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TIME TABLE

IN EFFECT January 1, '91.

WESTWARD.

Morning Express	7:45 a. m.
Mail	11:50 a. m.
Evening Express	5:15 p. m.
Chicago Express	8:45 p. m.
Night Express	11:30 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Chicago Express	6:55 a. m.
Detroit Express	11:10 a. m.
Mail	3:18 p. m.
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Cattle:
1 Yearling Jersey Bull,
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3 Holstein cows, one new milch,
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2 Poland China Brood sows,
1 Poland China Boar,
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A few choice cockerels of the following breeds:
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We kill or give away any culls, sell only first class stock, and always at reasonable prices.

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Will give instructions in instrumental music at her home to suit the convenience of her pupils. Reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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REV. A. MARSH, PASTOR.
Sabbath services at 10.30 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. C. 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. W. C. CLEMO, PASTOR.
Sabbath services at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.00 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p. m. 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 11.30 a. m.; Southfield: Sabbath school at 2 p. m.; preaching at 3 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7.30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

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I have just added to my Saw Mill in Big Beaver a new and complete machine for sawing Fence Pickets.

I will cut pickets from logs of any length, or from bolts as you prefer to bring them in, equalizing them and making them all the same length at

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WILL OFFER FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS!

All Remnants and Odds and Ends of our Stock at Cost in order to make room for Spring Stock.

1 Lot Toboggans at	25c
1 Lot Children's Hoods	50c, 75c, $1 00
10 cans tomatoes for	$1 00
10 cans corn	$1 00
10 cans pumpkin	$1 00
4 lbs. good Japan Tea	$1 00
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Curtain Poles	25 and 35c

Wall Paper, Curtains, Shades and Fixtures.

1 Lot Lace Curtains at cost to close out at

F. BLAKESLEE'S,

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FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS:

One lot of Century and Coronet Corsets at 77 cents a pair. These goods are a good Dollar Corset.

First Come, First Served.

They will not last long at the price named.

We will sell during this time Cocoanut at 20 cents per lb.; Fine Cut Tobacco at 25 cents per lb.; good Japan Tea at 25 cents per lb.; Chicago Yeast Powder at 25 cent per lb.; Roasted Coffee at 25 cents per lb. Also the odds and ends of shoes

CHEAP FOR CASH.

Our stock of Men's, Ladies' and Misses' Shoes is complete and at prices that defy competition.

Lot of remnants in Cotton and Woolen Dress Goods cheap for cash.

Yours,

V. NIXON & CO.

HOME NOTES.

SHARP STICK after the first issue in March.

Clark Powell, of Amy, has at last received his pension.

Mrs. O. L. Robinson is at her old home in Troy once more.

Don't forget to read the adv't of John Pound & Brother this week. It will pay you.

Born, to Mrs. Ed Woolridge (Stephen Cooper farm), Wednesday, February 11, 1891—a boy.

Grandpa Rundel and Grandpa Thurlby make quite a dash now as they chase through our village.

Regular communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., this Thursday evening. Work. A. Partridge, Sec'y.

S. F. Joyce sold his big team of horses one day last week and pocketed the nice round sum of $400 for the equines.

The sixth Demorest contest will be held in the Reformed Presbyterian church of Southfield, Friday evening, February 20.

Dizziness, nausea, drowsiness, distress after eating, can be cured and prevented by taking Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Pillets (little pills.)

J. F. Rundel set up Shiner Brayman in the bootblacking business last club hop and the industrious kid just reaped in the shekels.

If health and life are worth anything, and you are feeling out of sorts and tired out, tone up your system by taking Dr. J. H. McLean's Sarsaparilla.

Thanks to the worthy school board our high school pupils now partake of the cup that cheers and don't bacchilate, that is they take water works water in therin.

For sale, two second hand double carriages in very good order. Would be nice for family carriages. They can be bought very cheap. Call on or address, J. Brown, blacksmith, Royal Oak. 3

Don't tell us that merit won't win. Ed Lamb, our old Democratic friend, has been drawn to serve as a United States district juror in the coming March term

Hall Tent K. O. T. M., No. 221, is booming. They now have over 50 active members and the list is still growing. It is one of the cheapest and best systems of cheap life insurance and is growing in strength every day.

"Ginger" Cooper is at work for Matt. Erwin up at Harbor Springs and he wrote to Ed Keyser the other day and said: "I am doing first rate. I have put up 35 prescriptions and sold one coffin," and now Ed is wondering what they did with the other 34.

Married, in Windsor, Ont., February 11, 1891, by the Rev. B. D. Davis of the same place, Mr. Matthew R. Nicholson of Detroit, and Mrs. Mary McEwon of Birmingham. Matthew and his bonnie bride make a good looking couple and may their days be long with peace and prosperity.

We regret to announce that Mrs. Wm. Hawthorne who is at present with her daughter, Mrs. Babcock, at Bay City, is in quite poor health at this writing. We trust that this is only temporary and that when settled warm weather returns the good lady will entirely recover her usual good health.

The Franklin school give their free exhibition to-morrow (Friday) evening, at the Franklin Presbyterian church under the careful supervision of the popular teacher, C. A. Brush. Nearly 25 members of this school take part in the entertainment and we are going to be there if all is well and the weather pleasant.

Some misguided crank down at Big Beaver writes us an anonymous letter and tells us how to run this great moral engine. We supposed we knew how. Among the few things that we do know, however, is the potent fact that no lady or gentleman will descend to the detestable action of writing an anonymous letter.

Any man who in his own town can draw a crowd night after night is a success. Mark B. Beal, who is a professor of elocution at Albion, will give a first-class entertainment at the M. E. church, Friday evening, February 27, at 7:30 o'clock. Adults, 20 cents; 15 years and under, 10 cents. Friends this is first-class.

We have had placed in our hands for sale the convenient home of Mrs. Ed. English on Saginaw street. It is in real nice shape, plenty of room, has a good barn that cost $400, and we are informed by its owner, Mrs. English, that she will sell it for what it is worth. Call and see it before you buy a home anywhere.

An exchange says: He had told his son to milk the cows, feed the horses, slop the pigs, hunt up the eggs, feed the calves, catch the colt and put him in the stable, cut the wood, split the kindling stir the cream, put some fresh water in the creamery after supper, and be sure and study his lessons before he went to bed. Then he went to the farmers' club to discuss the question "How to keep the boys on the farm."

It was a ten pound boy and there wasn't any lying about the weight of it, either—there wasn't any need of that, and Morgan F. Rundel was the biggest and proudest father in the length and breadth of all the great state of Michigan. All this good luck came to him on Thursday last, and everybody is as happy as could be expected, but Whitehead's pantaloons are a mile too short for Morg.

Another one of Susan Colyer's charming books for girls—"What Kate Did Next," has been added to the library; also "Following the Guidon," by Mrs. Custer, a book that savors much of frontier life. Each chapter of the book is prefaced with the music used for each of the many orders known to military tactics, such as "Boots and Saddles," "Guard Mount," etc. The book is well printed and forms an attractive volume.

We notice in the Washington news in the Detroit Tribune that Mortimer Osborne Bigelow has been appointed alternate for the position of cadet for West Point, with his examination set for the 15th of next June. Mort is home from Ann Arbor now, having passed 29 successful examinations in the past two weeks and will now take a well earned rest until the momentous month of June, when he will rustle around for the coveted appointment. His hosts of friends in this vicinity are wishing him all the success in the world.

East week four lots were sold by the Tuxedo Park Company to Detroit parties and one was bought by a Birmingham party, one of the very best of the $830 lots being chosen by our worthy citizen who knows that his investment will double in a year sure. We are informed that shortly or just as soon as Detroit city limits are enlarged as it is proposed to do by a bill that is before the legislature now, that every one of these lots will be advanced right sharp. A number of our moneyed men are cogitating this over and if they wait too long they will have it to pay for.

On Saturday, February 28, 1891, Wm. Schwas will sell on the premises, 3½ miles east of Birmingham, and one mile north of Bowers' mill, the following property. Two mares, wagon, buggy, cart, bob sleigh, cultivators, plows, drag, mowers, land roller, hay rack, fanning mill, stone boat, grindstone, harness (single and double), fly nets, grain bags, a quantity of hay, oats, potatoes, stoves and other articles. Terms of sale very reasonable, indeed Martin Blunt does the shouting and Adams Bailey the writing. Sale begins at 10 o'clock a. m.

Our hearts were made glad on Saturday last by the receipt of a pair of monstrous oranges on a well developed stem, which our friend Julian Leet had picked while sojourning among the balmy groves of Southern Florida. Now just lay down your pen and think of it. Here we are in the midst of a winter, which if it is not colder than Greenland, it is no fault of the weather clerk, and there is that little Leet boy picking oranges down there among the balmy southern breezes, "where the sweet magnolia blooms," etc., etc., &c., &c. Isn't it enough to make a man long for the good luck that comes to some of his friends?

Having rented his farm, 2½ miles east of this place, John Wild will sell at public auction on Saturday, February 21, 1891, the following property: One horse, one mare, one mare with foal, one cow with calf, one cow, (half Jersey), one two-year-old heifer, one yearling heifer, wagons, buggy, drag, seeder, cultivators, plows, 100 bushels of corn in the ear, 100 bushels of oats, 5 tons of clover hay and many other articles. Terms of sale, easy. Martin Blunt, auctioneer, Adams Bailey, clerk. Sale begins at 10 o'clock a. m. Don't forget the place—the old Edwin Millard farm.

We note with pleasure the addition of the Scientific American supplement to our exchange list. This paper has stood for the last forty years at the head of its class of publications, it has no superior. As a scientific and mechanical journal it can not be excelled. The patent agency of Munn & Co., connected with it is one of the few strictly reliable agencies in the U. S. Those of our readers who desire to obtain a patent and which to have their interests well attended to, can not do better than than to address Munn & Co., Solicitors of Patents, No. 361 Broadway, N. Y. for their pamphlet containing full information about patents caveats, etc.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., Matthew Erwin will sell at public auction on the premises, 1½ miles east of Southfield Center, the following property: One span of work horses, one mare, one work horse, one brood mare, some fine colts, 11 cows, 3 two-year-old heifers, two bulls, one buck, 11 shoats, wagons, buggies, pair of trucks, cutter, plows, drags, cultivators, drills, land roller, fanning mill, corn sheller, horse fork, harnesses, Deering binder, large stack of straw, some corn stalks, 100 bushels of corn, some choice seed corn, 1,100 whitewood pickets, 185 good whitewood posts, stoves and other household furniture. Wm. Hulsizer, auctioneer; J. W. McKinney, clerk. Lunch served at noon.

They were telling yarns around the stove in the postoffice one night last week and Volney Nixon told how he had "helped" catch over 100 pickerel last summer—he caught one and helped Gum Shutes catch the rest; then Jack Rainey told how he killed a deer last summer and they could not find a sign of a bullet hole in the carcass—cause of death unknown, but obvious. Then Dr. Reynale happened in and averred that he took aim at a hawk down in Southfield one day, and the hawk fell dead before the doctor shot at all. Then the whole gang silently wended their way homeward amid a silence that could be felt, one and all wondering how they could get even with the pill man.

A lengthy opinion has been handed down by Attourney-general Ellis in regard to the township election in April. He says the tickets for supreme court justice and regents must be printed by the state in accordance with the ballot law of 1889. The regular township tickets can be printed in local offices as heretofore. The inspectors at the general election being the same persons who have charge of the local election, would have a right and it would be their duty to enforce the reasonable regulations of the general law as to the manner of voting the local ticket, for the purpose of protecting the good order and legality of the general ballot. Sufficient ballot boxes should be provided for the various tickets, so that the general ticket may be put in one box, the local ticket in another and if there should be other tickets, they may be placed in their respective boxes.

Registration, caucus and village election notices this week. Our village is in a very prosperous condition and with our water works the best in the land, we are nicely situated for years to come. In selecting new trustees for the next two years, let us select men who are progressive and for movement forward. We think our village just on the eve of a great onward movement and improvements. If not, explain to us why it is that capitalists of Detroit are buying all the farm lands for sale between here and Detroit not only along the line of Woodward avenue, but about the surrounding country. We are informed that James F. Joy of Detroit is now halting between two opinions, that is, he is now deciding whether he will buy the John G. Durkee and Rundel farm or the Deacon White and Volney Goodwin farms. He wants a nice little stock farm of only 200 acres and we hope he will decide upon one bunch or the other as either choice would be a good selection. With all these farm sales in our midst and the legislature at work "busting" up the plank road charter, it seems to a man up a tree as if we would have electric railway communication with Detroit next year. Haste the day.

The first number of the "Quarterly Register of Current History" which will be given to the public about the middle of February, contains the complete history, political and general, of the past year. No feature is lost sight of, and all duly noticed. "The Quarterly Register" is by no means a dreary almanac chronicle of state news, but rather lively and entertaining history of the year, detailing it a pleasant and atractive form just those particular events, of sound and permanent historic value, which the man of average intellectual calibre finds it absolutely essential (though hitherto often difficult) to keep himself posted on. The magazine which is artistically illustrated after the very best modern exam,les, is sold for 25 cents or $1 per annum, but in an extraordinary spirit of newspapers enterprise it will be given gratiously, we understand, to subscribers of the Detroit News Starting as it does under such generous and favorable auspices the new magazine can hardly fail to obtain that measure of success which, if assurances go for anything, it has already practically secured. For the rest we may mention that the printing, paper, and general appearance of the new Quarterly are on a par with that of our best magazines, and in a word leave nothing to be desired

It was our esteemed privilege to be one of a few selected guests who were entertained at the Watkins farm last Thursday where we met Ex governor Luce, and with that hale and hearty old farmer inspected the ponies and the pigs, the poultry and the parrot. Mr. Watkings was present in person and conducted the party about the premises with his customary politeness and in this he was ably seconded by his competent foreman, Ed. Chamberlin. There was never a neater collection of barns and stables than those of the Watkins farm and Mr. Luce expressed himself as well pleased with the inspection. The little wooly Shetland ponies imported direct from the Shetland Island, by Mr. Watkins in person, are worth a visit from anyone, and they resemble a horse about as much as they do a sheep, or perhaps not as much. While the Ex governor was not as much in love with the ponies as he was with the fawn like Jersies he left the farm for Pontiac, where he had an engagement with the Lincoln club for a few minutes speech, with the remark, "Well, Watkins, I believe I could take your farm and make it pay, but I would get rid of those measly little ponies." The good man did not know that Mr. Watkins had sold a span of those same little "measly ponies" only the week before to a Bay City man for the neat sum of $400 cash.

A SAFE INVESTMENT.

In one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affliction of the throat, lungs or chest, such as consumption, inflammation of the lungs, bronchitis, asthma, whooping cough, croup, etc., etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe and can always be depended upon. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

HURRAH FOR GEORGE BLAKESLEE!

Birmingham Holds Her Own and Even the Honeymoon can not Obliterate its Memory.

HOME, SWEET HOME.
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 9, '91.
Editors of the Eccentric.

In the issue of ECCENTRIC, Thursday the 5th, stating that there was a rumor that a factory to manufacture iron roofing would come to Birmingham if a site was given, I would say by all means, that the site should be furnished free of charge. When it is assured that the factory employing fifty men will locate permantly in Birmingham, I will be willing to do my share to raise the $300 necessary for a site. If the right encouragement is given to outsiders, Birmingham, from its superior location, will soon become one of the pleasantest suburban villages to be found anywhere.

Those who have traveled and observed suburban villages in the East and South to Eastern and Southern cities, will very readily discern the advantages that Birmingham has as a suburb of Detroit. First of all, being very healthy; located 190 feet higher than Detroit River, making the air very pure and balmy, which makes the village quite free from malaria so common in many other places. Then, too, the location is much the best out from Detroit as near as Birmingham with the beautiful drives surrounding the village, it cannot be excelled if it can be equalled; in the center of one of the best farming districts in the country, of well stocked and improved farms, that are beautiful to behold when compared with other places. Then, Birmingham has water works for supplying its citizens and for fire protection. The water cannot be excelled for health and purity of quality for general use. I have thought more about the good points of Birmingham for a place to reside in than ever before, by close observation of suburban places of other cities besides Detroit; and as all cities as they become large must have suburban places for residence purposes, so it will soon become a necessity for Detroit to have the same.

Washington has many, of which I will mention, Arlington Heights, (being the place once owned by Gen. Lee of Confederate fame), Bladensburg, (the headquarters of Gen. Washington and battle ground in the revolution), Oak View, (the place purchased by ex-President Cleveland and used as a summer resort), Glen Echo, Ivy City, Eckington, Brooland, Tocoma Park, Hisdale, Bloomingdale, Burrville, Charlton Heights, Georgetown, Hyattsville, Forest Glen, Fenallytown, Twining City, Riversdale, Westly Heights, Wilen, Avondale, Beninngo, Montello, Mount Pleasant, Highland, Seabright, Anacosta, Columbian Heights, Calorama, Rockville, Silver Springs and Brightwood, also others.

The population of Washington is not much greater than Detroit, so if Detroit wants suburban towns for breathing places, it will choose from the best sites, which never can be found to equal Birmingham. The time will be measured by the public spirit of our citizens, in the degree of their own acts of energy and encouragement to bring about what every public-spirited citizen would most desire, that is to say, making Birmingham the model village of the land, and withal, make it an interest for her citizens. I read the offer of Mr. Thomas Langley, and was favorably impressed with his project and suggestions for improving and beautifying our beautiful, pleasant village, and think it very worthy in him for so generous an offer.

GEO. BLAKESLEE.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an election of officers held at National Hall, on Monday, March 9, 1891, at which time and place the following officers will be elected for the ensuing year: One president, three trustees for two years, one clerk, one treasurer, one assessor, one street commissioner and one constable. Dated at Birmingham, Mich., February 16, 1891.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Village Clerk.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the village board of registration will convene at the clerk's office at Whitehead & Mitchell's store, Saturday, March 7, 1891, for registering such voters and transacting any other business that may come before the board. Dated at Birmingham, Mich., February 16, 1891.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Village Clerk.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a caucus will be held at National hotel, Saturday evening, March 7, 1891, for the purpose of nominating village officers for the ensuing year. By order Comm.

Dated February 16, 1891.

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, Village Clerk.

EUREKA.

This is what you ought to have, in fact, you must have it, to fully enjoy life. Thousands are searching for it daily, and mourning because they find it not. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are spent annually by our people in the hope that they attain this boon. And yet it may be had by all. We guarantee that Electric Bitters, if used according to directions and the use persisted in, will bring you Good Digestion and oust the demon Dyspepsia and install instead Eupepsy. We recommend Electric Bitters for Dyspepsia and all diseases of Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Sold at 50c. and $1 per bottle by Whitehead & Mitchell, druggists. 8

SHALL BIRMINGHAM PROSPER?

SHE SHALL.

We fail to see why more of our citizens do not fall in line with Mr. Thos. Langley's proposition and become one of twenty or more to give $5 per year, we will say for five years, and at the end of that time such improvements will be so great and grand that we will no doubt keep up the contributions.

We understand this sum is to be used under the advice and consent of a committee chosen by the stockholders, in close connection with the Birmingham Improvement Society, as it is far from the wish of Mr. Langley or any other stockholder to take one bit of the glory due the young people for their ardent and meritorious work. Far from it.

There ought to be at least forty not only willing but anxious to contribute this sum for the benefit of their own village and their own property as it were. It is cold cash right back in your own pockets and no wait either. This money will go to do work that we all feel ought to be done by the board but which they don't feel like undertaking at the present time and for other beautifying schemes that we all would be proud to see.

Let us see how the list stands now. In the first place the originator and proposer of the plan

Thomas I. Langley	$5 00
Whitehead & Mitchell	5 00
Mattie Baldwin	5 00
M. K. Taber	5 00
John Hanna	5 00
George E. Salmon	5 00

Mr. Taber sees how this would be a grand thing for our village and says he will give even $10 rather than to see the plan fall through, which we do not think it possible when our people rouse up to the importance of the question. A petition will soon be circulated in our midst and we urge every land owner to become one of a company to improve our popular and handsome village.

Do let us all bear a hand and make "the loveliest village of the plain" shine.

Who will be the next to follow Taber? From George Blakeslee's letter we feel as if he could be added to the list but we will wait and let George talk for himself.

THE JUBILEE SINGERS.

All their lives, the lash or the auction block had been the swift penalty for slaves who were caught learning to read. Schools were started even before the close of the first six months of the war. Hundreds of Northern ladies came to teach these degraded people their A B C's. Now that the fetters had fallen there came an eagerness to learn. Families pinched with hunger asked more eagerly for schools than for bread. Women of three score and ten mastered the alphabet in a week. Old men bent over the spelling book with their grandchildren. The story of the Jubilee Singers seems little like a story from real life. It is the story of a little company of emancipated slaves who set out to secure, by singing, the fabulous sum of $2,000,000 for their impoverished and unknown schools in which they were students. The story of buying a site on the sly. Barracks turned into schoolrooms. Old handcuffs sold to buy Testaments. Experiments with the student choir. The forlorn hope starts. Ups and downs, especially "downs." Uncouth outfits. Concerts at Cleveland, Columbus, New York. Distinguished lecturer loses his audience and follows them to hear the singers. Singing for President Grant. Next ECCENTRIC will speak of visits to London, Glasgow, Belfast, Edinburgh, in Germany and the verdict of German critics.

The Epworth League are making themselves known as hustlers. Deploring our inability to procure a lecture course they appear to be trying to fill the bill. Friday of next week Mark B. Beale, professor of elocution. They have secured the League District Convention which comes here the latter part of March. They are now working hard to secure promises of tickets, at 25 cents, to enable them to invite the noted "Fisk Jubilee Singers" some time in March. If you wish to hear these singers send your name and and others at once to this this office, Thomas Hanna, or Peabody & Son, saying how many tickets you wish to receive.

CLAWSON.

The grippe, the grippe

Mrs. Mollie Hartelz (nee Reid) was in town recently.

Mr. Ted Trombley and sister Alice have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Todd.

Mr. Bell's family have had a good taste of the grippe.

Mrs. John Norris, of Amy, was in town lately.

The doctor is attending Mr. Soules' family who are sick with the grippe.

Codner has been slightly indisposed for a few days.

The grippe is in Mr. S. Groves' family.

Nip alias Ginger alias Ed Fall is laid up with a lacerated knee.

Clawson is bound to grow. Two new houses to be built soon and then something will happen.

The doctor is attending H. J. Bowers' family. Grippe is the cause.

John Dodds has returned from his sojourn in the west.

Mr. Will Graham and cousin Miss Carrie Bell have returned to their home in Iowa after a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Orin Bean, of Meadville, Penn., is staying in town at present writing.