# THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.**

**DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.**

**TIME TABLE.**

IN EFFECT

**January 19, 1898.**

WESTWARD

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| †Morning Express | 7:40 a. m. |
| †Suburban | 9:20 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 | 11:55 p. m. |

EASTWARD

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| Chicago Express | 6:20 a. m. |
| †Suburban | 7:18 a. m. |
| †Detroit Express | 11:05 a. m. |
| †Suburban | 1:18 p. 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. Fr'gt Pass. No. 5 | Mx'd No. 3 | Mx'd No. 1 | Stations. | Going South. Mx'd Pass. No. 2 | Fr'gt No. 4 | Mx'd No. 6 |
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| A.M. | P. M. | A.M. | | P.M. | A. M. | A.M. |
| | 4 05 | 6 55 | D., G. H. & M. Mich Cent. | 9 25 | 11 50 | |
| 8 40 | 5 15 | 8 10 | PONTIAC | 8 05 | 10 40 | 4 00 |
| 10 05 | 6 00 | 8 55 | Oxford | 7 10 | 10 05 | 2 00 |
| 10 50 | | 9 15 | Oxford | 7 25 | | 3 00 |
| 7 00 | 5 25 | 1 00 | Caseville | 3 00 | 6 45 | 5 15 |
| p. m. | p. m. | p. m. | Ar. Lv. | 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 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.


Here we are again for first-class meals, served at all hours at the

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Oyster Stews, Sandwiches, Coffee, etc. Best home made Bread in town is made here; and 6 loaves for 25c; 3 dozen Cookies for 25c. Give us your orders for plain and fancy cakes all the way from 10c up. Nothing but the best Baking Powder used.

**Candies, Nuts, Dates, Figs,**

Oranges, Lemons and the celebrated U. S. Baking Co.'s Fancy Crackers sold here. Trading Stamps given for all cash purchases. All that haven't a stamp book, please ask for one.

**C. ELLENWOOD.**

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**Got the Right Chicken by the Neck.**

Everything to suit our customers, both in quality and prices. It will make your mouth water to visit our place and examine for yourself. Everyone wants to live well and nothing to hinder them if they will deal with us.

**Parks & Son.**

***Advice***

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***Allopathy Doses***

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employ a physician.
When you go to law,
employ an attorney.
When you build,
employ an architect.

**Clarence L. Cowles,**

**Architect,**

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# WALL PAPER! WALL PAPER!

**At 2 cents per roll up.**

**Borders 1 cent per yard up.**

Fine new line of House Decorations on which we can save you money.

**Shades mounted from 10c up.**

New line of Men's Soft Bosom Shirts at **50c**; best line of Work Shirts from **25c to 50c**; Overalls and Jackets at **50c and 75.**

The above lines are all Fresh, Clean New Goods.

# F. BLAKESLEE,

*Birmingham, - - Michigan.*

# A Shirt Tale!

To be STRICTLY in it you must indulge in Colored Shirts this season.

**WE ARE BOUND**

To be strictly in it and for this reason we bought an unusual large line of Shirts in Negligee and Starched bosoms, made up in Frech Percales and Madras Cloth.

Our Fancy Bosoms with cuffs to match at 50c and $1 are the correct thing, in all the popular shades and sizes. They are well made, good fitters and sure to give satisfaction.

We also have the Negligee in all the leading colors with collars to match at 50c.

Our line of White Dress Laundered Shirts at 50c, 75c, $1 and $1.25 are of excellent quality and workmanship, and our 50c unlaundered shirt is the best on earth—body of Wamsutia muslin, linen bosom, reinforced back and guaranteed to fit as well as a made-to-order.

In short we have the finest line in Oakland County and at prices satisfactory to all. We lead—others follow.

# F. W. Burch & Co.,

THE UP-TO-DATE CLOTHIERS, - PONTIAC, MICH.

# Be a Crank

AND

# Get a Camera!

**Whitehead & Mitchell** have put in for sale at popular prices the

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| Celebrated Vive Camera for | $ 5.00 |
| Cyclone Camera for | $ 6.00 |
| Premo D Camera for | $10.00 |

We have all the accessories that you will need to take the the picture, develop it, print it, tone it, mount it and give to your friend. We can sell you a complete outfit, everything you will need for **$6.50.** Can you beat it?

**IT'S THE CAPER! GET IN THE SWIM AND BE A FIEND!**

Never so cheap as now. Buy a camera and we will give you all the instructions needed to teach you the art.

# WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.


## OUR TOM TALKS.

**An Interesting Letter From Our Klondike Boys.**

**Containing a Graphic Description of a "Life on the Ocean Wave" on Board the Steamer Cleveland.**

10 a. m. Thursday, March 3, '98.

On board Steamer Cleveland in Strait between Vancouver Island and B. C., Mainland.

DEAR SISTER:—I am in excellent health and good spirits. We left Seattle at 5:10 p. m. last Thursday. Have had a lovely trip thus far. No rough weather at all. It rained yesterday p. m.; is cooler this a. m., but not cold. The weather has been very warm and pleasant since we left home. Our boys are all well and enjoying themselves, no sickness of any account aboard, among about 194 Klondikers. We have about 10 dogs aboard. I feel sorry for the poor things, they are chained in crates on the upper deck. They got more or less wet by the rain yesterday, and as the weather became considerably colder last night, they are suffering today.

Our boat is a good one well manned. Captain Hall is a rough but big-hearted man and understands his business, and attends to it, too. The first thing that made me think so was this. When about two hours out from Seattle last Tuesday afternoon, a dog jumped overboard; the captain gave orders to take a boat and get the dog, which his men did, dropping their work just where they were, the captain meanwhile using a few "cuss" words in order to make the men hurry. We were delayed, perhaps a half hour or more. But to return to our boat; she is what they call a whale back, about 270 feet long from prow to stern about 25 feet wide at widest part, steel clad and draws about 18 feet of water. So you see she is quite narrow for a boat of her length, but being so deep in the water she runs as smoothly and gallantly as the swan we saw at Lake Washington Park, Seattle. I am standing now and can write without much difficulty. She is properly speaking a freight boat, but is a combination now. There are upper and lower decks and hall. In stern end o lower deck are fitted up some state rooms and a dining room, especially for ladies, and for men who are fortunate enough to have a *lady* with him. Next is our dining room, about 30 feet long. The furniture is a swing table at one side, 20 or 25 feet long by about two feet wide, the proper height from the floor. Chairs are simply a place to stand, and the table furniture consists of tin and iron. You ought to see the rush and push for meals, which, by the way, are very good, plenty, consisting of beefsteak, roast beef, boiled beef and stew, pork chops, salmon and trout, cabbage, home-made bread with plenty of good butter, Johnny cake and sometimes pie and sweet cake, good Irish potatoes with jackets on, with bread or rice puddings for dinner and rolled oats for breakfast. There is plenty of food and they are very liberal with it.

Then comes our sleeping apartment, which I wish you could see, and which I will *try* to describe. It occupies all of the remaining part of the deck, except what is taken up by two or three gangways, engine room, wash stands, water barrels, etc. The bunks, and they are bunks indeed, are temporary affairs. They are double, three deep up the outsides and down the centre, of sufficient number to accommodate about 225 passengers. The beds are of canvas, stretched on poles, we furnishing our own bedding. It is lighted with a few lamps. This room is not only bedroom but all the other rooms of a house. We are like hens, when we sit we stand. Can you imagine my surprise when about 1 a. m., Tuesday, I took my baggage aboard and turned into my bunk? The place and the people there are some nice people. There are 15 or 20 from Michigan. The majority are Swedes and Norwegians.

2:30 p. m.—Still in Strait; not past Vancouver Island yet, which is about 300 miles long. The mountain scenery along both sides is simply grand. The mountains, covered with evergreen pines, extend from the water's edge upward for thousands of feet, some of them snow-capped with clouds resting on sides and top. The last place we stopped at was Victoria, B. C., a very nice little city. The boat stopped in order that we Klondikers might get our mileage license, of which most of us took advantage.

3:25 p. m.—We are now passing a little town called Led Bay; 20 or 30 houses with one little frame church. I am on upper deck, standing on a pile of match boxes forward of pilot house. Captain is joshing with passengers, one of whom he calls St. Nicholas. The next town we stop at will be Wrangle, Alaska, at which place I intend to mail this letter.

Thursday a. m.—This is a most beautiful day, lovely sunshine. We are in what is called Indian Channel, which is about one mile wide, deep blue water without a ripple except that made by boats, with pine covered and snow-capped mountains rising from the water's edge upward hundreds of feet. At 9 p. m we passed the wrecked Corona. A wrecking crew were there with lights at work.

Friday at 3 p. m.—Reached points of Alaska. 8 a. m.—Have passed three small towns, two of them are salmon cannery towns. It has been raining all the morning, I think it will clear off about noon.

Address all mail to Dawson City, B. C. Love and best regards to all.

Your brother, TOM.

DYEA, Alaska, March 9, '98.

DEAR SISTER.—Arrived here yesterday at 10 a. m. Real well and in good spirits. Weigh 165 pounds. We are waiting till we get our goods from scow. Steamboat on which we came could not get nearer than three miles from town on account of high and low tides, so our goods have to be put on scow and brought rest of the way. Do not know when you will hear from me again. Will write as often as I can. Love to all. Your Brother, TOM.

P. S.—Please tell Geo. Mitchell I will write him after we cross the pass.

## $200.00 PER YEAR.

**Post Office Patrons Kick, Then Sam Kicks and Presto Change!**

**There You Have it, Box Rents Will Not be Raised Just Now.**

The row raised by the order from Washingtoe D. C., lately to Postmaster Mitchell that Box rents should be raised 10 cents each per quarter, beginning April 1st, had hardly been announced before kicks began to be filed with our village postmaster, and he in turn made known his troubles to Congressman Samuel W. Smith, who forthwith called on the Postmaster General and, well, we guess he used his hypnotic eye on the P. M. Gen'l and had the order suspended. Our Sam practices what he preaches, economy in every department. 'Rah for Sam. We heard a voter of this town, who had just finished reading the worthy Sixth's speech on Economics say, "O would we had a full House and Senace of just such men for four years."

### Village Improvement.

The State Horticultural Society are making an effort to have Village Improvement Societies formed in every town, and a special effort has been made in Oakland Co. with a view to having these societies work together for the general good. Could this work be started in every little town and in every country community, how soon could we make old Oakland the banner county in the state.

There are eight papers published in Oakland Co.; will each one of these take up this subject and urge on any work that will improve surroundings in any way! Let us have our streets and roadside shaded by trees and ornamented by shrubs. Let each one work for his own home, be it town or country.

The regular annual meeting of the Village Improvement Society was held at the home of Mrs. E. F. Peabody, last Saturday. Many plans for village improvement were discussed, some of which will be put into oporation in the near future. The village Board recevied much praise for the good condition of cross walks during the winter. The balance in the treasury was sufficient to warrant plans for a season's work, details of which will be given next week.


### Specialties at Nixon's.

Easter eggs at Nixon's.

One lot Men's Hats at 25 and 50 cts. Would be good value at 50c. and $1.00. at Nixon's.

A new lot Men's Collars and Ties direct from the manufacturers, at Nixon's.

The best line of Men's fine and working Shirts in Birmingham at rock bottom prices at Nixon's.

Men's and Misses Hose at 5 cents per pair at Nixon's.

Good Raisins 5cts per lb. at Nixon's.

Ten bars Queen Anne Soap for 27cts. This is for cash only, at Nixon's.

Corn Starch 5cts a lb at Nixon's.

The best 25ct. Tea in Birmingham at Nixon's.

Twenty-five ounces I. C. Baking Powder for 25c. at Nixon's.

Arbuckle Coffee at 10cts per lb. at Nixon's.

Lonsdale and Fruit Cotton at 8cts per yard at Nixon's.

I have the largest line of Men's, Ladies, and Misses' Hose in Birmingham at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 cts per pair at Nixon's.

In Pants and Overalls I can give you better value for your money than any house in Birmingham. Nixon.

In Boots and Shoes I can sell you better goods at a less price than any House in Birmingham selling jobbing goods, as I buy direct from the best shoe manufactories, such as Levi & Broxholme's, Rochester, N. Y.; J. Kelley, Rochester, N. Y.; Baldwin, McGraw & Co., Detroit; Snedicor & Hathaway, Detroit; F. H. Stevens & Co., Marblehead, Mass.; J. L. Porter, Beverley, Mass.; Hub Shoe Mf'g Co., Randolph, Mass.; Show & Goodwin Shoe Co., Springvale, Mass.; Blucher Mf'g Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; The Simon's Shoe Co., Toledo, Ohio. All of these people manufacture the best goods in the market and I sell them just as cheap as other people selling goods with leather board counter and inner soles. I warrant all my goods solid leather. To satisfy yourselves call and give me a trial. V. Nixon.

### Obituary.

The deceased Margaret E. Hunter, who died March 20, 1898, was the youngest and only surviving member of a family of ten. She was born October 4th, 1825, in Orange County, N. Y., from which state she came to Michigan in infancy. She lived with her parents near Square Lake until she was wedded to John Haines, at the age of 18, with whom she resided in Pontiac until his death, two years later. In 1851 she married Peter Sullivan, whom she has survived six years. They spent the past twenty-two years of their married life in Troy. Though she has lived in different portions of it, yet her entire life has been spent in Oakland County, and being past the age of 72, she had many recollections of the early settlement of this county and might have truthfully been called one of its earliest pioneers.

Soon after her second marriage both she and her husband united with the Presbyterian church in Pontiac, of which she was still a member at the time of her death. She had been in poor health for a number of years, but the past few months have been marked by great suffering, tho' she was very patient to the last. She was not heard to murmur because of her illness and said she was ready to go.

She leaves four children, one son, James, by the former, and two daughters, Mrs. John Allen, and Henrietta Sullivan and a son Cornelius, by the latter husband, all of whom have resided near her during her declining years, and who deeply mourn her loss.

She has long resided in the town of Troy and her friends will miss the pleasant smile and kindly greeting with which they were wont to be welcomed in her home, from which she was so soon away.

### EVERYBODY ATTEND

**The Cuban Mass Meeting at the Methodist Church Next Sunday Evening!**

The call for a Cuban meeting which was made in last week's Eccentric has been answered. We know the people of Birmingham are not selfish and will not consent to be a whit behind their neighbor towns in extending the glad hand of charity. We believe there are many in this village and vicinity who will liberally respond to the plea for relief in behalf of down-trodden Cuba.

Arrangements have been made for a general mass meeting of the citizens of Birmingham and the surrounding country, to be held in the Methodist church next Sunday evening, April 3, at seven o'clock. J. Allen Bigelow will preside, and a decidedly interesting program of music and speaking will be presented, but the most eloquent part of the service will be the offering in which everyone is invited to participate. Men and women bring your dollars, dimes, nickels and quarters—*let everyone give something.*

If you cannot attend the mass meeting, the Eccentric, or any of our merchants or pastors will gladly receive your contribution and see that it is placed with other subscriptions, in the hands of John Pound, Esq., of Pontiac, County Chairman, of the Cuban Relief Committee.


### Stock for Sale.

I have for sale two sows, each with litter of pigs in "A 1" condition, also 20 small pigs seven weeks old. Call or address Isaac Dawson, Troy, Mich. 4812

HUDSON'S—Shop by Mail—HUDSON'S.

# Tailor Made Suits

**For Ladies, Misses and Children**

Are all in now. You never saw a finer collection. Tight-fitting Suits, Box Coat Suits, Blouse Suits and Fly-front Suits, all prices, from $5 to $5.50.

**Strong Values in Separate Dress Skirts at** ..... $2.50, $2.98, $3.50 to 3.98

# Silks and Dress Goods Specials

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| About 1500 yds Figured and Stripe Taffeta Silks a bargain at | 79c yard |
| All short ends of Marsh stock of Millinery Velvets will be closed in Silk Dept. at choice | 25c each |
| 20 pieces 50-inch black Imperial Whip Cords, extra value at | 59c yard |
| 20 pieces 45-inch Bicycle Suitings, heavy and firm, bargain at | 50c yard |
| Complete assortment of colored and black all wool Moreens for underskirts, our price | 59c yard |

# Fitting Out the Boys

is made an easy task at the BIG STORE. The immense assortment of new Spring Goods—Suits, Top Coats, Reefers, Waists, etc., has never been surpassed. Everything that is good is here

**A Special Boys' Suit—Knee Pants—$2.50 to $10.**

Boys' Suits (to 15 yrs), all wool, blue and black cheviot, double breasted coats ... $2.00

## GRAND VALUES IN MEN'S FURNISHINGS

With new management and the arrival of Bright Spring Novelties our Furnishing Dept. is ready for the coming season.

**Mere Mention of Worthy New Goods:**

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| First arrival of new Easter Neckwear, military stripes, brilliant plaids and fashionable Beautiful weaves of silk. New Imperials, 4-in-hands, Teeks and Puffs, best at | 50c |
| Fine lisle thread Half Hose, in fancy plaids and Roman stripes, just arrived | 50c |
| New Sweaters—2-inch stripes, blue and orange, and black and orange, very swell | $2.00 |
| Black and tan cotton Half Hose, guaranteed stainless, extra high spliced heel and double 3 pairs for | 50c |

# Men's Hat Department.

The new blocks in Knox and Imperial Derbys are here.

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| The "Imperial" Stiff Hat—none better | $3.00 |
| Men's Pearl Fedoras | $1.50 up |
| Our "World Beaters" Stiff and Soft Hats in brown and black | $1.48 |

**A full line of Bicycle Caps—all the new shapes.**

THE J. L. HUDSON CO.

Detroit, Mich.

# Do You Wear Plow Shoes?

Going's are Always the Best.
Going's are Always the Cheapest.
Going Always has the Latest Improvements.

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| The celebrated high cut 2-buckle dirt excluder | $1.50 to $1.75 |
| " " 1-buckle dirt excluder | $1,50 to $2.50 |
| " " seamless creole congress | $1.00 to $1.70 |
| Cheap Boots—the best for the money in the county— | $2.00 to $2.50 |

**All Classes of Footwear at**

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