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TWENTIETH YEAR.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY JUNE 4, 1897.

NO. 5. WHOLE NO. 995.

### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION TIME TABLE

IN EFFECT  
May 2, 1897.

**WESTWARD**  
Morning Express..... 7:42 A. M.  
Mail..... 10:14 P. M.  
Suburban Express..... 7:18 A. M.  
Suburban..... 7:40 P. M.  
Chicago Express..... 8:40 P. M.  
Night Express..... 11:45 P. M.

**EASTWARD**  
Night Express..... 7:59 A. M.  
Chicago Express..... 8:30 A. M.  
Suburban..... 7:18 A. M.  
Suburban Express..... 7:40 A. M.  
Mail..... 10:14 P. M.  
Evening Express..... 8:40 P. M.

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P.M. P.M. No. No. P.M. P.M. No. No.  
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Hood's Sassafras, regular price \$1.00, our price..... 75c  
Pier's Favorite Peppermint, regular price \$1.00, our price..... 75c  
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Pier's Cherry Compound, regular price \$1.00, our price..... 75c  
Lyle's Foodham's Compound, regular price \$1.00, our price..... 75c  
Cod Liver Oil..... 50c  
Beef, Iron and Wine, per bottle..... 50c  
A letter from Tonic, regular price \$1.00, our price..... 50c  
Castoreo for the babies, per bottle..... 50c

## IN GROCERIES.

Whitehead & Mitchell.

Birmingham, Mich.

## New School House

WILL BE VOTED FOR OVER AGAIN ON FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

TO MAKE THE PROCEEDINGS PROPER AND LEGAL

The adjourned meeting of Fractional School District No. One (1) of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield, held May 24, 1897, voted to build a four room building on the present school grounds. The meeting unanimously instructed the school board to issue bonds not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) payable five hundred dollars (\$500) each year until paid.

Owing to a technical error in the manner of taking the vote on the bonding of the district, which might in the future raise a question and perhaps cause trouble, notwithstanding the vote was unanimous, the school board has decided to call a special meeting in order to remove every question.

THEREFORE, by order of the School Board of Fractional District No. One (1), of Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield, a special meeting of the school district will be held at the school house, on the 4th day of June, 1897, at 6:30 p. m., for the purpose of voting to raise by bonds a building fund of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) payable five hundred dollars (\$500) each year until paid. The polls will be open from 6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. The ballots will be cast as follows: "To bond the district as a building fund five thousand dollars (\$5,000)—Yes" and "To bond the district for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as a building fund—No."

Signed, C. H. SCHLAACK, Director.

## OUR SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY

The visiting Committee and the New Building.

Last week Friday Prof. Hudson, of the State University, inspected our school. I wish to bring before the school board and the patrons of the school a brief report of this visit, together with a comprehensive review of the relation of this school with the University.

In the first place, there are several advantages derived from this relation.

First, those of our pupils who wish to enter the University can do so without the expense and trouble and anxiety connected with an entrance examination.

Second, it is a continual incentive leading our young people to seek a higher education.

Third, it attracts non-resident pupils who otherwise would go to Pontiac or Detroit.

Fourth, it attracts desirable residents to our village.

Fifth, it is an honor and distinction that we cannot afford to dispense with.

Six, some six or seven years ago we were put on the Highways list for the first time. After one or two years we were dropped from the list and were out for two years. Three years ago the matter, with the permission of the board, I invited the University to send a committee. They responded by sending Prof. Hudson. He told me at that time that our library was very meagre indeed and our laboratory facilities inadequate. I gave him encouragement that there would be improvement. A year later Prof. Walter inspected the school. He made the same complaint. This year Prof. Hudson frankly told me that he did not think the University could retain a school on its list unless it possessed a good library. Moreover there must be a yearly addition to it, and there must be a laboratory. He said, "Why, you have no laboratory, merely a few benches in a recitation room." This is true, the room is office, recitation room, laboratory and dressing room combined, and all in the cellar. For our High School we need four rooms, viz: a large session room, two recitation rooms and a laboratory, or two session rooms, one recitation room and a laboratory.

I think I hear some one say that if we were not known for a few weeks, but trusting to a "pull" which may not exist another year, I am in great hopes and I might say confident expectation that we will be retained for one year. Without doubt they will inspect us again next year, and unless there is a decided improvement in laboratory facilities and library and room we can confidently expect an unfavorable report.

E. E. WALTON.

## OUR TAXES.

Fine Showing of our Village in Comparison With Larger Places.

On Tuesday evening of last week the village board voted to raise \$3,158 by direct tax, the amount to be divided as follows: General Expense Fund, \$2,158; Highway Tax Fund, \$1,000.

The amount proposed to be raised is slightly in excess of that of last year, in the amount of about \$200, but inasmuch as the assessed valuation of the property of the village has increased in amount something over \$120,000, the rate will consequently be in the neighborhood of \$4.80 on \$1,000 assessed valuation, whereas last year's rate was \$5.50 thereabout, consequently, unless your assessment has been increased this year by the assessor, which has been done only in rare cases, your village taxes this year will be a little less than last, although the gross amount to be raised is somewhat more.

The assessed valuation of the property in our village as fixed by the Board of Review is \$449,520.

The assessed valuation of the city of Corunna, with 3,000 population, is \$154,640 and they proudly proclaim that there has been an increase of \$475 in the past year! With their greater expenses we pause aghast and wonder what the rate must be!

Better stay in Birmingham.

## A GREAT SUCCESS.

In Every Respect Was the Concert at St. James'.

It was an appreciative audience which greeted the Concert Co. and crowded St. James' church to its utmost capacity Wednesday evening of last week. The church was tastefully decorated and presented an attractive appearance.

The opening number, a piano solo by G. Arthur Dewey, of Detroit, was brilliantly rendered and Mr. Dewey received his accustomed welcome and enthusiastic encore.

The tenor solo, rendered in good voice by Ernest Joy, of the same city, was a pleasing number and indeed verifies the general opinion that the popular soloist is listened to with "joy" whenever he appears—and such was the case throughout the evening.

The enviable reputation which Mr. Leggett has held for so long a time as a violinist is still his, and the gentleman's appearance on this occasion was a pleasing note to all who listened to his execution of old "Irish Airs." Mr. Leggett responded to the repeated applause by a rendition of "Annie Laurie," which indeed a delight when played by an artist.

The "Spring Song," a sparkling, joyous selection, very appropriate for the season, was rendered in melodious voice by Miss Virginia Nina Eastman, one of Detroit's favorite sopranos. As Miss Eastman possesses rare talent and she received merited applause at every appearance during the evening.

Paul Goerner, the gifted organist of St. James church, outdid himself in his organ "Overture to 'Czar and Carpenter,'" and was cordially welcomed at his second appearance. Our Episcopalian friends will be congratulated upon securing such an efficient organist.

The second piano solo by Mr. Dewey, was a charming composition, and the talented young pianist was welcomed in this, his second number, with greater demonstration than he was in his first selection.

Mr. Leggett's last number, a "Fantasia, Ballet," held the close attention of the entire audience.

The able accompanists, Miss Bessie B. Brown and G. Arthur Dewey, very materially aided in the success of this musical evening, and the people of Birmingham would cordially welcome one and all of these artists again should they ever return.

## NO CAUSE FOR ACTION.

Is What the Jury Decided in the McStay-Roberts Case.

In the springtime of 1896 James C. McStay, a horse trader, was driving by the home of Col. Thomas B. Roberts of Birmingham. A dog belonging to Mr. Roberts ran out, barked and scared the horse so that it kicked McStay on the knee and leg several times. McStay brought suit against Roberts for damages received, claiming that the dog was liable for his being injured.

The case came before the circuit court and occupied three days last week. Mr. F. Lillis and George W. Beardslee were the attorneys for the plaintiff and claimed that the dog ran outside of the fence and scared the colt which McStay was driving. S. W. Smith and A. and S. H. Perry, the attorneys for the defense showed that the dog stood in the yard, and further that the colt which McStay was driving had been scared by dogs before, this not being the colt's first escapade.

The jury in its verdict found in favor of the defendant, whether or not the dog went outside of the yard. After three hours deliberation, they decided that the dog didn't get outside of the yard and therefore rendered a verdict of no cause for action—Oakland Co. Post.

## CONUNDRUM.

ANSWER—A dog lie. —ANNETTE.

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R. H. Traver,

DETROIT, MICH.

## PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

An Interesting Account of the Convention by Mrs. M. T. Marsh.

Winona Assembly Grounds, Eagle Lake, Wis., May 24, 1897.

It gives me pleasure to see the advances in all respects in your welcome home paper. It is with deep interest we note the change and changes from week to week. The church and school matters are full of interest, showing their molding influence for good. Surely no school can be forced in to mar the peace and prosperity of the hitherto Christian, moral settlements of our beautiful village.

I have become interested in many of the prisoners in the jail here. A few weeks since, one, an intelligent man, asked me timidly if I could somehow get him a suit of clothes so as to look respectable and try to get him presentable to and apply for music scholars and pianos to tone. He was a man about 40 years of age. I asked how he came to be in this condition. "Strong drink has ruined me, I broke the heart of my wife ten years since," etc. He gave me a letter to read which was from his brother, with a view of obtaining and trying to get him presentable to and apply for music scholars and pianos to tone. He was a man about 40 years of age. I asked how he came to be in this condition. "Strong drink has ruined me, I broke the heart of my wife ten years since," etc. He gave me a letter to read which was from his brother, with a view of obtaining and trying to get him presentable to and apply for music scholars and pianos to tone.

I succeeded in getting him a suit from a gentleman who had outgrown them. Yes, said, the result was that he sold the coat (though it was showing) for whiskey, then begged for a poor old one, yet he first did some instrumental, and he and I did the entire song of the grounds. The place is supplied with fine water from numerous springs out of the bluff. One of these is named "Warfield Spring" and is the property of the late Mrs. Warfield. The place is supplied with fine water from numerous springs out of the bluff. One of these is named "Warfield Spring" and is the property of the late Mrs. Warfield.

It is claimed that the General Assembly has saved fifteen thousand dollars by meeting in this central place and taking advantage of the Chautauque summer school rates.

The weather has been very cold yesterday morning we were told that ice was found on the north windows. It is much warmer today and we hope the cold wave has passed by. The General Assembly will probably adjourn May 31.

M. T. MARSH.

## FOR SALE CHEAP.

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