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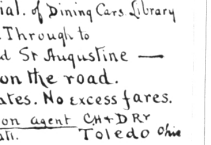

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| GOING NORTH | STATIONS. | GOING SOUTH |
|---|---|---|
| First Pass. Mail No. 3 | | Mail Pass. Frgt No. 2 No. 4 No. 6 |
| A.M. P.M. A.M. | D. G. H. & M. | P.M. A.M. A.M |
| 7 45 3 15 | Lv PONTIAC Ar | 8 05 10 40 4 55 |
| 9 25 5 00 | Oxford | 6 25 10 05 3 15 |
| 10 10 5 45 | Lake Orion | 5 45 9 20 2 30 |
| 10 40 6 10 | Caseville | 5 15 8 50 2 00 |
| P.M. P.M. P.M. | Ar | A.M. A.M. P.M. |

Schedule of Trains between PONTIAC AND OXFORD

In Effect July 23, 1900.

| Stations | No. 1 | No. 3 | No. 5 | No. 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | GOING NORTH | | | |
| Pontiac | 5 30 | 8 45 | 2 30 | 5 15 |
| Lakes | 5 45 | 9 00 | 2 45 | 5 30 |
| Oxford | 6 30 | 9 50 | 3 30 | 6 00 |
| | GOING SOUTH | | | |
| Stations | No. 2 | No. 4 | No. 6 | No. 8 |
| | a.m. | a.m. | p.m. | p.m. |
| Oxford | 6 45 | 10 05 | 3 55 | 6 30 |
| Lake | 7 30 | 10 45 | 4 40 | 7 15 |
| Pontiac | 7 45 | 11 00 | 4 55 | 7 30 |

CONNECTIONS—Pontiac with Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry., and Michigan Air Line Division of Grand Trunk Ry. Oxford with Bay City Division of Detroit, Central & Lansing Ry. Lake Orion 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 | Mile Road | Royal Oak | Birmingham | Circle | Pontiac |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 6 02 | 6 07 | 6 20 |
| 6 00 | 6 50 | 6 43 | 7 00 | 7 07 | 7 20 |
| 7 00 | 7 50 | 7 45 | 8 00 | 8 07 | 8 20 |
| 8 00 | 8 50 | 8 45 | 9 00 | 9 07 | 9 20 |
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| | | | 1 22 | 1 37 | 1 50 |
| 1 00 | 1 50 | 1 45 | 2 00 | 2 07 | 2 20 |
| 2 00 | 2 00 | 2 15 | 2 30 | 2 37 | 2 50 |
| 2 30 | 2 50 | 2 45 | 3 00 | 3 07 | 3 20 |
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| 10 00 | 10 50 | 10 45 | 11 00 | 11 07 | 11 20 |
| 11 00 | 11 50 | 11 45 | 12 00 | 12 07 | 12 20 |

*As far as power house coming north.

SOUTH BOUND.

| Pontiac | Circle | Birmingham | Royal Oak | Mile Road | Detroit |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 6 00 | 6 15 | 6 30 | 7 00 |
| 6 00 | 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 02 | 10 45 | 11 00 | 11 30 |
| 10 30 | 10 50 | 11 00 | 11 15 | 11 30 | 12 00 |
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| 11 30 | 11 50 | 12 00 | 12 15 | 12 30 | 1 00 |
| *12 30 | 12 40 | 12 45 | | | |

*These cars put into barn.

On Saturdays and Sundays cars run every half hour from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. There will be 10 additional cars on Saturday, leaving Detroit at 10:00, 11:40 and 12:30 a. m. On Saturdays and Sundays only Car to Birmingham at 1:30 a. m.

JOHN DUNLAP,
Superintendent.
Birmingham, Mich.

## PAID FOR THE BRIDE.

**Giving Wedding Ring to Groom Is Now Fashionable.**

It has been rumored that capricious Madame la Mode is wearying of the solitaire diamond as an engagement ring and that she favors diamonds combined with gems of color. So far, however, Madame has kept her thoughts to herself pretty well, for little consequence of their expression has been noticed in the jewelry shops. To be sure, colored stones of many kinds are used as betrothal pledge and in various forms, frequently with a colored stone in the center and diamonds surrounding. The engagement ring of the new Mrs. Vanderbilt was set with two stones, a sapphire and a diamond, with the familiar diagonal setting. The solitaire diamond ring has found favor for so long a time as an engagement pledge that it has become traditional, and to all appearances it still has the stamp of approval from Dame Fashion. The mounting for the diamond is a high setting, receding slightly toward the shank, without a display of much gold to obtrude upon the rainbow scintillation of the dazzling white stone. Wedding rings are narrow and high, some being perfectly round so that if the ring were straightened out the form would be cylindrical. A ring of this shape goes by the name of the Tiffany wedding ring, and it is much more elegant than the wide barbarous looking wedding bands of times past. Nowadays it is a fad for the bride to give a wedding ring to the groom when he gives his, and since Wilhelmina did this the fashion will probably receive a new impetus. The ring given by the bride is exactly like the one she receives, being in fact a typical wedding ring enlarged to fit masculine fingers. Some fond, impassioned lovers present their sweethearts with a betrothal bracelet which is locked on with a padlock and kept on the arm until death do them part.—Philadelphia Times.

**Children's Pets.**

If one may ever state a general truth applying to all children, surely a safe one to venture would be that they have without exception a passion for animals. Dr. E. E. Hale in speaking to the friends of the Animal Rescue league recently, put in a plea for pets among city children. It has been said that persons who live in cities are less human than those who live in the country because the former are unused to having animals about them. A longing for pets is strong in the heart of every child. Everywhere children yearn for something alive which shall be their very own. Florentine babies guard carefully the wire cage that holds a chirping cricket, the little ones of Japan delight in their captive fireflies that flash their lights through boxes of plaited grass, the tiny, fur-clad Esquimaux rolls about on the floor of his igloo with a bear cub, the African child frolics with his parrot, the East Indian with his mongoose, and our little people are never so happy as with their white mice, rabbits, doves, dogs, cats and canaries. The parents watching with interested eyes, the fraternizing of his boy or girl with the animals of wood and field, has a duty laid upon him of offering that irresponsible question as well cared for, according to his peculiar needs. No normal child would willingly hurt his pet, but might neglect it, and if he forgets the needs of a living thing, whose earthly Providence he is, he should be deprived of it until he shows an altered mind.

**Mail as a Life Saver.**

In London it was noticed that when the streets were muddy there was a marked diminution in the disease that is commonly called "when dust is flowing." Bowel troubles are plentiful when people are compelled to inhale dust. Consumption, too, often gets its start from the dust. Other illnesses almost equally grave follow from the breathing of flying particles of filth. Add sufficient water to the street to lay the dust and all the power for harm is gone, for mud is not inhaled. The germs that infest dry dust become inert in mud because these germs, vicious as they are, are too lazy to go anywhere unless they are carried. Moreover, mud is very likely to get ultimately into the drains, and the germs are carried off where they can do no harm. Even when mud dries on the clothing and is brushed off the dust that arises there from does not appear to be as dangerous as that which has not been recently wet.—Leslie's Weekly.

**Has Fought Many Duels.**

A story which is going the rounds of the European press illustrates the absurdities of the French duel. Two men of Paris arranged to fight a duel at Calais. They were highly pleased at least one of them was at the prospect, for it meant public proclamation of their bravery at the cost of only a scratch or two, and, what was more serious, a few coppers for coffee. But one of the duelists, as it turned out, really wanted to kill and be killed, for he had made up his mind to commit suicide. On learning this the other man fainted and had to be carried off to bed. This seemed to be a great disappointment to the one with suicidal intentions, and after vainly trying to pick a quarrel with his second he went and drowned himself.

**A New Fuel Found.**

Near Rio Grande City, Texas, an immense deposit of unknown gaseous substance has been discovered. Pieces of it ignite quickly and give out a strong flame which lasts for a remarkably long period. It is said by scientists that the substance is either an unknown mineral or ordinary coal highly charged with natural gas. In either case the value of the deposit as fuel is immense as it covers many thousands of acres and is of immense depth.

**Girls in Wicker Cages.**

In Polynesia a baby girls of a year old are placed in wicker cages, and in wicker cages they remain until the time comes for them to be married. Nothing is to be seen of them but their eyes, and they grow fat and healthy. At the age of 12 years or thereabouts most of the little damsels have their cages to be married.

# SPRING OPENING NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday, March 27,** will usher in the Spring of 1901 at Shafer's. On that day every department of the immense store will show an entire new stock of merchandise suitable for the season.

In anticipation of an unusually heavy demand—which we have every reason to expect—remarkably big purchases have been made all along the line, with the result that the stocks combine to form the largest and most varied assortment of first-class, desirable Wearing Apparel and Housefurnishing Goods ever shown by any house in Michigan. Everything new—everything reliable—everything guaranteed.

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## SOUTHFIELD

Mrs. L. M. Dunbar is on the sick list.

Mrs. C. Simmons is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Angstman is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. Simmons moved into Miller's house this week.

Emma Chapman is spending this week with her sister Gracie.

Marcia McEwan is again back in Mr. Beddow's store for the summer.

Mr. Tenant, of Bay City, is spending a few days with Malcolm Stewart.

The funeral of Wilbur White was held in the M. E. church Monday last.

Miss Tucker is going to work for Mr. Babcock again the first of April.

The Willing Workers meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Hiram Prince.

## BEDDOW.

Miss Annie Cort visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Cort, last week.

Mrs. Frank Harmon visited her sister Mary at Holly last week.

Clyde Brooks has returned home after some time spent at Birmingham.

Miss Mary Miller visited her brother, Dr. Miller, at Farmington, Tuesday.

Dr. Miller, of Farmington, was called Sunday last to attend little Annie Miller.

Communion services will be observed in the C. P. church the second Sunday in April.

Dr. Grant McDonald, of Detroit, visited his mother and sister, Tuesday of last week.

The Gleaner Society will meet the second Wednesday afternoon in April at the home of Jas. A. Miller.

The Sunday school convention held at Southfield M. E. church was well attended. An interesting program was carried out.

## TROY.

Miss Clara Burrows was a Sunday visitor in Troy.

Miss Maude Phelps is helping her aunt at Orchard Lake.

S. B. Alger, of Royal Oak, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Cyrus Jarvis, Sunday last.

D. Elliott, of Pontiac, with a friend from New York, spent Sunday last with his brother, G. S. Elliott.

Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. DuPuy, of Detroit, spent several days of last week with their sister, Mrs. Geo. Niles.

Mr. J. M. Nicols and family spent Sunday last in Troy. They also made a visit to his sister at Lake Orion Junction.

Mrs. S. L. Robbins, of Big Beaver, is spending a few days of this week with Mrs. Charles Hadsell at Waldron Place.

Mrs. Harry Aspinwall and her mother, Mrs. Philip Brast, reached home last Saturday from their long visit at Portland, Oregon.

## W. F. M. Society.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. church of Birmingham, will hold their anniversary meeting at the church, March 27, 1901, at 2:30 p. m. At that time the Twentieth Century Thank Offering will be taken by the society. A cordial invitation is extended to young and old.

Rev. Jas. Hood will lead the devotions. Short addresses will be given as follows

Is it our duty to send Missionaries to Foreign Lands—Rev. J. M. Cracken of Reformed Presbyterian church.

Systematic Giving—Rev. M. Maxwell of Presbyterian church.

Thank Offerings—Miss Soule.

A Thank Offering Woman—Mrs. Sarah Aldrich.

The Triumphs of Missions—Rev. H. S. Justema of Presbyterian church.

Our Work in India—Mrs. Pres. Missionary Society.

Our duty to support Missions—Rev. W. L. Rogers of Baptist church.

Reading—by Mrs. J. Bateman.

Should there be a W. F. M. Society?—Conducted by Mrs. Benjamin of Royal Oak W. F. M. Society.

Our work in Lucknow, India—Our work in Home Bay—Rev. H. B. Bartram of the M. E. church.

The exercises will be interspersed with music. Refreshments will be served.

## Auction Sale in Court.

An auction sale in the circuit court was one of the series presented in Pontiac recently in the hearing of the petition of J. H. Patterson as attorney for Mark Hall, guardian of the Adams heirs, for permission to sell a parcel of real estate to Robt. Groves. Witnesses were sworn to testify as to the value of the land. All agreed that the price offered was sufficient. James Phillips was called and swore that he would give $5,600 for the land, $100 more than Groves was to pay. Groves said that he would pay $10 more than Phillips rather than lose the purchase. Phillips offered $5,500 and Groves offered him $10 better. It was suggested that the two men who seemed desirous of buying the land offer sealed bids. This was done and Groves raised his original bid to $5,710, an increase of $110. The order was made to confirm the sale.

## The Girl and Her Month.

Here is an old astrological prediction, said to indicate with tolerable certainty the character of the girl according to month or her birth:

If a girl is born in January, she will be a prudent housewife, given to melancholy, but a good tempered.

If in February, a humorous and affectionate wife and tender mother.

If in March, a frivolous chatterbox, somewhat given to quarreling.

If in April, inconsistent, not intelligent, but likely to be good looking.

If in May, handsome and likely to be happy.

If in June, impetuous, will marry early and be frivolous.

If in July, passably handsome, but with a sulky temper.

If in August, amiable and practical, likely to marry rich.

If in September, discreet, affable and much liked.

If in October, pretty and coquettish, and likely to be unhappy.

If in November, liberal, kind of mild disposition.

If in December, well proportioned, fond of novelty and extravagant.

**Michigan Christian Endeavor State Convention at Port Huron.**

For the above the Grand Trunk Railway System have made a single fare for the round trip to Port Huron from all stations in Michigan. Tickets will be on sale March 25th to the 26th, valid to return up to and including March 29th.

## Raise Calves Without Milk.

Use Blachford's Calf Meal, one pound makes one gallon of rich, nutritious gruel equal to one gallon of new milk. Try it. For sale by McClellan & Satterlee.

## Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and $1.00 at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

## AUCTIONEER'S CLERK.

C. H. Carter wishes to announce to the public that he is willing to act as clerk at auction sales and guarantees to give the best of satisfaction. Terms reasonable. His address is Birmingham, Mich. If in need of his services, drop a postal card, leave word at this office or see him personally. 41tf

## AUCTIONEER'S NOTICE.

Ex-sheriff R. D. Bell, who acted as auctioneer before going into the sheriff's office, has decided to resume that work. Parties desiring his services may leave notice at THE ECCENTRIC office or with Geo. W. Fay. Satisfaction guaranteed.

**Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.**

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

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**Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers ever never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. 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.**

## 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. Pelham,
Cashier Oakland County Bank

## W. M. Barnes, Optician.

Spectacles and Eye Glasses made only to special order to your exact measurement. Examination and consultation at your home free of charge. Glasses for headaches a specialty. Address W. M. Barnes, Optician, 1309 Third Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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