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*Morning Express	7:02 a. m.
*Mail	12:06 p. m.
*Grand Rapids Express	4:50 p. m.
†Suburban	6:20 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:31 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

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*Night Express	5:55 a. m.
*Chicago Express	6:50 a. m.
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HOME NOTES.

The wind bloweth,
The Water floweth,
The subscriber owes us,
And the Lord knoweth
We are in need of your dues
So, come a rustlin,
This thing of dunnin'
Gives us the blues.

Blue.

Blue cross.

Blue cross is coming.

Blue cross in three weeks more.

A merry Christmas to all.

Linseed meal at Smith & Co's.

J. S. Stockwell has a new advt this week.

A letter for Braulin Bertha Bedin awaits the lady's call at the P. O.

The B. H. S. social at John W. Barnett's, was a successful affair.

Fred V. Quarton is teaching school at Leasville, and is having good success.

We heard some one ask if ten chicken pies would be enough for the gentleman's supper. December 31st.

We wonder if the men of St. James church are going to give us Buckwheat pan cakes with maple syrup.

May be the Sultan isn't as scared as some of the European potentates would like him to be.

Just think of a Trolley party to Detroit in the near future—special car, your best girl—hold hands. Mum's the word.

The terrible blue cross wouldn't be a very pleasant New Years present. Bring in that dollar.

There are people who cannot distinguish between the minority pich and a real desire to reform something.

Ohio men seem to have a knack of "getting there." Eleven of the U. S. Senators were born in Ohio.

To worry a stingy man, send him a bundle of newspapers containing advertisements of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. James Rainey has been very ill, has been attended by Dr. C. M. Ray nale, and is now recovering.

Miss Marie Johnson, of Manistee, was the guest of Horace Leet and family last week. She visited at Detroit also.

Texans are not likely to get too gay because of the letdown of the name of their state on the hindsheet battleship.

Elegant line of Christmas goods at Whitehead & Mitchell's. Christmas candies and mixed nuts very cheap this year.

To Mrs. A. C. W., Sapton, Mich., and others interested, Mrs. C. Utter's address is 371 Farnsworth St., Detroit, Mich.

A good supper in the basement of St. James church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st, '95. Everybody invited with their best friend.

Louis Storz, P. M. of Royal Oak, and Henry Wheeler are visiting Atlanta, Ga., and taking in the great cotton show.

Chicago has come near to getting everything she reached for, but she will avoid disappointment by not reaching for the National Capital.

Thin or gray hair and bald heads, so displeasing to many people as marks of age, may be averted for a long time by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Wonder what the ladies' have been doing that the gentleman of St. James church give such an enigmatical program for the entertainment, New Years eve.

Lord Dufferen is on his way to America. We trust the New York yacht club will put no obstacles in the way of his reaching the pinnacle of fooldom.

The L. E. C. will meet with Mrs. Langley next Monday evening. Subject, "Merchant of Venice." Any ladies' who would like to study the play will be welcome.

The members of the Tuesday club spent an exceptionally pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. Peabody, December 7th. There will not be another meeting until January 7.

Walter Thurbly is married, and Miss Drouillard of North Farmington, is the happy one. Mr. Thurbly is doing a good business at North Farmington in the blacksmithing line.

Geo. W. Mitchell has gone to Durand, Mich., where he will watch a railroad crossing of the old reliable D. G. H. & M. R'y, and the T. A. A. & N. R'y, and see that it don't get away.

Regular annual communication for the election of officers and for payment of dues of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., Thursday evening, Dec. 26. A. Partridge, Secretary.

Several months ago a man began figuring on how many sofa cushions and pairs of dress slippers would this year be used by the women of the United States as Christmas gifts. He's in an insane asylum now.

There is a decided increase in the number of suicides recently. Wonder if worrying over the selections of Christmas gifts has anything to do with it? Or, is it the lack of cash to buy them?

The ladies of Mary D. Hive, No. 393, have changed their time of meeting from every Tuesday to the first and third Saturday nights of each month. The first meeting will be Dec. 21st. Lena K. Wilson, R. K.

A live Jersey cow that gives cream is promised to be on hand, evening of Dec 31st, for the gentleman's supper, and any incivility upon the part of any attendant if reported to the G. B and G. O. B., will receive his immediate attention.

The young people of the Reformed Presbyterian church of South Lyon, will give a "Contest Social," at the residence of Mr. William Young's, on Monday evening, Dec. 23rd, 1895. Everybody cordially invited to come and have a jolly good time.

Married, at Newberry, Nov. 25th, by Rev. Mr. Beckhuimer, Mr. O. J. Whitford of Olney, Schoolcraft Co., to Miss Lucy A. Simpson, formerly of this place. The young couple will reside in Lakefield, Luce county. We wish them happiness.

Taxes and holidays make hard times, of course—we know that, but at the same time you must not forget that the blue cross is due in a little while, too, and you are just as sure to see it as you are to see either of the other inevitables, unless you show up with that big round dollar.

The feed wire that looks like a piece of hose strung on the electric railway poles contains in the cable 64 copper wires insulated about the size of a slate pencil and this cable alone from Highland Park to Birmingham cost the Co. the tidy sum of $15,000.

The Misses Hutchinson in their new bake-shop business are doing remarkably well indeed and are supplying to many many customers the best of everything in their line. Fresh home made bread, cakes and cakes are their specialty and they have lunch counters at anytime of day.

George Rush, of Royal Oak, says the Post made a mistake in reporting him as a wide-awake citizen of Birmingham. He claims Royal Oak as his native town. That is what we feared. George Rush is a rusher at Royal Oak, and we only wish Georgie's headquarters were here so that Birmingham could really enjoy his progressive movements.

Last week in a suit for damages against O. W. Shipman before Esquire Jones, James Casey received a verdict of ten dollars. The case will be appealed. Mr. Casey claims that Mr. Shipman hired him to dig wells on his farm and after getting his tools, etc., on the premises Mr. Shipman changed his mind and Casey sues for time and transportation.

It is said that our Royal Oak friends are "red headed" over the fact that the power house of the new Oakland Railway is to be located at this place. Well, it is the best place for it anyhow and we are not disposed to find any fault, especially when we are creditably informed that the new power house will be a handy and well cost in the neighborhood of $5,000 exclusive of machinery.

Just now everyone is wondering what they had better buy for a Christmas present for some dear friend. Of course they want it to be a useful present and something worth the money invested. The next thing is where to buy it. Well, we will say, just look over the new announcement of Frank Blakeslee in this issue and see if you can't find something there that fills all require ments.

Over 150 friends of Frank P. German and wife, gave the couple a genuine old fashioned surprise party one night last week, and to say that a most enjoyable time was had by all present would be drawing it quite mild. The fun was fast and furious along towards morning, when everybody reluctantly departed, happy over having enjoyed a jolly visit.

The lady (?) who yesterday called the attention of another to our patched breeches, whereat they both laughed so heartily, is informed that a new pair will be purchased when her husband's subscription bill is settled. It has been due nearly a year. Don't criticise a printer's too close closely while you are wearing silk with money due us. Tell your husband to send us $2.00 to pay for last year and a year ahead. We need another pair of pants.

We never really thought that our long time friend, Mr. John Sharp, would use us in this manner but he did—that is about two weeks ago went away up into White Lake country married one of the very finest young ladies in that section, Miss Letta Dandeson, and never asked our opinion, consent or forgiveness. We're different, we forgive, and and here's our congratulations and a wish for a long and happy life to the new household.

Mrs. Adaline Hagerman, Miss Anna D. Hagerman, Miss Gertrude Hagerman, and Miss Belle Smith left their home last August for a visit in New Jersey with relatives. They all returned one day last week, happy, healthy, and very glad to get back to the best village in the Wolverine state. We are sorry to admit that Miss Gertie Hagerman has outgrown our remembrance of her and had to apologize for our seeming rudeness.

At a regular review of Hall Tent No. 227, K. O. T. M., held December 16th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: For Commander, Wm. H. Cobb; Lieut. Commander, J. B. Hunt; R. K., Irving H. Wilson; F. K., J. C. Paton; Chaplain, A. Ford; Physician, J. L. Campbell; Sergt., M. Shain; M. at A., W. B. Carter; 1st M. of G., A. Miller; 2nd M. of G., David Roy; Sent., P. H. McKay; Picket, Geo. D. Pearsall.

We are permitted to publish a few extracts from a letter to her parents, from Mrs. Mary E. Crawford, from the land of the Orient, which we know will be of interest to her many friends who have watched the Armenian missionaries with no small alarm for her safety, as well as many other heroic Christian ladies and gentleman, who are laboring in the cause of Christ in that far away land inhabited by worse than savages driven on by a brute in human shape.

Postponed auction. Notice is hereby given that the auction sale which was to have taken place on Wednesday, December 11, 1895, to dispose of the property belonging to the late James Campbell, will take place on the premises, one mile east and one-half mile south of Royal Oak village, on Saturday, Dec. 21, 1895, at ten o'clock a. m., at which time the articles previously advertised will be sold no matter what kind of a day. Mrs. James H. Campbell, Administratrix of the estate of James Campbell, deceased. M. H. Hunt, auctioneer.

Married, at the Warren Lutheran church, in the village of Warren, Sunday, Dec. 15, by the Rev. Mr. Keller, Mr. Will Benning, end Miss Augusta Fiebelcorn. About 25 of the near relatives were present, and the ceremony was very impressive. Two bridesmaids Misses Anna Boenling and Minnie Buhl, and two best men Messrs William Fiebelcorn and John Fiebelcorn brothers of the happy bride. The next day bright and early the new couple began life in earnest by settling at once on Will Bell's farm in Southfield where we wish them the best luck in the world.

The following is a list of the performers in the entertainment to be given by the gentleman of St. James church, evening of Dec. 31st, 1895:

H. Wilson, Grand and G. O. A. Whitehead, C. Jones, A. Quick, M. G. M. S. Taber, A. B. H. S. H. Sawyer, F. M. Wm. Walker, H. B. and H. A. Bigelow, W. J. H. Snow, A. B. W. Mc King, G. C. M. Wm. Cobb, T. L. E. G. Jones, C. H. Jones, C. H. A. Partridge, and M. T. C. M. Raynale, Sorg., Chs. G. B. Dancy, F. B., Geo. H. Mitchell, C. Martin Myers, C. F.

The supper will be ready to serve at six o'clock. Competent waiters have been engaged and skilled cooks have signified their acceptance of positions, at extreme wages. The wizard of Menlo has kindly loaned us the instruments that strikes a gong everytime a lie is told. As this will be the last time this year that the above gentleman will meet, a feast of no ordinary character is expected.

The milk sellers in Detroit are a scared lot and well they may be, for now they are brought face to face in competition with the producer, i. e. the farmer. The despicable methods employed by Easter & Son having brought on the climax. A stock company is organized for the sale of milk in Detroit, and run run completely by farmers who will have a depot in Detroit. All the necessary utensils for handling this important liquid is on hand, and they are going to sell milk at retail two cents a quart under Mr. Easter and follow his wagons closely along his routes. Skin for their pluck to be in fact. Campbell chip is knocked off and the fight is on. Brother James Brooks has a long article in the Detroit Courier. We clip from this paper a letter from P. H. Child, which is interesting to read.

Only a few more weeks before the regular annual blue cross shows up. Don't want to see it? Well, bring in your dollar, then you can laugh at the other fellows who "got some in theirs."

Cold nights and the fire roaring up the chimney reminds you that your house is at insured and that your first duty to yourself and family is to go to the Exchange bank, take out a policy in any one of the three first class companies represented and then you can rest assured that the fire fiend won't eat you up entirely. Will O'Neal paid out $4,20 for insurance, and last week he received a draft of the Sun Insurance Co., for $237,50 in full for the loss of his barn. The settlement is in every way satisfactory to Mr. O'Neal, and he is loud in praise of the prompt and pleasant manner in which the "old reliable Sun" fixed the matter up.

We can count now that two weeks from to day all papers having the date 95 after their name on the paper or wrapper, if it comes to you wrapped, will be sure to receive it with a blue cross attachment. It is easy to tell whether you will get one or not. Now the date after your name on the paper, if the time mentioned there has passed, you are in arrears and should contribute to our support, one big round dollar and we will at once set your date ahead one year for the dollar. Try it now. Don't get caught with the blue cross. Remember we have given you plenty of warning, lots of time and if you get it don't blame the poor printer Jarvis, for he needs the money to buy something to eat, to say nothing of Whitehead & Mitchell who are still scraping that same old codfish skin and living on vinegar and water and half of the time out of vinegar.

The following is handed in with a request. It appeared in the Detroit Journal, Dec 6, inst., and is about school house heating. J. B. Culhane, J. A. Pfeiffer and J. J. Vanzandt, a committee of the Steam and Hot Water Fitters' association, have addressed an open letter to Mayor Pingree upon the question of heating the new high school. They declare that steam and hot water systems are the best for heating public buildings. With a low-pressure boiler for heating purposes the highest degree of heat is secured that could be desired with five pounds of steam, and there are buildings in the city heated by boilers to which is carried but one pound. Under such conditions any accident that would endanger life would simply be an impossibility. The committee also state in the letter that electrical heating is yet an unknown quantity, and by experimenting with it on the high school an immense cost would be put upon the taxpayers that they should not pay.

FARMERS IN EARNEST.

$50,000 Subscribed to a Stock Company.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Milk Producers' Union was held at the Perkins house on Tuesday, December 10, at which representatives were in attendance from local unions situated in Redford, Sand Hill, Wayne, Inkster, Beech, Farmington, Plymouth, Northville, Dearborn, Cady, Clawson, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Romulus, Belleville, and other milk centers. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Young, of Royal Oak, and the delegates proceeded to discuss the situation. After a protracted debate upon all the issues it was unanimously agreed that any further overtures from the dealers be disregarded as they had violated every promise made in the contracts they had pledged themselves to honor. A resolution was introduced which provided for the formation of a stock company with a capital of $50,000 to commence with. The motion was warmly supported and was carried unanimously. An executive committee consisting of Volney Smith, of Plymouth; R. J. Luthers, Inkster; Samuel Reed Clawson; Anthony Schneider, Cady; J. E. Luthers, Dearborn; Wm. S. Young, Royal Oak; C. Burgess, Beech, and T. H. Johnson, Sand Hill, was appointed with full power to make complete arrangements for receiving and disposing of the producers milk.

Twenty-six unions were represented at the meeting and the corridors of the commodious hotel were thronged with representative farmers from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Monroe counties, who warmly endorsed the action of the union and pledged their loyal support. The initial steps will be executed by the executive committee for storage and plans will be perfected to acquaint peddlers and wholesale buyers of milk that the Producers' Union will supply them in any quantity. The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the same place, Monday, December 16.—Detroit Courier.

WILL GRACEFULLY SUBMIT.

Mr. Child Is Ready to Step Down and Out.

Editor of the Detroit Courier:

If you will allow me just a little more space in your columns I will promise not to trouble you again. If I have said anything to make people think I am scared or afraid, I take it all back, for I am not. I happen to be in a position that if we, as milk dealers, are routed in the coming clash, I can move to a farm I owned before I came in here, and sell milk to the co-operative Milk Association. They will probably find Detroit here when they come in, and of course all they will have to do, will be to tell us they are ready, and we will step down and out, and all they will have to do, will be to commence to count their shekels. Thanking you for the space you have given me, I promise not to bother you any more. P. H. Child.—Detroit Courier.

WARNING

Ordinance No. 11 of this village provides a fine of not to exceed $ 5 and imprisonment for not to exceed thirty days for any person or persons who shall willfully or neglectfully permit snow or ice to remain on sidewalk in front of premises occupied by such person or persons, or on sidewalk in front of vacant property owned by such person or persons. The Village Board now intend that this ordinance will be enforced strictly to the letter, hence this warning to all concerned.

BY ORDER OF STREET COMMITTEE.
FRANK W. BLAIR, CLERK.

Dated December 13th, 1895.

HOLIDAY WEEK AT TRAVER'S,

Special values in every department. Men's and Boy's Clothing, Furnishings and Hats.

HOUSE COATS—Imported English Plaids and Checks $5.50 to $10; French Novelty Cloth from $13 to $20.

DRESSING GOWNS—From Virgoe, Middleton & Co., London's famous maker, English Plaids and Checks, nicely finished $7.50 to $30.

BATH ROBES—In fancy Terry and Kiderdown Cloth $5, $6, $8, $9 and $10.

Men's $4 Stiff and Soft Hats now $2.95. Men's Suits—$10 to $25—Men's Overcoats. Boys' Suits and Overcoats from $3 up. Boys' Reefers $3, $4, $5 and up.

Neckwear, Umbrellas, Gloves, Canes, Mufflers, Hosiery, Underwear. Everything in the way of Men's Furnishings, Better quality than you will find elsewhere. If you are not coming to Detroit, order by mail. Satisfaction or money refunded.

R. H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1895.

THE MILK QUESTION.

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:—

The real milk war in Detroit has begun. The people on the central road after having their senseless squabble with Easter for an increase or pretext, have commenced sending their milk in here, not to sell, but to waste and throw on the market in the face of all of us dealers who use paying union prices for milk—for south to kill Easter—but just the same their cohorts are taking every corner and putting on trains to get their milk to any customer at a price that leaves it costs the dealers when it reaches our milk houses and for this cut throat business, the farmers of Birmingham and other places are asked to pay in their contributions of money to help pay men for coming in here and tearing their own business to pieces, for that will be the absolute result if the game now being made, and when it is over there will be at least 3,000 gallons more milk than Detroit can use and the prices cut to the vanishing point. How Birmingham farmers can expect 120 per 100 pounds for their milk and the other unions selling it in here for from 10 to 12 cents per gallon is more than a reasonable mathematician can figure out. I have tried to take care of Birmingham, but there must soon be an understanding for this condition cannot remain much longer. What will the farmers do? Yours respectfully,

P. H. CHILD.

FROM FAR AWAY LANDS.

DAMASCUS, Syria, Nov. 22, 1895.

DEAR FRIENDS:—We are living in such uncertain times, that we do not like to look far ahead and I feel that I must write at every opportunity. For far we have not been in great danger, though many of our native friends fear we are on the eve of another massacre and have urged us to get away. Great excitement prevails all over the country, soldiers are pouring into the city by the thousands, not only from the surrounding country, but from Asiatic Turkey also. Reports are flying that the Sultan has called out ostensibly to put down the Druses in the Lebanon, but no one here among the foreigners thinks that is the true reason. Before this reaches you, it will be known what has been going on in Turkey, for we hope something will be done soon. Telegrams have been received yesterday and to day from Egyptian papers stating that the French have asked to have protection of the christians, and have been refused; also that the Italian government has joined with the British, and that fleets from both will soon be cruising here. The French fleet is now on the way. The Germans are begging their Emperor to unite with other Powers to save the christians in Turkey.

The Armenians have sent a petition to the Russian Embassy asking that Russians be taken possession of Armenia. The massacres still going on there are awful to think of. Thousands of people have been slaughtered the past two years and not one man has been punished. The dreadful monster who was governor of Van, and who drove the soldiers to do such acts of cruelty, was dismissed, because foreign indignation waxed great, but he has been given great honors, and decorated with the highest honors by the Sultan, by way of showing his high regard for him. The Bulgarian atrocities were as nothing compared with these Armenian slaughters. The massacres of 1876 was but a feeble fame compared with what has been going on the past two years in Armenia. Then all Europe was aroused. Now England is inactive. She says the Armenians have given other governments no cause, but if any wonder when they draw men out, driven like herds, women and girls after them, and then slaughter them, children tossed about from one spear point to another? Is it any wonder that they tried to protect themselves? Has the world grown cold? When will christian Europe awake and tell the Sultan to put an end to these dreadful atrocities? In our anguish we cry out, Lord, how long, how long.

Our prayer is, that peace and quietness may soon come to all the oppressor be removed. Yours loving daughter,

MARY E. CRAWFORD.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

A Lyon reports another daughter last week. Martin Lockwood, the same story.

Miss Miller is very sick at the P. O. She is under Mrs. Hamilton's care. Dr. Flynn is the attending physician.

Miss Kate Hickerbush visited friends in Howell last week.

We do not like to differ from our worthy President on financial matters, but we think if potatoes had to come down to 50 cents per bushel, it would not have made much difference to the farmers in our vicinity whether we had free coinage or retired the greenbacks.

Lots of lawsuit our neighborhood. Mrs. Margaret Dunn sued P. B. Skinner's wife and are both to be contested.

D. Dunn is in trouble again. This time for hitting his brother with a gun.

Royal Jersey, of Ann Arbor, called on old friends in the vicinity of Warren.

A good many people in our vicinity would like to know whether the Oakland Insurance Company has any agent in Troy township or not.

Mrs. G. W. Hoard's eyes are a little better. The specialist from Detroit gives encouragement.

Notice to Troy Taxpayers.

I will be at P. D. Cutting's, in Troy, every Tuesday in Dec., at S. L. Robbins' in Big Beaver, every Thursday in Dec., and at the Exchange Bank in Birmingham, every Saturday during the month of December for the purpose of receiving taxes.

Wm. Hartsuff, Troy Town treasurer.