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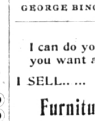

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Trains Run on Central Standard Time

GOING NORTH			STATIONS	GOING SOUTH		
Frgt. No. 5	Pass. No. 3	Mixd No. 1		Mixd No. 2	Pass. No. 4	Frgt. No. 6
A M	P M	A M	D. G. H & M	P M	A. M	A M
4 05	5 55		Leave	9 25	11 50	
			Mich Cent.			
7 50	3 15	8 15	PONTIAC, Arr	8 05	10 40	4 00
10 10	6 00	8 50	Oxford Arr	7 40	10 05	3 30
10 50			Oxford Dep	7 25	10 00	3 00
7 00	3 25	12 35	Caseville	2 45	6 45	6 15
p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Ar.	Lv.	a. m.	a. m.

Schedule of Trains between

PONTIAC AND OXFORD

In Effect July 23, 1900.

GOING NORTH

Stations.	No. 7	No. 1	No. 9	No. 21	No. 3
Pontiac	5 30	8 15	9 30	1 40	5 15
Kames	5 45	8 28	9 45	1 45	5 22
Cole	5 55	8 35	9 53	1 55	5 30
Oxford	6 10	8 50	10 10	2 10	6 00
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.

GOING SOUTH

Stations.	No. 8	No. 4	No. 10	No. 12	No. 6
	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Oxford	6 30	10 10	11 55	4 25	7 25
Cole	6 45	10 25	12 02	4 37	7 40
Kames	6 55	10 32	12 15	4 45	7 48
Pontiac	7 10	10 40	12 30	5 00	8 00
	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.

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Cars leave Birmingham for Pontiac at 6:30 a. m., and every half hour thereafter until 8:00 p. m., and hourly until 12 o'clock midnight.

First car leaves Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m., 7:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 1:00 p. m. and hourly until 11:00 p. m. Last car waits for the theatre.

On Sundays first car leaves one hour later than the time given above.

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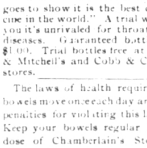

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The laws of health require that the bowels move once each day and one of the penalties for violating this law is piles. Keep your bowels regular by taking a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when necessary and you will never have that severe punishment inflicted upon you. Price, 25c. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell, druggists.

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Shake Hands With Fate

'Tis a sad old world, and a bad old world,
It is scarce worth while at all;
Its sorrows cling and its friendships sting,
And even its joys will pall.
But dear is life for all its strife,
And love is better than hate—
You'll find a grace in the surliest face
If you just shake hands with fate.

With light in your glance and right in your glance,
And your lips in a curve to the sky;
A spring in your walk and a ring in your talk,
Sure, hope will not pass you by.
The path that you will winds over a hill,
But it leads to an open-gate;
So trill you a song to lure love along,
And just shake hands with fate.

'Tis in yourself is the demon elf,
'Tis in yourself is God;
And you'll never stray from yourself away—
God's light or the devil's prod.
Whatever your mind you'll meet in kind,
And what is yourself create;
The world will view what is really you—
Therefore, shake hands with fate!
—Regina Armstrong in Leslie's Weekly.

The Flight of the Fearless.

BY HENRY DAVIS MIDDLETON.

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Bob Brown, commonly known among the inhabitants of Ebonville as "Uncle Bob," was considered fearless. No one was skeptical regarding his fearlessness nor dared harbor the least suspicion as to his being superstitious. If, like most of his dusky brethren, he "ruther not" begin a job on a Friday, the invariable cause was physical incapacity rather than superstitious fear. If, perchance, during his nocturnal perambulations myriad phantoms darted about his pathway as he neared the village cemetery, he would approach the hideous spectre, and discovering it to be only an inanimate illusion, he would pass unperturbed on his homeward way, always attributing sundry bruises and scars visible upon various portions of his anatomy at the time of these escapades, to his bad sight and his haste to reach home.

It was not surprising, then, that when the new hospital desired a strong orderly for night duty in the two male wards, he alone volunteered to accept the position, while the timidity of his fellows permitted them only to pass the frowning institution at a safe distance and with much trepidation.

When the first month ended "Uncle Bob" was pretty well initiated into the mysteries of the hospital. For weeks he had astonished his dusky auditors with wild and weird stories of his triumphs in the wards, operating room and morgue of the institution; never failing to impress them with the fact that it would be impossible to run the institution without his services. He was indeed the most fearless man in Ebonville, and was regarded by his peers with "superstitious reverence".

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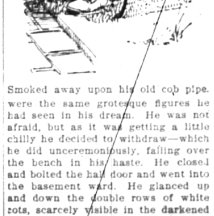
It was midnight. The stillness of the hour was only broken by the soft tread of the nurses on their periodical rounds of the wards. Uncle Bob, seated upon bench on the lawn, just outside the door of the basement ward, occupied by the colored male patients, smoked away upon his old cob pipe, and hoped for the approach of the morning when he should be off duty. He fell asleep. He dreamed. He saw visions. Yes, there they were—all the patients, both white and black, who had died since his incumbency. They were after him—he fled. They pursued him—he sought refuge under the front steps of his home. They followed menacingly. There was no escape. Oh, there was Jim, wicked Jim, now a black demon! He had died muttering curses and imprecations. He was leading the other demons. His bloodshot eyes glared just as they had in his dying moments; the bandage was about his head, the white gown thrown loosely about his emaciated form. They sought to kill the orderly. Fire issued from their mouths, smoke from their nostrils. He shouted for help—he awoke with a start. He chuckled over his fears—after all it was only a dream. He shook off his lethargy and relit his pipe when his attention was attracted by a peculiar noise. He looked across the lawn into the pitch darkness of the night whence the strange sound came. My! there



Smoked away upon his old cob pipe, were the same grotesque figures he had seen in his dream. He was not afraid, but as it was getting a little chilly he decided to withdraw—which he did unceremoniously, falling over the bench in his haste. He closed and bolted the hall door and went into the basement ward. He glanced up and down the double rows of white cots, scarcely visible in the darkened place. His eyes rested upon the cot upon which wicked Jim had died—yes, there was Jim, lying upon the cot—no, impossible, for it had not been occupied since his death. He approached it cautiously; not a sound was emitted. He turned on the nearest light—yes, it was wicked Jim's ghost! The fearless orderly stood for a moment trembling. What was that? The thing moaned; it muttered; it sprang from the couch and fell prostrate at the feet of the bewildered orderly.

A broken sash and a wrecked panel of the picket fence left in his wake, gave practical evidence of the brave orderly's senile agility and an inkling of his sprinting qualities.

Wicked Jim's twin brother, delirious of fever, lost to the hospital a fearless, valuable "ord'ly," whose back

There was Jim, lying upon the cot.

pay still awaits his return, and who, like the hospital, is running yet, in spite of his contrary predictions.

A QUESTION OF CONSCIENCE

Discussed by a Clerk to Whom a Customer Had Returned 2 Cents.

"Some folks," said the store clerk, "are too honest. Now, I've had somebody come in to me when the boss was standing by, somebody that had bought something of me the day before, and hand over two cents and say:

"You gave me two cents too much change yesterday, and I've brought it back."

"He couldn't rest, you see, that man, until he'd got that two cents off his conscience and returned it. But in getting rid of that load himself he simply shifted it onto me. Here's the boss standing by when that two cents is returned, and the boss says to himself with his eye on me:

"'Hm! If you make a mistake of two cents you'd make one of two dollars,' and so, you see, that super-honest man's return of that two cents may do me a lot of harm.

"The meaning of which is, if I can make myself clear, that we don't want to be too blamed honest. A man can be too honest and worry himself over trifles that he ought not to bother over.

"I should say that if the honest man must bring two cents back let him turn it in some time when the boss wasn't 'round."

When the Goat Swore.

"Did you ever hear a goat swear?" asked Gen. Parker of New Jersey. He represents, by the way, the district in which the rifle range at Seat Girt is situated.

"Over at the rifle range one day," said Gen. Parker, "there was a team from Georgia, which had with them a colored boy and a goat as mascots. The boy was dressed in brilliant uniform and the goat had a fuzzy tail. Along came a rifleman who belonged to a rival team.

"'I'll give you a nickel for one of your buttons,' he said to the boy, and the trade was made. Then the rifleman, plucking some hairs from the goat's tail, rubbed them on the button. 'Now,' he said, 'I have hoodooed your team. You will never win the Hilton trophy.'

"The colored boy burst into tears and the goat said 'D-a-a-a-m-n' just as plainly as anything you ever heard in your life."—Washington Post.

Kaiser's Costly Cannon.

The German emperor takes great pride in a cannon of solid gold, inlaid with precious stones, which he possesses. Its value purely as a piece of jewelry is set at $25,000, and a special guard watches over it. The trustees of the Hamburg museum, who had cherished it for two centuries, gave it to the German government some time ago.

Portable Church in Philadelphia.

A portable house of worship has been dedicated in Philadelphia. It is the chapel of the Temple Evangelical Lutheran church, at Twenty-second and Race streets. The building is so constructed that it may be taken apart and set up again whenever it is deemed desirable to move it.

It would appear that woman's rights constitute her wrongs