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TWENTIETH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY JUNE 1[?], 1897. NO. 7. WHOLE NO. 997.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.
TIME TABLE.
IN EFFECT
June 14, 1897.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:42 a. m
†Mail	12:14 p. m
†Steamboat Express	4:20 p. m
†Suburban	6:29 p. m.
*Chicago Express	8:40 p. m
*Night Express	11:35 p. m

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	6:37 a. m
*Chicago Express	6 2? a. m
†Suburban	7:18 a. m
†Steamboat Express	11:07 a. m
†Mail	3:10 p. m
†Evening Express	8:40 p. m

E. H. HUGHES, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill. BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent, 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 No. 5	Pass. No. 3	Mx'd No 1	Stations.	Going South. Mx'd No. 2	Pass No. 4	Fr'gt No. 6
A.M.	P. M. 4 05	A. M. 6 55	D., G. H. & M. Mich Cent.	P. M. 9 25	A. M 11 50	A.M
[illegible] 40	5 15	8 10	PONTIAC.	8 05	10 40	4 00
10 25	6 00	8 55	Oxford Ar	7 10	10 05	2 00
10 5[illegible]		9 15	Oxford Dp	7 25		3 00
7 10	9 25	1 00	Caseville	3 00	6 45	6 1[illegible]
p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Ar. / Lv	p. m.	a. m.	p. 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.
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UNDECIDED STILL

The Vote on the New School House Still Hangs in the Balance,

It is a Very Knotty Question

Well, the Yesses and the Noes had another contest for superiority at the school house last Monday evening and altho' the Yesses started out handicapped they fought a good fight and won by a scratch, but at this writing there being so much doubt in the result as to its legality, the opinion that now predominates is that another election will be had to settle the question of $5,000 for a new school building.

At the closing of the polls there were 153 voters registered on the tally sheets. Chas. H S Blaack presided over the ballot box, Irving H. Wilson and John Hanna clerks. Before unfolding the ballots they were carefully counted and numbered 154. This being one more than the tally sheet they counted again and this time 153 was the result which tallied with the register, so the ballots were opened up and counted. 100 were "Yes" and 50 were "No," but there were four Noes thrown out because the intelligent voter (?) put his cross or saw buck not in the square as he was instructed to, but under the word No. It don't go. Now then with 153 registered and 154 on deck the returning board after deliberating about two hours decided to seal up the box, get counsel and then decide. At this writing the decision is not announced. We opine that another election will be held, because in selling $5,000 worth of bonds this district must present them "for sale" free and clear of any technicality that would cause a buyer to hesitate. Another thing, it is said some voted who were not entitled and in another contest only legal voters will be allowed to participate.

The latest. Another election is called to be held as before at the school house Tuesday evening, June 22, 1897. Only legally qualified voters will be allowed to vote.

THE RUCKMAN-WARD WEDDING.

On Wednesday evening of last week a select company of friends gathered at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ward to witness the marriage of their eldest daughter, Estella M., and John H. Ruckman.

At precisely five o'clock the bridal company assembled in the handsomely decorated parlor, where the ceremonies were conducted by the Rev. A. Marsh. The bride was daintily gowned in white silk mull over taffeta and carried a beautiful boquet of the lilies of the valley. The bride's maid, Miss Emily Trowbridge, of Pontiac, wore a becoming gown of cream silk and lace organdie and carried a boquet of pink roses. Webster Ruckman, of Washington, D. C., acted as best man.

After a delightful repast the happy couple departed on their wedding tour, with Mackinac as their main point of destination. Their visit will be protracted until the first of next month, when they will take up their residence at Washington, D. C., where Mr. Ruckman fills an important government position.

The wedding presents were numerous and elegant and showed the warmth of feeling entertained toward the young couple. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman, of Saline, Mich., parents of the groom; Bert A. Mount, of Ann Arbor; Mrs. A. Marsh, T. A. Langley and wife and Miss Minnie Hunt.

All join in wishing the young couple health, wealth and prosperity.

Children's Day at the Churches.

At the Methodist church "The Young People's Republic" was very nicely rendered, besides several other selections. The church was artistically draped and the floral decorations were numerous and beautiful.

The Presbyterian church presented a very attractive appearance last Sunday with its wealth of beautiful flowers, and the warblings of the little songster in its cage above this profusion of beauty added a charm to the scene below. The little people presented an interesting program in the evening.

The Children's day exercises in connection with the Baptist Sunday school were held last Sunday p. m., and were listened to by a good-sized and appreciative audience. The exercises were different from the customary run of things on such occasions, being unique in character and highly elevating.

The thanks of the editors are due for a large and generous supply of wedding cake over which we dreamed, and if our dream comes true as 'tis said it will—the ornamental fountain at corner of Maple and Woodward Aves. will soon gush and the West Side Park will have expended on it to improve it just an even hundred dollars a year for five dollars. Hasten the day.

OBITUARY.

Died at his residence in Southfield, June 6, 1897, John Crawford. Deceased was born in Sussex Co., New Jersey, Oct. 14, 1823, being the youngest of a family of eleven children, all of whom are now dead except one brother, Edwin A., of Southfield. He removed to Michigan with his parents in August, 1831, who settled upon the farm where the deceased's only child, Cassia W., now resides, and where he lived and labored continuously from childhood on the same farm until his health failed six months before his death. Rev. E. C. Allen preached his funeral sermon and his remains were placed in Greenwood cemetery, followed by a large concourse of mourning relatives and friends.

COMMUNICATED.

The Other Side Has a Fall.

BIRMINGHAM, June 15, '97.
MR. EDITOR.

Dear Sir:—I am given to understand that you believe in fair play, so I venture to hope that you will insert the following few lines in your next issue, as there are others who take decidedly opposite views to those of your contributors which have appeared in previous issues. Both sides are entitled to be heard on public topics in the newspapers. I have the pleasure to remain,

Yours truly,
"COMMON SENSE."

In your last week's issue I notice that you quote a fable about the remarks made by three horses waiting and being shod by our amiable blacksmith. The last of the three quadrupeds remarking as to the unpleasantness of his breath. Allow me to say that you have not got the facts quite right. You should have stated that the aforesaid animals were asses, not horses. As I am sure that no horse, having been so comfortably and well shod would be guilty of such base ingratitude. The horse is far too noble an animal to entertain such sentiments; for the story goes on to say that an old sensible screw of a horse, with broken knees (evidently well acquainted with Piety Hill) made the following remark, that he was quite sure that if the good blacksmith's breath smelt badly it was that he had to buy his whiskey at the drug store.

COMMON SENSE.

This saloon question bobs up again. I give you the following statement of facts which needs no comment further than saying, do we live in the better end of the 19th century? Rev. Mr. Orr went to the men at work on the new saloon and I am informed told them that if they did another stroke of work there they would not be employed in building his new church.

"COMMON SENSE."

Birmingh'm-Ann Arbor

Are Still Compatible and Graduates of the Birmingham High School

Can Enter the U. of M. Without Examination.

The committee on diploma schools visited our High School building last week and concluded to continue Birmingham School on the diploma list again this year. The committee from the University appreciate fully the difficulties that our school labor under in a town the size of Birmingham with Detroit and Pontiac so near at hand, and no doubt having a tendency to draw away non-resident students and intimate that if we expect to remain on the diploma list the Board must see to it that the library is improved and the laboratory facilities enlarged and more especially there must be more room for laboratory work. They commended warmly the work of Mr. Waldo, and in a very friendly spirit suggested the above improvements in order that we may still remain strictly "in it."

RIGHT IN PONTIAC

A Magnetic Healer Got in His Work.

Dr. Birgholtz, of Detroit, the wonderful and celebrated magnetic healer, (as proclaimed in his advertisements) has left his lucrative business for pastures new. Several Pontiac people may be interested or perhaps sorry to know that the good doctor has gone. Officers are dilligently watching for any appearance of the wily doctor, and if caught will be subjected to the tender mercies of the law. At least a few of the doctor's patients came from Pontiac, and one was given the honor of having his picture appear in the doctor's ad. telling of his marvelous cure. We notice, however, that the patient is still an invalid. Another from this city gave $10 to be cured of rheumatism and cataract of the eyes. He received two treatments and went home. The night following the treatment the patient declared to be one of the most miserable of his existence. Still another, this time a lady living near this city heard of the doctor's marvelous cures and thought that he was the only man in the world for her. She gave up her good hard money and received the treatment, but, with a woman's intuition, quickly discovered the fake and gently asked the doctor to refund her money. He laughingly replied that he had made it a rule never to return money to a patient, and that scarcely a day passed but that he received several requests to refund patients their money. There are other dupes of the doctor who saw their mistake and kept quiet rather than admit their foolishness.—Pontiac Post.—and there are a great many others, some here, some there and some everywhere.

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We have placed all our five-dollar novelty suits for boys 3 to 8 years old on sale at $3 50 each. This the greatest reduction on boys' suits we have made in years. These suits are in middy and Lafayette styles, bound with pretty braid, sewed with strong silk and buttoned firmly. The colors are blue, brown, gray and mixed. If you want a good suit for the boy at $3.50 you will do well to write for it at once. Wash Goods are now on sale.

R.H. TRAVER
DETROIT, MICH.

DONE FAIRLY WELL

Which Congressman Sam Smith Admitted

When He Called at the Pension Office to Find Out a Thing or Two and See the Figures.

Washington, June 8.—When Congressman Sam Smith returned from Michigan yesterday, about the first thing he did was to walk over to the pension office and interview Commissioner Evans. He wanted to know why the department was so blamed slow about the cases he has filed there.

"Well, now that you speak of it, I don't mind telling you," replied Evans. "There are now pending in this department 542,505 applications for pensions, 22,000 of them having been filed since March 4 last. We are doing our best to dispose of them, and during the week ending May 29 we allowed 2,662 pensions, but of course we cannot do everything at once. Still, I think you have very little reason to complain. I find 1,300 applications from your district in Michigan pending here, and you have had 165 pensions allowed since President McKinley was inaugurated. You have only about 1,600 old soldiers in your district, and as all but 300 of them have applied for a pension you will, at the present rate, get them nearly all provided for by the time your present term in Congress expires."

Mr. Smith had to acknowledge that Mr. Evans was doing pretty well by him.

Congressman Smith stands in with the war department well enough to get ahead of 500 other applicants and secure two cannon to be placed at the foot of the new soldier's monument at Flint, Mich., They will be delivered before July 4.—Pontiac Gazette.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending June 12, 1897:

Mr. R. W. Childs C. Keyser.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Orion Park Island Assembly.

The Park Island Assembly opens at Orion, next Sunday, June 20, with a very interesting Dedication Day program. The Arion Male Quartette of Saginaw, without exception the best and most popular quartette in the state, will be an attractive feature of this great opening day. Miss Eva Hemingway, of New York, soloist, and Miss Rose Deacon, of Albion College, violinist are both musical artists who will be present during the week's session, which closes June 27, at 6:30 p. m. Talented divines and lecturers will be present throughout the session and a very interesting and profitable time is expected. A rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in Michigan will be charged.

FRANKLIN FLURRIES.

Mrs. Case is spending a few days in Sanilac county.

A large delegation of ladies attended the Missionary meeting at Mrs. George German's on Thursday. The July meeting will be held at Mrs. Chas. Sly's.

Judd Cumming's left for Big Rapids the last of the week to attend a summer school.

Sunday was Maccabee Day and interesting services were held in the lodge room in the afternoon.

Having moved to North Farmington on Monday the Indian show is a thing of the past. During their stay here their tent was filled with enthusiastic audiences each evening.

Special Notices.

Four per cent. interest on savings, Exchange Bank.

A bottle of Mitchell's Compound Syrup of White Pine in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

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

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English Decorated Dinner Set, of 100 pieces, ordinary $10 value	$ 6.98
English Dinner Sets—our own importing—decorated underglaze, two colors—warranted not to crack, crackle or craze—Ordinarily twice what we ask—we save for you by importing	$ 8.98
112-piece Dinner sets of underglazed English Porcelain—Handsome border patterns—guaranteed not to craze—The great $17 value—this week for	$10 50
Beautiful Vienna China Dinner sets (not common Carlsbad) with soup set combination—Five handsome floral decorations—They're real $30 sets of ordinary stores, but here the price is	$17.50

Then there is such a magnificent variety here—such a liberal choosing that you cannot be disappointed. Nother thing to think of is that the new tariff will add very materially to the cost of China and Crockery. Carefully packed for out of town buyers and delivered free of charge to any depot in the city.

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89c. # SPECIAL SLIPPER SALE! **89c.**

Going's Great Corner Shoe House

Will have a special Woman's and Children's Oxford Tie and Slipper Sale on **Saturday, June 19th,** when we shall sell 300 pairs Russet and Black Oxfords and Slippers at 89c per pair, composed of

Ladies'	$2 25	Plant's Best Oxfords, square toe, D and E, sizes 2½ to 4	89c
"	2 25	" " Cloth Top Oxfords, square toe, D and E, sizes 2 1 2 to 4	89c
"	2 25	Russet Finish Turn Sole Oxford D and E sizes 2 1 2 to 7	89c
"	2 25	" " " " Southern Ties " " "	89c
"	1 60	" " McK Sewed Oxford sizes 2 1 2 to 4	89c
"	1 60	Black " " " " "	89c

Every shoe in the lot worth from $1.50 to $2 25, your choice for 89c, Saturday, June 12.

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