



Think of it! Pontiac has a curling club.  
Miss Mabel Tomlinson Sundayed in Detroit.

Miss Carrie Harger visited Detroit friends over Sunday.  
Widow Bean had her hearing in Royal Oak last Tuesday.

Stuart and Edward Marsh spent Sunday with their parents.  
Such bargains in wraps at Waite Bros., Pontiac! Read ad.

WANTED—Girl for general household work. Ed. Montgomery.  
Will Crary has returned to St. Clair for medical treatment.

Dan McGaffey left Tuesday for a sojourn at his old home in Holly.

12° below zero Tuesday morning and many a water pipe went broke.  
MONEY TO LOAN—Address Mrs. V. H. Lee, 175 Field Ave., Detroit.

Simon Ainsley, of White Lake, died from an overdose of laudanum.  
Zimmerman Bros. & Alger, a new firm, succeed the Pontiac Hardware Co.

The merry jangle of sleigh bells are familiar sounds now a-days-and-nights.  
S. A. Pratt, of Pontiac, has an acetylene gas machine and it's a corker.

Lester Cooney, near Pontiac, is very low, being unconscious since Sunday.

John Bond of Pontiac are selling goods at one-half off. Think of it! See ad.

Miss Lulu Durkee is nursing Mrs. John Hagerman who is doing very nicely indeed.

Albert Simpson, of Groveland, was the guest of his brother, Frank, the past week.  
Pontiac is facilitating itself on three new factories being started at the county seat.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sexton, of Chilson, is spending this week with the Wilkinson family.

The children of Stanton Carr and Mrs. Kimball, scarlet fever patients, are about recovered.  
That old, old story of Mose and the Senator's wife has just struck Pontiac and Detroit.

Fights and chewing matches are getting to be so common that no one even expresses surprise.

The Milford Post, G. A. R., will have a new piano for their hall and there's music in the air sure.

Royal Blakeslee spent Sunday with his brother Bert, who is attending the Normal, at Ypsilanti.

Mrs. E. A. Parks, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is at last in a precarious condition.

Baggageman John Wulf is spending a week's vacation with relatives and friends in Groveland and Holly.

Jas. Wooster and family started for their home last Sunday evening, after an extended visit with relatives in this place.

The L. L. C. will meet with Mrs. Ellen Peabody next Monday evening. Study for the week is the third lesson in No. 4.

Kneipp Malt Coffee is often prescribed by the best physicians, especially for children. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

We are wondering if Tom Hanna slept out of doors Monday night in order to get used to the cold before going to the Klondike.

"Mystery—What caused John Hanna to remark to a young lady customer one evening recently that he wished he were a cat?"  
The Pontiac Gazette says competent men are needed for city officers. Why not insert an ad in the Eccentric if none are at hand?

Teachers, attention! The next teachers' examination will take place at Milford, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18th, 19th, and 19th.

Lost—A Galloway robe last Wednesday night between Birmingham and Skidmore's corners. Finder leave at Baum's barn and receive reward.  
August Wagner, a very competent farmer, has secured a five years' contract and will manage Mrs. E. A. Jones' Troy farm during that time.

Morg W. Rundel has decided to go west and grow up with the country. He will locate at Seattle, Wash., where with his energy, good business qualifications and ambitions will surely prosper. Our best wishes go with him.

Dr. Guillot, of Pontiac, had a lively 'ranaway.' No damage to anybody or anything but the cutter, which the doctor gave away on the spot.

Miss Bessie Reynolds, a school marm, of Thornville, near Oxford, has resigned, to be married. Mr. Sutton from the far west secured this one.

It is not generally known that we have some real genuing poetic talent in town, some of which we hope to have the privilege of publishing at an early date.

Frank W. Blair was in town calling on his many friends. He was called either by the sickness of Mrs. Edgar Fall, who, we are happy to say is better now.

Rev. Fr. Ryan, of St. Vincent de Paul church, Pontiac, has started for Los Angeles, Cal., for his health, which his host of friends at Pontiac earnestly hope he will win back.

We are sorry to hear that Ella Ferguson, formerly of this place, now of Alliance, Neb., has been quite sick with mumps fever. He is better at this writing, however.

A special meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the M. E. church on Tuesday, Feb. 8th. A full attendance is desired, as important business will be transacted.

A defective chimney caused a fire alarm to be sounded in Franklin Tuesday night, when it was found Herb Broughton's house was on fire. It was quickly put out with a small loss.

The Baptist Sunday school enjoyed a merry sleigh-ride last Thursday evening, stopping at Mr. Hamm's on the Robert Hanna farm, where they did ample justice to the bountiful repast prepared for them.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of southwestern Oakland county, lost only \$10 during 1896. This is the Company's 3rd annual report. There are 187 members and not an assessment since it was organized.

John Muirhead, of Orchard Lake last week at the midnight train met a very nice colored lady. He called at her home and found out afterwards that he was \$19 short and now John says "fan with a coat is every expensive."

Lt. M. O. Bigelow delivered a very interesting address to the pupils of the High School Wednesday of this week. Subject—"Life at West Point." Mort tells his story in a conversational style and it was most interesting indeed.

John Riley and Winfield Lockwood were tried in the Detroit police court last week for pocket picking. The victim, Mrs. Kate Fowler, of Pontiac, losing \$14 and her railroad ticket. Bail at \$500. Both men have their photos in the rogues' gallery.

Willie Anderson took his school mates out for a sleighride one night last week, and with horns, yells and singing and shouting the kids had a jolly good time, but next time, Willie, put a bunch of straw in the sled to sit upon—it's warmer and softer, you know.

Architect Clarence L. Cowles, of Saginaw, is preparing plans for a frame summer residence to be built at Pine Lake for L. B. Peabody, of this place. Also preparing plans for a two-story frame residence for J. A. Anderson to be built on north Third St., Saginaw.

Eastern Stars attention! The next regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Star Lodge will be held next Wednesday evening, Feb. 6th and a full attendance is requested. There will be work—two candidates are in sight. The gridiron is red hot and the goat hungry as a Klondiker.

On the first page may be found something of interest to the ladies. It is regarding Mrs. M. Kieley's skin food. This is something wonderful in its line and with the local agent calls upon you, give her a hearing. Be sure and read the notice entitled "To the Ladies of Birmingham."

"We are glad to hear that W. K. Owen, the enterprising business man of Pontiac, is able to be out again. He informs us that he will be pleased to welcome his old friends and many new ones at the old stand as usual. He has many things of interest to say to them all. Step in and see him.

There is a devil's hole near Holly, 40 rods long, 10 wide and 200 feet deep with steep sides so perpendicular that it is impossible to cultivate and strange to say it is nearly always dry. Skeletons have been found at the bottom and tradition says Indians once used this spot to confine their enemies.

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The "School Boys" will give a debate in the schoolhouse, Tuesday eve., Feb. 8th. Resolved: "That city life develops man more than life in the country." Affirmative—Watkins, Lawson, Newton; negative—Campbell, Janson, Lowe. Tickets 10 cents, three for 25 cents; proceeds to apply on piano fund.

Frank Briggs, of Royal Oak, wishes, through these columns, to express his sincere gratitude to the many friends who kindly presented him with a valuable cow last Saturday evening. Mr. Briggs had recently lost a fine cow and it was a joyful surprise to him, this kind expression of their esteem for the worthy gentleman.

At a revival meeting held last long ago when religious fervor was at a white heat and the "amens" and "glory hallelujahs" were loud and frequent, a well known business man of the community arose and said: "I voted for Bryan and if God will forgive me for that act I will never again make such a mistake." His apology was accepted.

Burt Western, of Southfield, was returning home one night recently with his jag on and drove into the River Rouge which was at its highest point. He remained in the buggy all night. His horse drowned and he was a cold looking stiff when found in the morning by Ed Wood, and should have been made to join his abused quadruped.

Last Friday evening Miss Lizzie Purdy was pleasantly "surprised" by about 50 of her young friends from this vicinity, Detroit and Royal Oak. The Purdy home was thrown wide open to the young people and a jolly time prevailed throughout the entire evening. Ask any one of the participants how they enjoyed the dainty repast.

An aspiring young lad of eight years of this town, in conversation with his mother, referring to the new buildings in course of erection on Maple avenue said: "How high is Mr. Ford going to make them?" His mother replied "Oh, I suppose two or three stories." The lad then said: "I hope he makes them as high as the Mabley building."

People move by cycles; if you doubt it ask the Mabley and Goodfellow Co., of Detroit, for they are the people to talk to every time and their "wheels" are not in their heads, either. Now is the time to purchase a wheel cheap and then when the "flowers bloom in the spring, tra-la," you will be ready to spring a new bike on the turf.

The last day of the "Deestrick Skool" will be the 4th of March, when lessons will be said, poems spoken, compositions read and pleasant dittys sung at the Opory Hous at early candlelight. Everybody go and see an old-fashioned skool teacher, trustees and all. It bein' the last day, Willie Wananmaker's ma is makin' a wreath of paper posies for a present to the teacher.

Are you aware that you can get six loaves of the best home-made bread in town for 25 cents at the City Bakery. It is also just the place to leave your order for plain or fancy cakes, in which only the best baking powder is used. There, too, you can get the nicest, most confectionery, fruits, nuts, etc., and save running about, and becoming exposed to the inclemency of the weather. Mrs. Ellenwood is always glad to see you.

Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. Wilson entertained the Rabbits Foot Pedic Club, Mrs. J. Allen Bigelow and Mrs. N. T. Shaw, in honor of her guests, Mrs. Dr. Wil-

son and daughter, of Wausau, Wis., and Mrs. Drans and son of Washington, Ohio. The prizes were won by Mrs. Thieron Smith and Mrs. A. Parks. A delicate repast was served in Mrs. Wilson's usual pleasant way and every one departed in a happy frame of mind, filled with good cheer.

Some of our smart alecks undertook to ran the school Wednesday of this week. Prof Waldo adjusted the kinks so quickly that some were still wondering how it happened and what was done. Prof. Waldo will have the backing of the board, the parents and the entire district in commanding order and seeing that proper respect and gentlemanly and ladylike manners be shown to all the teachers in the Birmingham Union school, whether in or out of school.

Peter Cooper, who died worth many millions, had great faith in the efficacy of printer's ink. Here is what he said of newspapers: "In all towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, if nothing more than a card stating his name and the business he is in. It does not only pay the advertiser, but it lets people at a distance know the town in which you reside is a prosperous country of business men. As the seed is sown so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign if you expect to do business."

The Watkins farm had a joyful gathering last week when J. H. Myers, the efficient manager of this noted stock farm, celebrated his 37th birthday anniversary. Among those present were Ed Langie, who also had a birthday, too, to celebrate, Geo. Prince and family, W. A. Newman and family and the family of Mr. Marble were all in. Mr. Myers set up an oyster supper and all had a happy time.

Tom L. Hanna is saying "good bye" and getting his things together and expects to leave with a party for the Klondike country one week from today. He has had numerous presents from his many friends of articles useful in cold countries, big fur coats, wool blankets, etc. He goes over the Canadian Pacific to Seattle and thence to Skagway and then off for Dawson City. Never a better man ever left Birmingham and we hope he will realize his fondest wishes and come home a wonderful rich man in yellow nuggets.

Do, ra, me, fa, sol, la, si, do, all sing. Estelle Whyte Lawrence, of Detroit, a pupil of the Mehan school of voice culture, has started a class in our city. She has six pupils and can be seen at Miss Oleana Doty's every Wednesday at 6 o'clock by those who wish to take lessons. Miss Minnie Hunt will also furnish information concerning this lady who is a first class teacher and comes with the very highest recommendations as to necessary qualifications to impart her knowledge to others.

The February business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church will be held at the home of the president Miss Alice Marsh, Friday evening, February 11th, at 7:30 o'clock. After the transaction of necessary business, a parlor conference will be held, Fred J. Mason, ex-president of the First District Union, and C. R. Cook, who now holds the office, will present with other Detroit Endeavor friends, and will take part in this informal conference. As this meeting is sure to be one of unusual interest, it is greatly hoped that every member of the Society will be present.



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Hon. Sam'l W. Smith, our little giant congressman, is putting up a good fight against the proposed reduction in postal service, which would greatly hamper many offices in Samuel's district. After receiving five or six letters from postmasters in his district, Smith tackled Chairman Lohd, the Californian, who is a bear to meet at any time Sam'l got the marble heart and frosty mit combined at once, but nothing daunted, he made his grievance so strong that Mr. Lohd had to come off from his perch, and Congress, man Sam'l promises that no stone will be left unturned by him to keep good the present efficient mail service in his district.

Oakland County Teachers' Association.

The next regular meeting of the Oakland County Teachers' Association will be held at Pontiac, Feb. 12. A delightful program is offered and just think of it, the teachers are to be banqueted. Plates are laid for one hundred and every teacher with a progressive spirit will not fail to be seen there enjoying the "feast of reason and flow of soul." Prof. E. F. Waldo of our school is president of the Association.

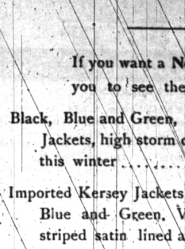
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## Josh W. Bird,

Pontiac, Mich.

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