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†Morning Express	7:40 a. m.
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†Suburban	7:00 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:40 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

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*Night Express	3:55 a. m.
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5 lbs Raisens,	25
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8 lbs lump Starch,	25
10 lbs Sal Soda,	15
Good Roasted Coffee, 2½ lbs.,	50
40c Japan Tea, only	25
Best Michigan Cheese,	10
15 lbs Rolled Oats,	25
One lb Rolled Oats,	02
8 Bars Queen Anne Soap,	25
Graham Wafers 12c per lb., our price,	08
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5 Cans Corn, (excellent,)	25
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HOME NOTES

J. R. Nye, of Toledo, was home over Sunday.

Mrs. John Beattie spent a few days in Birmingham last week.

Legal holiday Saturday next, July 4 Bank will be closed.

It's 16 to 1 that some people are going to get badly fooled this fall

Miss Mamie Ulter looked in on her friends a few days since

Lots of Canada thistles in full bloom now, right in the village too

Mrs. R. A. Parker and daughter, of Detroit, were in town last week

Canada thistles on the Brownell subdivision are needing attention.

Wanted, dining room girl at the National Hotel. Good wages and steady place tf

Please can't we have the street lamps painted, and the hydrants and the drinking fountain?

Mrs. Theo. Kittle, of Kingsville, Ont., is visiting her mother, Mrs. John G. Wilson, for a few weeks

Edwin Starr has sold 160 bushels of fine luscious strawberries, gathered from one and one-half acres of land.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Keyser and little daughter, of Pontiac, have been visiting at Mrs. Nellie Camp's for several days.

It is estimated that the value of the bicycles ridden in New York City on any fair Sunday will exceed $10,000,000

Mine Host Daines has been making some elaborate changes in his hotel and now it is first-class in every respect as usual.

We shall be glad when the other Presidential candidates are named. Then there will be a division of the personal slobbering

Do you want to sell real estate in Birmingham? Then paint up your fountains, street lamps, cut the weeds and make the town tidy

Since New Jersey got a place on the republican national ticket, the joke about that state not being in the union seems to have been aside.

W. A. O'Neal's home is rapidly being pushed to completion and when finished will be one of the handsomest residences in the village.

Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. Emma Smith, of Detroit, Mrs. H. Rockwell and Miss Myra Colemab, of Farmington, visited at T. Langley's last week.

The Ladies' Working Society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Alex. Parks, Friday afternoon, July 3. Mrs. Nellie Camp, Sec'y.

The season in which picnic parties and railroad trains simultaneously attempt to pass grade crossings, opened with the usual disastrous results.

Miss Bertha Bigelow left home last Wednesday for a visit with her brother, Mortimer O., at Fort Meade, N. Dak., and will be away for a month or so.

Special services St. James church, Thursday, July 2nd, 4 p. m. address by the Rev. S. W. Frisbie; 7:30 p. m., addresses by Detroit clergymen. You are invited.

In cases where dandruff, scalp diseases, falling and grayness of the hair appear, do not neglect them, but apply a proper remedy and tonic like Hall's Hair Renewer.

Said a Birmingham housekeeper: "we used to be able to tell when our city friends were liable to arrive, but now, the wheel and the Electric cars bring them at all hours."

Village taxes can be paid this month to treasurer of the village, Mr. D. M. Johnston, who will receive them any time during the month at his de-al office before 5 o'clock p. m

The National Educational Association meets at Buffalo next week. Half fare rates on all roads. All Michigan teachers should go. Half fare rates from Buffalo east, can be obtained.

Mrs. Fannie Shaw is visiting her friend, Mrs. Thos. Eades, at Port Huron, and Charlie is visiting relatives at Davisburg, while James J. is keeping bachelors hall and doing it right comfortably.

The Misses Bessie and Frankie Quick of Toronto, Ont., were in town last week enjoying commencement exercises and the alumni meeting. The young ladies' are still true to Birmingham and Michigan, my Michigan

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.

Just look over Whitehead & Stitchell's new advt. New prices, and new deal. No charging on this list and no coupons given in the trade. If you want goods at bed rock prices bring along your cash, then have the goods.

Religious services will be held in the Log Cabin school house, north of Clawson, next Sabbath afternoon, July 5, at 3 o'clock. Rev. Isaac N. Aldrich, Congregational minister from Royal Oak will preach at that hour. Everybody is cordially invited.

Enos F. Brayman and Hattie Gates are lodged in Pontiac jail charged by the husband of the Gates woman with adultery. Guess it must have been a mistake of Enos' by claiming he was made a married man some time ago It looks so now.

Mrs. Granch has quite a novelty in her flower garden, in a Yucca in full bloom It has four large stalks completely covered with buds and blossoms. Mrs. Grinch also has some of the largest and finest Evening Primroses we ever saw.—Warren Watchman.

Mr. G. A. Brush will attend the lollipop gate north of the village in place of Wm. Cobb who has resigned and who will at once enter upon his duties as care taker for Mr. Conklin's elegant country home near Bloomfield Center, which is about completed.

Four big holes bored through the back door of F. Blakeslee's dry goods store was a quite proof that wicked burglars tried to get into the store. Guess the Alumni meeting at Alex. Parks' must have frightened them away before entrance was gained.

Mrs. G. H. Mitchell, Miss Tillie Walker, with Carrie E. and Emeline M. Mitchell as annexes, are visiting the family of David Walker in Livingston Co., and expect to be absent about six weeks and if all is well on their return, will proceed at once to Watkins Lake and finish the summer

Fourth of July on the C. H. & D. Ry. Special low excursion tickets will be sold everywhere on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway, on July 3 and 4th, good for return until July 6th, at One Fare for Round Trip. Full information on application to Agents C., H. & D. Ry.

The B. H. S. Alumni held their annual meeting at the large and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Parks. A large number were present to welcome the grades of 1896 which was done in a very pleasant manner. Refreshments were served and a right royal reception was enjoyed by all.

Our bicycling friends who sent a dollar each to the fraud Robinson, at Saginaw, have found all received their money back. Thanks to the Eccentric department. The rascal was arrested before the letters were delivered to him, is all that saved the boys their white silver dollars.

The graduating exercises at the M. E. church last week was fully up to the standard. Four ladies' and four young gents stepped out from school life and begin life in earnest. At the close of the interesting exercises, diplomas were received, all which exhibits them to better the U. of A. Ann Arbor without further examinations. The large audience room was crowded as usual and the exercises were particularly noticeable.

Not in years have the grasshoppers wrought such devastation to the crops of this and adjoining townships as they are doing this season. They are doing an untold amount of damage in Milford, White Lake, Commerce, Waterford, West Bloomfield and Highland, the latter township being more affected than the others. Many of the fields that a few weeks ago promised an abundant harvest now look as if they had been stripped of vegetation.—Milford Times.

James McStay was kicked by a horse one day last week and had a very narrow escape from death. The horse he was driving became frightened at a dog and immediately rivaled the highest kicker in existence. Jim was actually kicked from the cart but succeeded in stopping the horse. He was struck by the horse's foot just above the knee cap and for a time it was thought he would be crippled for life but the chances now are that he will come out all right.

The management of Wonderland, Detroit, in consideration of the fact that few people from other parts of the state visit that city without attending the performance at the museum, has provided a large clock room at the entrance to the paying part of amusement where the baggage of visitors to the city will be checked free of charge. Wonderland the year is larger and finer than ever, there now being eight separate departments.

It seems to be easy for any fraud or swindler to walk into our village, canvas for a photo scheme, a book job or anything else in order that they may secure a payment of 25 or 50 cents and that ends all the victim watching and waiting for the articles that never come. Two smart slicks canvassed our town last week and secured many a half dollar. How long, Oh Gramps! how long before people will quit donating cash in advance to rascals who eternally promise something, but never give. A good rule is to slam the door in any strangers face that asks payment in advance for anything that is canvassed for.

The Teachers' Institute for Oakland county will be held at Pontiac, commencing Monday morning, July 6, and closing Friday afternoon, July 10th, '96. Every teacher desiring to strengthen themselves in the Theory and Art of Teaching, should make an earnest effort to be present. Prof. McKenney, of Olivet College, and W. A. Stevenson, of the Fenton Normal School, are instructors of unusual ability and will spare no pains in their efforts to give the teachers value received. Good board can be obtained for 50 cents a day. For further information address Harry H. Snowdon, Pontiac, Mich.

C. E. Hadsell, our enterprising weedman and fruit grower, after years of hard labor and study, is now reaping results from scientific principles that are very satisfactory indeed. At "Waldron Place" he gives employment to 50 persons. No city help is employed, the "chic" country girls are the gatherers of all the small fruits. Men and boys are kept busy weeding and caring for 22 acres of corn, 70 acres of garden peas, and 10 acres of sweet peas. The demands for his see ly seem to far exceed the supply. Employees receive the going prices for their labor. All fruits are sold at reasonable prices.

As the time draws near it becomes more apparent than ever, that the big bicycle tournament and races to be held at Mt. Clemens, July 4, will be a great success As predicted, the splendid list of prizes offered, are calling together the very best riders, and it is certain that every race will be a fine contest. The management are making every effort to make this the banner meet A new grandstand will be erected, the track put in perfect condition, and every detail looked after for the convenience of riders and the public. The Pagoda band gives a fine concert in afternoon. Many other attractions will be provided, all of which can be seen for 25 cents.

A handsome portrait of McKinley, printed in 11 colors on heavy plate-paper, 22 x 28, has been arranged with the publishers of Judge (The Comic News of New York weekly periodical) to supply our readers with the magnificent portrait of McKinley just published by them. This portrait is a veritable work of art; it is the finest thing of its kind we have ever seen It is printed in colors on heavy plate-paper and is copyrighted by the publishers. The size is 14x21 inches, every reader of this paper should have a copy. We will send, postpaid to anyone cutting out this slip and returning it to us with five two cent stamps enclosed. Be sure to write your name and address plainly. tf

FOURTH OF JULY EXCURSION RATES

Excursion tickets will be sold by the Grand Trunk Railway System, Lines west of the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers, July 3rd and 4th, 1896, good to return up to and including July 5th, 1896, at rate of one and one half cents per mile, the way for the round trip, between all stations.

HE LIKES THE PLACE

Maxwell, Mich., June 27, '96.
Editors of The Eccentric:

I enclose herewith my subscription to your paper for the present year. When we were leaving Birmingham I half promised you that I would drop you a line from this place, but I am at last. We like it here splendidly for a town although Mr. Orth, their minister, does, and they are getting rid of him for that reason. What I mean by "baptism" is the baptism as taught by Christ Himself and as shown in the New Testament. This kind of writing will not suit some of your readers, but I am out and out for the truth and nothing but the truth.

We have made lots of ice cream this season and have sold 90 gallons wholesale to order at 80c besides what we have sold at retail. The cream for it costs 50c per gallon at the creamery. I put about three pints of milk with one other ingredient, besides sugar and flavoring and that makes two gallons when frozen. I have an order now from one man for 20 gallons for the Fourth, which can be obtained here by a union picnic by the Sunday schools, and by horse races, etc., by the other fellows.

My best respects are hereby tendered to all our friends and acquaintances in and near Birmingham. I would also say to them in the language of Lord Byron, "Fare thee well and if forever, if forever fare thee well." Yours respectfully,

E. J. KNOWLES.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Rekik Bros. have bought about all the wool in our vicinity at 18 to 16 cents.

Andy Salisbury, of Foles' report another daughter last week.

During last Thursday's storm the Mason barn of Farrow was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. A few tons of hay goods was saved. We did not learn the amount of insurance. Mr. Elijah Shanly, one of the most respected citizens, who was stationed on the front stoop at the time, was shocked so that at present writing his recovery is very doubtful. If the shock does not kill him, it will render him helpless for some time. Mr. Mason has decided to rebuild and will commence work at once.—Milford Times.

Miss Winnie Truesdale has been visiting the past week with Misses Grace and Mabel Martin.

The picnic the last day of school was largely attended and a good time was had.

A dance at Rob McGhee's Friday evening. A good time was had.

ST. JAMES PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(Corner Maple avenue and Chester street.)

Holy communion next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Sunday school at 12:00 o'clock.

The Detroit convocation will meet in this church to-day. At 10:00 a. m. holy communion; 11:00 a. m., business session, reports from officers of convocation, missionaries, special committees, committee relative to Archdeacon's salary, and Supt. of Missionary League; 4:00 p. m., Paper—Subject, "Guilds and Guild Work," by the Rev. S. W. Frisbie; 7:00 p. m., evening prayer, after which "Heroism in Missions", will be discussed by the Rev. Messrs R. T. W. Webb, E. Collins and W. S. Sayres. Rev. John McCarroll, M. D., Dean.

Choir practice Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1896.

12 DOLLAR SUITS.

There is at least one clothing store in Detroit and by one we mean this—where buyers may find complete lines of desirable and rightly made garments.

In Men's Suits at $12. we have a large assortment of shades in fancy mixtures of Homespuns and Cheviots and Blue and, Black Serges and Worsteds.

No deficiency of "bargains" either—with the depleted lots marked at quick selling prices.

R. H. TRAVER

171, 173, 175 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Hon Byron G. Stout died at his home in the city at 5:45 o'clock Friday morning. His illness covered a period of several months. For a time he was treated in Harper hospital, Detroit. Neither his family physician, Dr. F. B. Galbraith, nor his physician in Detroit knew definitely the character of his disease, but several weeks ago Dr. Galbraith told Mr. Stout that in his opinion his trouble was caused by an internal cancer, which would ultimately prove fatal.

Slowly but surely his malady gained the mastery. Although a great sufferer, his mind remained to the end active and clear. His untimely death will be universally regretted and his well spent life will prove a rich legacy to the multitudes who knew him and delighted to do him honor.

He was one of Pontiac's most honored and distinguished citizens. His long residence in the city had made him a familiar character and his breadth of mind, rich, generous nature and sterling integrity have left their impress upon the community.

As a banker his opinion on business and finance were always respected. As an agriculturist he found a ready ear of the farmer as he talked earnestly of the vicissitudes of farm life. In municipal government he sought to enforce his conviction of the importance and economic expenditure of public money.

In a word every one will remember the life of Byron G. Stout with pride and with repeated examples of his generous nature in the unostentatious gifts irrespectively bestowed upon them.

Mr. Stout leaves two brothers, William, of Fort Scott, Kan., and Wilbur, of Wichita, Kansas. Both brothers have visited him during his illness, the former being present at the time of his death.

Byron Gray Stout was born in Richmond, Ontario county, N. Y., January 9, 1842. The genealogy of Mr. Stout traces to Richard Stout, who emigrated from England and located in New York city about 1650. Mr. Stout is the eldest of four sons and one daughter, the children of Jessie Lee Stout and Olivia P. Stout. His father was a native of New Jersey, a farmer by occupation who later went to New York state, where he remained until 1851, when he moved with his family to Michigan, and to Troy township, Oakland county. Up to the time of his death, his father pursued the occupation of a farmer. At the age of 14, Byron Stout entered Albion seminary where he remained for one year. After attending school at Romeo and Pontiac, he entered the literary department of the University of Michigan in 1861, from which department he graduated in 1864. He was soon after appointed superintendent of the Pontiac city schools, which position he held for three years.

He was early identified with the Republican party and in 1854 was elected from the first district of Oakland county as representative in the lower house of the Michigan legislature, to which office he was re-elected in 1856, serving during this term although but 27 years of age, was made speaker of the house for two sessions. He was in 1866 elected to the state senate from the eastern district of Oakland county, during which term he was the chairman of the committee on state affairs, and was also a member of the committee on finance and education. In 1866 he was engaged in the private banking business in this city, in which business he remained for a period of eight years.

In 1872 the enemies of the Republican party sought to gain the ascendency in Michigan by nominating a fusion ticket and on account of his particular views which he entertained, nominated Mr. Stout for governor, which nomination was indorsed by the Democrats. Mr. Stout favored the vigorous prosecution of the war for the Union, but contended that when armed resistance should cease, the states should regain their former place in the union, equal rights unimpaired. The rebels having been recognized as belligerents, he maintained that there should be no attainder for treason. In this position Mr. Stout antagonized the views of his party, and he was defeated. From this time forward he became identified and united his fortunes with the Democratic party. In 1876 he was induced to accept the nomination by the Democrats, of representative of the sixth congressional district of Michigan, but was defeated, as he was again for the same office in 1879.

In 1883 Mr. Stout was tendered the nomination by the Fusion party, of United States senator, which party gave him its united support, but he was defeated. From this time until 1890 he remained engaged in agricultural pursuits at his superb farm near this city. As a delegate to the national Democratic convention, Mr. Stout represented this section in 1868, 1880 and 1888. When the time for the congressional campaign of 1890 arrived, the Democratic party was with Michigan district nominated and elected Mr. Stout to Congress, his Michigan opponent being William Ball, of Hamburg. Again he was nominated, but met defeat at the hands of the present incumbent, Hon. H. D. Aiken, of Flint. Since his return from Washington in 1891, Mr. Stout has spent his time in attending to his agricultural duties and to those of the presidency of the Oakland County Savings Bank, to which position he was elected in 1869, but which he recently resigned because of poor health.

The funeral was attended from Zion Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, Rector L. S. Stevens, officiating. Burial in the family lot at Oak Hill cemetery.

The following resolution was adopted by the Oakland County Savings Bank.

In the death of Hon. Byron G. Stout, the board of directors of the Oakland County Saving Bank, of which deceased was the retired president, feel deeply that the bank has lost a true and tried friend; therefore be it

Resolved, by the said board of directors at special meeting, that if express regret for his death and sympathy for the bereaved relatives and for the public at large, who have lost an honest and energetic citizen. Joshua Hill, D. H. Powers, E. P. Messenger, T. A. Smith, E. C. Smith, Hartwell Green, Frank A. Pery.—Pontiac Gazette.

HOME SEEKERS' EXCURSIONS

To the South, via

OHIO CENTRAL LINES.

July 7 and 21. Limit for return, 30 days. Consult A. G. C. A., W. A. Peters, M. P. A., Detroit, Mich. JOS. MOORE, T. P. A., Findlay, O. July16

HE TRIED A WATER METER.

The following from the Lansing Republican shows what we have always contended, you would be surprised if you knew how much water you use every day of your life

A prominent citizen of Lansing recently became dissatisfied with his water rate, and decided to have a meter placed on his premises, "so that he could pay for just the water he used." The meter was placed and the bill rendered for the month with interest. He was somewhat disturbed, however, at the regularity with which it registered 400 to 500 gallons per day, and he soon began to almost sweat blood. Every evening he looked into the placid face of that meter with a feeling of horror, which grew into anger.

One evening it informed the citizen it required 730 gallons of water to satisfy the yearnings of himself and family for moisture during that day. He did not curse, nor did he saw the air with rage, but visibly determined, to consult with the superintendent of the water works on the morrow.

In the morning the sun rose, and so did the prominent citizen. His first action was to inspect again that water meter. Then he ate his breakfast in thoughtful silence. Then went down for a farewell glance at his meter, and made the discovery that it had registered 730 gallons of water to prepare his morning repast. While he was rubbing his eyes in wonderment the meter registered 30 gallons more.

Then the citizen was mad; he was real mad. The fiend of wrath blew down the wrath of several feathers gods upon the Water Commissioner. He expisively inquired of his kitchen lady if she was aware that she had gotten away with 37 gallons of water in preparing the breakfast mush and eggs, a pot of coffee, and some meaty hash. The kitchen lady was also surprised, and when she averaged up the matter with that ****! had become of that other 30 gallons of water she tendered her resignation on the spot and denied having taken it. She admitted filling a half-gallon jug for a neighbor and allowing the water to run a little "just to cool it off."

Then he refused to make sure that his meter was not working a bunco game on him. He carefully noted the reading of the meter, filled a two-quart pail 80 times, and again looked at the meter. It had registered just 13 gallons—it was correct. Then the citizen retired to the cellar and figured some more. His meter was correct and he had put himself in a position where he must now pay for every gallon of water he used, whereas before he paid a certain amount per year for water, whether he used one gallon or 10,000. All the bitterness against the Water Board faded slowly from his heart, and a sad, sweet consciousness of his being something akin to a certain beast of burden stole over him. He shrunkleth his lawn no more, neither doth he water his garden. He shrieketh like unto a cool the water instead of letting it run to waste through the pipe, and in the anguish of his soul he smiteth his enemy to put in a water meter.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

The Epworth League of this place will sell ice cream on the afternoon and evening of the 4th of July on the lawn of Mr. S. C. Hobbins. Don't forget it.

Mrs. John Pierce, of Oak Grove, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. C. Gibbs.

Ten of our Lady Maccabees visited the Hive of the L. O. T. M. at Pontiac, last Friday evening. They were royally entertained by the Pontiac Bees and treated to ice cream and cake.

SOUTHFIELD.

Southfield has every prospect of electric cars in the near future.

Miss Lena McDonald is home for her summer vacation.

Mrs. Tedford, of Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. McCracken.

Miss Bessie Arthur has closed a successful term of school on the angling road.

George McKinney is on the sick list.

Old Mr. Brooks died last week. Although he had been sick some time his death was a surprise to everyone.

Mrs. Samuel Arthur of Birmingham, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Renwick McKinney.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Tuesday, June 16, a baby girl. Mother and child are doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have arrived safely from Damascus. Mrs. Crawford is visiting friends here on her way to be a missionary from the R. P. church of Southfield, some years ago. Her many friends will gladly welcome her home for a time, in Syria until her marriage to Mr. Crawford, which will take place in Damascus. They have two children, Rosa and Harriet.

D. J. McKinley has raised his barn.

Mr. Tanner, of New Buffalo, was the guest of Miss Leonora McDonald recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Irwin have returned from visiting their daughter, Mary at Holly.

Mrs. Kyle and her mother have returned from an extended visit at their old home, in Ohio.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending June 27, 1896:

Mrs. Anna Dibley,

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

LOW RATE EXCURSIONS SOUTH.

On the first and third Tuesday of each month till October about half-rates for round trip will be made to points in the South by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. 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 to W. L. Curtis, Jackson Smith, D. P. A., Cincinnati, O. (save)