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Birmingham Presbyterian Church.

REV. A. MARSH, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Sunday School at 12 m. Young People's meeting Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

All who are not identified with other churches are invited to come with us.

Birmingham Baptist Church.

(The little church around the corner.)

Sabbath services: Preaching by the Rev. C. O. Miller, pastor of Pontiac church, who will preach here until further notice at 3 p. m. Sunday school at 4 p. m. Prayer conference and bible study each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, conducted by Mr. Miller. All are cordially invited. Seats free. tf

Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. E. E. PIERCE, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Class meeting under a temperance meeting on the last Sunday after noon of each month. All who love temperance are invited. Meeting for prayer and testimony on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are invited.

Troy and Southfield U. P. Churches.

REV. A. H. ORR, PASTOR.

Sabbath services: Preaching at Troy at 10 a. m., Sabbath school at 11 a. m. Southfield Sabbath school at 1 p. m. preaching at 2 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE—A span of good working horses. Can be seen at my barn just north of the village. A bargain for some lucky party. Martin Wilde, Birmingham, Mich., or 800 Alfred street, Detroit, Mich. 4t

FARM FOR SALE—An extra good farm for sale, containing fifty acres of land, drained good, with good fences and a good well of water. About thirty-five acres are cleared and the remainder is covered with valuable timber. It has a good house, frame, large barn, and other small buildings, and a young orchard. It is situated four and one quarter miles straight east of Birmingham, in the township of Troy, Oakland county, Mich. For further particulars inquire of John Hodgkins, the proprietor, Birmingham, Michigan.

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FOR SALE—I have for sale two large colts coming four years old; one Percheron and one Clydesdale. Can be seen one half mile east of the gravel on the 13-mile road. Lewis Carlton. July3

FOR SALE—I have for sale a good stock of 2, 3, 4 and 5 year old horses of all kinds, very fair heavy iron gray horses 4 and 5 years old—Dagnies And worth more than I ask for them. Also one 4 year old black Percheron stallion. I have a pair of bay geldings—a fine coach team. Call and see my stock of young horses. Everything is for sale. F. O. Tearall, 1½ miles east and 1½ miles north of Birmingham. 4w4.

EGGS, EGGS, EGGS, EGGS—To all who want pure bred poultry eggs for hatching: R. C. Brown Leghorns at $1 for 15; Barred Plymouth Rocks at $1 for 15. Mr. Per of R. C. Brown Leghorns is from the prize winning stock of Selkirk, Lowell, Mich. Mr. Per's Barred Plymouth Rocks is pure bred and headed by Monmouth from the celebrated Hawkes strain and bred by E. C. Poppleton, Birmingham, Mich. Eggs carefully packed and shipped to any part of the country. A. H. CARPENTER, Hickory Ridge Poultry Yards, Watkins Stock Farm, Birmingham, Mich. 4tm1

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warranted Stainless. The dye of this Imperial Black is guaranteed absolutely fast and warranted stainless. It is free from all poisonous substances and will retain its deep black color after washing. A full line of children's of the same kind. We have a full line of Men's Colored Hose from 5c to 50c per pair. Our Shawl Knit Hose at 25c, worth 35c. Table Oil Cloth, the best, 20c per yard. Our

Zylonite Snap Collars,

for Gents, only 20c each. This collar is sold by other dealers for 25c. Our Cuffs of the same grade only 40c per pair. A full line of Embroidery from 5c to 25c per yard. These goods are good value. Gents' Unlaundried White Shirts 50c. A full line of Men's Overshirts from 50c to $2.50. Parasols, Bedspreads, Napkins. Full line of Gents' Ties from 25c to $1. It costs nothing to look at our goods and get our prices.

Yours respectfully,

V. NIXON & CO.,

Birmingham, Mich.

HOME NOTES.

Mr. Patton is suffering from an attack of quinsy.

Mrs. Archie Crombie of Northville, is visiting at Volney Goodwin's in this village.

Mrs. Byron Bickford, of Commerce, visited over Sunday with the family of Alex. Parks.

Go to the National Hall to morrow (Friday) evening and see what a business our town does.

Twenty-four young ladies besides several firms unavoidably left out at the merchants' carnival.

Bert Baldwin and wife and Charlie Millts and wife are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin.

Mr. Faint has been besieged lately for banners, designs, letters, etc., to be used at the merchants' carnival.

Mrs. Walter Lewis of Owosso is visiting her relations in town and enjoying herself thoroughly we imagine.

Fred Locke's double combination show will be here this week Saturday and all who attend will have a good time.

The bicycle boys could only look out at the pattering rain drops last Sunday and talk Sunday-school language all day long.

Mrs. Furman will rent a front room up stairs and other rooms. Rooms suitable for dressmaking, school girls or a small family.

Mrs. L. H. Sawyer has a change of advt this week. She has something of interest to say to the ladies and it will pay our readers to peruse it carefully.

Wm. Sharrood and Wes. Faint vied with each other in the preparation of tasty designs for the banners of the carnival which were unique and beautiful.

For rent—Two pleasant front rooms suitable for two school girls. Terms cheap. Call at the Phillips' house, near school, for particulars. 2

An odd way of advertising will be shown by the representative of the Exchange Bank on to-morrow evening at the merchats' carnival. Keep your eye on her.

I have for sale a first class refrigerator used only one year, which I will sell very cheap and far below its cost price. This refrigerator is in every way as good as when first purchased. Mrs. Nellie Camp.

I have just received a fine lot of new spring millinery. New school hats, 25c; come and look at the styles. You are not obliged to buy, and it's no trouble to show goods. L. T. Furman.

Died, Monday morning May 19, 1890, Eugene Corey Mitchell, infant son of George H. and Hannah E. Mitchell, age one year and two months. Funeral held from the home Wednesday morning of this week, Rev. E. B. Pierce officiating.

I have a lot of ladies' and children's nicely trimmed hats at $1 and $2. A large variety of trimmed bonnets and hats at all prices. Come and look at them, you are not obliged to buy. L. T. Furman.

"I presume," said Sam Herbison, as he looked over one of Whitehead & Mitchell's $3 Webster's unabridged dictionaries, "I presume that what I don't know would fill a durn sight bigger book than that," and the boys all agreed with him.

Letters of recent date appear as of the serious illness of Mrs. Chas. Howard, (Ida Bodine) at Newcastle, Wyoming. It seems as if misfortunes never come singly to this family, as Mr. Howard is slowly recovering from an attack of a serious lung trouble which bade fair to terminate fatally at one time.

Don't forget Fred Locke's new, double show in Birmingham this week Saturday, May 24, 1890. Popular prices, adults 25c, children under 12, 15c. This troupe is seldom equalled and never excelled and come to us laden with the best recommendations in the world. See posters.

The handsomest matched team we have seen in many a long day is the recent purchase by J. F. Rundel of a fine pair of bays which he bought of a Toledo party last week. They are brothers and look like twins, so perfectly alike are their color, style and action. We are sure they take the cake in all Oakland county.

NOTICE TO ALL—You are hereby notified to be careful and look out for the ditches that are being made through out the village for the purpose of laying the mains, necessary to complete the works. The village for the next two months will be more or less topsy-turvy and all are notified to be on their guard. J. O. Beattie, Village Marshal.

This week George Erb, of Detroit, has an advertisement which our farmer friends will do well to read. Sam Harbison is his authorized agent in this vicinity and when he calls on you if you want anything in the machinery line don't delay any longer in making purchases. He sells as low as the lowest and his goods are all first class.

We are very sorry to state that the condition of John G. Durkee has not improved. He is unconscious except at brief intervals and the question of his demise is a matter of a very short time. His disease is softening of the brain and he has been pratically helpless for some weeks. Mr. H. Hamlin is attending him in the capacity of nurse.

One day last week John K. Adams took his passion for relics to Detroit where they will be put on exhibition in the museum of the public library. They consist of several pieces of vertebræ, the lower jaw with the molars intact (as large as a saucer) portions of the upper jaw and the end of one tusk. They are worth seeing.

The Junior exhibition will take place at the M. E. church, May 30. Don't forget the date. It promises to equal if not excel any school exhibition ever given in Birmingham. The church will be appropriately trimmed with the class colors, mottoes, flowers, etc. The class is strong and large, and the program is such as to make it attractive and entertaining from beginning to end. Let no one miss it.

A squad of cavalry cadets from the Michigan Military Academy, armed with swords and accompanied by a bugler, visited our village last Saturday mounted on blooded Kentucky horses and made a very creditable display both in appearance and military manners and drills. The boys are gentlemen in every sense of the word and we shall be pleased to see them again.

An exchange says don't spray a fruit tree until after the blossoms have fallen off. It is unnecessary and wasteful at best. There are many bees in this neighborhood, and throughout the country. They are hard working, industrious little fellows, and it would be wanton cruelty to poison them, saying nothing about the damage to their owners. Besides this you waste a lot of material on the petals which would be saved by waiting until they had fallen.

A single page in a single issue of the Century magazine taken for advertising costs $600; Harper's $400, and other magazines from $450 to $190. A yearly advertisement of one column in the Chicago Tribune costs $35,650 for the highest rates. The New York Herald charges $36,203 for the lowest and $36,500 for the highest priced column. One inch, or ten lines, one time in the Youth's Companion costs $50. We'll do it for considerably less than any of them.—Orion Review.

There are many families of moderate means that up to the present have never owned a copy of Webster's unabridged dictionary. A work, next to the Bible, the most eagerly sought after and which would have been, we fear, even more generally read, were it not for the high price at which it has been held. Now, under the changed condition of things, John Pound & Brother are pleased to inform their patrons that a copy of this most valuable work may be secured to them free of charge. Call at the Beehive and ascertain how it is done.

The base ball season opened here last Saturday afternoon, when a picked nine from Clawson and Pontiac crossed bats with the "Birmingham Invincibles" and the latter club sustained their former reputation by winning the game easily by a score of eighteen to eleven. Will Kenny, umpire. Time of game, three hours. We might have a good team here and the boys would beatir from themselves and secure decent grounds our citizens no doubt would take more interest in the fascinating game.

The merchants' carnival to be given at National Hall to-morrow (Friday) night is given in aid of the Cemetery Society and in place of the fair usually given at this season. It is something quite out of the usual order of things. Twenty-four young ladies represent twenty four business firms in marches, etc., and are decorated with the goods of the firm. Songs, rhymes, etc., mostly bearing on our town matters fill out the program, after which ice cream will be served by the young ladies in costume.

The June Wide Awake opens with a beautiful frontispiece by E. H. Garrett which illustrates a story as beautiful, by Annie Bronson King, entitled "Little Sir Elizabeth." The number is almost entirely given to short stories; among them are "Spot the Mustang," by D. B. Waggener of the Philadelphia Times, "Martha's Travels," by Katharine B. Foot, "Jokery Ann," an unusually impressive story, by Mrs. Ella W. Peattie, "Mismilly," by Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, "The Rubber Boy," by Florence E. Weld, "Blossom," by Mrs. Kate Upson Clark, and "The Indian Guardian," by Grace Dean McCleary. Wide Awake is $2 40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston.

Some time ago boats belonging to Messrs Shutes and Poppleton were destroyed at Wing and Walnut lakes in a manner that showed to the public that the perpetrators wished to show their displeasure of the success that had attended the fishing excursions of these disciples of Izaak Walton. Did these gentlemen seek to avenge their wrongs? Indeed they did and one day last week completed their work to their own satisfaction by placing 75,000 young walleyed pike in Wing lake, that came from the Michigan Fish Commission through the energetic labors of Messrs Poppleton and Shutes. The young fry came to them all right and in a few hours were sporting in the waters of the above-mentioned lake. Enough should they live to wed, as they no doubt will, to supply all Birmingham with fish for 100 years.

Now is the time to have pictures taken and when studying in the privacy of your home where to go to get the cheapest and best let us give you a piece of advice Go to some responsible artist, some one who has had experience and some one whose work speaks for itself. Do you know anyone that fills all these requirements? We do, and it is F. B. Anderson, of Pontiac, who can take the baby's picture before the little innocent has time to think of making any fuss about it. He makes a specialty of life size portraits in crayon, India ink, pastelle, water colors and photographs. He takes views in the country as well as in cities and villages and by strict attention to business has secured a permanent position on the front seat and is leading all his competitors. When in want of anything in his line don't forget to give him a call. You will be greatly pleased and will have no occasion to regret your visit.

No organizations in the United States have multiplied more rapidly in the past ten years than the sick-benefit, funeral-aid, death-benefit, and other kindred societies. As they are generally confined to those who are in the humbler walks of life, the good they have done is incalculable, carrying substantial aid to thousands of stricken families and inspiring those who are fortunate enough in being members with a courage which might not exist in their hearts without them. The members of these societies will be glad to learn that Hon. Robert Porter, Superintendent of the Eleventh Census, will endeavor to secure the statistics of the noble work these societies are doing, and it is safe to say that no other part of the census will be more interesting. The business of gathering the data has been placed in charge of Mr. Charles A. Jenny, special agent of the insurance division, 58 William street, New York City, and all associations throughout the United States, whether incorporated or private, should assist by sending to him the address of their principal officers.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS!

Next Monday evening the Rochester tent of the Knights of the Maccabees will pay our knights a return visit and we expect to have a very interesting session. We hope to see a full attendance. Those who are not present will regret it all their days. Plenty of work.

NOTICE TO BLOOMFIELD TAX PAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the township board of review for the town of Bloomfield, will meet at the National Hotel on Tuesday, May 20, to review the rolls and on Monday, May 26, at the same place to hear appeals.

WILLIAM SATTERLEE,
Supervisor of the Township of Bloomfield.

NOTICE TO VILLAGE TAX PAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the board of review of the village of Birmingham will meet at the clerk's office in said village on Monday, May 26, 1890, to continue in session for three days, for the purpose of review and to hear appeals.

J. A. HOLLOWAY, Assessor.
GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Clerk.
BIRMINGHAM, May 5, 1890.

REPORT OF FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

The following is the standing of pupils for the first month of the term in the school in the Franklin district:

Whole number enrolled 38, average attendance 28.

Names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month are:

Johnston Elliott, Judson Cummings, Minnie Wilcox, Jennie Bowden, Lily Beiser, Clara Cox.

The standing of those present at the examination is as follows:

A GRADE.

Judson Cummings, 99; Jennie Green, 98; Willie McKinley, 95; Clara Cox, 95; Johnston Elliott, 94; Minnie Wilcox, 94; Bert Tuxworth, 92; Clara Curtis, 92; Winnie Cox, 92; George Green, 91; 85; Ella Green, 90.

B GRADE.

Lottie Bowden, 97; Bertha VanDyke, 97; Lily Beiser, 95; Jennie Bowden, 95; Hattie Cummings, 95; Sarah McCready, 95; Bertha Merrimith, 90; Irene Wood, 91; Emma Shipley, 91; Pearl Bowden, 90; Annie Cannon, 85.

C GRADE.

Jody Green, 98; Charley Wood, 98; Westley Green, 98; Stanley Hart, 96; Mabel Tuxworth, 96; Maud Mobley, 96; Minnie McCready, 96.

ANNA S. PARKS, Teacher.

HAPPY HOOSIERS

William Tinnguns, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all the other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from kidney and liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best kidney and liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town, says: "Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies;" he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50 cents a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. 4

MERCHANTS' CARNIVAL.

The merchants' carnival will take place at National Hall, Friday evening May 23. Doors open 7:30, program commences at 8:00. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

PROGRAM.

Parade—March.
Chorus—"Birmingham, My Birmingham."
Grand March.
Samantha Allen Song—"Comrades," with Bir mingham's magic.
Duet—"Maying"—Miss Belle Smith, J. E. Smith.
Fancy Drill—Peck a Boo—Mystic Wind.
Chorus—"Wee Men and Women."
Military Drill—Bugle Call.
Recitation—Miss Florella Wheeler.
Chorus—"Twenty Maidens Fair to See."
Recitation—"Sale by Retail"—Grace Knowland.
Chorus—"What Can the Matter Be?"
Grand March.

At the conclusion of the exercises refreshments will be served. Ice cream, cake, etc., etc.

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 25c per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

ATTENTION OLD VETERANS AND EVERYBODY.

Memorial services at M. E. church, Sabbath evening May 25, and memorial exercises on Friday May 30, at 2 o'clock p. m.

A splendid program has been arranged and let all make arrangements to carry a single boquet of flowers. The students will all meet at the High School building at 1:30 p. m., march to the cemetery where a suitable platform will be in readiness. All who have flags get them in order for that day and the association will furnish those who have none.

J. A. HOLLOWAY,
President Memorial Association.

PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

Grand entrance march at o'clock p. m., sharp. Prayer. Music	
The Maidolin	Orchestra
Oration	
Self Reliance	Seymour Adams
Essay	
Compensation	Mabel Adams
Music	
Piano Duet	Lillie Ellenwood, Netta Hall
Recitation	
The Emigrant's Story	Emma Caswell
Essay	
The Frown and Smile	Ann Bell
Music	
Soprano solo	Mrs. N. H. Simonds
Essay	
Chipping with a chisel	Stella Rundel
Recitation	
Mrs. McWilliams and the Lightning	Lotta Hall
Music	
Instrumental solo	Lillie Ellenwood
Recitation	
The Defense of Lucknow	Grace Knowland
Oration	
The Rise and Fall of Rome	Harry Bayley
Music	
Crown of Victory	Orchestra
Benediction	

To be given at the M. E. church, May 30. Doors open at 7:30, program commences at 8 o'clock. Admission 15 cents.

A REQUEST.

Don't there something in the following list that you would like to see from us? Or anyone else? Cheap books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, hosiery, gloves, tucking, buttons, dress stays, braids, silk twist, corsets and steels, pins, needles, hairpins, yellings, embroidery, cottons, silk, etc., etc.

4t I. T. FURMAN.

HOW WE LOOK.

The following appeared in the Household, supplement issued with the Michigan Farmer, last week, and we reprint it with pleasure so that we can get an idea of how we look to a stranger:

BIRMINGHAM.

I have been a resident here about eight weeks and my impressions are necessarily subject to revision. It is a village corporation one mile square, situated on the eastern line of the township of Bloomfield, Oakland county. They claim 1,000 inhabitants and are confident the approaching census will verify the claim. There are several dry goods, grocery and hardware stores, bakeries and meat markets, millinery and furnishing goods houses. There are three churches, a fine graded school, and pipes are now distributed for a system of water supply of the most abundant and best water in the state. There is also a flouring mill; wagon and harness shops; in short there seems to be a supply for all the local physical, mental, moral, religious and social wants of the residents.

There seems to be a great preponderance of middle aged and elderly people; many being farmers who having labored hard in earlier years, are now passing the latter years of life in a community where social and genial society is more easily found than on isolated farms.

They are a kindly people, giving to friendly deeds. To a stranger they turn with kindly greetings, and by their attentions chase away the spectre of loneliness. This is accomplished in such an unaffected, hearty manner, no doubt of its genuineness can find room. We look forward to a happy time in our new home.

Last, by no means least, as one of the institutions of the place we mention the live newspaper published here; the ECCENTRIC; a bright, newsy epitome of the local happenings and general intelligence.

MATTERHORN. A. L. H.

TROY TWINKLINGS.

Al Church has rented C. H. Gibb's place for one year. Commenced on the first day of April.

Miss Effie Harris, daughter of Clark M. Harris, is working for Mrs. George Clark. A good girl and a good place to work.

Who ever saw so much rain? I never did, did you?

The farmers complain terribly because of so much rain. Some have their oats sown and some cannot sow because it is too wet. George O. Clark had 14 acres of oat ground ready three weeks ago and has 5 acres sown, but no one knows when he will sow the rest. In the meantime he has put in 140 rods of tile.

George Clark, the youngest son of Miles P. Clark, is very sick with pneumonia. He was taken two weeks ago with the la grippe.

Martin Burnham has moved back to Troy from Hillsdale county.

Henry Judd is in poor health.

Aunt Betsy Blunt, mother of the Blunt brothers, is in her 90th year and quite much for one of that age.

Uncle Darius Clark, uncle of George O. Clark, is in his 87th year and has been totally blind for 20 years, but with this great misfortune he is as happy as the day is long.

John Kimbal has taken a job of putting up a new barn for George Houghton on the Jay Niles farm. Eighteen foot posts, two 20 foot boys, one 15 foot drive way. Size of barn 33x53. Over one-third pitch roof, Consideration, $80.

Major Postal and wife have dissolved partnership. Dr. La Ferte and wife of Utica ditto.

There has been the past week four and five loads of tile per day going into Troy.

Jerry Lundy and Edmund Petre have taken a large job of ditching on the Castle farm. The Bayley boys are the occupants of the farm.

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

Frank Knowles just finished 4 miles of board fence on the Baker and Campbell stock farm.

Charles Hurlburt is at Capt. Stevens' in Highland Park, decorating his houses with paint and paper.

Charles Felker, formerly of this place, has started a meat market in North Detroit. Grant Furguson is his assistant.

The Royal Oak policeman makes his rounds very regular.

By the way undertaker Finn is stocking up with caskets and coffins he must think we are all going to die soon.

Did you know Royal Oak had a Boom last week? Yes, but he has gone again.

Royal Oak boys went to Utica fishing last Friday night and came home with a wagon load of fish. They caught 80 bullheads and 200 suckers and brought home every one.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

There was a pleasant surprise party for Will Shepard, at E. S. Lawrence's, last Friday evening.

Mr. Oleane Doty takes music lessons at Birmingham.

The Rev. J. L. Hudson, of Detroit, will preach at the M. E. church tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed at this M. E. church next Sunday morning in connection with a song service conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. Smith.

Miss Fankie Gray is home from Lansing.

WEST BLOOMFIELD BUZZINGS.

The prospects are good for a fine fruit, flower and vegetable year.

Dan'l Kyle is so far recovered as to contemplate a trip to Wisconsin in a few weeks.

Wm. L. Harris is suffering from a light attack of influenza.

Miss Hattie Coulter of Pontiac is the guest of her cousin Mrs. Minnie Houghton.

The W. H. C. T. U. held its annual meeting at the residence of Dan'l Kyle and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. C. B. Houghton; vice president, Mr. Hartwell Cox; recording secretary, Mrs. Geo. Kyle; treasurer and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mary Hulsker. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Mary Hulsker's.

Master Harvey Bigby celebrated his tenth birthday by giving a lawn party. The weather would not permit of out door sport but all present had a good time.

They was a person lolling on the road east of John Sis's corners would, if they did not know better, think there was some society meeting every Sunday night in Birmingham by the number of boys that drive that way on that day.

The Walnut Lake teacher does not have to walk home Friday nights or back to school Monday mornings, any more as a certain party has offered her the services of his horses and vehicle and buggy as soon as the school is out, but her sister in Hamilton is not so fortunate we understand.

People are growing about as much about the rain this year as they did about the drought last year.

James Davenport the huckster has quit West Bloomfield and now is a good time for some honest man to get a good trade.

Rag and tin peddlers are around in profusion these days. The roads were so terrible all winter and spring they could not get out.

PONTIAC PICKINGS.

It is rumored that a base ball club will be organized here.

Chas. Sniper and Miss Jennie Wallace were married recently.

Pontiac lodge No. 10, K. of P., have moved into more comfortable quarters in the North block. They are the best lodge rooms in the city. Conclaves are held every Thursday evening. Visiting brothers are always welcome.

E. H. Harper made a business trip to Detroit recently.

Congressman M. S. Brewer has purchased the N. E. Dwight property on the corner of Huron and Williams streets.

John Patterson is happy over the arrival of a big pound Democrat at his home.

Eli Stalker, for several years past with G. H. Turk the clothier, has opened a clothing and tailoring store of his own.

M. S. Brewer and wife are home from Washington, D. C.

A dear little stranger
All spotless from skies,
Sought the home of Homer Squires
And asked to come in.

They opened the door,
Rain it no further seek,
And the wee, blue-eyed boy
Has been there a week.

Joseph Newhouse has gone to look over some of the western states.

Geo. Carhart went to Duluth recently on a business trip. Are we going to lose you Geo.?

The E. M. Asylum can accommodate no more Wayne county patients.

Mrs. James Hutton and daughter were visiting at Rochester recently.

Miss Lou Bancroft is spending the summer at Detroit.

Mrs. A. A. Lull is dangerously ill.

Ex-Mayor Hinman is erecting a new barn.

It is rumored that Dad. Lord, the jolly, bald headed uncle of Mr. Hitchcock's, is contemplating matrimony—no marriage. Oh Lord!

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ter Bush were visiting at Davisburg recently.

Mrs. Will Chandler of West Superior, Wis., has been visiting here several weeks with her mother Mrs. Curtis.

Miss Vie Morris, of Detroit, has been visiting friends on Clark street.

Lettie Joe Kremer will soon locate at Romeo.

At your service: Mayor D. S. Howard; city clerk, P. B. Bromley; aldermen, W. H. Morgan, W. H. Brummett, first ward; C. H. Nisbett, W. H. Kremer, second ward; J. E. Taylor, C. B. Hunt, third ward; F. J. Walton, J. Bermuter, fourth ward; C. B. Pittman, S. E. Howell, fifth ward.

Rev. Father Baumgartner attended the funeral of Bishop Borgess at Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Green, of Washington, D. C., is here on a visit with friends.