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TIME TABLE

IN EFFECT June 26, '92.

WESTWARD.

†Morning Express.....7:43 a. m.
†Mail.....11:42 a. m.
*Steamboat Express.....4:50 p. m.
†Midnight Express.....6:30 p. m.
*Chicago Express.....9:31 p. m.
*Night Express.....11:45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Chicago Express.....5:58 a. m.
†Saturday.....7:45 a. m.
*Steamboat Express.....11:00 a. m.
†Mail.....3:18 p. m.
†Evening Express.....8:40 p. m.

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(The little church around the corner.)
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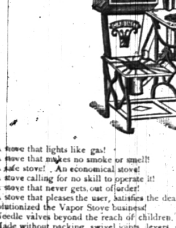

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HOME NOTES.

Mitchell is home again.

Geo. W. Corey's "reign of terror" will continue for another week or so.

FOR SALE—A good new milch cow. Enquire of Fred Stevens, Birmingham Mich. t2

The last book added to the Ladies Library is "Three Vassar Girls in Tyrol."

Mr. J. W. Lee and wife, of Detroit, have been spending a week with his parents here.

Last week Arthur Ford sold the old Clark Pearsall farm to Mrs. Charlotte Riley, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, and daughter Josie, of Columbus, Ohio, are visiting at David Roys.

The Demorest medal contest at the Covenanter church, in Southfield, has been indefinitely postponed.

The Misses Hoy and Miss Ida Corey start this morning for a weeks visit with relatives on Saubabaw Plains.

This is the season when the ten dollars a week clerk takes his two weeks vacation and poses for a millionaire away from home.

President Harrison will have to be careful or those two Foster's in his cabinet will bring about an international financial crisis.

It seems but a day since Miss Bess Merrell was a school girl; yet to-day the young lady holds a lucrative position in Washington, D. C.

COOK WANTED.—A good cook is wanted immediately at the National Hotel. Good wages. Call on or address J. O. Beattie, Birmingham, Mich.

Great Scott! They do say that Geo. Niles, a life long democrat, flies over his house a prohibition flag for 1892, and shouts for Bidwell and Cosfield.

Special communication of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. this Thursday evening, July 14. Work.

A. PARTRIDGE, Sec'y.

Our old friend, Geo. J. Warner, passed a successful state examination for a pharmacist, along with the rest of the boys, last week at the Star Island House.

Mr. Robert Hanna, Sr. and Julius Leet have both laid new walks about their premises, which are very useful to the owners and very ornamental to the places.

It is not believed that Gen. Bidwell's name had any special significance in getting him the presidential nomination of the prohibitionists, although to bid well often counts.

For once the City of Chicago got left, but it was the Inman steamship City of Chicago, which was wrecked on the rocky coast of Ireland, and not the hustling city by the lake.

Every woman in town may not be able to pay five cents a month to the village improvement society, but she can teach the children to pick up the wood, sticks, etc., in the street front.

Geo. J. Warner will summer in this village, and it's worth a quarter to hear him tell of seeing one of Prince Mike's followers get his hair cut. Of course George was only a spectator.

We overheard a lady say soon after corporation election that now she was glad we had at least one temperance man on the village board, and now the great question is: "Who is he?"

Nearly forty Methodist ladies met at Mrs. N. M. Corey's last week and had a thorough business meeting and transacted a lot of necessary work. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Munger's.

About this time economical fathers are finding out that a mistake was made in selling the unabidged dictionary and the cyclopedia and depending upon the graduates in the family for information.

The advertising agent of the circus rather overdid the business when he started the rumor that the proprietor was crazy. A free ad it was a howling success, but all the same the proprietor objected to it.

Mrs. Wm. White, of Royal Oak, and Mrs. F. P. Beekman and daughter, of Birmingham, have gone to Philadelphia for a visit to their daughter, sister and aunt, Mrs. Chas. Adear. We wish them all a fine sea breeze.

Mr. W. H. Street and wife, of Fort Scott, Kan., also Mr. Frank Sprague, of North Dakota, accompanied by Misses Adele and Sarah Page, of Pontiac, made the family of M. A. Dewey a pleasant visit Saturday last.

Visitors at the Watkins Stock Farm: The Misses Alice and Edith Watkins, Miss Bertha Huyette, all of Detroit; also Messrs. Frank Stevens, F. W. Blair, E. Brook Randall. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The professional notoriety hunter now gets his free advertising by offering to bet large sums of money on this or that presidential candidate, and accompanying the offer with conditions he knows nobody will agree to.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of Wausau, Wis., visited their brother Harvey C., of this place, the early part of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are on their return having been to New York city along with the Y. P. S. C. E. excursion.

This place will soon be celebrated for its grass widowers as well as for its unadulterated blessings and its true-for-honest widows, for among the gentlemen keeping bachelor hall, their wives being away at the seaside, are Mr. M. K. Taber, Frank Allen, T. A. Ward, Frank Blakeslee and Geo. H. Mitchell.

One day last week we were presented with the nicest bunch of roses we have seen in a long time, Frank Beekman being the donor. These were taken from a bush which Frank set out last year and which came from Chas. W. Stewart, Newark, N. Y., which company he represents. This bush had on it this year 103 perfect roses. How's that for a yearling?

Bill Nye says: "Our wagon roads throughout the country are generally a disgrace to civilization, and before we undertake to supply Jaegar underwear and sealskin covered bibles with flexible backs to the Africans, it might be well to put a few dollars to the relief of galled and broken down horses that have lost their health on our miserable highways."

"Camp Frisky" has made its prize award to Thos. A. Ward, who captured it during the recent encampment. It is a beauty—a large colored picture of a bright, young lad with a good healthy fish fastened to his line. The exclamation of the excited lad: "Help me, papa" is the title to the piece, and not one of the entire gang but envies the happy Thomas his possession of the piece.

Mrs. Spencer Gray, of Troy, has fallen heir to a large estate in England. The estate is estimated at $17,000,000 and there are sixty heirs. Besides Mrs. Gray there are two other heirs in Oakland county, George S. Babcock and his sister, Mrs. Frank Jarrard, both of Pontiac. The heirs are greatly surprised at their sudden good fortune, as they had not been in the direct line of inheritance till very recently.

The Forester's band of fifteen pieces was out last Saturday evening and played many pieces to an admiring audience. What is the matter with the merchants one and all subscribing liberally to this organization? The boys have to buy new music, their lessons cost them a mint of money, and certainly their music is worth having. Some one pass around the subscription. We are sure it will meet with a hearty reception.

There will be a meeting of the Birmingham Prohibition League on Wednesday evening, July 20, at 8 o'clock at the M. E. Parsonage. The questions for discussion will be: "Why am I a Prohibitionist?" and "Why am I not a Prohibitionist?" All are cordially invited to be present and take part in the discussion, whatever your political faith may be.

By order of the League,
T. C. WILLIAMS, Pres.
BERT PEABODY, Sec'y.

"Friend Mitchell of the Birmingham Eccentric is an enthusiastic bicyclist. He has just arranged an interesting match for a race between himself and another disciple, from the village to the crossing, whereby the loser of the race is to 'set up' the ice cream for all the ladies in town. Wonder if we are 'in it?'"—Detroit North Side Gazette. Certainly, ladies, you are "in it." Come up any time and we will have the ice cream anyway, if Mitchell has to pay for it himself.

St. Nicholas Magazine has been getting suggestions from its readers as to a national song. "The Star Spangled Banner," seems to have the strongest existing claim to that honor, but one young person, who objects to words but thinks well of the music, makes the novel proposition to fit the words of "My Country 'tis of Thee" to the music of the "Star Spangled Banner." The editor of St. Nicholas suggests that she seek some quiet place and try the effect of mixing the two very cautiously.

We will publish a communication next week from "The Village Kicker." We are not certain that it is best for a newspaper to give space to articles in this line, but have decided to try it awhile and see. Therefore, "The Village Kicker" can send in his kicks each week until further notice. Now, then, if you have any complaints of a public nature, make them known. Of course there will not be more than two or three at the most as our village trustees keep everything in their departments snug up.

Mr. John Pound, of Pontiac, whose name has grown familiar as familiar can be to our numerous readers, and to whom the words "The Bee-Hive" brings a pleasing recollection, comes to the public this week with a new announcement. His annual summer sale is now at its height, and in spite of the unusually quiet season this busy store is doing a thriving business, the clerks busy and polite to all, while the genial proprietor is constantly Pounding lower the prices. Call at the Bee-Hive while in Pontiac.

Mr. A. Partridge, county agent for boys, informs us that at the Lansing reform school are a lot of bright, smart boys ranging in age from ten to fifteen years, for whom good homes are wanted. These little fellows are not naturally bad, that is, all of them; they have been sent to Lansing more to control them than for wickedness and the result shows that they usually make good men if sent away to country homes. Call on or address Mr. A. Partridge of this place or write to Mr. W. H. S. Wood, superintendent, at Lansing.

Mr. A. Partridge who is county agent for this county and has the care and control of the little shavers sent by this county to Coldwater and Lansing, informs us that the home is fairly overflowing with children from infants to say twelve years of age. All nice healthy little ones for whom homes are wanted. These children will be sent to anyone applying for them, after certain conditions are complied with and anyone who wishes to adopt a child should address the home or Mr. A. Partridge, this place, and thus benefit themselves and do an act of charity for an unfortunate orphan.

J. F. Rundell, of Birmingham, has purchased about 50,000 lbs. of wool this season. He says three parties, well known farmers, were compelled to settle for doing up their unwashed tugs in double fleeces, and representing that they were all washed. These men were not only injuring their own characters, but damaging the reputation of the wool growers in that section. The fact is wool growers should put their names on their clips, and thus guarantee their quality and condition. Fruit growers have found this to be an excellent thing in disposing of their crops, and wool growers could follow their example with profit. Dishonesty on the part of either buyer or seller is a curse to any business, and injures everyone engaged in it.—Michigan Farmer.

Last week the writer with his family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson, of this village, and Mrs. C. G. Crooks, of East Bloomfield, N. Y., spent a few days at Niagara Falls, saw all the wonderful sights and one and all returned to their respective homes more than pleased with their visit. During their stay there they were kindly and hospitably entertained at Salt's new hotel, but two minutes walk from the depot, and aside from the careful attention paid to them by Mr. Salt himself and an able corps of efficient waiters, the pleasant surroundings all tended to make our stay delightful. The moral is plain: When at Niagara Falls, N. Y. even for a day, go nowhere else but to Salt's New Hotel, and if you like to see a valuable kennel ask Mr. Salt to take you out to see his St. Bernards.

"Why American Villages Differ in Prosperity" is the title of a neat little pamphlet by Hon. B. C. Northrup, in which he says: "In many parts of the country, especially in the west, but indeed in the east as well, villages and cities are not always aware of the actual cash value to themselves of a handsome outward appearance, of certain inexpensive improvements and of sanitary betterments. Nor do they fully realize the pleasure to be derived from the formation of associations, which will bring the people of the place together, irrespective of party, in friendly consultation and practical co-operation for the common good." Mr. Northrup tells what has been done in a large number of places, which he mentions by name, in the line of village improvement, and what the communities have gained by it.

The sale of the old Gillespie farm by Riley Bros. to Col. T. K. Roberts, of Detroit, was concluded last week through the real estate exchange of Whitehead & Mitchell. Col. Roberts is a man of wealth and culture and designs putting his new purchase under a first class state of cultivation, repairing the old buildings, eventually building new ones and making it a first class stock farm in every respect. His specialties are the importing and breeding of the celebrated English hackney carriage horses, one of the finest specimens of which breed is at present quartered at the Cooper stock farm, adjoining the Colonel's new farm, and was imported by him. The horse is well worth the inspection of any one who wants to see a perfect type of the English hackney stallion, and is attracting considerable attention among horsemen in this locality. Col. Roberts will also import and breed the red polled cattle, and he has read us a list of some selections he had made, the prices he pays serving to open our eyes to the fact that he will not stop at expense to make his herd the finest in this vicinity.

A NOTABLE HOTEL.

It was in the early part of the year 1827 that John Hamilton, one of the very first settlers of the village of Birmingham, or "Hamiltown" as it was then called, built the northern part of the present National Hotel, or, more properly speaking, the "Beattie House," a very faithful picture of which we present our readers this week at the head of this column. Mr. Hamilton had been "keeping tavern" in a log house a short distance north and east from the present site of the hotel and found his accommodations were inadequate, so built the first part of the house which has been a landmark and a place of refuge for all from the scorching rays of the summer sun or the rude blasts of the winter wind for nearly sixty-five years. Of course the improvements which have been made from time to time by the various owners have nearly obliterated all traces of the old original house, but the old hotel stand has held out a welcome to the wayfarer for all these years.

John Hamilton was succeeded in 1842 by John Davis and he by Leman Fuller, Peter Dox, Frank and David Curtis, Mr. Taylor, King and Valentine (under whose ownership the southern portion of the house containing the hall was erected), John Daines, his widow, Alice A. Daines, her son Geo. E. Daines and early last April by the present owner and proprietor, James O. Beattie, who has made so many improvements since he came into possession that one scarcely notices the old landmarks the change being more noticeable in the treatment which the guests receive—not but the former proprietors were hospitable enough, but Mr. Beattie is every inch a landlord and his efforts to please his guests and see that none go away hungry or dissatisfied are rapidly making a new name for the old house and it is no strange thing to see from fifty to a round hundred guests fed there any day.

Mr. Beattie only regrets that his present accommodations are so limited that he cannot accommodate one-half of the applicants for regular permanent board and many are the disappointed heats of, families who are anxious to find an abiding place for their wives and children that have had to submit to Mr. Beattie's reluctant refusal. This condition of affairs only relates to permanent boarders, however, and transient or day boarders can always find a table well spread with all that goes to supply the wants of the inner man at rates as low as many a hotel in the cities would charge for the poorest fare.

Mr. Beattie is a man who is bound to be up to the times, as his livery and undertaking business will testify, having built three lines of business up from nothing at all to one of the finest establishments in the interior of the state; and when we ask him what he is going to do about the inadequate capacity of the old hotel building he simply looks wise and says "wait until next year;" so we live in the assurance that the hotel interests of the village is in excellent hands and are content to wait.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

To the Editors of Birmingham Eccentric.

Noticing your strictures and complaints as to the condition of the sidewalks in our village would beg leave to say, that while I contend that the condition of our sidewalks (with one or two exceptions, and they have been notified to repair them) are in better condition than they have been for years, allow me here to say that your sidewalk on Pierce street is one of the exceptions and needs repairing badly, and although one of your firm has been notified twice to my knowledge the condition of the sidewalk at the present writing continues the same.

"People who live in glass houses should not throw stones."

Yours,
T. A. WARD,
Chairman Street Committee.
Birmingham, Mich., July 8, 1892.

TRAVIS "PLAYS BALL."

OMAHA, NEB., July 3, 1892.
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL:—

Thanks to Uncle Sam's splendid mail facilities the ECCENTRIC reaches me promptly every Friday evening, or has done so up to this time. However it will be one day late now as my base of operations has been transferred to central and western Nebraska, with headquarters at Grand Island where is located the famous Ormand Beet Sugar Refinery, the largest in the United States. Will have something to say about it later, as it may interest some of your readers.

Saturday last was a day long to be remembered, for that day your humble servant played his first game of base ball, and in this connection let me remark that if anyone thinks that your uncle Charles can't play ball they are off their base. We were decidedly "in it." The traveling men of Omaha and Council Bluffs played a match game. I threw my fortune with the Council Bluffs nine and the way we trounced the Omaha boys was just "out of sight." Of course at this writing I am somewhat "disfigured but still in the ring."

There is a convention in session at Omaha now—the Peoples' party. The city is crowded with delegates of all shapes, sizes and colors. Those with long flowing locks predominate. The barbers should reap a harvest during the next week. I have talked with a few of the delegates and every one seems to know just how the government ought to be run, etc.

By the way, George, I've had one story taken off that hat; it is only two feet high now.

Had you witnessed the game I played yesterday you would have been convinced that I had mistaken my calling—instead of selling oil I should have been a professional base ballist. More anon.

Wearily Yours,
C. S. TRAVIS.

TROY TWINKLINGS.

Is this warm enough for you?

We are not very busy gathering fruits this season.

This is good hay weather; so improve every moment.

Willis Buttolph spent a few days in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Jarvis visited friends at Royal Oak last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gerls, of Pontiac, visited friends one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Pontiac, Sundayed with John Daniels and family.

Our young people took in Belle Isle, Fenton, Orion, Rochester, the lakes and Big Beaver on the 4th.

Mrs. Herman Darmstaetter and children, of Detroit, has been visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity for the past two weeks.

The person who entered J. N. Lowry's granary last—— oh, you know when, and relieved him of several bushels of oats had better not repeat his visit.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

Harvesting has commenced and everywhere we hear the sound of the mower and reaper.

Peace and tranquility reigns around Wing Lake since the Bradys-Brayman have moved to West Bloomfield.

Miss Sadie Thomas closed another successful term of school in the Wing Lake district on Saturday last with speaking, singing, etc.

Miss Ida, second daughter of Mr. Elmer Higby is very low at this writing, but we hope through the careful treatment of Drs. Buel and Galbraith we may soon see her in our midst.

The glorious 4th is past and Franklin did its share of celebrating. The order of the day was a ball game in Chas. Johnston's meadow in the afternoon with the Detroit boys, but we are sorry to say our boys did not get a score. All kinds of races and no accidents with the exception of Mr. Alex Brown, of Southfield, being run over by a bicycle. Alas! no one climbed the greased pole to gain the dollar on top. Next was the bowery dance but the rain about 12 o'clock told the people it was time to go home.

SEALED PROPOSALS WANTED.

Sealed proposals are wanted for repairing the School House in District No. 5, Southfield. Bids will be received up to 6 p. m., July 26, 1892. Specifications can be seen by calling on or addressing M. Stewart, Southfield.

The board reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By Order of Board,
J. K. BROOKS, Director.