THE

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

Devoted to Our Own Locality--We Labor for Its Interests.

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1898. NO. 13. WHOLE NO. 1055.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT

JUNE 20, 1898.

WESTWARD

*Morning Express	7:42 a. m.
*Suburban	9:30 a. m.
*Mail	12:24 p. m.
*Grd Rapids Express	4:50 p. m.
Suburban	6:20 p. m.
*Chicago Express	9:22 p. m.
*Night Express	10:05 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Chicago Express	6:20 a. m.
*Suburban	7:18 a. m.
*Detroit Express	11:07 a. m.
*Suburban	1:13 p. m.
*Mail	2:35 p. m.
*Evening Express	8:33 p. m.

E. H. HUGHES, 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	Pass. No.3	Mx'd No.1	STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH. Mx'd No.2	Pass. No.4	Fr'gt No.6
A.M.	P. M.	A.M.		A.M.	P. M.	A.M.
	4 05	6 55	PONTIAC, G. H. & M. Mich Cent.	8 25	11 50	
8 40	5 15	8 10	PONTIAC,	8 05	10 40	4 00
10 05	6 00	8 55	Oxford Arr	7 10	10 05	2 00
10 50		9 15	Oxford Dp.	7 25		2 00
7 10	2 25	1 00	Caseville	3 00	6 45	6 15
p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Ar.	Lv. a. m.	p. m.	a. 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

ELLENWOOD'S RESTAURANT.

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

ELLENWOOD'S RESTAURANT.

A FLIRTATION

Is not always a substantial business proposition for, while flirting the dog gets the wurst. We believe in doing business in a strictly business way, and when you want anything in the way of Meats you will find us attending that business alone and will guarantee you perfect satisfaction. We have a good supply of our own make of sausages always on hand.

Parks & Son,

Cash Market.

Advice in Allopathy Doses

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

Clarence L. Cowles,

Architect,

21 and 22 Chase Block,

Saginaw, E. S., Mich.

Phone { Office 547—3 R. Residence 408.

Marked Down To Close Out.

One lot Ladies Shoes, sizes 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2, 4 and 4 1-2 from $3.00 to $1.50.

One lot Gents' Fine Shirts from 50c to 75c.

One lot Felt Shades at 10c.

One lot Opaque Shades at 25c.

One lot Ladies' Shirt Waists at 25c.

One lot Boys' Congress Shoes, sizes 3, 3 1-2 and 4, from $1.75 to 75.

One lot Men's Sewed Work Shoes at $1.25.

One lot Ladies' Oxfords, all sizes, from 1.50 to $1.00.

Yours for Bargains,

F. Blakeslee,

Birmingham, - Michigan.

Dewey at Manila.

It is said that Admiral Dewey is to be arrested for working his shell game on the Spanish Squadron!

We say WE DO, but DO WE? Certainly.

Regular Price $50.00.

Our Spot Cash Price $25.00.

We sell you a good all-round, fully guaranteed, first-class $50 bicycle for only $25. Best frame, best wheels, best tires, any color, lady's or gent's wheel, wood or nickle handle bars, for the insignificant sum of $25 spot cash. If you bring us an indorsed note that is approved you have the wheel just the same. We have contracted for fifty of these wheels. Regular price is $50, but by contracting to take this number of wheels in a certain time and paying for them as ordered, we get a heavy discount which we in turn give to our patrons

Step in and see this wheel---it's a winner.

Whitehead & Mitchell.

What to Wear and Where to Purchase

Are questions of interest especially to those who have families to be supplied. Please remember that we are

Headquarters for Dry Goods and Furnishings.

An immense stock to select from, the choicest styles and lowest prices.

Special Sales and Bargains in every Department

Electric cars from Birmingham stop in front of our store. Do not forget the Great Retail Trade Center.

The Taylor Woolfenden Co.,

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

Quarter=Off Sale

On all Gent's Color Shoes!

COMMENCING FRIDAY, JULY 29th, 1898

We shall close out our stock of Men's Russet and Chocolate Shoes on hand at that time at one-quarter-off from price.

COME EARLY FOR BEST SELECTION.

COME EARLY FOR YOUR SIZE.

COME EARLY FOR BEST BARGAINS.

ONLY FOR SPOT CASH!

Going's Corner Shoe House,

Pontiac, - - Mich.

EIGHTH STANDS GUARD.

One Cavalry Regiment Looks After Indians During the War.

From St Paul Dispatch.

The Eighth United States Cavalry is the only regiment of regulars left in the departments of Dakota and the Lakes, and it is kept in the West because it was regarded the best in the service to look after the various tribes of Indians and prevent their giving trouble.

It is scattered over a large territory and a number of the commissioned officers are doing duty at the front or at places where none of the troops are stationed.

Troops A, D, E and H are at Fort Meade, where the headquarters are located; Troop B, at Fort Washakie, Wyo.; Troop C, Fort Yates; Troop F, Fort Sill; Troop G, Fort Niobrara; Troop I, Fort Robinson.

Of the officers away from the regiment, Brig. Gen. John M. Bacon is commander of the departments of Dakota and the Lakes, and stationed in St. Paul; Major Cammilo C. C. Carr, member of the board of officers at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Maj. James N. Wheelan, attache of United States legation, The Hague, Holland; Capt. Wm. A. Shunk, major and chief engineer of United States volunteers; Lieut. DeRosey C. Cabell, lieutenant colonel, 21 Arkansas Infantry; Lieut. M. O. Bigelow, aid to Gen. Bacon and acting adjutant general, departments of Dakota and the Lakes; Capt. F. A. Goodwin, colonel 7th United States Volunteers; Capt. H. F. Kendall, with Oregon militia; Lieut. W. F. Flynn, at Leavenworth infantry and cavalry school; Lieut. J. C. Bryon and Lieut. Geo. T. Summerlin, aids to Brig. Gen. Schwan, United States volunteers; Lieut. Stephen L. H. Slocum, military attache United States legation at Lisbon, Portugal; Lieut. M. F. Steele, aide to Maj. Gen. Wheeler, United States volunteers; Lieut. A. M. Davis, aide to Brig. Gen. McKee, United States volunteers; Capt. A. G. Hammond, lieutenant colonel 1st Connecticut volunteers; Capt. James B. Hickey, military attache, United States legation at Lima, Peru; Lieut. E. W. Evans, major 1st Maryland volunteers; Lieut. J. T. Crabbs, A. Q. M. and A. C. S., army hospital ship, New York City.

Lieut. M. O. Bigelow, Eighth Cavalry, adjutant general of the Department of Dakota and the Lakes, has accepted the invitation of Chief Marshal McCardy to ride at the head of the parade on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new capitol. Lieut. Bigelow will be in full dress uniform of a cavalry officer.

Trading Stamps? Nit.

The day will arrive this week on which each merchant who is handling trading stamps will say to himself, "Will I continue another year or not?" In our opinion that should not be a hard question to answer. Business of all kinds should be done on its own merits without the least inducement other than the merchant's own business methods, including honesty, fair and square dealing with an honest profit compatible to an honest living. The trading stamp scheme has cost several of our merchants almost $100 each during the past year. It is wholely and solely in their hands to decide what's best to do.

Without wishing to cast the slightest reflection on any merchant, either here or elsewhere, it's our opinion that the public in some instances eventually pay the expense of the scheme themselves. Let Birmingham merchants wake up to a new order of things as regards their business management. The next scheme agent who comes along just politely show him the hole in the front of your store that the carpenter left. "Quit yourselves like men and above all things (in these times of war) stand."

Communicated.

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:

Please allow me a few words in answer to the letter in your last week's paper signed "A Bicycle Rider."

Our sidewalks should be safe for old people and children, and this cannot be so with wheels passing and repassing. It was an accident of this kind that caused our village board to pass the law against it, and certainly no rider for the sake of a few moments' sport, would chance the hours of suffering an accident might bring to some of our old people.

Every one of our streets should have a bicycle path at its side. Why not have a bee of bicycle riders, the men to make the paths on our main streets or wherever the way is bad and the women to furnish the dinner. An hour's work from each rider would do wonders and many who are riders would gladly help. I will be ready with hoe and shovel though not A RIDER.

A Recital in the Near Future.

Miss Eva M. Haynes will give a recital at the Baptist church, next Tuesday evening, August 2, commencing at 8 o'clock. Admission 10cts. Everybody invited. The following testimonial is complimentary of Miss Haynes' ability:

I take great pleasure in recommending Miss Eva Haynes as a reader and entertainer of exceptional ability. She is equally capable in readings requiring great dramatic strength, as in those presenting the extreme eccentricities o humor. She is always thorough and painstaking in all that she does, thus presenting finished artistic work. I think no audience could fail to be pleased and entertained in the highest degree by her efforts.

MILDRED A. BOLT,
Principal Detroit School of Expression.

AFTERMATH.

While we're waiting for the dawning
Of a happier, holier day,
And perchance the footsteps linger
Long upon the earthward way,
If we gather in the brightness
Glinting all along our path,
'Twill be beautiful—this waiting
For the glorious aftermath.

And if earth-worn hearts are humble,
And if Jesus leads the way;
Though the sunbeams pale and sicken
And the shadows all are grey;
There are still some blessings hidden
Close beside the loneliest path,
And a sweet-voiced welcome waiting
In the glorious aftermath.

—*THALIA WILKINSON,*
In Michigan Presbyterian.

A Trolley Party.

Last week Thursday evening about 30 of Detroit's young people gave a trolley party with Birmingham as its destination. It being known only to a few of our people, others were surprised and awe-stricken at the sight of the merry crowd.

On their arrival they took possession of the Library Hall, which had been opened for them as their headquarters. They brought along their own music, which consisted of stringed instruments, and dancing was indulged in.

At about 11 o'clock the dancing broke up and the party proceeded to the dining rooms of the National Hotel, where a dainty repast was served by the genial landlord, George E. Daines. After which the party departed for their Detroit homes with regrets that the time had passed away so quickly and good impressions of Birmingham hospitality. We must also mention the impression they gave our people of the quietness in their way of giving such a party, making no disturbance whatever. They left the town just as good as they found it.

These young people have organized a social club, of which "Cheer Up" is its name. The following members were represented:

Misses Matie West, Myrtle Diliger, Agnes and Kathleen Kelly, Blanche Rohmer, Susie Smith, Gertie Clark, Hattie Eilke, Gertie Miller, Maude and Clara Allen, Maude Owens, Marie Miller, and Messrs A. E. Beatty, B. W. Elden, E. A. Kinsella, B. T. Smith, F. H. H. Westphall, F. T. Crane, J. J. and J. Miller, F. W. Reame, F. E. VanKtta, F. C. Hitchcock, C. G. Bird, E. T. Martelle, W. T. Horne, D. E. Hoag.

Doings at Regal Elm.

There was a swarm of bees overhead and a good housewife in the village was drumming industriously upon a tin pan to bring them down. Lower and lower they came until they were within reach and then she dropped the pan and sprinkled water upon them again and again until she had them where she wanted them and they were suspended from a bough of a tree, clinging to one another and looking like a large bunch of grapes. But there was no one nigh to hive them, and hived they must be without delay. Just as the woman was getting anxious about the matter, she spied a German of her acquaintance on the village street, a man who was versed in bee culture, and ran out to meet him and ask him to help her out of the dilemma.

As she drew near she noticed that he was intoxicated. But that made no difference, the bees had to be hived. He readily assented and the hive being brought near went to work. Clumsily he began to detach the bees from the tree with his hands. The little insects seemed to understand his intention and, once started, readily entered the hive—but they did not remain there. They issued forth again and prepared to return to the tree. The drunken man tried to prevent them but in vain. All at once the swarm was upon him. The bees were thick in his hair and beard. He worked his arms like a windmill to fend them off but they clung to him. They covered his perspiring face and stung him wherever they could, while he stood stock-still and mumbled impotently over and over: "Bite me you little devils! Bite me you little devils!" And they did bite him and he was nearly dead when rescued at length by the woman who had called him to her aid. What a sight he was next morning! For a while the village lived in hopes that it would lose one of its soaks, but he pulled through. The strangest part of the story remains to be told. Not only did old John live to join in laughter occasioned by a recital of his mishap, but from that time on he was permanently cured of the rheumatism.

Old Martha Verandler was dead at last. After a quarter of a century she had died in the faith. Hers, the good priest said, had been indeed a model life. Hourly racked by pain she had yet believed in a God. She had departed this life in the month of roses, so even the aged and infirm attended the funeral, though the day was warm.

The day after the last rites somebody met Martha's daughter Anne, expressed his condolence, excused himself for being unavoidably absent from the funeral and inquired about the attendance. "Ah ze funeral," said Anne enthusiastically, "vat was grand; oet would have been magnificent if odeur of mozzer—what you call ze smell—not quite so strong."

H. E.

(To be continued.)

A Popular Low Rate 5 Day Excursion to Niagara Falls via the Grand Trunk Railway System.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will give a popular low rate 5 day excursion to Niagara Falls on Friday, July 29th from all points on its system in Michigan. Tickets will also be sold by its connections through the state. The rates are extremely low and special train service will be put on on that date on all its divisions, making special fast time to Niagara Falls. Tickets sold on the 29th of July as per programmes issued will be valid to return up to and including Wednesday, Aug 3d (leaving Niagara Falls not later than the night of Aug. 3d.)

This is a rare opportunity to visit the greatest natural wonder of the world, and also to have a view of the Grand Trunk single arch double track steel bridge across the Niagara River, the largest of its kind in the world.

For further information in regard to rates and train service inquire of Grand Trunk agents throughout the state, also agents of connecting lines or write to Ben Fletcher, Trav. Pass. Agt., Detroit.

Traver Quality never disappoints.

STRUCK BED=ROCK.

We are now selling Men's Clothing from our regular $10 and $12 lines at only $6.75 the suit. This means a positive loss to us, but it gives us ready money to take advantage of the fall markets. It helps up to sell goods that, if carried over may not be in style next year. It helps us keep things going in these dull months. We know greater values are not possible. If you can't come send order by mail, adding 25c to cover delivery.

R. H. TRAVER,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

SANTIAGO NOWHERE!

Dentist Johnston Pulls a Tooth for Charles H. Leach.

Chas. H. Leach came to town last Wednesday in a peaceful mood but with an aching "toot." He went to Dentist Johnston, took gas and then trouble opened up all along the line. A lady came running down stairs and said there was a crazy man up stairs. John M. Rainey and Cargill Young ran up stairs to the rescue. Charlie caught sight of John and after downing Dentist Johnston with a heavy iron cuspidor, by striking him in the "stummick," he took after Barber Rainey and Young. Down stairs went Rainey with his Nemesis after him, through the barber shop, down cellar, up stairs, round and round the meat market ran John, with Leach, who had grabbed a cleaver in one hand and a skinning knife in the other, a close second. Dr. Johnston had come to and was after Leach and the race was more than furious and dangerous. Just as Leach had John cornered Dan grabbed him around the body, pinioning his arms at his side. Ten men jumped in and run the struggling maniac under the water works, but he "came to" instantly and apologized to all. His tooth was out.

BIG BEAVER.

Mrs. August Schultz is on the sick list.

Miss Carrie Bingham spent Wednesday in Detroit.

It looks natural to see Henry Brunell around town again.

Will Ebling's house is having a new coat of paint. George Scott is doing the work.

Lemons for the Toilet.

"Lemons!" exclaimed a woman who believes in them religiously. "Why, I would not be without lemons a whole day for anything. I dose heard of a French woman who was considered the most beautiful woman of her time, and she attributed good looks to eating slight oranges a day for 365 days in the year. I'd be willing to gamble on it that lemons will do great good toward beautifying one, through and through, outside and in. Nothing in the world bleaches the skin, hands and face like a little diluted lemon juice applied at night, and, strange to say, unlike most bleaches it softens the complexion. Then the finest of manicure acids is made by dropping a teaspoonful of lemon juice into a cup of tepid water. This removes all stains from skin and nails, and loosens the cuticle naturally and much better than any sharp instrument. A dash of lemon juice in plain water is an excellent tooth wash, removing not only tartar, but sweetening the breath, and a teaspoonful of the juice in a small cup of black coffee will drive off a bilious headache before the sufferer can say caterpillar. Life would be very barren to me without lemons, and so it would be to any woman who knows the secret of their efficacy. Best of all, the juice of lemon taken with a teaspoonful of soda cooking soda, after each meal, will decrease the flesh."—Ex.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending July 23, 1898:

Clarence Brunett, G. Carpenter, Wm. Fowler, John Goth, Thomas Shanahan, H. T. Sackett, Arche Campbell.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

HUDSON'S--Shop by Mail--It Pays.

Phenomenal values and startling prices on everything needed for your summer comfort.

Men's Outing Goods

Negligee Shirts, Outing Shirts, Silk and Wool Shirts, Sweaters, Bike Hose, Belts, Straw Hats for Men and Boys, Bike Caps, Yacht Caps, Dewey Caps, Hammocks all kinds, Valises and Traveling Bags.

Headquarters for Hot Weather Wear for Men and Boys.

Summer Coats and Vests, Separate Coats, Wash Vests, Duck Suits and Pants. All kinds. All prices. The largest and best assortment of MEN'S BIKE SUITS in the state.

The main aisle of the Big Store is the place to get full value for every dollar invested in cool, comfortable Shirts and Underwear. We carry such a large and complete line that out-sizes and extra-sized garments can be obtained without trouble or delay.

Men's Negligee Shirts—choice of all our fine $2 and $2.50 qualities for $1.50

Men's Negligee Shirts—Just opened a splendid lot; new stylish patterns, A1 quality $1.00

Men's Negligee Shirts, the 50c kind collars and cuffs attached 39c

The best Quarter Balbriggan Underwear in town 25c

Summer Underwear, any weight you need, and exceedingly good values; Bonbon's celebrated French Balbriggan Underwear—no better made ..... 75c, $1 and $1.25

Balbriggan Underwear, pearl buttons, and Drawers with bicycle seats—special value 50c

Newest shapes and styles, all sizes, in Peyser White Linen Collars ... 10c

Men's Sox, tans or blacks, sold usually at 20c or 25c—here 2 prs for 25c

Every Novelty in Summer Neckwear and Washable Scarfs and Ties at the lowest prices.

Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps.

You will find everything here that's stylish and fashionable, qualities that wear, and prices surprisingly low.

Men's Fine Straws 49c
Men's Rough Braids and Pineapple Straws, all the rage in the east ..... 98c to $1.49
Sole agents for KNOX Straw Hats.
Men's Duck and Crash Caps 49c
Remember the "Maine" Boys' Sailor Cap 49c
Boys' "Dewey" Caps, all colors 49c
Children's Straw Tams ..... 98c to $1.49
Children's Sailors ..... 48c to 74c

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Detroit, Mich.