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**BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1896.**

**IN ADVANCE**

**WHOLE NO. 966**

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM**  
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

**TIME TABLE.**

**JUNE 15, 1896.**

**WESTWARD**

Morning Express	7:40 a. m.
Day Express	11:40 a. m.
Evening Express	5:00 p. m.
Night Express	11:40 p. m.

**EASTWARD**

Night Express	8:50 a. m.
Day Express	11:40 a. m.
Evening Express	5:00 p. m.
Morning Express	7:40 p. m.

**DETROIT, MICH.**  
GEO. F. ALDRICH, Local Agent.

## SHIRT WAISTS!

On Saturday, Aug. 29th, we offer you your choice of any Shirt Waist in the house for 50c. This is strictly for cash.

1 lot all Silk Ribbons Nos. 5 and 7 at 5c per yard.  
1 lot all silk Ribbons Nos. 9, 12, 16 at 10c per yard.

100 pairs Ladies' Oxfords sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/4, 4, worth \$1.25-\$1.35 and \$1.50, will close out the lot at 95c per pair.

200 pairs Ladies' Fine Shoes, sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/4, 4 and 5, worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50, will close out the lot at \$1.99 per pair.

125 pairs Ladies' Tan Shoes, all sizes, was \$2.50 will close at \$2.00.

We offer the balance of men's Tax Bats at \$2.00 per pair.

## BURGLAR KILLED.

THREE MEN MAKE A MISTAKE IN REGULATING BIRMINGHAM.

TWO UP—ONE DOWN.

Not since thirteen years ago when E. C. Poppleton and the big Kennedy burglar had their falling out, has Birmingham had so much excitement as was on deck last week. Thursday morning when villagers all flocked to the undertaking establishment of Geo. E. Whites to catch a glimpse of the dead burglar and from there to the hotel to view the live one chained to the iron post that has done duty as a lock up for criminals from time immemorial, and then over to Nixon's to view the plunder and examine the mode of entry, and then to Char. Schlack's hardware store to view the work of the busy burglar there.

It was just about 2 o'clock Thursday morning when the barking of his small house dog awakened Arthur Blakeslee from a sound slumber in his dwelling apartment over his store. A moment later a gentle creaking to his ear told him that someone was trying the latch on the front door of his store. Creeping to the window he saw the form of a man glide noiselessly from his door to the front of the little bakery next door kept by the Houghton sisters. A screen door was softly swung to the right and again appeared to his view only to disappear around the corner of the building in the narrow lane which runs between his store and that of Volney Nixon.

Going to the rear of his dwelling, Blakeslee saw the man just as he was slipping out the rear door of Nixon's store. The men alternately disappeared.

## FALL OVERCOATS

**\$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00**

Are Ready for you to look at leisure.

We are in no hurry for you waiting doubter. We are pretty well used to the results of advertising; quick with quick people; slow with slow people; sure with intelligent people.

We are willing to wait for you slower ones; but let us tell you fairly, sharper people are enjoying advantages take you as you are.

By the way, that's our business, taking you as you are and dressing you (man or boy) as well as anybody.

## ARE YOU IN DEBT?

IF SO

Your Only Safety Is

Get Your Life Insured

FOR ENOUGH TO

PAY THE MORTGAGE.

WRITE OR CALL ON

G. A. WATKINS, Gen'l Agt.

46 Moore Building, Detroit

Or W. D. CLIZBE, Birmingham.

## F. BLAKESLEE'S,

BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

## PLOWS!

Farmers wanting anything in the Plow line will do well by looking over our stock of Plows. I have the Ward and Syracuse. These Plows have given the best of satisfaction. I won't ask anyone to keep them if they don't want them. You can always get your repairs when wanted. If you have Plow you want to look as getting repairs as you do at any kind of Plow you get. A Plow you can't get repairs for is four times as good as the one you get. I have the South Bend Plow, 3 and 4 inch Chamberlain's size. These Plows have given good satisfaction. If you want a cheap Plow I can sell you one. Look them over.

## COOK STOVES!

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

## TINWORK A SPECIALTY!

Estimates cheerfully given on all kinds of work. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

**Wind Mills and Pumps!**

I have a full line of Wood and Iron Pumps. Wind Mill Pumps, that work 1 hand and Wind Mill Pumps in wood and galvanized iron. Can furnish Mills as cheap as anyone of the make. I have it.

## Only Power Mill Worth Buying

on the market, it's the Star. They are made to last a lifetime. Farmers wanting any kind of Mill, Pumping or Power, will be glad to show them what I have and give them prices. Every Mill warranted or no sale.

## Garden and Flower Seeds!

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

Yours for business,

**A. BLAKESLEE,**  
Birmingham, Mich.

## HOME NOTES.

Shoe sale still on at Library Hall. Read Waite Bros., Robertson & Co's new ad.

Look over the cuts in this issue and pick a winner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Braden are visiting relatives in Scotland.

The Globes won the ball game Saturday by a score of 13 to 3.

Mr. Clize and daughter Marion are visiting relatives in Quincy.

Joshua Hill is now President of the Oakland Co. Savings Bank.

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## R.H. TRAVLER

171, 172, 173 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1896.

Large scar on the left side of the upper lip and another one over the right eye. He appears to be about 25 years old. His questions of the two detectives as to his identity. He had a note book with the name James Fitzgerald in it. He claimed to have been in Pontiac Wednesday and his statement was corroborated by a Pontiac officer who was with him there. Neither he nor his dead brother had any firearms, and it was evident that the shooting was done by the man who escaped.

**Shoes! Shoes!**

**SPECIAL SALE OF SHOES**

FOR 30 DAYS.

Five Hundred Pairs of Ladies' and Gent's Fine Shoes at less than cost of manufacture. Must be closed out before

**September 1st.**

Sale is positive and every pair must be sold. Salesroom under Library Hall, Entrance on Maple Ave.

**DON'T YOU KNOW**

that the cost of plans for building is nothing compared with what you save by having them?

**Clarence L. Cowles, Architect,**  
21 and 23 Chase Block.  
Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

## SCHOOL BOOKS FOR CASH, CASH!

The one disagreeable thing in connection with the School Book trade is the credit system. A little shaver, not higher than the counter, will come in with a list of books running from one to seven dollars, tuck 'em under their arm and start for the door saying "Pa will pay for 'em." In some cases Pa isn't known and not even the child's name. To obviate this difficulty we have brought a fine supply of

## THE PRISONER.



ARTHUR BLAKESLEE, Volney Nixon, and the burglar.

into the general store and appeared laden with bundles. For over half an hour Blakeslee watched the man enter and forth into the store, at least one of them all the while remaining outside to group in the highway, the clock stopped work. Then they gathered up and divided their plunder, and disappeared from his view.

Blakeslee hurriedly dressed and went to the hotel in the direction of the prison. Blakeslee Nixon dressed and went to the hotel in the direction of the prison. Blakeslee Nixon dressed and went to the hotel in the direction of the prison.

## DEAR BIRMINGHAM.

The three men were seen hanging about the curb half a mile north of Birmingham Wednesday afternoon by Tracy Hand who with his wife, was on a photographic expedition. My wife suggested to him that he snap the trio. They looked like three ordinary fellows in civilian dress, and he was not inclined to waste a plate on them.

## ROBERT MANT STOKES.

When daylight appeared and the merchants and business men of the town reached their offices and shops the operations of the marauders became known. They had first visited the carriage shop of Walter Nichols, a few rods from the street corner on Maple avenue, where they forced an entrance by breaking out a side window. They took two broad eight auger bits. Then they went to the blacksmith shop of F. P. Freeman, Richardson to the west of the crossing, where they obtained another brace, a shoulder drill and a number of auger bits and steel drills. The hardware store of Charles Schlack & Co, directly across the street from the hotel, was the next point of attack. They took 37 bolts in two rows across a rear door, removing the width of two boards and making a gap 12 1/2 inches in the outer thickness of the door. The planks forming the inner thickness ran the other way and they gave up the job of getting in, in that direction. A large pane of glass which stood against the door, was not broken but was shattered and splintered. They ransacked the shoe case, which was bespattered with droppings from their feet, and stole about 20 knives and some other small articles. They tried the cash drawer and got 20 cents from it.

## ROBERT THROUGH A DOOR.

The onslaught on Nixon's general store was then made. By boring 19 holes through the big two inch plank door, a block about six inches square was removed and through the aperture thus made, the key was rotated and turned. The burglar had an experience with this kind of work, for he had done it three years ago and never let it locked. The thieves rifled it and forced open the only door which was locked but without securing anything for their trouble. The articles stolen comprised five pair shoes, two pair of trousers, 20 shirts, and sundries to the value of \$40. A portion of the booty was removed with the men captured by a good street bander and was carried away by the man who escaped.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE MEN.

The man was apparently 21 or 22 years old. His face was smooth and tanned to a deep shade. His eyes and hair were brown. He wore a black Prince Albert coat, vest of the same shade, pants of a dark gray material, and a pair of brown gaiters. He had on a black shirt and no stockings. His hair was disheveled and heavy. He measured 5 feet 11 inches, and was sturdy built. His legs below the knees were dotted with black spots which greatly retorted his countenance.

## AN AMERICAN FORMER.

Back in the direction from which they had recently come could be seen three men approaching on the railroad track. All of them carried bundles. Their forms were mainly to be seen in the bright moonlight as they tracked along. They were apparently unafraid of danger. The horse and buggy were quickly hidden from sight in the shadows of the lane leading up to the dwelling of A. B. Parker. Then looking to their arms, the three pursuers stationed themselves beside the fence which separates the highway from the railroad right of way, and awaited the coming of the trio.

## TO RENT! TO RENT!

We have in first-class condition one gent's wheel and one ladies' wheel which will be rent to responsible parties at \$1.00 per day or 20c per week.

**Whitehead & Mitchell,**

## LAUNDRY!

I take this piece of informing the public that I want all the laundry work I can get. Capacity unlimited. Collars, cuffs and shirts laundered quick to "city work" at low rates. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call at the office, first door west of Exchange Bank, Maple Ave. E. J. Montgomery, proprietor.

## Birmingham Exchange Bank.

We have a new supply of Pads, Inks and Pens and everything needed by the pupils from a Grade Primary to the Graduating Class.

Call and see us.

## Whitehead & Mitchell.

## MONEY TO LOAN.

It's not what you own but what you HAVE that makes you rich. Four per cent interest, paid on certificates of deposit.

## SCHOOL BOOKS

and will sell them for cash only at a discount of 5 per cent from list prices.

## BRING YOUR CASH AND SAVE DISCOUNT.

Books will not be handed out to children and charged without written orders from parents.

## Bicycles! Bicycles!! Bicycles!!!

We have a new supply of Pads, Inks and Pens and everything needed by the pupils from a Grade Primary to the Graduating Class.

Call and see us.

## Whitehead & Mitchell.