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TIME TABLE

IN EFFECT NOV. 19, 1893.

DETROIT, GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN MILWAUKEE RAILWAY

WESTWARD.

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

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	3:55 a. m.
*Chicago Express	6:50 a. m.
†Suburban	7:30 a. m.
†Grand Rapids Express	11:05 a. m.
†Mail	3:10 p. m.
†Evening Express	8:40 p. m.

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1 lot Shirting Flannels at 25c.
1 lot Dress Flannels at 25c.
1 lot Broadhead Dress Goods at 20c.
1 lot boys' Calf Congress Shoes at $1 50 worth $2 00
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I have one Improved New Home High Arm Sewing Machine which I will sell on trial for $25. Anyone wanting a Sewing Machine should not miss this bargain. It has five draws and all the latest improvements.

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If in need of a first-class Axe, WARRANTED, I have four different kinds made upon honor. To quality, cheaper than the cheapest. Hand-made handles, when purchased with axes, 25 cents each.

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I have the Toledo Blade, Toledo Humboldt and The Instanter. These saws are the best of Henry Diston & Son's make, made of refined, crucible steel, four to five gauges thinner on back than tooth. Anyone wishing a saw should call and examine these goods before buying elsewhere.

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New Years Presents.

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Albums—Photo and Autograph, Automatic Toys, Gas Balls, —Zylonite Balls, Bisque Figures, —Juvenile Books, Box Papers, Chime Toys, Christmas Cards, Confectionery, Dolls all Kinds, Friction Toys, Games, Gloves and Mittens, Harmonicas, Magnetic Toys, Metalophones, Metal Novelties, Nut Cracker Sets, Toy Pallet Boxes, Papeteries, Playing Cards, Pitchers—China, Push Goods, Shaving Mugs, Shaving Sets, Silverware, Jointed Snakes, Toilet Sets, Surprise Boxes, Toy Trumpets, Iron Toys, Etc., Etc.,

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When sending your subscription, do not fail to say it is a renewal. If all of our subscribers will do this, a great deal of trouble will be avoided. Also give your name and initials just as now on the paper or wrapper; don't change it to some other member of the family, if the paper is now coming in your wife's name, sign her name, just as it is on the label, to your letter of renewal.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

We have arranged to club THE ECCENTRIC with that bright, pure, sparkling periodical,

SUNSHINE FOR YOUTH.

Our arrangements are such that it will be sent to

Each New Subscriber

and also to our old friends, who pay all arrearages and one year in advance during the month of December; we do all this without increasing our subscription price a penny.

Those whose homes are gladdened by children will find in Sunshine real treasures for their young minds. Those whose home are childless will have the means of making glad other homes, and we doubt not will delight in so doing.

We feel that our effort in supplying both papers for the price of our own alone, will be appreciated, and thus bear the good fruit of mutual satisfaction and benefit. We believe our readers understand that with anxious care we are ever alive to their interests and that our constant effort is in the direction of giving them more and that which is better than they can elsewhere secure for the same expenditure.

☞ Remember For December Only ☜

HOME NOTES.

Look out next week for the great and only Blue Cross.

Miss Grace Johnson and Master Harry are visiting with Miss M. A. Cromwell.

Will J. Beatty returned last week from an extended visit at Utica, N. Y.

Wanted, 1,000 cords basswood bolts. Enquire of H. A. Randall, Birmingham, Mich.

Don't forget that the Birmingham Dancing Club will give a New Years' ball on Jan. 1st, 1894.

If you have farm or village property to sell, send descriptions and price to Martin Meyer, P. O. Box 5, Birmingham tf

Passed to her rest, Friday evening the 22nd inst., Amanda Augstman Stephens, wife of Halsey L. Stephens, of Southfield.

George Kemp is home for a short vacation from the blue grass region of Kentucky and is the same old chip off from the same old block.

Wanted, 400 gallons milk per day by P. H. Childs at Birmingham depot.

H. A. HAMLIN, Agt.

Aug1tf

The best way to avoid scalp diseases, hair falling out, and premature baldness is to use the best preventive known for that purpose—Hall's Hair Renewer.

"What is your life?" will be the topic at the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This will be an old and new year's sermon. All are invited.

The tours of an unusually large number of theatrical companies may this season be easily followed by means of the trunks left in the hands of unpaid landlords.

New Domestic sewing machines for sale always on time or very low cash. Call on Mitchell and see the new varieties of wood that this justly celebrated machine is finished off in.

Perhaps if France and Germany could be persuaded to engage in a war of extermination the hackneyed newspaper headline, "Germany menaces France," or vice versa, would disappear.

Mrs. Samuel Holman, who has been ill for some time died at her home in this village Tuesday morning after a long illness. Her husband, Samuel Holman, died two weeks ago to day, Thursday.

Commander Whiting of the navy is the only man who has up to date pulled out of the Hawaiian game ahead. He has married two or three million dollars, with an incumbrance in the shape of a Chinese girl.

SITUATION WANTED.—A good, steady compositor of nearly two years experience wants a situation, country office preferred; References if required. Address THE ECCENTRIC, Birmingham, Mich'gan. tf

Fred Saunders hasn't begun to think of ceasing to celebrate over his Christmas present which was the safe arrival of a nice little baby girl. All the boys are smoking and Fred is simply out of sight.

The negroes whose nominations to diplomatic positions were unacted upon by the Senate at the extra session, and who have not been again nominated, are called by facetious Congressman 'Q C's—queered coons.

The following letters remain unclaimed at the Walnut postoffice: John Stewart, Mr. V. B. Harper, S. Eggleston. Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised." R. C. Haskins, Asst. P. M.

Next week we will try and see what the collecting power of the blue cross amounts to in this most wonderful financial year of all that we ever yet passed through, and we are anxious to know what the blue cross will pull in, in, 1894.

Hon. Hugh McCurdy of Corunna, Mich., committed matrimony last week and is now receiving the congratulations of a world of friends. The lady is a most estimable lady of Charlotte, Mich., and we join in with the rest with our best wishes.

The Woman's Working Society will meet at Mrs. Waldo's, Jan. 6. Committee: Mrs. Clara Simpson and Mrs. Taber, biscuit; Mrs. S. Stevens and Mrs. Waldo, cake; Mrs. Tibbals, butter; Mrs. I. Wilson, sauce. Hannah E. Mitchell, Secretary.

There must be some sort of affinity between the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt and the New York musician who, when appealed to in the name of art to vote for the supension of a rule of the Musical Union, replied: "Art be d——d; we are after money."

With many clergymen, public speakers, singers, and actors, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the favorite remedy for hoarseness and all affections of the vocal organs, throat, and lungs. Its anodyne and expectorant effects are promptly realized.

Mr. Editor, will you please tell us what personal efforts were exerted by the two young ladies, Miss Snow and Miss Quick in raising the amount stated in your paper last week, to go for the starving miners? We give it up, they were too numerous to specify.

Landlady Beattie's Christmas dinner was a success in every particular. A number of our people took advantage of the offer and chance given by Mrs. Beattie and partook of the hospitalities of the National in a very hearty and satisfactory manner.

"A snake in the grass" is all the more dangerous from being unsuspected. So are many of the blood medicines offered the public. To avoid all risk, ask your druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for Ayer's Almanac, which is just out for the new year.

The man who in the fulness of his heart exclaims, "Let me make the Christmas gifts of a country and I care not who makes the laws," may never become a millionaire, but you can bet your best girl's love that he sleeps well and has good digestive organs.

Christmas festivities were most heartily enjoyed by the children of all the different churches. Each church has a pretty exercise to accompany the distribution of gifts and apparently all the Sunday School children were a little bit happier than the usual Christmas Sunday school scholar.

If the great big overgrown know nothing who put snow in a pail hung out for milk on Maple avenue one day last week repeats this offense he will find himself with more trouble on his hands than he will care to attend to. The village marshal is on to him and will see that this kind of lawlessness meets with its just reward.

Mrs. S. T. Boyd passed the Holidays with her daughter Mrs. Nettie Miller at Vassar and had a most enjoyable visit and we will wager a cookie that when the good lady returns home she will not have to hire a hack to take her from the depot, but will have to telegraph all over the Union for its return as we remember an acquaintance of hers old a few months ago.

At the annual election of Birmingham Lodge, No 44, F. & A.M., last Thursday evening the following officers were elected: W. M., Eugene Brooks; S. W., Frank W. Blair; J. W., Frank Withey; Treas., M. K. Taber; Sec'y, A. Partridge; S. D., Morell Dennis; J. D., Peter McKay; Stewards, A. C. Tibbals, Wm. Smith; Tyler, Samuel Jarvis.

At the Presbyterian church last Monday night the combined power of Superintendent Clarke and Sexton Benedict could not keep decent order among a certain few who insulted the church, the audience, the pastors and themselves, but they don't know the last insult for those who act thusly have no brains to comprehend anything. Pity should be given to this class in copious doses.

Farmers if you want your logs sawed in any manner to suit your taste, haul them to the Royal Oak saw mill operated by H. & J. Candler, of Detroit. These gentlemen are well known in this vicinity and the good work done at this mill in the past is a sure guarantee of first-class work. If you want logs made into lumber, give them a trial. See their new adv't elsewhere in this issue.

We have received an elaborate invitation from Jas. E Quick, Secretary of American Association of General Baggage Agents to be held in the city of St. Augustine, Fla., on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The invitation came to George H. Mitchell, Gen'l Baggage Agent Birmingham, Franklin & Southfield R. R. Co., and Mitchell will represent said company. Members are to be accommodated at the Hotel "Ponce de Leon" at the low rate of $6 per day. Mr. J. E. Quick and wife will attend and a good time is to be enjoyed by the G B A's and their respective wives.

Is your home mortgaged? Did you ever stop to think in what circumstances you would leave your family should you be suddenly taken away from them? If not, don't you think it would be a good plan to give it your consideration? By having your life insured in a responsible company if anything should happen, you could die knowing that your dear ones would be provided for. If interested in this question look up G. A. Watkins' new adv't this week and it may help you to make a move you will never regret.

Thursday evening, the Hon. J. M. Hall of Flint gave an interesting talk at the M. E. church upon the work of the Bay View Reading Circle. Seven persons present joined the Circle and after electing Prof. Waldo, temporary chairman adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bert Peabody on Thursday evening next at 6:45 when a perfect organization will be effected. All interested in science, art, theology, German history and literature, etc., are cordially invited to be present. Terms for books, magazine, certificate and everything necessary for work only $2 50 per year.

The Columbia Desk Calendar which is issued annually by the Pope Manufacturing Co., of Columbia bicycle fame, is out for 1894, much improved in appearance. It is a pad calendar of the same size and shapeas those of previous years, having a leaf for each day, but its attractiveness has been heightened by the work of a clever artist, who has scattered a series of bright pendrawings through its pages. It also contains, as usual, many appropriate and interesting contributions from people both bright and wise.

Died Sunday morning, Dec 24, at the home of her brother, John H. Snow, Mrs. Emily A. Shutes aged 54 years. Deceased was a most estimable woman, and one whose circle of warm loving friends was boundless. Since her husband's death which occurred nearly three years ago she has been in poor health and consumption soon conquered her. She was born in Birmingham in 1839 and has always lived in this vicinity. Her funeral occurred Tuesday conducted by Rev. A. Marsh after which her remains were buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Last Saturday morning George Allen who works J. K. Adams' farm in Southfield while doing the chores and had just filled two pails with Jersey milk, seven-eighths cream, his lantern suddenly and without warning exploded like an Anarchist. Fire soon spread throughout the large barn and George was unable to extinguish it with the cream although he used it to the best of his ability. He worked hard and faithfully and not with out a great deal of danger to himself succeeded in clearing the barn of all the stock, cattle, horses, etc. The building with its contents consisting of hay and grain was a total loss. Insured in the Monitor for $1,000.

The second edition of the December World's Fair Cosmopolitan brings the total up to the extraordinary figure of 400,000 copies, an unprecedented result in the history of magazines. And 400,000 copies—200 tons—24,000,000 pages—enough to fill 200 wagons with 2000 pounds each—in a single line, in close order, this would be a file of wagons more than a mile and a half long. This means not less than 2,000,000 readers, scattered throughout every town and village in the United States. The course of The Cosmopolitan for the past twelve months may be compared to that of a rolling snowball; more subscribers mean more money spent in buying the best articles and illustrations in the world; better illustrations and articles mean more subscribers and so the two things are acting upon each other until it seems probable that the day is not far distant when the magazine publisher will be able to give so excellent an article that it will claim the attention of every intelligent reader in the country.

LIBRARY HALL CHAIRS.

One lot of chairs has been ordered for the Library Hall Subscription List and the bill is here awaiting payment. All who have subscribed and have not paid yet are requested to call at once and pay in their amounts, and those who have not yet subscribed and desire to are urged to come at once before it is everlastingly too late. Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that if you don't want to stand up at the numerous elegant and entertaining entertainments that we are to have this winter at this popular place of resort, you should hesitate no longer but come to the front at once, put your name and cash down for all you can possibly stand. We give the list up to date.

THE LIST.

Previously acknowledged	77
E. J. Parkinson	1
Mrs. Caroline Utter (Detroit)	1
Mrs. H. R. Miller	1
Mrs. J. W. Bassett	1
Mrs. Wm. Kitty	1
Mr. Wm. Young	1
Mrs. Cordelia James	1
Total to date	105

You will notice that most of the donors are ladies, (bless 'em), the men ought to notice this and pitch in, sign up, pay down and not allow themselves to be eclipsed by the fair ones.

LA GRIPPE.

During the prevalence of the Grippe the past seasons it was a noticeable fact that those who depended upon Dr. King's New Discovery, not only had a speedy recovery, but escaped all of the troublesome after effects of the malady. This remedy seems to have a peculiar power in effecting rapid cures and only in cases of La Grippe, but in all diseases of the throat, chest and lungs, and has cured cases of asthma and hay fever of long standing. Try it and be convinced. It won't disappoint. Free trial bottles at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

RATHER MISSED GETTYSBURG

Than the Surprise on Comrade Wiley Last Evening.

A genuine surprise was given a genuine good man last evening—Thomas M. Wiley. A member of the G. A. R., for it was a post surprise, furnishes the following interesting account:

Good morning Comrade. Were you at Wiley's last night? Indeed I was. I'd rather have missed Antietam and Gettysburg both than to have missed that.

Then you must have had a grand time. First rate, all were happy.

Did they know you were coming? Ah, no, Mrs Wiley was at church meeting and did not get home until we had possession. Where was Tom? Oh, they got him off to a lecture and he was about the last fellow to get there, and seeing that large, beautiful new home of his all lighted from cellar to chamber, like a cautious old soldier he reconoitered a little before he charged in and then he came in the back way and was captured without difficulty. Whose generalship so captured them? Mrs. Wiley's mother, Mrs. Drake, who, if she is some older than she was twenty-five years ago, has not lost her cunning. She planned the campaign and ordered the attack, December 14 at 8 p. m., that being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, and she knew the G. A. R's were competent to take the post. Commander Dawes had command of the G. A. R. and I think President Mrs. Dawes and Mrs. Whited led the W. R. C. How many were there? About 75 and when packed, old sledge, etc., had got well started, once more the door bell fang and right in our midst stood Pastor Reitzel and wife. They were on their way home from church and seeing the house so brilliantly lighted they came in to reconnoiter: It was fun to see the cards hustled out of sight when they came in. Wasn't he a little astonished? He looked it and said he had called in to "look after the saints of his flock." He then congratulated all, and us have a good time and went on his way.

How about rations? Well, you need not think there was any hard tack or old salt pork there. Not much, but sand wiches, cake, doughnuts and coffee and drew pickles and other rations and the waiters got a little discouraged thinking we never would get through eating. But we watched them a little later and we thought sick call would be well attended.

What relic of the capture did you leave? The bride and groom of a quarter of a century ago were given a silver basket lined with glass and a box of silver nut picks and Comrade Wiley was given a small box of cigars containing 25, and he was commanded as he smoked them, to remember the 25 yearly milestones he had passed in the matrimonial boat.

Yes, we were well pleased with our evening but it was after midnight when they were pleased with our going. Don't forget that.

The above from the Oswego Evening Argus shows that our friend Tom Wiley has cast his lot in pleasant places and we join in with his many friends in congratulations over the above happy event.

A LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.

The Southfield Star Literary Society are to give a benquet at the home of Mr. Samuel Bell, Friday evening, Dec. 29, 1893. Invitations have been sent out and an enjoyable time is anticipated.

PROGRAM.

Music, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell.
Recitation, Mary Brooks.
Instrumental music, Louise Frindt.
Recitation, Calvin McCarrol.
Violin solo, Joseph Vrooks.
Essay, Leslie Montgomery.
Recitation, Ida McKinney.
Dialogue, "The Canvassing Agent," Emma Young, Eva McDonald, James Miller, Samuel Hanna, Rennie Bell.
Recitation, Samuel Hanna.
Duette, Jennie Bell and Samuel Hanna.

BANQUET.

Introduction of Toast Mistress.
Toast Mistress, Miss Hane Cannon.

TOASTS.

1. Our Society, Mary Miller.
2. Our Society Girls, Malcom Stewart.
3. Our Society Boys, Eva McDonald.
4. Our Society's Future, Walter McCarroll.

JAMES MILLER, Pres. MAY BROOKS, Sec'y.

Money to loan, always on hand.
Mar3093 E C. Poppleton, Agt.

GOOD FOR OUR SCHOOL.

Guy Rich Acknowledges the Birmingham Donation for the Suffering Miners.

Enthusiasm rose to white heat at the school house last week when $80 was contributed by teachers and pupils for the suffering miners in the north.

The High School gave $46 73. Of this the Seniors gave $15; the Juniors, $10.50 the Sophomores, $11 23.

The Second Grammar Department, which always stands high in every good work, gave $26. Of this the 8th grade gave $7 75 and the 7th grade gave $8.25.

On the lower floor the First Grammar Department gave $7.77; the Second Primary gave $5 70 and the First Primary, $3 80.

This has been an experience long to be remembered by all. One girl in the First Grammar and one boy in the Second Primary each gave their all, and doubtless many denied themselves to some extent.

Our gift was acknowledged by our Governor, who kindly wrote a special letter of acknowledgment. The letter is below

A draft of $80.30 was sent to C. L. Hudson last Saturday; the sum of $0.30 being contributed by friends outside the school.

This not all that Birmingham has contributed. At another time $18 has been sent, also eight barrels of clothing.

LANSING, Dec. 18, 1893.

E. F. WALDO, ESQ., SUPERINTENDENT, Birmingham, Mich,

MY DEAR SIR:—Your esteemed communication informing me of the generous donation made by the pupils of the Birmingham High School for the relief of the destitute miners in the Upper Peninsula duly received. Permit me to extend to you, and through you to each individual boy and girl in the school who so generously gave for this charitable purpose the thanks of the sufferers who will be benefitted by it, and also my personal thanks and best wishes for each and all of them.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN T. RICH.

BLUE CROSS.

Next week the gay and festive blue cross will appear, one before and one after your name, if the date after your name on the wrapper or on the paper has passed. It is easy enough to find out if you owe a dollar on the ECCENTRIC. First get it clear in your mind that we receive our pay yearly in advance then notice the date after your name on the paper or wrapper if it comes to you wrapped singly, then if the date is passed you owe a dollar to this great National periodical and we want it. Can use it to a great advantage because we must pay our taxes and settle up too for our Christmas presents.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Mrs. S. Norris was buried one day last week.

David Cromie is very poorly at this writing.

Several of our neighbors are ill with the grippe.

Mrs. B. Wilson, of Detroit, is visiting her parents.

No school this week. We presume our teaches has the grip.

Sam Hawthorn and Al Babcock both lost horses lately but neither suffered a severe loss.

Mrs. Chas. Bitner was buried Saturday. Mrs. B. was in every way a most estimable lady.

Mrs. Warren Babcock has had several severe attacks of nose bleeding, which leaves her very poorly. She is 84 years of age.

Mr. Joe Metre was buried last Friday at Warren. Joe was an old pensioner. There was no singing at the services in the church but perhaps Joe will get there just the same as though the full choir had been present.

STRENGTH and HEALTH.

If your are not feeling strong and health, try Electric Bitters. If La Grippe has left you weak and weary, use Electric Bitters. This remedy acts directly on the liver, stomach and kidneys, gently aiding these organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with sick headache, you will find speedy and permanent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this is the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c, at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

LET US HELP YOU.

To your Christmas buying, with our suggestions, of articles combining the useful and beautiful and and best. Any of the following will appreciated because they're practical:—

Smoking Jackets, $3 up.
Bath Robes, $5 50 up.
Dressing Gowns, $5 up.
Underwear, 50c up.
Hosiery—best made—25c up.
Suspenders, 25c up.
Gloves—$1 all hands—25c up.
Silk Mufflers, $1 up.
Beautiful Neckwear, 25c up.
Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c up.
Fancy Handkerchiefs, 10c up.
Late fancies in Cuff Buttons, 50c up.
Silk Umbrellas, $2.50 up.
Handsome Canes, $1.00 up.
White and Fancy Vests, $1.25 up.
Silk Hats, $4.00 up.
Any Stiff Hat in stock for $2.95. ("Harrington" Hat excepted.)
Any Soft Hat in stock for $1.95.
Splendid Mackintosh Coats, $9.50.
Boys' Overcoats—2½ to 18 years—all cut in price even more than 25 per cent.
Men's Best $18, $20 and $22 Suits, now going for $14.50.
Bargains in Boys' Suits, etc.

We know you can't find the same values or the same assortments elsewhere. Come and see our beautiful Souvenir free with every purchase next week.

R.H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.