THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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Cream packed in 1-quart, 2-quart or 1-gallon Bricks, delivered to any part of the village, packed so as to keep for hours.

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Detroit-Buffalo Rate War

Rates Less Than One Cent Per Mile Now Obtainable.

The promised rate war between the rail and lake lines operating between Detroit and Buffalo is now on in full blast, the opening gun having been fired when the Detroit & Buffalo Steamboat Co. announced that it had established its first-class rate at exactly one-half of the second-class rail rate, thus making the rate by boat less than one cent a mile, and allowing first-class privileges.

The trouble between the rail and the lake lines commenced when the former began to run week-end excursions to Buffalo and selling second-class tickets for $5, and on them allowing first-class privileges, checking baggage and granting sleeping car privileges without restriction. General Passenger Agent A. A. Schantz, of the Detroit & Buffalo line, when he learned of this, notified the passenger agents of the Grand Trunk, Wabash and the Michigan Central roads that unless some restrictions were made he would proceed to cut the rates, not only on week-end excursions but on regular traffic. He fixed a ten day limit on this action, but the railroads could not see the situation from this point of view and would not meet his proposition.

The ten days expired and the Detroit & Buffalo line at once inaugurated a $2.50 regular rate to Buffalo, a distance of 256 miles—less than a cent a mile. Mr. Schantz said that the new Detroit and Buffalo boats were built for legitimate business, and they had created this largely by the week-end excursions, something which, until the new boats went on the run, had not existed between the two terminals.

The new rate fixed by the steamboat line will make a through rate to New York on all lines except the New York Central, $10.50; Boston, 13.40, and Philadelphia, $10.40, with special rates to eastern summer resorts, from Buffalo to Detroit, $2.80, Saginaw, $4.65, Bay City $3.96, Grand Rapids $7.09, Chicago $8.39.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Grass

[Lines suggested by reading a couple of local articles appearing in last week's ECCENTRIC.]

We've a beautiful town, its green trees form an arch
To shade the good people who pass,
Would be happy all days, as a boy at his play,
If the people would only cut grass.

Our churches are splendid, built solid and strong,
And the people who go there, they'l pass,
But oh, mercy me, it is dreadful to see
The way they neglect to cut grass.

We've a library hall full of good books and fair,
People see the hind end as they pass,
And two little kids with a quarter to
To keep the sun off of the grass.

We have a fine fountain beside our grand park
To spray the good people that pass,
'Tis a mighty good thing, and hope it will stay
To sprinkle the toads and the grass.

But our people go off to the lakes and the woods
To stay while the summer doth last;
They have a high time in their boats and canoes
And they don't care a rap for the grass.

There is Whitehead and Bigelow gone off up the lake
To see sights with an opera glass,
But they'l come in hid-dead broke and fined 15c
And they'l earn it by cutting their grass.

Tom Ward went fishing and caught a great fish—
Frank Brooks and the preacher outclassed,
But those three lazy cubs, might better stayed home
And put in their time cutting grass.

Peabody and Ford have gone to Pine Lake
To catch shiners, chubs and sm'all bass,
But when they come back—if they don't hustle 'round—
They'l have a long lecture on grass.

O, you poor troubled soul, when you leave this dark world—
If St. Peter will give you a pass—
Go kick up your heels, where streets are all gold,
Then you'l never be troubled with grass.

I'm a lone stranger here, and I've come here to stay,
So I don't like to give any sass,
But I'll run my own door-yard, just about as I please,
And the kickers can all go to grass.

Saves a Woman's Life.

To have given up would have meant death for Mrs. Lou Cragg, of Dorchester, Mass. For years she had endured untold misery from a severe lung trouble and obstinate cough. "Often," she writes, "I could scarcely breathe and sometimes could not speak. All doctors and remedies failed till I used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was completely cured." Sufferers from Colds, Coughs, Throat and Lung Trouble need this grand remedy, for it never disappoints. Cure is guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

If a Man Lie to You,

And say some other salve, ointment, lotion, oil or alleged healer is as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve, tell him thirty years of marvelous cures of Piles, Burns, Boils, Corns, Felons, Ulcers, Cuts, Scalds, Bruises and Skin Eruptions prove it's the best and cheapest. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

QUEEN & CRESCENT

Fast line to Birmingham and New Orleans. Two fast trains daily.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Rev. H. S. Justema has Severed His Connections With the Presbyterian Church.

A delightful social function of the past week, with which, however, was associated a tinge of sadness, was the farewell reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Justema by the Ladies Church society last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. E. C. Poppleton.

Not only the members and attendants of the Presbyterian church, but all the many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Justema in and about Birmingham leave with deep regret of his resignation after a successful pastorate of three years, and a large company assembled on the recent occasion to bid him and his family an affectionate farewell. The commodious Poppleton residence was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers. The reception room was aglow with nasturtiums. The sitting room was redolent with sweet peas, and here, throughout the evening, delicious lemonade was served from a large punch bowl by the Misses Carrie Mitchell and Marion Clizbe. The dining room was decorated with hollyhocks and was presided over by a number of young ladies in white, by whom ice cream and cake were served on plates.

Mr. Justema has not yet decided where he will settle. His family left on Wednesday for Marine City, after which he left for Watertown, S. Dak., to consider a call.

Michigan Good Roads Exposition.

The Michigan Good Roads Exposition will be held at Greenville, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 29-31, under the auspices of the American Road Makers, the Michigan Highway Commission, the Montcalm County Road Makers and the U. S. Office of Public Road Inquiries.

Earle's Peerless Marquette Railway Good Roads Train, with its road experts and engineers, will arrive at Greenville prior to July 29 for the purpose of having in different stages of completion a stone road, a gravel road and a common dirt road, thus presenting when the exposition begins object lessons of the best methods of constructing and repairing such roads.

Good Roads Machinery day will be held on Tuesday, July 29, when Earle's overland good roads train and all other portable machinery will parade through the streets of Greenville and will carry all visitors to the road exhibits.

U. S. Government day will be held on Wednesday, when Hon. Martin Dodge, director of the Office of Public Road Inquiries, Frank F. Rogers, consulting engineer for the Michigan Highway Commission, and others will address the assembly at the road exhibits.

Michigan day will be held on Thursday, when Gov. Bliss and other state officials will make addresses on various phases of the road subject.

The sample road that is to be built at Greenville will be located in the center of the greatest potato region in the world, where good roads will admit of big loads, thus saving thousands of dollars in transportation.

Persons desiring to attend this exposition may obtain half-fare rates on all railroads in the lower peninsula of Michigan by asking for tickets to the good roads exposition at Greenville.

An Interesting Letter.

Mitchell received last Monday morning the following unique, grotesque and cheerful letter. It braced him up so well and strong that he was enabled to do a full day's work and earn his dollar per day. Here it is complete:

SOMEWHERE, Somepiace, July 19, '02.

If Mitchell were riding down Hamilton street on a Jack mule, what fruit would they resemble?

A handsome pair.

Next!

Have you heard the last fish story?

You are the last sucker caught!

Ask A. W. to report Saturday outing.

We have just passed through a terrible storm. Wind blew up alleys and streets, blew down chimneys and through keyholes, and many a wash out on the line. It certainly would not be safe for a little man like you to go abroad.

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Advertised Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending July 19, 1902:

Mrs. M. Campbell, Kate Sawder, A. E. Knapp, Dave Burch.

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

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Excursion to Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Ore., via Grand Trunk Railway System.

Tickets on sale July 18th to 20th inclusive. Return limit September 15th. 50c extra charge for execution of ticket for return trip. For further information call on local agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

SUMMER EXCURSIONS.

Niagara Falls, Toronto, Alexandria Bay and Montreal via Grand Trunk Railway System.

Round trip tickets sold to above points at very low rate on August 18th, limited to return August 29th. For further particulars call on your local agent or write Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

A Drop in Prices

is always of particular interest when it happens at this store—because it means a saving—the kind every person seeks and which are not of frequent occurrence.

This week's drop is in prices of

Young Men's $10 and $12 Suits which are now priced $7.50

They are of plain blues and blacks and fancy mixed fabrics—just the sort that are much sought after now—coats are single breasted Sacks, right down to the minute in style and perfect in fit.

Nobody else can afford the same kind and values for the price because nobody else in Detroit has for sale at any price the same kind and value of Suits for young men.

R. H. TRAVER CO.

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Ball Kills Boy.

Danville, Ark., dispatch: In a game of base ball Hubert Jones, the fourteen-year-old son of F. C. Jones, a prominent merchant of Belleville, was struck over the heart with a foul ball and instantly killed.

Vanderbilt Wins Two

Paris cable: W. K. Vanderbilt's Nettle, with MacGinn up, ran second in the race for the Prix Tertre at the Maison Laffite races. Mr. Vanderbilt's Bright, MacGinn up, won the prix de Courdes.

Has a Lucky Escape.

Lafayette, Ind., special: Jack Winters of Jacksonville, Ill., made a balloon ascension here. His parachute did not come loose and he clung to the balloon until he struck the ground. He was not fatally hurt.

Heartburn.

When the quantity of food taken is too large or the quality too rich, heartburn is likely to follow, and especially so if the digestion has been weakened by constipation. Eat slowly and not too freely of easily digested food. Masticate the food thoroughly. Let six hours elapse between meals and when you feel a fullness and weight in the region of the stomach after eating indicating that you have eaten too much, take one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and the heartburn may be avoided. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Killed Drunken Man.

Tuscola, Ill., special: Alfred Elders of Camargo was killed by William Northcraft, a boy of 18 years of age, whom he assaulted while intoxicated. The tragedy was witnessed by a great many spectators.

Summer Complaint

is unusually prevalent among children this season. A well developed case in the writer's family was cured last week by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy—one of the best patent medicines manufactured and which is always kept on hand at the home of ye scribe. This is not intended as a free puff for the company, who do not advertise with us, but to benefit little sufferers who may not be within easy access of a physician. No family should be without a bottle of this medicine in the house, especially in the summer-time.—Lansing, Iowa, Journal. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Notice to Village Taxpayers.

I will receive village taxes at my store in the village of Birmingham, Mich., from July 1st to August 10th, 1902.

T. H. CONN,
Village Treasurer.

Birmingham, Mich.

Cleaning Marble Steps.

The best way to clean marble steps or a hearthstone is with a scrubbing brush and soap and water. If there are stains which will not come out, boil half a pint of size with the same quantity of pipe clay and ordinary Spanish whiting. This preparation renovates the stone by filling in roughnesses and cracks. It must be applied smoothly with a cloth and rubbed off with a dry cloth when it is dry. Use a very thin size, such as paper-hangers use. This is a work glue water. An ordinary size is made by adding eight ounces of dissolved glue to a pailful of hot water.

Parker House Rolls.

To make rolls that will literally melt in the mouth and are both delicate and toothsome, scald one pint of milk, add to it one heaping tablespoonful of butter and an even teaspoonful of salt. Then stand aside until lukewarm. Sift one quart of flour into large earthen bowl, mix with it a tablespoonful of granulated sugar and one cake of compressed yeast dissolved in a little warm water. Stir together the flour and the warm milk, adding more flour as required to make a stiff dough. Cover tightly and let stand in a warm, not hot, room over night. In the morning knead the dough thoroughly, then make into small turnover rolls, and let stand in a warm place until very light; then bake in a quick oven for fifteen minutes.

Furnishing the New Home.

If the new home is to be in a flat or rented house, get carpets or mattings of one pattern, rather than different for each room. The effect is better and the advantages in refitting great. The same is true of draperies. In such homes large, heavy pieces of furniture are often a burden. Iron or brass beds are the most desirable, with the best mattresses one can afford. It is wise to purchase the best and most solid, well made dining table and chairs that one's purse will allow. A selection of pieces from a stock pattern, of the best quality of semi-porcelain, makes the most useful foundation for one's stock of dishes. In a large store a pattern is kept in stock five years or more. A soft green, yet pleasing in tone, harmonizes with most of the dainty, fancy china one may have.—Good Housekeeping.

63c WOMEN'S OXFORD TIES 63c

We have assorted out and placed on our front table some 75 or 100 pairs of broken lots of Women's Oxford Ties and Strap Sandals which formerly sold at from $1.40 to $2.50—

Your Choice at 65 cents

$1.38 ✦ Women's Tan Shoes ✦ $1.38

On table No. 2 we have placed about the same number of Women's Tan Shoes that sold at from $1.90 to $3.75—

Your Choice at $1.38

Come early and secure the advantage of the best assortment, as at these prices they are going rapidly.

GOING'S CORNER SHOE STORE Pontiac, Mich.

Sparling's Popular-Priced Dry Goods House.

Business Boomers at the Busy Store.
Prices reduced on many lines of Hot Weather Goods.

WASH GOODS SPECIALS

Choice Lawns and Dimities worth 8c and 10c, reduced to 5c yd

2,000 yds Fine Dimities, Ballste, Muslins, all new, good styles, worth up to 15c and 18c, reduced to 10c yd

WHITE GOODS

100 pieces Fine Lace Striped Lawns, all white, worth up to 15c and 10c, reduced to 10c yd

Special Bargains in Corsets and Muslin Underwear.

BLACK AND COLORED DRESS GOODS

50 new pieces Granites, Venetians, Coverts and 36-inch Suitings in all new stylish colors, also 45-inch Black Brilliantines, worth 50c, reduced to 39c yd

SILKS

Our entire line of Colored Wash Silks, one lot Moire Velour, and one lot of Colored Taffeta, reduced to 37c yd

UNUSUAL Reductions in Ladies' Skirts, Shirt Waists and Dresses—Big variety to select from.

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