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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY 7, '97.

"Grocco hopes to receive at least 2,-000 horses from America right away." Canned?

"The last great blot on our civilization"—a true word, by Governor Fuller of Vermont, on our bad roads.

The Chicago police force has been photographed for a London magazine, and not a camera was cracked. Neither was a joke.

Durant, the San Francisco student, who brutally murdered the lovers in the church belfry, has about reached the end of his rope. The delay is painful.

All sorts of arguments are being advanced in Kansas City and Omaha to show that one city is of more consequence than the other. Why not arbitrate?

The news that women are to be admitted to serve in Colorado's militia army will surprise all the other states and startle the despots of Europe. Any governor of Colorado may now ride bridle deep in blood. How the new women soldiers are to be uniformed does not appear. The bloomer costume, or the short skirt, of the Greek army, will doubtless be adopted.

In a letter upon the Eastern crisis, Gladstone has pilloried the Emperor William of Germany. The Old Man Eloquent disposes of the Young Man Inconsequent and Recalcitrant by describing him as "having only such knowledge and experience, in truth limited enough, as have excited much astonishment and some consternation when an inkling of them has been given to the world."

Three causes are leading to the destruction of birg life in this country—the wanton killing of birds by so-called sportsmen, the use of dead birds or parts thereof as ornaments on women's hats; and the making of collections of nests and eggs. The first indefensible, the second is a reproach to womankind, and the third should be restricted to collections for public information, like the Smithsonian Institution. The human race would miss the birds if they were gone.

In 1880 the South had $257,244,561 invested in manufacturing; by 1890 this had increased to $659,068,817, a gain of 156 per cent, while the gain in the entire country was 120.76 per cent. The value of the manufactured products of the South rose from $457,454,777 in 1880 to $917,589,045, in 1890 a gain of 100 per cent, against an increase of only 69.27 per cent in the whole country. The factory hands of the South received $75,917,471 in wages in 1880 and in 1890 $222,118,505. Since 1890 the gain has been very large, and the South is now turning out $1,200,-000,000 of manufactured products a year.

A Berlin cable dispatch says: "A meeting of material interest to the working classes will be that of the international congress on legislation for the working classes which convenes here next September. A similar congress met here in 1890, and at the coming session the useful changes in legislation for the workers enacted since that time will be discussed. Among the topics outlined for action will be as to whether international protective measures for workmen are possible or desirable; ought international bureaus for the collection and distribution of trades statistics be established; as to the advisability of submitting workers to a protective regime, and how far protection is beneficial."

There are reports of the discovery of a process of liquifying air. If this be true it will revolutionize the entire mechanical development of the country. A telegram from New York says: The mysterious whitish compound which was supposed to be a new and powerful freezing mixture is liquified air, and is the basis of Mr. Tripler's power, which, he contends, will take the place of steam and produce energy at a minimum of cost. How he liquifies air he will not tell. It has been done before, but in small quantities in scientific laboratories, but never commercially. When liquified the air is at a temperature of 450 degrees below zero on the Fahrenheit scale. It boils or vaporizes again at 310 degrees below zero, and it is from the expansion consequent upon this vaporization that Mr. Tripler obtains his power, which is transmitted through the engine exactly as the power generated by steam from boiling water is transmitted. It is possible, however, he declares, to obtain a pressure of 3,000 pounds to the square inch at a temperature of 200 degrees below zero, and at practically no cost, while to obtain 150 pounds of steam at a temperature of 380 degrees above zero is required the

Sugar is our largest article of import. Last year the total reached nearly $80,000,000. Coffee comes next, with $35,000,000; wool, $23,000,000; silk, $27,000,000; woods, $21,000,000; hides, $20,000,000; india rubber, $17,000,000; goatskin, $14,000,000; tea, $13,000,000; vegetable fibres, $11,000,000; chemicals, $10,000,000; gums, $7,000,000; soda, $7,000,000, and other raw materials amounting to a total of $270,000,000 per year, upon which no duty was paid, being 47 per cent of our entire imports. In 1895 49 per cent was free. In 1894 58 per cent.

A state legislature who fails to elect a senator should go without a senator. If the appointment of a senator by a governor is to stand, a legislative contest might at any time be so manipulated as to throw the choice to the governor. The best and shortest way is to get senators, however, is to let the people choose them.

In order to get money that she needs a New York young woman consents to part with her middle finger. This is not so strange when we consider how many a poor maiden has sold her hand

HOME NOTES.

Measles at Franklin thin out the school.

Three more bargains in bikes at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Don't think you are the only wave on the ocean — there are others.

A new day has been added to the saints' calendar. It is third day.

Waite Bros., Robertson & Co., of Pontiac, have a change of adv't.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. C. M. Raynale next Monday evening.

Don't forget the Foresters' weight social, Wednesday evening, May 12.

The B. V. R. C. will meet with Mrs Hemenway, Tuesday evening, May 11.

Miss Jennie Clift, of Nashvill, Mich., was the guest of Mrs. Lydia Musgrave last week.

Plenty of water in our vicinity—a big, long, steady fall of rain on May Day made everything drip.

Job Pound, of Pontiac, has a change of adv't this week. Read it yo bargain seekers.

There are many people in Birmingham who would like to have a five cent fare to Pontiac. Subscriber.

For sale, Early Ohio and Maggie Murphy seed potatoes cheap. Joe Brooks, Beddow, Mich.

Willis Gibbs, druggist at Howard City, was home for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gibbs, of Big Beaver.

House for rent or for sale on Pierce street. Rates low, terms easy. Address P. O. Box 379, Birmingham, Mich. 3

The gentlemen and Lady Foresters, of Birmingham, will give a weight social at Forester Hall, Wednesday evening, May 12. Everybody welcome.

Bert Allen has been very ill from pleuro pneumonia for over a week. He is recovering and was able to set up for the first time Sunday last. Dr. N. T. Shaw is attending him.

Choice Early Everett seed potatoes for sale at a low pride. Call on Cal Ellenwood, Troy, for particulars or address him, at Birmingham P. O.

Regular communication of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F & A. M., next Thursday evening, May 13. Work. A full attendance is desired. James B Hunt, Sec'y.

When in Detroit and you want a first-class hotel, go to the Wayne Hotel, opposite Michigan Central Depot. Fine table, excellent service and everything first-class. tf

Did you observe that you get twice as much reading matter for the same money as you did. An eight page paper for one dollar per year in place of a four page paper at the same price. Surely prosperity for our subscribers is right here.

What would we do if a fire should break out? Wm. Hilliard is sick and he fire department would certainly be crippled if an alarm should be given. Dr. N. T. Shaw says William will be a good Bill in a few days.

Lost, a Newfoundland dog, left home Tuesday, April 27th. Answers to the name of Nig. The finder will please return the same to Charles Schlaack, Birmingham, Mich. 2

The funeral of the late Robert Dawson, of Pontiac, was of the most impressive kind and his remains were followed by an unusually large number of relatives and friends to their last resting place in Oak Hill cemetery.

The trolley car makes Birmingham a great patron of Detroit theatres especially the matinees at the Lyceum where you can enjoy comic, grand or burlesque opera by an excellent troupe at 10c admission.

Strange but true, the first Postmaster to be appointed in Oakland county upon the recommendation of our own Sam Smith, is Mr. L. M. Dunbar, who takes the P. O. at Southfield in place of Chas I. Johnson. Mr. Dunbar will soon have possession of the job.

Clarence L. Cowles, of Saginaw, E. S., one of the best and most popular architects in the state, has a change of adv't in this issue. If you have anything in his line to be done, give him a call. You will not regret it. We know whereof we speak.

Chicken thieves have been getting good returns from town line farmers. Moses Snug lost 75, Mr. Lenton 60, Mr. Lord 25 and Mr. Miller 40. The theft occurred one night last week and no trace of the perpetrators has yet been found.

The name "Domestic" is a stamp of quality, a guarantee of excellence. The Domestic always has and always will be the best sewing machine. Science, skill and ingenuity have made it so. Science, skill and ingenuity will keep it so. Domestic bicycles are equally as good. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell. May27

That walk of M. K. Taber's had not improved any since our last writing because during the late wet spell passers by have noticed that in stepping in the puddles of water that collect in the ten thousand cavities of the walk that the water flies up your trousers legs just as far as it did last January.

The grading of the hills between here and Pontiac for the Oakland Railway Co. is a marvel of workmanship and shows that the promoters of the scheme are building for ages hence. A friend of ours remarks that the act is civil sugineering until you reach Pontiac and then there's nothing civil about after that.

All of Orion's teachers are re-engaged for the coming year. So are the Birmingham teachers from Miss Ennis in the first primary to Prof. E. F. Waldo, Superintendent, and a wise act, too, by our School Board, who are determined that the best talent is none too good for Birmingham schools and they are right.

Wanted—Reliable, energetic man in this vicinity to handle half-wholesale business among large fruit planters. Not the common agency arrangement. An entirely new plan. Good profits to be made. Write at once, Jackson & Perkins Co., Nurserymen, Newark, Wayne Co., New York. 3

Some of the Franklin people have got to discontinue the hard cider booze industry or suffer the consequences as an indignation meeting was held last week and a move made to see that the disgraceful business is stopped at once. Franklin ladies are talking of organizing a W. C. T. U. Society to push this nefarious business to a speedy finish.

Curfew will not ring over Michigan. His honor, Gov. Pingree, holds the clapper and swings out over the city back and forth but no sound issues from the curfew bell. Good. The worst thing for a child, boy or girl, would be an arrest even if only for being out late. It gives the child, boy or girl, a stained life, that no matter how long they lived, some one would remember that once they were under arrest.

Isn't THE ECCENTRIC now fully up-to-date both in size, news, and general make up? We think so and think we may reasonably feel proud to give to our readers so much excellent reading matter for the trifling sum of one dollar per year. Less than two cents a number and you can have all the news of Birmingham and surrounding vicinity. Say, tell your friends of it and send in your names. We want all we can get.

Judson Cummings, of Franklin, is undoubtedly the most popular young man of that place. A week ago on the evening of his 21st birthday a large number of Judson's friends surprised him by a party and the evening was most enjoyably passed with recitations and vocal and instrumental music. At this time his parents presented the young man with a gold watch and chain.

Wednesday, May 12, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his home in this village, just north of the power house, Wm. Mauser will sell the following property at public auction: One coal stove, 1 extension table, 1 sewing machine, 2 rocking chairs, 12 chairs, 3 small tables, 2 bedsteads, 2 feather beds, 3 mattresses, 2 carpets, crockery, lamps, and other articles. Terms easy. Henry Spicer, auctioneer.

People with from one to two thousand dollars looking for an investment to bring them in more than four per cent., are quietly buying up homes in Birmingham with idea of renting them to get something for their money and they do it, for there is not to-day a vacant house in our village and the house renters are more numerous than ever. That home at foot of Middle St. worth $1,750 without the lot is still for sale by Mitchell for only $1,000. It rents for $8 per month, pay in advance, and never has been empty.

It is quite an inspiriting sight to drive from here to Pontiac and see the many men at work building the Oakland Electric Railway. Iron is being laid, the grading is about finished, the overhead work is being pushed to a speedy finish and when this is done with two gravel pits to draw gravel from the ballasting will be soon completed and then we can ride up to the toll-gate and look at Pontiac and its way back notions.

Despite the pouring rain that fell last Saturday evening a goodly number assembled at the children's May party. If it was gloomy without, it was bright and happy within. The program consisted of recitations and songs, in honor of the children's poet, Eugene Feild, and of the May pole dance. After this was finished the children danced, played games and had a fine time. Mrs. N Gravelin was the pianist and even after the program was over, the requests for music, two steps, etc., kept her there most of the evening. The thanks of the children and of the Society are due to her for her kindness and patience.

At one o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, May 12, 1897, on the Congar farm, on the north shore of Elizabeth Lake, four miles west of Pontiac, the following property will be sold at auction: One jersey cow, 1 Dunham square piano, 40 yards Wilton velvet carpet, 25 yards body Brussells carpet, about 75 yards Ingrain carpet, 1 parlor suite, 10 pieces rosewood and satin—in excellent condition, 1 secretary, rosewood veneer, 3 oil portraits, 3 bedroom suites, 2 wood stoves, 1 set china dishes about 150 pieces, 3 oil stoves, 5 best curled hair mattresses, 5 rice straw mattresses, 1 gold watch and chain, solid silver tableware, library of rare and valuable books of about 300 volumes, and other miscellaneous articles too numerous to mention. Almeron Whitehead, executor, Ebb Voorheis, auctioneer.

Pay to Raise Good Horses—$100 a Year.

Are horses worth raising? Well, we rather guess yes. Last week Will Walker, of the Long Meadow stock farm, sold a four-year-old colt, raised on this noted farm, for $400—one hundred for each year. This sale was made by Mr. Walker to a Mr. Todd, of Louisville, Ky.

For Sale Cheap.

One Kelly Potato Digger and one Disc Harrow as good as new, sold by Wm. L. McClellan, Birmingham. Anyone wanting one of the same will learn something to their advantage by inquiring of F. G. Pearsall, Birmingham, Mich. 6

What They Think.

Opinions and Interviews of Some of our Taxpayers

Relative to Building the School House Addition.

The matter now that most attracts the taxpayers' attention in our little city is the call for the meeting of taxpayers next Monday evening to decide as to the building or no of an addition to our school house to accommodate the demands made by the primary children for more room and more educational facilities. We publish the result of our interviewing and without comment.

F. Blakeslee. I am in favor of anything necessary for the success of our schools and would be satisfied to see the new building if it is decided by the meeting to build, be constructed under the direction of a committee chosen by that meeting, but not by our present school board.

E. C. Poppleton. If it is needed, I am certainly in favor of it, but not to be built under any school board management. We have the ground already and ample, for such purposes. I am in favor of having the new addition, if it is a necessity, erected by a chosen committee of three competent men outside of the school board.

E. H. Smith. I am in for it if we've got to have it. My boys don't need it yet, but when they do I want everything ready for them in an up-to-date style. We expect to have a city here of 5,000 inhabitants and certainly should have ac commodations for their children. I am willing to pay my share and am in favor of the move if it is necessary.

Dr. Charles M. Raynale. Don't think it ought to be done. We need better roads more than anything else. Our roads right here in the village are a disgrace to us all. We haven't got a decent road in the village, not on a single street. This village should buy a gravel pit, own it and use it. There hasn't been a load of gravel put on our streets in ten years. It's a shame and disgrace to civilization. [illegible]

W. B. Carter. If we need it, build it—if not, no. We'll see at the meeting.

John Hanna. Won't vote for it. Taxes are too high. Think the basement rooms could be made available with proper ventilation. A few dollars would make all the basement rooms perfectly safe to use. They were in use once and can be again. Try 'em anyway.

Pinder Worth. School house is big enough—taxes are big enough—I don't believe in it—think it over.

Chas. R. Hoffman. I won't have a thing to do with it. Nothing but taxes all the time [illegible] I would not be in favor of any more expense—'em. I won't go near 'em.

A. Whitehead. I don't know whether we need it or not. If the town has outgrown its present school capacity and we have more children than we can accommodate, of course we must have the addition. A committee of supervision for the building of the same would suit me if it is decided to build the addition to the school house.

Wm. Mauser. Well, if it needs it—have it, that's my doctrine. If it's a whim and unnecessary—don't have it.

M. D. Masters. No. Nit. Nothing!!! Never!!!

John Baldwin. No.

J. Allen Bigelow. At my present state of mind I think I shall oppose it on economical reasons. Times are not such as to warrant going in debt, and I'll tell you another thing, I think another board would perhaps be better able to do the constructing if it is needed.

Rev. Hiram Hood. See first if it is needed. Hold on a little until McKinley catches up with his show—wait until we have a little more prosperity.

Geo. F. Aldrich. Don't know anything about it. Am I know about it I've read in THE ECCENTRIC. Haven't any children to send just now, but can't tell what they may have. If we need it I'm not be against it. What's the matter with our basement? Thought that was fixed up for a school room not long ago.

Geo. Purdy. I think it all right. The new addition, if needed, can be built quite economically.

Frank Young. What will it cost? If I am a Roman will have to do as the Romans do.

Al Hutton. Ain't in favor of it at all. Too much expense.

Geo. Geddes. Guess we have school enough. There's a fellow up there wants to run everything. Got beat and is no doubt considerably rolled up. We'll have to be up there and stick a "no" in the right place.

L. B. Peabody. Haven't investigated it at all—don't know whether we need it at all or not. No doubt the question will be settled up and settled before the meeting. I think the little ones should have a school house of their own for take them all together by the bunch and the little shavers around pretty lively in spite of all the teachers can do to guard against it.

F. G. Pearsall. I don't know anything about the school business, but if it is necessary to go I'll be there next Monday evening. I don't send any children to school.

A. Blakeslee. What do you think of the proposed new addition to the school house, are you in favor of it? Now, and I think we ought to have a new school board!!!

[illegible] See? Don't you?

V. Nixon. Half of my taxes and more too, are school taxes. I am in favor of a good school as much as anybody. No one over heard me kick on paying taxes. I've heard a part of my neighbors children's education and also know. I ain't got nothing to say against the school board. We've got school house enough, got all we can afford. Look at Pontiac, got more taxes than she ever can pay. First we know if we don't watch out we'll be in the same fix.

Ed. O'Neal. I noticed on a post yesterday that there is to be a meeting to see about it. Of course if we need it, I am in for it.

F. Hagerman. Don't know much about it. Will have to look the matter up if we really need it, suppose we ought to have it, but I feel that our taxes are rather well up and perhaps, for this and other good reasons, we'd better defer the matter for two or three years.

Maurice H. Blair. Think we need the addition without doubt and that petition that was once talked of ought to be brought out, circulated and acted upon.

Chas. Parks, Campbell's subdivision. Yes, I am in favor of a new addition to give my children good seats. We have 37 children from our division—the soil is very fertile.

Ed Parks. Don't know anything about it. Haven't heard anything about it. What do you think of it? Seems as though they ought to make room for the children in the school house some way.

Chas. H. Schlaack. We've got to do something and have called the meeting to find out what the people want. Primary room scholars are seated in three different rooms—they number about 130. In the Primary room are seats for 72—and 96 are crowded in. Can't use the basement rooms because at last school meeting it was voted down. We will have to rent a room or build and this meeting is called to get at the wish of the people.

Eugene Brooks. Oh! I don't know. If they need it for the comfort and convenience of the pupils—build it.

A. Partridge. I think we should go very slow in these times of depression about increasing our taxation. I don't think our increase in population warrants the school room I proposed. Our census I don't think shows but a very few more than ten years ago, and certainly not enough to go into any great expense.

Mrs. L. H. Sawyer. Well, I suppose if it is necessary it will have to be built. I am in favor of all necessary improvements.

LOUIS H. MORSE.

An Old Time Chicolte Passes Away in Chico, Michigan.

News has just been received that Louis H. Morse who, a short time ago left Chico for Michigan, has passed away.

Mr. Morse was a well-known figure in Chico for nearly 20 years. He came here about the year 1878 from Troy, Mich., where he was born and lived for 40 years.

Mr. Morse was a clever man, a graduate of Oberlin College, and a warm personal friend of President Fairchild of that institution.

He was passionately attached to his Alma Mater, and lost no opportunity to further all its schemes of education and benevolence. His benefactions were at times even princely for his means, and his devotion to the plans and ambitions of the President was even touching.

Mr. Morse, too, had the faculty of ingratiating himself with the ministry of the various denominations, so that wherever he went he became a helper in every thing that appertained to morals and religion.

He expended large sums in the purchase of rare books which he kept freely circulating among the most of friends, and our town will soon have a public library.

He can bear testimony to his generosity in many a volume of rare merit.

Mr. Morse for many years made his home on Rancho Chico, where he was highly respected by every one.

During the last few years his home was with his brother, G. P. Morse, in Chico, where he was cared for in his last illness, and by Mrs. Morse taken back to his old home in Troy, Mich., and laid away in the family burying ground.—Chico (Cal.) Enterprise.

Mrs. Harrison D. Hyde

Mary M. Rogee was born at Scott, Courtland Co., N. Y., Feb. 1, 1828.

During the 30's with her parents she moved to this state, settling in Shiawassee county. A few years after she began teaching school and while acting in this capacity met Harrison D. Hyde of Southfield, Oakland county, he being one of the school board where she was teaching. On December 25, 1846 she was married to Mr. Hyde, they settling on a farm in Southfield. For 43 years the farm consisted of home, five years ago this month with her husband and a daughter she came to this city to reside where she has been loved by all who knew her. Although her health has been poor yet it was with self sacrifice she has cared for him who has been her companion for nearly 50 years, always doing for others, without thought for herself. Her final sickness was of less than one week's duration and Sunday night at 11:45 she fell asleep, waking in the arms of her Savior, whom she has so faithfully worshipped since a child.

She with her husband became a member of the Presbyterian church at an early day in Southfield, and both were transferred by letter to the Greenville Congregational church.

Her husband aged 78 years, and six children, four boys and two girls, survive her. —Greenville, Mich. Daily Call.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Josephine V. Campbell, wife of Dr. J. L. Campbell, of this place, died at her residence on Maple Ave., East, Saturday, May 1st, 1897.

The funeral occurred on Tuesday last, Revs. Allen of Birmingham, and Clack of Royal Oak officiating, the services being largely attended. Deceased was the first Lady Commander of "Mary D." Hive, L. O. T. M., and was largely instrumental in organizing that body. The floral tributes were very beautiful, particularly from the Maccabees and Knights of Pythias lodges, the hooping fairly overflowing with testimonials of loving friends.

Mrs. Campbell's family name was Gully and she was born in Royal Oak, April 26 1857. She leaves a loving husband and two children to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and indulgent mother. She had a violent attack pneumonia about two years ago which resulted in consumption.

The sorrowing relatives and friends have the earnest condolences of the community in which we earnestly join.

ROYAL OAK ITEMS.

The attendance at the drama "Down by the Sea" last Friday evening was very small owing to the inclemency of the weather.

The Oddfellow and Rebecca Lodges took charge of the services at the M. E. church last Sunday evening and those present listened to an able address by Rev. Tracy, of Detroit.

The scholars of our High School observed Arbor Day by planting trees in the school yard.

Our band is improving rapidly under Prof. Stacy's teaching.

Rain is keeping the farmers behind with their spring work.

We hope to hear from our orchestra again in the near future.

HORSES FOR SALE.

Messrs. Leonard and Rundel have another carload of those fine Illinois horses, both workers and drivers, which they are going to sell at auction at the Northern Hotel barn, in Pontiac, on Saturday, May 8th, 1897. The terms are easy. Six months' time at 6 per cent., 3 off for cash. The carload sold here recently were beauties and gave universal satisfaction.

Our Development.

Our Position, Location and Society Means the Growth of Pontiac.

HOW ASSURED.

Here's the latest. In a chat with one of Pontiac's brightest and most active boys while traveling toward Detroit by steam one day recently the Pontiac lawyer earnestly said: "Now if you will shut your mouth long enough to listen to me, I will tell you why we will and do insist on a 5c fare to Birmingham. It is not for the sake of a few groceries, dry goods, clothing, drugs, etc., to you Birmingham people, that we fight for a 5c fare, but it is because we don't want to be discriminated against. If the fare from Detroit to Birmingham is 15c and to Pontiac 25c, there is half an hour's ride and 10 cents in favor of your town as compared with ours, which in five years will make you a city of 5,000 growth and we will stay right where we are." There's frankness for you, and glorious good news for Birmingham's growth and prosperity.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WARBLINGS.

Look out for the supervisor, he is on the war path.

There are several cottages and a large dancing pavilion in process of erection at Walnut Lake.

The P. I. C. A. are making some much needed improvements to their grounds, such as iron railing posts and painting the front fence, and are talking of erecting a little cottage for the accommodation of the sexton who complained of having his tools abstracted by the usual neighborhood vandal.

Mrs. M. A. Hoby is now convalescent.

Miss Margaret Coulter who has been ill over a year is rapidly gaining strength.

Mrs. J. Seeley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Greer, at Island Lake.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

John Wilson is drawing brick for a new cellar.

Robert Hawthorn bought the Hawthorn estate, which was sold a few days ago for $2,470 dollars.

John Stoneand wife of near Rochester, visited relatives at Warren last week.

Cyrus Jones has moved from H. Bailey's to his own place west of Detroit.

J. Bowers will occupy the house left vacant by Cyrus.

Than Aures returned last Saturday, from Rankin, he reports Alpha Parks as flourishing.

M. Stanley buried his baby last Saturday at Warren.

S. Martin attends the Grand Lodge of the K. of P. as representative from Warren, last week.

Mrs. Drummond, represents the Rathbone Sisters of Warren.

Wm. Marthin is repairing, putting in new floors, shelves, ect., in the O. Burton store, and will soon be ready to move in.

To Milwaukee and the Northwest.

The Detroit and Milwaukee division of the Grand Trunk Railroad have again put on their fast Steamboat Express train in connection with the magnificent line of steamers for Milwaukee, leaving Detroit daily (Sunday excepted) at 4.05 p. m., arriving Grand Rapids 9.45 p. m., Grand Haven 11.00 p. m., and Milwaukee 6.00 a. m.

An elegant Parlor Buffet car is run on this train, extra charge only 25 cents. Berths in stateroom are free on steamers to Firstclass passengers. Rates low.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

Of the 51,000 breweries estimated to be in the world 28,000 are in Germany.

The total value of gold in the world at the present time is about $3,000,000,-000.

The value of the grounds and buildings devoted to education in the United States is $95,545,681.

One hundred and twenty firemen are required to feed the furnaces of a first-class Atlantic steamer.

A nail-making machine produces as many nails in a given time as were formerly made by 1,000 men.

The number of public houses in London is such that in addition to 2,243 beer houses, 218 hotels, 122 clubs and 219 restaurants, making a total of 7,904 licensed houses.

The largest orchard in Great Britain is at Tottington, in the county of Gloucester. It is 500 acres in extent and in some seasons yields its owner, Lord Sudley, a profit of $5,000. The trees are chiefly apples and plums.

Official estimate of the world's raw sugar product for this year is as follows: Beet, 4,960,000 tons; cane, 2,655,-000 tons. Stock on hand, 1,150,000 tons; total, 8,765,000 tons. Estimated consumption for ensuing year, 7,350,000 tons.

It takes each year 200,000 acres of forest to supply cross ties for the railroads of the United States. It takes 15,000,000 ties to supply the demand, for which the contractors get on an average 35 cents apiece, making in the aggregate $2,250,000.

A statistician says that 12,000 vehicles, including 3,000 omnibuses, pass through the Strand, London, in the day and the narrowness of the street causes each of the 63,000 occupants to waste, on the average, three minutes. The total waste of time equals 3,150 hours, the money value of which, at the very moderate rate of 1 shilling an hour, is $785 per day, or nearly $250,000 per annum.

Sprocket—I guess Spinner's getting pretty hard up. Wheeler—So? Sprocket—Yes; I hear he has sold his machine and bought a saddle-horse.—Boston Transcript.

ST. JAMES PROVISTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(Corner Maple avenue and Chester street.)

Morning prayer and sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 12:00 o'clock.

Vestry meeting at Mr. Whitehead's office, to-night, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Prof. Goerner will give an organ recital and concert in the church for the benefit of the Ladies' Guild, Wednesday evening, May 26. Admission 10 cents. The ladies will give a lunch in the basement before and after the concert. Ice cream, cake, coffee, lemonade, etc., will be served. Everybody invited.

The annual missionary meeting will be held Sunday, May 23, at 4:00 p. m. Rev. M. C. Stanley, and Mrs. C. H. Candler, treasurman of Grace church, Detroit, will be the speakers.

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Four and one-third acres of land in the south part of the village of Birmingham, with a frontage of 4 rods on Pierce street. Good house, small barn, grapes, peaches and all ready to build on. Will sell cheap, or with a chance to make money out of the very best acreage in the village. Electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac along the entire front across the road. You cannot help making money whether you hold it for a rise or sell to the American Plan.

LOT 8.

Farm of 70 acres straight west of Birmingham. All plow land and none better, being a clay loam. Good house, barn and fruit. Price $2,800 and worth $3,000 and will be a snap for some one looking for a home in this section. The interior having been sold in the immediate neighborhood in the past two years for nearly double this price.

LOT 7.

A farm of one hundred acres within a mile and a half of the new Electric Railway. Fifty acres cleared and twenty in timber. Two barns and house in good repair. Good well. Four acres of orchard all grafted trees. Two Apes saplings for sale in abundance of excellent water. Soil, a rich clay loam, price, $100, per acre. Land is the cheapest property that has been sold for nearly double the price asked for this place. The farm is owned by Volney Goodwin, of Birmingham.

LOT 8.

We have had placed in our hands for sale one of the beautiful homes our pretty village is noted for. This place is handsomely located, shaded to perfection and is modern in all its appointments. The house contains nine rooms, has two large living rooms, all bedrooms will closets, most well and handsomely finished throughout. Two-story house, wood-shed and all necessary outbuildings. There is a good well with the place. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell for particulars.

LOT 9.

A farm of 66 acres within one and one-half miles of the village of Birmingham, in the township of Bloomfield. Fifty acres under plow, three acres excellent orchard and the balance in timber. Good house, barn and necessary outbuildings in good repair. Never-failing water power and well. Four small apples for family use. One of the finest farms for grazing and stock raising that can be found. Owned by J. McCracken. Price $3,000. Terms easy.

LOT 10.

The farm known as the "Bayley Farm" in the township of Troy. It was awarded the first premium at the state fair in 1895 as the best farm in the county of Oakland and there are none better to-day. It is the great pride of its owner and realizing that fancy prices are discouraged by us, has finally consented to put the farm in her hands for sale and has put the price down to $100 per acre. Good buildings, fine orchards, fruit in abundance of the best varieties, and makes it a remarkably good investment. The soil is a rich clay loam and is well adapted to raising anything as a little and we will gladly answer all inquiries.

LOT 13.

Twenty acres of land adjacent to the little village of Big Beaver and about six miles from the city of Pontiac. Price, $100 per acre, or $2,000. One acre of good orchard and everything else for a man who would like a small farm to keep a cow, a few pigs, chickens, etc. Price $60 per acre. Terms cash.

LOT 14.

Here's a chance for some one to make a little fortune in Birmingham acreage—and that's what you will do if you buy this piece of land. Situated on the south side of Maple avenue, directly opposite the new Electric Railway depot. This land is about to be cut up into lots and placed on the market for sale. Our opinion is that Maple avenue will be extended from the depot north to intersect with Saginaw avenue. Some of the finest residences in Birmingham are in the immediate vicinity. The price now is $2,000 per acre, but we promise to sell at that figure 5 days from this date. Don't let this chance slip. There is a possible exception, the finest acreage in the village which is for sale, and which is owned by the first and there is nothing in the way of making a deal. Come and see us about it. Come and see it and bother us till you can about it—that's what we are here for.

LOT 15.

What better farming country could be found than the land in the vicinity of Birmingham? Where could you find a finer location for a good miller property than the one that is now for sale? Ready and doing a good business, and for sale at a price which is low enough to be sold for before the miller process was put in at a cost of several hundred dollars. The lowest cash price is $6,000 and half cash will buy it. Or part cash in an undivided half interest free and clear for good property in this vicinity. The property consists of nine acres of millers of the first, D. process, with a capacity of fifty barrels per day and one-half acres and abundant water power, and entire outfit in good shape. The mill property will be exchanged for city property or a good farm. Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham Bank Building is owned at present by Jones & Hill, of Detroit, who are anxious to show you over the property at any time.

LOT 11.

The "Wooster Farm," as some more or less, within one mile of Birmingham, on the line of the River Rouge runs through this highly desirable farm, giving its owner the very finest, most coveted grazing lands in the great state of Michigan. It is also noted for its potatoes and grain raising in any section of the country. Well wooded, good large farm house, barns in sufficient number, good well, cistern and cellar. No better farm could be found for dairying or for a dairy farm or stock raising. We predict for this property a speedy sale at the price offered and will be promptly closed at any time to visit the premises and show it thoroughly to anyone looking for a location.

TAKE NOTICE.

All the land advertised herein is in our own hands for sale by ourselves and we are the only agents and have no sub-agents. We therefore can make the best possible terms to purchasers from us. Remember this fact and don't be misled by others who may claim to have property which we have advertised. Come to us and we will treat you honestly and squarely and dispatch business with promptness and dispatch.

Very respectfully,

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.