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WESTWARD.

†Morning Express ..... 7:40 a. m.
†Mail ..... 11:42 a. m.
†Grand Rapids Express ..... 4:50 p. m.
†Suburban ..... 6:30 p. m.
*Chicago Express ..... 9:31 p. m.
*Night Express ..... 11:45 p. m.

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*Chicago Express ..... 6:58 a. m.
†Grand Rapids Express ..... 11:06 a. m.
†Mail ..... 3:18 p. m.
†Evening Express ..... 8:40 p. m.

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Choice Cockerel.

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

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns,
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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.

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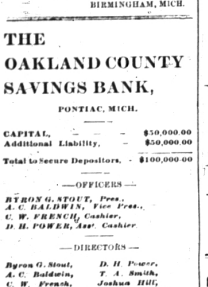

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Our New Fall Goods are beginning to arrive.

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At this season of the year people are looking for useful as well as ornamental articles either for others or themselves, and if in need of anything in the line of stoves (coal or wood) we have a large stock from which to select at

VERY LOW PRICES.

In the following list you may find something you want and we will be pleased to show goods whether you purchase or not. Read the following and call and see them. Skates, skates almost given away, sleds for the boys and girls at only 25c. Better ones for 50c and the very best at $1.25.

LAMPS! LAMPS! LAMPS!

An elegant present from $1.50 to $3. Our $3 Lamps are being sold in Detroit for $5 and $6.00. They are beauties and well worth inspection.

CROSS-CUT **SAWS!**

Only 35c per foot and warranted first-class. All axe for $1 that

WILL SURPRISE YOU.

All kinds of miscellaneous and shelf

Hardware and Tinware!

A fine and complete line of Knives and Forks and Pocket Cutlery. Everything at the most reasonable prices. Thanking the public for past favors and hoping for a continuance of the same, we remain, Yours truly,

CHARLES H. SCHLAACK & CO.,
Birmingham, Mich.

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DONT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Call and See a LARGE ASSORTED LINE OF Silver Plated Goods AT A UNIFORM PRICE OF 25c AN ARTICLE.

We have just put in for sale a New and Complete Line of Silver Plated Ware (double plated on White Metal) which is guaranteed to wear from three to five years, all at the low price of 25c.

Call and Secure Bargains!

We have Pin Trays, Children's set (Knife Fork and Spoon), Tea Spoons, Table Spoons, Napkin Ring in box, Napkin Rings (two in box), Pickle Forks, Sugar Spoons, Butter Knife, Salt Shakers, Pepper Shakers, Shears, Scissors, Paper Weights, etc., etc. We invite your careful examination.

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HOME NOTES.

Masquerade to morrow night.

Stall room for two horses, enquire at the ECCENTRIC office.

Miss Baines will be at the Hotel Friday afternoon as well as evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jarvis visited relatives in Troy over Sunday last.

One key is always dangerous to use in political dead-locks—whiskey. See.

Wanted to buy for cash a stack of good straw. Address John Van Normau, Southfield.

Mrs. H. W. Hedding and little daughter, of Detroit, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

The fire department of this village is perfect in every point, and ready for action on the first alarm.

Persons attending the masquerade can have supper at a lunch across the street from the hotel in the Rogers block. Supper from 11 to 1 o'clock.

Hall Tent No. 227, K. O. T. M., a full attendance is requested at next review, Jan. 30, and Feb. 6, work. Irving Wilson, R. K.

Regular communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., this Thursday evening, Jan. 26. A. Partridge, Sec.

That Colorado gold find seems to be closely related to the average ante election political find—it fails to pan out when the returns arrive.

Birmingham property is being sought out by many Detroiters. Homes that would rent at from $12 to $20 per month are in an active demand.

It begins to look as though it would be necessary to have two World's Fairs, one open on Sunday and one closed on Sunday in order to prevent a boycott.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents in Bloomfield, Jan. 23, 1893, George Mase of Detroit, and Miss Edna Beach, Rev. Jesse Kilpatrick officiating.

Don't neglect to read J. S. Stockwell's new adv't this week. It is termed a discount sale and anyone in search of bargains will be money ahead by, giving him a call.

Somebody must have been giving Sardou, the French playwright, some pointers on a certain phase of American society, as he has written a play entitled "Mrs. Free-and-Easy."

The Epworth League expect to give a lecture about the middle of February. Dr. J. C. Floyd of Albion, subject:—Wonders of the far East. Look out for the date later.

Mrs. A. Partridge has been visiting her old time friend, Mrs. Anna Wilson Filkins at Howell, Mich. She will make a visit of a few days and no doubt will enjoy herself very much.

"Grania," by Hon. Emily Lewlis, "Denzil Quarrier," by George Gelsing, "Hellen Treveryanor or The Ruling Race, by John Roy, are the latest books in the Library.

The time to buy thermometers is now when they are low and the time to sell is next July and August when they are high. Whitehead & Mitchell have an elegant line now that you can buy at only 25c each.

Hereafter as Thos. Adams' advice and suggestion and at the wish of many of our farmer friends, we will give weekly corrected Detroit market reports and our readers can depend upon them.

Messrs Wooster & Allen have filled up the room formerly occupied by Geo. H. Toms and Friday evening will serve supper and lunches to those who attend the masquerade party. Everyone invited.

The corner room in the Rogers' block formerly occupied by Jones & Frederick's as a flour store is now a gymnasium and boxing room. Is you want to know all about the manly art step in and have a round with the boys. It's free.

NOTICE TO ALL.—No more gravel, dirt or sand must be removed from the so called Stanley gravel pit. Those who draw from there will be promptly prosecuted as the practice is to be stopped. Mrs. L. Stanley. 2

Flint Globe.—Congressman Aitken makes a good suggestion. It is that pathmasters make use of their road graders to move a lot of snow from the road bed. By so doing they would make good sleighing for a good many more days than if nature is left to itself.

The Ladies Working Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Burnett, at 2 p. m., Friday, Feb. 3, 1893. Table committee: Mrs. F. Allen and Mrs. Jones, biscuit; Mrs. Tibbals and Mrs. A. Ford, cake; Mrs. Lee, butter; Mrs. Drew, sauce.

We have had a nice long run of sleighing and to say that it is appreciated by the average Birminghammer is d'awing it very mild. Everything goes—on runners from the rudest pung to the elegantly upholstered swell box cutter and all are equally enjoyed.

If you are finicky, peculiar or cranky about the quality, taste or flavor of the syrup on your pancakes in the morning, try Whitehead & Mitchell's honey and Maple syrup. You can get a pint or quart for a sample at 50c or 60c a gallon, two grades and if you try it once you will not change off even for genuine maple syrup at $1 25 per gallon.

This week we call the attention of our readers to what the Oakland County Savings Bank, of Pontiac, Mich., has to say in an advertisement on this page. The officers and directors of this bank are well-known in business circles and each one of them has a name above reproach. Mr. C. W. French is the genial cashier and a gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to transact business. This bank pays four per cent. interest on savings deposits, loans money and in fact does all kinds of business in the banking line. Give them a call and you will be well used.

Farmers bring your milk to the Birmingham butter factory. Why? Because it is an enterprise to benefit you. You pay is always sure, because of the wealthy and responsible men who are backing it. Not one pint of Oakland county milk should be sold elsewhere. Don't raise wheat at 65c per bushel. Get a few or many cows, sell your milk to this factory and reinvigorate your farms by pasturing and manuring it. Try this five years and see a difference in your finances. Your pay at the factory is always at the Exchange Bank ever 10th day of each month.

We had the pleasure of looking over Mr. Eli Baker's herd of Northern milch cows that he has recently purchased way in the northern counties. They are a handsome lot and all have the appearance of soon furnishing plenty of milk for the new factory. Mr. Baker expects in the near future to have at least twenty new milch cows to furnish milk to the factory from and believes in a brilliant future for the enterprise.

Say, my Christian friend, do you want to buy a good farm for a very little money? We now offer the Edmun J ones farm of eighty acres, 2½ miles west of this village, for only $62 50 per acre. Excellent house, 2 orchards, plenty of fruit of all kinds, farm well fenced and tiled. Terms easy. Where can you do better, when farms in every way inferior to this are selling in the immediate vicinity for $350 per acre. Call at this office. Don't wait until spring. It will be gone then.

The Augustus Torrey farm will be sold on a mortgage foreclosure sale in March. The amount due then will be say $2500. This place is worth even as low as farms are selling at least $4 500 We have heard farmers say they can clear the value of this farm at this price in five years raising potatoes alone. We can sell it to anyone at a price that is fairly startling and so low that we feel safe in saying the buyer can sell again immediately and clear $1200 Call on us for particulars. W. & M.

Died, at the residence 136 McDougall ave., Detroit, Jan. 18, 1893, Robert McMasters, aged 72 years. Funeral Saturday at 9 15 a. m. Burial at Birmingham Mich.—Evening News. Mr. McMasters lived with his family on the farm just east of the toll gate towards Detroit for many years. He was a gentleman of fine polish, quiet, reserved and was everybody's friend. His many friends in this vicinity will join us in sympathizing with the family in their great sorrow.

One night last week at William Robinson's they had a good old family dance. Messrs Taylor of Pontiac furnished the music assisted by M. H Buell. The occasion was a most enjoyable one and among the guests present from Detroit along were Will H. Robinson and wife, George Robinson and Miss Nellie Aid, Thos. Robinson and friend, Mr. James Kerr and wife, Grant Houfe and friend, John Houfe and friend, Richard Gelt and friend, Frank Gisch and friend. These friends are young ladies and their enjoyment was complete. Many friends close by were entertained.

We dropped into Fenwick's Lunch parlors in Detroit, 77 Woodward Ave., one day this week and at first thought we'd made a mistake but soon found out it was only an idea of Mr Fenwick's to please the hungry multitudes that assemble daily there to fill up and stop the pangs of hunger. This new idea of Fenwick's is a handsome, fine toned piano, which is superintended over and played upon by Mr Fred Pingle a player of great ability, who while you eat gives you all the latest and popular airs. This is the only lunch parlor in Detroit that goes to such an expense to please its patrons and is highly appreciated by all.

We never yet said a word about Geo. H Toms' change of location which he made some over two weeks ago and for which he has reason to thank his stars. He opened up a barber shop in Royal Oak a short distance south of the Royal Oak hotel and has found business in a satisfactory state and will permanently locate there. He gets to his work on the road bed. By so doing they would make good sleighing for a good many more days than if nature is left to itself.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1893, Mark Hall will sell on the premises, 2 miles east and 3-4 miles south of Birmingham, at ten o'clock a. m., the following property: 40 cows all "coming in" within a short time, 10 new milch cows with calves, three yearling bulls, two fat cows, one sorrel colt and one bay colt each coming 3 years old, one grey mare coming four years old weight 1300 lbs., one black mare coming 4 years old, five shotes, 30 or 40 tons of hay, 300 bushels of oats For "terms of sale" see large bills. M H Blunt, Auctioneer.

Mr. James A. Miller Jr., of Southfield is out with a package of circulars announcing a sale of choice thoroughbred poultry for sale also Bronze turkeys. His yards contain numerous prize winners and his sales extremely large. He is also agent for the Grant fence and Automatic Wire stretcher. It is the only perfect wire fence in the market and if the fence was was naiversally used no more crippled stock would be found in our state. Call on the gentlemanly young man for particulars and get him wound up on the poultry business and you'll get more than enough new pointers to pay you for all trouble.

Teachers' examination for Oakland county will be held at Birmingham Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18, 1893 At Pontiac Thursday and Friday, March 2 and 3, and at Wixom, Friday and Saturday, March 31, and April 1, 1893. Third grade work can be done at any of these examinations, but first and second grade work can be done only at the examination held at Pontiac Average required for third grade, 85; for second grade, 90, and first grade, 95. First and second grade examinations will continue two days, third grade, one and one-half days Teachers will do well to bear in mind the various dates of the examinations and act accordingly.

Favorable prospects of a change in the post office in Troy. Complete arrangements for a new building for the office are made. It is a false rumor that the post office will be removed to a private house.—Utica Sentinel. The above clipping from that wide awake paper the Sentinel, evidently refers to the prospects of Cyrus G. Jarvis as postmaster of Troy. We are informed that should Mr. Jarvis be successful, as he will undoubtedly be as there is no other applicant, he will at once erect a tidy little store and furnish a convenient, comfortable and satisfactory home for the Troy postoffice. Mr. Cutting has been postmaster of Troy for years and passed through the former Cleveland reign without trouble but this time the democrats want a change."

Suggestions for Congressional mottoes: Henry C. Lodge—Give me exclusiveness or give me death; Buck Kilgore—Open the door or I'll kick it down; Jerry Simpson—Sock me into the Senate; Senator Washburne—I was gambling more prosperity; Senator Mills—Hoggs are not needed at Washington; ex Senator Reed —Temperary cussedness is a gr. Bailey of Texas—No work, no pay (in public); Speaker Crisp—Uneasy is the neck that wears an ill fitting collar; Senator Teller —No music is as sweet as the jingle of of silver; Senator Carlisle—Deliver us from temptation; Senator Hill—What's in a name so long as it wins; Representative Hoar—Tears, vain tears; Springer, of Illinois—Don't strike a man when he's down.

A large and pleasant party of friends and relatives assembled on the 18th inst. at the house of Mr. James Cannon, in Southfield, in honor of the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth Cannon and Mr. Albert N. Woodruff of Watervliet. The good sleighing, pleasant weather and favored all the circumstances concurred in making this a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. The appointed hour was ushered in by strains of sweet music as the groom and officiating clergymen followed by the bride escorted by her father were received by the expectant company. After the ceremony and the warm congratulations of the many relatives and friends present all sat down to an elegant repast to which full justice was rendered. The tables were very tastefully beautified with wreaths of smilax and fern. The bride was attired in a hand embroidered foreign silk enriched with beautiful lace and flowers. Among the large number of appropriate wedding presents there were not a few of exquisite beauty, but the rarest and richest was the gift Mr. Cannon made to his son in law Mr Woodruff

Mort Smith's brick dwelling on Middle street was saved by the water works system last week at noon Friday. R. W. Farrand discovered the dwelling afire on the west end next to the chimney. The alarm was immediately given and now the honor of breaking the glass over the fire alarm box key is equally distributed between "Shiner" Brannan and Geo H. Mitchell Henry Negus turned in the alarm., Trustee Daines, with Mitchell, Johnston and many others flew with the hose cart to the rescue while Henry rang the bell. The alarm was general. The force and supply of water was ample and in just two minutes it was drenched out and without unnecessary damage to the house and its contents by the careless use of water. The bell in the tower should be raised and the boards removed from the back of the slot opening and then we have just as fine a fire fighting plant as there is in the world. The fire laddies all distinguished themselves but we would advise the hose men to stay on terra firma for they can handle the hose with better power and the water has a better quenching influence spread out than in a solid 1½ inch stream.

Money to loan, always on hand.
E. C. Popplewell, Agt.

CODNOR'S SCHEME!

A Dark Secret! Don't Mention It!! Mum Must Be the Word!!!

A REPORTER THERE'IN-COG-NITI-OH.'

Never since the ante bellum days has there been a more secret meeting than was called in Troy last week by the Hon. Wm. H. H. Codnor. You had to be one of the faithful, have the grips, signs, tokens, passwords, etc., and if these were correct you met with the boys at a certain place in Troy, re-tried, and then if still true and faithful you were told how to proceed in a regular country road, one horse or two, to the place of meeting, which in this case our reporter found to be the large carriage room in the basement of "Billy" Pallister's barn just east of Large Beaver. Although William is not a full fledged member of the secret order of the Churn and Dasher, still he has had 36 degrees and it was decided by the Great and High Minkymuuk, Lord Chancellor and Earl of Buncasky, that it was safe to allow the preliminary meetings to be held at "36 Billy Pallister's." We arrived at the scene of carnage a trifle late owing to getting tangled up in the road in front of A. Bayley's and Cal Ellenwood's but a liberal decoction of stone fence saved our lives and after arriving we were soon received inside the mystic regions in due form and with proper ceremony. Our signs, words and grips being O. K. we were allowed a seat right close by the Great K. I. X. Billy McRoberts who had just called the meeting to order and had opened it with a can opener P. L. I. Q. Sam Martin moved that G. O. P. Nick Codnor be elected chairman of the meeting. This was promptly voted down and Z. I. P. Ed Fisher son of his father was unanimously elected. Amid loud huzzas and vociferous cheers the H. W. M. M. L. C. W. H. H. Codnor, was called upon and disclosed the following scheme for the benefit of Troy dairy milkmen, dairy milkmaids, milk cans, churns, pans, etc., etc. The cunning Codnor so we thought upon the feelings of his hearers that he soon had them with enthusiasm and excitement. His remarks were addressed in those low fearful, sibilant tones that have been heard in years past calling "Co Boss, Co Boss Co-co-o-co-o-o," and were as follows:

Mr. Tip. E. Fisher, Chairman, Gentlemen and my noble Brothers. I am proud to belong to a band of brothers met here secretly and successfully in order to bust up the milk business of those Detroit milkmen such as Towar's Creamery, Dickinson, Lawrence, Golinski, Childe, Bryant and last but not least, our object is to explode, burst up, smash into smithereens the Birmingham Butter Factory. With the plant that I propose to erect and with the cows you my noble brothers will keep, we will build a factory reaching from Amy on the north to Windsor on the south and extending westward to Franklin, and reach eastward to Mt. Clemens. We'll run her with steam, own our own cows, milk 'em with electricity, treat 'em with kindness, feed 'em chipped ice, reap our ice cream, sell high, buy low and in two years we will own every cow, creamery, milk route, milk business in the United States. Sell and furnish the whole world all they want of buttermilk, butter, ice cream, cheese, Dutch cheese, rennet, gall, heligoland, and—and—here the speaker lost his breath, fell back exhausted and was brought slowly back to life and existence by Dr. Gus Shoults with a fly blister on his southern ear.

After the speaker recovered sufficiently to begin business again the following committees were duly elected:

Committee on Location—W. H. H. Codnor, Bildad Goup, Jno. Davidson, Jr.

Committee on Ways and Means—Robert Hawthorne, Billy McRoberts, Andy Davidson.

Finance Committee—John Prince, Hon. Willie M. Hall, Maj. Irv Millard

Committee on Electric Light and Power Plant—Col Billy Pallister, James B. Bishare, D. D., Jack Dunn, L. L. D.

Purchasing Committee on Cows, Calves, Material, Etc—Gen. Ed Phillips, Geo. Hartman, Ira Carmer.

Disbursing Committee—Lieut. Alex. M. Roberts, Elder Sam Martin, Homer Ebling, M. D. C. X. I.

Of course the above committees were elected amid great excitement and fervor and with sharp competition. The next meeting at which time all committees are ordered to report is to be held as before secretly in the log cabin just east of A. Bayley's dwelling. Codnor was wrapped up in cotton and taken home on a silver salver.

HE WANTS TO CHANGE ITS NAME.

Editors Eccentric.

Why don't our city fathers act at once, be up with the times and change Saginaw street to Woodward avenue as it should be? What earthly use or why should it be called Saginaw street? Saginaw is 100 miles north of us and has no connection with Birmingham at all whatever. Woodward avenue only 12 miles from here is the street itself. Why not continue the name out on this beautiful thoroughfare 12 miles and take in Birmingham? Where does Saginaw street end and Woodward avenue begin any way? Who names the dividing point? If we aspire to be a suburban residence village for Detroiters say out Woodward avenue. Isn't it better than Saginaw road?

CONSTANT READER.

ENGINEER.

Ed. S. Chamberlain Will Hereafter Pump Water for the Village.

IS UNLUCKY—FOR THE OTHER 13.

Last week the village board after over a month of earnest consultation, thought and many conferences, by a vote decided to engage Ed. S. Chamberlain to manage the water works system in place of Walter Colpus who was released the 15th of January. On Mr. Colpus' departure William Hilliard filled the position and will continue to do so for a week or two longer until Mr. Chamberlain becomes familiar with the machines.

There were 13 applications for the position made vacant by Colpus' release. Residents of Birmingham and from different parts of the state put in their bids at from $33 to $75 per month. Mr. Chamberlain's bid was $40 per month and we think the board made a judicious selection and that the future work done at the engine house will be highly satisfactory to the public.

The first ballot for engineer stood, Chamberlain, 2; Rollin Gillette, 1; Ellsworth Randall, 2. After several ballots the decision was made unanimous and Mr. Chamberlain declared the successful candidate. Of course the dissatisfaction necessary and usual after such a contest is heard on every hand. The defeated gentlemen have the satisfaction of knowing they made a good fight and no doubt will in the future Mr. Chamberlain should decide on making a change, these candidates' claims would stand a good chance of securing the situation. We are promised that there will be a decided change in the appearance of the building, pumps, boilers and outside decorations and can safely say, Let the good work go on."

For three years Mr. Chamberlain and wife have managed satisfactorily the Watkins Stock Farm until Mrs. C.'s health failing a change was decided upon and it is the opinion of all that Mr. Chamberlain will prove as devoted and earnest a worker for the village as for Mr. Watkins' farm interests.

DRAYTON PLAINS.

DEAR BOYS:—I had a little laugh over a mistake in Will's piece last week. You printed it "the only lights in the church were around the stove." It should have been "the only lights were around the alters." You see you stove the lights out of the alters so to speak, and it alters the idea he meant so convey, but it is my treat anyway.

I thank you kindly for the beautiful "calendar." It has always been my favorite picture and it hangs where I can see it when in the house and I never tire studying it, so you see, you have "three horses" on me, you bright "Land Seer's," and I congratulate you on your last deal in real estate. M. A. LEGGETT.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Fred Collins another daughter.

Prof. Codnor's speech was a dandy.

Isaac Brace is in receipt of a pension.

Fred Hawthorn returned to Chicago last Friday.

A boxing school one night a week at F. Brace's.

Several names spoken of for the Warren postoffice.

Haley and Murthon have dissolved partnership at Warren.

Numerous cases of frozen fingers, ears, noses, etc., etc., lately.

Ice drawing has been the principal business in our vicinity lately.

Miss Emma McClure had to close her school on account of sickness.

Chas. Herrington's daughter Anna had scarlet fever but is now convalescent.

Ed Poole has been laid up with a badly sprained ankle but is now convalescent.

Alpha Parks has a yard full of logs, mostly of his own buying.—Ditto, the Wilson Bros.

C. Windt fell in the creek while cutting ice and was nearly frozen to death.

G. Chipchase has lost a colt by the Paris green route. Moral: Do not leave such stuff laying around loose.

Mrs. Behrendt, Paul's mother, is very low and not expected to recover. The old lady is 73 years old.

The K. of P. Lodge at Warren had a public installation everything passed off pleasantly, T Brace acting installation officer.

Our neighborhood was very much hocked to hear of the death of Joseph Cracken. He was born and raised in our vicinity and was in every way a whole souled fellow and was liked by all. He leaves a wife and one child and was looking a good position as the Agricultural farm at the time of his death. This makes the tenth that the dread disease diphtheria has carried away of the McCracken family.

LA GRIPPE.

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