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Ladies' $2.50 Fleece Lined Shoes now ... $1.75
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PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. H. S. Justema, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Everyone invited.

BAPTIST—Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—M. B. Maxwell, Pastor. Sabbath School at 2 p. m. Public worship and sermon at 3 p. m. O. Y. P. C. U. each Thursday evening at 7 p. m. All are welcome.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—Rev. H. Ryerson, Rector. Sunday services 10:30 a. m. Evening services each alternate Sunday. All are cordially invited.

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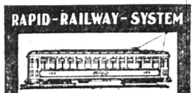

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Franklin, Mich.

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For Sale—Pony, Park Cart, Harness and Saddle. Fine bay pony about 13 hands, sound, kind and gentle, well broken to drive or ride. Fine Park Cart, with lamps; almost as good as new. Have no further use for them and will sell very cheap. Call on or address A. Whitehead, Birmingham, Mich. 26tf

Wanted—Within three miles of Bloomfield Center, a wood lot containing 10 to 20 acres. Apply to Charles Stinchfield, Circle, Mich. 39tf

Farm for Rent—The Jos. Bleakley farm of 80 acres, 1½ miles east of Clawson, will rent for cash to suitable party. Call on or address Jos. Bleakley, Clawson, Mich., or at this office. 40t4

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Time Table in Effect
Dec. 16, 1900.

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WEST BOUND FROM BIRMINGHAM.

No. 19 Morning Express to G'd Haven 7:45 a.m.
No. 15 Mail and Chicago Express to Grand Haven 12:10 p.m.
No. 17 Steamboat Express to Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Muskegon [illegible]
No. 21 Chicago Express for Chicago, with sleeper [illegible] p.m.

Nos. 19, 15 and 17 daily, except Sunday. No. 21 daily.

EAST BOUND.

No. 18 Chicago Express to Detroit and south [illegible] a.m.
No. 22 Detroit Express to Detroit and east [illegible] a.m.
No. 16 Evening Express to Detroit and east [illegible] p.m.
No. 22 and 18 daily, except Sunday. No. 16 daily.

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PONTIAC, OXFORD & NORTHERN R. R.

TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

[illegible]

Schedule of Trains between PONTIAC AND OXFORD

In Effect July 23, 1900.

[illegible]

Stations					
Cole	6:45	10:15	12:00	4:30	7:35
Kames	6:53	10:22	12:15	4:45	7:48
Pontiac	7:10	10:40	12:30	5:00	8:05
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.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.

Detroit & Pontiac Ry. Co.

CONDENSED.

Time Card Taking Effect January 22, 1901.

NORTH BOUND.

Detroit	6 Mile Road	Royal Oak	Birmingham	Circle	Pontiac
			6:02	6:07	6:20
6:00	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:07	7:20
7:00	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:07	8:20
8:00	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:07	9:20
9:00	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:07	10:20
10:00	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:07	11:20
11:00	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:07	12:20
12:00	12:30	12:45	1:00	1:07	1:20
			1:32	1:37	1:50
1:00	1:30	1:45	2:00	2:07	2:20
1:30	2:00	2:15	2:30	2:37	2:50
2:00	2:30	2:45	3:00	3:07	3:20
2:30	3:00	3:15	3:30	3:37	3:50
3:00	3:30	3:45	4:00	4:07	4:20
3:30	4:00	4:15	4:30	4:37	4:50
4:00	4:30	4:45	5:00	5:07	5:20
4:30	5:00	5:15	5:30	5:37	5:50
5:00	5:30	5:45	6:00	6:07	6:20
*5:30	6:00	6:15	6:25		
6:00	6:30	6:45	7:00	7:07	7:20
7:00	7:30	7:45	8:00	8:07	8:20
8:00	8:30	8:45	9:00	9:07	9:20
9:00	9:30	9:45	10:00	10:07	10:20
10:00	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:07	11:20
11:00	11:30	11:45	12:00	12:07	12:20

*As far as power house coming north.

SOUTH BOUND.

Pontiac	Circle	Birmingham	Royal Oak	6 Mile Road	Detroit
		6:00	6:15	6:30	7:00
6:30	6:50	7:00	7:15	7:30	8:00
7:30	7:50	8:00	8:15	8:30	9:00
8:30	8:50	9:00	9:15	9:30	10:00
9:30	9:50	10:00	10:15	10:30	11:00
		10:32	10:45	11:00	11:30
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4:00	4:20	4:30	4:45	5:00	5:30
4:30	4:50	5:00	5:15	5:30	6:00
5:00	5:20	5:30	5:45	6:00	6:30
5:30	5:50	6:00	6:15	6:30	7:00
*6:00	6:20	6:25			
6:30	6:50	7:00	7:15	7:30	8:00
7:30	7:50	8:00	8:15	8:30	9:00
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9:30	9:50	10:00	10:15	10:30	11:00
10:30	10:50	11:00	11:15	11:30	12:00
*11:30	11:00	11:55			
*12:30	12:50	12:55			

*These cars put into barn.

On Saturdays and Sundays cars run every half hour until 8:30 p. m. Then the 9:30 and 10:30 cars go through. The 9:00, 10:00, 11:30 and 12:30 cars on Saturday and Sunday only run to Birmingham.

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WELL NOW, DID YOU EVER?

The Rochester Era Man Sayeth a Few Words Concerning his Competitor in the Same Biz.

The publisher of The Era rarely if ever makes allusion to any maladversions made by the degenerate Seed concerning him, but we simply wish to say that Mr. Watson Ketchum called on The Era yesterday (Thursday) morning and desired to say that the matter referred to, (we don't know what it is, as we have not seen it), in which his name was mentioned in an alleged transaction between himself and the publisher of this paper, is a lie made out of whole cloth and has no truth whatever so far as he is concerned. We are pleased at the interest manifested in the matter by our friend and appreciate it. As to the cur who propagated such a senseless lie, we have only to say that it is in keeping with his record as a liar, cheat and dead beat since coming to Rochester, and his vaporings have no weight or credence in any sensible mind.

Administrator's Sale.

Farm of 207½ acres known as the Herrick farm on the Saginaw turnpike, two miles north of Davisburg and six miles east of Holly, 175 acres improved, large house and barns, good orchard and well watered, good stock and grain farm, postoffice, store and brick school ½ mile at Austin. Will sell to the highest bidder on March 13, 1901. Highway divides the farm, would sell in two equal parts. For terms, etc., address

J. D. Haddon, Adm'r.,
42t4 Holly, Mich.

CLAWSON.

Jimmie McClure is ill with rheumatism of the heart.

Mark Halsey entertained his Sunday school class, of Big Beaver, Thursday evening of last week.

The Lady Foresters, of Royal Oak, spent last Monday evening with Mrs. Herman Hendrickson.

Miss Jessie Bowers spent Washington's Birthday with Frank Burnett's daughter at Birmingham.

The Clawson freight house caught fire Monday night but was discovered before much damage was done.

ROYAL OAK.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hitchcock are spending a few weeks in Texas.

Mrs. Allen visited Grosse Pointe friends the latter part of last week.

Miss Louisa Milham, of Detroit, spent Sunday with friends here.

Louis Erb who attends the Ann Arbor University spent the latter part of last week with his parents.

Miss Mary Stanch who is teaching at Ball Mountain spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Miss Nellie Adams, of Birmingham, spent Thursday of last week with her friend, Miss Jessie Newton.

Sunday evening A. Hutchins stepped into a rut in the road and had the misfortune to break his ankle and leg.

Quite a number from here attended the Washington tea given at the Highland Park M. E. church last Friday evening.

Mr. Dondero, proprietor of the Royal Oak House, having sold out his interest to Julius Brown, has moved into the Dondero house on Washington avenue.

Wednesday evening of last week Miss Nettie McClelland entertained a sleigh-load of about 30 young people at her home. Games were played, refreshments served and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

TROY.

Miss Libbie Dunkle has been quite ill the past few days.

Emmet Brown has been having an attack of pneumonia.

Oscar Price made a business trip to Detroit last Monday.

F. W. Phelps loaded logs on cars at Utica the first of the week.

Our old friend Harry Clack was a guest in Troy over Sunday.

Orson M. Perry took in the street races at Utica last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Harris, of Big Beaver, were guests of John Hadden one day last week.

Chauncey Button and family spent Tuesday last with their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Briggs, of Pontiac.

Frank Walker, of Dunkirk, N. Y., spent several days of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clark, of this place.

Court Troy, No. 49, F. of A., is, or soon will be the banner court of the state for its age, and the people are going to push it along. Last Saturday the poor old goat carried 22 new members into the court, which makes a total of 102 members with 10 or 20 more ready to join as soon as the goat gets rested.

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There's no rest for those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always busy, curing Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Biliousness, Fever and Ague. They banish Sick Headache, drive out Malaria. Never gripe or weaken. Small, taste nice, work wonders. Try them. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

Cheap Rates to the Pacific Coast
Grand Trunk Railway System.

Each Tuesday until April 30th.
Ask any Grand Trunk, or connecting line's agent for low rates to California and other Western points. 48

WANTED—Capable, reliable person in every county to represent large company of solid financial reputation; $936 salary per year, payable weekly; $3 per day absolutely sure and all expenses; straight, bona-fide, definite salary, no commission; salary paid each Saturday and expense money advanced each week. STANDARD HOUSE, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago. Jun21

GOOD NEWS FOR HOUSEHOLDERS

Soon's the weather breaks and spring cleaning is over with, there'll be a rush for House-furnishing Goods. But our stocks are in complete readiness now; why wait on the season. Sufficient inducements in the price-way will certainly create early buying, and that's just what this special sale is intended to accomplish. You'll have to pay much more for goods of the same sorts later on.

100 pairs Scotch Lace Curtains, 54 inches wide, 3½ yards long; fast button hole edges; good value at $2.75, special per pair ... $1.95
French Tapestry Portieres, Full width and length, with heavy knotted fringe top and bottom; a choice assortment of colors, special, per pair ... $4.25
Bromley's All-Wool Smyrna Rugs, 30x60 inches, fringed, best for wear—each ... $1.95
50 pieces Fine Parlor Furniture, Upholstered in silk Damask and French Velours; to close out the lot we have reduced prices about One-Half
Davenports, Solid Mahogany frames covered with Velours, made to sell at $30.00; special price for this sale ... $22.50
Brass Trimmed Iron Beds, Neat in design and of first class material and construction, the best value ever offered, at ... $5.00

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL.

Council Room, Feb. 25, 1901.

Adjourned regular meeting.

President Rundel in the chair.

Trustees present: Whitehead, Smith, Perry and Todd. Absent, Schaack and Brooks.

On motion of Smith, supported by Perry, that the following bills be allowed as read and orders be drawn for the same:

General Expense Fund.

Schaack & Co.	$2 [illegible]
D. M. Johnston, tax returned	2 [illegible]
Geo. E. Dames, table and chairs	7 [illegible]
A. P. Jacobs, attorney	2 [illegible]

Voted by roll call. Ayes: Whitehead, Smith, Perry and Todd.

On motion of Whitehead, supported by Smith, that the report of J. L. Campbell, health officer, be received and accepted. Motion carried.

On motion of Todd, supported by Smith, that the financial report of the clerk and treasurer be received and accepted. Motion carried.

REPORT.

Receipts.

Cash on hand March 5, 1900	$ 723 [illegible]
Rec'd tax collected	5,000 [illegible]
License	[illegible]
Liquor license	495 [illegible]
Back tax	2 [illegible]
Pearsall fine	1 [illegible]
J. W. Perry paid for lamp	2 [illegible]
R. Gillett walk refund	19 [illegible]
Cash rec'd from water works	972 [illegible]
	$7,224 [illegible]

Disbursements.

Highway fund No. vouchers pd 66	$1,126 [illegible]
Gen'l. Ex fund No. vouchers pd 58	3,511 [illegible]
Water wks fd No. vouchers pd 81	2,498 [illegible]
	$7,138 [illegible]
Feb. 25, 1901, balance on hand	85 [illegible]
	$7,224 [illegible]

We, the undersigned Ways and Means Committee of the village of Birmingham, Mich., have carefully examined the books of the clerk and treasurer of the village, have checked and cancelled all vouchers and find that the above is a true statement of the finances of said village this 25th day of February, 1901, according to our best knowledge and belief.

A. Whitehead,
J. W. Perry,
W. H. Smith,
Ways and Means Committee.

Minutes read and approved.
Moved to adjourn. Carried.

T. H. Cobb, Clerk.
J. F. Rundel, President.

Village Caucus.

Notice is hereby given that a village caucus will be held at the Town Hall, in Birmingham, on Friday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1901, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for village officers of the village of Birmingham, state of Michigan, one president, one clerk, one assessor, one trustee for one year, three trustees for two years, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

By order of Village Board.
T. H. Cobb, Clerk.

A Banker's Recommend.

Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 20, 1899.
The White Cross Medical Co:

Gentlemen: I have given your Eczema and Dandruff Cure a fair trial, and am more than satisfied with the result, and can safely say to those suffering with skin troubles to buy and use it.

Respectfully yours,
F. L. Perry,
Cashier Oakland County Bank.

COUNTY LINE.

Mr. Goetz is very ill.

Mrs. E. Stanley is still confined to bed.

Chas. Bitner was buried Sunday. He leaves 11 children.

Mrs. M. Blunt died Sunday, aged 85 years. Leaves one son, Martin, and two daughters. She had lived on the county line over 65 years and was in every way a most estimable woman.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Billiousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart Failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sample bottles at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

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EASTERN BEAUTIES.

SOCIALLY, PERSIA IS A FASCINATING COUNTRY.

The Persian Woman Untroubled by the "Nerves" and Fads of the New Woman —On the Street She Conceals Her Face from the Vulgar Gaze.

The visit of the shah of Persia to the continent, and his interesting sayings and doings, while there, have very naturally directed more than usual public attention to the land over which he rules. Considered politically, historically or socially, Persia is in many respects one of the most fascinating of all Oriental countries. It is the last running barrier between Russia and the Persian Gulf; its history teems with lofty names and great dynastic changes, and its social life piques European interest by its mystery and its novelty. And yet little is known of Persia, even by intelligent Europeans; while to the great mass it remains terra incognita. Bit by bit, however, we are breaking through the exclusiveness of Persian etiquette, and are learning how fascinating the people of Persia are. In no phase of Persian life do we find more to charm, to surprise, and to fascinate than we do in studying the lives and manners of Persian women. The mystery that surrounds them, their own fatalistic serenity, the limitations which are placed upon their lives, in a word, the complete dissimilitude to feminine life in Europe, lend a peculiar and unfailing interest to all that concerns them. It is well to sweep away some of the cobwebs of prejudice in considering the character and status of the women of Persia. They are not ill-used, they are not unwilling prisoners, they do not resent the restraints of the harem, and they do not regard themselves as victims of misfortune. Strange as it may seem to us, the Persian woman is a happy woman; she is content, placid and untroubled by either "nerves" or fads of the "new woman." A distinguished Frenchman, in describing them says: "The regular life which the women of Persia lead is the potent cause of their beauty; they neither gamble nor sit up late; they drink no wine, and but rarely expose themselves to the atmosphere. It must be acknowledged that life in the seraglio is more conducive to health than to pleasure; it is a calm, untroubled life; everything in it is connected with subordination and duty; even its pleasures are serious and its joys austere, and are all in themselves significant of authority and dependence." The dress of Persian ladies is more showy than tasteful, more picturesque than modest, according to European ideas. It should, however, be remembered at once that what might seem immodest in the western world, is regarded as quite natural in the east. The "char-kadd" (or headdress) is, in the case of the rich, very pretty and costly; Kashmir shawls and embroidered gauze, bespangled with golden coins and enriched with precious stones, are used for this purpose; while the ends of the "char-kadd" droop gracefully over the shoulders, and a "jika," or bejeweled feather ornament, is worn on the side of the head, producing a very jaunty effect. Ornaments of jewelry are much affected, scent caskets are suspended from the neck by golden chains, and the arms are covered, often from the wrist to above the elbow with bangles, which vie in quantity and quality with the coin bangles so often worn by ladies of fashion in Europe. As in India, the poor wear silver ornaments as anklets and bracelets, and the negress slaves adorn their ebony skins with the bright pink of coral.

The Persian ladies' outdoor dress is far from attractive, consisting, as a rule, of a large blue drapery, which envelops the entire person, and quite conceals the wearer's identity. The head is covered with a perforated linen veil, which enables the wearer to look upon the outer world, but does not disclose her features. A man may pass his own wife in the streets of Teheran and not know her, but she may see him. Now and then the veil will be slightly lowered, and a pair of laughing, roguish, bewitching brown eyes revealed. For a pretty woman, even in the east, does not care to conceal her attractions beneath a veil, and the daughters of Eve in Persia are not indifferent to admiration. There are only eight or ten thousand Parsees left in Persia, the original home of Zoroastrianism, but the Parsee women are daintily attractive in dress and quietly refined in manner.

Famous Women

GERMANY HAS A LONG LIST WHO DESERVE RECOGNITION

Beginning with literary women the following are the best known of the famous women of Germany: Johanna Schopenhauer, born at Dantzic in 1770 and died in 1849. She published a number of tales and romances. She was the mother of Arthur Schopenhauer, the famous philosopher. Luise Muhlbach, wife of Theodor Mundt. She wrote a number of historical romances, some of which have been translated into English, and have enjoyed great popularity. She died in Berlin in 1873. Madame von Schlegel, authoress, wife of Friedrich von Schlegel, the eminent scholar and writer, and mother by her first husband of the celebrated painter, Phillip Veit. She was born in 1763 and died in 1839. Fanny Lewald, a popular authoress, whose principal works were novels, tales and sketches of travel. She was the wife of Adolr Stahr, the author. She was born in 1820 and died in 1875. Madame von Schwartz, a German writer and of German family, but born at Southgate, England, in 1821. After a separation from von Schwartz, who was her second husband, she went to Rome, became a great admirer of Garibaldi, went with him on his campaigns and cared for him in activity. Most of her numerous books are descriptions of her travels and adventures. She has often been confounded with the Swedish novelist of the same name. Among the German women who have shone in the art world are the following: Madame Hensel, wife of Wilhelm Hensel, a celebrated painter, and sister of Mendelssohn, the great composer. She was distinguished for her taste and skill in music and produced several admired compositions. She was born in 1805 and died in 1847. Madame Schumann (Clara Josephine Wieck), wife of Robert Schumann, the celebrated composer, and herself a noted pianist and composer. She was born in 1819 and died two years ago. Among other artists may be mentioned Madame Schroeder, a celebrated actress, and known as "the German Siddons;" her daughter, Wilhelmine Schroeder-Devrient, one of the most distinguished vocalists of Germany; and Marie Gabrielle Kraus, a noted opera singer. Finally we may mention one of the leading lights in the world of science. Caroline Lucretia Herschel, sister and collaborator of Sir Wm. Hershel, the celebrated astronomer. She was born in Hanover, Prussia, in 1750 and died there in 1848. From 1772 until her brother's death in 1822, she lived with him near Windsor, England. She published a valuable catalogue of stars and discovered five new comets between the years 1786 and 1797.

The Priesthood in France.

A movement is going on amongst French Socialist mayors in France to forbid the wearing of ecclesiastical costume. A decree issued to this effect by M. E. Thomas, Mayor of Bicetre, has been annulled as illegal by the Prefect of Police. Amongst the priests of France it is probable that, although they resent the aggressive action of the mayors, they would, for other reasons, prefer to dress like English and American priests. They consider that their active pastoral work is hampered by the soutane, which ought to be limited to the sanctuary. By it they are debarred from modern physical exercise, and excite too much attention when ministering to sick parishioners. The subject will probably be discussed at the next priests' congress.

NOTABLE FACTS.

New York has a Socialist Metal Trades' Council.

Mexico sold us $700,000 worth of sisal grass in September.

Rachel—Then you give your consent, papa? Isaac—Yes, my daughter; but I cannot let you leaf me. You are mein only child, and you and Benjamin must live here mit de old folks. You can haf that second-story front room for $6 a veek.