THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

"Devoted to our Own Locality, We Labor for its Interests."

TWENTIETH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY MAY 7, 1897. NO. 1. WHOLE NO. 991.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.
IN EFFECT
May 2, 1897.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:05 a. m.
†Mail	12:15 p. m.
†Steamboat Express	4:50 p. m.
†Suburban	6:30 p. m.
*Chicago Express	8:40 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	5:35 a. m.
*Chicago Express	8:55 a. m.
†Suburban	7:15 a. m.
†Steamboat Express	11:05 a. m.
†Mail	3:10 p. m.
*Evening Express	8:40 p. m.

W. H. HUNTER, Pass. Traf. Mgr. BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent, Chicago, Ill. Detroit, Mich.

GEO. F. ALDRICH, Local Agent.
*Daily.
†Daily except Sunday.

PONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTHERN R. R.
TIME TABLE.
Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH. Fr'gt Pass. Mx'd No. 5 No. 3	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH Mx'd Pass. Fr'gt No. 2 No. 4 No. 6
A.M. P. M.	G. H. & M. Mich Cent.	P. M. A. M.
4 05 6 55		9 25 11 50
† 40 5 15	PONTIAC	8 05 10 40
10 55 6 00	Oxford	7 16 10 05
10 50 5 55	Dry	7 25
7 10 9 25	Cassville	3 00 6 45
P. M. P. M.	A.M. P.M.	P.M. A. M.

CONNECTIONS: Pontiac with Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry., and Michigan Air Line Division of Grand Trunk Ry. Oxford with Bay City Division Michigan Central Ry. Imlay City with Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry. Clifford with Flint & Pere Marquette Ry. Pigeon with Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron Ry.
W. G. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

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New line of Ladies' Shirt waists at 25, 50, 75c and $1.

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Large line of Gents', Ladies', and Children's Russet Shoes.

Full Stock of Wall Paper and Window Shades.

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BICYCLES!
GARDEN SEEDS!
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Birmingham, - - Mich.

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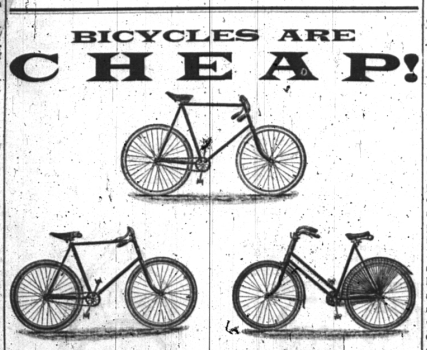

Here are a few Bargains in Bicycles both New and Second Hand:

1. Maid of the Mist, Niagara Wheel Co's best grade Lady's wheel $100. Sold last season for $75. Party failed in payments and gave up the wheel which we offer to-day good as new and fully guaranteed for only $40. A big bargain for some one.

2. A gent's wheel in fine order, run last season. Cost $75. Will sell for $40. $35 cash.

3. Here's a beauty bargain. A $75 Crescent Wheel, 26-inch wheel, strictly high grade, run not more than 15 miles last season. The best wheel made by the Crescent folks and we will sell it for only $50 cash.

4. Mitchell's own wheel. New last season, run only 200 miles. Dunlop tires, gear 90, strictly high grade, pneumatic saddle. $100 wheel for only $60 cash.

5. New Crescent, gent's, as good as new. Price $75 Will sell it for only $57.

All wheels are fully guaranteed as represented and we offer them all away below actual value. Call and see them.

Whitehead & Mitchell.
Birmingham, Mich.

The Eccentric.

The New Birmingham Eccentric Starts on Its 20th Year

Greatly Enlarged and Improved Beyond Expectation.

This number of THE ECCENTRIC we present to our readers with no little pardonable pride. It being the first number of our 20 h volume we felt that our readers and subscribers deserve the best periodical in Oakland county and hereafter we promise to see that they get it. A paper this size for the small sum of $1.00 per year borders almost on the marvelous, but we promise our patrons that we will strive to make it still better with each succeeding issue until it will be a joy forever that is a thing of beauty. Our aim will be to furnish all the local news. Of course no country paper can compete with the great city newspapers for general news, but we defy any other paper, no matter where printed, to tell any more than we do about Birmingham—do any more for the growth of the "loveliest village of the plain"—work hard at all times and under all circumstances for the prosperity in general of Birmingham and its people. We trust our friends will aid us all they can by subscribing. We want everybody that is interested in our village to aid its growth by taking the village paper. Labor with us to promote its welfare at all times and under all circumstances.

Our item box in the Post Office stands open for all items. If you have any news no matter what, drop it in the box or hand it to Mail e and we will be glad of it and obliged to you. Bring in all the names of your guests who are visiting you, any news of importance that you know of and we will be grateful. This is what makes a paper interesting. More news—more interest. More interest—more subscribers. Do you see? Here's hoping the next 20 years will be no worse for us all than the past 20.

WANTS AN OWNER.

A Bundle Without a Claimant.

Last March, the 27th, a stranger of fine dress and genteel manners stepped from the trolley car into A. E. Parks' store and news depot and politely asked would he leave a parcel there until the next day? Of course he could. He never came back and day before yesterday the jackpot was opened on a tray and found to contain two black vests, a cutaway coat, a dalio dress, a checked dress, blue jacket and skirt and other lingerie belonging to lady's wear. The question is are these goods stolen and why don't the man claim his baggage. The man was about 42 years of age and weighed about 160 pounds.

BYRON G. STOUT'S WILL.

Executors Carrying Out His Bequest to the Ladies' Library Association.

J. A. Jacokes and W. W. Stout, trustees of the estate of the late Byron G. Stout, are advertising for bids for the purchase of the Stout block, so called, corner of Saginaw street and Auburn avenue, with a view to carrying out the provisions of the will of the deceased, relative to the bequest made the Ladies' Library Association of this city. The same parties are entrusted with the selection of the site for the new building and its construction according to plans and specifications embodied in the will, which they will proceed at once to carry out as soon as the aforesaid property is converted into cash. It is needless to say the ladies are watching with increasing interest every step taken toward the final consummation of their long cherished desires.—Pontiac Gazette.

STOLEN HORSES.

James Hadrell, of near Orion, owned a valuable pair of horses—the pride of his life and valuable too, so high priced that he has refused $400. Last week Friday morning they were found in the ditch in nearly a foot of water near the power-house at the foot of the Willits hill where they had lain one on top of the other no one knows how long. The light spring wagon was somewhat wrecked and the horses quite exhausted when discovered by the Electric R'y employees upon their starting out with their six o'clock car. They were at once taken to Will Baum's livery barn put in a warm room and worked over through the day until at night they were driven back home by their owner, Mr. Hadrill, perhaps not quite so fast as when they made their trip down the night before. It is supposed they were driven down the town line to Jim Todd's corners where the thieves left them after tying the lines in the dashboard, and starting them northward on their return. They went about a mile before they were found as above. The rascals then walked about five miles to Rupert's where they took the electric into the city and all traces of them are lost. Constable Fay was notified early in the morning and did much to straighten out the tangled mess.

PONTIAC AND ITS CHINESE WALL.

The Fin de Siecle Sodom and Gomorrah.

It would seem that our neighbors in the little city on our northern border are determined to hedge themselves in with divinity or something less desirable, judging from the determined manner in which their common council are barring out everything in the shape of improvement which has been offered them of late.

The latest act of these obstructionists is their refusal to allow a franchise to the new telephone company which proposed to give a much better rate, better service and what everyone has been praying for—active competition with the Bell Telephone Co. The most persistent case of standing in their own light, however, is their demand for a revision of the franchise offered by the Oakland Railway so that the rate of fare from Birmingham to Pontiac will be five cents, instead of ten, as proposed by the company. This would be for a ride from the Court House in Pontiac, to the corner of Maple avenue in Birmingham.

We are surprised that a body of representative men who are supposed to voice the sentiments of the people, should allow the hue and cry raised by a few interested tradesmen, to pull the wool over their eyes in this manner. Those few store-keepers are seeking for the trade of our village and think that a five cent fare would get it. If they stop to consider, they will see that a five cent rate to Birmingham means a 20 cent fare to Detroit, and they would then simply have to do what our own merchants have done for years—and prospered at it, too—compete with Detroit prices and Detroit stocks.

These people have paid a rate of 75 cents to Detroit for many a year and now, when the Oakland Railway offer a 25 cent rate and a 30 minute service, they are met with such a din of outraged soundness that they pause, aghast and wonder what kind of a bloomin' town they have bumped up against. Then, too, the regular toll when you furnish your own mode of conveyance is 14 cents over the same route. When they take into consideration the extra expense of grading the hilly country and other construction, costing about 20 times as much as the toll road did, how can they ask the railway company to furnish them a conveyance, cool in the summer and comfortably warm in the winter and propel it at a rapid rate over the same route for one third of the toll rate. The rate from Royal Oak to Birmingham is five cents, but the cost of grading one particular mile near Bloomfield Center was more than all the expense from here to Royal Oak; yet these people demand a five cent fare over a section of road where the construction and maintainance is 20 times as much as any other portion.

The whole matter can be told in a very few words, however, after all argument has been exhausted. The road will never go into Pontiac at a less rate than 10 cents to Birmingham. It would be a financial policy for the company to undertake to give the good service and proper equipment which they intend to do, for such a low rate, as the council ask over so expensive a route, and it will never be attempted. The only way out of the difficulty is to give a fair rate for good service, rather than to handicap them at the outset and ultimately put them in the same condition the road which Pontiac already possesses is laboring under to-day.

A turning circle has been graded on the property of Melvin Rose at the corporation limit of Pontiac, near the toll-gate, and all cars will be turned about at this point and return direct, until such a time as the city council of the New Jerusalem shall have arrived at the age of discretion and are willing to allow a rate of fare commensurate with the amount of capital invested.

THE BAPTISTS MEET.

Sunday School Institute Held in Our City

The American Baptist Publication Society co-operating with the Sunday School Board of Detroit Association held a meeting at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon and evening of last week. Excellent papers were read after the p. m. session was opened by Rev. McDaniel, of Pontiac, with prayer. "That Boy, who shall have him?" was a very interesting question presented by Rev. Mr. Pettit, of Detroit. The "Teacher" was the next subject handled and Mrs. Littell and C. Clapp, of Detroit, spoke of his preparation and work. Various delegates joined in a spirited discussion of this subject which was very interesting indeed. Mr. Littell opened the evening session with prayer. "Superintendent, His Preparation and Work," then occupied some little time in discussing this question. The Publication Society then gave a report of its work—the state of the Sunday School work of the past, present and what ought to be done in the future. A discussion followed pertaining to Sunday School work. This was followed by A. H. Pine, of Detroit, on the very interesting subject entitled, "What For? or Wanted, a Man." This was very interesting and attentively listened to. The meeting then adjourned.

BLUE FOR BOYS

We have Blue Clay Suits for Boys (7 to 16 years of age) at $6.00 that excel any other suits in the market. Also a line of narrow wale Worsteds blue, at the same price. These are 2-piece suits and made to resist wear and tear.

R. H. Traver,
DETROIT, MICH.

DON'T SAY WE DIDN'T TELL YOU.

Now Is the Time to Kick if You Don't Want It.

A Proposition to Build a New School Room.

At the school house, Monday evening, May 10th next, at 7:30 o'clock, a special meeting of the legal voters of Fractional School District, No. 1, of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield for the purpose of considering and voting upon a proposition to build an addition to the school house and to raise money for the same—also to consider and provide for any repairs on the school building.

Every taxpayer in this district is especially urged to be present and express their wish. To build the necessary room or rooms as required to accommodate our well filled school rooms will cost no small sum and the question with our district is, what shall be done with the surplus (children)? The primary rooms seem to be where the overflow collects mostly and a rousing big meeting is expected and the question will be discussed on all its sides.

TAKE NOTICE.

We have made arrangements with F. Blakeslee and P. Hagerman, to receive orders for flour, feed and grain, which will be promptly filled from the mill at the lowest prices. All orders will have our best attention.

Yours respectfully,
McCLELLAN & SATTERLEE.

PAY YOUR WATER RATES.

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., April 26, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the village clerk, A. W. Campbell, will be at the Exchange Bank, May 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, from 1 until 4 o'clock p. m. of each day, for the purpose of collecting the water taxes of this village. 2

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending May 1, 1897:

Miss Lizzie Eggelbreeh, Mr. H. W. McCracken.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Arouses Pride and Enthusiasm.

From Vol. 3, No. 3, of Teacher and Student, for March 1897, S. R. Winchell, Editor, with Mrs. C. E. C. Winchell, assistant Editor, who is sister to J. R. Corson of our city, and who edit and publish the periodical that all progressive teachers should take, we clip the following:

"We were pleased to receive the last copy of the Birmingham Eccentric, this week, and find therein an appreciative article on the schools of that village. If village papers would never go to press without some account of the schools and the present and future plans of the teachers, it would help to arouse pride and enthusiasm for the school, for the editor leads the thoughts of the people."

NIXON'S BARGAINS.

Saturday, May 8, 1897, I will sell men's 75c and $1 bicycle hose at 50c per pair for one day only. NIXON.

Window shades 15c each or two for 25c at Nixon's.

Ladies' belts at Nixon's, Saturday, May 8. 10 dozen men's 75c overalls at 50c. This is a bargain. Do not miss it. NIXON.

Fifty pair ladies' walking shoes at $1, worth $1.50, at Nixon's.

The finest line of ladies' and gents' ties in Birmingham at Nixon's.

Best prints at 5c per yard at NIXON'S. Three lbs. good tea 60c. NIXON.

If you want anything in flowers, you can get them at NIXON'S.

I am receiving new shoes in men's, women's and children's every day from the best factories in the world at prices that defy competition. NIXON.

Trade at HUDSON'S. It Pays.

FOR WOMEN.

Ladies' Dress Skirts

Here's three exceptional bargains—not available outside this "Big Store."

FIRST.—Handsome skirts in a great variety of Scotch mixtures in blue, green, red, gray and brown. Percaline lined and Velveteen bound

For $1.75

SECOND.—Crepon skirts in brown, blue, green and heliotrope with black figuring—well worth $5

For $2.98

THIRD.—Elegant skirts of black figured Cecillian in several pretty designs. A material handsome as silk and much more durable

For $3.98

In ordering by mail give waist measure and skirt length. We guarantee satisfaction. You have no risk.

FOR MEN.

Bicycle Clothing

What you want is here—and here in variety and at money saving values.

Twenty distinct lines in Men's Bike Suits at $5

Finer qualities in materials at $7.50 and $10 with Caps to match.

Men's Bike Pants, from $1.25 up.

Men's Bike Coats from $2.50 up.

Men's Bike Caps—ventilated—49c up.

Men's Bike Hose 50c up.

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Boys' Bike Suits made just like the daddies', $3.50 and $5.00.

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