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†Mail	11:00 a.m.
†Steamboat Express	4:00 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	3:55 a.m.
*Chicago Express	9:50 a.m.
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HOME NOTES.

John Pound has a new adv't.

Read H. W. Baxter's adv't elsewhere in this issue

You will find papers, periodicals letc , at Library hall, Saturday evenings

Ground corn and oats 65c per cwt.; corn meal 70c per cwt. at Smith & Co's.

The People did not expect much from Congress and they were not disappointed.

Waite Bros., Robertson & Co., of Pontiac, have a change of adv't in this issue.

The Misses Douglass, of Redford, were the guests of Miss Emma Young last week.

Audley Wilson rides a new Waverly and James McClure now pushes a Gladiator.

Isaac Blodgett is at Rockford, Ills., visiting his sister whom he has not seen for 14 years.

Mr. Arthur Young, of Detroit, spent Sunday last with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young.

Wanted, good girl for general housework. Wages $3 per week. A. J. Tibbits, Franklin, Mich.

Wee Faint is busy at Farmington now decorating the Masonic hall. Wesley is the boy that knows how to do it.

Bring your cousins, your uncles and your aunts to the lawn social to-morrow night. Only 10 cents for refreshments.

If you want horses pastured, call on H. F. Daniels, Birmingham, Mich. Terms reasonable. 4t

The German Emperor has a number of bad habits, not the least of which is his fondness for playing practical jokes.

Anyone wanting to buy a cheap harness and buggy by calling on Willis H. Carter, can get one at their own price almost.

The session of Congress just closed demonstrated the insignificance of not a few men whose constituents though them great.

Don't forget that if you want to have a chat with a friend when in town Saturday nights, you will find the Library hall open.

For Sale—at a bargain, a dandy bicycle, in fine condition for only $30. Ask Mitchell about it. Time given if satisfactory security is given.

A Washington tailor makes the difference between "trousers" and "pants" $2. He charges customers who ask for the former that much more.

Mr. J. G. Smith and daughter, Miss Laura, of New Jersey, are visiting at W. H. Smith's, expect to remain some weeks and enjoy Michigan life.

The progress of Japan will not worry us so long as she lets us build some of her warships and her railroad and other machinery, as she is now doing.

The next teachers' examination will be held at Birmingham, Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26. Second and third grade work. H. H. Snowdon.

On account of failing health, I will sell my Newcomb Fly Shuttle Carpet Loom cheap. A bargain for somebody Elvira Benson, Warren, Mich. tf

An ice cream lawn sociable will be given by the L. O. T. M. of this place, at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Cotson, Friday evening, June 19. Bill ten cents.

If the care of the hair were made a part of a lady's education, we should not see so many gray heads, and the use of Hall's Hair Renewer would be unnecessary.

Gov. Altgeld may be a crank, but he has string around the bull's eye of truth when he said: "A little less Wall street and a little more patriotism will work wonders in this country."

Joe Anderson, of Howell, a bright and pleasing young man has engaged with Whitehead & Mitchell to assist in their store and will make himself generally useful in their many branches.

House to rent. Eight rooms—good location, with necessary outbuildings, city water etc., $12, per month. Will sell the place for $1700. House can't be built for this sum. A bargain for some one See Mitchell before buying

Strawberries last week were so plentiful that we certainly for once had enough. Those sold by Chas H. Leach were in our opinion the largest, sweetest and best strawberry we ever carved up and those raised by Will Davenport a close second.

If every one living on the Town Line road leading north from Stephan's corners would trim up and care for those trees that are near the road side and take away the brush, it would be one of the finest drives in the near future. Mr. Taber has made a good beginning in that direction.

At the last regular meeting of Royal Oak Lodge No 424, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: N. G., Henry Ford; V. G., Louis Stone; Treas., Charles F. Quick; Sec'y, Henry Wheeler; representative to Grand Lodge, Henry Wheeler.

Miss Edith Hamlin has now in successful operation a bakery, restaurant and ice cream parlors, all in full running blast in the John Hanna meat market building, door opening on Pierce St.; where she will be pleased to meet all her old patrons and many new ones.

Those who say women are not public spirited, please look at the princely gifts of these three women. Miss Helen Gould to the St. Louis sufferers $100,000; Mrs. Leland Stanford, of the Stanford University, over a million; Mrs. Lurrell, of Maryland, to the John Hopkins university nearly the same sum.

Miss Fronia Flinn, of Detroit, has been visiting her many friends in this village the past week or so. Her father, Wm. Flinn who has for a few years owned and successfully conducted a first class grocery store at Delray, has sold out and opened up in Detroit, where we trust he will realize his fondest hopes.

The annual commencement exercises of the Dearborn high school held on Friday evening, June 19, and the oration of the evening will be delivered by Rev Ed Collins, rector of Christ Episcopal church, when three of Dearborn's young ladies will be capped and gowned. They are the Misses Melissa Snow, Mae Groover and Flora Drake.

An exchange prints the following list of prices paid for commodities in 1866, thirty years ago: Kerosene oil, 9c a gallon; pork, 29c a pound; factory cloth, 29c a yard; nails, 9c; sugar, 19½; tea $1.75 a pound; flour, $4.25 a sack; crackers, 16c a pound; calico, 20c a yard; thread, 10c a spool; boots, $6.00 a pair.

A new pest has appeared as a menace to cherry trees in Michigan. It is a small red bug, and at the present time may be seen in large quantities devouring the foliage of the trees. The eggs are deposited in around the base of the tree underneath the rough bark. The insect seems also to have a liking for currant and gooseberry shrubs.

Bicyclers were never so numerous as at the present time and the ladies never looked more beautiful riding then they do this season. Disappearance they are far superior than their brothers who ride with the monkey back, rubber neck, agonized expressioned face. Woodward Ave. is constantly lined with riders all day Sunday both coming and going Detroit wards.

To see the ladies' riding bicycles about Birmingham one would think they all are riding. Sixty bicycles are owned and ridden by as many people and the ladies' show up in goodly numbers. Miss E. F. Peabody has rapidly learned the art of riding a wheel and no more enthusiast in that line is more earnest than she. New riders are constantly appearing on the scene

It is predicted that, to-morrow evening there may be seen and heard in this village a large swarm of "Bees." It is claimed that these "Bees" differ greatly from the common bee and that they will bring with them a new kind of honey of which they will have plenty to supply a large crowd. Mrs. J. R. Corson insists that these bees will be sure to be attracted by her efforts and light near her home.

We never said a word about the cream separator that the Milk Producers' patrons plit into their business recently. It is a very fine affair, runs by steam and separates the cream from the milk in the best manner possible and the farmers now ship pure cream instead of milk at a price that is more satisfactory than to ship milk. Will J. Boyd has charge of the receiving depot and does his work neatly, expeditiously and satisfactorily to all the farmer patrons.

The big bicycle tournament and races to be given at Mt. Clemens, July 4, promises to be an unparalled success. Mt. Clemens already enjoys the distinction of having given some of the best race meets in the state, and it will be the endeavor of the club this year, to sustain in every particular, the reputation acquired and, if possible, add new laurels. The splendid list of prizes offered will undoubtedly call together the best riders in the country; with good riders and a perfect track, a fine day's sport will certainly be provided. Half rate excursions on all railroads, Prize list and entry blanks on application to R. J. Stewart, Sec'y.

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Irving, the Tuesday club enjoyed a rare treat Friday evening. The club have been wading through the elements of Astronomy and had become very anxious to see some of the constellations. Mr. Irving mounted his telescope and through this Jupiter assumed dimensions almost as large as the sun to the naked eye and his four moons were plainly visible. What a pity this earth hasn't four moons! But then its just as well when sentimental lovers are concerned and one moon then is sometimes a nuisance. The ladies' are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Irving for a number of astronomical facts as well as an evening of pleasure.

Pain's celebrated military spectacle, "The Storming of Vicksburg," is beginning to arouse the patriotism and enthusiasm of all the old veterans, both those who were there and also all who took part in the late unpleasantness. All the "vets" remember how Grant defeated Pemberton before Johnston could join him, how he drove him into Vicksburg and at the same time forced Johnston off the field, how for seven weeks Grant and Sherman with a total force of 70,000 men besieged Vicksburg, pouring shot and shell night and day Farragut's advance through the terrible fire will be pictured and also the destruction of the rebel ram Arkansas. "Vicksburg" comes to Detroit under the auspices of the Detroit Railway, and the railway promises to provide everything for the comfort and convenience of its patrons. The opening night is Monday, June 22, continuing every night until July 5.

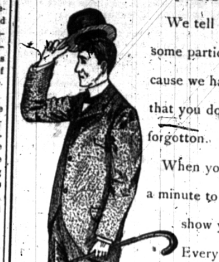
A. Partridge and Dr. Campbell were witnesses in the Dunn will case which was tried in the Circuit court at Pontiac last week and at which time the jury disagreed. All but one man on the jury being in favor of breaking the will and given the son a share of the mothers estate. The facts are these, a $40,000 estate was left to Mrs. Michael Maney who died intestate. Of the three daughters, one died, one married a Hanley and the other married Daniel Dunn. Mrs Dunn's married life, not proving congenial, she left her husband and lived with her mother. The only child, a son, remained with the father. Upon Mrs. Maney's death the property was divided between Mrs Dunn and Mrs. Hanley. When Mrs Dunn died she willed her half of the estate to her sister, already owning one half. Young Dunn, with the aid of Col. John Atkinson, M. F. Lillis and A. R. Tripp tried to break the the will.

The State Teachers' Institute for Oakland County will be held at Pontiac, Commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., Monday, July 6, and closing at 4 p. m., Friday, July 10 Instructors have been selected who have had much practical experience in the school room and know how to give others a portion of what they have thus learned. It is confidently expected that this will be the best institute ever held in the county. The work will combine professional and academic instruction. The institute will be divided into sections; and the instructors will conduct classes for the purpose of reviewing some studies, and also to illustrate certain methods of instruction. The workers have been urged to arrange for gymnastic exercises, singing, marching, and the like, so as to make the work move off cheerily and without fatigue. Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History, Physiology, Civil Government, Pedagogy, Algebra, Geometry, Botany, Reading and Orthography, will be the principal topics. The institute law allows teachers, whose schools are in session at the time appointed for the county institute held under the direction of the State Superintendant, to close their schools during the continuance of such institute, without forfeiting their wages, for as many half days as they are in attendance at the institute. There will be no enrollment fee, and all teachers and would-be-teachers, should arrange to attend every session. Try to be present at the first session. Full particulars in regard to board, etc., may be obtained upon application to H. H. Snowden, Pontiac, Mich.

There will be held in Pontiac, Wednesday, July 1st, a grand Sunday school rally, under the auspices of the Oakland County Sunday School Association. Every Sunday school in the county is cordially invited and earnestly requested to participate in the exercises. Gov. John T. Rich, Hon. Washington Gardner, Secretary of State, and other noted speakers will be present and make short addresses. The Grand Parade and Review will start promptly from the High School grounds at 10:30 a. m. The march will not be long and will not tire the little ones. Should it be dusty, streets will be sprinkled on line of March. A committee has been appointed and hope to obtain half fare on all Rail Roads. We hope all the schools will bring banners, and we would like every scholar in the parade to carry an American flag. Arrangements will be perfected, we think, to furnish them free The following prizes will be awarded to the schools where records show the best percentage of attendance during last year: First prize, $10.00; second prize, $5.00; third prize, $2.50. If the schools will forward copy of their record for past year to our secretary, the prizes can be awarded on rally day. To the schools making the best appearance and order, marching under a banner: First prize, $10.00; second prize, $5.00; third prize, $2.50. In taking schools to come with banners we do not wish to encourage the procuring of expensive ones. Pontiac schools will not be permitted to compete for above awards. The gathering will be held in the beautiful grove of the Pontiac High school, where all arrangements will be made by the citizens of Pontiac for convenience and comfort Tables will be arranged for all schools who will notify us of their intention to be present. You can bring your baskets and enjoy a picnic. Ice water will be furnished on the grounds, also hot water for tea and coffee. Arrangements will be made for hitching teams on the north side of the grounds. Let everybody turn out and make this a day long to be remembered in the S. S. work of Oakland county. Dr. J. F. Spring, Secretary; J. S. Stockwell, President.

17 sticks (latest style) stick candy for a nickel at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1896.



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We tell you each week about some particular kind of clothing because we have in mind some facts that you do not know about or have forgotton.

When you are handy and have a minute to spare, we would like to show you a new line of suits.

Every possible care was taken in selecting materials and in the making, not forgetting to put in the essential part—fit.

Neat, tasty and pretty shades and patterns of light colored Cheviots and blue and Black Serges, all for $10.00.

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HENDRIE.

The Biggest Man in Birmingham.

The first car run by electricity from Royal Oak to Birmingham came bowling along Saginaw street shortly after four o'clock on Monday afternoon last, with Strathearn Hendrie as motorman.

Something over a year ago the decisive steps for a through electric railway from Detroit to Pontiac were taken by Detroit parties and last Monday saw the culmination of their efforts. In the interval there has been an enormous outlay of money, for the power house in this village, for the feed wires and trolley wires, ties, steel rails and the thousand and one expensive details of the work, which no one can understand or appreciate until he has "been through the mill."

Last winter they were frozen up, snowed under and drowned out, but persistent pegging away has finally resulted in the cars running with plenty of our oil from our own power house

Shortly after noon on Monday last the big belt was sprung over the six foot drive wheel of one of the engines at the power house, the steam was gradually turned on and the ponderous machine began to move. The indicator in connection with the dynamo was anxiously watched by half a dozen electricians, a tiny brass wheel was turned on the switch board, the speed of the engine was gradually increased, the little indicator commenced to move around the clock-like face of the gauge until it told the story of success and a powerful current of over 600 volts, and a smile as expansive as his broad, good natured face would allow, spread over the physiognomy of Strathearn Hendrie. The result for which all the labor and hardship had been endured and money had been spent so lavishly had stood the test and the "wheels would go round."

A carriage was hastily summoned and upon reaching Royal Oak, the four new cars which had been run out with power from the Citizens' Railway on Saturday last, were boarded and a merry clip of about 40 miles an hour was kept up for a mile or more when the current slacked up and the car stopped only for a minute, however, and the trip was resumed: When the four cars came through the streets, with Mr. Hendrie on the front vestibule of the first car acting in the capacity of motorman, the village was out in force, flags waved, the crowd yelled, everyone was wild with enthusiasm and the four cars quickly sped over the brow of the hill and were stopped and the day which had been so earnestly wished for had arrived and at last "the electric cars had commenced running to Birmingham!"

FLASHES.

The broadest smile which ever shone on human countenance bedecked the faces of the farmers along the route.

The new cars are commodious, easy and very fast. One feature is especially noticeable—the absence of all gaudy and cheap decoration. There are no green cows, blue sheep and impossible sheperdesses, but a beautiful finish in natural woods

The cars are now running on schedule time and you can go to Detroit any hour in the day.

There is still an enormous amount of work to do in and about the power house before the whole plant is in absolutely perfect condition, but the work will be rapidly pushed to completion.

The following men have drawn prizes in the securing of places on the Oakland Railway and will commence their respective duties at once. Superintendent, A. Poulter; Conductors, W. Brown, James M. Camp, Frank Springsteen; Motormen, Ira Groover, John Beavis, John Savage, Eugleness, Charles Hess, Wm. Crittender. Fireman, F ank McHugh These selections were made from nearly one hundred applicants and while we are sorry for the ninety one disappointed ones, we have no doubt the company selected the men whom they considered best qualified for the various duties assigned to them.

It was the most important day in the history of Birmingham, since the first house was erected by our time honored first settlers.

SUCKERS.

Are Numerous and Bite Freely in Birmingham.

Frank E. Robinson, a bright, enterprising, but dishonest man at Saginaw, E. S. Mich., sent out a lot of mammoth posters and in great big lurid type announced the fact that he had bicycles to rent at the unheard and phenomenal price of $2.50 per month. One dollar to be sent with order and the balance to roll in as time rolled around. Any wheel made in the world would be furnished and with it came a bell, a cyclometer, a luggage carrier, a cozy seat, pant guards and a pair of bloomers if desired, and all to be delivered by first express, charges prepaid. Gee Whiz! What a snap Only four days to accept the offer was given and as soon as our boys read the circular they rushed in the dollars. D. M. Johnston and G. H. Mitchell called their friend Clarence Cowles up by telephone and he at once pronounced the fellow a fake and almost immediately it was announced that Robinson was under arrest by the Postal authorities for using the mails to defraud The Saginaw Courier Journal announced as follows: The trite and oft-quoted expression of some hoyl headed philosopher that "a sucker is born every minute," is again verified. Yesterday afternoon a man giving his name as Frank E. Robinson was locked up at the Central station, charged with using the United States mails to defraud.

Robinson's plan of operation was somewhat unique, but apparently eminently successful. He is alleged to have flooded the state with circulars setting forth that he had bicycles to loan at a rental of $2.50 a month. The applicant was required to forward one dollar as advance payment, as a guarantee of good faith, accompanied with references as to responsibility, etc., and the remaining $1.50 for the first month's rental was to follow on receipt of the wheel, if found satisfactory.

It does not appear in evidence that any applicant has as yet received a wheel, but if the bushel of mail matter received daily by Mr. Robinson is a fair criterion, the dollars came along with surprising alacrity. In fact, he appears to have been doing a land office business, and was no doubt much chagrined when taken into custody. It is said letters poured into the Saginaw east side office from all sections of the state, addressed to Mr. Robinson."

On the roll of honor from Birmingham who donated Mr. Robinson a dollar or more are:

Phil Schlaack,
Charlie Leet,
Edgar M. Bride,
Frank Shearer,
Arthur O Neal,
Frank Keyser,
Eugene Smith,
Fred Parks.

A few others ordered wheels but were skittish about forwarding the dollar as the offer was too good to believe almost.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending June 13, 1896:

Mrs. Laura Huntley, Mark Fitz Patrick, Mrs. John Wixom, Mr. Byron Dawson.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

ST. JAMES PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
(Corner Maple avenue and Chester street.)
Morning prayer and sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 12:00 o'clock.
Choir practice Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock.
The Detroit convocation will meet in this church Thursday, June 25.

A bottle of Mitchell's Compound Syrup of White Pine in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.