BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1898. NO. 19. WHOLE NO. 1061.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

DETROIT & MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT

SEPT. 5, 1898.

WESTWARD

†Morning Express	7:02 a. m.
†Suburban	9:20 a. m.
*Mail	12:04 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	1:40 p. m.
*Mail	2:55 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 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.		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 } Arr	7 10	10 05	2 00
10 50		9 15	Oxford } Dp	7 25		3 00
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.

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.

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C. H. GOING,

Wait for car at our store.

Pontiac, Mich.

OUR KLONDIKE LETTER.

Written by Will Benedict to His Wife, of this Place.

DAWSON CITY, July 26, 1898.

DEAR LITTLE GIRL:—Well, here I am in Dawson and on a raft of 9999 feet, which we are trying to sell. We will dispose of it o. k., but we want a fancy price as they are fancy logs, see? I met George Peabody Saturday, July 23d. He goes out today on the "Monarch" to St. Nichols and he has kindly consented to take this letter (or note) out for me, so maybe it will beat the mail. Tom and Boyes and Bodine are at the Stewart and have staked claims for us on Henderson Creek, and Black Hills Creek, which is a tributary of the Stewart. Henderson Creek empties into the Yukon two miles below the Stewart. We don't know as they are any good yet, but I have struck what I think is better here. Peabody and his partner, Goyin, have offered me a chance to work a claim for half or we can buy it for $3,000, if it is any good.

The claim is situated on French Gulch of Bonanza Creek, range 3 north and tier 3 east and corners on a claim out of which $46,000 was taken in 3 months. So Crandall and I will go up there tomorrow and prospect it. There has been no work put on it as yet so it may not be worth a cent and we will have lost our time and grub. Still it is rich all around it and is right in the heart of the greatest mining property in the world so we hope for something. When we have prospected it we shall send for Tom. We only got separated on account of the raft. He and the rest are to prospect while I am to sell the raft. We will realize about $75 apiece after expenses are paid.

We may decide to go to Dawson, we don't know yet. I am not stuck on the place nor the people in it—she is dead as far as business is concerned. Yet we are not discouraged as four-fifths of the people that have come in this year are. You should see the long faces some of them have and wear, some of them look desperate, some sad and desperate, and all those who have enough money are taking the boats out for home and the rest must wait until the river freezes, then they will "mush on" for Dyea and Skaguay, thence home. Don't expect us home quite so quick as that for we are going to make something in this country if it is here. The country has been over boomed through the Transportation Co. and the Outfitter and many a poor man has lost his last dollar and more while others have lost life and health in this mad race and the results of all their hard work is to be disappointment and defeat. Hundreds are selling out everything and all the boats are loaded to the water's edge and cannot accommodate the crowd, so lots of them are floating down the Yukon on their scows and boats. So you see the chances are not the brightest, yet I still believe that we are the "luckiest dogs" that ever came down the Yukon.

The boat is whistling that is to bear Peabody to home and happiness (how I envy him) so I must hurry while the first boat up the Yukon is just "coming round the bend."

With love,

WILL.

Sunday School Convention.

The first township convention of the Bloomfield Sunday School Union will be held in the Methodist church, Birmingham, Thursday afternoon and evening, Sept. 15th. Every school in the town will be largely represented and the addresses and papers will be along practical and interesting lines. There will be helpful words for Sunday school workers in all departments from the primary to the Bible class. One of the most valuable features will be the Question Box, conducted by County Clerk Harris and Joseph Stockwell. In the evening Rev. C. T. Allen, D. D., of Ypsilanti, will give an inspirational address.

The Annual School Meeting.

Monday night the school room was crowded to its fullest capacity and the regular routine work was swiftly accomplished, Chairman Johnston speeding the work right along. It was hot (the weather). Ladies, we think, were in the majority. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by George H. Mitchell acting as clerk and promptly adopted. John Hanna, the assessor, presented his report, showing a balance on hand and in the treasury of over $810. It was accepted.

A resolution was presented by Harvey C. Wilson making the salary of Prof. E F. Waldo $1000 instead of $900, in recognition of his untiring zeal and energy in behalf of the school, making it stand highest among all towns the size of this. It was passed promptly without a dissentiug voice.

The board presented a bill of estimates for the coming year and $2,700 was voted to be raised by direct tax on the school district.

After discussing the free text-book question and a new school building and deciding to vote upon both questions the first Monday in November, the meeting adjourned.

Both Food and Drink.

Sloman's Diamond Wedding Pure Rye Whiskey, a pure whiskey, at all leading druggists and dealers.

That Fish Story.

The following poems explain themselves, also a letter from an old Eccentric subscriber. All these ought to put an end as to who swallowed Jonah.

THE BIBLE PUZZLE AGAIN.

My answer never yet has been
Just printed as was handed in.
The editor will justice do,
And let me state it now to you:
"A great fish or a whale," I said,
Was answer to the puzzle read;
Thus giving first, correct and true
Interpretation from Hebrew
And second, stating to mankind,
The view the author had in mind,
What great fish "labors day and night
To give to multitudes great light"
Except the whale of which we know?
E'en research does no farther go.
"No whale is in the Bible named"
Is in the second answer claimed.
To this short statement I object
And my position to protest:
I bid you take God's Holy Book
And o'er its pages slowly look
Until to book of Job you come,
O'er chapter sev'n let you eyes run,
Then let them rest on the twelfth verse;
Turn then to Genesis the first
And glancing o'er verse twenty-one,
We read what God has long since done,
Great whales created for the seas,
And other things which did him please.
My answer I still claim is true,
I leave the question now with you.

WILLIAM SOULTS.

DETROIT, Sept. 5, 1898.

EDITORS OF THE ECCENTRIC:

Mr. Soults gave the correct answer to scriptural puzzle, according to the New York Evangelist and Genesis 1:21, also Matthew 12:40. According to Century dictionary a whale is a large fish.

Yours,

ELIZABETH JOHNSTON.

THE AMEND HONORABLE.

I think good people all agree
No one too positive should be;
Sometimes one thinks he knows it all,
Pride gets a most destructive fall.
Thus, when then the Bible puzzle came
All eyes were to solve the same.
I read the book of Jonah through,
I studied the concordance, too,
I rightfully, in thought, proclaimed
No "whale" was in the Bible named.
But thought and time inspired a doubt,
Again I tried to find it out—
To Matthew 12th, the 40th verse
Holds fast a "whale" in sentence terse;
My "knowledge box" I find is shaken,
I frankly own myself mistaken.
Beg pardon, friends, this I can say,
I'm wiser now than yesterday.

MRS. A. L. LANGLEY.

SUPT. W. C. HULL HAS RESIGNED.

Elected Superintenden at Flint—Many Applicants for Albion Superintendency.

Supt. W. C. Hull, who was re-elected for his twelfth year as head of the Albion public schools early in the summer, was elected to the superintendency at Flint last week, and he immediately resigned his position here to accept the increased responsibility at Flint. Some idea of the comparative size of the schools of Albion and Flint may be gained from the fact that the population of Flint is approximately twice that of Albion.

While it is realized by Supt. Hull's host of friends in this city that it will, in all likelihood, be very difficult to get a new man who, lacking Mr. Hull's familiarity with Albion school matters, will be able to completely keep up the standard of school work the coming year, yet all are gratified at Mr. Hull's promotion, and the best wishes of the community follow him to his new field of labor.

For eleven years the public schools of this city have been under Mr. Hull's supervision, and there can be no better testimonial to his incessant labor for their welfare than is afforded by high character and satisfactory results of the work done. He leaves the schools in first-class condition, and in charge of a most excellent corps of teachers.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hull will be greatly missed socially, and the Presbyterian Sunday School will suffer a a serious loss in the retirement of Mr. Hull from the number of its most active workers.—Albion Recorder.

A Golden Opportunity.

The Sioux City Business College, Sioux City, Iowa, has a card in this paper offering a thorough course of instruction in Book-keeping and Commercial Arithmetic by mail free of charge. Did you read it? To avail yourself of this offer is the same as accepting a present of $50.

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The next issue of The College News, a pamphlet issued by the Sioux City Business College, Sioux City, Iowa, will containa large number of testimonials from students and graduates of the S. C. B. C. Send for a free copy. 18w6

Marriage Licenses.

John Hall, 29, Troy.
Minnie A. Gillett, 29, Troy.
John Gould, 25, Oxford.
Sarah M. Pitcher, 17, Oxford.
E. H. Wood, 32, Springfield.
Bertha E. Jones, 27, Grand Ledge.
Geo. W. Wilson, 22, Pontiac.
Lulu M. Barnes, 19, Detroit.
E. C. Losch, 42, Clarkston.
Mary Watson, 21, Seymour Lake.
Major W. Hodgeman, 64, South Lyon.
Laura Clark, 24, South Lyon.
T. J. Gibson, 27, Farmington.
Pearl Blanchard, 23, Farmington.
Chester L. Fought, 27, Lindsley, Ohio.
Maude F. Dulmage, 22, Holly.

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We could wear linen dusters every day in the year and be happy. And, by the same token, if it wasn't for the "sweat shop shoddy" many men and boys wouldn't be wearing patched clothes and "cussin'" the dealer that fooled 'em. But if there were no deceit we wouldn't enjoy the true and good so much. If all clothing was made as good as Traver's Clothing this store would be common place. But it is not—no mistake about this. There's as much difference between Traver quality and the ordinary "ready-made" clothing as there is between a duck and a gate post. Traver quality is always dependable—always satisfactory—always neat. Then it costs nothing extra. How is it possible? Being content with smaller profit that's all. Prove it to you any day. Just examine these evidences we name:

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R. H. TRAVER,

Detroit, - Mich.

Oxford Street Fair.

Oxford is preparing for the grandest event in her history. The business men have raised $1,500 to be expended in holding a street fair for four days, commencing Oct. 4th. The premidms offered are generous and, without doubt, will invite a large display of goods, wares, farmers' produce, stock, etc. The displays will be made in booths erected in the public street. Everything in connection with it is free. A large amount is to be expended in furnishing entertainments for the people. Several bands will furnish an abundance of music at all times during the day and evening, and there will be some special form of amusement continually from morning until late at night, a detailed report of which will soon be published. The gentlemen on the several committees are composed of the best business men of the town and they signify their intention of devoting most of their time between now and the last day of the fair in making the venture a grand success.

Let's all go to the Oxford Fair and take the town by storm.

Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending September 3, 1898:

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Phillips, Miss Almeda Gilian, Mrs. Alice O. Smith, Miss Ella Castle, Charley Morgan, John J. Hovey, Wm. Simpson, Wm. Hoffman.

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

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Grand Trunk Dining Cars.

Everybody who has had the good fortune to enjoy a meal on the Grand Trunk dining cars are profuse in their praises of the good service, excellent cuisine and liberal table supplied. J. Lea, late of Windsor Hotel, Montreal, has been appointed to this part of the service and the public are appreciating the endeavors of the Company to have an unequaled service in this department of a great System.

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