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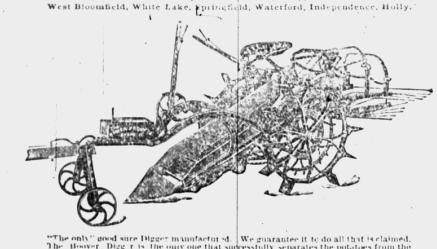

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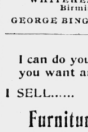

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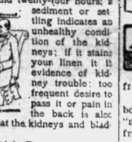

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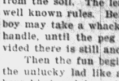

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TIME TABLE.

Trains Run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH	STATIONS	GOING SOUTH
Mail Pass Mail Nos. 1		Mail Pass Exp. Nos. 2
A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M.		A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M.
4.00 6.55	Pontiac	... ... 9.30 12.50
... ...	Main Street	... ...
7.55 7.55	Pontiac	8.00 8.00 ... ...
8.05 8.05	Auburn	7.50 7.50 ... ...
8.15 8.15	Lake View	7.40 7.40 ... ...
8.25 8.25	Clarkston	7.30 7.30 ... ...
8.35 8.35	Drayton	7.20 7.20 ... ...
8.45 8.45	Oxford	7.10 7.10 ... ...
9.25 12.15	Leonard	6.30 6.30 ... ...
9.45 12.35	Rochester	6.10 6.10 ... ...

Schedule of Trains between

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In Effect July 23, 1900.

Central Standard Time.

Stations.	No. 1	No. 3	No. 5	No. 7	No. 9
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Pontiac	6.30	10.00	1.35	4.30	7.00
Auburn	6.45	10.15	1.50	4.45	7.15
Lake View	6.50	10.20	1.55	4.50	7.20
Clarkston	6.55	10.25	2.00	4.55	7.25
Drayton	7.00	10.30	2.05	5.00	7.30
Oxford	7.10	10.40	2.15	5.10	7.40
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Stations.	No. 2	No. 4	No. 6	No. 8	No. 10
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Oxford	8.30	10.00	12.55	4.00	7.00
Drayton	8.40	10.10	1.05	4.10	7.10
Clarkston	8.45	10.15	1.10	4.15	7.15
Lake View	8.50	10.20	1.15	4.20	7.20
Auburn	8.55	10.25	1.20	4.25	7.25
Pontiac	9.10	10.40	1.35	4.40	7.40

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Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 6.00 a. m., 7.30 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7.00 p. m., and hourly until 11.00 p. m.

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., 7.30 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7.00 p. m. and hourly until 11.00 p. m. Last car waits for the theaters

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PHILOSOPHICAL OBSERVATIONS

By BYRON WILLIAMS.

An illustration entitled "Pulling the Peg" brings recollections. The man who would not smile broadly at the picture is "fit for strategies and such." The illustration shows a number of boys on a grassy plot, all down on their haunches, their knees or their stomachs, intensely interested in observing an unlucky comrade pulling a wooden peg from the ground with his teeth.

It is an old game, as old as the Pyramids of Egypt and as honored among boys as Sunday school. It is the subsequent farce that follows a game of "mumble-the-peg." The most indifferent player must pull the wooden stick from the soil. The length and size of the peg is regulated by very strict and well known rules. Being prepared the peg is set in the grassy earth and each boy may take a whack at it with the back of his knife, holding the blade as a handle, until the peg is driven down, down, down, no matter how deep, provided there is still another whack due the last boy to drive it.

Then the fun begins. Down on his knees with his nose in the grass goes the unlucky lad like a gopher digging a hole in the meadow. The fortunate boys laugh and hoot, laugh and shout uproariously as the face of the digger comes up covered with dirt, his mouth full of soil and lips sputtering to dispel the gravel. Down he goes again amid the plaudits of his fellows. His nose is almost flat, so hard is he pressing the earth after the peg. After spitting out several mouthfuls of Mother Earth, he can reach the peg with his teeth. He takes a strong grip on the wood and pulls. Either the peg comes up or his teeth break off. Usually he gets the peg. To miss getting it would be to stand the taunts of his playmates for months, the placing of his character on a lower pedestal than the average elevation. Hence he roots for the peg and gets it after a while. In after life when he goes after big projects he remembers the tenacity of purpose cultivated with the "mumble-the-peg" and he wins.

Hence the playful game of youth is not without its lesson. It may be untidy, but men do worse things for money or for power, when the peg is deep, than rub a little dirt on their physiognomies—they rub it on their hearts and their consciences and cover over their sympathies with plating, all of which is worse than the smearing of a little soil on the face of an innocent game of "pulling the peg."

The small boy who ties tin cans to the caudal appendages of dogs to see them run has been outdone. A little girl of Vulcan, Colorado, hitched her mother's wash-boiler to a burro's tail and got in to take a ride. The little girl is doing as well as could be expected, but the natives are ever and anon awakened at night as the burro and the wash-boiler continue their jamboree among the eternal hills.

This reminds me of the man who tickled a mule's heels with a feather duster. The handles on his coffin cost $16.85.

The lad who stuck his tongue on the ax-blade January 13, 1893, does very well at his business except that his talk is always one-sided!

The buzz-saw was not to blame because the hired man got too close trying to tell its age by its teeth. The doctor sewed up his nose and despite a double hair-lip, he is enabled to cut some ice at spelling bees and county festivals still.

It is the same way with the "orange colored devil," when the constable let the wind blow his whiskers in among the spokes. It was the "gol darndest quickest shave" Uncle Si ever got!

The singing at the obsequies of Eleanor Daring was beautiful, while the roses were aromatic and nifty. Poor Eleanor, she knew the sand-bar slumped with a perpendicular cut-off—but she wanted to feel with her dainty toe where the danger was. She did!

Baby is not to blame for picking up the red-hot poker—pa did the same thing yesterday on the stock exchange, and he couldn't let go quick enough!

Despite the warning of the jagernaut, young men continue to take risks with taffeta and curl papers, spending their money on lon-bons and taking their pay in hugs and osculations that only wind the web about them.

Winter hitches up with a hail-storm, both having been married before and mortally certain of a heavy gale ahead! June goes to February and then seeks a divorce because she gets cold feet. The countryman forgets his last cold brick and buys another, and thus the merry travesty goes on like "Onward, Christian Soldier...." Verily, man is a strange composite!

A newspaper has compiled statistics showing the percentage of boys and girls in the classes graduating from the high schools. The result is claimed to be as follows:

Seventy-five per cent of the girls tell how "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy!" while only twenty-five per cent of the boys exclaim before an admiring, audible on commencement day—"I've hitched my wagon to a star!"

The paper then figuratively turns a few handsprings and deplores the conditions that keep boys from graduating. Considering further the writer views with alarm the situation.

There are two sides to this subject. Undoubtedly it would be better could the boy continue in school, but he does not wholly lose, for he is in the school of experience, the business school where being an apt pupil, he will hold his own.

The woman continues her education and after a time marries the boy, now a man! The result? He assimilates from her much of her education, is uplifted and broadened and bettered by it. What education has done for her will be imparted to him—unless he be a boor! No man of good qualities ever lived with a bright, educated wife who did not secure benefit from her.

Hence, the situation is not so bad after all, so long as the woman gets her education. She is the teacher of her home, the instructor of her children in more ways than the schoolma'am. Samuel Eels says the hope of the nation is in the schools. It may be but the hope of the nation is fully as much in the wife and mother. Let her continue to graduate and inculcate her learning where it will do the most good.

"All the world loves a lover!" and more than fishermen despise snags. Because of this hatred steamboats have been made which remove snags that impede navigation. These boats are known as snag-boats. They are built of iron and steel and are powerful in their strength, pulling up snags by the roots and making impassable ways safe channels.

Every individual should have a snag-boat, speaking figuratively, to rid the life-channel of old roots and ultimate wrecks. The average man does too much drifting, too much dreaming, has too many visions of "what might have been," and too many aurora-borealises of what is to be. He drifts along without a snag-boat and suddenly strikes an impediment. Usually he is compelled to back out and make a devious course, to evade the snag. A practical clearing house would be a splendid appointment for mankind in general, keeping the mind devoid of visions and the hand steadily on the rudder.

Snake stories are pat at this season. They flourish best in wet weather during vacation times. Hence, some interest will attach to the largest snake ever discovered. When a boy we saw in our geography some mammoth snakes with attenuated bodies draping a half tone photograph, but this snake is larger even than those great boas there depicted. Strange to say, instead of being a hated thing, a sinuous form on the head of which the modern Eves would set their heels, this snake is much beloved. Cattle are especially friendly and the natives who have seen the snake are wont to bless it!

This snake is so long its tail is among the Rocky Mountains near the western border of Wyoming. Its body extends in a rough semi-circle through Southern Idaho and its head is found 1,050 miles below in Washington. Think of a snake 1,050 miles long! We refer to Snake River—"and throw ourselves upon the mercy of the court!"

Many enthusiasts at the game of "seven-up" may not be cognizant of the fact that the game came originally from the Dutch, who introduced it into America when they made their early settlements in New York. The game of "pedro," "California Jack," "cinch" and many others, are derived from this game.

Hence, card players are gratefully indebted to the stolid Dutch for inventing the game, and many wives who have waited up until close to morning for their recreant husbands to play "positively the last game" for the forty-seventh time, will also feel a sentiment regarding the Dutch and their interesting stratagem of the cards. Naturally the wives are apt to be more given to an expression of their feelings over the game than the aforesaid husbands, but then it is woman's way to be emotional.

History records "seven wise men" of ancient time and lets it go at that, to use the slang of common parlance. Nowadays one is impressed, by listening, of the existence of innumerable wise men. In fact, so common have they become that George Ade and others refer to them as "wise guys." One would almost think the wise men of to-day had gone into a chain scheme, so multitudinous are they. Verily, the "seven wise men" of ancient time—Solon, Thales, Pittacus, Bias, Chilon, Cleobulus and Periander of Corinth—are very small potatoes in a wet season. This is the age of progress, where many men of varied ability keep the ambient charged with hot air about themselves. In other words, the wise men of to-day, like the cackling hen, are wont to advertise.

"Fate tried to conceal him by naming him Smith.

That Fate in such a role has utterly failed to carry out the contract is evident by a glance in the archives. Here are Smiths galore whose names are prominent despite the great army of Smiths.

Encyclopedia Britannica, American supplement, discusses twenty-eight Smiths and three Smythes, which is a good record. Scorn not the name of Smith and be not cast down because Fate has endeavored to conceal you by naming you thus. Endeavor faithfully and your name may be enrolled with the adjuncts of Smith's in the encyclopedia of fame.

The Seven Wonders of the World have been entirely outclassed this season by the seven times seven mosquitos that have evolved to every summer boarder. In olden times one must burn the bridges behind to escape the foe. Now it is a case of burning the ponds to the rear as the itinerary is made summer, cottageward. Pour oil on the troubled water and apply the torch. Thus it is the joyous "skeeter" is cremated while he is still in a gummy and nebulous state.