throwing out sand and mud it will be piped to the house, an engine for cutting feed will be run with it and a pipe will convey it to the house of Jack Purdy, 40 rods distant. The well will surely create a sensation among the people of this vicinity and we will take great pleasure in keeping our readers posted on the subject. At present it is blowing out sand and water on the same principle that Welch kept hotel, the roaring of the gas making a noise which can be heard half a mile.

PROGRAM.

The following is a program of the Adelphi literary society to be held at the high school room, on Monday evening, March 19.

MUSIC.

Select Reading ..... W. Brisch
Essay ..... Retta Blomberg

MUSIC.

Paper ..... E. Mathewson, Gertie Merrill
Ancient Dialogue
Debate—Resolved, That the public lands of this country should be opened for settlement to the Indians as well as to citizens.

MUSIC.

The committee extend a cordial invitation to all.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desires to express his sincere and heartfelt thanks to the good people of Birmingham for their manifest sympathy and helping hand during the long protracted illness of his wife, whose sufferings were relieved by the messenger of death on Sunday, March 4, 1888. And he further says that wherever his lot may be cast in the future their kindness to him and his shall ever be a precious memory. JOHN HARRIS.

IT WON'T BE LONG

before we commence putting an elegant line of spring millinery direct from New York. Meanwhile, if you want anything in the line of corsets, bustles, gloves, hose, ruchings, buttons, etc., etc., give us a call. We warrant our 50c corset. We sell 20 per cent cheaper than the cheapest. Orders taken for picture frames; beautiful patterns. Allyn & Co.

NEW BOOKS.

"Gentle Breadwinners," by Catherine Owens. Another book of the same helpful character as "Ten Dollars Enough," which has proved so popular. It tells a good story and weaves it into a description, the methods by which a reduced gentle woman supports herself.

"Home Again," by George McDonald, is a more compact story than some of his later works. It is of course, full of good things, pithy sayings and deep thought. A master's hand shows itself in every page.

This is the verdict of the book buyer on the two books added to the library during the past week.

Don't Experiment.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption may seem, at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief to all. Throat, Lung and Chest affections. Trial bottles free at White-head & Mitchell's Drug Store. Large Bottles $1.

CORPORATION ELECTION.

A Very Tame Affair and no Interest Taken By the People.

The annual corporation election is a thing of the past. Only one ticket was in the field and only 90 votes were polled against 170 last spring. Some votes were polled outside the regular nominations, which showed a little inclination for a change of officers, that, owing to the extreme indifference of our voters, may pull through in the near future and startle the sleepers. The following draw prizes with the number of their votes attached:

For President—
Suther Stadley 83
John M. Rainey 1
Orrin Popplebon 1

For Trustees—2
Frank Hagerman 88
Moses K. Taber 81
Frank Ford 83
Augustus L. Miller 6
Horace Hall 6
Robt. F. Bird 6
Geo. Shain 2
Frank Allen 2
James Frost 1
A Bagg Winde 1

For Clerk—
George H. Mitchell 87

For Treasurer—
George E. Daines 81
Lyman B. Peabody 1
Frank Blakeslee 1
Hugh Irving 1

For Assessor—
Alanson Partridge 87

For Street Commissioner—
James O. Beattie 72
Edgar Lamb 4

For Constable—
James O. Beattie 72
Fred Ford 7
Edgar Lamb 4

GILLET-JONES.

The residence of Major G. Jones on Bates St. was the scene of a quiet wedding on Saturday evening last, when Mr. Rollin Gillet of Big Beaver and Miss Florence Jones were united in the holy bands of wedlock by Rev. John Hamilton. The happy couple took the evening train east for a brief tour.

Fair young Bride, thy vows are spoken,
Hand and name are pledged away.
Not till death the bonds have broken,
May thy lips that vow gainsay.

Loving hearts have been around thee,
Thou hast been their joy and pride,
Now, young womanhood hath crowned thee
With the sweeter name of Bride.

Turn now from thy father's dwelling,
Leave thy mother's tender care,
Go with youth, and joy and blessing
In a husband's fate to share.

Side by side on life's long journey,
Be fitly yoked dark or serene,
Walk so closely on together
That no shadows fall between.

Womanhood's hopes, and faith and honor,
All are trusted to his love;
Guard thou well, the sacred treasure,
For the records above.

M. J. Y.

Birmingham, March 10, 1888.

MR. HOLLISTER'S CLASS PARTY.

Not long ago we all arrived at Mr. Hollister's about 4 o'clock p. m. and found quite a company had begun to gather. We visited a short time, then the ladies began to place the eatables in shape for supper, until the table almost groaned under its burden. Of course we did justice to the chicken pies and cakes and all other goodies that heart could wish for to satisfy the hungry crowd that went to supper that night. As we sat at the table, Mr. Hollister asked "Why did you not invite the rest of our class and our other friends; there is plenty of room and we would have had a good time"? We asked if he was surprised, he said "No" Brother Hamilton told me last night that he could not attend the party, and I asked what party? "Well" he said "I have let out on them." We told Mr. Hollister there would be a house full if half came that were invited, and when they began to file in the number told over eighty, and actually the man said he could make room for more. Then came the surprise, when Rev. Mr. Reed presented an elegant Oxford teacher's Bible in behalf of his class. Mr. Hollister said he hoped he would make good use of it, for he had wanted one for a long time. After prayer, and wishing our teacher and his wife a long and happy life, the older people left about ten o'clock rejoicing over the good time they had had. Then the youngsters had a most splendid time until the wee small hours of the morning, when they came home crying "Ma let me in."

Mrs. Hollister said she never met with a better behaved party of young people than gathered there. In thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hollister for their kind hospitality, the class thanks all who lent a helping hand in making it a success, promising to do the same at some future time if the chance were given them, and hope they may all meet in a better home than this to spend their eternity.

TROY TWINKLES.

The ladies of the Missionary society will hold a thanks offering service in the M. E. church next Sunday evening.

The young people's meetings are held Tuesday evening of each week.

Elder Nichols will hold meetings at the Beaver all this week.

Wm. Denison is expected home from Florida.

A man by the name of Sutton will work the Page farm this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith are to be found at their home in Troy once more.

Oll Mrs. Eldred is in very poor health.

The villian that frightened a couple of ladies, a little north of C. Harris' corner easly Tuesday evening, ought to be hung if ever caught in this vicinity again.

Mr. Durand of Amy now owns the Blouch farm.

Harry Daniels has the contract for lathing Will Lakie's house.

Bucklen'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.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed on the death of Miss Jennie Bassett, by the Birmingham high school alumni, of which she was a member:

WHEREAS, The great Ruler of the Universe has, in His infinite wisdom, removed from our midst our worthy and esteemed friend, Jennie Bassett, and

WHEREAS, The intimate relations held during her school life at Birmingham high school by her with the members of her class and alumni, make it appropriate that we record our regard and love for her, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the sudden removal of such a beloved friend and associate leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by all members of the school and alumni and will prove a serious loss to us and this community.

RESOLVED, That in deep sympathy with the afflicted relatives of the deceased, we express an earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be over-ruled for their highest good.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the above be sent to the bereaved, as a token of our regard and sympathy with them for the departed.

MARTHA E. ALLEN, Pres.
A. ELLA DRAKE, Rec. Sec.
EVA BLAUVELT, Cor. Sec.

LITERARY NOTES.

The March number of "WOMAN" more than fulfills the promise of that excellent magazine's earlies issues. In literary quality "WOMAN" stands second to no periodical of the day, and in its illustrated features, as well as its mechanical construction, it has already asserted a footing for itself in close companionship with the best of the older magazines. The number before us is embellished with a frontispiece by Gleeson, representing the famous stairway of rock on the island of Capri, which in turn is itself embellished with an exquisitely touching tale by Beatrice Presswood King, relating a romance of that spot, famous in Italian love story since the days of the Cæsars. Thomas Stephens, who traveled around the globe on a bicycle, gives an entertaining account of the manner in which women in Afghanistan are kept so absolutely in the background as to justify the traveler in bestowing upon that region the name of "The Womanless Land." The department of poetry is represented by a spiritual sonnet, by E. H. Stokes, D. D. "The Archer Boy," with illustration by Chas. E. Clay, and many others. Taken altogether the March number of Woman is the most desirable magazine that has appeared this year for family entertainment and instruction.

An extremely valuable cyclopedia and of very great popular interest, is Alden's cyclopedia of universal literature, Vol. 2 of which is before us. Novel in plan and in form, at once beautiful and convenient, and at a price low even compared with Mr. Alden's always low prices, this volume gives in its nearly 500 pages biographical sketches of one hundred and eleven prominent authors, with characteristic selections from their writings. The following authors, among others, appear in this volume: Audubon, Bacon, St. Augustine, D'Auvergne, Balzac, Bancroft, Banin, Barbauld, Beaumont, Bion, Beecher (several of the name), Bentham, Bjornson, Black (William), Blackstone, Blessington (Countess of), and Boccaccio; thus representing nearly all ages and all nations even in this volume. The literary and mechanical workmanship are both of a high order. The price, only 50c a volume, makes its possession possible even to nearly every school-boy. Every reader of this notice ought to get at least a specimen volume for examination, which may be returned if not wanted, and money refunded. John B. Alden, publisher, 303 Pearl st. New York, or 216 Clark st., Chicago.

Political pull is a rather uncertain thing for obtaining the necessaries of life. With the frequent changes of party somebody is sure to get left, so that on the whole any man of brains and ability is really fortunate if, by missing a fat public job, he is compelled to take up some such business as an agency for Dr. Foote's "Plain Home Talk," which is sure to be a good paying business as long as he will devote himself to it. A really popular medical book such as "Plain Home Talk," sells at all times and in all places, and often the best ground for an agency is that which has already been plowed over once or twice by an agent. There is room for all who will apply to the Murry Hill Publishing Co., 129 East 28th St., N. Y., and "first come, first served."

The March Cosmopolitan will signalize the commencement of a new volume and the inauguration of its new management under The Cosmopolitan Magazine Company (of which, by the way, U. S. Grant, Jr., is the vice president,) by a new cover. The designer is W. H. Day, who is well known for his original genius as the stage artist at the Lyceum theater, and a popular architectural decorator. He has made an unique and unconventional cover, having the name of the magazine at the top among rich ornament and the table of contents on the lower part along the side of a clever panel of typical race heads, each surrounded by an ornamentation derived from the flags of its nationality. It will be printed in blue and red on a paper resembling old vellum and has been pronounced by eminent critics to be the most handsome of all magazine covers.

CAUCUS.

There will be a Democratic caucus for the township of Bloomfield held at National hall, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 31, 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating township officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the caucus.

By Order of Town Committee.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Richard Maney, deceased; order determining heirs filed.

Estate of James Botsford, deceased; A Partridge appointed administrator de bonis non with will annexed; bond of $600 filed and approved.

Estate of Harmon Vermilyea, deceased; Edward Vermilyea appointed administrator and bond of $1,000 ordered.