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†Morning - Express	7:40 a. m.
†Mail	12:00 p. m.
†Grand Rapids Express	4:50 p. m.
†Suburban	6:30 p. m.
†Chicago Express	8:40 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

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*Night Express	5:55 a. m.
*Chicago Express	6:20 a. m.
†Suburban	7:17 a. m.
†Grand Rapids Express	11:07 a. m.
†Mail	3:18 p. m.
†Evening Express	8:40 p. m.

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Men's Hose, good quality, per pair 5c
5 cakes Butter Milk Soap 16c
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1 lot dark Outing Flannels 5c per yard
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1 lot Ladies' Shoes sizes 2½, 3 and 3½ will offer the lot at $1.99 formerly sold at $2.50, $2.75 and $3.00.

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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 Bean, 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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I have a good assortment of Wood and Coal Cooking Stoves. Can sell as cheap as anyone.

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I have a full line of Wood and Iron Pumps. Wind Mill Pumps, the best out. I handle Wind Mill Pumps in wood and galvanized iron. Can furnish Mills as cheap as anyone of the makes. I have the

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Fresh stock of Garden and Flower Seeds. Largest stock in town.

Come for bargains,

A. BLAKESLEE,
Birmingham, Mich.

TEA DUST!

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.

We Want Your Help in Reducing the Surplus! Will You Help?

It is worth 20 cents per pound any man's money, but to rush it off we have decided to sell half of it, ten chests, at only

10 Cents Per Pound,

straight. Now don't ask "3 pounds for a quarter!" Coz you can't get it!

It Costs More Than That!

GUARANTEE:—Take a pound of it home and if it is not as good as any 20c Tea Dust you ever drank, bring it back and we'll refund you cash, thank you for trying and throw in a stick of red candy.

Yours for economy,

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HOME NOTES.

Elton Phillips spent Sunday with Holly friends.

Don't fail to read F. Blakeslee's new adv't this week.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Poppleton next Monday evening.

Misses Josie and Etta Sackett, of Detroit, visited Mrs. B. Shain last week.

Mr. Jennie Soper, of Bay City, visited at Samuel Jarvis's few days last week.

One good work horse and one good driving horse, for sale cheap. Inquir of Geo. W. Fay.

John Pound, of the Bee-hive, Pontiac, has a change of adv't in this issue. Don't fail to peruse it.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Waldo on Tuesday next, April 7th, at 3 o'clock.

The Southfield minstrel show, district No. 5, is postponed indefinitely. Further notice will be given.

Mrs. N. M. Corey has every promise of a speedy and sure recovery. She is very comfortable and quite cheerful.

Waite Bros., Robertson & Co., of Pontiac, are out with a new adv't this week. It will pay you to read it.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mamie Faber, next Tuesday evening, April 7. Members are requested to be present.

An Easter cantata, entitled, "The Risen Christ" by Pilmore, will be given next Sunday evening evening in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. E. W. Brooks, after nearly a years absence in the south, is now back again in Birmingham and will remain for a short time at least.

A person is prematurely old when baldness occurs before the forty-fifth year. Use Hall's Hair Renewer to keep the scalp healthy and prevent baldness.

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.

Ed Daniels started last Tuesday morning for Patterson, N. J., where he plays ball the coming season. The best wishes from a host of friends accompany him.

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

Farm for rent. The old Travis Shain farm of 60 acres. For rates and terms apply to the owner, Loren Hatch on the premises, two miles west and one mile north of Birmingham.

The regular annual meeting of the cemetery association will be held at the Library room, Saturday, April 4 h, at three p. m. A full attendance is requested. Mattie Baldwin, Sec'y.

Harrah, potatoes, 10c. E. Daniels wishes the laboring men of the village who did not participate in the free distribution of potatoes two weeks ago to come next Saturday and get the same. Just as free.

The Ladies' Club at their regular meeting this week, strongly expressed their indignation at the proposition of the Detroit base ball league, to have their Sunday games in our quiet little village.

Competition is, bringing down the price of milk. The Milk Producers' Union now sell milk at their Birmingham station at 8 cents per gallon. Everybody welcome. Come and bring your pail. M. P. U.

George M. Kayser has for sale a nice quantity of seed potatoes. Just think a potato that is absolutely bug proof. No paris green, nor nothing to fight bugs with. A great yielder, etc. Read his adv't in another column.

The patrons of the Pontiac Post Office are to be congratulated. When Mr. F. S. Fitch, the new P. M. takes hold of the lines he will be greatly helped by an entire new Post Office outfit and if ever a city needed it—Pontiac does.

Our village is filled with a large number of strange faces. The prospective work on the power house and the extension (perhaps) of the electric to Pontiac, brings many in and not a few are residents of our pleasant village.

The women of this village are fully aroused and say they will not tolerate "Sunday base ball," either inside the corporation limits, or in its vicinity. They propose taking active measures to fight such an incorporation.

Last Saturday morning was a busy time for Will Kenny, manager of the Birmingham depot of the Milk Producers' Union. He ladled out 30 gallons of the lacteal fluid to the tin brigade and it wasn't a wonderful good day either.

Chas. A. Wilson and James Slocum have bought out the Oakland County Advertiser and hereafter it will fight the battles for Holly's advancement as of yore. We are glad James is back into the editorial harness and in Oakland Co. too.

There will be a "Maple Syrup Social" at Mrs. J. W. Perry's, Wednesday evening, April 8th, given by Mrs. Poppleton's Sunday school class, for the benefit of the new church parlors. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Supper 10 cents.

A man named Moon was presented with a daughter by his wife; that was a new Moon. The old man was so overcome that he went and got drunk; that was a full moon. When he got sober he found he had 25 cents; that was the last quarter.—Ex.

The mass meeting at the M. E. church to protest against Sunday ball playing, was largely attended and all the ministers made addresses. If a voice of the meeting that night could have its way, VanDerbeck and his gang never will see the inside of Birmingham on a week day much less on Sunday.

The Woman's edition of the Oakland County Post Easter edition, 1896 is out and it is a dainy, published by the ladies of the Baptist church of Pontiac, for its benefit. Beautiful lassies from Pontiac were in our village Saturday last and disposed of a great number of this beautiful specimen of literature.

The P. I. C. association will hold its annual meeting at the residence of W. J. Harris', in West Bloomfield, Saturday, April 11th, 1896, at 2:30 p. m. sharp, for the election of officers and transaction of such other business as may come before the society. Everybody interested in the cemetery are earnestly requested to be present.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of Detroit Presbytery, are in session at the Forest Ave., Presbyterian church, Detroit. Mrs. Noman Johnson represents the Foreign society of the Birmingham Presbyterian church; Mrs. E. C. Poppleton represents the Home society and Miss Alice Marsh the Y. P. S. C. E. The Presbyterian societies met a year ago in Birmingham.

Mrs. S. H. Sawyer is at the Harper hospital being treated for nervous prostration. She is doing as nicely as can be expected and convalescing slowly. Her daughter, Miss Florence, dropped in to see her mother one day last week, when lo! She too became a patient with threatened typhoid fever. She escaped a siege and is now doing nicely.

Weighing of the mails began last week Wednesday and will continue for one month. This, Uncle Sam does every once in a while to arrive at the rate he shall pay the old reliable D. G. H. & M. R'y., for carrying the mails and no doubt as the weight has visibly increased since last weighing time, the pay to the R. R. Co., will also be satisfactorily increased.

Will A. Brush, of Sarasota, Florida, called in upon us one day last week and made a short pleasant call. He is in good health and reports the Birmingham contingent as all O. K., at Sarasota. A beautiful sea shell from off Key West, is a handsome souvenir left by Mr. Brush. We are pleased to announce that Mr. C. A. Brush intends about the middle of May to return with his family back to Michigan.

One day last week the ladies of the Presbyterian church gave a social to which the admission was one cent and saucer. A very fine sociable time was enjoyed by all present and on counting up the crockery after the battle, it was found that they numbered ninety cups and ninety saucers to say nothing of a great big cup that holds a half gallon, and saucer to match.

Bicycles will be more popular than ever and all can ride. Whitehead & Mitchell have the exclusive sale of the celebrated Crescent bicycle. The very best wheel that is sold to-day for the money. Just think, a brand new guaranteed wheel full and regular sized lady or gent for only $50. Come in and see how they look. They also have two wheels, a Clipper and Walk—will sell for $35. and $40. respectively.

Mrs. S. L. Hatch, will sell at public auction, on the premises two miles west and one mile north of Birmingham, on Saturday, April 4th, at one o'clock p. m. the following property: One good road mare, Guernsey cow, heifers, bull, one brood sow with pig, lumber wagon, top buggy, harnesses plows, reaper, mower, milky rake, 14 potato crates, 90 apple barrels, cultivators, a lot of grain bags, forks, shovels, a quantity of household furniture, and other articles. All articles sold without reserve. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

The Birmingham Dramatic association have in practice a very beautiful temperance play called "The Last Loaf." Among the cast of characters we find the following well known local artists and their names is positive proof of a treat in store for our people. Messrs D. M. Johnston, Seymour Adams, Chas. H. Toms, B. D. Dudley with Miss Lottie Hall, Lena Blakeslee and Anne Adams gives a very strong cast. They propose to have the play ready in about two weeks, and a full house should meet their efforts.

The Presbyterian ladies desire to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends who, in spite of inclemency of the weather, attended their social, bringing with them such a generous supply of cups and saucers. Many who were unable to be present thoughtfully sent their offerings and as the result, the society is now the proud and happy possessor of ninety cups and saucers, which they hope to fill many time in the future for their friends. The donors of the "big cup" will always find the ladies' glad to fill it, but not responsible for the sleepless night following.

Morris Murray, having leased his farm will sell at public auction on the premises, 2 miles west of Royal Oak village, on Wednesday, April 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp, the following property: One bay mare, two colts, cows, binder, mower, lumber wagon, pair of trucks, bobsleighs, three spring wagon, single buggy, road cart, cultivators, hay rake, hay forks and rope, plows, drags, corn sheller, harnesses, milk cans, 200 bushels of oats, 200 bushels of corn in the ear, 150 bushels of potatoes, and other articles. Free lunch at noon. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer, Samuel Marin, clerk.

Rev. W. A. Northrop, of Monroe, Mich., has supplied the pulpit the last two Sabbaths of the Baptist church of this place. He has been favored with a long and fruitful experience, both as pastor and evangelist. Twenty six years ago he held a series of meetings of special interest in Birmingham. Mr. Northrop's only two sons now living are also in the ministry. Rev. S. A. Northrop, D. D., having served 13 years as pastor in the city of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is now pastor of the First Baptist church of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his younger son Rev. C. V. Northrop, is pastor of the Market St. Baptist church in the city of Zanesville, Ohio

Thursday, April 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., C. V. Lamb will sell at public auction on the premises, 1 mile north and ½ mile east of Big Beaver, the following property: One bay gelding 5 years old; chestnut mare 7 years old, bay mare 8 years old, 8 cows, brood sow, 9 pigs 6 weeks old, binder, mower, tiger rake, hay loader, Monarch grain drill, land roller, cultivators, plows, drags, grass seeder, corn drill, fanning mill, cauldron kettle, grindstone, hay fork with rope and pulleys, wagons, top buggy, cutter, set of bobsleighs, single and double harnesses, about 30 chickens, 200 bushels of corn, household furniture and other articles. Free lunch at noon. Terms of sale reasonable. Martin H. Blunt, auctioneer, A. Bayley, clerk.

A recent analysis by a leading chemist developed the fact that there are five ingredients in every cigarette, each one of which is calculated to destroy human life, while in the cigar or pipe there is but one poison—nicotine. First, there is the oil of tobacco; next, the oil of imported paper, which is nearly as destructive; third, the arsenic introduced to make the paper burn white and add a peculiar flavor; fourth, the saltpeter put in the tobacco to prevent it from mouldering; and finally the opium that is sprayed on the tobacco to give it the insidious influence which it possesses over the brain. Is it all to be wondered at that the animal life of a young man is killed when such things as these are taken into the system. Young Birmingham young men who are addicted to the vile habit should hesitate before smoking poison, which they know will shorten their lives.

Here is the cheerful and happy manner in which Mr. E. D. White of our town advertises his lost wife in the Detroit Evening News: "Birmingham Mich., March 25—E. D. White, a Birmingham wood-chopper and all around laborer, wishes The News to help him find his wife, who, he says, packed her belongings in a black valise, footed it down to Royal Oak, St Patrick's day, took the electric car to Detroit and is now completely lost. Mr. White claims his wife was a very ambitious worker. Her only fault was hiring out by the day and trying to do all the housework and washing in town. To this the husband objected. The energetic lady is supposed to be in Detroit, gratifying her whim to the fullest extent. White describes his missing partner, as follows: Aged 44, but looks to be about 35; wore high crowned 'derby' hat and short wooly quilt, all front teeth gone but one upper one. Mr. White and his five child dren say if she'll return she can start a laundry if she wishes".

ALUAMS PROPERTY FOR SALE.

As Mr. J. E. Quick expects to move from Birmingham the coming spring or summer he offers for sale his beautiful property on Woodward Ave., consisting of the home proper, 140 feet front by 275 feet deep, and two lots adjoining on the south. The home proper is one of the handsomest places in Birmingham with large modern house, beautiful grounds with abundance of fruit and shrubbery of all kinds, good barn, carriage house etc. House has 12 rooms besides closets, pantries and bath room. Hot air furnace, waterworks and good drainage. Was entirely remodeled and rebuilt in 1893 and is one of the most homelike and convenient places in town. Five minutes walk from the depot, and Oakland Co. Electric railway cars pass the door every thirty minutes in the city. There is no doubt as to the increase of value of property in the village and no better investment could be made than the purchase of this property. Mr. Quick puts no fictitious value on this property and will sell at a very reasonable figure as he prefers selling to renting it.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1896.

THINK OF IT!

You are asked to be reasonable with yourself in reasoning in what you shall wear and that's the economy of self-interest and the logic of saving.

We have just purchased 1048 suits of clothes (first pick and our own price) from the stock of Rothschild, Baum & Stern, Rochester, N. Y. (Was recently assigned) paying spot cash for them. We offer them to you, your pick and sole choice as follows:

$7.25 Suits Retail everywhere else for $12.00.

$9.75 Suits That sell in other stores for $17and even higher. We alone can show you this partiality.

$12.25 These suits are made up to meet merchant tailor competion. Ordinarily you would pay $20 for them; we give you the benefit of our large purchase in each suit.

Just be reasonable. We ask you to think over this trinity of offerings. Think about it, and when you come to Detroit, drop in to see that we tell you the truth.

Do not hesitate to order by mail. We will send measuring blanks.

R. H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

HOT STUFF.

ALL THE PARTIES ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE AND KICKING.

A Lively Election Will no Doubt Be Held Here Monday Next, April 6—A List of the Different Candidates.

Never before in Bloomfield was there ever held a caucus of either party for spring election of town officers that called out a greater number of candidates and voters. They were there on hand at the Town Hall; each division loud in its support of their respective candidates—the great fight—being to see who would capture the nomination for supervisor, Wm. Satterlee or Julius F. Rundel. The caucus was called to order, Thos. Langley presiding as chairman. Work begun at once and resulted as follows:

Supervisor, J. F. Rundel; clerk, Edgar Parks; treasurer, James H. Rockwell; highway commissioner, Thomas Quarton; Justice of the Peace, Wm. Williamson; school inspector, Samuel Alexander; board of review, James Rockwell, constables, George W. Fay, A. R. Parks, Thad Seeley, William Dunn.

The county had not been cooled off, neither had the smoke of battle floated away before a sturdy gang of honest, pious, God fearing, law abiding citizens were seen to fall into the Town Hall. They were Democrats and with much fervent hope and prayerful anticipation, they nominated the following excellent ticket:

Supervisor, Edwin Miller; clerk, Frank Hagerman; treasurer, Charles Madge; Justice of the Peace, Alfred Braddon; highway commissioner, William H. Smith; school inspector, William A. Hagerman; board of review, Frank Ford; constables, Charles Madge, John Nye, William Cobb, Eli Baker, Jr.

The Prohibitionists of Bloomfield met in caucus Saturday, March 21st and elected Fred King, Chairman, T. C. Williams secretary. The officers being duly sworn the following ticket was nominated:

Supervisor, Stephen A. Buchanan; clerk, Luther D. Allen; treasurer, Heberfriana, Jr.; highway commissioner, Fred King; school inspector, John B. Peabody; drain commissioner, Aaron Heacock; board of review, Joseph Allen, Thomas C. Williams; constables, Frank Sherman, Fred Mander, E. B. Converse, Simon H. Reynolds; Justice of the Peace, Alexander H. Orr.

Before disbanding the Democratic party elected as their Town committee for the ensuing year, Alanson Partridge, Irving H. Wilson and Daniel M. Johnston, and as delegates to attend convention in Pontiac called for next month to elect delegates to State convention the following gentleman: Walter Rodick, Lyman B. Peabody, William C. Richardson, Edwin Miller and A. Partridge.

THE BIRMINGHAM POST OFFICE.

The work at the Birmingham Post Office is slowly and steadily growing and developing. The gross receipts of this office for 1895 being greater than any previous year ever before. The gross receipts of the office for 1895 amounted to $2,616.63, being on an average of over $200 per month. There are over 120 boxes in the outfit and they earned the government during 95, a trifle over $260. There were issued during this period 1404 postal money orders and $7,882.94, was transmitted without the loss of a single cent or error. Four-hundred and eighty-five registered letters were received and 321 dispatched, while 644 passed through this office going and coming for our sister villages Southfield, Beddow, Franklin, Walnut and North Farmington. Eight mails are daily received and dispatched and the number of pieces handled daily by the patient postal clerk and P. M., averages 1,870. The entire school scholars all drop into the office, each one four times daily to see that their boxes are empty and all are treated with pleasure, patience and politeness.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending March 28, 1896:

Mr. William W. Kinner, Ray Green, Warren Spaulding, Mr. Harvy Beech.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

SPRING OPENING.

I wish to call your attention to my opening of spring millinery, Saturday, April 4. Call and examine my goods and prices.

MRS. W. E. FRENCH,
Ladies' Library Hall.

"DO UNTO OTHERS," ETC.

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:—

I would like to ask "A Mother" how it would be possible for anyone to "respect the perishing" and "lift up the fallen" if all would do as she suggests. I advise her to study her bible a little and think how she would like to have her daughter treated if she should do wrong. If Maud Wentland has any desire to lead a better life, I believe that anyone who puts a straw in her way will be severely punished for it.

A WOMAN

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:—

Birmingham has had it like all towns its disgraces, but let us not add another to its list by adopting the narrow, unchristian policy suggested in your last under the head of "protest." If the poor girl comes to our beautiful village may its grace and quiet, its beautiful sunshine and the songs of birds, drive the unhappy past from her and let us all add to the charms of nature, the greater charm of kindness and love. Our children have been reared in safe homes and weak indeed must have been their training if they cannot reach out to one sorrowing soul and give of their abundance of love and sympathy. Let us not gather in our robes for fear of pollution, but rather fold them around the unfortunate child and work there without sin cast the first stone.

A READER

A BIG DEAL.

The following is a description of the new home just finished by Purdy Bros., and we clip from the Pontiac Gazette all about it. Geo. Purdy's new house and in which he with his family live just one week. The Purdy Bros., Jack and George Purdy, have just closed a big deal with the Michigan Savings Bank of Detroit. In this deal of which $5,500 is the consideration, they trade their homes both of them and get in exchange 180 acres of fine farming land within five miles of Caro, Tuscola county, Mich. This adjoins 320 acres that they already own, giving them 500 acres of as fine soil for raising produce or a stock farm as ever laid out of doors. This deal is a big thing for Birmingham because city people will occupy the present houses and both the Purdy boys are bound by contract to erect each a house as valuable as the one they let go.

The Purdy Bros. of Birmingham, are just putting the finishing touches upon their large new residence in that village. Isaac Strong assisted by Walter North is the builder, while J. D. VanEsty is finisher and we must say we have never seen better work on a house than these three gentlemen are doing. The house is almost palatial in its dimensions, giving ample space for all rooms both above and below, and all inside woodwork has had made and finished. The kitchen and dining room are finished in birch ash, while the sitting room, parlor, bedroom and hall have oak finish. Mouldings have been taken the all large and beautiful natural grains and the workmanship and finishing is fine as that of a parlor card in fact Mr. VanEsty learned his art in place of a works. It requires much time and patient skilled labor on the part of the gentlemen Strong and North to do such excellent work as is shown in this house. Above stairs there are five large rooms with closets, and hall the entire length of building. These are all large and airy and are finished in maple. Altogether the house speaks well for the enterprise and taste of the Purdy Bros., and the skill and workmanship of the gentlemen Strong, North and VanEsty, each of which is a master of his trade.

THE REAL CAUSE.

There is $1,300,000,000 deposited in the savings banks of the United States. "This money belongs to small holders. Not then, a big bank loses $1,000,000 in one day because it was fool enough to monkey with a cyclone in something, say industrial stocks. Other banks, which are equally guilty, take a tumble to themselves, call their loans and refuse assistance to worthy manufacturers. The people, get scared, begin to pull down that enormous sum we started with (just look at it) and see if you can comprehend what it means in money. money becomes scarce, and its the man who has just drawn $5,000 in gold and lugged it down to a safety deposit vault who stands on the corner for the next six months wondering out aloud where all the money has gone to, laying the blame for hard times on Grover Cleveland, as a matter of general principle, and making ferocious threats as to how he will vote next time.

A SPRING TRIP SOUTH.

On April 3 and 21, and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the north, to all points in the Louisville & Nashville, Mobile & Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Georgia, 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 local agent about it, and if he cannot sell you special tickets write to C. E. Wilmore, General Passenger agent, Louisville & Nashville, Jackson Smith, D. P. A., Cincinnati, O. April 2.