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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT
January 19, 1898.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:40 a. m.
†Suburban	9:50 a. m.
†Mail	12:14 p. m.
†Grd Rapids Express	4:50 p. m.
†Suburban	6:20 p. m.
Chicago Express	9:12 p. m.
‡Night Express	11:05 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Chicago Express	6:20 a. m.
†Suburban	7:15 a. m.
†Detroit Express	11:07 a. m.
†Suburban	7:18 p. m.
†Mail	5:10 p. m.
†Evening Express	8:38 p. m.

E. H. HUGHES, Ag't, Chicago, Ill.
BEN FLETCHER, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit, Mich.
GEO. P. 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
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* 40	5 15	8 10	PONTIAC, Arr	8 05	10 40	4 00
10 05	6 00	8 52	Oxford Dp	7 10	10 06	2 00
10 20		9 15		7 25		3 05
7 10	9 25	1 00	Caseville	3 00	6 45	6 15
p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Ar. Lv.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.

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Men's Outing Flannel Gowns from.....$1.00 to 79c
" " " " .....75c to 59c
Ladies' " " " .....$1.00 to 79c
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" Fascinators.....75c, 50c, 35c to 59c, 39c 25c
One lot Ladies' Bustles at.....25, 40 and 50c
Ladies' Silk and Wool Mitts to.....50, 39, 25 and 19c
One lot Men's Shirts and Drawers to close at.....19c
One lot mounted Shades reduced to.....10c

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Yours truly

Whitehead & Mitchell.

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In January, 1887, we sold three of these ten year (general edition) Diaries: One to John H. Snow and one to Wm. Satterlee. That they again at the end of ten years recorder shows that it pays to have a record of all transactions. Mr. Snow knows of one instance where his book in court was worth hundreds of dollars. Shall we order one for you? J. H. Snow, W. S. Walker of the Joy farm, and Ed Miller use. Why not you? Ask John H. Snow all about it. Call and see one at

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SPECIAL SALE

OF

Children's Shoes!

New assortment on our Bargain Table, sizes from Children's 5 to Misses' 2. Two popular prices, 75c and $1.00. These are shoes selling regular at $1.00 and $1.75. The starting point is the golden opportunity for good fits and best bargains.

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

Make our store headquarters.
Cars stop on this corner.

BUILDING IN BIRMINGHAM.

Old Wooden Row will give Place to a Brick Block.

The appearance of the business portion of our village will undergo a great change within a short time. The long row of old buildings on the west side of Saginaw St. will be torn down, and on the site Frank Ford and Wm. Kirby will erect a handsome brick block. The old buildings have been used for various purposes during the last 70 years. The general outlook is that many residences will also be built the coming season. Careful inquiry among farm and village property owners shows that there has been a wonderful advance in village and outlying acreage values. Good farms, one, two and three miles from Birmingham that were held at $75 and $80 an acre two years ago, are now selling at from $100 to $150 per acre and even higher. The cause of this increase is the close proximity to Detroit into which Birmingham has been brought by the electric line with its low rate, and the meeting of that fare by the steam railroad and more trains on the latter. Many Detroit people now live here and in the vicinity, and the number is increasing continually.

An Electrical Phenomena.

A young machinist and electrician called at the home of Cole Brush last Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock. The young man was quite thinly clad, and as it was understood that he came to stay Con. out of pity, tried to fit him out with a suit of his clothes, but they were all too big. Dr. Shaw, as master of ceremonies, suggested that he be wrapped in a blanket, but a suitable suit was found and the young man seems quite contented. Weight 10 pounds. Mother and friends all doing well, especially Grandma Brush.

Unsuccessful Operation.

Appendicitis Causes the Death of Robt. G. Lord.

In less than a week's time from the date of his ailment, Robt. G. Lord died from an attack of appendicitis. An operation was decided upon, and Tuesday of this week Dr. McLean, of Detroit, performed the surgical operation that was hoped would save the life of the patient. Dr. McLean was assisted by Drs. N. T. Shaw, J. L. Campbell and C. M. Raynale, of Birmingham and Drs. Galbraith and McCarroll, of Pontiac. Deceased leaves a wife and one little girl. Insured in the K. O. T. M. for $1,000. Mr. Lord was manager of the Geo. N. Brady farm north of this village.

RIVER ROUGE MILL.

New One to Cut Hardwood Soon to be Erected.

A new hardwood lumber concern, to be located near the mouth of the River Rouge will shortly begin the construction of their mill. The projectors of the new business, W. B. Ewing & Son, expect to employ 30 men and have a daily output of 30,000 feet.

The boiler room of the plant is already completed and will stand close to the main building, which is to be a two-story structure with a 150-foot front on the Detroit river. Five carloads of building frames and construction material are already on the ground, and work on the mill will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.

The product of the mill will be principally dredge and ship timber. The new machinery will be able to turn out single sticks of timber up to a length of 65 feet. Mr. Ewing, who comes from Birmingham, Mich., stated that $25,000 is being invested in the enterprise.

Annual Election of W. C. T. U. Officers.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held Tuesday, February 8th, resulting in the election of the following officers:

President, Mrs. N. Waldo.
Vice Presidents—Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. McCracken, Mrs. Church and Mrs. Hunt.
Rec. Secretary—Mrs. McClellan.
Treasurer—Mrs. Taber.

A motion was made and carried that the dues of the Union for the coming year be reduced to $50. It was also decided to hold regular meetings every first and third Tuesday of each month.

There was a good attendance and the outlook for the coming year is hopeful.

Good Advice to Take.

Patronize home merchants and home industries, and thereby help the community in which you live. Supposing you meet with misfortune, and need help in a financial way, or otherwise, would you call on the merchant in some neighboring village for aid? We think not. Kill your own town and help some other is a very poor way to advance your interests and increase the price of your own property. Reflect: Which is the wiser way; advance your property a few hundred dollars by making your town thrifty or saving a cent on a pound of sugar or a bar of soap, and getting stuck for four or five cents on other articles. Profit has to come from some source, remember that.

Lester Coonley Dead.

Lester Coonley, whose serious illness was announced last week, died at his home in Pontiac, Monday afternoon, of congestion of the brain. For many years the deceased was a resident of Farmington, and was greatly respected by all who knew him. The funeral was held at Pontiac, Wednesday at two p. m.

Announcement.

What is the use of going to the Klondike when you've got a good field right here? A hair cut for 15c, shave for 10c, clip for 10c and if you take all a cigar thrown in, and no more credit.

Ladies' hair dressing free.

CHAS. R. HOFFMAN,
Tonsorial Artist.
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A FORMER BIRMINGHAM LADY DEAD.

We have the sad news of the death of Mrs. Henry Bickler, a former resident of our town, who died in Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, February 22, '98, of kidney trouble, age 42 years. She leaves a husband and two children.

Obituary.

Died February 16, 1898, at the family residence near Wing Lake, Caroline Durkee VanEvery, wife of James VanEvery and mother of Mrs. Minnie Ennis ere, Mrs. Nettie Higby and James VanEvery jr. Her age was 72 years, 7 months and 29 days.

The death of Mrs. VanEvery has cast a deep feeling of gloom over a large circle of her long friends and relatives. The deceased has been an invalid for years, owing to lung trouble, and during this long period she has been tenderly cared for by a devoted husband and children. Funeral service was held at the house at noon Sunday and was conducted by Rev. J. Beattie, and all that was mortal of Mrs. VanEvery was laid to rest amidst a profusion of fragrant flowers, which she had loved so well in life. In accordance with a wish of the deceased, the remains were deposited in a vault in Pontiac cemetery, which will be followed by interment in the family lot at Franklin.

THE STAGE.

AT THE LYCEUM.

If the worth of "McFadden's Row of Flats" is to be measured by the amount of laughter it creates at the Lyceum, then E. W. Townsend is one of America's leading playwrights. This gentleman, who is also responsible for "Chimmie Fadden," has not overburdened his skit with plot or dialogue, and when the action lags, a pair of yellow kids are rushed on whose antics set the ball rolling once more. A goat, three dummies, a brass band, a cannon fire cracker and a pair of trick stairs—an ancient and honorable device—have important allotments in the piece, assisted by a score of energetic comedians and half a score of short skirted maidens.

AT THE EMPIRE.

Short as her engagement is, Fanny Davenport's stay at the Empire, which began on Thursday night, will be none the less welcome to those who appreciate virile plays, handsomely mounted and interpreted with intelligence and skill. Thursday and Saturday nights Miss Davenport will be seen in the title part of Sardou's masterpiece, "La Tosca," which is a most elaborate work with a strange psychical and theatrical interest, frowded with various significant and effective movements. Friday night and Saturday matinee, "Fedora," another of Sardou's admirable plays.

AT WHITNEY'S.

The amusing child's play, "Peck's Bad Boy," has been 15 years on the stage. It is the current offering at Whitney's. Laughter is incessant during the performance. It is clean fun and the comedy proper is embellished with pleasing specialities, which are distributed liberally through the second and third act. Stella Lee, who is in the company, is an accomplished jig dancer and a favorite from the boxes to the gallery.

EPIDEMIC OF HOG CHOLERA.

Feared There May be One in Michigan This Summer.

State Sanitary Commissioner of Live Stock J. H. Brown, of Climax, was in Pontiac last week Tuesday investigating a peculiar case of lung disease in the swine of the Eastern Michigan Asylum. Dr. G. W. Murphy, state veterinarian, accompanied him and made a postmortem examination of several cases. A number of little pigs have died, but the older hogs seem to be immune from the disease. Small sections of the lungs and other portions infected will be sent to the bureau of animal industry at Washington for analysis. Swine plague and hog cholera does not seem to die out this winter, and both the commissioner and state verterinarian are fearful that Michigan will have an epidemic of these diseases next season.

Drove Off a Bridge.

A few nights since Fred and Herman Shoultz accidentally drove their cart off a bridge a mile east of Royal Oak, into a ditch full of slush ice. One held the horse's head above water while the other went for help. No one was injured. It was pitch dark.

Don't Want to be Cured.

"I see it has been decided that love is a disease."

"Then there must be a cure."

"Unquestionably. But it isn't known and probably never will be."

"Why not?"

"There's no incentive for any investigation in that line. You couldn't sell a pint of it in ten years. People don't want it. Instead of trying to find a cure they are lying awake nights trying to catch the disease. If you should get a room full of the germs most of the population would be fighting to see who could get it first.—Chicago Post.

When you can buy the Best for the same price the inferior costs, why not have the Best. Takes quality to carry the "Traver" label.

THINK IT OVER---

Look at it from every side—talk it over—there is but one conclusion—it pays to buy the best clothing. You have the pleasure of good appearance, the comfort of good fit, the economy in good wearing, durability. We sell always the BEST—and comparison shows our prices are not higher than others ask for ordinary clothing. Judge for yourself—you can tell quality when you see it. At present we are giving many extra bargains in winter weight clothing.

If you cannot come order by mail. There is no risk whatever, for if we do not please you return the goods and we return the money.

Another thing—make this store your stopping place when in the city.

R. H. TRAVER,

DETROIT, - MICH.

THE MAINE.

'Twas all in vain,
We launched the Maine,
A half ship great and grand.
Beneath the wave
She found a grave
All in a foreign land
Low in the deep
Her cannon sleep;
Those bullies of the main;
But soon the time
In that fair clime,
When they shall growl again.
Old Glory floats,
Above our boats,
Our guns are all in train;
See a nation wait,
With patience great,
Investigation's truth, Old Spain.
And should this show
You struck the blow—
God help you then, for once again
Blood red shot boom
Mid cannon's boom,
Your treachous sail, Old Spain.

G. A. BRUSH.

Birmingham, Mich., Feb. 21, 1898.

More Pensions.

Congressman Samuel W. Smith has been notified of a mother's pension allowed to Elizabeth Hanna, of $12 a month, dating from April 4, 1892, carrying $840 back pay; Myron B. Fuller, Pontiac, $6 a month, from August 19, 1897; Alva P. Ellers, Cohoctah, $6 a month from April 18, 1896.

New House for Sale.

A fine residence, situated on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets, will be completed about the first of June, the plans of which can be seen at my home. This property will be sold very cheap; merely cost of building. For terms, call at the home of

42tf M. E. HOBENSAY.

The Discovery of the Day

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to day stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

FUNNYGRAPHS.

Teacher—"But can you define bicycle?" Pupil—"Yes, I can. Suppose some one asked you what a bicycle is, what would you say?" Pupil—"I'd say, 'Don't you know what a bicycle is?'"—Puck.

"I have a doctor's certificate here that I cannot sing to-night," said the prima donna. "What?" roared the manager; "I'll give you a certificate that you never could sing."—Detroit Free Press.

De Short—"You notice, perhaps, that I have sold my gold watch, and now carry a silver one." Hardupp—"Yes, old man, it's only another proof of the old saw, 'Circumstances alter cases, you know.'"—Life.

"Could I sell you a Bible?" asked the agent. "I guess not," replied the real estate dealer. "You might try Heb hardbee in the next office. He has a sort of mania for rare books."—Indianapolis Journal.

"Now, just as soon as you are married," said the experienced husband, "the life insurance solicitors will be after you in droves." "In matrimony so dangerous as that?" asked the candidate for nuptial honors, with apprehension in his voice.—Detroit Free Press.

Security.—The tariff baron's chief retainer entered and bowed reverentially. "The monetary commission," the menial announced, "wishes your lordship to tell them what you would do with the government's unsecured currency." "First," replied the baron, promptly, "I would secure it; and after that it would be nobody's business what I did with it."—Puck.

A darkey was suing a railroad company for damages—caused by the killing of his cow. There was a strong suspicion that he had purposely driven the cow on the track. "Did you not drive the animal in front of the engine?" asked the lawyer for the road. "No, suh, I didn't!" "You'll swear you didn't?" "Yes, suh—ten times over." He won the case, but as he pocketed the check for his money some one overheard him say: "Dat was a narrow escape I had, I tell you; but I tell him de truth. It wusn't me what driv' de cow in front of de engine, but my brother-in-law—he de one done it! I mighty glad dat lawyer stop when he did, kase he wuz right in de family!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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GREAT WHITE SALE NOW ON.

Extraordinary Bargains! It pays to buy a six months' supply of these. Thousands of men are doing so. Values better than ever.

Men's Collars, 7c.
Five entirely new styles, the best standard shapes, 4-ply quality, guaranteed strictly first-class and to wear equal to any 25c collar made.
Fowne's celebrated $2.00 Kid Gloves.....$1.25
Men's fine Mocha glove $1.00 quality.....75c

Men's Cuffs, 12½c pair.
Two correct styles, Link and Straight Cuffs; 4-ply extra heavy quality, guaranteed strictly first-class, and to wear equal to any 40c cuffs made.

Men's Shirts.
Made specially for this "White Sale" by the best factory in the United States. The materials are splendid, the workmanship honest and unexcelled.
Men's unlaundered White Shirts; strong fine cotton, genuine linen bosoms and cuffs, reinforced shoulders and back, patent inserted sleeves, sold regularly for 75c.....37c
Regular $1.00 laundered White Shirts; unexcelled, perfect fitting, double stitched, patent facings, splendidly made.....50c
Regular $1.00 "Monarch" Fancy Bosom Shirts, with detached link cuffs—early buyers' bargains.....50c

Choice of any Ladies' Cloth Jacket in the house.....$3.50
Regular $1 "Pennant" Negligee Shirts, collars and cuffs attached.....50c

New Neckwear.
50c Neckwear, club ties, tecks, 4-in-hands, imperials, choice at 25c.
Elegant puffs, tecks, 4-in-hands worth 75c, $1 and $1.50, for.....50c
Good seamless 15c socks at.....8c
Heavy black or tan cotton socks 10c

Night Shirts.
Langdon Muslin Night Shirts fancy embroidered wash silk fronts, regular 75c quality.....50c
Extra fine Satken Nightgowns, handsomely trimmed in white, pale blue and pink; exceptional value at.....$1.00

Handkerchiefs.
Big lot of 25c fancy borders at.....6c
26c Irpinette Handkerchiefs at 12½c
50c White Silk Handkerchiefs.....25c

Jewelry.
Triple plate collar buttons, worth 15c, now.....5c
Newest Stick Pins, worth 25c, at 10c
Rolled plate Link Cuff Buttons.....25c

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