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TIME TABLE

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WESTWARD

†Morning - Express	7.42 a. m.
†Mail	12.05 p. m.
†Grand Rapids Express	4.30 p. m.
†Suburban	6.00 p. m.
*Chicago Express	8.40 p. m.
*Night Express	11.45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	5.05 a. m.
*Chicago Express	6.50 a. m.
†Suburban	7.17 a. m.
†Grand Rapids Express	11.07 a. m.
†Mail	3.38 p. m.
*Evening Express	8.40 p. m.

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Farmers wanting anything in the Plow line will do well by looking over my stock of Plows. I have the Wiard and Syracuse. These Plows have given the best of satisfaction when used. I don't ask anyone to keep them if they don't do the best of work. You can always get your Repairs when wanted. If you buy a Plow you want to look as much at getting Repairs as you do at the kind of Plow you get. A Plow you can't get Repairs for is dear bought at any price. I have the South Bend Plow, 3 sizes, and Beam Chamberlin, 2 sizes. These Plows have given good satisfaction. If you want a cheap Plow I can sell you one. Look them over.

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Sit down a moment. Got something to tell you. Perhaps it will interest you perhaps not, but what we want to say is this: A large Grocery House in Detroit overstocked themselves on a particularly fine line of Tea Dust. The quality and the price causing it.

They quoted us never-before-heard-of Prices on a twenty chest lot. We tested it and bought. Now we are overloaded.

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HOME NOTES.

The penny social was a success.

The power-house is commenced.

Mrs. Percy Pease was in town last week.

Miss Villa Allen has returned from Owosso.

The township political pot is beginning to simmer.

Miss Flora Pitts, of Fenton, is the guest of Rena Allen.

Bernard T. Smith, of Detroit, was in town over Sunday.

Miss Carrie Halloway is deputy sheriff of Cass county, Nebraska.

The Birmingham laundry now runs a wagon. Business must certainly be good.

The St. Patrick's party at Library Hall was one of the pleasantest of the season.

For rent, a house on Pierce St. Possession given April 1st. Inquire of Mrs. Florence M. Gillett.

A child playing with matches is not more dangerous than a politician playing with religion.

Many of our people took in the Grand Opera last week and more are going to hear Irving this week.

Mrs. F. Cook is building herself a home on a lot she recently purchased from Mrs. Cinderilla Patch.

A new Savings Bank has been opened at Orion, a fact that our sister village feels greatly elated over.

Herbert H. Allen and family from Owosso have moved back into our vicinity. H. H. is a son of Wm. Allen.

This Thursday evening regular communication of Birmingham Lodge, No 44, F. & A. M. Jas. B. Hunt, Sec'y.

Mr. John Bull also has a Canadian republic committee on his hand. Surely the old fellow cannot complain of ennui.

It is said that the electric road carried 400 people to Royal Oak, Sunday March 15.

Miss Sadie Sly has gone to Detroit to take up the regular course of study in the Farrand Training School at Harper Hospital.

The bustling firm of Waite Bros., Robertson & Co., of Pontiac, have a change of adv't this week. Be sure and look it up.

Oliver T. Jenks and family have moved into their own house from South field. Good people. Good town to come to. Good judgment.

Mrs. O. I. Taylor, of Plainwell, Mich., and her nephew, Mr. Joe Copeland, late of Denver, Col., visited relatives in town over Sunday last.

Mrs. N. M. Corey has been quite ill with an attack of pneumonia but is convalescing slowly now under the care of Dr. C. M. Raynale.

The opera glasses that were lost at the Library Hall the evening of the East Lynn play were found next day all right. The gloves and muff were not found.

The Sultan of Turkey has a million dollar gold table service, and other things equally undesirable for a man who fears not bers.

The Kentucky legislature and militia have lately furnished some strong arguments for the election of U. S. Senators by direct vote.

With but little care and no trouble, the beard and mustache can be kept a uniform brown or black color by using Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

Wanted: A good tenant for the Simonson farm of 142 acres, two miles west of Birmingham. Terms, $300 per year, secured. Inquire at Exchange Bank. 4

Anyone wishing several tons of choice hay can find the same at the Lowes farm, two miles north of Birmingham. Inquire of Allie F. Lowes, on the premises.

Chicago knows how to turn everything to good advertising. Note the alleged offer of $1,000 a man to a Chicago military organization, to fight for Cuba.

Farm for rent. The old Travis Shain farm of 80 acres. For rates and terms apply to the owner, Loren Hatch on the premises, two miles west and one mile north of Birmingham. 2

The number of men who have—in their own mids—made the greatest discovery of the age is still on the increase. Ditto those who have the only perfect girl for a sweetheart.

Lost, between Big Beaver and Birmingham, Friday of last week, two heavy tie straps. The Finder will please leave them at the Birmingham Post office, and oblige the loser. 2

We are pained to learn of the serious illness of Mr. Charles Brownell, formerly of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Brownell have many friends here whose sympathy go out to both in this affliction.

The Empress of Austria calls it recreation to walk 12 miles every day, accompanied by an attendant who reads Greek to her all the time. Wonder what an attendant calls it?

Chas. Leonard and his dental chum Sundayed with Mrs. E. M. Leonard Chas. is about half way through with his dental studies at the Detroit College and is making a good student.

Died, at her home, in Southfield, of pneumonia, Mrs. M. J. Logan, aged 80 years. Her funeral took place yesterday, Wednesday, from her late home. Rev. James McCracken, officiating.

Died, at the National Military home near Dayton, Ohio, March 10th, Theodore F. Talbot, eldest son of Bernard H. and Susan E. Talbot, formerly residents of Bloomfield Centre, aged 61 years.

Our village is full of strange men working on the power house, and others waiting for a continuance of the trade building, which is said to soon begin. And our village is steadily making a healthy growth.

Married, in Windsor, Ont., Wednesday March 8th, '96, Mr. Edward Holloway and Miss Lizzie Black of this vicinity. The young couple will settle in Birmingham and we wish them much joy.

He hasn't said so, but we have no doubt that Dr. Talmage, who has been laid up with the grip, prefers fighting the devil at long range, from his pulpit, to having a hand-to-hand contest with the grip.

The St. Cecilia Society, of Flint, recently built a large building for their own use and are now hard at work to raise a large debt. With a generous public at their command they are sure to succeed.

Price, our village photographer, is tack sig-in all ready for business and wishes to announce his willingness to take your picture at prices to beat anybody's and always guarantees satisfaction.

If anybody thinks that Birmingham is a slow town for entertainments, just think that one night last week we had East Lynn, the High School debate and the dancing party at the National hall plenty for one night for a country town.

Will Kenny is satisfactorily filling the position of receiver and weigher of milk for the Farmers Milk Union. This association is now incorporated and doing business under the laws of the state of Michigan and have a most brilliant future ahead of them.

A house to rent in Birmingham is one of the things of the past. Not a modern or low priced rented house can be had. If we had say 10 houses in town to rent from $5 to $7 per month we are safe in saying that they would all be taken inside of a week.

Birmingham and Pontiac high schools held a debate at the school last Friday night and Pontiac pupils took the cake on the question, resolved, "That Capital punishment is the only punishment for murder in the first degree." Birmingham took the affirmative side of the question.

The Ambitious Politician Company played to full houses Monday and Tuesday evenings of this week. They appeared well pleased with our people and gave a good show. Numerous citizens who were affected with the blues, claim a permanent cure by the hearty laugh they enjoyed.

The Ladies' Working Society will meet with Mrs. Langley, Friday Apr. 3rd. Committee for table, Mrs. Geo. Reid and Mrs. Camp, biscuit; Mrs. A. Hunter, cake; Mrs. M. Houghton, butter; Mrs. J. Lawrence, sauce; Mrs. Spencer Wooster, Dutch cheese. A welcome invitation extended to all. Florence M. Gillett, chairman.

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The retail milk dealers intend to label all milk wagons under the same name in the future for the purpose of affiliating with the Trades' Council. It is a strictly union order and they will ask people to co-operate by buying only of labeled wagons. Nearly all the Northside wagons will sew on the union badge—Northside Detroiter.

We can tell you of a pretty little home in this village that the owner offers for sale at a very low price indeed, considering. This is a house and lot 60x103 feet, nicely located and in a good neighborhood. The price for the whole lay out is only $475. Call at the ECCENTRIC office and we will put you in a way of further information.

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We notice that our neighbor, the Warren Watchman, says Mark Hall has been appointed administrator of the estate of Margaret Dunn in place of A. Partridge, removed. This is a mistake. Mr. Partridge is executor of the will. The will is to be contested. He steps aside during the litigation and our neighbor, Mark Hall, acts as special administrator. After the fight is over, Mr. Partridge resumes.

A transaction took place one day last week that will be a great benefit to our town, it being the sale by A. R. Parks of the old Rogers building to Mr. Wm. Erlity, of Southfield mills, who will make a flour and feed depot here and no doubt will soon erect a handsome two story brick store for the accomodation of his milling business.

Married, at the parsonage in Armada, Friday, March 20th, '96, by the Rev. F. E. Warren, John E. Reynolds and Miss Allie E. Carpenter. The young couple are enjoying their honeymoon by visiting their relatives in this vicinity. John E. is son of our old former Southfield friend and neighbor Mr. Elson W. Reynolds and we wish the newly wedded pair a long and happy life.

Fred D. Hoffman has cast his boat into the bicycle wave and announces in another column that he is ready and willing at all times to undertake to repair bicycles. If you are unfortunate enough to puncture your tire and can't repair it yourself take it to "Dandy" and he will do you a dandy job. He cleans and re-enamels wheels any color you wish. Call on him when in need of repairing.

A stranger in our quiet little village on any morning early would be impressed with the sight of a great number of men going in one direction with large pails, in fact look as if they're "Rushing de Growler," but they are not, they are taking advantage of the Milk Union's milk offer and are interviewing Will Kenny every morning for their daily supply of pure fresh Oakland Co. milk.

Contractor Patrick Doe, of Detroit, under whose efficient management the Oakland Railway power house is making excellent progress, when we consider the weather he has had to contend with, is becoming well known in the village and every one seems to have a good word for the genial old Irish gentleman. He is one of the old pioneers of the city of the straits and has a never ending fund of anecdote of the old residents of Detroit.

"Wait 'till the bull dog dies Jenny," a popular and pathetic solo was sung by one of the East Lynn company and was entirely new to our people as was the popular and pleasing song "My mother's little red Shawl" sang by a member of the Walnut Dramatic Club. There is no use saying that it was the cause of an excited hearer falling down the balcony stairs and thumping every step as he made his descent—It wasn't.

We hear it rumored that Vanderbeck, the base ball manager of Detroit, has his eye on Birmingham as a suitable field for base ball games on Sunday. Mr. Clemens had a mass meeting to protest. Wyandotte wouldn't have it. Silver Lake is too far away and the near competition of the electric makes Birmingham not only available but a much desired location, being close to Detroit, cheap fares etc. We certainly hope and pray that our people will raise their voice against this desecration, and the wicked ball players will be kept out.

Mrs. Minnie Reibel will sell at public auction on the ten mile road and one and one-half mile west of the gravel road, on Wednesday, April. 1st, the following property: Three cows, top buggy, one-seat bob cutter, one spring gave a good show. Numerous citizens who were affected with the blues, claim a permanent cure by the hearty laugh they enjoyed.

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Traver's is the only store in Detroit where the Starr Shirt Waist can be purchased at first price and for small money. Our stock is most complete, is most widely assorted and of the very best quality. Make it a point to come to Traver's before buying your children's wear. There is money in it for you.

In Boys' and Children's Clothing We Acknowledge No Competitor. We Lead All Other Dealers.

Boys' Suits, Hats and Letter Clothing were never so low priced as now. Our line is more extensive and the quality of our spring stock in Boys' and Children's wear is equal to our long maintained standard. We sell you nothing but the best. Our prices are never anything but the lowest. Your money talks in our clothing.

R. H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

THE DAY OF ALL DAYS.

March 27th is the Time Announced for Woman's Edition.

The committee in charge of the Woman's edition of the Oakland County Post to be issued March 27th, have all their contributions in, and work is rapidly being pushed by the full force of employees on the mammoth edition. The paper contains 20 pages, including a colored cover, and will require 35,000 impressions on the cylinder press used in printing the Post. The entire edition when completed will weigh nearly one ton. It will contain the very best literary talent in the country, and it is expected to be one of the most attractive papers ever in the state. The paper will be sold throughout the county for five cents per copy, for benefit of church.

A PROTEST

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:

I see in Sunday's Free Press that Mrs Olds, President of the W. C. T. U. has been appointed guardian of Maud Wentland and will probably place her in a family in Birmingham to be educated. Now of course, I do not know what family here, but thinking of assuming this responsibility, neither do I know in what manner she is to be educated, but as the mother of young children I must earnestly protest against anyone being allowed to place that girl in our public school. She undoubtedly been slanged against, but at the same time, it has been proven, and it is a fact, that she is not a safe companion for our children. It would certainly be most unwise to allow such an element to be brought from the slums of the city and placed in our school. Endangering the whole community for the forlorn hope of saving one. "Evil communications corrupt good morals as well as manners."

A Mother.

District No. 5, Southfield.

District No. 5, Southfield, is to give an entertainment April 3, 1896. District No. 5 is a hustler. The school has been in two spelling contests and acquitted itself with honor in each. Now it is getting up an entertainment for the purpose of getting a library. This is a good sign of life and growth and the school ought to be supported in this laudable undertaking. It is a worthy object and everyone should turn out and give the youngsters a good send off. The program has been shown us and it is a "hummer." The musical part of the program gives a promise of much excellence. Among the musical assistants we notice the names of Miss Daisy Brooks, Mr. Joe Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell, Harry Russell, Mrs. Kyle, Miss Lizzie Kirchoff and Dr. Smith. Admission only 15 cents.

The Milk Producers Incorporate.

Fred Baker, the noted Detroit lawyer, has a big farm in Royal Oak and on that farm he has lots of cows, and those cows gives lots of milk; and Fred, though doing a good practice in Detroit, has his eye on the main chance and is determined that the milk shall pay for their keeping and to have a regular, reliable market for their produce. Hence he has organized his neighbors, the milk producers, of all that country, into an incorporated body, known as "The Milk Producers Union," with headquarters at Sand Hill. The capital stock is $10 000, and the company propose to know whether they can sell milk in Detroit successfully in competition with the milk and water dealers of the city of the straits.—Pontiac Gazette.

NIXON'S SPECIALS.

I am head quarters for shoes. I am receiving new goods every day. Nixon.

The best table oil cloth at 15 cents per yard at Nixon's.

Our ladies 10 cent hose in black and brown are good value at 20 cents at Nixon's.

Our New Men's Spring Hats are in. I can give you better value for your money than Detroit or Pontiac. Nixon.

Good Turkey Red Table Linen at 25 cents per yard, at Nixon's.

Something new in table linen cotton and ask to see them at Nixon's.

If you want goods cheap, bring your cash and get them at Nixon's.

In suspenders I can beat the world for price and quality, Nixon.

Just received. The largest line of Hosiery ever brought to Birmingham, at prices never before heard of at Nixon's.

People wonder where Nixon gets his men's Cotton Hose to sell for 5 cents per pair as they are good value at 10c.

A large consignment of men's and boy's shirts and sweaters just received at Nixon's.

Men's spring ties, all styles from 10 to 50 cents at Nixon's.

Forty five inch pillow case cotton at 11 cents per yard, worth 14c at Nixon's.

A SPRING TRIP SOUTH.

On April 7 and 21, and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the north, to all points on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at one single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of $2 to agent at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. P. Atmore, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Jackson Smith, D. P. A., Cincinnati, O. Apr26