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TIME TABLE

DETROIT GRAND RAPIDS & WESTERN MILWAUKEE

IN EFFECT JULY 2, 1894.

WESTWARD.

†Morning Express	7:30 a. m.
†Mail	12:05 a. m.
†Steamboat Express	4:00 p. m.
†Suburban	6:30 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:30 p. m.
*Night Express	11:40 p. m.

EASTWARD.

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

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†Daily except Sunday.

The following named animals will stand for service at the Watkins Farm during the season of 1894:

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TERMS.

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Poland China Boar—$2 payable at time of service—return privilege.

I am unable to supply the demand for crossbred ponies such as can be raised by breeding mares weighing ten hundred and less to Shetland Pony Stallions, and will be glad to buy colts at good prices from any of my able breeders. While horses are very low, ponies bring as much as ever. Bring along your little mares. It will pay you well.

Watkins Farm, Birmingham, Mich., April 2, 1894.

G. A. WATKINS, Proprietor.
IRA REED, Foreman.

David M. Doty,

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HOME NOTES.

Our first frost was last Tuesday morning.

A barn to sell cheap. Inquire at Ex change Bank. 2

Mrs. Kemp had as visitors last week Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Hopkins of Corunna.

Miss Ellen Sherman, of Farmington, is staying awhile with her aunt, Mrs. A. Partridge.

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

Mr. and Mrs. F. Sherman and children of Port Huron, Sundayed with Mrs. T. Ward.

Mrs. Charles Dewey, of Four Towns, is the guest of James B. Hunt and family this week.

Four per cent. interest on savings deposits if left three months at the Exchange Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Christian, of Detroit, visited relatives in this vicinity the first part of the week.

Misses Josie and Eva Hutchinson have spent the last two weeks with friends in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Eva Lombard has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Calvin Quick, at Concord, Mich.

Mr. Stephen Cooper is home again from Cooper, N. Y., where he has passed a most enjoyable summer.

Mrs. Mary Talbot, of Pontiac, and Mrs. F. Sleeth, of Byron, were guests of Mrs. E. P. Jarvis on Saturday last.

Look up J. S. Stockwell's new advt this week and learn how to obtain a dollar's worth of goods for 50 cents.

Mrs. Will Keeney was called to Chicago by a telegram, on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. T. C. Quay.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Langley, Monday evening, Oct. 1st, at 7:30. Current events will be used for roll call.

Wm. Pallister, of near Big Beaver, will have an auction Oct. 18. Sale begins at 9 o'clock a. m. Full particulars next week.

Willie Breckinridge doesn't sneer at the power of women in politics, now that he has had time to quietly think over the matter.

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

Miss Bertha McKinney, a former pupil of our school, is having a severe attack of rheumatism. Dr. Anderson of Big Beaver attends her.

See John Pound's 21c, 29c, 39c and 49c dress good sale now going on. See advertisement in this paper. Don't miss it, at the Bee-hive.

Died, Sept. 4, 1894, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cady of Royal Oak, formerly of this neighborhood, Elsie, aged 3 years and 10 months.

Homer Ebling, driver of wagon No. 1, Leonard's dairy farm, has changed from night delivery to morning and still delivers promptly to all nice, fresh, pure milk.

All cigar smokers should try John R. Nye's new cigar, Havana Rose and La Senorita, both Havana fillers and Sumatra wrappers. Ask your dealer for them.

A New York City newspaper says the word Gotham is used to describe a city of fools and prigs, and that is why, we suppose it is applied to New York City so generally.

Miss Faint sings the following to the tune of "Johnny Get Your Gun:"

Sabrina tried to injure me
By cutting down my big shade tree;
So base he had lots of gall.
And I'll have lots of wood this fall.

We guarantee a pleasant smile from every purchaser at our special sales. All will be pleased—none will be disappointed. See advertisement for dates in this paper. John Pound, the Bee hive.

Base ball luck was with us last week our third nine went down to Clawson last Saturday, played their second nine and scalped them to the tune of 34 to 11. Battery for B'ham, Adcock-Thurlby.

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

Do not forget the meeting of the local Aid Society at Mrs. E. Brooks', Friday of this week, at 2:30 p. m. Election of officers and other business. Willing workers wanted.

For sale cheap, a good Jersey, new milch cow, three years old, with calf. Kind, gentle and one a woman can milk. For particulars see Wm. F. Crombie, Birmingham.

Charles Rayner is now a regularly commissioned mail carrier between Southfield, Beddow and Birmingham. Charlie takes to his new work like a duck to water and from all appearances has come to stay.

Earl'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

Visitors and guests of Miss Allie Hagerman during the past week or two were Miss Zona Thompson, of Lake Charles, La., and Miss Fanny Cook, of Corunna, Mich., both very pleasing ladies who think Birmingham is just about right.

John Pound's mammoth underwear sale begins Monday, and lasts all the Fair week. See his advertisement in this paper. Do not miss it, at the Bee-hive—41c, worth 60c, 100 dozen fleece-lined.

Mr. Samuel Leach who lived north and west of our village for many years, died of consumption last week. His remains were buried at the Gilbert Lake cemetery and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. L. Houghton of Big Beaver.

Builders, Attention! Anyone desiring lumber in car load lots or in any quantity can be supplied by calling on W. D. Clizbe, Southfield avenue. Car load lots a specialty. Estimates cheerfully furnished. W. D. Clizbe.

For sale, or exchange for a larger farm, my piece of land in Troy known as the Halsey farm. Said piece of land contains 40 acres more or less. For particulars call on or address, Mrs. Francis Poole, Birmingham, Mich., or on the Robert Hanna place in Southfield.

Communion services will be held on next Sabbath in the Civenanter church of Southfield. Rev. J. S. Thompson of Utica, Ohio, will preach on Friday, Saturday and Sabbath. Special meeting of Christian Endeavor Society on Sabbath evening at 7:00 p. m.

Next Saturday afternoon at the Town Hall the Republicans will nominate a State Representative to be voted for at the coming fall election. It is expected that our townsman, Mr. Eugene Brooks, will receive the nomination, and if we do say it, a more honorable man never lived than 'Gene.

The Ladies' Working Society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. Allen, Friday, Oct. 5. Committees: Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Hunter, biscuit; Mrs. Lindbury and Mrs. Mitchell, cake; Mrs. J. Houghton, butter; Mrs. Lawrence, sauce. Mrs. H. F. Daniels, Sec'y.

This week Frank Blakeslee has a new adv't in which he gives a price list on every day articles. Look the list over and note the price named on each article and see if you can beat it anywhere. Besides getting goods at very reasonable prices you also get kind, courteous treatment which makes you feel right at home. Give him a call and see if we are not right.

J. W. Carson's new house on Pierce street was formally dedicated by a grand ball last Friday night at which time over 40 couple participated and all had a most enjoyable time. The music was first-class in every respect and furnished by Messrs Baker, Sherman, McCoo and Rainey. Three sets could dance at one time, and refreshments were served. Dancing was kept up until three a. m., and all left wishing Mr. and Mrs. Carson a long and happy life in the new home.

Well, well, well! Our town is blessed and noted throughout the state. Birmingham has brains and outsiders know it, so when the Democratic State Central Committee began to cast around for a man of ability, judgment and nerve to preside as chairman, Hon. E. G. Stevenson was their choice which is a great honor to him and also to Birmingham for residing here. That this responsible office will be filled satisfactorily goes without saying and we congratulate Mr. Stevenson on his appointment. This isn't all, Bloomfield also furnishes a congressional candidate from the wonderful sixth, Mr. T. C. Williams being the nominee for Congress on the Prohibition ticket. If our neighbor gets elected—well, now we'll wait and then talk to him.

BASE BALL.

Another rattling good game was played here last Saturday, our boys beating the Mayflowers a member of the City League. German having retired from playing to accept a situation in a bank, the twisting fell upon Daniels' shoulders, and well did he do it, but 8 scattered hits and not an earned run was made off him. Young Charlie Toms played a corking game at short and got a nice single. Lost got 3 and Blair 2 of the 11 hits. All the rest got one apiece except King who was unlucky in getting them safe but made up for it by excellent catching. Parks made one fine catches in center field.

SCORE.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.	H.	E.
B'ham	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	6	1	12	11	3
Mayflowers	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	7	8	8	

Earned runs—Birmingham 8. Two base hits—Grodes, Baker, Brandes. Three base hit—Lost. Struck out—Daniels 7, Baker 5. Bases on balls—Daniels and King. Baker, Stork and Smith.

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

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Thos. Quarton Steps From a Flying Train and Is Nearly Killed.

Our old friend and neighbor, Mr. Thomas Quarton, met with quite a serious accident one day last week while coming from the Fair. The train was a long one and when it stopped in the station here his car was so far down the track that he thought they'd pull up and stop again which they did not do. At Brush's crossing he arose from his seat, walked out on the platform and stepped off as calmly as out from his own door. Mr. Geo. E. Daines who was driving on the gravel road near where Mr. Quarton left the train, tells the rest of the story and says Mr. Q. opened the car door and stepped from the platform as cooly as if he did it every day. The moment his feet touched mother earth the circus began and he turned summersaults and flip flaps a distance of two rods and lay on his face apparently, dead. Ned had signalled the train that something was wrong and they stopped and backed up. Turning Mr. Quarton over he got his head upon his knee and straightened his limbs in comfortable shape but found his right arm immovable. His face was cut up, badly scratched and bloody. In a short time he began to recover and gasp for breath. By this time Conductor Bunday and many passengers had gathered around and Ned thought a little stimulants would be beneficial he asked if anybody had some liquor with them. Only 15 flasks were produced. Ned poured about three swallows down the injured man's throat and in about 10 minutes he opened his eyes and began to recover. Ned stayed with him and sent Frank Smith after a doctor, who quickly returned with Dr. C. M. Raynale who found the victim an owner of a dislocated right shoulder, several scratches, and a few bruises but with a few days of nursing will be as good as ever. Mr. Quarton feels now that he is authority on gymnastics, but won't try it again—not this year.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS.

There will be a meeting of the vestry this (Thursday) evening at the office of Mr. Whitehead.

Regular services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at noon.

SCHOOL DAY.

In order that the teachers and pupils may see the Oakland county school exhibit and also visit the Fair, we have placed the price of admission at the low sum of 10 cents. This holds good for Oct. 3 only, and has been designated as "School Day."

Tickets may be had by applying to County Commissioner Snowden.

We trust all schools will have a holiday and take this opportunity of visiting the Fair.

H. H. THATCHER, Secretary,
HARRY H. SNOWDON, Commissioner.

LOVE YOUR TOWN.

The man who isn't in love with his town is destitute of that public spirit which is a characteristic of every genuine American. He lives without enjoying life, and after his final journey to the cemetery has been made, his memory is not long cherished save by a few faithful souls whose love blinded them to his selfishness. One should always reserve a considerable place in his affections for the town of which he is a resident. He should be interested in its progress, fertile in expedients to benefit it, and thoroughly convinced that it is the best town in the whole world. That is the reason so many of our western towns have such an astonishing growth. The people want to win material success, but they are wise enough to know that the town must make its own way if they are to succeed.

A FEAST OF SONG AND ELOQUENCE.

The concert-entertainment at Library Hall last Friday evening was fairly attended by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience who enjoyed the numbers each participant gave, as it deserved. We need not say one word about Jennie Peck's piano solo, nor of Mrs. T. Eades' singing, all are familiar with their proficiency each in their respective lines. Miss Mulvey is a new comer upon our stage and her elocutionary powers brought her frequent encores proving her efficiency in that line. She gave several numbers and each, one received close attention. We hope to hear her again. Miss Carrie Rainey gave a very fine violin solo accompanied by Miss Olean Doty upon the piano. The recitation by Ethel Parkinson was nicely rendered by this pleasing little lady who, for one of her years, does remarkably well. She responded to an encore very nicely. The pantomime by Miss Mulvey to agree with Mrs. T. Eades' singing of "Nearer My God to Thee," was new, unique and showed the young artist proficient in Delsarte movements. This number closed the entertainment and everybody went home happy and satisfied.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beavorsville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house without it." Get a free trial at Whitehead & Mitchell's or F. Hagerman's drug store.

THE MAN IN THE MOON

Can't test our claims and therefore must miss the bargains —It's different with you—Every week you get our announcements—Do you profit by them? Ever think that to make business profitable for ourselves we must make it profitable for our customers? We do, too, Try us once.

Men's Suits, $7.50, $10, $12.
Boys' Suits, $2.50, $3, $4, $5.

New every one of them. Reliable every thread. If you don't feel satisfied you get your money back—No trouble about it either. Don't be afraid to order by mail. Your neighbors do.

R.H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

BIRMINGHAM'S GARDEN OF EDEN.

Owner and Worker, F. P. Beekman.

One day last week we made a short call upon F. P. Beekman's wife, to learn if Mr. Beekman at work in his garden which is a veritable parlor out of doors. The earth is heavily enriched with phosphates and kept as clean as a tidy housewife's kitchen from weeds, etc., that go to distract the expert gardener. That Frank is an expert goes without saying and it is a great pity that he hasn't about 20 acres of land to enrich instead of a village lot. He has just completed for cold storage an out of door cellar, stone foundation, plastered room and properly ventilated. Everything about his premises shows extensive care and knowledge of his requirements that would do credit to an expert from way back. The yard back of Frank's house is chock full of all kinds of small fruits and their yield even in this dry, failure of a season is phenomenal. Pears, peaches and plums, size, quality and quantity almost beyond belief. We expected to see something worth going to see from remarks made by those who had made the visit, but were surprised beyond reason at the extreme care and cleanliness of his horticultural display. Frank is right up in fruit and roses, too. Can talk you dizzy regarding the peculiarities of each or any varieties you may name, having made this science a study for years and he imparts his suggestions freely and willingly to any interested party. At his yard he can show you growing 13 different varieties of pears. Among the best are the Flemish Beauties, Bartlett and many others that returns a quick yield if set out. Plums, well, now we couldn't mention all of his varieties now growing. He has grown 13 different kinds and all extra choice. The Burbank, Lombard, Niagara and others of phenomenal growth attracted our eye and taste, while grapes we found out of sight. Peaches that can't be beaten are Hine's Surprise, Willetts, Elberta, Wonderful and Longhurst, this last one is immense, and where people follow directions in the care of the peach culture they get good returns at an early day. Mr. Beekman has some of the choicest of grapes, also of currants, gooseberries, blackberries, poses and climbing vines, all from C. W. Stuart & Co's Nursery, from whose nursery he supplies his numerous patrons.

OBITUARY.

Died, at his residence No. 221 Vinewood avenue, Detroit, Sept. 5, 1894, Schuyler Wilbur Hood, son of Rev. H. Hood of Birmingham, Oakland county, Mich., aged 50 years.

He leaves a widow, one son and three daughters, who deeply mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. A loss no earthly consideration can ever meet.

By honesty, frugality and diligent attention to business, he was able to leave his family in a very comfortable condition in regard to temporal matters, and his near est friends have reason to fear that to some extent, he made too great a sacrifice of health and life to care for those he loved. His loss is also deeply felt by his aged father whose only child and son he was in his declining years, looking to him as he did for counsel, for direction and material aid in times of need.

All his associates in business and all who knew him in thy private walks of life, join with his bereaved family in shedding a tear to the memory of one so gifted, and so suddenly stricken down in the meridian of life. His sun went down at noon.

WHAT THE BOYS WANTED.

The following choice bit of poetry from James Whitcomb Riley, just sets Harvey C. Wilson and George H. Mitchell into spasms of ecstasy every time they read it, for between you and I, when they were kids, to be a boy in man was the dream of their life. And all the time they were dreaming brakeman, Whitehead was dreaming to be a stage driver, but Fate changed all their plans:

TO BE A BRAKEMAN.

I want to be a brakeman,
I'm gone!
Legs hangin' over the edge of a flat car;
Train goin' 'bout twenty five mil'n hour;
Kickin' the dog from 'long the track—
That's what a brakeman does.

I want to be a brakeman,
I jing!
Makin' the boys get off the platform;
Cleanin' the dragon if the skids is lost;
Hollers, "Back 'er a length," and the engineer has to—
That's a brakeman for ye!

I want to be a conductor for me; just a brakeman,
By-heck!
Can make a couplin' on dead run;
Has spring bottom pants 'n braid on his clothes;
Carries a lantern at night 'n cap over his ears—
That's a brakeman, I'll tell ye!

I want to be a brakeman,
Geeminejolly!
Stand in with the agents and operators;
Knows the number of the trains' chaws tobacker—
He's a regular one, you bet!

'N I want to be head brakeman,
God-luv-'e
Twistin' 'er hard; smoke rollin' round ye;
Country people doppin' work to look;
Girls wavin' at you all the way to Peru—
I'll be one, too, some day.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

EDUCATIONAL.

That out-of-doors life and vacation rest in the country increase the growth of children is a well known fact, but it remains for a Prussian doctor to tell just what the advantage is to the poor child who receives the benefit of a three weeks' outing in the country. He states that the children among whom his observations are made, on an average show an increase of weight and chest capacity equal to that of a year of home-life. The learned doctor's investigations go to prove the permanent physical and moral advantages of the fresh air mission, and greatly encourage the leaders in these splendid philanthropies. In our beautiful village with its fresh air, healthful and abundant water, and its freedom from malaria, we ought to make a steady and vigorous growth both physical and moral. "And possess 'mens sana in corpore sano."

Miss Bertha Higelow, formerly astudent of Alma College, is attending the Birmingham High School this year.

The members of the High School were pleased to hear last week that new bookcases will soon be placed in the room and that about $100 will be expended in new books on the subjects of history and literature.

Visitors at the High School for the past two weeks are: Frances Quick '96, Miss Bessie Hagerman, Miss Maggie Hanna '92, Mr. Fred Waldo, Miss Ethelyn Beattie and Miss Emma Beattie.

Stranger—What a cheerless, dreary, depressing-looking building that is.

Native—O, that's only a school. Do you like fine architecture?

Stranger—I do.

Native—Wait 'till you see our new jail.

Anyone passing the school-building will appreciate the new walk which has lately been built much to the pleasure of the scholars.

The Juniors, following the good example of the Seniors, called a meeting and elected officers for the coming year.

The chemistry class, for want of books, did not start at the opening of school, but is now getting into working order and making up for lost time.

The following inscription can be read on the wall of our High Room: "Religion, morality, good government and the happiness of mankind, school and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."—Ordinance of Northwest Territory, 1787. Take notice that knowledge is not placed first nor second. What was this ordinance?

Mr. Snowdon while visiting our school a short time ago expressed a wish to eat "Pi" with the present Senior class. We hope that this wish will soon be fulfilled and that the "Pi" will be even better than the former one.

The geometry class lately had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. McCracken of Southfield, and much benefit was received from the quizz which he gave them.

Owing to the interest taken in the Ovid class last Friday, Supt. Waldo upon consulting his watch found he had kept the class 15 minutes over time, much to the delight of the non-Latin pupils of the literature class who thereby escaped a recitation.

"God in the habit of mastering things in clination," is the motto which the pupils of the High School are now striving to follow.

Look out for a Senior social in the near future.

Much credit is due to those pupils who remained last Thursday night to aid in improving the appearance of the school lawn. This is the beginning of the good work which has been planned to beautify our school lawn.

Comte de Paris, an exile in London, died Sept. 7. Why an exile? What claim had he to the French throne? What had he to do with our civil war?

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Mr. John Madden, a brother of Mrs. Clark Beach, has been her guest the past week.

Daisy Patch spent a week in Detroit during the Fair.

Mary Gage and Carrie Patch visited at D. Patch's last week.

Mrs. McKinstry is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Fern Hendricks, Walt Spencer, Jim Hathaway and wife, Verne Patch and Eddie Ham were all Fair visitors from this district.

Jim Hathaway is the owner of a new surrey purchased at the State Fair.

Mr. Curtis has started his mill again, this time in Mr. Snowdon's woods.

Frank Hendricks is the new school director.

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