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JANUARY 11, 1897.

WESTWARD

Morning Express	7:42 a. m.
Mail	10:10 p. m.
Grand Rapids Express	4:00 p. m.
Suburban	6:30 p. m.
Chicago Express	8:00 p. m.
Night Express	11:45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Night Express	6:35 a. m.
Chicago Express	6:50 a. m.
Suburban	7:10 a. m.
Detroit Express	11:05 a. m.
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One lot Men's Outing Shirts, at 39c was 50c.
One lot Ladies' Fine Shoes, sizes 3-3½-4, at $2. per pair, was $2.50, $3. and $3.50.
One lot Outing Flannels at 8c and 10c per yard.
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5 regular 5-cent pad for 3 cents each or two for 5 cents each.

6x9, good pencil stock, 300 pages, neat cover design. Made for another jobber who had printed on cover of each book "300 Pages for 5 Cents"—showing the sort of tablets some jobbers give their trade as a 5-center. While the lot lasts we shall sell these for 5 cents each or two for 8c.

We will sell at the above rates while the lot lasts.

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HOME NOTES

Mrs. S. Blumberg is visiting friends in Bay City.

The Whist Club is to meet with Miss Post next Saturday.

Money to loan. Address V. H. Lee, No. 175 Field Ave., Detroit 2

Miss Kate Shearer looked in on her many Birmingham friends last week.

Rev. F. E. Littell will preach in the Baptist church, Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Broan, of Detroit, will officiate at St. John's church next Sunday morning.

A man up in Rose township is charged with stealing a barn. What do you think of that?

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Augustus Marsh next Monday evening, to study French history.

Be sure and attend the Shadow Social at Foresters' Hall, over the Exchange Bank, Friday, Feb. 19, 1897.

Mr. S. D. and J. H. Adams, of Ann Arbor, have been spending a few days with the family of J. W. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ford entertained a company of young people one day last week and all had a right royal time.

At the next joint Maccabee meeting there will be an interesting debate upon an important, popular question of the day.

Money to loan. Any person wishing the loan of $500 or $1,000 on real estate, apply to Box No. 107 Royal Oak P. O., Mich.

A. Whitehead has been appointed administrator of the Mary Lowes estate in place of Isabella Lowes, who failed to qualify.

The music of the Sigma Pi Club will be under the direction of Mr. Charles Eschmann, of Detroit, for the dance of February 22nd.

The Cadillac preacher who fainted two cats to death in the interests(?) of sensational religion at revivals, has been vedily got into trouble.

About 185 feet front fence for sale for 85 Worth $40 for some farmer for a front fence. Inquire of A. W. Campbell, Birmingham, Mich.

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

A Phonograph recital will be given in the Presbyterian church, Friday evening, Feb. 26, for the benefit of the "building fund." Admission 10 cents.

Mrs. E. A. Randall has been quite ill for a number of days with this hard cold and threatened pneumonia. Dr. C. M. Reynale is her attending physician.

Harry Davis, of Pontiac, son of Dan'l L. Davis, is achieving a great reputation as a crayon artist. Artists are born, not made, and this fact proves the old assertion.

Erastus H. Wooster has been home on a surprise party visit for a few days, reports life north living and that he is prosperous and making a little more than a living.

The 11th of this month it was officially announced that Wm. McKinley was elected President of this great U. S. Now then let prosperity get a move on very quick indeed.

The bill proposed by Senator Holmes, of Wayne, to allow liquor dealers to secure bondsmen outside their township or cities, should be looked after by friends of temperance.

B. H. S. Lyceum met Monday evening, Feb 8, with marked success. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 23. Come early and get a seat. Admission five cents.

The ladies of the Circle of Foresters of Birmingham will give a Shadow Social at Foresters' Hall, over the Exchange Bank, on Friday evening, Feb 19, 1897. All are invited.

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. Rundell. 3

Found: Came into my enclosure and my premises one seal brown mare about three to four years old, clunky built. Owner can have same by paying costs and proving ownership. E. L. Parsons. 4

It is said that the Grand Trunk Ry will increase the length of sections from 7 to 10½ miles, thereby laying off every third section gang. If true this will put hundreds of laboring men out of employment.

C. H. Carter wishes to inform the people of Royal Oak and vicinity that he will open a meat market at R. J. Kenny's former stand, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1897. Call and see him for a first-class article in the meat line.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Lodge, No. 149, Knights of Pythias, at Cast's Hall, on Tuesday evening next, Feb 23. As business of importance is to be transacted it is expressly desired that a full attendance will be present

Hon. Fred M. Warner, Senator, has just shipped a cargo of cheese to Scotland to the city of Glasgow, showing that Oakland county can compete with the markets of the world on the cheese question. Hah for Fred!

David Inglis, of Detroit, is President of the Direct Legislation Organization which aims to promote discussion among the people relating to the extension of the use of the ballot and its object to achieve the enactment of legislation by direct vote of the people.

After renting Library Hall for the 12th, thereby causing the ladies to lose another opportunity to rent it, Mr Jay Clark coolly changes his mind and rents the church for a later date. Some people seem to think he will have to pay for it just the same.

Geo. E. Stoddard, of Detroit, was in town this week introducing Pingree's Potato Patch March, by Harry Grant. It is having a large sale in all large cities For sale here by Mrs. L. H. Sawyer. Remember number on title page, on may receive a piano free or $16 in gold.

The benefits of advertising is again proved by finding the estimation of the letter dropped in our P. O. with only Michigan as the address. The owner wrote from Flint, Mich., for her letter, saying she had noticed the announcement in this great mutual engine.

Judson Backburn, who was convicted of being one of the three fellows who robbed Farmer Congdon at Walnut Lake some weeks ago, died 15 years at Jackson in the State Prison. The other two will be caught in time and the old gentleman's wrongs avenged as far as is possible for the law to do so.

Married at Owosso, Wednesday, Feb. 17, Mr W. J. Fowler, of Owosso, and Mrs. M. M. Gray, of our village. The happy couple will pass the next three months in the Sunny South, first taking in Cincinnati, Washington and the inauguration and then a life of happiness at the celebrated Ponce-de-Leon, St. Augustine Fla.

Mr Chas Stinchfield and his good wife are beginning to settle in their new home on the Center Hill, the most beautiful location for the most beautiful home in Oakland county. Our town is highly complimented by the addition of families like Mr. Stinchfield's and no doubt after becoming acquainted with our people they will be right at home at once.

Frank W. Sherman is doing a neat little business in his car and is just as much a merchantman as he would be in a four-story building and entitled to just as much consideration. There are those who seek to disturb him in his choice for a living. He buys, take a few days view of life, and help the boy onward and upward instead of annoying and trying to make life a burden to him.

Frank Lowes is in trouble charged with perjury in his application for his marriage license Nov 23, '96, last, at which time he took out a license to marry Nellie Peters, giving his age as 31 and Miss Nellie 18, both of Bloomfield Mrs. West, a sister of the bride, says she had not completed her 15th year, and her name is Coykendall. Mr. Lowes examination is not yet finished. He gave bail for $1,000 and avers he can prove his innocence of the charge.

Very many people are very indignant over the condition of our sidewalks. The fact that they may be cleaned by somebody some time during the day, gives some people a good excuse for not doing it, and you can clean your own, travel through the snow on your neighbor's till noon or after, and then help to pay for taking a few inches off the top of his when you pay your taxes. Our walks were never so bad as this past week. A Tax Payer.

We hate to mention anything ab ut J. F. Rundell's dogs for it seems that just as soon as we say something in favor of the dog, it so fills the canine with pride and vanity that he disappears. The last Kentucky fox hound that Julius owned and lost, after having extensively advertised was restored to its happy owner one day last week by Mr. Silas Douglas, who lives seven miles north and west of Pontiac, at whose place the dog turned in after a day's run for a sly Reynard.

Tonight at Schwarzkovsky's Music Hall, in Detroit, a very interesting Piano Recital will be given by the pupils of Miss Hattie Grosvenor, and among the many pupils who took part, we noticed Miss June Rose Yingst, of our village, and she played for her delighted hearers Schubert's Impromptu op 90, No. 3, in a manner that elicited much admiration from the many musical critics who were present. The Detroit School of Music, with Frau A. Apel as Director, is winning for itself a place among musical institutes that is most enviable.

Mrs. Ellen F. Peabody and Mrs. Elizabeth Shain, of Birmingham, are business ladies and recently traded homes, Mrs. Peabody paying some cash as boot money Mrs Peabody now owns the beautiful dwelling on Woodward Ave. now leased by Albert Linabury, and Mrs. Shain now owns the house occupied by Mrs. Peabody. Both made a good trade. No extra cash was handled on account of the barn deal which you will notice while passing looks like a dog kennel attachment—to Mitchell's new house—it's a daisy—the barn.

Mr. J. R. Hays, proprietor of the Wayne Hotel, Detroit, has a national reputation as one of the best hotel keepers in the U. S. Being interested not only in the Wayne but other hotels throughout the U. S. have his watchful care the greatest of all being Plank's Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island. But the Wayne—the Wayne in Detroit, is the Michigan hotel and although for Birmingham people it may seem a little out of the center, still once there you are paid, for all your care and anxiety ceases soon as you register at the Wayne. Their table service is excellent, waiters polite, genteel and anxious to please, while the rates for such a hotel are way down. When in Detroit try the Wayne just once for your own satisfaction.

Mary F. Cooper will sell at auction at her residence in Birmingham, on Maple avenue, north side, 3rd door east of the railroad, on Tuesday, Feb 23, '97, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property. Two black walnut bedroom suites (quarbe 6 p.), 3 small rocking chairs, 4 walnut bedroom chairs, 2 bedsprings, 2 hair mattresses, small plush sofa, hall racks, patent rocker, 2 upholstered plush arm chairs, plush rocker, sofa, marble top table, marble top stand, cherry stand, book stand, black walnut arm chair, oak arm chair, black walnut library table, 6 oak dining room chairs, black walnut side board, lamps, kitchen furniture, bedsteet, 7 shades and fixtures, Domestic sewing machine in good order, and many other articles. Terms easy. W. B. Florday, auctioneer.

Geo W. McHenry will sell at auction on the premises known as the John Green farm, 4 miles south of Pontiac, and 5½ miles north west of Birmingham, on Tuesday, March 2, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Horses, colts, cows, 4 young cattle, 2 brood sows, 6 shoats, about 80 hens, harnesses, buffalo robe and blanket, lumber wagon, pair trucks, set bobsleighs, double buggy, road wagon, road cart, spring tooth wheel drag, 2 plows, lane roller, drag, seed sower, road scraper, grindstone, side saddle, corn sheller, large milk tank and 8 cans, barrel churn, fishing boat and spear, No 9 cook stove, about 6 tons timothy hay, 300 bundles of stalks, 1,000 bu corn in car, 200 bu oats, about 100 bu potatoes, Empire 50 bu Green Mountain seed potatoes, hoes, forks, shovels, etc. Free lunch at noon. Terms of sale easy. Ebb Voorhies, auctioneer.

The fire alarm at 2:00 a. m. on Saturday last was occasioned by the burning of a barn belonging to M. D. Masters. The building was partially consumed before the fire was discovered, but prompt service by the fire department was the direct means of saving Mr. Masters' house, which although but a few feet away, was not even scorched or blistered. Did you ever stop to think, when you are kicking about paying your water rate or your taxes, how much property has been saved by the water works system and fire apparatus in the town—or, our willing volunteer? The cost of the entire plant has been saved time and again and last summer the best part of the business portion of the village was saved by good management and willing service. Think it over, you property owners who stand back with your hands in your pockets while the fire fiddles are working in the water, suffer, and like at any time, day or night, without pay and in some instances at the risk of their lives. Among the many who deserve favorable mention in this connection are Will Benedict and William Hilliard, pipemen, who are always on hand and ready to go anywhere, no matter how hot or smoky or what the danger is, who never question or "kick" against volunteering.