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WHOLE NO. 746

DETROIT GRAND HAVEN & MILWAUKEE R'Y.

TIME TABLE

IN EFFECT

June 26, '92.

WESTWARD.

†Morning Express	7.45 a. m.
†Mail	11.05 a. m.
*Steamboat Express	4.50 p. m.
†Suburban	6.30 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9.25 p. m.
*Night Express	11.45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Chicago Express	6.58 a.m.
†Mail	7.35 a. m.
*Steamboat Express	11.05 a. m.
†Mail	3.10 p. m.
†Evening Express	6.35 p. m.

JNO. W. LOUD, Traffic Manager. BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent.

GEO. E. ALDRICH, Local Agent.

*Daily.

†Daily except Sunday.

Farmers and Friends!

Inbreeding of poultry is detrimental to best results. You all know this. Don't do it any longer, but drive over and get a

Choice Cockerel.

We have a number of fine ones for sale, following breeds:

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns,

Rose Comb White Leghorns,

White Plymouth Rocks,

Light Brahmas.

Price to neighbors who come and get them, $1; when shipped away $2 each. Eggs from any of above named fowls $1 for 13, if you call; $2 if shipped.

Do you want a fine Scotch Collie pup, either sex? Sire and dam cost $60 in Scotland. Price to neighbors who come for them, males, $7—if shipped, $10; females, $5; if shipped, $8. First come first served.

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BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

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

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MARTIN H. BLUNT.

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REV. A. MASER, PASTOR.
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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. O. 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 7:30 o'clock, conducted by Mr. Miller. All are cordially invited. Seats free.

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.; at Southfield at 3 p. m. Sabbath school at Troy at 1 p. m.; preaching at 3 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7.30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

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Yours truly,
Charles H. Schlaack & Co.

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We have just received, and offer for sale cheap all the School Books used in our school and the districts surrounding us.

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Any book needed, no matter where published, will be procured on short notice.

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HOME NOTES.

Mr. Purdy is building an addition to his house on Pierce street.

Mr. John Hamilton, of Flint, is visiting friends in this village

Miss Verona and Julia Post have returned from a visit to the west

Four per cent interest on savings at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham.

Leggett Complimentary Concert next Friday evening. Don't fail to attend.

Miss Edla Parks is home among her many friends once more and enjoying a much needed vacation.

The Democrat gold medal contest to morrow evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Good music in attendance.

Mr. Hiram Colvin, of Pontiac, will preach in the M. E. church, next Sunday, Aug. 28th, morning and evening.

List of letters in Walnut P. O. remaining uncalled for: Wm. Smith.
E. H. Harkins, P. M.

For Sale.—Registered and unregistered Shropshire ewes, rams, and ram lambs. Daniel Broughton & Son, 14 Franklin, Mich.

Isn't newspaper enterprise keeping this country a little to well informed about South and Central America Revolution.

It was the maple trees that saved the depot and the Rose house from the flames. Water your trees and protect them.

The Prince of Wales would readily consent to his mother spending the remainder of her life playing with her dolls.

Mr. and Mrs. John Badine are expected home some time next month and will make some visits in Pennsylvania on their way home.

For sale cheap, an Art Garland Base Burner coal stove. Here's a bargain. Call on Mrs. Wm. Shearer. Will sell cheap, have no use for it.

The next meeting of the Prohibition League will be held at the house of Mrs. Drew, Wednesday evening, Aug. 31.

B. Peabody, Sec. T. Williams, Pres.

Flying Jib Jr., is the name of Mel Clemeaks new colt recently bought of Tom Hanna and the horse that in time is to break the world's record as a trotter.

The Ladies Library Society were very materially assisted by the village improvement society in the work of fixing the fountain which now gladdens our eyes.

The Tennessee convict trouble will never be settled until its root is cut out. Tampering with it ends like "scattering" a boil; it comes up in another place.

The soil of Indiana is evidently in full sympathy with the greediness of the politicians; it has opened its mouth and is trying to swallow a section of the Chicago and Erie railroad.

Four per cent interest is considered a very good rate on a permanent investment in these days of millionaires, but the Exchange Bank of Birmingham pays four per cent on all savings deposits.

Mrs. H. C. Wilson, of our village, who has been visiting her sister at Washington (C. H.) Ohio, for the past three weeks will return the early part of next week, having had a real good visit.

Do not forget the Leggett Complimentary Concert next Friday evening. It will be a delightful evening to spend for those who love music. Next Friday evening at Baptist church. All are invited.

The city banks pay only four per cent on savings deposits. The Exchange Bank of Birmingham will do as well as this and you can have the money any day without going to the city after it.

Miss Maggie Brown, who taught our school so successfully for several terms, but spoke of Detroit, is visiting in Troy with the family of Miles Dewey and enjoying country air as only city people can.

No matter how small your savings are they are enough to make a beginning and no matter how small the beginning the Exchange Bank of Birmingham will pay you four per cent on all your savings.

If any one wanting to buy a place in Birmingham and wants to make $500, let them call on W. & M's real estate exchange and they will be informed just how cheap, the Flinn property can be had.

Mr. N. Higby found a lady's black jacket or coat last Tuesday morning and now if he can find the lady that ate it his cup of happiness will be overflowing. The coat is at this office waiting for the owner.

Wanted—A good girl for general housework. Small family, good wages and permanent employment. Enquire at this office.

For sale at $75, a ladies bicycle bought this season, good as new, cost $95; also Lovell Diamond "92" pneumatic, cost $125, sell at $95.

Eccentric Office.

You want a sewing machine and you want the best, don't you? You make no mistake if you confer with Whitehead & Mitchell before buying and look over the good qualities of either the Domestic or White sewing machines.

Read Whitehead & Mitchell's new change of advt. this week. They have received a new and large stock of groceries, school books, school supplies, ink, pens, pencils, pads, etc., all for sale cheap. Call on them for anything in this line.

For Sale.—Grey mare, 8 years old, weighs about 1,150 lbs; perfectly sound; well broke single and double, and a fine roadster. Price reasonable—cash or indorsed note. Enquire of G. C. Gibbs' Big Beaver. Also good carriage and harness.

Robert Groves, of Troy, had the misfotune to break his leg in two places last week, Dr. C. M. Raynale was called and did everything to make the sufferer comfortable and to effect a speedy cure. We hope soon to see Robert around again as well as usual.

Mr. C. A. Welton, of Holton, Mich., was in town last week and did a little business at horse buying and trading. Mr. Sam. Jarvis and M. N. Leonard contributed two fine horses to Mr. Welton's flock and they do say that C. A. got the best end of the bargains.

The advertising agent for Magic Yeast has just finished inspection of all stock in the hands of the retail dealers and every dealer now has fresh Magic Yeast in stock. It is not only the best yeast made but by using it you can get a nice cook book free.

Read the "for sale" notice of the Flinn property which we recently have had put in our hands for sale. Here is a rare chance for some one to make an even $500 by buying this property as it can be bought for just that much less than it is worth. Read the advertisement.

The State Teachers' Institute for Oakland county will be held at Oxford, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, August 15, and closing at 4 p. m., Friday, August 26.

H. S. Elliott, Oxford,
Local Committee.

It would be difficult to say whether it was patriotism or clever newspaper advertising that drew the thousands which followed the remains of Charles W. Rigdin late Boatswain's Mate of the U. S. S. Charleston, to their final resting place in a Philadelphia Cemetry, the other day.

For a short time until I can find a permanent location, my business will be found on the Parks block, Maple Ave., store. All are requested to call on me there. The National Express room is at the D. G. H. & M. Ry. Baggage rooms.

Mrs. H. S. Sawyer.

The old reliable Hartford Fire Insurance Co. through their agent J. Allen Bigelow assisted by Geo. W. Chandler, adjuster, settled their losses with Geo. E. Daines in full last Monday. J. Allen. B. says he is still doing business at the old stand, ready and willing to answer all questions regarding insurance.

The visitors at the E. S. Wooster farm recently are quite numerous. Among those we can name were George Burkhardt and wife of Chicago, Ill. Mrs. E. H. Wooster and son of Ills., Mrs. Alice Kimball of Detroit, with son and daughter, Master James and Miss Allie. Were they entertained and happy? W-e-l-l!

The Ladies Working Society will meet at the home of Mrs. M. G. Jones, Friday September, 2nd. Table Committee; Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. V. Lee, biscuit; Mrs. A. Tibbals and Mrs. M. Jones, cake; Mrs. A. Ford, butter; Mrs. W. Mauser, sauce. Literary Committee; Mrs. A. Ford, Mrs. T. Boyd and Mrs. J. R. Corson.

One of the principal attractions of the poultry department at the Detroit Exposition will be a trio of Buff Leghorns owned and bred by H. A. Jenks, of our village, valued at $35. The Buff Leghorns have their origin in Italy, the home of the Leghorn family and have only been bred in this county since 1890. Lovers of thoroughbred poultry should certainly see these birds.

This is a pretty good time to think about taking cu. a little fire insurance Mr. Whitehead wrote policies all day long after the fire in the Ellis House the other day. These dry times make people think a policy in a good company is a sure cure for sleepless nights. You can get the lowest possible rates in the best companies and your policy written at a moment's notice at the Exchange Bank.

Every week now we notice in the auditor's list of articles that are to appear in the Detroit Sunday News our townsman's name, Wes Faint, right at the top along with Bret Harte, "Mikani," and many other prominent and gifted writers of this popular sheet. Good for Wes, but if we were in his shoes we'd drop the brush and go to the city and take a desk and win more literary fame. It's in him.

Next Friday evening at the Baptist church the Leggett Complimentary Concert will be given by an all star combination, Prof. Abel, pianist and cellist, Percival Pease, flute soloist; Miss May Leggett, violinist and Will H. Leggett, violinist. All are well known soloists to our people and this concert is tendered to Mr. Leggett and his sister as a compliment and to show their regard for them as teachers, artists and lady and gentleman. We should all go and give them a people's hearty reception.

One day last week we were invited by Mr. Lon Carter to view his "drop-a-nickle-in-the-slot" book binding machine, invented by his friend Mr. Lever. The arrangement is a compact, neat reliable, practical machine with the necessary bristles, rolls for applying the blacking and for putting on the polish so dear to the exquisite's heart. This machine no doubt will make all interested in it a fortune, for boot blacking is never out of date and is needed seven days in the week and most every night: Good.

For Sale.—The property which was owned and occupied by the late Dr. O. W. Hewitt as a family residence. Situated on the corner of Townsend and Pierce streets, and in every way desirable for a nice home. There are six lots with a good house and barn; city water; all kinds of fruit trees. Will sell all together, or in lots separately to suit purchaser. This property must be sold soon. My price is low; no speculation. See the owner, corner of Townsend and Henrietta Streets.

The coolest, easiest, shortest quickest and most delightful way of reaching the Exposition grounds is by the D. & W. ferry steamers from foot of Woodward Avenue, which will leave during the Exposition every 15 minutes from 7 a. m. to close of Exposition each day. The dock, foot of Woodward Avenue, is only about 300 yards from Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee dept. The round trip fare on the steamers is but 10 cents and children 5 cents. The ride down the majestic Detroit River, with the view of the beautiful city of Detroit on one side and Canadian city of Windsor and town of Sandwich on the other, is indeed an enjoyable one.

Last Monday evening as a freight train going west was in the station the brakesman, in going by a sealed car, heard a suspicious noise, notified the conductor, who quickly summoned Officer Geo. W. Fay, and after a little scrapping two men were arrested. They had broken the car seal and were rummaging over household goods. They were well dressed and though very much displeased were safely landed in the county jail. The offense is punishable by five years in state prison and Officer Fay is confident that they will prove notorious crooks who are wanted. A kit of fine tools was found on one, and everything points towards the fact that they belong to the slick profession.

There was a large fishing party at Walnut Lake last week and all were very hospitably entertained by the popular postmistress of Walnut P. O. and all had a jolly good day. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller, E. Higby and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sly, Doctor Shaw, R. C. Cummings, wife and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen, Miss Lena and Mr. Rush Hankins. A hearty fish dinner was served of which all partook freely and enjoyed it only as those do who earn their dinner. The work done by Mr. Owen and Geo. Sly in landing the catch of the day—the prize fish—was something sublime, exciting and interesting. The fish weighed 22 pounds, but whether it was a pickerel, bass, carp, or shiner, it is hard to tell.

THE DETROIT EXPOSITION.

There can be no question of the success of the live stock shown at Detroit International Fair Exposition, the unique arrangement of Secretary Sotham meeting with the most pronounced approbation The new amphitheatre, which was built expressly for the live stock exhibits, has been provided with an unrivalled list of attractions in addition, so as to hold all classes of people interested the entire fortnight, and impressing the live stock exhibit constantly on the attention of thousands of people who would otherwise notice it. In this plan Secretary Sotham has soared another new departure from old time methods, and thereupon has in still another way guaranteed the Detroit Exposition as excelling all contemporaries, being in the truest sense the American Live Stock Show. The interest shown by the Canadians, and the extensive entries made by them, make it truly an International Fair.

In 1891 the Association added to its many attractions that of racing, and invested a large amount of capital in erecting a commodious grand stand and stable for race horses. $10,000 was given in purses to trotters, pacer and runners to compete for, and every class was filled. The contests were close and exciting and the time fast, giving the track the reputation of being one of the fastest and best half-mile tracks in the country. The management in view of its success of last year, takes pleasure in announcing to horsemen its programme for the race meeting to be held during the Exposition, August 23d to September 2d, 1892. $10,000 in purses and stakes will be given for trotters, pacers and runners, and the entrance fee only five per cent. straight, nothing additional for winners. Horses can also compete for the $1,460 in premiums to be awarded to standard-bred trotters Especial attention is called to the "Hand leap trot or pace 2½ mile dash." Entries for standard and class races close Aug. 18, and running races Saturday Aug. 20.

THE CHICAGO FIRE.

The near approach of the World's Fair awakens increased interest in Chicago and her wonderful history. To-day Chicago is probably the finest city in the world architecturally, and all practically built within twenty years. The most thrilling and wonderful chapter in the city's history is the one telling of the great fire and the subsequent rebuilding. It reads like a tale from Fairy Land. The new and magnificent Cyclorama of the Chicago Fire just opened in that city shows in a most surprising manner the city during the great fire, with its thousands of acres of red-hot ruins, thousands more of a surging sea of flame, and countless thousands of panic-stricken people fleeing for their lives, in the most grand, awe inspiring, and realistic scene ever produced by man. The whole effect is greatly intensified by the introduction of novel mechanical and electrical devices, making the whole situation seem like reality. This remarkable exhibition is located upon Michigan Ave., near Madison St., and will remain as a prominent attraction during the World's Fair. Our readers should make a note of this great work and not fail to visit it.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish, publicly, to express our thanks to the public generally and to the firemen particularly, who fought such a good fight against the fire at the Ellis House last week, and we realize that it was no fault of theirs that our home and property was not all saved. The feeling of loss and desolation upon our return was greatly lessened by the knowledge that our friends had labored so bravely and persistently for our own good.

Mrs. E. A. Randall.
G. Frank Randall.

We wish to return our heartfelt thanks to all those who worked so hard and so faithfully at the fire last week and saved so much of our goods. Everyone who was present did much to put each and all of us under great obligations and will always be remembered.

Geo. E. Daines,
Mr. and Mrs. Sears Sawyer,
Mr. and Mrs Lemuel Sawyer.

SELF EXPLANATORY.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 22, 1892.

Editors of Eccentric:

Dear Sirs:—In the last two issues of your paper when speaking of the Leggett Testimonial Concert to be given next Friday evening, you have each time made the error of saying that Percy Ives is to play the flute. Percy Ives is a portrait and landscape artist, at present studying his art in Europe, and is no way connected with music. He is not to be confounded with the writer, who is the one to render the Flute music, and who hereby requests that in your next issue the error be corrected and the correct name, as below, given. Trusting you will pardon my drawing your attention to the fact, and thanking you for what you have seen fit to say of me, even though I am not Percy Ives, I remain,

Very sincerly yours,
Percival S. Pease.

OBITUARY.

Libbie A. Fayand was born in the town of Royal Oak, August 30, 1844, moved to Troy in 1857, and died in Troy, August 13, 1892.

When seventeen years of age she gave her heart to the Savior and was baptised by Rev. A. Snyder and united with the Baptist church January 29, 1861. She was united in marriage by the same to Theodore Eldred in the spring following, April 11, 1861. At an early age Libbie was left fatherless and as the eldest daughter her mother came to depend much upon her. Many pleasant hours have they spent together. Dear mother, the separation will not be long.

Many years of her life were years of physical weakness and suffering which were borne with patience and without murmuring. She lived to see her two children grown and both trusting Savior.

Her only sister will be very lonely now and the anguish of her husband's heart those only know who have experienced the same.

She ever exercised charity toward all. Those who knew her best loved her most. The blow falls with almost crushing weight upon the family, but when the final moment came, it was the aged mother who spoke words of christian hope and comfort. The neighbors and community are mourners to-day. The cause of Missions lay very near her heart and she will be greatly missed in the circle of which she was a member and officer from its organization.

The influence which she leaves behind is as a sweet savor; we would not wish her back. Her trust was in God, there fore she feared not the approach of death. She rests with God. "In His presence is fullness of joy."

August 15, 1892.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire is this manner to express our heartfelt gratitude to our many friends and neighbors for their kindly aid and sympathy in this our time of greatest trouble. Also we wish to thank those who sent flowers, and Mr. Daines for his many evidences of kindness.

Theodore Eldred and Children,
Mrs. Sarah Eldred,
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunt.

Notice.

To Whom it May Concern:

All who are indebted to Whitehead & Mitchell on store account are requested to call and settle their accounts at once without further notice. In order to get our annual partnership settlement we must insist that this request be heeded

Respectfully, etc.,
Whitehead & Mitchell.

OH, YES! OH, YES!

To Whom it May Concern:

The sentiment of the times is, advancement along the line of popular education. A correct system of education should include everything that is necessary to the improvement of human beings. It should include the strengthening of the physical, the enlightenment of the mental and the regulating of the moral man. No system is correct without including within its scope all that pertains to the uplifting of humanity. Progression is the rule of life, the key with which to unlock the storehouse of knowledge, must be put into the hand of the pupils of our public schools and they must be taught how to use it so as to obtain the best results, their physical, intellectual and moral natures so developed that they may be able to make that advancement that is absolutely necessary to their best and highest interest.

There has been a gradual advancement along the line of educational work. The professional education of teachers has done much to correct many deficiencies. New methods have taken the place of old and worn out plans. The text books have been improved and are vastly superior to those of former days, and instructors have been compelled to keep abreast of the requirements of the age or be thrown out of employment. School buildings and all that pertains to their proper equipment have kept pace with other improvements, so that the village or town that to day has not looked after the matter of keeping their educational equipment up to the requirement of the times is regarded as out of date and no longer receives the patronage of the progressive citizen.

The larger institutions have all enlarged their work, advanced their standard and are stimulated as never before to greater aimb. It is not our purpose in this article to state the reasons that have led to this movement, but it has had its effect in increasing the demand for more thorough work in schools of lower grades. It has been said that "the college is the trunk of the educational tree." Now, if the college is the trunk, the high schools, academies and common schools are the roots and fibres beneath, by which the trunk is fed. We all know the effect produced on the tree if the roots are cut away or the soil in which it is planted is not cared for or suitable to its growth. Care and attention must be bestowed upon these roots and fibres—thorough work must be done at the beginning. The teachers in our common schools and lower grades in our high schools ought to be the best. It is a great mistake to think that any one can teach the little ones. There is where we want our best teachers. Give to pupils in our schools a good start. Create in them a desire to do those along every line necessary to develop them into correct ideas of life and its necessities. To this end our school board have been giving their attention, both as to teachers and improvements in our school building. The patrons of the school are invited to inspect the improvements that have been made. To say that everything has been done that should be done, would be a great mistake. Mr. J. G. Thompson, of Ann Arbor, lately said: The fundamentals of a modern university are the three R's'—Laboratories, Libraries and Lectures." And right here is where there is much needed improvement in our school. Our school building would be almost a model were it not that there is a great deficiency along this very line. We have a library, it is true, and a laboratory. Will they bear inspection? Let it be remembered that the above quoted language came from that institution upon whose list we desire to stand. Has it passed their inspection? Let the knowing ones answer. We need something more than a good building; well-heated and lighted. There must be a corps of efficient teachers, well paid, and an equipment of apparatus and a library that will enable them to prosecute their work successfully. To stand on the list of our state institutions we will have to keep working upward along the line of the three I's.

The incoming year promises to be one of activity. With the improvements that have been made, namely, new floors throughout the building, new blackboards, and a heating apparatus that promises to heat the neighborhood all around, the unsightly stoves, etc., all gone, the comfort and convenience of the teachers and pupils will be greater.

Mr. Chas. R. Fox will stand at the helm and guide the affairs of the institution through its toils and on to its triumphs. By his side will be found Miss Lenora McDonald who needs no introduction to the pupils or patrons of the school. As preceptress, Miss Harriet E. Ives, a lady of fine educational talent, and one whose qualifications are above the average for successfully carrying on her work. We bespeak for her a hearty welcome. As to Miss Ives' ability, no words of commendation; she is known by her work and will continue in the grammar department as heretofore to the satisfaction of all concerned. Miss Della Crosby will hold forth in the intermediate department; she is no novice in her work. A teacher of experience and success, Miss Belle Fardee, will have charge of the second primary. She comes prepared by special training to her department, having spent sometime in the training school and kindergarten work. Miss Mollie Beardslee? Yes, she will be there and will continue to exercise her powers of training her numerous family in the first primary. Her success in the past is assurance of the future. The little folks all know her, and her room will not be neglected.

Let the patrons of the school and all others give to the teachers, new and old, a cordial welcome and show their appreciation of the efforts that have been put forth, and encourage both teachers and the board to greater attainments, so that the Birmingham High School will take its place second to none in the state.