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WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:40 a. m.
†Mail	12:05 p. m.
†Steamboat Express	4:50 p. m.
†Suburban	6:30 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:35 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	5:55 a. m.
*Chicago Express	6:50 a. m.
†Suburban	7:17 a. m.
†Steamboat Express	11:07 a. m.
†Mail	3:10 p. m.
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HOME NOTES.

"Life of Abraham Lincoln," by Colfax, is the last book in the library.

Saginaw is considerably torn up with sewer improvements and water takers.

Arrangements for lecture course have been perfected and tickets will soon be on sale.

A young M. D. has arrived at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Holcomb in Southfield.

The many friends of Miss M. T. Foster were glad to see her in town last week.

The Woman's Eccentric is to be the name of the paper published by Birmingham ladies.

Regular communication this Thursday of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M. A Partridge, Secty.

For next Saturday, Frank Blakeslee offers some special bargains. Look up his new adv't this week and learn what they are.

New quarter at the Post Office. Drop ten cents in a quarter in the window and see Mollie smile and hear the P. M. jump for joy.

Mixed candies of all kinds, just what the children like, at Sheridan's wagon on the Jones & McClellan corner. He also sells home made doughnuts.

Dandruff forms when the glands of the skin are weakened, and if neglected, baldness is sure to follow. Hall's Hair Renewer is the best preventive.

The Ladies' Working Society of the M. E. church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Simpson, Friday afternoon, Oct. 4. Every body is invited to attend. M. Daniels, Secty.

What's the matter with the Birmingham base ballists? There seems to be trouble in the camp and as usual the chances are the cause. Wake 'em up, get together, square up and travel easy.

Rev. W. C. Clemo, formerly pastor of the M. E. church of this place, now pastor of Ish. eming Fire M. E. church, was in town, before and after conference, calling on his friends here.

The next regular review of Hall Tent, No. 227, K. O. T. M., will be Oct. 7. It will be an open meeting. A full attendance requested. The ladies of Mary D. Hive, L. O. T. M., are invited to attend. I. Wilson, R. K.

Frank Gravel met with a painful accident one day last week while hauling logs in the woods. The timber slipped, crushing his foot very badly. Dr. J. L. Campbell dressed the injured member and Frank is doing nicely at present.

The sixth reunion of the 7th Michigan Cavalry will be held in Masonic Temple, Saginaw East, Michigan, on the 11th day of October, 1895 at 2 o'clock p. m., it being the 30th anniversary of the battle of Brandy Station.

Wm. F. Crombie a home got the start of him one day last week and succeeded in running away. William left the vehicle early in the game and the fractious colt began to make kindling wood of the whole outfit, and succeeded in pretty good style.

George Wright has a new house under full headway on the Stanly & Clizbe sub division, Southfield avenue, and work on this new dwelling will be rapidly pushed to a finish. George is one of our rising young men and we are glad to see such evidence of his industry and frugality.

Pontiac with the assistance of Frank Pears of the Western League, defeated Birmingham at Pontiac last Tuesday. Daniels pitched a great game for our team. The score: Pontiac, 9 runs, 7 hits, 3 errors; Birmingham, 3 runs, 9 hits, 4 errors. Umpire, Rice.

The members of the M. E. church gave their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Noade, a rousing reception at the M. E. church last week Friday evening. All sides were well represented and from every appearance a new and successful era is about dawning upon this disturbed people. Every body hopes so.

Died, at its home in this village, Elgin, native mouths, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mace, Jr. The little one has been ill since the second day after its birth passing through inflammation of the lungs and congestion of the brain, but a stomach trouble could not be overcome.

Dr. Norman Johnson is in New York City attending a sick son, Willie, of Mr. William H. Miller, of Bay City. Mr. Miller is a Bay City millionaire and his son is a consumptive who has been traveling for his health and at New York were so poorly that the invalid's father sent Dr. Johnson to his relief.

Mr. Samuel Reid's daughter, of Clawson, Miss Alta Bell, has been a sufferer for a long time and treated by many physicians for her illness, but it remained for Dr Towlsend, of Detroit, to cure the little one of her trouble which was caused by partial paralysis of the bowels.

Mr and Mrs C. F. Irwin, of Placerville, Cal., were the guests of Horace Leet and family last week. Mrs. Irwin's maiden name was Garfield and is a sister of Mrs. Leet. She made her first trip to California in 1852, the overland route, she being then but a mere girl. Her description of the journey is very interesting.

We haven't yet said a word about the new home Mr. J. Wilkinson is now building on the Stanley & Clizbe subdivision on South field avenue. It is to be a large, roomy dwelling to cost nearly $2 000 and when completed will be an ornament to that part of the village. It is to be on the right side of the street and has natural advantages that make it a handsome location.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Storrs is about to begin an active and vigorous campaign against manufacturers and dealers in adulterated food products, and has issued a bulletin in which he says he will enforce the law as passed by the last Legislature to the letter. Appended to it is a compilation of the laws. These may be obtained upon application.

A large poster hangs in the P. O announcing the terms on which enlistments are made in the United States army. The young men of this vicinity are advised thereto of some of the advantages secured by joining the army. The pay is quite good considering, and with the prospect of a war with England as announced by the News last week, promotions would follow fast and furious to the best men.

It is so easy to be mistaken! Last Saturday evening a prominent citizen of our village waited for another until the clock hands reached eleven at P. O corner and, as soon the waited and watched man arrived the p ce struck at the late wanderer. The blow was shunted and the aggressor seized by the throat. At this time the pugilistic man saw he had made a mistake in his man, got a chance to breathe his apologies and was forgiven. No one hurted.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that Wm. George Cook, proprietor of Cook's Dancing Academy, Detroit, has decided to take a limited number of pupils here. He will be at the rooms of the National Hall, Friday evening next, where information, terms, etc., can be obtained. This is an opportunity that many of our young people have been seeking but as Mr. Clark will be able to teach only a limited class, it will be well for intending pupils to see him on Friday next.

While everyone regretted the resignation of Ed Chamberlin, our competent engineer at the water works, our citizens can congratulate themselves upon having a good steady, capable man in his place in the person of Ira Reid, formerly foreman of the Watkins farm and for ten years foreman of David Ward's extensive farm. Mr Watkins now solemnly avers that he will charge $100 each for cucumbers from his farm, or Chamberlin having been his foreman previous to his employment by the village.

If any more of those Troy people have covetous eyes on the property of Mrs. Jennie Sloan in Troy, we would kindly advise them to refrain, for one day last week that enterprising lady missed a sheep-shooter and on the inspiration of the moment waked a mile and a half before breakfast time and on leisurely demanded the sheep, and to her surprise it was brought forth, accompanied with profuse apologies for forgetting to return it. Here is a good start for a feminine detective.

Mr. Augustus A. Mitchell and Miss Della B. Gould, both of Birmingham, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Squire Matthews at his office in Pontiac last Sunday. The new household has the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their future happiness and welfare. Gustis an industrious, steady young man and had a home already and furnished for housekeeping and they went immediately home and began business in earnest and at once. Here's congratulations Gustus and may the ditchdiggers increase in their salaries.

During Wednesday night's storm of last week lightning struck on of Hon. J. Reynold's apple trees four feet from the ground, leaving a split bare on the trunk ten inches long and two inches wide. It had the appearance of the bark being pounded off with a small mallet. It jumped from there and struck two feet lower down. There it left only a seam and did not rend the bark. Open the bark a little and one can see that the trunk is split through and through. The most strange of all, the tree has a spreading, compact top and not a limb or twig was struck.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held at Mrs. T. Langley's, Sept. 27, 1895. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Edgar Stippleton, president; Mrs. E. A. Randall, vice president; Mrs. Frank Blakeslee, secretary; Mrs. Wm. O'Neil, treasurer; Mrs. S. Mills, member at executive board. The treasurer reported the disbursements for the year to have been $27 50, balance in treasury, $4 93. It was decided to ask for the annual donation from the school and church. All contributions of fruit or vegetables to be sent to Mrs. Blakeslee the morning before Thanksgiving day.

W. S. Walker found a nice gold watch with all the modern attachments and improvements connected with it in his cucumber patch one morning recently. A strange case indeed. But when the public know that the Joy farm's popular and notorious melon patch adjoins the cucumber patch, why the watch was found in such a funny place is easily accounted for. The owner appeared a day or two after, proved property and got his timepiece. He says he always had a fatal taste for the long green——— cucumber. We will not mention his name until next time.

Rev. J. Earl Kilpatrick, son of Rev Jesse Kilpatrick late pastor of the M. E church, has received and accepted a call to preach in New Mexico in the heart of the mining district. It is a mission app ointment and he will be required to minister unto the wants of the Kingston and Hillsboro Mission in the far West. It is a particularly desirable location for Earl as its record for curing pulmonary ills like that with which Mr. Kilpatrick is afflicted, is said to be superb, many rapid cures being made constantly. Mr. Kilpatrick goes to a house already furnished nicely and a salary that is very satisfactory. His health now has improved so much the past two months under the Slocum treatment that he and his relatives are sure that he will be able to fill the bill and we heartily wish him the grandest success in his new field of labor.

A jubilee crowd never woke the echoes of Watkins Lake than the seven good men and true who went to put the cottage and buildings belonging to Whitehead & Mitchell in good order and see that the sail boat and smaller craft were in ship shape for winter. Of course there were draw backs to the pleasure, for no one ever knew of pleasure unalloyed. Some over-cautious persons might have considered it a serious thing to discover a big tree toad in the teakettle after all the boys had partaken freely of the coffee made from the water which had stewed up the mess and pronounced "just like mother used to make, only a little stronger." Then a good big piece of Limburger cheese showed up and one of the boys was disgusted on finding what he supposed to be a piece of spoiled cheese left over from last summer's camp, and later, to find one of the party making a good square meal of it. Well, boys, ere long you may all live to see the next annual round up.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTICES.

Morning prayer and sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school after the morning services.

Special meeting of the vestry, Saturday evening, Oct. 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

It is expected that the first services in the new church will be held Sunday, Oct. 20.

THE CLIMAX REACHED.

A bran fired new '95 bicycle first-class guaranteed, for sale cheap. Call at once on Jno Barron at Whitehead & Mitchell's for full particulars. Gents' bicycles to rent by the hour and day. Charges reasonable.

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10 boxes sardines for 50c at Nixon's.

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I can sell you a cap for 50c that you will pay 75c for in Detroit. Nixon.

Just received a new line of men's hats at $2 and $2 50 at $1 79 each at Nixon's.

V. Nixon sells more goods for the money than any other house in Birmingham.

New goods received every day in the shoe line. I defy competition on all leather goods. Nixon.

You can save time and money by buying your boots and shoes of me, as I have a large stock bought before the advance in leather and can sell you goods at the old price. V. Nixon.

50 dozen men's underwear at 50c per piece, former price $1. First come, first served. These goods will go quick at these prices and if you want a bargain come and get it before they are all gone. For cash only. Nixon.

I have 75 pair of ladies' shoes that I will sell at a price until closed out. These goods are just as good as new. Sizes from 2½ to 4½. This is a great chance for anyone to get good goods cheap as shoe leather has advanced in price. Nixon.

Home-seekers' Excursions.

Agents of the Ohio Central Lines will sell Home Seekers' Excursion Tickets as follows:

To Virginia, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Rate, one fare for round trip; limit 30 days. To Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, on Oct. 2. Rate, one fare for round trip; limit 20 days. To Arkansas, Alberta, Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Indian Territory, Kansas, South Missouri, Manitoba, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, Wyoming, on Sept. 24; rates one fare, plus $4 00, round trip; limit 15 days for return.

See Ohio Central Agents. Oct2

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Glunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. Kings New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Reves, Alberta, she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeded by La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and, highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottle free at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Fingerman's drug stores. Regular size 50c and $1 00.

IT'S DIFFERENT NOW!

Few years ago if a man could scrape enough money together to have his clothes made by a merchant tailor it was economy, or him to do so. Now it is extravagance, and people are finding it out. Fashionable New York to-day wears ready-made clothes. The production of a superior quality of garments by New York's leading manufacturers brought about this change in fashion. We've this manufacturer's choicest lines of Suits and Overcoats. We represent them in Detroit. Want something especially fine?

Our Men's $18, $20 and $25 Suits-Overcoats

There's a surprise for the man who inspects these clothes. Your custom-made fancies are all here to your satisfaction and at about half what you ordinarily expect to pay. As fine custom-made work as can be turned out. We will leave it to you and your friends as to it.

Men's $10, $12 and $15 Overcoats.
Men's $10, $12 and $15 Suits.
Men's Dress Pants $5.

R. H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

MASHER'S DESPICABLE WORK

Frightens a Birmingham Young Lady Into Convulsions.

Birmingham, Mich., Sept. 30.—A most reputable Birmingham man, who has a habit of "mashing" caught a young lady by the arm, as she was returning home in the evening, and held her fast, explaining that he was "lonesome." The young lady ran into a house for protection and went into convulsions. It was learned for a time she would not recover. Meanwhile the masher ran about with a club, terrorizing all the women in the neighborhood. Other women say ready to swear against him, in case an arrest is made. It is understood he will leave town.—Evening News. The manner in this case denies strongly the allegation and says he can prove an alibi by such good citizens as John Baldwin, M. D. Masters and others if necessary.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Japan has a written history extending over 2,500 years.

Arkansas is shipping cypress shingles to Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The extension of the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad to Cheboygan, is finished.

The English government in India collects about $25,000,000 from the sale of opium.

The capital of the building of the Junction railway is to consist of 9,000,000 shares.

The Sisters of Mount Lebanon, N. Y., have about 8,000 acres in Florida, near Lake Okeechobee.

A fisherman at Clinton, Mo., last week caught a thirteen-foot water moccasin snake on a hook baited with a frog.

Savannah, Ga., is excited over a new vine, which has a flower like the body of a goose and which smells like garbage.

Fine drawings made in London, have been successfully transmitted by telegraph with the aid of the Gray telautograph.

Wesleyan Methodists of Southern Michigan have closed their camp meeting, which was held about five miles east of Belleville.

Although Stanford University, California, is not yet four years old, there are already 1,100 students, 728 being men and 372 women.

H. C. Armstrong, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., recently dreamed he was swimming and dove out of bed. He nearly broke his neck and was badly injured.

The favorite language at the Russian court since the entrance of the new empress is said to be English. German, Russian, and French are seldom heard.

NEWSY TRIFLES.

The increase in the taxable property of Indiana is $14,904,000.

A new fifteen-story building is to be erected by the San Francisco Call.

A Washington paper has for a motto: "Grab all in sight and hustle for more."

The finest stock farm in the world is said to be that of Charles Reed, near Gallatin, Tenn.

Osmkosh will have her population counted again, as the census was not taken by wards.

A New York plumber has invented a silk hat with a half-gallon receptacle for carrying beer.

Sportsmen are permitted to kill but twenty upland game birds a day by a new law in Oregon.

One of the ferry lines just started at New York City is obliged to pay an annual rental of $22,500.

The acreage in the peanut raising states is much smaller by 10 to 15 per cent than in previous years.

A property owner of Zanesville, Ohio, has sued a tenant for $500 damages for claiming that a rented house was haunted.

Gen. A. P. Stewart, one of the prominent Confederate commanders at Chickamauga, is very ill and not expected to recover.

Mrs. Ole Bull, although not widely known, is a literary writer of considerable ability. She was a sister of Robert Louis Stevenson.

It is claimed that Cincinnati will be the best represented of any city at the Cotton States and International Exposition at Atlanta, Ga.

SMILES.

Binz calls his doctor his biographer, for the reason that he is at work upon his life.—Texas Siftings.

Straksmus—"May I have the honor of the next dance?" Two fair ones (eagerly rising)—"With pleasure."—Life.

PARKER AND THE SENECAS.

Lore That Raises the Question Whether He Was a Full Blooded Indian.

Some of the accounts of the late General Ely S. Parker state that he was "a lineal descendant of Red Jacket," and the "last surviving chief of the Six Nations." Neither statement is correct. General Parker's mother belonged to the Wolf clan of the Iroquois, and this was the clan to which Red Jacket's mother belonged. On account of this clan relationship Red Jacket, whenever he visited the Tonawanda reservation, used to make the home of General Parker's parents his abiding place. The old sachem survived all his own children and died, the last of his family, in 1830, when General Parker inherited the great silver medal which Washington had presented to Red Jacket in 1792. It descends regularly to the grand sachem of the Wolf clan. The late Jemmy Johnson had it from Red Jacket, and upon Chief Jemmy's death it was handed down to General Parker. The latter had the medal when, in October, 1884, the bones of Red Jacket and other chiefs were reinterred with appropriate ceremonies in the lot in Forest Lawn, now overlooked by Red Jacket's statue, says the Buffalo Courier. General Parker was one of the fifty sachems of the Six Nations, and one of the seven chiefs of the Seneca nation. Both of the tribal and the league forms of government are continued today precisely as in former times when the Iroquois were the rulers of central New York. The distinction between chiefs and the sachems is, according to General Parker, that the sachems are tribal chiefs who sit in the council of the nation, while the chiefs sit only in the councils of their several tribes. The death of General Parker will leave a vacancy which will be filled at a condolence held by the sachems of the nation.

A letter of General Parker to William C. Bryant of this city throws some doubt on the story that he was a blooded Indian. In speaking of the distinctions of chieftainship among the Iroquois he says: "My father and his brother Samuel were both intelligent men, and knew and understood the Indians well, and were also fairly versed in Indian politics." This certainly conveys the idea that General Parker's father was a white man, and if so, it is easier to understand why he was so able and successful, though his career is a remarkable one even among Indians having a mixture of white blood in their veins.

SWAPPED AWAY HIS WIFE.

Gave Her for Farmer Thompson's Daughter and is Contented.

The very unusual story of swapping a daughter for a wife is reported from Toledo, Wash., says the New York World. A farmer named Thompson lost his wife a short time ago. She left him a little baby girl. The child he took to a neighbor by the name of Putnam to be care for. Of course frequent visits were made to see how the baby was getting along. Mrs. Putnam was quite a comely person and very soon attracted the attention of the widowed farmer. Then he soon learned to love her, but worst of all his love was reciprocated. The husband discovered the situation. The lovers naturally expected a scene, but there was none. Instead of making the neighboring hills resound with the usual din, Putnam called upon Thompson, and they discussed the matter in a business-like manner. Putnam professed to be tired of his wife, and said he would as lief that some other fellow would take her away as not; but he wanted something in return. He wanted some one around the house to minister to his wants; some one he could learn to love. Thompson had a daughter who suited him very well, and, if it was just the same, he was willing to trade his wife for her. That suited Thompson and the girl, too. So a bargain was struck and the exchange made. Thompson and Mrs. Putnam went to Aberdeen and the girl to Castle Rock.

Does You Read Character.

Readers of late have been told of the many instinctive intelligence of dogs, but the idea of consulting a canine oracle when a man is contemplating matrimony is a new one. A French writer says, however, that before committing himself a man should note carefully how she whom he loves conducts herself toward her parents and friends, and above all, how she treats ordinary domestic animals. "Beware of a person whom children and dogs dislike," he says. "Dogs may be our inferiors, but their instincts rarely deceive them, and a pronounced antipathy on their part may well be considered as a danger signal. No compassion should be felt for him who marries a girl whom dogs smart at and dislike, for he has had fair warning of domestic storms."