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TIME TABLE

IN EFFECT JULY 2, 1894.

Trains leave Birmingham as follows:

WESTWARD.

*Morning Express.....7.30 a. m.
*Mail.....11.26 a. m.
Chicago Express.....4.00 p. m.
*Suburban.....6.09 p. m.
*Chicago Express.....9.01 p. m.
*Night Express.....11.45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Night Express.....5.55 a. m.
*Chicago Express.....6.00 a. m.
*Suburban.....7.30 a. m.
Accidental Express.....11.06 a. m.
*Mail.....3.16 p. m.
*Evening Express.....8.30 p. m.

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JNO. W. LOUD, Traffic Manager. BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent.
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Fine line of Men's Shirts and Overalls at 25c, 50c, 75c 90c and $1.00.

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Largest stock in town to select from. Call and see the above goods and get prices.

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Anyone wishing tin work will give them prices right. I have a first-class tinner who has served at the trade twenty-six years. There is nothing in this line but what we can suit you. I handle all kinds of steel roofing and would be pleased to give any parties wishing roofing, any style, my prices and show them my goods. I will not be out done by anyone on a first-class job

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I have a fresh stock of Garden Seeds warranted true to name and as good an assortment as ever brought into town. Onion Seed, I have plenty of all kinds warranted to be 95 per cent. or money refunded. I will be pleased to show anyone in need of the above goods.

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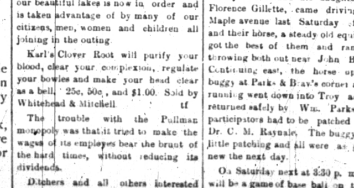

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HOME NOTES.

We want rain

Base ball Saturday.

Give us a few moist showers.

There are only a very few who are shy on their cemetery dues.

Liberal Christian services at 10:30 a. m. in Library Hall, Sunday next. All are welcome.

Miss Nellie Corey, of Detroit; is visiting her grandmother for a short summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family, of Greenfield, were guests of T. Langley on the 15th inst.

Mrs. Chas. Howard and daughter Marjorie, of Odessa, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

G. W. Algeld doesn't care whether his beau-shooter breaks window lights in the White House or not.

Mrs. Grant Wolfe has been seriously ill for the past three weeks but at present writing is slowly recovering.

Rev Charles White, of Detroit, will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Thos. Hanna and Will Benedict—one whole day's fishing—netted just 24 ounces, heads, tails, fins, scales, etc.

T. Langley luxuriated in green corn and ripe tomatoes, gathered from his garden July 14. Who can beat this?

Mrs. Joe Garnette and son, Master Willie, are in camp at Watkins Lake with the family of G. H. Mitchell

Last week Friday, the 13th, was an unlucky day for Pat Prendergast in Chicago. Would have thought he'd struck.

Senator Call is the latest recruit to the ranks of those who blackguard the newspapers for printing the truth about them.

Mrs. Aggie Pound, Mrs. Frankie Gleason and son, of Richmond, Mich., are visiting relatives and friends in this place.

Regardless of his personal sympathies the first duty of every patriotic citizen is to aid in the maintenance of law and order.

Mrs. Cal. Ellenwood has returned home after a month's absence visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Lidian Rose, of Fallonen, Mich.

During the ball game Saturday a Detroit player was hurt by a collision. The surgeon of the M. A. A. club soon pulled him back into life.

D-bs is played out. His strike is busted and now he goes down into oblivion with Irons, Coxey, et al. Give us something new to talk over.

Smoke La Señorita the best five cent cigar on the market. Manufactured by J. R. Nye and sold by all first-class dealers. Ask for it. Try it.

Use Wells' Laundry Blue, the best bluing for Laundry use. Each package makes two quarts. 15 cts. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell. tf

The man who intends to try to reconcile all the explanations given for the hard times would better engage a room in an insane asylum before beginning.

Leave orders for ice cream with Homer Ebling, the driver of Leonard's milk wagon, and he will deliver it at your house. Satisfaction guaranteed. 3

Many of the big newspapers seem to be afraid to handle the strike question editorially. Brace up gentlemen, the public awaits your opinion of the situation.

Shiloh's Cure, the great cough and croup cure is in great demand. Pocket size contains twenty five doses only 25c. Children love it. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell. tf

Sir George Pullman is like the rest of the professional philanthropists, he wants big interest on the investments he makes ostensibly for the benefit of his fellowmen.

Camping out by the side of many of our beautiful lakes is now in order and is taken advantage of by many of our citizens, men, women and children all joining in the outing

Karl's Clover Root will purify your blood, clear your complexion, regulate your bowles and make your head clear as a bell. 25c, 50c, and $1.00. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell. tf

The trouble with the Pullman monopoly was that it tried to make the wages of its employees bear the brunt of the hard times, without reducing its dividends.

Ditchers and all others interested please bear in mind that the letting of contracts for work on the Melbride drain in Royal Oak township, takes place July 23 instead of July 22.

Not a home run yet has been made since Whitehead & Mitchell offered their sparkling stud to the batter whether he be a member of a visiting club or a home man. Hurry up boys, she's a bute and only one can own her.

Willis Gibbs and his chum Mr. McGeorge rode their bicycles all the way from Howard City to this place and were not two days coming. Just on coming up the mill hill Mr. McGeorge broke the handles square off from his Columbian wheel.

The advocate of woman's advancement who said, "the world would become a paradise if there could be four consecutive generations of old maids," was great as an orator, but a little off on the principles of progenity and mathematics.

Commencing June 24, 1894, the P., O & N. R. R will run their popular excursion trains between Pontiac and Bay Port Summer Resort every Sunday during the season. Week day excursions will also be run frequently during the summer. 4

Those who advocate a large increase in the standing army of the United States are beginning to show their hands in various directions, but it cannot be done without an act of Congress, and the Congressmen who would vote for such a proposition are probably not numerous.

George W. Hoffman applied for a job on the railroad to Harvey C. Wilson. Harvey was in Chicago the noon he received George's letter and that night George was en route for Elsdon, a suburb of Chicago, with a pass in his pocket and a forty-five dollar a month job on his hands.

The ice cream and ice cream soda of Saunders' in Detroit, is famous all over the state and hard to beat, but Web Bray's ice cream and ice cream soda fully equals the Detroit product. Hi-dispenses Vernor's ginger ale, has a neat, tidy, large and airy room, keeps everything clean, has a big class of custom and is happy. Call and see him.

Our Scotch friend and bard Mr. A. Wanless, of Detroit, should take a run out to our unco little kent westlin toon and see our new fountain with the boy, girl and umbrella attachment. He'd smile with us over the beautiful scene. The village has put guards around the shade trees which are growing nicely and soon that corner instead of being a reproach will shine like a green bay tree.

We will pay Detroit prices for strictly pure eggs delivered at our South field milk house between 6 and 8 a. m. and 6 and 8 p. m. every day. Ice cream fully nished to Sunday school and picnics at the lowest possible prices. Write for prices and give us trial order. Union Creamery Co., 526 Grand River Ave., Detroit. 4t

If there is anyone who wants a good family horse, one that a woman can drive anywhere without fear, a horse not afraid of bikes, steam threshers, cars, etc., also a carriage (top), harness, robes, whip in fact a whole outfit complete, so cheap that it is a wonder, they should call on Mrs. T. Eyder, town line, one mile north of Stephans' corners

Died of consumption at her late home in Ludington, on Saturday, July 14 Mrs. Grace Stillwell, aged 21 years. Deceased was a daughter of U. S. Pension Agent Wheeler of this place and was well known and highly respected. She leaves a husband and one child. The funeral took place at Ludington.

We came near forgetting to mention that D. M. Doty and daughter Miss Olean had moved into Mrs. Thorne's house and that they are now "true for honest" Birminghammers and live on Maple avenue. Miss Doty who is an accomplished pianist has many warm friends who will be glad of her coming Mr. Doty will at once open a marble shop and he as he always has been, first and at the head of his business.

Mrs. A. Whitehead and son Raynale, after a lengthy sojourn with Mosey Redshaw, Esq., of Bridgeport, Conn., and enjoying their stay in a manner which only the hospitality of their good friends and relatives would make possible, have journeyed on to Newburyport, Mass., where they will visit with Ed Bodine, Mrs. Whitehead's brother, and "all along there" among other relatives and friends.

Messrs Peabody, Brooks, (father and son), Bassett and Jones are snugly ensconced in camp at Cass Lake where they will rest and fish for this week and the better part of next. We are on the list of visitors for two or three days and will take our kodak and the first man or men who misbehaves himself or themselves or catches a fish weighing more than 10 pounds, will appear in the columns of this great moral engine. Hope there will be a group comprising them all—not for misbehavior but for catching a big fish.

Major Jones and his daughter, Mrs. Florence Gillette, came driving down Maple avenue last Saturday afternoon and their horse, a steady old equine too, got the best of them and ran away, throwing both out near John Bodine's. Continuing east, the horse upset the buggy at Park & Bray's corner and still running went down into Troy and was returned safely by Wm. Parks. Both participators had to be patched up by Dr. C. M. Raynale. The buggy had a little patching and all were as good as new the next day.

On Saturday next at 2:30 p. m. there will be a game of base ball on the Birmingham grounds worth seeing. It is a return game with the Y. M. C. A's of Detroit who defeated our boys in the first game after a hard fight. The game will be of interest from start to finish. Mr. Holmes, of Detroit, will act as umpire and all those who saw him in last Saturday's game are satisfied that in all cases fair and just decisions will be made. All are invited to witness the game. Ladies admitted to grounds free.

The dish social given by the Ladies' Library Society at Library Hall, on Monday evening last, was a grand success. It would be almost impossible to mention each participant but suffice it to say that each did well in their respective parts, and taken all together a very pleasing program was rendered. The Topsy Turvy concert by the little folks again proved a great hit. The stock of dishes belonging to the library was largely increased and everybody seemed to be satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Harvey C. Wilson arrived home last Saturday morning after two weeks of very lively war. He had charge of the wrecking train on the memorable Saturday, the day of the big fight and was right in the heavy brunt of the battle and came out alive and whole and we are glad of it. All the men working under him that struck have written to him for a reinstatement, but nixey, once out always out. The men who struck are breaking their backs in their haste to return to their work and well they may for jobs are scarce and men are plenty and all have to eat and drink—and rest.

One hundred times have we wondered, surmised and tried in vain to find out how John Baldwin always succeeded in catching such big fish and so many of them, but the secret is at last out and the fat is in the fire or in other words we have solved the mystery. We thought he had some system of witchcraft or a voodoo but it all rested in his outfit, his hook, pole, line and sinker, and one night recently Messrs E. C. Poppleton and T. A. Ward determined to detect and resolved to take by main force if necessary his secret art of his great luck in catching fish. They lay in ambush and while on his way home captured his plant and we have it on exhibition at this office. Just drop in and see a complete, nifty outfit that has caught more and larger fish than any other tackle in this part of the world

The five men at the interlocking station at Valparaiso, Ind., under the general supervision of H. C. Wilson of this place, went out with the strikers and their places were immediately filled with non-union men. On Saturday Mr. Wilson offered the position of foreman at that place, to Ed. Chamberlin the present engineer at our water works. Mr. Chamberlin left for Valparaiso on Sunday evening last to look the job over and see if he would like it and will decide to-day (Thursday). While we congratulate Mr. Chamberlin upon his possible promotion, we are selfish enough to sincerely hope to hear soon say that "Birmingham is good enough" for him, for it would not be possible to supply his place at the water works with a more steady, competent or agreeable engineer.

Life at Watkins Lake is now in full rush despite the strike, Congress or the stagnation of trade. All the cottages are filled and the campers are enjoying themselves to their fullest capacity. The Bigelow cottage is occupied by Mr. McGlone and wife and little Miss Madelon a two year old miss who is "too sweet for anything," and numerous visitors. Whitehead & Mitchell's cottage is full to the brim and Samantha Allen, the light, jaunty sail boat in a new dress of cream trimmed with car wine, rides the water like a duck, but Tres Ann this season is a total wreck. Frank Durkee, wife, daughter Mrs Blakeslee, the boys Roy and Bert, and the girls Grace and Emma, with Carrie E. Mitchell and Master Will Garnette make company full of fun and perfectly companionable. We must not forget to mention that Miss Nettie Young is there also and a bit homesick, but that will wear away as time rolls on.

The July Cosmopolitan marks the close of the first year since the revolutionary announcement was made that the price of that magazine, already low, had been cut to one-half of three dollars a year. All sorts of predictions have come to be unfilled during the year—it would be impossible to maintain the rate—the quality would be lowered—the size would be decreased. But even severe critics admit that with each succeeding number there has been a betterment in the quality of articles and illustrations, and the size has remained unchanged, except the always growing advertising pages. The wealth of the magazine's new home at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, artistically designed by McKim, Mead & White, the new building with its eight great portiocs, will be 279 feet long by 76 feet wide, and one of the most perfectly lighted buildings in the world, having 160 large windows, each nearly double the size of the ordinary window opening.

ALL FREE.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it Free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a Trial Bottle, Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills Free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and costs you nothing. Whitehead & Mitchell's and F. Hagerman's drug store. 4

JULY BARGAINS.

The month of July is the month of special sales—the month when we "cut and close out" stock; and make things ready for the Fall trade—It's the month of bargains This year it will be particularly so with us—

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothes, Hats and Furnishings all bear their share of the bargains—Half price in some cases, quarter price in others—but everything shows shrunken prices—

Mail orders have every care.

R. H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT

INFORMATION WANTED.

EDITORS BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC,
Birmingham, Mich.:

DEAR SIRS:—I notice in your last issue an advertisement signed F. P. Beekman, Salesman, in which he advertises to sell the Diamond Peach for $25.00 per 100. In looking over the Nurserymen's Guide for '93 and '94 I can find no man by that name reported either as a grower or a tree dealer. In looking up F. P. Beekman's responsibility I find he is not responsible. I want to buy 1,000 Diamond Peach trees and would buy them of the man that would sell them to me for the least money providing I am guaranteed varieties true to name by a responsible firm. If Mr. Beekman is representing a nursery concern I think it would be better for him to advertise his business in the name of the company he sells goods for so that planters like myself can look up their standing and responsibility and if satisfied with their financial standing, etc., can then place our orders with Mr. Beekman. I have been regotiating with the Albaugh Nursery & Orchard Co., for one or two thousand peach trees of the Diamond variety, but cannot buy a car load of them for less than $400 per 1,000. If I can have $150 per thousand and get Diamond Peach trees I want to do it. If Mr. Beekman will kindly say through the columns of your paper how and by whom we are protected in buying Diamond peach trees from him and can prove to us that we are protected in so doing, I can show him where he can sell 10,000 Diamonds at the price he offers them for and will place with him my own order for 2,000 Diamonds at $500 cash on delivery.

VICTOR MAURY, Fruit Grower,
Pontiac, Mich.

BASE BALL.

Patrons of the game have been rather disgusted with the boys last week. On Wednesday of last week Pontiac came down and took away a ball by the rotten umpiring of Low, and costly errors by Birmingham, two passed balls, a pop fly which fell within 20 feet of first base and the orders waited for some one to say who should take it, and a wild throw by McStay piled up more runs than Birmingham could overcome. Hagerman pitched finely, striking out 10 men.

SCORE.

Birm....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	BH.	E.
Pontiac	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	4

Batteries—Hagerman and Rainey. German and Dooling.

Umpire—Low.

On Saturday although winning the game it was in an indifferent manner and the boys should have shut the M. A. A. A.'s out. If they expect to get strong teams to come here they must play good ball against the weaker ones. A hit and two passed balls scored the first run in the sixth, and in the ninth McStay's error allowed Taylor to reach first, another error by the same player placed him on third from where he scored on a wild pitch.

SCORE

Birm....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	BH.	E.
M. A. A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4

Batteries—German and Lett, Girardin and Taylor.

Umpire—Holmes.

Our small boys also played in hard luck all the week. The Pontiac Jr's defeated our second nine on Wednesday of last week 21 to 12 and the Howards of Detroit beat the third nine 18 to 14 on Friday last.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Republicans of the township of Bloomfield will meet at the Town Hall in Birmingham, Mich., on Tuesday, July 24, 1894, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

Attention to Fruit Growers.

I offer to sell and will sell the Diamond Peach for $25 per hundred; also the best Plum tree grown for $40 per hundred, all first-class stock and true to name. Beware of high priced tree peddlers in future coming.

Jul-3tf F P BEEKMAN Salesman

HOUSES TO RENT.

House, barn and sheds with one acre of land in the village for rent $7 per month. Apply to this office, Whitehead & Mitchell.

Attention, Village Tax Payers.

I will be at G. E. Daines' furniture store afternoons during July for the purpose of receiving tax dues the village of Birmingham.

GEORGE W FAY
Village Marshal.

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

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

We like to print in our paper the good things said about Birmingham and any of its inhabitants and the following clippings from the Detroit Evening News editorial news column give an idea of the ability of our townsman, Hon. E. G. Stevenson. Speaking of the victory gained at the recent Democratic State Convention it says:

When "radiant" leaders are dowged, they down themselves. But any Bulletin that supposes that Mr. Dickinson won the recent fight has not got possession of the latest genuine bulletins of that campaign. Mr. Elliott G. Stevenson, Mr. Dickinson's law partner, is the organizer of that victory. For good, sound common sense, for practical ability in handling men, for clear ideas of what he wants and how to get it, and general political sagacity, Mr. Stevenson's recent triumph makes him the peer of any party organizer or leader in the state of Michigan. For "Dickinson" read "Stevenson," and The News will accept the amendment of the Bulletin's opinion.

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Elliott G. Stevenson was one of the democratic leaders in the fight which ended at the Grand Rapids convention against the dissatisfied spirits whose efforts reflect some real glory upon themselves. Mr. Stevenson did not take a particularly active part in Detroit politics until this year, although he has been Mr. Dickinson's law partner since living here. His home for the past two or three years has been in Birmingham, which is in the sixth district, but he has directed things for Mr. Dickinson here in Wayne county with far keener foresight than most of the other leaders. Mr. Stevenson's policy has been to try and win recruits from the ranks of the Campau faction, for in that way better than any other he saw that it could be weakened.

The Fourth in the Sunny South.

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:—The Glorious Fourth happened on Tuesday and I have been wondering how my friends in Birmingham spent the day, and knowing many of them have been thinking the same thing about me, I would like, if you have space and will print it, to let them know thro' your paper how I spent the Fourth in the South.

I have never since I can remember spent so entirely comfortable a Fourth of July. It is the first real Fourth of July celebration the city of Hammond, in Southern Louisiana, has ever enjoyed. But Southern Hammond, with its host of Northern people daguerreotyping refrain Southern, and we had a real, bonafide Northern Fourth from first to last, weather included. There was a delightful breeze blowing from the south across the Gulf of Mexico, and it had lost but little of its invigorating coolness when it reached here. The thermometer registered 83 degrees as the average. As the L. C. Railroad gave excursion rates to and from our little city, the people came from far and near, and at 10 o'clock a. m. an immense crowd had gathered on the beautiful ball ground where were raised canopies over which the Stars and Stripes proudly floated, and under which were dispensed cooling drinks and choice viands. The Amite City Cleets and the Hammond Stars played a very close game of base ball, in which the Northern (Hammond) boys came out first best as usual. After the ball game the crowd repaired to the City Hall where we listened to a very appropriate and interesting program consisting of singing, speaking and recitation by the citizens. In the afternoon, or evening as it is called here, we again visited the ball ground where the young men in daring feats and exciting races (such as a greased pig, greased pole and catching a greased pig) entertained the people for several hours, and at night the Fourth was wound up in a blaze of fireworks never before witnessed in Hammond.

We have enjoyed a most delightful summer so far and I fail to see where the North excels the South as to climate.

I hope all my friends and acquaintances in and about Birmingham who read this will keep it in mind, and when they are inclined to visit a truly Northern city in the Sunny South, purchase tickets for Hammond, La., and they will find they have wasted neither time or money.

MRS. L. D. SPENCER.