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TWENTIETH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY JUNE 25, 1897. NO. 8. WHOLE NO. 998.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.
IN EFFECT
June 20, 1897.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:00 a. m.
†Mail	12:14 p. m.
†Steamboat Express	4:00 p. m.
†Suburban	6:20 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:12 p. m.
*Night Express	11:45 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Night Express	6:37 a. m.
*Chicago Express	6:20 a. m.
†Suburban	7:18 a. m.
†Steamboat Express	11:05 a. m.
†Mail	3:10 p. m.
†Evening Express	8:38 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. Frt Pass Mixd No. 5 No. 3 No. 1		STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH Mixd Pass Frt No. 2 No. 4 No. 6
A.M. P.M. A.M		D., G. H. & M. Mich Cent.	P.M. A.M. A.M
6 05 6 55			9 25 11 50
* 40	5 15	8 10 PONTIAC, lv	8 05 10 40 4 00
16 05	6 00	* 55 Oxford arr	7 10 10 05 2 00
10 5	6 40	9 15 Oxford lv	Pp 7 25 3 00
7 10	9 25	1 00 Leaseville	3 00 6 45 6 10
p. m.	p. m.	p. m. Ar.	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 Key City Division Michigan Central Ry. Indianola City with Chicago & Grand Trunk Ry. Clifford with Flint & Pere Marquette Ry. Pigeon with Saginaw, Tuscola & Huron Ry.
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Ladies' Shirt Waists at 25c, 39c, 49c. 75c and $1.00. All marked down to close out.

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Best line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Hose in town

We have a nice assortment of Ladies' Belts, 15 and 25c

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An Infant of Alvin Leach Burned to Death.

The Cause of the Fire Remains a Mystery.

Three-fourths of a mile west of the old Mill Mills is a small house belonging to Jesse Lord and rented by Alvin Leach and family. Mrs. Leach left her six months' old infant asleep on a couch in the kitchen and was busy at work in the garden, leaving no fire at all in the little home. Totally unconscious of the terrible calamity that was occurring, she worked along until appraised by the neighbors that the house was all afire—in fact almost consumed, and in it the sleeping babe. The mother's grief was sorrowful and only the neighbors' restraining hands kept her from dashing into the burning house to save the little one. Its body was recovered during the afternoon, the fire starting at about ten o'clock Tuesday morning, but it was almost totally destroyed, being cooked so that it had to be handled with a shovel. House not insured.

The School Question.

Yes 106, No 72, Total 178.

Last Tuesday evening the third special election was held at the school house to decide whether a $5 000 building would be erected or not. The votes deposited numbered 178 of which 72 were No and 106 Yes. Sixty Noes would have defeated the need improvement, but a majority of 12 effectually decided it for good at least. Now then gentlemen what do you propose to do with the surplus—children.

MEETS THE DEMAND.

James R. Hayes, proprietor of the Wayne Hotel, Detroit, recognizing the very popular demand for cheaper hotel rates, not only from the commercial men but from the traveling public in general has decided to satisfy this demand by making some radical changes in prices by reducing the rates of the Wayne Hotel to $2.00 and $2.50 per day and the rooms with bath to $3.50; single meals to be 50c. Mr. Hayes wants it thoroughly understood that the reduction in rate will not in any way interfere with the hotel being kept up to the same standard of excellence as in the past.

Blue Ribbon Meeting.

Since the weather has become more settled the track at the Detroit Driving Club has rapidly gotten itself into fine condition and daily brushes are now the order. Before the start, bell shall ring on July 15th, the grounds will be filled with the choicest selections of horses in the country. The program of three races a day will afford a treat to lovers of the light harness horse, which will be unsurpassed anywhere. From Hartford, Conn., alone there will be shipped direct to Detroit twenty-two of the most sensational performers, comprising probably the most valuable shipment of horse flesh ever made. Alix, Azote and Fantasy are reported to be in the very best condition, assuring very fast miles in the Free-for-all trot, with all the probabilities in favor of a new race record for trotting horses. From the various centers where trotting has commenced the Detroit entries are reported as winning races in fast time, promising new records in July. The Detroit track has already been paced in 2-17 3-4 this year which shows that after a few weeks more sun it will certainly be very fast. The meeting, owing to its peculiar location and other advantages, is becoming sort of an annual reunion for the older patrons of the turf. After a busy day at the track, owners and drivers congregate upon the numerous boats plying the beautiful river, make new acquaintances and renew old, while canvassing the merits of new performers and recalling those of many who have passed from the stage. This year the meeting bids fair to surpass all previous meetings all respects.

Tonsorial Opening.

Our experienced lady barber, Jennie, Wheeler, Pierce street, has her opening tomorrow. All kinds of work, for both ladies and gentlemen, done in first-class style. Shampooing a specialty. All scalp diseases skillfully treated and positively cured. She solicits patronage.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending June 19, 1897:

B. McKillard, Edward DeKoning, Harry McCormack, Mrs. Josie Holland, Miss Alla Barnard, Miss Almeda Gillan, Miss Nancy Richards.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

ST. JAMES PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
(Corner Maple avenue and Chester street.)

Rev. S. H. Woodford will preach from the text, "Things added on account of the kingdom of God" next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday school at noon.

STOUGHTON'S LEG.

(Was Paint in the Detroit Evening News.)

From a farmer to a theatrical manager is several steps farther than from the sublime to the ridiculous, but the transformation is possible. It is also temporary, as Elmer Stoughton, who now rooms at 124 Clifford street, can testify.

Until he was 18 years old Elmer lived on a farm near Farmington, in this county. His mother was dead and his father old and indulgent. When Elmer reached 18 his father fell heir to about $35 000 or $40,000 in cash. The father was brother to the late Mrs. Amos Chaffee, and the money was his share of her estate.

Elmer had never been considered strong by his father and the hired man did the work. Up to the time the money was received all had been peace and plenty on the farm; the plenty became more so with the addition of the money, but the peace was thereafter a delusion. Born with reckless extravagance, 30 odd thousand dollars would last a life-time in the vicinity of Farmington, but it is all gone now, and Elmer spent it.

Elmer came to Detroit about two years ago, but before leaving Farmington he made something of a record as a spender. As has been said, the father was old and indulgent, and Elmer was his pet. The young man was well supplied with cash, and every transient trader sold him something. Diamonds in rings and brooches were bought and distributed among the belles; bicycles fell to the girls who were particular favorites, and Elmer's bouquets of flowers were costly and quite freely distributed.

Elmer was not handsome then, and time has not improved his appearance. His shoulders are too high, his form is too thin and there is an limped in his speech. Nevertheless he made friends into the hearts of all the country damsels, and incurred the bitter enmity of every swain from Farmington to Sant Hill.

Then Elmer sought new fields, and two years ago found him well dressed, well supplied with cash, and stopping at the Grosvold house in Detroit. He made acquaintances fast and had large livery bills, but his exact history before he fell in with a man named Jess Thompson is somewhat obscure and of little importance. He met Thompson last summer, and Thompson and Andy Hughes, who was at that time a bartender in the Grosvold house, revealed to the youth the wonders and delights of the theatrical business. This twain had been amusing themselves for a time with a company of barnstormers, and needed a backer. Elmer was wounded and found willing. He was introduced to "the girls." That settled it. "The girls" were members of the theatrical troupe. Elmer backed the enterprise, "dragged his jeans for loading," and called on the old man for more.

Preparations for a tour of the state progressed. Elmer was intoxicated and wanted to act regardless of his imperfect speech. He dragged his jeans again and a part was created for him. The play was called "Flanigan's Ball." In the last act Elmer was allowed to appear, chuck the soubrette under the chin and say, "Ah there my dear!" They told him he would make a hit, and then they struck him again. The hit was imaginative, but every strike was productive. The company started on the road finally and was gone three weeks. Then it returned to Detroit and Elmer paid the board of the whole company at a leading hotel for some time, and that was another mistake he made.

About the time that the rehearsals were first begun young Stoughton had met a lady whom he calls Mamie ——. Mamie at that time lived on Third Avenue near Henry street, according to Elmer. It is not known who did the wooing, but the winning was largely on the side of the young lady. To the end that she might be properly equipped to become the bride of a rising young actor, Elmer fairly loaded her with diamonds. At any rate that is what Elmer says.

"Then Mamie," to use Elmer's own words "accused me of being too fond of the girls in my company and refused to marry me."

"I don't know where Mamie lives now," he continued disconsolately, "but she still has the diamonds. I met her on the street the other day and she asked me to come up and take tea. She said she lived on Second street. I didn't go, so I don't know just where it is."

Just why "Flanigan's Ball" ever broke up is unknown, unless it was because Stoughton, Sr., refused to advance any more cash. Last winter he was employed as clerk in the cigar stand of Shulman Bros., in the Chamber of Commerce building for a time, but is now looking for other employment. The father has gone to live with his niece at Clarenceville. Elmer has grown reserved and reticent. He is blue and downcast, and while he seems well enough, his clothes don't fit as of yore, his shoulders are a trifle higher than formerly, and one of his legs is longer than it really ought to be.

NOTICE.

I hereby forbid all persons from using firearms, breaking or cutting trees, damming or changing water courses on my grounds, situated between the village and the water works on the north and south sides of Maple avenue west.

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All our light-colored suits bought to sell for $20, 22.50 and $25 have been marked down to $13.50 each. The backward spring is responsible for this slaughter of profits. We are overstocked with these high grades and must get rid of them at a sacrifice. They are the finest of ready-to-wear fine suits and at a custom tailor's would sell for $30, $35 and $40 a suit. You can trust to us to redeem every promise.

R. H. TRAVER

DETROIT, MICH.

TIRED OF LIVING.

John Beattie of near Farmington has cares same as the rest of us, but it has been increased of late or since he was made into possession of say $40,000 on the death of his mother, Mrs. Reuben Adams which occurred sometime ago. Kindness bring cares and so did this money for it caused John of late to be certable cross and very abusive to the family for many reasons. The last and principal one being the fact that one of his daughters was keeping company with a rising young physician located at Farmington, and who is rapidly going up and will form in the ranks of medical profession. This did not suit the father and last Saturday he went out to work just and it required three members of the family to subdue his wrath. He then started for Pontiac to get a warrant for one of his boys, who assisted in comforting him. While in Pontiac he purchased three ounces of laudanum, returning home he made his will, shoved it under the pillow and drank the poison. The family felt relieved to have him quiet but thought that he was shamming and he had often done so before. Doctor Buell was summoned and the work of saving his life was systematically begun and after an all night of hard laborious work the rash man's life was saved. He will left his property to two of his boys, but they are not congratulating themselves over it much as Mrs. Beattie is the wealth owner. Mr. Beattie is about 64 years of age and old enough to await his time which is short enough at the best.

WHO WANTS A BARGAIN?

We have had placed in our hands for sale the home of Mrs. Jno. G. Wilson on Saginaw street in this village. This place is a most desirable one for anyone who wishes to keep a restaurant or a hotel in a small way. The location is advantageous—none better in the village—three-fourths of an acre of land and a house in pretty good shape. The house has a large dining-room, kitchen, woodshed and bedroom down stairs, two bedrooms up stairs with a large clothes press. A small barn and plenty of small fruits. Price $800 and time given on part if required. Apply to Whitehead & Mitchell. tf

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

Sam Slade was at Romeo the last of the week in concert work.

An overdose of laudanum came near proving fatal to John Beattie Saturday evening.

Mr. Stone is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Gase, and having his eyes treated by a Detroit oculist.

Albert Koons lies in a critical condition from injuries received by falling under a wagon while in motion.

Our school has closed for the summer, and the event was celebrated on Saturday with a big picnic at Walnut Lake.

All that was mortal of John B. Sly was laid to rest in Franklin cemetery Saturday afternoon. The deceased was one of the pioneers of Oakland Co. He was born at Elmira, N. Y., and came to Michigan with his parents at an early age. Nearly the whole of Mr. Sly's life was spent on the farm where his son Charles resides. About eight years ago he removed with his family to Pontiac, and from thence to Romeo, but he always cherished a strong affection for his old home and associates. The deceased has been in failing health the past six months, and his sudden death was the result of heart failure. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Chas. B. and Melvin, of Romeo, and a sister and brother.

COUNTY LINE CULLINGS.

John Dunn is boring for Geo. Houghton.

Wm. Cole has bought a new milk separator.

A dance Friday night in Auctioneer Hunt's woods.

Albert Carey's father has lately returned from New York state.

Albert Babcock's father and niece, of Windsor, Sundayed with him.

D. McFarlan has bought a machine and is putting up a lot of Cyclone fence.

S. Martin, wife and daughter Mabel have gone to Gratiot County to visit relatives.

Joe Miller's daughter died last week of diphtheria. The village has been exposed.

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Four special lines, up-to-date patterns, first-class ware. Let these facts speak:

English Decorated Dinner Set, of 100 pieces, ordinary $40 value..... $ 6.98

Zing ish Dinner Sets—our own importing—decorated underglaze, two colors—warranted not to crack, crackle or craze—ordinarily twice what we ask—we save you by importing..... $ 8.98

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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

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