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TIME TABLE

Detroit, Lansing & Northern R. R. and Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western R. R. IN EFFECT, April 20, '91.

WESTWARD:

Morning Express	7:42 a. m.
Mail	12:20 p. m.
Evening Express	5:15 p. m.
Suburban	6:30 p. m.
Chicago Express	8:35 p. m.
Night Express	11:35 p. m.

EASTWARD:

Chicago Express	4:05 a. m.
Suburban	7:40 a. m.
Detroit Express	11:10 a. m.
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Evening Express	9:00 p. m.

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All who are not identified with other church hes 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 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 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.

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HOME NOTES.

Mrs. Ira Slade, of Detroit, spent a few days with us last week.

Many new side walks are improving the appearance of our streets.

Mrs. Frank Drake, of Detroit, looked in on her old friends one day last week.

Wanted—Good girl at Mrs. J. F. Quick's. Good wages and steady place.

Don't neglect to read the adv't of John Pound & Bro., of Pontiac, in this issue.

Miss Nellie Camp has been quite sick the past week, but is now on the fast road to recovery.

Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. John Baldwin have generously filled the two new flower beds in the depot ground.

The rainy weather of the past week gave the city fathers plenty of opportunity to see where gravel is needed.

We have had placed in our hands for sale a house and four lots on Maple avenue belonging to Mrs. F. Drake. Read bargain No. 50.

Mrs. C. G. Crooks, of East Bloomfield, N. Y., is making her friends in this place a short visit, after which she will call on friends at Pontiac and Detroit.

Some sneak thief, who is by no means unknown, broke into the tool house last week and stole two padlocks and keys, the property of the sexton, Mr. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. M. Wiley, while visiting friends at Pontiac, last Saturday, drove down to Greenwood cemetery and then to the village, making a few short calls.

Frank Smith, at the National, has lost his key ring with six or more keys. Finder can have a dinner with a big, big D, as well as the thanks of the owner, if they will return the keys.

Mr. M. Wilde has his eye on some wicked party who is helping themselves to Wilde wood, without asking and if it is not stopped at once, Martin says something will drop.

So many of our people have mowed the grass along the street front, that the man who don't do it is the exception and you will usually find that man holding down the steps on some corner.

Mr. Eugene Brooks and son Frank, started for Denver, Col., last Tuesday, for a number of weeks' visit in the west. We hope they will have a pleasant visit and a safe return.

School district No. 5, of Southfield, will give a picnic in Mr. Elliott's grove, on the Fourth of July. An interesting program and refreshments will be served. All turn out and make it a success.

Mrs. J. R. Corson, met with a very painful accident on Saturday last, putting her elbow out of joint, by falling. She is recovering as rapidly as possible under good care and treatment.

Great bargains now offered by Codnor. Having closed out Edson, Moore & Co., in ladies' and gents' hose also a line of gents' shirts, and will sell all the above at wholesale prices. Wait to see these goods and prices. 2

Our old friend 'Squire Hitchcock, of Royal Oak, made us a brief call on Saturday last. The old gentleman bears the burden of his eighty years most gracefully and we hope he will live to see many more.

Morgan W. Rundel has accepted the agency of the Clipper Safety bicycle, manufactured at Grand Rapids, Mich. Ball bearing all around, fully nickled. Warranted for the low price of $60. For full particulars call on or address, M. W. Rundel, Birmingham, Mich.

The Ladies' Working Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Allen, Friday, July 3. Committee for July: Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. Leonard, biscuit; Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Whiting, cake; Mrs. Boyd, butter; Mrs. Simpson, sauce.

A prominent Detroit real estate man heads his flaming advertisement with—"Why go to Birmingham?" etc. Just because it is the most shady, quiet, cool, useful place to be found. Come out of your hot, close, dusty city and see for yourself.

See what Mrs. M. Smith has to say about the bakery business in this weeks' issue. Fresh cakes and pies every day, also brown, yeast, and raisining bread, ice cream made from Jersey cream every day in the week. Read her announcement over carefully and then you will know for yourself.

W. E. McClellan, of Hess Road Station, Niagara Co., N. Y., wants to leave a lot in Birmingham for a term of years, to put up a steam fruit evaporator, and will employ 25 or 30 hands. If our citizens want a good chance to encourage a nice little manufacturing interest, they will address Mr. McClellan as above.

The "B. B. B's.," a club of 12 little girls, will serve ice cream, cake and lemonade during the afternoon and early evening, of July 4th, on the lawn of E. C. Poppleton's. Proceeds to go toward the new organ for the Presyterian church. Ethel Parkinson, president; Belle Ward, vice president; Carrie Poppleton, secretary; Edna Merrell, treasurer.

Funny man that Frank Blakeslee. He is always funny, but the funniest thing he has done lately is the special offer which he makes on some of the goods he handles. If you don't think we are right about this specially funny thing for a country merchant to do, just glance at the new advertisement which he gets out this week. It is right on this page.

Hurrah for the Foresters! Under their careful study and guidance, the brass band is being thoroughly organized and with constant practice will soon discourse their sweet music on our streets. We hope so for the only thing we do lack to make life in Birmingham a regular giddy whirl, a Newport twist, as it were, is a brass band and now we've got it.

Those readers who remember with pleasure the wierd, dreamy story of Dr. Isaac's will welcome the last of F. Marion Crawford's book, "Khaled," A Tale of Arabia. "A New Aristocracy," by a Detroit lady, a book, whose sale ran up into the hundred thousands, within the few first weeks of its publication is to be found at the Ladies' Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Nichols, of Ft. Gratiot, Mich., visited David Roy on the Robinson farm, in Troy, the first part of the week. Although Mrs. Roy was absent on a visit to relatives in Sanilac county, still David spread himself and entertained the company in good style, so much so that they declared they never had a better visit.

Mortie O. Bigelow, son of J. Allen Bigelow, successfully passed examination and was admitted as a West Point cadet, last Monday. Mort was an alternative and the principal failing his chance for examination came good and he was accepted. We predict for our village boy a brilliant military career and a most successful and happy one. Good for Mort.

We are indebted to the Detroit Evening News for cuts necessary to reproduce their article on "Beautiful Birmingham." Their article much different from a paid boom advertisement, is neat, unique and original and we have no doubt, but that all of our readers will enjoy the article fully as well as we did. Mr. Grinnell, editor of the Sunday News, is mainly responsible for the article which all will heartily enjoy.

We are in receipt of a beautiful pamphlet which contains the proceeding of the last meeting of the Michigan Press Association. It is indeed beautiful and reflects great credit on the secretary, Fred Slocum. It contains many fine illustrations and pictures of the draft. The printing was done by the Seeman & Peters Printing Co., of Saginaw, and is perfect in every respect.

On the west side of Saginaw street, just this side of the bridge are some small trees, some were put there by the Improvement Society and some by the Cemetery Society. Horses hitched to the rail which protects the walks, not only injure the walk which is kept up at the village expense, but are sure to ruin these trees.

The Senior exercises to-night promises to be of unusual interest. The class numbers fourteen, the largest ever graduated from our High School. Schemser's orchestra, of Detroit, furnish the music for the occasion. Elsewhere in our issue will be found the program.

Miss Katie E. Todd, of Royal Oak, left Monday for an extended trip to Nothern Michigan. She will also visit her uncle and aunt of Marquette, before returning.

The business men of Holly must be a curious body, see what the Holly Advertiser says: The City Council became ashamed of our business men and ordered street commissioner Stranahan to put in hitching posts wherever they were out, and he is busy at it and doing a good job. We understand that in front of a certain block he has been requested by the owner not to put them. This is a mistake and we trust no attention will be given to the party and posts be put down. No man has a right to say that hitching posts shall not be placed in front of his store.

One of the happiest crowds that we have seen for a year or more, are camping on Straits Lake and will break camp some time this week, after a happy time of it for the last two weeks. The master spirits of the crowd have been L. B. Peabody, T. A. Ward, Dan Bessett, M. G. Jones, Jack Baldwin, of course the party would not be complete without that happiest of all campers, Sam Mills. Then to add to their other comforts, they are camping on the shore near the residence of Al Clikeman who lives in the loveliest imaginable place midway between Orchard and Strait lakes and it seems to be the constant study of this good man to make others happy and there is no camper in the crowd that will say that Al is not successful. The boys say that they never can repay the kindness shown them by Mr. C. and family.

From the Detroit Evening News.

LOVELY BIRMINGHAM.

One of Detroit's Beautifully Shaded Suburbs.

SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THIS QUAINT VILLAGE.

A Local Oddity—A Water System Supplied by a Flowing Well—Extraordinary Burglar Story—New Feature of Landlordism—Detroiters Who Live in Birmingham.

Eighteen miles from the metropolis nestles in a mass of foliage the quaint old town of Birmingham. Probably, notwithstanding the proximity of this charming place, few Detroiters know much about it or have ever been there. Situated in the midst of a well wooded and undulating country, it is remarkable that the wearied Detroit citizens have not discovered in Birmingham an agreeable suburban resort, where the simple pleasures of a country life may be enjoyed, if only as a relaxation from the gayeties and turmoil of the city. Perhaps this is partly due to the inadequate suburban train service, but no one can doubt that the time is at hand when the railroad company will see that suburban traffic is not to be sneezed at, and with an improved service of trains one may look to see wonders in this direction.

[BEAUTIFUL BIRMINGHAM—A BIT OF SAGINAW AVENUE.]

Notwithstanding a recent attempt by land speculators to push their subdivison near the depot, Birmingham can hardly be said to be booming rapidly. It is not, however, by any means a deserted village. One may look in vain for copses

"where once a garden smiled
And still where many a garden flower grows wild."

There are, however, many beautiful gardens and eke houses, and a Detroiter who resolved to build for himself a country house in Birmingham need have no fear of being buried alive.

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Birmingham was first settled in 1819, and was incorporated a village in 1865. It boasts of a commodious hotel called "The National" where is dispensed such wholesome food and simple entertainment as the stranger has a right to expect. Those who prefer it would find little difficulty in obtaining accommodation for a long or short period in private houses where boarders are taken. The manufactories of the place are not extensive, consisting of three flour and two saw mills; the chief articles of export being lumber, hardwood and farm produce.

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The town consists of two principal streets, viz., Maple and Saginaw avenues, both of them wide thoroughfares lined with beautiful shade-giving trees. These avenues intersect, and at their point of intersection the chief business of the town is conducted. Here Messrs. Whitehead & Mitchell are building a bank, and here also are situated the chief stores and hotel. Saginaw avenue is the Woodward avenue of Birmingham, and here are many handsome residences surrounded by their well kept lawns and gardens.

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The water system of Birmingham is worthy of special notice. The water is obtained from a flowing well 60 feet deep. It runs into an immense reservoir 50 feet deep and over 60 feet in circumference. A 60 horse power engine pumps the water directly into the mains. The water works were erected on the Holly system at a total cost of $17,000.

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The intellectual as well as the physical needs of the town are cared for in the establishment of a public school where over 200 children receive instructions, a library of 2,000 volumes, and the publication of a bright little weekly newspaper THE ECCENTRIC which it is only fair to say has nothing eccentric about it but its name. The proprietors of THE ECCENTRIC are Messrs. Whitehead & Mitchell, and these gentlemen are veritable hustlers, for besides the newspaper they run a grocery and drug store, a bank, and a telephone office. They also engage in real estate.

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There is growing up around Birmingham a class of tenant farmers renting or working on shares, for the benefit of the former occupier of the farm. Among those who thus rent out their farms may be mentioned Major Jones, a miller who owns a farm which he rents; Julius F. Rundel, a prominent sheep breeder and importer of the famous Shropshire and other breeds, his son working the farm on shares; Frank Ford, who owns a farm in Troy, his brother working it for him on shares; M. K. Taber, who owns a large farm, also in Troy, which he rents out, and Orin Poppleton, a wealthy landowner. Mr. Poppleton is rather a remarkable character, and owns extensive pine lands in the south.

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It may be confidently asserted that there are no flies on Mr Poppleton. Some years ago some burglar took it into his head to carry the war into the Poppleton camp. It is not easy to catch Poppleton asleep. Accordingly the burglar met with a warm reception. The Poppletons, father and son, hearing a noise in the night, sprang from their warm couches, and arming themselves with revolvers prepared, like "the strong man armed," in the scripture, to keep their house and to do or die in defense of lares and penates. A council of war was held, and it was arranged that one should slam a door to frighten the felonious intruder, while the other potted him from a convenient ambush. All went just as was expected The burglar was frightened and put his head out of a window, and as he did so pop! went Mr. Poppleton's popgun, and Mr. Burglar was hurried out of an unsympathizing world unaneled and unabsolved.

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Another somewhat noted man in Birmingham is Wesley Faint, the father of Lena Faint, a little girl of 13, whose fable contributions to The Sunday News give evidence of future promise. Wesley Faint is a painter, and thinks nothing of an 18 mile walk to Novi and 10-hours' work when he gets there. Mr. Faint is a good deal of a humorist, and has his own opinion on a good many interesting and disputed subjects. He is not exactly a dogmatic theologian, but said, apropos to Joshua's remarkable power of continuing the sun shine, that he (Joshua) was "a sort of a man to work for by the job."

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There are several Detroiters interested in Birmingham; among them are J. R. Cooper, the copper ore man who has a 300 acre stock farm in Birmingham; G. A. Watkins, general state agent for the Pennsylvania life insurance company, who owns a farm of over 300 acres at Birmingham and breeds Shetland ponies and Jersey cattle; Julian Lee, agent for the Bolton heating and lighting company, of Detroit, who is building a house according to plans of A. C. Varney & Co., the local architects. The peculiarity of this house is that its walls are partly composed of stones taken from the famous battle fields of America, and which bear appropriate inscriptions. Horace Randall, an old traveling man for K. C. Barker's American Eagle Tobacco Co., Detroit, has built himself a pleasant residence on Maple avenue, surrounded by beautiful grounds and enjoying an extensive and charming view of the country. Miss Martha Baldwin is the principal of the Norvell school, Detroit, and Miss Post is a teacher in the Wilkins school. Both of these ladies retire to Birmingham at the end of this week to spend the day of rest in the country. Other Detroiters residing at Birmingham are Mr. Quick, freight agent of the Grand Trunk and other railroads; Mr. Shearer, Mr. Patton, of the Milwaukee railroad; Mr. Akin and Mr. Wilson.

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Among the oddities of the place is Leo Mathewson, a species of local Huckleberry Finn. The peripatetic News artist caught him shooting sparrows. As a sparrow shooter he is generally allowed to be null secundus. His personality is remarkable to eccentricity, and his face bears the stamp of rustic simplicity associated with the—not altogether "elaborate—duplicity" of a public scarecrow. It only remains to add that Leo's father is a seventh day adventist, a circumstance that occasionally results in religious controversy with his son. Altogether Leo is an institution, in fact quite one of the lions of Birmingham (if one may be permitted the pun). He is not, however, as ferocious as his name implies.

[BEAUTIFUL BIRMINGHAM—THE "LION" OF THE VILLAGE.]

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Another institution, but from altogether a different point of view, is Mr. Partridge, past grand master of the masonic body in Michigan. He was caught on the hop as he was sauntering down Saginaw street—a kindly man and worthy.

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Birmingham is happy in enjoying an immunity from fire, only two fires having occurred in 13 years.

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This pleasant town is the place to spend a happy day. The Neapolitans say, "See Naples and die!" The good people of Birmingham, as contraire, say, "See Birmingham and live here!"

Although it would appear from a recent letter in THE ECCENTRIC that there are some so rude as to describe it as "a dull, one horse town," The News thinks otherwise, if that is any consolation to the Birminghamites.

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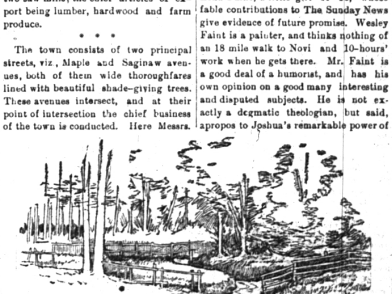
Last Sunday, Mr. M. K. Taber made his 3rd annual trip to Rush's for his regular annual frog dinner. His first trip he took A. Partridge, the second annual he introduced Mitchell to those giddy French girls up at the Pointe with their frog dinners and "parlez vous francais" but he saved the third as best of all the game for his friend E. S. Chamberlin and last Sunday the trip was made. Mose says they had a royal time at dinner, but is unusually reticent on the way they passed the rest of the day, but says they visited the city water works, climbed the tower and called on Will and uncle Gilbert and passed the day in a manner most satisfactory to the visitor.

An exchange reminds the public that the bicyclists have their rights as well as the people. It would be well for drivers on the public highway to remember that a bicyclist or a person riding on a wheel is entitled to half the road, and should a person with a team meet a wheelman or drive to pass one on the road they must turn out the same as if they met another team or vehicle of any kind. Should a team run down a bicyclist on the road and in any way injure the person or damage his wheel the person so doing would be held for damages. The courts have so ruled and it is important that drivers should understand the law and know that wheelmen have rights which all are bound to respect. But wheelmen have no rights on the side walks and should keep in the road.

The preacher works for the souls of men, and generally gets his pay; the merchant reaps his reward for toil in profits from day to day; the banker sits in his office chair with his bundle of cash to rent, and gathers a harvest month by month of vigorous ten per cent.; the dealer in grog stands behind the bar and fills up the schooners high, and jugies the tin that the boys "blow in" for portions of good old rye; the lawyers and the doctors find work to do that brings in the hard gold cash; and the men who wield the plow or spade find money to buy their hash; but the editor has a thankless task as the busy months roll by, and he knows no rest of body or brain while he misses the chance to die. His reward in the world never comes, but over the silent sea, if justice reigns he is bound to have an elegant jubilee.—"Bixby."



[BEAUTIFUL BIRMINGHAM—PARTIAL VIEW OF MAPLE AVENUE.]

[THE RIVER ROUGE AS IT WINDS THROUGH AND AROUND BIRMINGHAM.]