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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDIY, MAY 6, 1898. NO. 1. WHOLE NO. 1043.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.
DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.
TIME TABLE.
IN EFFECT
MAY 2, 1898.

WESTWARD

*Mornin' Express	7:42 a. m.
*Suburban	9:30 a. m.
*Mail	12:14 p. m.
*Gd Rapids Express	4:50 p. m.
Suburban	6:30 p. m.
*Evening Express	9:12 p. m.
Night Express	10:15 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Chicago Express	6:30 a. m.
Suburban	7:18 a. m.
*Detroit Express	11:07 a. m.
Suburban	1:18 p. m.
*Mail	3:39 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	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH Mix'd No. 2	Pass'r No. 4	Fr'gt No. 6
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.		P.M.	A.M.	A.M
	4 05	6 55	Dp. G. H. & M. Mich Cent. Ar	9 25	11 50	
• 40	5 10	8 10	PONTIAC,	8 05	10 40	4 00
10 05	6 00	8 50	Oxford	7 10	10 05	2 00
10 50	9 15	9 35	Dp	7 25		3,00
7 10	9 25	1 00	Ar Caseville Dp	3 00	6 45	6 15
p.m.	p.m.	p. m.	Ar.	v.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.

Our Soda Fountain

Is now running. Anyone wishing cream for parties we will furnish it for them. We keep all kinds of soft drinks. Meal tickets or board by the week. Ice Cream next Sunday at

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Watch out for our new signs soon. Dont forget the place,

ELLENWOOD'S RESTAURANT.

YOU WILL SMILE, TOO,

when you take home a parcel from our stock of Meats, Poultry, etc. Everything fresh and appetizing. The best the market affords, and we allow no one to undersell us. Ice delivered three times a week, for the season $5. $2.50 extra for putting it in refrigerator.

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When you are sick,
employ a physician.
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Saginaw, E. S., Mich.
Phone { Office 547--3 R. Residence 408.

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Borders 1 cent per yard up.

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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.

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We have large assortment that we wish to reduce and will give special inducements to do so.

BOYS' SUITS AT..... .....
1.50, 2, 2.50, 3, 3.50, 4, 4.50, 5, 5.50, 6, 6.50 and $ 7.00

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5.50, 6, 6.50, 7, 7.50, 8, 8.50, 9, and $10.00

200 pairs Boys' Knee Pants at from 10 to 20 per cent off from our regular prices.

A Souvenir Spoon of the U. S. Battleship "MAINE" with every suit.

F. W. Burch & Co.,

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

WE WANT YOUR TRADE!

We offer special inducements---
We carry as complete a stock of

DRY GOODS AND FURNISHINGS

As any House in Michigan.

We have an established reputation for choice selections in styles and qualities. We make the lowest possible prices. Electric cars from Birmingham stop in front of our store. We have special sales every week. Watch the daily papers and take advantage of them. Give us your custom and we will **guarantee** satisfaction.

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LADIES---

Our stock of Up-to-Date Footwear was never better.

$1.00 buys fine Button or Lace Shoe that will surprise you.
1.50 to 1.75 buys black, brown, all leather, vesting tops, button or lace Shoes, with good service.
2.00 to 2.25 buys all of these styles in finer material.
2.50 to 3.00 buys such goods as are usually sold for 50c more.

In fact our Spring Styles are made up from all the attractive styles to be found in the wholesale markets.

NOW ON SALE AT

Going's Corner Shoe House,

Pontiac, Michigan.

WAR!

Birmingham First in War, First in Peace and First in Everything.

A War Meeting will be Held on Our Streets Tomorrow, Saturday, Night.

Our people are patriotic—note the bunting about town. Nearly every store in our village has flag or flags unfurled to the breeze. It does not stop here, as private houses are also decorated, notably, the houses of Thos. A. Ward, Geo. H. Mitchell, A. Whitehead, E. C. Popplelon, Mrs. E. A. Crosby, H. Irving, Thos. Langley and many, many others. The spirit of war is rampant. A war meeting is to be held in the street in front of Doty's marble works if weather is pleasant, and General D. M. Doty with many others will make speeches and attend to other matters as expressed in the following

PREAMBLE.

Our government being at war with the fiendish Spaniards and recognizing that as true citizens of the United States we may be called upon to assist in defending the honor of our country and in freeing Cuba from despotism, it is our duty to prepare ourselves for serious duty.

Therefore, we the undersigned do sincerely promise that we will obey all reasonable orders of those in command over us as a volunteer squad and that we will so far as possible attend all drills as may be determined by the squad.

W. D. Clizbe,	David M. Doty,
Daniel McGaffey,	Howard King,
A. R. Parks,	E. P. Jarvis,
D. W. Bray,	Thomas H. Cobb,
S. D. Adams,	Louis Hood,
J. W. Fay,	R. Blakeslee,
C. Shadbolt,	Chas. Reynolds,
Geo. H. Mitchell,	Julian Leet,
Philip Schlaack,	W. E. Howland,
Frank Green,	E. J. Langle,
John N. Heth,	C. H. Carter,
A. L. Wilson,	W. Bray,
J. A. Casey,	G. M. Miller,
W. C. Aldrich,	Joseph Andrews.

The list is at A. R. Parks' store where those wishing to join are requested to call and sign.

RIGHT FROM DAWSON CITY.

James H. McNeil Who went from Birmingham Last Fall Writes to A. Whitehead.

After a Long Dangerous Trip He Reaches Dawson City---A Member of the Party Breaks His Leg and Suicides.

J. H. McNeil, who was foreman of the men who laid the rails of the Detroit & Pontiac Railway, and when the work was completed started for the gold fields of the Yukon, writes the following very interesting letter to us. His many friends will be pleased to learn of his welfare and trust that he will more than strike it rich before he leaves the North Pole.

Indian River on the Yukon River,
28 miles from Dawon City,
Nov. 15th. 1897.

TO A. WHITEHEAD:

DEAR SIR.—According to promise I shall drop you a few lines to let you know that I have arrived in the land of gold but have not as yet been able to get any of it, but have hopes of being able to get some before leaving this land. Our party arrived here all safe and sound on the 15th of October after a very hard trip as we had unfavorable winds on the lakes which necessitated our rowing most of the way. I shall try and give you an account of our trip so far:

We landed in Saaguay Bay on the afternoon of Sept. 22d on the steamer, Islander, from Victoria, but too late to get much of our freight ashore. On the following day we got our horses ashore, but not all of the freight as they had a very slow process of getting it ashore, having to fetch everything on lighters and row boats as there were no docks there then, but we managed to get all our stuff together on Sunday and then our troubles started as we found the Skaguay trail was in very bad shape and almost blocked and met several who had got out about 10 miles and lost their horses in the bog-holes. So we concluded to try the Chilcat Pass and loaded our horses on a scow that was going to Dyea that night and our supplies on three row boats and started out in a drizzling rain and very cold, but about two o'clock in the morning we arrived as far up the river or Lynn canal as we could go, and we had a great time looking in the dark among our things for a tent and a place to pitch it, but the boat we could do was to pile the hay up, put the tent over and then stretch our blankets and roll in for a short nap. We were up about five in the morning and after looking around for a few minutes found a few sticks with which we started a fire and got something to eat, after which we started to move and succeeded in getting up the trail about three miles with the most of the stuff, which proved to be the best part of it and we were congratulating ourselves that we would soon get over, but we were too soon as our hardships had not begun. Next day we had to cross the ferry for which they charged us about $6 a trip for which the quarter of a mile to get it over and pitch our tent. The next day it was raining but we were afraid of getting frozen, so we loaded up our horses and started to push up along the trail, but it proved a very hard day as the river was high and we had to ford it three or four times. We managed to wade across altho' the current almost carried us off our feet in several places and we had a great deal of trouble with the horses as they were not used to packing and none of us experts at that time in putting on a pack, which generally ranges from 200 to 300 pounds. We made about six miles and being unable to ford the river at the next place, unloaded and returned to camp. We were sorry that we fetched any horses as we could get Indians to pack all of our stuff across to Lake Linderman for 38 cents per pound, but seeing we had them we concluded to keep on packing thinking it would be the cheapest way.

The next day we loaded up four of the horses and made Sheep Camp up about 14 miles and the other two making a trip to where we unloaded the day before. We made a trip on the two days following and then came to the conclusion that we would have to get some one to help pack; so we had most of it packed for which we paid 14 cents a pound to Sheep Camp and we had everything there on Sept 4th. The next day we sold our horses and started men to pack our stuff from there over the summit to Crater Lake for which we had to pay 12 cents per pound, but we got everything over in a couple of days; then we had to be ferried over the lake for about two miles, for which they charged us 3½c a pound. Then there was another portage of three miles for which we paid 6c a pound and board, but packers being hard to get we had to do a great deal of it ourselves, and we got so we could walk along with pack ranging from 100 to 150 pounds apiece. We got everything to Long Lake on the 17th of September and on the 18th we moved our tent to Lake Linderman, but we had a good deal more work to get our supplies over as we had to pay 1½ cents a pound to get them across Long Lake and carry them across about 500 yards of a portage to Deep Lake which is about two miles and a similar charge of 1½ cents per pound is made. From the end of the lake to Lake Linderman is about 2½ miles and when we had our goods over we started to build our boats on which we floated on the 26th of September. The boats we made of cedar which we got in Victoria and were built in scow fashion and would carry about five tons on a foot draught, but we had to whip-saw the cross pieces in the woods. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 26th, having all our goods aboard we concluded to sail across the lake, but had to row all the way over, and most of the party being green at using the oars it was late at night when we got over and snowing hard.

The next day we spent in getting our boats through the rapids, which were very shallow and hard to get a boat through. It was here that Mathews lost his boat and supplies and had his leg broken and then committed suicide by shooting himself. He was a former sheriff of Seattle. On the following we sailed on Lake Bennett which is 26 miles long and we were four days making it, as we had a strong head wind all the time and had to lay up one day. We got into Lake Tagish on Oct. 3d and had a head wind the first day and part of the second, when it changed and gave us a fair wind and we put our sail up which was the first time we had it hoisted. We got to the Canadian custom house at the foot of the lake in the afternoon where we had to pass our goods, after which we sailed on down the river five miles to Mud or Marsh Lake and were about two days getting through it on account of wind; but that afternoon we struck the Lewes River or Fifty-Mile which it is called here. The current averages about 4½ miles an hour and it was quite a relief to be able to drop the oars and still keep moving. We were now approaching the White Horse rapids and canyon. The canyon is a place where the river suddenly narrows to a hundred feet from half a mile and the banks are very high and perpendicular and the current is about 12 miles an hour. We got there on the morning of Oct. 8th and after looking it over concluded to run it with our boat. The canyon is about ¾ of a mile and we were not very long going through it. Then follows the White Horse Rapids which are very dangerous and most of the boats lighten up, and some of the people going down even haul their loads overland around them, but we successfully navigated them with both boats and then we had a fine run of 27 miles of river, after which came Lake La Barge 31 miles in length. After getting through this lake we struck the river again with a current of five miles an hour; next we entered Five Finger rapids on the 14th but they do not amount to much as we had no trouble in running them. Six miles below is what they call the Rink rapids, but they are not very bad on the east side there being nothing more than a swift current. On the 15th we struck the Yukon River and Fort Selkirk which is a trading post of the Alaskan Commercial Co., from there to the Stewart River. The river is filled with bars and we got aground several times but no damage done, only a wet foot or two but the water was cold as the river was partly filled with floating ice. From there down the journey was uneventful, but the weather was getting colder and we got down before it froze up solid.

There are a great many people frozen in on their way down and they will hardly be able to get down before spring. There are about six or seven thousand people in this vicinity. Flour appears to be very scarce; we were offered $100 for a 50-pound sack but would not sell as we did not want to run short; meat sells from $1 to $1.50 per pound, that is fresh meat. There were a great many who had to go down to Fort Yukon for the winter as the boats on their last trip got stuck in the sandbars on account of low water. Candles are worth 50 cents each; meals at the hotel in Dawson, $5; wages $1.50 per hour; sugar 25c per pound; all other groceries are not for sale. We are living in a tent yet and will be for some time. The weather has been very cold being as low as 35° below zero, but we have been quite comfortable as yet by keeping the fire going all night and lots of wood to be had for the cutting. Provisions are plenty and we have enough to last us until next spring. Game is very scarce, only a few moose and caribou have been killed in this vicinity. Fish are plenty and we have been living on them for the last month. Dawson City is a place of about 1,000 inhabitants and is built on the Klondike River about 3 miles from where it empties into the Yukon. Claims are staked out for 20 miles up the Klondike and 10 miles up the Indian River. Claims are worth from $5,000 to $50,000 each. Wages are from $8 to $10 per day. Provisions are very high. Flour $100 per 100 pounds; bacon 75c per pound; sugar 25c per pound; potatoes $1 per pound; eggs $1 per dozen; butter $1 per pound; canned goods 50c per can; beans 50c per pound; coffee 50c per pound; tea $1 per pound; whiskey $10 per bottle; cigars 50c each; tobacco $1 per pound; canned milk 50c per can; canned fruit 50c per can; canned vegetables 50c per can; canned meats 50c per can; canned soups 50c per can; canned fish 50c per can; canned oysters 50c per can; canned clams 50c per can; canned lobster 50c per can; canned salmon 50c per can; canned sardines 50c per can; canned herring 50c per can; canned mackerel 50c per can; canned trout 50c per can; canned whitefish 50c per can; canned pickerel 50c per can; canned perch 50c per can; canned bass 50c per can; canned pike 50c per can; canned muskellunge 50c per can; canned pickerel 50c per can; canned perch 50c per can; canned bass 50c per can; canned pike 50c per can; canned muskellunge 50c per can.

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Made of all wool fabrics—neat gray check pattern. Inlaid collar of red trimmed with two rows of black and white soutache braid circling the neck. Sizes for boys 3 to 7 years.

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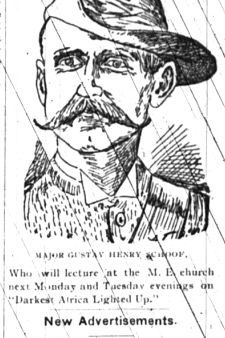
wants at least $1000 to make it in quick time and not bother with any horses but let the Indians pack him over to Lake Linderman where there are some boat builders and you can get a boat that will carry about 1500 pounds of provisions and three men for $500; that was the price when I came through. If they get to Dyea about the middle of February or March first they will have good sleighing and will be able to get over to the lakes easily.

There has not been a great many big finds here this summer—the Bonanza, Hunker and El Dorado standing pre-eminent yet. We started to do some prospecting but could not get down on account of water as it is not frozen so it, but it will be in a short time. The frost comes out about seven feet below that. I shall now close as I am afraid I shall weary you, and I will some time in the future give you a few more particulars of the country, as I believe we are to have a monthly mail for letters only. We have about seven hours daylight and the days are shortening rapidly. Give my best regards to everybody. Yours etc.,

J. H. McNEIL,
Dawson City, N. W. T.,
Canada



MAJOR GUSTAV HENRY SCHOOF,

Who will lecture at the M. E. church next Monday and Tuesday evenings on "Darkest Africa Lighted Up."

TAKE NOTICE.

The Board of Review for the village of Birmingham will meet at the Town Hall, in the above village, on May 17th at nine o'clock a. m., for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll for the above village.

Dated May 9th, 1898.

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL,
01w2 Village Clerk.

Kid Gloves Cleaned.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with Millers's Gloveine, for sale only by F. Birkeslee, headquarters for dressed and undressed kid gloves, in all the most desirable shades for street or evening wear. 7 29

New Advertisements.

Parks & Son, meat and poultry; J. L. Hudson, clothing; R. H. Traver, clothing; White Brok, Tailor-made Suits and Dress Goods; P. H. Struthers & Co., Dress Goods.

TAKE NOTICE.

The Board of Review for the township of Bloomfield will meet at the Town Hall, in Birmingham, Mich., according to law, on May 17th, at nine o'clock a. m., for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll, as will meet on May 23d at nine o'clock a. m., for the purpose of correcting the assessment roll for the above township.

Dated May 10, 1898.

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL,
01w2 Township Clerk.

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Men's Spring Suits at $8.75,

ALL WOOL SPRING SUITS and OVERCOATS, which can not be duplicated at any other house for less than $12.50, while most concerns ask $15. One Suit is made of a high-class, medium weight Serge (blue), so popular with business men, because looking so trim and natty, wear-resisting and non-fading. The assortment, however, embraces, besides Serges, all other stylish and desirable Woolens.

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Will consult his own interest by examining this $8.75 line. And, if it's a stylish Spring Overcoat, you're after so much the better, because the same line embraces thousands of as fashionable and graceful Top Coats as the most particular dresser could wish for. Of course we have Suits and Overcoats for less than $8.75, and also for more—have them from $5 to $25—and our finest clothing is the finest that can possibly be produced—but for unparalleled values, these goods at $8.75 rank at the front. Call and try on some of them. Seeing is believing.

Miles of New 39c and 50c Ribbons for 25c

We offer tomorrow and till all are sold, Pretty Ribbon Novelties such as you'd appreciate at 39c and 50c the regular value anywhere. Lovely No. 60 Taffeta and Gauze Fabrics, in plaids, stripes and checks. Double faced Satino, Satin Stripes and Gauze Effects, Your price..... **25C**

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