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*Chicago Express	8:40 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

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HOME NOTES.

Read John Pound's new ad't.

The Bay View Reading Circle will meet with Mrs. Aldrich, Feb. 16

For rent, dwelling house on Pierce street. Inquire of Mrs. M. E. Hennessey.

F. Hagerman is a little under the weather but we trust a few days will see him all o k again.

Prof. Stagy, of Detroit, is going to teach the band hereafter. He comes well recommended.

A band concert at Royal Oak was attended by a number of our musicians who report a grand success.

The Saturday afternoon Whist Club are invited to meet with Mrs. C. M. Raymale this week at 2:30 o'clock.

Geo. W. White, of New Lothrop, Mich., is here for a short visit with his mother in Troy, who is quite ill.

It seems a pity that our naval officers cannot be "a gift in how to navigate a vessel" without running it aground.

George W. Mitchell is visiting relatives and friends in Macomb county this week and having a real good time.

Rev. W. H. Vincent, of Detroit, will preach for the United Presbyterians next Sabbath evening at 7:30 p. m.

Regular consecration of Birmingham Chapter, No. 93, R. A. M., next Monday evening, Feb. 15, 1897. A. Partridge, Sec'y.

Hear Horace Hitchcock on "Ireland and Scotland" at the Presbyterian church, to-morrow evening. Single admission 15c.

The Detroit & Pontiac Railway Co. have filed articles of association with the Secretary of State, with a capital of $250,000.00

Life is short only four letters in it. Some one has noticed that, curiously, three-quarters of it is a "lie" and half a of it is an "if." Exchange.

The shoot which was to have been given by the Birmingham Gun Club last Saturday was postponed until next Saturday. All are invited.

"Corny" Vanderbilt must have brain trouble. Nothing else would explain his going to Washington in midwinter in search of rest and quietness.

Farm to rent, four miles east of Pontiac for money rent or will sell cheap. For further particulars call on Frank G. Pearsall, Birmingham, Mich. 2

Found one day last week, a pair of baby shoes by James Harmon. The owner may have them by calling at this office and paying for this advt.

John Wilkes Booth has been resurrected again through a sensational story that he is living and acting under the name of Enos, in South America.

A child of Fred Mallender, in Troy, has the measles and mumps, which makes quite a serious combination. Dr. N. T. Shaw is the attending physician.

Mr. Douglas E. Kellogg, Miss Alice Zillinger and Mr George Godfrey of Detroit, visited at the residence of John B. Sumner last Sunday.

Regular communication Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., this Thursday evening. A full attendance is requested. Jas. B. Hoyt, Sec'y.

People are wondering if the fellow who introduced the bill in the Texas legislature to prohibit the sale of pistols in that state, is a real reformer or only a joker.

The Sigma Psi wish it understood that married people who receive invitations to their parties, will be just as welcome as anyone, regrets to contrary notwithstanding.

Miss Will Davenport, of Troy, has been very low of death's door for several days past. At this writing she is slowly convalescing and we trust will soon have entirely recovered her usual good health.

The L. L. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. Clizbe on next Monday evening. Members will find their lesson for review in the IX chapter beginning at the 95 paragraph.

A German paper contains the following unique advertisement; Any person who can prove that my tapioca contains anything injurious to health will have three boxes of it sent free of charge."

For sale, a 3 4 fine top carriage nearly new; a nice road wagon with end springs and a dandy road cart. Will sell any or all very cheap as I have no use for them. J. F. Rundel. 3

A man arrested for marrying seven times without having buried or divorced any of his wives, sought to excuse himself by saying that he had merely been trying to find one woman that he could live with.

Not long ago Amos Riley, of Northside Detroit, received $1,000 from the L. O. T. M. in which order his late wife belonged. He received the cash just 26 days after proof was sent to the Great Hive

A good deal of sickness prevails in our locality, a regular epidemic of colds, or as some call it, la grippe. All our doctors are kept on the run and although it is not fatal, still the victims feel really as if death would be a blessing.

Horace Hitchcock, of Detroit, will give a stereopticon exhibition at the Presbyterian church, to morrow, Friday evening. Subject, "A trip through Ireland and Scotland." This is one of the Epworth League Lecture Course.

There is a letter remaining at the Birmingham Post Office addressed to Miss Fannie Watson, 1100 Beach St., Michigan. If the party who mailed this letter will kindly call at the office and address it properly it will oblige. George H. Mitchell, Postmaster.

The ice harvest is about all gathered, both Parks and the Bannas have their ice houses bins full for next summer and the scramble to see who should cut the ice for sale, resulted in the usual annual scrap. However, no blood was shed, and all is over now.

Found: Came into my enclosure and my premises one seal brown mare about three or four years old, chunky, built. Owner can have same by paying costs and proving ownership. E. J. Parsons.

Birmingham will be on the top side of entertainment tomorrow (Friday) evening. With Mr. Hitchcock's lecture at the Presbyterian Church, the Sigma Psi ball at the National and a travelling physiographic show all in one evening makes Birmingham a lively town.

Miss Mary M. Wilson, sister of H. C. Wilson, is visiting her brother and family at present, and although Mrs. H. C. Wilson is quite an invalid, the two ladies being alone most of the time, manage to have a pretty good visit thank you.

Mrs. John Harvey of Detroit will give an address on Foreign Missions as seen by her on her recent visit to the far east, in the Presbyterian Church of this place on this (Thurs.) evening. Admission free. Everyone cordially invited. Services at half past seven.

"It must have been a very tenderhearted butcher who killed this lamb," said the Cheerful Idiot, pausing in the sawing of his chop. "Why?" kindly asked the she clerk hard by. "He must have hesitated three or four years before striking the fatal blow."

President Cleveland has placed the office of Bessie Examiner under civil service rules. This takes the matter of appointments entirely out of the hands of the congressmen, however much they may delight to serve or honor their constituents.—Pontiac Gazette.

"Well," said a chap to Mitchell the other day in the drug store, "I've taken a powder for my headache, a pillet for my liver, and a capsule for my gouty foot. Now, what pazz'e me is how do the things know the exact right place to go after they get inside?"

A little item in a newspaper will make an enemy to the newspaper for life, says an exchange, but it won't stop him from reading it. It merely changes him from a subscriber to a dead beat. A man who is so mad at the editor that he won't take his paper, ought to be consistent in his madness and not read it.

Birmingham Mich. is a good town to live in, don't think," said Perry Patterson to the assembled members of the pavement, "Everybody I struck gimme the cold shoulder, the town marshall gimme the hot foot, and de justice gimme de roast. Oh, they ain't no danger of running out of meat in that town."

The people of Birmingham owe the Epworth League of the Methodist church a vote of thanks for the very entertaining and instructive course of lectures they have provided for us, that of Rev. Mr. Thoburn on "India," and that of Mr. Ferris on "Success," alone being worth the price for the course.

Teachers, Attention! The next teachers' examination will take place at Milford High School, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, 1897. Third grade work only. Teachers should be on hand at 9, o'clock. By order of examining board. Harry H. Snowdon, Commissioner.

Julian Lyet has accepted a situation again with the old firm that he first started in the boating business with and that is the Detroit Heating and Lighting Co., and has gone to work at once. He will be away, on this his first trip six weeks and will go as far south as Atlanta, Ga., before he returns. Here's success to Julian.

Gilbert, A. Watkins, ice, the mill pond, ice cutters, haulers, et al., had and enjoyed their annual ice row last week and the many beauties(?) showered down upon Uncle Gilbert's devoted head was enough to make his ears burn a lurid red, and cause the hair on each and every pony on the farm to curl up with rage and—well rage.

On Sunday next, Rev. Mr. Peters, of Detroit, will preach at St. James church in this village, taking for the subject of his discourse, the query, "Where is Heaven?" Mr. Peters is a very able preacher and will no doubt handle the subject with his customary ability. Everyone is cordially invited to attend, regardless of their religious convictions.

There will be a banquet in the Town Hall at Royal Oak on Feb. 22, 1897, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church. Banquet will be served at 7:15 P.M., followed by a program consisting of music, recitations etc. appropriate to the day. Toasts responded to by speakers from abroad. Bill 25 cts. By Order of Com.

School Officers, Attention! The first meeting of the Oakland County School Officers' Association will take place at the Pontiac Court House, Saturday, Feb. 27, 1897, commencing at 10 o'clock. A good program is being prepared and we want every school officer in Oakland county present. Come one, come all. Charles Bartlett; President. H. H. Snowdon, Commissioner.

Birmingham's musical talent was represented at the great Nordica concert at Detroit Opera House last evening by the Misses Olive McGlenahan, Delia E. Crosby and Cora C. Kier, and all announced themselves on their return that Nordica was all right, sang like the far off voice of angels but wouldn't start the show until she was assured that the B ham delegation was present!

Special services will be held in the Methodist church next Sabbath (Feb 14) both morning and evening, the occasion of the reopening of the beautiful auditorium. In the morning the address will be made by Horace Hitchcock, of Detroit. In the evening a union service be held, addressed by Rev. A. B. Storms, of the Cass Ave. M. E. church, Detroit.

Will A. Brush, one of our brightest and most promising young men, is bound to get to the top. He has been teaching a night school in Detroit but last week the 1st Principal's position in the Irving School, Detroit, became vacant and Will was chosen from many who desired the valuable position. This is one of the best schools in the city and quite a mark of distinction for Will to be so chosen.

A great many Birmingham people attend the theatres in Detroit and last week a very few little party was made up to attend the performance of Andrew Mack in "Myles Aroon," at the Lyceum theatre. Manager Nicolai is always ready to make the patrons of the theatre comfortable and Birmingham people can always depend upon a good, clean play and courteous attention at the Lyceum.

The annual convention of the Oakland County Sunday School Association will be held at Pontiac, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18 and 19. The best of efforts will be put forth to make this convention interesting and profitable to all. Prominent Sunday school workers will be present. All Sunday schools in Oakland county are expected to be represented. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Free entertainment will be given by the citizens of Pontiac.

Mr. Paton and wife and the children are overjoyed to see their friends because J. C. has been drafted from his work for the G. T. Ry. in Montreal, Canada, to Port Huron, Mich., where Mr. Paton will continue his work for the railroad company. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Paton are rejoiced over the change, while to the Paton family—well, words won't express their joy at the change. During their short stay in Montreal the family have had nothing but expense, sickness and the blues.

An early pioneer passed quietly away Tuesday morning about one o'clock Mr. James C. Ritney a long time resident of our village, aged about 70 years. Deceased has been sick and under the doctor's care for some weeks, but was supposed to be slowly regaining his health and not in immediate danger. He was seized with a convulsion and passed away quite suddenly. Mr. Rainey was a quiet and peaceable citizen and had many friends. He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his loss.

"Railroad Jack," the Hammock Rider, when last heard of was at Holly entertaining the people of that hustling, little city. Jack delivered gold speeches during the campaign but fell and around the rim of the silver-ite to beat all. He has a hammock which is so constructed that he quickly attach a it to the truss rods of a passenger coach and rides to the objective point. He claims to have ridden over 150,000 miles during the past 11 years. He hangs up his hammock in the woods and sleeps out days and travels nights. He is not a "hobo," but simply a happy, appearing fellow who has a desire to ride in the fresh air and see the world.

The deal for the "Right of Way" to build the Electric Railway from Birmingham to Pontiac was finally made with the Bank Road Company on Saturday last. The consideration is no such figure as was mentioned in a Detroit paper in a recent date. The negotiations have been very protracted but within the Bank Road limits have really taken about thirteen months to arrange the details and arrive at a final and satisfactory conclusion to all parties interested. Well, large bodies move slow and Messrs Hendrie, Bigelow, Poppleton and Rundel should be congratulated upon the friendly and harmonious closing of a lengthy negotiation.

Lift your hat reverently when you pass the teacher of the primary school. She is the great angel of the republic. She takes the bantling fresh from the home nest, full of pouts and passions—ah ungovernable little wretch whose own mother honestly admits that she sends him to school to get rid of him. This lady who knows her business takes a whole car load of these little anarchists—one of whom single handed and alone is more than a match for his parents—and at once puts them in the way of becoming useful citizens. At what expense of toil and patience and soul weariness! Her's is the most responsible of the whole school system, and if her salary were double she would not receive more than she earns.—Lexington News. The above is respectfully dedicated to the primary teachers, the successful controllers of about 100 mischievists in our school, Misses Sara Emit and Lizzie Hanna.

The Exchange Bank hangs up a neat sign to the effect that they are protected by a policy in the Bankers Mutual Casualty Company. This refers to an insurance policy issued by that company to the bank, indemnifying it from loss that may be caused by a burglary or robbery of the bank, and secures the bank and its patrons from the danger of loss from that score. The company issuing the policy pays the loss occasioned, and in addition to this money protection, the company has an efficient detective service which is at once put on the track of a criminal who interferes with any bank holding a policy in the company, and bringing the burglar or robber to bay and trial regardless of the time or effort required. Punishment is sure to overtake any person who attacks the bank in the way of burglary or robbery. The patrons of the bank can readily see the great merit of such protection.

Our prospects for a healthy growth this spring are very, very bright indeed. No less than eight new houses will be erected in different parts of the village. The Campbell sub-division will surely be adorned with four new dwellings. Samuel C. Mills will at once begin to erect a home for himself and family. Prospects of Mrs. S. J. Harris building a house on a lot of Miss Jennie's are in a state of preliminary adjustment. And there are others of whom we have not yet spoken because they are not yet far enough advanced to warrant a definite statement. J. R. Corson has platted his acre of land over the river and sold two lots at once. Mr. Corson will at once erect a cosy, comfortable cottage for renting on one of the lots and in the very near future E. R. Smith & Co. will build one there on a lot just purchased, a dwelling that will be a value enhancer to the rest of the lots. Surely Birmingham will in five years from now be a correct, pretty, little city and the most desirable home city in the state of Michigan.

In our issue of 12 weeks ago we took occasion to mention that E. J. Kinnisten was right glad to return to the best village in the state. He is still glad that he did return. We ascertained that fact while on a tour of inspection the other day. We called on him at his bakery where we found him up to his ears in work and found everything in first class, ship shape, Baptist apple pie order, and the goods turned out by himself nice, in fact as good, substantial and more satisfying than Detroit bread ever was. His first batch since his return was turned out last Thursday and consisted of 55 white and 3 graham loaves, 7 dozen rolls, buns and cinnamon rolls, 5 pies, 10 dozen cookies and 2 dozen soda biscuits. The same dose was repeated on Saturday although he had received 78 loaves from Detroit the day before. Then he baked again on Monday and got another 90 Detroit loaves on Tuesday. Truly the Birmingham people are eaters. His bread, buns, etc., are worth with, ferments made from potatoes and dry yeast cakes which system he has followed for ten years. We had the privilege and pleasure of testing some of his first baking and we must acknowledge that it was even better "than mother used to make." He has also made his share of ice-cream this winter which (unsolicited of course) was pronounced as being "just spiendid." He can make it in bricks or bulk as desired, having all necessary appliances for that purpose. He will also lend the freezers and dishes to those desiring the use of them. He claims he is doing as much business as when he had all the bakery business to himself, which shows an increase in Birmingham's capacity for eating. Here's hoping he will not leave again for ten years. "We need thee every hour, stay thou near by."

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, and lung troubles of any sort.

Were Surprised

Customers who came to see the suits advertised in last week's papers at $9.75 found them marked $9.50—a difference of only 25 cents, but

$9.50 AND $8.75

enough to prove that we do not take advantage of a mistake. We intended to advertise them at $9.50, but the pen went wrong. They're $9.50, in cheviots and homespuns, elegantly put together and you'd call them all right at $15, which is the regular price. But we want the money in them just at the time money is hardest to get, hence the mark-down. As a companion offering we have taken out of stock a fine line of Overcoats, Kerseys and Friezes, the lowest-priced of them being $12.00 and put an $8.75 tab on them. That means a good deal to a man with only a little money to invest in an overcoat.

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Seems almost impossible, but the goods are here to speak for the correctness of our statements.

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The values quoted to-day represent the weaves and effects required by the fashions of to-day.

75c Henriettas for 50c	30c Nun's Veilings, 29c
$1.00 Henriettas for 69c	25c Nun's Veilings, 39c
$1.25 Henriettas (silk warp) 98c	$1 Nun's Veilings, 50c
69c French Serge for 50c	$1.75 Nun's Veilings silk warp, $1
$1.00 French Serge for 65c	$2 Nun's Veilings silk warp $1.25

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