BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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

TWENTIETH YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1897. NO. 20. WHOLE NO. 1010.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.
IN EFFECT
August 16, 1897.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:40 a. m.
†Mail	12:14 p. m.
†Steamboat Express	4:30 p. m.
†Suburban	6:20 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:12 p. m.

EASTWARD.

*Chicago Express	6:20 a. m.
†Suburban	7:18 a. m.
†Steamboat Express	11:07 a. m.
†Mail	3:10 p. m.
*Evening Express	8:30 p. m.

E. H. HUGHES, Asst. 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. Frgt Nos. 5	Pass. Nos. 3	Mx'd No. 1	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH Mx'd No. 2	Pass. No. 4	Frgt No. 6
A.M.	P. M. 4 00	A.M. 6 55	D. G. H. & M. Mich Cent.	P. M. 9 25	A. M. 11 50	A.M.
P. 40 10 05 10 5) 7 10 p. m.	5 15 8 00 9 15 9 25 p. m.	10 1 00	PONTIAC, Oxford Caseville Ar. Lv.	8 05 7 10 7 25 3 00 p. m.	10 40 10 05 6 45 a. m.	4 00 3 00 3 00 6 15 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.
W. C. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

THE CITY BAKERY

Is right in line with

Warm Meals,

Lunches, etc. at all hours.

We are still on deck with Home-made and other Bakery Supplies at usual prices.

Yours for trade,

Edith Hamlin,

Corner Meat Market

'Is the place you get the best cuts of all kinds of

Fresh and Salt Meats,

Fruits and Vegetables in season.

Parks & Son.

Eggs at Five Cents a Dozen

are cheap eggs—but you don't want any of them for breakfast. Same thing in PLANS, you don't want worthless ones at any price. Write or consult

Clarence L. Cowles,
Architect,
21 and 22 Chase Block,
Saginaw, E. S., Mich.
Phone { Office 547—3 R. Residence 408.

Start the Babies Right in Life

With Goings celebrated Baby Shoes, noted for their ease, style and low prices. Why are we able to excel in this line?

BECAUSE

Our immense purchases enable us to dictate price, quality and style to the manufacturer. Our latest arrival for the babies:

Infants' assorted color Moccasins, size 1 to 4 ..... 25c
" soft sole " " 1 to 4 ..... 40c
" chocolate turn sole button " 2 to 6 (note large size at price) 50c
" Dongola patent tip turn sole button, size 2 to 6 (note the large size at price) 50c
" light Kangaroo calf button, turn sole (outside counter reinforces wear at heels) sizes 2 to 6 ..... 50c
Any of the above styles with spring heels, sizes 4 to 8 ..... 75c
Many other styles. Ask to see them.
25c buys best Women's Rubber you ever saw for the price, wide or pointed toes, not first quality.
30c buys Women's Storm Rubber like above.

LARGEST STOCK OF RUBBERS IN THE COUNTY.

GOING'S GREAT CORNER SHOE HOUSE,
Corner Saginaw and Lawrence Sts, Pontiac. Mich.

LOOK

At this month's bargains!

We offer in order to close out:

Ladies' Shirt Waists at 25c each, was formerly sold for 50c, 75c and $1.00.

One lot Men's Outing Flannel Shirts at 35c each was sold for 50c.

One lot Fall Outing Flannels at 5c per yard.

One lot Ladies' Oxfords at 75c was $1.00 and $1.25.

One lot Outing Flannels at 8c, was 10c per yard.

Our New Fall Stock

Is beginning to arrive and can show good values and lowest cash prices in town.

F. BLAKESLEE,
Birmingham, - - Mich.

By Special Request

Of many Patients and Friends

G. SAMTER, M. D.,

Specialist in diseases of the Eye and Ear from Detroit, Mich., will visit Birmingham next

Monday, Sept. 20,

returning every week. Office at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

Hours from 10:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Cataracts removed and Cross Eyes straightened painless by the latest improved methods. All errors of refraction properly fitted with glasses.

Detroit Office: 574 Clinton Ave. Phone 3419.

N. B.—Orders may be left at above Drug Store.

The Taylor Wolfenden Co.,

GREAT RETAIL TRADE CENTER,

Woodward Ave. and State St. - Detroit, Mich.

Attractive Bargains in all Classes of Summer Goods

Dress Goods of all Kinds, Jackets, Shirt Waists, Underwear, Hosiery, all marked down to close out at once ane make way for Fall Goods.

POPULAR CORNER,
POPULAR STORE,
POPULAR GOODS,
POPULAR PRICES!

Every electric car for Birmingham passes our door. Do not fail to look through our stock before buying.

THE TAYLOR WOLFENDEN CO

EARLY PIONEER LIFE

Which was "No Dream," But a Vivid Reality.

Interesting Reminiscences in the Life of a Much Esteemed Southfield Pioneer, Mrs Olive Perkins, as Related by that Venerable Personage to a Representative of the Eccentric—Brief Description of Her Surroundings, etc.

Time hath indeed dealt gently with our well-known and much respected Southfield pioneer, Mrs. Olive Perkins, who, in a recent interview, very cheerfully gave us a few reminiscences of her early life which we are confident will be of interest to our many readers.

It seems almost impossible when looking at Mrs. Perkins, with her plump, well preserved figure, animated countenance and partially gray hair, to realize that she has reached her 90th milestone. She still possesses her faculties unimpaired, with the exception of partial deafness, has good health and a vigorous appet te, while her "memory is the staff of old age" and is marvelous indeed.

The subject of our sk tch was born in Meddon, Monroe County, N. Y., in 1809, and can distinctly remember incidents connected with the war of 1812, although she was only four years of age when the war broke out. One of the most important of these was the journey of Gen. Lafayette, accompanied by his son and secretary, in private carriages from Rochester to Canandaigua, N. Y. The roadside all along the line was thronged with people eagerly awaiting the approach of the important personages, and upon their arrival the marshal who attended the general and his party informed the spectators as to whom was Lafayette, his son and the secretary.

Mrs. Perkins came to Birmingham, then known as "Piety Hill," with her husband in 1830, there being only four other families residing here at that time. They remained in Piety Hill about one year, awaiting the clearing up of land and construction of the home which she still occupies in Southfield. It is no wonder that Birmingham base ball twirlers now beat the world, when we stop to consider that their ancestors were professionals away back in those days, and Mrs. Perkins informs us that nearly every Sunday the men would congregate either to witness or participate in the game, the ball grounds then being just south of where the National House now stands, or about on the ground now covered by Hagerman and Parks' stores. The women were "not in it" in those primitive days. As soon as their house was ready for occupancy Mr. and Mrs. Perkins went out into what was then a dense wilderness and took possession of their new quarters. Their most immediate neighbors were bears, which passed in companies of three or four, within as many rods of the house daily. However, young bears were considered excellent meat then, and with the addition of venison, wild turkeys and other game, people did not suffer for it. In speaking of the times the old lady said it was hard to get hold of 25 cents in those days than $25 now, as it then cost 25 cents to send a letter and the postal service refused to accept "wild cat" money people were often obliged to let letters remain in the postoffice for weeks before they could obtain the needed coppers or silver. She also said, "in those days girls had to spin, weave, make butter and cheese and do lots of other hard work, cows were not afraid of a woman either." She then related her own experience in the above named arts, in addition to which she was a tailoress.

Mrs. Perkins' accounts of the Whig mass meetings so much in vogue then were very interesting. She was in attendance upon the first one held in Detroit in 1840, at the time when William Henry Harrison was running for president. On this occasion, as was customary with the times, a log cabin, 20 feet in length was placed on wheels and drawn by oxen, said cabin containing a huge Johnny cake, about 20 feet in length. There were steps leading up to the cabin and each person was supposed to enter, partake of a small fragment of "Johnny" (which did not taste as good as it looked) and return to the ground to enjoy it. They also tapped a barrel of cider which was passed around in a hat when facilities to drink from were minus quantity. The means of transportation from here to Detroit at that time was by "open car," which very much resembled a large hay rack, and was drawn by a horse. Said car was profusely decorated with banners emblematical of the party and was run on a track just where the D. & M. R. R. is now laid. The passengers made the air ring with their merry Whig songs. Mr. Perkins and a neighbor, Mr. Castle, together constructed a small cabin on wheels which they conveyed to a mass meeting at Royal Oak by means of four oxen. The old lady related an amusing incident connected with a whig mass meeting in Ohio. One lady seeing a load of whigs coming ran into a neighbor's house, exclaiming, "come out and see the whig delegation coming down the road." The neighbor followed her to the street and as the party approached she saluted them as follows: "By the Mighty God, if I had the power I'd scatter ye to the four ends of the airth." This greeting called forth a volley of cheers, which was too much for the good woman and she fled to the house and closed her doors.

The old pioneer has vivid recollections of Indians, having seen 500 at a time on their way to Detroit to receive their government gifts. She never had cause to fear them as they were very inoffensive.

The home of Mrs. Perkins contains many fine specimens of her handiwork, and she has been awarded six diplomas from the State Agricultural Society for different articles. During the Fremont campaign she carried the candidate's picture beautifully framed in shell work of her own production and received first premium at the State fair, amid the applause of the assemblage, showing their appreciation of the appropriate exhibit. Mrs. Perkins has received numerous premiums at the Pontiac fair, the amount at one time being $14 on floral exhibits alone. In her sitting room she is surrounded by the illustrious Washington, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, and others, nearly all of whom are enclosed in unique frames of her own design. There is also an immense pictorial medley, composed of engravings, many of them portraits of celebrated historical characters, which is indeed illustrative of the ingenuity and talent possessed by this worthy pioneer. Her centre table contains a relic of antiquity in book form, entitled "Military Biographies of the Officers of the Revolution," published in 1825.

Mrs. Perkins' grandfather was one of Gen. Wolfe's soldiers who scaled the heights at the time Quebec was captured by the English. Her father also enlisted in the Revolutionary war, but owing to his extreme youth did not enter service as it terminated so soon.

Gray hairs do not seem to abound with Grandma Perkins or her immediate relatives, as one of her sisters died at the advanced age of 81 year with scarcely a perceptible gray lock. Her husband died about six years ago. Her only daughter lives near Grand Haven, besides which she has five grand-children, one of whom resides with her, and several great grandchildren.

Last week the old lady came to Birmingham and had two teeth extracted (she has never had any false teeth) she said they came so hard that she asked the dentist whether it were her head or her teeth. Were it not for being quite lame she could get out considerably, however, she is loyal to her church and attended services in the Birmingham Presbyterian church one week ago last Sunday.

To a person with Mrs. Perkins' intellectual taste it is a great disappointment to be deprived of reading, but owing to her failing sight, not having been blessed with second sight, she can only read by the aid of her glasses and a magnifying glass.

The dear old lady is very hospitable, and when we took our departure she accompanied us to the gate, where we bade her adieu, feeling that the interview had been both profitable and interesting. We sincerely hope the remainder of her life may be unclouded by sorrow or pain.

MILWAUKEE PAPER

Tells of a Former Birmingham School Teacher now of Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Frona Randall Houghan a Successful Woman.

Mrs. F. R. Houghan, one of the justly famed educators of the country, who could probably give the Milwaukee school board valuable points relative to conducting a most successful school without resorting to corporal punishment, arrived in Milwaukee last evening to visit friends in the city and to attend the convention of the National Educational Association. Mrs. Houghan is the guest of her former schoolmate, Mrs. L. C. Whitney, wife of the general agent of the F. & P. M., and a member of the school commission. She is the principal of the famous Gilpin school of Denver, known as the model school of Colorado, and is the woman that was offered the nomination on the republican state ticket several years ago, for superintendent of public instruction. This office she declined, for personal reasons, and the nomination was then given to Mrs. Peabody, a sister of ex-Gov. Upham, who was elected and served the term. Mrs. Houghan has at present twenty-two teachers under her supervision, and during her school experience, covering a period of 22 years, she has never found it necessary to whip a scholar. She has reasonable methods of bring obstreperous children to time without the use of the rod, and rarely has been compelled to resort to suspension or expulsion. She has long been known as the most successful teacher of Denver, and has more real friends among pupils than perhaps any other teacher in the Centennial state. Her methods of appealing to the offending pupil are peculiarly her own, and one little illustration may suffice to show how effectually her plans work.

Upon one occasion it was reported to Mrs. Houghan that two half-grown boys in schools under her charge had engaged in a fist-fight on the school premises. In due time Mrs. Houghan sent for the fighters and took them to her office. After questioning them and receiving their confession that they actually fought and that they were angry, she instructed them to get out in the middle of the floor and repeat the fight which had taken place on the grounds. "I want to see how two good-looking boys appear in a fight," she mildly explained by way of enforcing her instructions to repeat the fight for her personal benefit. The anger and high blood of the youthful contestants had completely subsided and cooled by this time, of course, and a fight under all the conditions imposed was entirely another thing, but they were required to do it for a brief period, in order that the teacher might fully demonstrate to their entire satisfaction how utterly unnecessary and absurd their previous engagement had been. When permitted to go they were the most thoroughly cured prize-fighters in the state of Colorado, and never forgot the lesson given them.

GETTING READY.

A Troy Farmer Getting Ready for Prosperity and High Price Wheat.

An experienced farmer man in Troy has sowed nine bushels of wheat on two acres. What do you tink of dat? He must be getting ready for $-wheat and wants lots of it—and he will have all he wants if it grows in proportion to how he sows.

Fine Fall Suits!

We have supplied our immense store with full lines of fall suits for men and boys. We get into the markets early going in person in order to take advantage of the quotations that ruled before the tariff on woollens became operative. The result was that we bought largely at low tariff prices all the high grade suitings that we expected to handle this season. We have secured several lines of men's suits ranging in price from $10 to $15 which we believe to be the best values in new goods to be found anywhere in Michigan. We can confidently assure our patrons that we are in position to serve them more acceptably than ever before. Our overcoats the newest of new styles are marked from $10 upwards. In the stock you will find all the staple materials made up in the latest style, and as we guarantee you a fit or no sale you must be convinced of the wisdom of trading with us. Our boys' suits we offer a rare value at $3.50 and an otherat $5 in all-wool goods made up in the latest style.

R. H. TRAVER

DETROIT, MICH.

OUR LOCAL HORSEMEN

The State Fair Meet a Disappointment—Only Two Purses Secured.

Last week the trotters and pacers in this vicinity all went to the State Fair for some of the purses, but it was not to be, because of the horses going lame and becoming stiffened from the car ride. Out of five present only two started and each got a bite of the prize money.

Will Trowbridge was on hand with his trotter, Peeler, but Peeler went lame and was not raced. Davenport Bros. with their pacer, Frank Wells, paced and got third money, which amounted to $45. Jake Hadley with his pacing mare, Sparkles, did not attemt to pace. Volney Nixon with pacer, James R. Cooper did not race because the car ride was too great for James R., who was so stiff from the ride that to try for a purse was not sensible. Will Hammond trotted Wilkes and captured fourth priz amounting to $30.

The boys and the ponies will all be at Ionia next week and we hope to be able to say thatteach and every one of them, ied the rest a merry chase.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending September 11, 1897:

Mrs. Albert Bigelow, W. D. Parkins, Arthur Groves, Jr., F. G. Hendricks, J. W. Hawkins.

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.)

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

MICH. TELEPHONE CO.

Makes a Great Reduction in Their Talking Rates—Local Towns in It.

The Michigan Telephone Co. have made big reductions in their rates for talking. You can now chat with friends in Detroit and Pontiac for only 10c at the postoffice. Better than that this Comyany have made the rates less by half and in many cases more than half from the telephone office at Whitehead & Mitchell's to the following adjacent towns: The rate now is only 10c to Sand Hill, Redford, Big Beaver, Franklin, Southfield. Better still the Michigan Telephone Co. will sell its coupons or toll tickets at the following discounts: $10, 5 per cent; $25, 10 per cent; $50, 15 per cent; $100 25 per cent.

These tickets will be receivable for toll service over this company's lines anywhere in the state. Leave your order at postoffice with Manager Geo. H. Mitchell who will supply all who want these toll tickets at the above discounts.

Communicated.

Some people hate to see a band in this town as was shown last Saturday night. One of its ex-members called at the band room while the boys were practicing, and after most of them had left, gobbled the snare drum claiming a share in it.

DO RE MI.

Say! at Whitehead & Mitchell's You Can Get

Celery Compound, per bottle ..... 50c.
Beef, Iron and Wine, per bottle ..... 50c.
Lambert Root Beer Ex., per bottle 10c

Hudson's—"THE BIG STORE"—Detroit.

We Guarantee

The Shoes to be First Quality —Strictly Up-to-Date.

We've told you about buying the entire stock of the Hollister-Platt Shoe Co., of Rochester, N. Y., amounting to $150,000. This firm manufactured exclusively for the wholesale trade. We bought the stock for less than cost of making. We divided the purchase among our various big stores: Cleveland, Buffalo, Toledo, Sandusky Lansing and keeping a big share for Detroit.

Now don't it stand to reason that we can give you better value than any other shoe house in this section. We tell you frankly it's only the "don't believes" that miss the bargains.

Men's $4 Shoes, hand-sewed calf, invisible cork sole	$2 47
Men's $3 50 Shoes for	1 98
Men's $4 00 Shoes for	1 73
Men's $2 50 Shoes for	1 47
Men's $1 50 Shoes for	98c
Ladies' $4.00 fine Vici Kid Shoes—hand welt and hand turned soles—very newest shape and toes	2 47
Ladies' $3 00 Kid Shoes for	1 97
Ladies' $2 50 Kid Shoes for	1 47
Ladies' $2.00 Kid Shoes) " 2 00 Oxfords)	98c
" 2 00 Slippers) Ladies' Dongola Slippers, opera toes	74c

For Infants.

Hand turned Vici Kid best 75c quality... 49c
Fine Kid Shoes with turned leather soles 39c

Equal values in Shoes for Boys and Girls.

Then we're selling a carload of Enamelled Granite Ware at less than half-price. Standard Tinware and Woodenware at half-price.

All values are steadily advancing. Early Buying means money saved. Buying at this "Big Store" means most money saved.

THE J. L. HUDSON CO.
Detroit, Mich.