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IN EFFECT June 26, '92.

WESTWARD.

†Morning Express	7.45 a. m.
†Mail	11.42 a. m.
*Steamboat Express	4.00 p. m.
*Suburban	6.20 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9.30 p. m.
*Night Express	11.45 p. fo.

EASTWARD.

*Chicago Express	6.08 a. m.
*Suburban	7.45 a. m.
*Steamboat Express	10.50 a. m.
†Mail	3.16 p. m.
†Evening Express	9.40 p. m.

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HOME NOTES.

Mr. E. G. Stevenson and family will summer at Hurons Beach.

Miss Lizzie Smith, of Detroit, is visiting Miss Bentley at the Watkins Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neader, of Detroit, visited over Sunday at the Watkins Farm.

That silver corpse is again "digging a tarn" to unlawful music on the congressional stage.

Harrison and Cleveland stand too close together to give the political flopper a fair chance.

Of what use would a village paper be if it did not look out for the welfare of that village?

Miss Jennie Logan and Maggie Carson, of New York, are visiting at Mrs. W. Harrison's.

Columbus' lost anchor will be at the World's Fair next year with a guarantee of genuineness.

Awl bring yur sence too the laun social Saturday nite, at Mr. Alick Parks' ice creasm and kake.

Big political bets are now being made—in the papers. Next fall they will be paid in the same way.

Mrs. S. Heath and Mrs. E. G. Gleason, of Richmond, Mich., are visiting at the Rainey mansion.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Lodge, No. 149, K. of P., Monday, July 25. Work 1st degree.

This seems to be se zure season in Behring's sea, and poaching for seals is not the only trouble it has been.

We are glad to print this week a real good western letter from Eugene Brooks that is very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rose and the Misses Verona and Julia Rose have gone to Nebraska for the summer.

There are just two persons in this town who take interest enough in the Park to water the trees there.

A New York boarding house keeper seized a baby for debt. She had a howling security, if not a valuable one.

Miss May Eldred, of Troy, has returned home from Detroit, where she has been spending a few days with friends.

The Standard Oil Company bids fair to become an issue in the National campaign. Somebody wants to "strike oil."

If you want any old papers that you can get them of H. F. Daniels for 25 cents per bushel, warranted to be in good condition.

Why not require people who repair sidewalks to pick up the old refuse lumber and not make the place look as well as before.

A new race course is now being built in Sand Hill and this with the new residences being built makes the village hum right along.

Now, gentlemen, the entries are all made for the great leap year nationals race; make your selection and remember that one can only win.

Owing to the fact that a number of the good M. E. ladies could not find Mrs. Manger's, their meeting has been changed to Mrs. Manser's.

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

Miss Dottie Rhemberg, of Grand Ledge, is visiting May Eldred, of Troy, and will also spend a few days at Wm. Hunt's and at Birmingham.

The Franklin band will be at Birmingham next Saturday evening, if the weather is favorable, and will render some of their fine music on our streets.

The members of the United States senate do not consider national political platforms of much importance, neither do they consider them binding upon either party.

An exchange says the "gold cure" is doing great harm to the saloons; but it fails to say whether the harm is done by killing off the desire for drink or by killing the drinkers.

England is to be congratulated. Oscar Wilde threatens to renounce his allegiance to that country and become a citizen of France. It is rather hard on France, though.

L. Corey, wife and son Harris, of Detroit, with Mrs. L. Corey's sister and mother from Ohio, were the guests of Mrs. N. M. Corey last week and had a most enjoyable visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnston, of Butte City, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Beard, Jr., of Pontiac, and Mrs. Jerome Fletcher, of Detroit, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clark.

Some of the members of the recent Christian Endeavor convention are willing to take affidavit that Dr. Parkhurst's exposures of the wickedness of New York City were entirely too mild.

That New York man who proposes exhibiting two thousand different kinds of snakes at the World's Fair should be looked after by the Chicago saloon keepers. He will be a dangerous rival.

It is four years since a few generous citizens bought the old gravel pit and gave it to the town and thus put a stop to their digging through to China. How much have the village board spent on it since?

Mr. Cleveland is dead right about one thing. When he said: "Let us keep the names of our wives sacred to our homes and out of political clubs," he was answered by an amen from the hearts of millions.

Remember the lawn social at Alex Parks' Saturday evening, July 23rd, to be given by the Epworthians. All are welcome. Ice cream and cake will be served. In a disagreeable night it will be held in the M. E. church.

There is a clerical etiquette and a medical etiquette, and we suppose there is a village trusteeial etiquette. Is it good form for a member of the board to circulate petitions and remonstrances and then act on them himself.

Our sister village, Sand Hill, is booming and as a pleasure resort she is fast coming to the front. Mr. McIntyre has overhauled his large ball room and hotel and is now in good shape for the coming of the amusement loving public.

A People Party Caucus will be held at the Town House in Troy, July 23, 1892, at o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to county convention held at Auburn, Tuesday, July 26, 1892, at 1 o'clock p. m.

BY ORDER OF COM.

The old reliable Domestic Sewing Machine, many of them in use to-day, bought twenty-five years ago still holds its place among the machines sold at the present time throughout the land. Buy a "Domestic" and you make no mistake.

Editors never have any fun. We can't even sing the old, old songs without a row. Struck in gently on "Don't you go Tommy, don't go," got it mixed with "Come Where my Love Lies Dreaming" and had to stop on Old Hundred as a last resort.

Nobody can accuse the government of China of being precipitate in its diplomacy. In November, 1891, this government addressed certain inquiries to that of China concerning its refusal to receive ex-Senator Blair as minister. A partial answer has just been received.

Love is a great thing. A young man from West Bloomfield tied his horse near the M. E. church last Sunday night and there stood the patient, faithful old mare when Monday morning's sun rose up and found the buggy floating in the dew. As we remarked before love is forgetful.

From now until the entire stock is sold and closed out, the stock of goods belonging to the O. Poppleton estate will be sold at auction in lots to suit purchasers. Mr. H. A. Jenks, auctioneer, will have charge of the sale to the finish. Read advertisement in another column.

Dr. H. O. Walker, of Detroit, was called in consultation with Dr. J. L. Campbell, of this village, over the case of Mr. Geo. Blakeslee, and while his case is not immediately dangerous, he is a very sick man. We trust he will pull out of his present illness and soon regain his usual good health.

Barnum & Bailey's, circus at Detroit Monday, July 25, afternoon and evening. Special train service. Trains will leave Birmingham 7:40 and 9:18 p. m.; returning leave Detroit at 5:55 p. m. and at 11 p. m. Fare for round trip and ticket to the circus only $1.05. Everybody go and have a good days' sport.

Miss Grace Kneeland, of our village, has just closed a most successful term of school at Amy, Mich. Over fifty scholars in her school but she finished her work in such good shape that the directors surprised her with a present of a $5 gold piece. This is the kind of school ma'ams the Birmingham high school turns out.

Mrs. John Richardson, mother of William C. Richardson and wife of John Richardson, one of our oldest settlers, died of old age at her late home in Bloomfield, Saturday, July 16th. The funeral was held Monday afternoon last at her late home and was largely attended. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. McCall and were largely attended.

The Midsummer Holiday CENTURY will contain a number of complete stories, including "The Philosophy of Battle Existences," a ghost story which is said to reverse some of the old traditions by Frank R. Stockton, and "The Colonel's Last Campaign, by the author of "Mr. Cutting, the Night Editor," and with illustrations by Chas. Dana Gibson.

Sunday, the 10th of this month, was a birthday anniversary of Mrs. J. Robbins, of Sand Hill, and she was kindly remembered by her daughter, Mrs. Batchelor, who presented her with a set of silver spoons, and her youngest daughter, Miss Mettie, with a set of silver knives and forks, all of which are most highly appreciated by the happy recipient.

The Police Gazette scattered numberless dodgers around the village announcing that in their issue of July 20th they will illustrate: "An Aged Father Shoots his Daughter's Betrayer at the National Hotel, Birmingham, Mich." This is indeed news to landlord Beattie, the attending physician, and all. Nothing of the kind has occurred, and some sharp, gifted writer is working the papers for all he is worth.

The remains of Mrs. Adeline Tucker, who died at the home of her son Stephen, in Pontiac, last Friday, were buried in Greenwood cemetery Sunday last. Col. R. D. Tucker, her husband, died years ago and the worthy couple were Birmingham's earliest pioneers. In his day Mr. Tukker was a U. S. Colonel and one time commanded a body of soldiers that escorted Lafayette through this country on his visit here.

One day last week a wealthy mill owner, farmer, etc., named R. D. Hubbard, of Mankato, Minn., dropped in upon Mr. Henry Grinnell, of near Franklin, and bought from him fifty Rambouillet sheep for an even $2,000. This gentleman had a friend with him who wanted fifty also. The flock of Jno. Keyser, just south of this village, was visited, but John wouldn't sell a hoof. Mr. Grinnell is at this writing scouring Livingston and Oakland counties trying to fill out the number desired of this much sought for species of sheep.

We visited Aunt Em and Uncle John Gates, of Sashabaw Plains, lately, and on driving up discovered a gang of—well, there's no name for such folks—Miss Ida Corey, Blanche Hoy, Florence Hoy, Geo. Corey, John and Chas. Gates and Prof. Hennequin. The former gentleman had hypothecated a pan of Jersey cream, had hid away under the shade of a giant elm, and each and every mother's son and daughter were sucking, through straws, that cream down like fury. All happy and well. We understand, that as a drawer of hay Miss Blanche is not a success.

When we would do a service to our country, ask to have the laws, rules, and ordinances of our village more promptly enforced, venture to urge that the committees appointed by the board do their work before fishing season instead of after, what do we get? We get our reward, and lose our bread and butter in the sweeping loss of a subscriber, with "My bill sir and stop my paper." Is isn't every one who lives in a glass house who dares to throw a stone. But 'tis ever thus. The "poore editaire" has to sacrifice himself for the public good and always will, we 'spose; and again we humbly beseech when does the fountain squirt?

A drowsy August afternoon, the light shimmering through the dense leaves of the broad spreading beech trees; a figure lying upon the grass holding in his hand a magazine—not too heavy—just heavy enough for easy holding—the Cosmopolitan, for August; just the sort of reading matter for a midsummer afternoon—full of attractive illustrations; scenes and life in the far off Phillipine Islands, with an experience of an earthquake; photographs on the Atlantic Beach accompanying a charming sketch of Jersey "Salt Water Day," by Hamlin Garland. Even Murat Halstead's description of the Convention at Minneapolis is breezy and bright; and the beautiful photographs which illustrate an article on Bridges and Bridge Building would attract a very unscientific reader. The one heavy article of the number is that of the famous English writer on Evolution, St. George Mivart. It is a part of the discussion in which he seeks to harmonize the principles of Evolution with the doctrines of Christianity—one of the most important series of papers ever produced in a Magazine and attracting the widest attention among religious and scientific minds, both in England and this country. At Mrs. Sawyer's.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Being somewhat puzzled about a point of good breeding, in the general acceptation of the term, and as editors are generally supposed to be authority on all subjects, I refer the matter to you in hopes you will give through your paper the much desired information.

On July 4th, on the suburban from Detroit to Birmingham, a lady looking for a seat, inquired of a very quiet young lady if the seat beside her was engaged. The young lady replied: "No, ma'am." A gentleman, resident of Birmingham, and quite prominent in several business callings, remarked, ostensibly to the gentleman occupying the same car chair, but loud enough for all around him, and especially the young lady immediately in front of him, to hear: "No; ma'm; yes, ma'm; thank ye, ma'm. Greeney!"

Now, Mr. Editor, which of these two persons showed the better "breeding," etc. The subject needs not to be enlarged upon. I would like this to come under the gentleman's eye, and hope to learn something about it.

Doubtless the young lady will keep the gentleman's memory green.

ANOTHER GREENY.

Birmingham, July 15, 1892.

[In answer to the above inquiry we would say, that if the circumstances and talk actually occurred as the young lady understands it, then the young man proved himself wanting, low, ill-bred, and utterly unworthy the name of gentleman. If, on the other hand, the young lady misunderstood the remarks made, and the young man, an acquaintance perhaps, had thoughtlessly repeated the words "No, ma'm" to the young lady herself, say, expecting a recognition or a response in the same kindly spirit, then we would say he should be forgiven and reminded that the young lady would not tolerate such a rupture of etiquette.]—ED.

KICKERS.

A man who is so narrow-minded as to let a private spite stand in the way of a public improvement is too small for a public office. OLD FOGY.

Why don't some one order the cutting of the weeds, especially the bull thistles around the water works house? Slick up the grounds and let our water works shine. KICKER.

In most places the covers to fountains are carefully stored away for the summer. In our town the cover is thrown back in a pile, exposed to the sun and rain. We have given a park and fountain to their care, let's give them something else. OBSERVER.

I wish to make a feeble little kick regarding the fountain treatment; I, as well as every other subscriber who contributed to the "fountain fund," feel that it is a direct insult to us the way in which the fountain has been treated by those in authority and who control village property. Here the season is two-thirds gone and the fountain dry. An investment of nearly $300 going to waste just from pure shiftlessness. Brace up, gentlemen, and do something towards earning your salaries.

SUBSCRIBER AND KICKER.

I kick because it is unlawful to sprinkle your lawn without you hold the hose. I am a woman, not overly strong in health, and to be obliged to hold the hose while my lawn is being sprinkled, means a cold and spell of sickness. I was in Pontiac one day this week and saw numerous sprinklers running, fastened to hose trucks, etc. Why can't we do so? Since the ordinance went into effect our water has become stagnant in the pipes, bad color, and at times unfit for use, and people tell me a four inch stream is running to waste all the time. Let us repeal this act at once.

A FEMININE KICKER.

All the tar sidewalk on south side of Middle street is 3½ feet wide. Why?

What has become of our fire alarm bell? Money subscribed, bell bought and it was decided weeks ago by the board to build a tower. Not a stroke done yet towards the job.

We wish to call the attention of the repairs needed on the sidewalk on the hill and across the flats on Saginaw St. The walk needs repairing badly and should be raised on a level with the gravel without unnecessary delay. This given prompt attention will receive the thanks of the "Brooklynites."

WESTERN LETTER.

PORTLAND, ORE., July 7, 1892.

FRIEND MAC:—

I will write a few lines today and let you know I am still on earth. We have had a very pleasant trip so far, the scenery with few exceptions being very fine. The crops look well through Minnesota and Dakota although quite late. I expected to find them harvesting but they tell me they wont commence harvesting until the last of July or the first of August. Crops are a little more forward here in Oregon; some of the wheat will be ready to cut inside of a week.

When we passed through Bozeman, Mont., we saw Mark Miller and Broox Martin. Broox has located at Bozeman and commenced building a mill. In this section I saw as fine a farming country as anywhere on the route.

We stopped off one day in Spokane Falls. The falls were very nice, but oh, how hot it was. We were glad when we could leave. Our next stop was at Tacoma, on the sound, and we went from there by boat to Seattle. Both places are fine, growing cities, but I like Seattle the best. There are many fine buildings in both places. Coming back I heard some one say: "How do you do, Mr. Brooks," and on looking around, who should I see but Phil Crombie, and you believe he was glad to see me. Phil is looking well and he says he is doing well. He has been on the Sound for the past three years. He has been to China twice and up to Alaska. His work is helping the steward.

Leaving Tacoma we went to Portland, stayed there all night, and left next morning for Forest Grove, where I met Ed and started the same day for his claim about 25 miles up in the mountains. We went by stage part of the way and the balance on foot, and when we go there you can believe we were tired. Ed has a fine timber claim—the finest timber I ever saw—trees from 3 to 9 feet through and from 200 to 260 feet high, and almost as thick as they can stand. The estimate on Ed's 160 acres is 14,000,000 feet and it will run more than that. Last Sunday we came back to Forest Grove and spent the Fourth of July and came to Portland Monday night and the next morning went up to Brewer where Ed's son and daughter live. Its is up in the mountains in a lumber camp. We went up on the top of Lurch mountain, about 5,000 feet high, but it was so cloudy we could not see much. We came back to Portland this morning and expect to leave to-night for San Francisco. Portland is a very fine city, the largest on the coast. The city is growing fast and has some fine buildings.

Remember me to all the folks. Write at Denver Col.

Yours Truly,
GENE.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

D. Clement's daughter, Mrs. Twilegar, who is sick with diphtheria, is not expected to live.

Miss Mable Jones Sundayed with Warren people.

Undertaker Beebe's wife has gone to Mt. Clemens for a week's visit.

The Pingree men from around Warren think they were frozen out at the Romeo convention.

A. Harwood and wife have returned from a week's visit in the north part of the state.

Mrs. Martin Brown, of Marine City, is taking care of her mother, Mrs. W. Hawthorn, at present.

Wheat harvest has commenced. A great deal of the wheat in our vicinity is very poor.

Jas. McCray has bought an entire new threshing outfit.

We hope Will will make better aim and keep in the middle of the road when he gets to work. Will always remember the middle of the road has no ditch.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

Mrs. James Van Every spent a few days in Detroit last week visiting friends and relatives.

A literary entertainment will be given at the church on Friday evening. All come.

Mrs. Nathaniel Higby has returned from Grace Hospital where she has been treated for inflammatory rheumatism.

The last meeting of the Ladies' Literary Society was held at Mrs. A. A. Rush's on Thursday. A large attendance was present. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Cummings'.

Otto Berger has a new self binder.

Mr. David McCall is visiting his brother Rev. McCall.

Miss Emma Blanding has been engaged to teach the intermediate department in Taylor's Falls, Minn., for the coming year.

SOUTHFIELD AVENUE.

Wheat is nearly all cut on this road. Some of it was badly crinkled and nearly worthless.

Miss Alice Houghton has gone to Detroit to work in a laboratory.

James Arthur, of Adrian, spent Sunday with his uncle Samuel Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. James Canson contemplate a trip to Denver, Col., soon, to see their son Brown, who has been living there several years.

Mrs. Houghton's mother from Lapeer is visiting her at present.

Master Chas. Wilson, of St. Joseph, has been visiting relatives here and at Warren for several weeks.

What makes Jerry Russell look so gloomy? Because he has to stay out of the harvest field to tend that boy his wife presented him with recently.

Mr. Orr preached to his congregation again last Sunday, after a vacation of two weeks.

Mr. Beardsless' brother spent last Sunday with him.

NOVEL SEWING MACHINE SALE.

Next Saturday morning we will put up in our store a new $65 Domestic Sewing Machine, cash price $50. Every day until it is sold we will take off one dollar from its price. Don't you wait too long or you will lose it.

Yours Truly,
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.