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

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Night Express	6:35 a. m.
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A regular 5-cent pad for 3 cents each or two for 5 cents.

6x9, good pencil stock, 300 pages, neat cover design. Made for another jobber who had printed on cover of each book "200 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 3 cents each or two for 5c.

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HOME NOTES.

Read Waite Bros., Robertson & Co's new adv't this week.

Mr. M. Myer is on the sick list and under the doctor's care at present.

Saturday, Feb. 20, transformation storm scene, snow, rain, sleet, ice.

The B. V. R. C. will meet with Miss Lenbard, Tuesday, March 2nd.

Miss Nana Oliver, of Detroit, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. D. Wilkinson.

The fund will give a concert at Library hall, Friday evening, March 12.

Money to loan. Address V. H. Lee, No. 375 Field Ave., Detroit 2

The L. A. C. will meet with Mrs. Elizabeth Shain on Monday evening next, March 1st.

Barn, to Mrs. Wm. Brooks (Stanley Farm,) Saturday, February 20th, a daughter.

Hon T. W. Palmer is President of the Michigan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A well modulated voice, using good English, unbridled by slang or idealisms, shows the lady.

Miss Sara Stevens many friends will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her attack of la grippe.

Don't miss the Pantograph recital at the Presbyterian church, Friday evening, at 7:30. Admission, only 10 cents.

We noticed Ed Benedict and James Cobb home from Ann Arbor the first of the week. James, we are sorry to say, is ill with la grippe.

Just think spring is rapidly coming toward us and gentle zephyrs will soon be upon the ambient air and we still are glad we are here.

Special meeting of Mary D. Hive, No. 393, L. O. T. M., Saturday evening, February 27. A full attendance is desired. Minette Hunt, R. K.

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. 3

Your neighbor's paper may be fine to borrow and to read, but then you see, you have advantage of his goodness and his need.

About 135 feet front fence for sale for $5. Worth $40 for some farmer for a front fence. Inquire of A. W. Campbell, Birmingham, Mich.

Should your lamp explode and burning oil be all around, just scatter flour over it and you extinguish it instantly. Never use water.

The time approaches for the annual village election, which takes place on Monday, March 8th. See caucus, registration and election notices in another column.

Mr. Packard, of Flushing, Mich., is soon expected to move into our midst having rented Mrs. C. Alger's commodious home on Brown street, which he will soon occupy.

For sale, a 3 4 fire 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

Special communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., this Thursday evening. Work on M. M. degree. A full attendance is requested. James B. Hunt, secretary.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will occur on Tuesday afternoon, March 1st, at 3 o'clock, in the Sunday school room of the M. E. church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A hard times masquerade was held at the Pontiac Opera house, Monday night of this week. Prizes were won by the participants and a very good and successful time was enjoyed by all present.

Petitions asking for the passage of the "Durfee bill" have been extensively circulated and signed by the teachers of the Detroit Public Schools. A gathering in from the streets in this town would work wonders for our boys.

Found! Came into my enclosure and my premises one seal brown mare about three to four years old, chunky built. Owner can have same by paying costs and proving ownership. E. L. Parsons. 6

A sure sign of Spring. One of our business men has been painting and papering his store this week. Call and see the transforming effect caused by the application of a gallon of paint and a few rolls of paper.

The city of Philadelphia is rejoicing over the fact that five women have been placed on the school board of that city. The Legislature of Michigan has refused to place women on Boards of Control over institutions where women are confined.

On Tuesday of last week week, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mudge were surprised by 30 of their friends and neighbors. Oysters were served and every thing in the way of eatables. All enjoyed a pleasant visit and a long-to-be-remembered jolly good time is reported.

The Ladies' Working society of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. Shain, Friday afternoon, March 5. Table Committee: Mrs. B. Shain and Mrs. F. Allen, biscuit; Mrs. Wooster and Mrs. Corey, cake; Mrs. Lee, sauce, and Mrs. Stephens, butter. Mrs. Nellie Camp, Secretary.

A Phonograph recital will be given at the Presbyterian church, next Friday evening. This wonderful instrument fills the room with music from the best bands in the country. Songs and speeches are also given as by the original persons. The entertainment is for the benefit of the building fund and the good ladies desire everybody to come and hand the door keeper 10 cents each.

If there are any short comings in this paper please remember that Mitchell is attending the Michigan Press Association two days in Detroit this week, Monday and Tuesday winding up with a banquet given to the Association by Swart Bros., Proprietors of the great Cadillac. More about it next week.

More vicious bills have been introduced into the Legislature this session than ever before. The bill licensing vice, the bill to give greater freedom in the matter of prize fights, to allow a liquor charter to secure boudsmen out side their own town and last, but not least, a bill by which an insane women can lose her right of dower. What kind of people do we send to make our laws?

Ever since W. A. Sears moved into his new and elegant home on Woodward avenue, west side, he has been an invalid, but we are sorry to see his prospects for recovery are brightening up a great deal and we hope to see the good man soon upon our streets again with a new supply of vigor and that his years may continue with us for a long, long time yet.

A new day has been added to the Saint Day Calendar. It is known as Bird Day and has been for the last two years observed in some public schools, and some gratifying results are shown from bird study, notably the large increase in the number of birds nesting in the fields and towns where this study is carried on. In Oil City, Pa., it is stated that in one yard of less than half an acre, centrally located, not less than 20 species of wild song birds were daily visitors.

A shooting scrape on Maple avenue created quite a sensation last Saturday night between seven and eight o'clock when young John Camp fired at a Peeping Tom who some of these nights will get a back filled full of little holes—a just reward for one so affected with the troublesome habit. Take warning old boy, you can't keep it up forever and not get winged.

Mrs. Will Davenport, of Troy, is growing better and hopes are now certainly entertained that she will ultimately recover. Her physicians, Drs. Galbraith and McCarroll performed a very delicate and painful surgical operation and she had one chance of a thousand to survive and we are pleased to say that she drew the chance. Thanks to her physicians and careful nursing.

F. A. Reddick, administrator, sells at auction, on the Emory Wilson farm, 2 miles east and 3 miles north of Big Beaver, on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Gelding 6 years old, bay mare 12 years old, yearling colt, cows, bull, brood sow, 32 shotes, 20 pair chickens, wagons, top buggy, about 500 bu. ear corn, 100 bu. beans, stack of oat straw, a quantity of cornstalks, 20 grain bags, 15 crates, harness, and other articles. Terms easy. Martin Blunt, auctioneer.

The Shadow Social given by the Forresters at their cozy little Hall over the Exchange Bank, Friday evening last, was a successful affair, both socially, financially and neighborly. Many members of other societies were present. Refreshments were served. The Birmingham Cornet band were out and serenaded the Scottists and were at once invited in and royally entertained. The band also discoursed sweet music around town the same evening.

Every little while good words come back to the many lady friends and fellow teachers of Miss Fronia Bates, of her good health, happiness and welfare at her Jackson home, where she is having the best of success as teacher in her present quarters, winning for herself as she did here much praise for her satisfactory work in the primary department of the Jackson schools.

Administrator's Sale: I will sell at Public Auction on the M. G. Jones farm, 2½ miles east and 2½ miles north of Birmingham, on Wednesday, March 3, 1897, at one o'clock p. m., the following property: Two horses, 8 yrs. old, 1 horse, 4 years old, 2 wagons, buggy, cutter, 2 harnesses, quantity of hay, 600 bushels corn in the ear, 240 bushels of oats, Oakland county map, latest edition, Marlin rifle, 2 Cauldron kettles, log chains, and other articles too numerous to mention. Terms, cash. Henry Spicer, auctioneer, Lyman B. Peabody, administrator.

Thursday, March 18, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises, 2 miles west and 1 mile south of Utica, Mrs. John Cromie will sell the following property at public auction: Three horses, 8 cows, brood sow, 4 shotes, harnesses, wagons, bobsleigh, cutter, fanning mill, cultivators, drag, hay rake, about 8 tons of hay, quantity cornstalks, quantity of oats, about 600 bu. corn, about 50 chickens, Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine, quantity lumber and shingles, about 40 cords of beech and maple stove wood, household furniture, etc., etc. Terms reasonable. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer. 4

Mr. Eugene Parcell, U. S. P. O. Inspector, called on the Birmingham P. O. last Monday forenoon in his routine travel and gave the office a thorough inspection and found everything correct to a dot. He left his approval and placed the seal "A1" on the office. F. M. Mitchell was away attending the Michigan Press Association meeting, but Miss Mollie Smith did the honors. The Inspector mentioned that from 68 offices inspected, only one of the lot was found wanting.

We are in receipt of a program of the round-up Farmers' Institute, which is to be held this year at St. Louis, Gratiot county, beginning Tuesday afternoon, March 2, and continuing till Friday afternoon, March 5. This is one of the strongest programs that we have ever seen, and we feel that the meeting will be of wonderful profit to those who can attend.

No one is more pleased than this paper to note the evident prosperity of Birmingham and its inhabitants and we are glad to note the evident prosperity of George Greer and family, of Ann Arbor, Polly, who one day last week bought from Mrs. Geo Shain her house and lot that she recently acquired from Mrs. Ellen F. Peabody, consideration, $1,600. Mr. Greer will take possession April 1st, and after some few needed repairs are made will move into their own house and there will be no more appreciative couple than the new real estate owners, George and Polly.

The retiring village dads as well as those who hold over for another year, joint with pardonable pride in the regular annual financial statement of the village for the current year. To those who can read between the lines, there are several things that will bear investigation. For instance, while our taxes were less than in former years, there were several marked improvements made in the village, such as the grading of the hill on Saginaw street, the extension of the water mains on Maple avenue and Pierce street, the exceptionally good service rendered in the matter of fire protection and the payment of a thousand dollar bond. We hope the new board will give the matter of the electric lighting of the village their consideration also a new fire alarm bell and a well equipped hook and ladder truck.

Geo. W. McIlroy will sell at auction on the premises known as the John Greer farm, 4½ miles south of Pontiac, and 5½ miles northwest of Birmingham, on Tuesday, March 2, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Horses, colts, cows, 4 yearling cattle, 2 brood sows, 6 shotes, about 80 hens, harness, buffalo robe and blanket, lumber wagon, pair trucks, set bobsleighs, double buggy, road wagon, road cart, spring tooth wheel drag, 2 plows, land roller, drag, seed sower, cutting box, 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, 3,000 bundles cornstalks, 1,000 bu. corn in ear, 200 bu. oats, about 100 bu. Empire potatoes, 50 bu. Green Mountain seed potatoes, hoes, forks, shovels, etc. Free lunch at noon. Terms of sale easy. Eob Voorhies, auctioneer.

Report of the Finance Committee of the Village of Birmingham, Mich., for the Year 1896-1897.

General Expense Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11, 1896, Balance on hand	$1,017 70
July 1, 1896, Rec'd from Gen'l Tax	2,121 64
Oct. 5, 1896, Rec'd from dog and Tax	36 50
Oct. 5, 1896, Rec'd from University Music Assn. Account	15 00
Feb. 15th, 1897, Rec'd from use Road	9 00
Feb. 15, 1897, Rec'd from Licenses	76 00
	$3,428 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

June 22, 1896, Transferred to Highway Fund	$ 900 00
Oct. 5, 1896, Transferred to Water Works Fund	700 00
Dec. 1, 1896, Bonds paid and on file	1,000 00
Feb. 15, 1897, Interest coupons paid and on file	900 00
Feb. 15, 1897, 30 vouchers pd and on file	280 46
Balance on hand this day	168 36
	$3,428 82

Highway Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11, 1896, Balance on hand	$ 270 91
June 22, 1896, Rec'd from Gen'l Ex. Fd.	900 00
July 1, 1896, Rec'd from Gen'l Tax	750 00
	$1,920 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 15, 1897, 142 vouchers pd and on file	$1,785 18
Balance on hand	135 73
	$1,920 91

Water Works Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11, 1896, Balance on hand	$ 90 88
Oct. 12, 1896, Rec'd from Gen'l Ex. Fd.	700 00
Feb. 15, 1897, Rec'd from Water Rates and Tapping Fees	1,361 07
	$2,151 95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 15, 1897, 7 vouchers paid and on file	$1,959 27
Balance on hand	192 68
	$2,151 95

Interest Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11, 1896, Balance on hand	$ 2 15
	$ 2 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 15, 1897, Balance on hand	$ 2 15
	$ 2 15

East Side Drain Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11, 1896, Balance on hand	$10 80
	$10 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 15, 1897, Balance on hand	$10 80
	$10 80

Recapitulation.

RECEIPTS.

On hand at beginning of year all funds	$1,302 34
Raised by General Tax	3,472 64
Raised by Liquor Tax	247 50
Raised by Water Rates, Tapping Fees	1,361 07
Raised by Licenses	76 00
Raised from Road Scraper	9 00
Received from University of Michigan	15 00
	$6,314 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

From Gen'l Expense and Transfers	$3,340 46
From Highway Fund	1,785 18
From Water Works Fund	1,959 27
Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1897, all funds	218 62
	$6,314 53

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, have carefully examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer of this village, have checked and cancelled all vouchers, and find that the above is a true statement of the finances of said village this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1897, according to our best knowledge and belief.

GEORGE E. DAINES,
FRANK HAGERMAN,
EDWIN A. O'NEAL,
Finance Committee.

Four per cent. Interest on savings, Exchange Bank.

SUITS FOR BOYS

We have taken all the remaining Cheviot and Worsted Suits for boys, 7 to 16 years of age, in our big stock and placed them on sale at $4.65 each.

The regular prices for them are $7.00 and $7.50 each. We do this to close out all our Boys' Suits to make room for Spring Goods. The Suits are the finest for the money ever offered for sale this season. The Special Sale will run just a week. No longer. If you cannot get to town send in for a self-measurement blank and your order will be received upon its return properly filled out. The Suits are in blues, blacks, browns and grays and we guarantee every thread and stitch in them.

R. H. TRAVER,
Detroit, Mich.

WEDDING BELLS.

A few select friends, numbering in all not more than 30 persons, gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Julius F. Rundel on Maple avenue, on Monday evening last, to witness the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Miss Estelle, to Robert Fisher, Esq., of Detroit, Mich.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lee McCollester, of Detroit, in a simple and very affecting manner, adding some wholesome advice, which if followed through life by the young couple, will assuredly keep them clear of the shoals and rocks in life's voyage, and closed with a very simple and touching prayer.

The bride was elaborately gowned in white satin with lilies of the valley at her corsage and in her hair and was beautiful enough to satisfy the most exacting. The presents were numerous and valuable, consisting of various articles of silver, cut glass and china, testifying to the very high esteem in which the happy couple are held by their large circle of friends and relatives, who will all join with us in wishing the happy couple a long and happy voyage over life's tempestuous seas and a safe harbor at last on "the other side."

After very elaborate refreshments the happy couple departed on the nine o'clock train for Chicago, where they intend visiting in the windy city for a week or two.

Yours in good spirits,
JAMES H. LYNCH.

DETROIT THEATRES.

At the Lyceum: Edward E. Kidder's military drama, "Shannon of the Sixth," was given its first appearance in Detroit at the Lyceum, Sunday evening with W. H. Power in the leading role. The scenes of the play are laid in India during the Sepoy rebellion. The play consists of four acts all intensely interesting, but in the third act occurs the great scene of the play. The heroine is taken by the Sepoys and is bound to the mouth of a cannon, the fuse is lighted and Shannon, the hero, barely succeeds in freeing her when the gun is discharged in a most realistic manner. In the fourth and last act right triumphs and the guilty one is brought to justice. W. H. Power, as Lieut. Shannon, acts his part well, as does Joseph E. Zahner as Capt. Arlington, who plays the part of the villain. The rest of the cast is also well cheap. The play is on for the week with matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Next week, "Jim the Penman."

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

ROYAL OAK ITEMS

George Hersbach is the proud father of a baby boy.

The C. of F. concert was a grand success.

Several young people from Birmingham were in town Friday evening.

Robert McClure and wife of Warren, Sundayed in town.

Joe McClelland is fast recovering from a long illness.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Albert Stevens was buried Sunday, aged 21. Deceased lived with his parents on the S. Anson place, north of the Beaver.

Chas. Gornelais lost their baby Saturday last.

The Maccabees at the Beaver are strongly talking of building. The committee are looking up estimates on lumber etc. They will buy a piece of land from H. Ehling.

Cal Moore and H. Waugerman have both put up new buildings this winter.

Mr. Ewing the Birmingham lumber man has about cleaned out all the timber in our vicinity.

Hurrah. Hurrah for Prof. Clizbe for our next School Commissioner.

Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. Beebe, Sr., at Warren, are very poorly at present.

Mr. Paine, of the Cherry Tree Farm is having a law suit with the parties who set out his large pear and cherry orchard.

NOTICE.

I wish to say to my old friends and patrons that I am still in the auctioneer business and am here to stay. For the past 15 years I have held sales, very, very many of them and have yet to hear of my failing to be successful and to give satisfaction by employers. I want your business and will be pleased to answer any dates made at the ECCENTRIC office. Rates low. Service satisfactory in all cases. P. O. address, Warren, Mich. M. H. Blunt, auctioneer. 41

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending February 20, 1897:

Chas. C. Bowker, Mrs. A. LeRoss.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

VILLAGE CAUCUS.

Notice is hereby given that a citizens caucus will be held at the Town Hall, in Birmingham, on Friday, the 5th day of February, A. D., 1897, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. Central Standard Time, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for village officers of the village of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, One President, One Clerk, One Treasurer, One Assessor, Three Trustees, 2 years. And for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. By order of Committee.

Dated, Feb. 20th, A. D., 1897.

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Gaze D'Alencon	15c	Mailhouse Organdie	25c
Rejane Dimities		Linon Batiste	25c and 35c
Lace Batiste		Homespun Linens	35c
Rejane Fantasie		Linen Checks, etc	25c
Organdie Lisse		Linen Tinted Dimities	10c
Tennis Cloths		Linon Fantasie	10c
Monterey Lappet Muslin	12 1-2c	In Grounds of White and Black and	
Nainsook Dimities	12 1-2c	Pawn, Ombre Shadings of Greens and Blues	
Marlboro Lawns	10c	and Pinks, Sprays of Flowers and Dainty	
Printed Welts	10c	Tracories of Rainbow Colorings, beautiful	
Lappet Mulls	8c	beautiful fabrics.	
Belgrave Organdies	18c		
Tarshua Fantasie, Mul	25c		
Organdie Fantasie	15c		

"The Big Store" can supply your every want at the minimum of expense TO YOU. And there's continuous newness here. Incessant selling makes constant buying. Our buyers are in the market every day—so that to trade here is sure to keep one in close fashion at her best—in her freshest attire.

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