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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—M. S. Mac Weel, Pastor. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Public worship and sermon at 3 p. m. C. E. P. U. U. each Thursday evening at 7:30. All invited.

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On the morning of OCTOBER 20th The LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE R. R. will run **Round Trip Tickets** from St. Louis, Evansville, Louisville and Cincinnati to the following points at the lowest rates ever named. Tickets will be good returning for twenty-one (21) days from date of sale, and stopovers will be permitted on going trip at points south of Kentucky-Tennessee state line:

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Mobile, $14.00	Montgomery, $14
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Oct 20

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Cures Colds; Prevents Pneumonia

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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Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

FOR SALE—Improved Victoria and Yorkshire Sows and Pigs for sale at the Springsteen Farm, 1½ miles north of Royal Oak. Mrs. N. E. Springsteen. oct 28dowtw 3

WANTED—Girls to work in our knitting factory. Steady work and good wages. For further particulars apply to Western Knitting Mills, Rochester, Mich. oct13

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Arrival and Departure of Trains at Birmingham.

WEST BOUND FROM BIRMINGHAM.

No. 18—Mongrine Express to Grd Haven 7:45 a m
No. 12—Mail and Chicago Express to Chicago 12:50 p m
No. 14—Grand Haven Express 4:4[illegible] p m
Nos. 18, 14 and 16 daily, except Sunday.

EAST BOUND.

No. 9—[illegible] p m
No. 15—Chicago Express to Detroit and east 6:35 a m
No. 11—Detroit Express to Detroit and east [illegible] p m 11:20 a m
No. 13—Evening Express to Detroit and east 8:30 p m

Nos. 9, 11, 13 and 15 daily, except Sunday. No. 16 daily. Stops on signal.

GEORGE F. ALDRICH, Agent Birmingham.

Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railway TIME TABLE

Trains run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH	STATIONS	GOING SOUTH
Frt'g't Pass' Mix No.5 No.3 No.1		Mix Pass Frt'g't No.2 No.4 No.6
A.M. P.M. A.M. 7:45 4:00 8:30 1:12 7:40	Detroit, Woodward Ave.	P.M. A.M. P.M. 2:30 11:50 5:10
8:50 5:15 8:45	PONTIAC	8:05 10:4[illegible] 4:00
9:15 5:40 9:10	Farmer	7:48 10:22 3:32
9:30 5:50 9:2[illegible]	Ash	7:30 10:05 3:20
10:10 6:00 9:5[illegible]	Oxford	7:15 10:10 3:00
11:00 6:30 10:30	Drayton	6:45 9:40 2:30
11:18 6:50 9:00	Sheoga	6:26 9:22 1:52
11:25 6:56 9:1[illegible]	Leonard	6:20 9:15 1:45
11:35 7:00 9:2[illegible]	Dryden	6:10 9:05 1:35
12:20 7:40 9:4[illegible]	Imlay City	5:30 8:30 1:00
12:5[illegible] 7:0[illegible] 9:5[illegible]	Lum	5:10 8:0[illegible] 11:55
1:1[illegible] 7:0[illegible] 10:0[illegible]	Almes Mill's	5:0[illegible] 8:0[illegible] 11:40
1:5[illegible] 7:3[illegible] 10:3[illegible]	Branch	4:3[illegible] 8:1[illegible] 11:20
2:50 7:3[illegible] 10:2[illegible]	Coffrid	4:2[illegible] 8:0[illegible] 10:2[illegible]
3:25 7:4[illegible] 10:5[illegible]	Kinderton	4:0[illegible] 7:3[illegible] 9:5[illegible]
3:40 8:04 10:5[illegible]	Wilmot	4:2[illegible] 8:0[illegible] 9:30
4:4[illegible] 8:1[illegible] 11:0[illegible]	Deford	4:0[illegible] 7:5[illegible] 9:1[illegible]
5:1[illegible] 8:2[illegible] 11:2[illegible]	Cass City	4:0[illegible] 7:4[illegible] 8:5[illegible]
5:4[illegible] 8:4[illegible] 11:4[illegible]	Sanilac	3:4[illegible] 7:2[illegible] 8:2[illegible]
6:0[illegible] 8:5[illegible] 11:5[illegible]	Carroll-ale	3:4[illegible] 7:2[illegible] 7:4[illegible]
6:1[illegible] 8:5[illegible] 12:0[illegible]	Unionville	3:2[illegible] 7:1[illegible] 7:2[illegible]
6:3[illegible] 9:1[illegible] 12:2[illegible]	Bad Axe	3:0[illegible] 7:0[illegible] 7:0[illegible]
6:4[illegible] 9:1[illegible] 12:3[illegible]	Berne	3:0[illegible] 6:5[illegible] 6:4[illegible]
7:0[illegible] 9:3[illegible] 12:5[illegible]	Sherwin	2:4[illegible] 6:3[illegible] 6:1[illegible]
p.m. 10:0[illegible] p.m.	Verona	2:0[illegible] 6:0[illegible] p.m.

GOING NORTH, Mixed Train No. 2		GOING SOUTH, Mixed Train No. 8,
Stations		Stations
Pontiac	5:20	Pontiac
Oxford	6:00	Oxford
Cole	5:44	Cole
Oxford	6:00	Oxford

All trains daily except Sunday.

Trains No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 daily except Sunday.

Trains No 5 will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Train No. 6, Tuesday, Thursday Saturday.

* Flag Stations, where trains stop only at signals.

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. Unionville with Flint & Pere Marquette Ry. Pigeon with Saginaw, Pinconning and Bay City Ry.

W. C. SANFORD, Gen. Supt.

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In Effect April 2, 1902.

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Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 6:00 a. m., 7:00 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., 7:00 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.

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

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Giving quick express service between Birmingham and Detroit, also reaching all points on Detroit United and Inland Railway System.

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He may not know why, but every man knows that some bread remains moist and some gets dry. It is in the flour — it comes from the wheat

CERESOTA

is made from the best northwestern hard spring wheat and does not dry out like ordinary flour.

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It's impossible for you not to look old, with the color of seventy years in your hair! Perhaps you are seventy, and you like your gray hair! If not, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. In less than a month your gray hair will have all the dark, rich color of youth.

$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will forward you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE. In the matter of the estate of Cordelia James, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Jesse Phips Stockwell, Judge of Probate, and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and four months from the 28th day of September, A. D. 1902, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate for all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 28th day of October, 1902 and on the 28th day of January 1903 at ten o'clock A. M. of each day, at the office of the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said County, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

J. F. DUNDELL,
VOLNEY NIXON, Commissioners.

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A Love Letter

Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd, of Pond's, Mo. writes "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me." It's the best Salve on earth. 25c at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

A POPULAR WEDDING TRIP

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If you want a delightful wedding trip take one of the new D. and B. steamers to Detroit, thence D. and C. coast line steamers to Mackinac Island. Staterooms and parlors reserved in advance. Send 2c for pamphlet. Address

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You Need a Rest.

If you are not feeling well, don't call a doctor but take a lake trip! You return home feeling new life and your brain blown free from cobwebs. Send 2c for folder and map. Address, A. A. Schantz, G. P. T. Mgr., Detroit, Mich. tf

MY BABY WAS SICK

My baby is 4 months old and is teething. He was sick and I tried a good many things, but nothing seemed to relieve him.

I had a doctor, who said it was inflammation of the bowels, and that I would never pull him through—perhaps, if he was under his care. When I saw he was getting worse I stopped giving him his medicine, as he could keep nothing on his stomach. He was troubled with colic very much, and used to scream when he had a touch of it. I did not know what it was to close my eyes, day or night. I gave him a few drops of LAXAKOLA and it relieved him. I gave it to him a few times and it worked like a charm, and he now rests pretty fair all night. He is a great deal better looking baby since I gave him LAXAKOLA, and I think if all mothers knew how good it was they would use nothing else.—Mrs. Mary Dalby.

Price—25 cents. 507 First St., South Boston, Va.

For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell, druggists, Birmingham, Mich.

OPINIONS OF A PESSIMIST.

Any old ham can be truthful, but it takes a genius to tell a good lie.

No great man has ever confessed that he owed it to the reading of Sunday school books.

Some women are so virtuous that they make a fellow want to go away and be wicked just for spite.

There are men who wouldn't care to go to heaven if they had to pay taxes to keep the golden streets in repair.

Time changes the views of women on the question of the man she regarded as her ideal.

OAKLAND'S NEW $100,000 COURT HOUSE

JOHN POUND'S BLOCK EXACTLY FILLS THE BILL.

It Should not Be too Far from Business yet Away from its Noise and Dirt, that Is why the New Wayne Co. Court House Was Placed Away from Woodward Avenue.

It is now up to those in authority to obtain the best possible site. It can now be procured, speedy possession given and an unassailable title within one-half minute of present site, high and dry, natural gravel, drainage, no damp basements and void of quicksand. The golden opportunity now exists.

Remember you are building for 100 years ahead. Do not commit a grave error and get a remote, noisy and inconvenient site—the locale et situ is everything.

We are in receipt (from a valued special correspondent) of authentic and absolutely correct information direct from best and solely accurate sources, concerning site, and buildings of numerous recently constructed court houses in Michigan and from three other cities near our state line in Ohio. The county seats our correspondent has just heard from are Toledo, Bowling Green, and Warren, Ohio, and those in Michigan are Ann Arbor, Marshall, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Hillsdale, Hastings, Corunna, Flint, Mason, Ithaca, Allegan, Charlotte, Adrain, Monroe, Coldwater and Paw Paw.

The queries propounded were 51 five and requests were made for replies seriatim, viz:

1. Is your court house located in its own block or square amid its own grounds and without alleys?
2. How many entrances has it?
3. How far is it from your main business center or thoroughfare?
4. Is it surrounded by wide streets and can it thus be approached from any one or all sides for plumber's work, drainage, gas, sewers, water, and electric light wiring?
5. Is it near to or remote from steam and trolley car lines, also from the din and hum of ordinary business?

The replies are as follows:

To question No. 1, all say "yes," "no alleys."

To No. 2, "none less than two, some three, four and six."

To No. 3, "none very far, many one and two blocks only."

To No. 4, all say "yes," "as to wide streets, all can be so approached."

To No. 5, "not too far from nor too near trolleys, not near steam cars—nor far from business—in quiet places."

We obtained this information and our correspondent spent his time to procure it correctly from headquarters in order that certain statements heretofore published as to sites, localities, entrances, etc., may be better understood by our people generally both in the city and all over the county and that the public at large may know what other important counties and up-to-date localities are at this moment doing where new court houses have recently been built and are in process of erection.

John Pound, Pontiac, offers his entire square or block, 20 seconds from the old court house site, yet retired and without noisy cars close by, the only entire block in Pontiac so placed. It covers every condition and detail of the above requirements exactly. Recommend to your supervisor the purchase of this most commanding and superior site as old Oakland should possess none but the best.

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Despairs of throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c and $1.00 bottles guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb. Trial bottles free.

PEPSIKOLA is also a grand nerve tonic and is sure to help all who feel run down and worn out because of the debilitating effects of the hot weather. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell

FRANKLIN

The Lady Maccabees of Franklin hive will give a progressive pedro party at the new hall in Franklin, Friday evening, October 30, to help pay for the piano. Four prizes will be given. Ten cents a couple will be charged for those wishing to play pedro. Supper 15 cents each. Come one, come all.

EFFIE JOHNSTON, R. K.

TROY.

Geo. Elliott has his silos filled.

Numerous guests at Fred Frank's Sunday from Detroit.

Park Cutting and his auto make things lively now-a-days.

Tom Alger, of Royal Oak, was at the Jarvis home the last of the week.

Over 300 apple crates were put off at Troy last Saturday for C. L. Hadsell.

Miss Gertrude Hock and sister Lulu returned to Detroit Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Uriah Jackson is grafually failing. A niece from Armada is caring for her.

Lou Becker brought a lot of men from Detroit last Monday to work in his sugar beets.

Geo. Elliott, Tracy Smith, Lou Becker and James Reside were in Detroit last Monday.

A lot of stanchions were put off the freight for the Durant barn on the Terry farm Saturday.

The Detroit and Flint flyers that make the trip in 2 hours and 40 minutes make things lively along the line.

F. D. Cutting bought a lot of milch cows near Birmingham Saturday putting them on his farm. He now ships milk to Detroit.

Chas. Clark and Dave Atkins are at their homes in Troy for a few days—the factory where they have been employed having shut down for a while.

The Ladies' Aid meeting at the parsonage Friday was well attended. Committees were appointed for the coming banquet at the hall the third Thursday in November.

ROSSEAU'S R. F. D. NO. 1.

Miss Lizzie Shovan is a guest of Mrs. Hattie Gravlin.

Miss Emma Jenks is visiting at Will Shepard's this week.

Mr. Phillips is picking his apples on the C. G. Jackson farm.

Miss Orrel Hyde is visiting her cousins in Owosso and Laingsburg.

Miss Maggie Briggs, daughter of Frank Briggs, broke her right arm last week.

Miss Orpha Spicer was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Elna Stoll, the first of the week.

Mrs. V. B. Miller was in Detroit last week a guest of her aunt, Mrs. James Brooks.

Dow Benjamin Ellwood, son of Wm. Ellwood, ran a nail into his hand one day last week.

Rev. Mr. Jacobs of the Memorial church, Detroit, will preach at the Southfield Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 2:30 p. m. Sabbath-school at 1:30 p. m.

The Willing Workers Society of the Southfield Presbyterian church will hold their next regular meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday, October 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Everyone will be made welcome.

BIG BEAVER.

Farmers are nearly through with fall work.

Mr. Dungerow is slowly recovering, also Frank Terry.

Preparations are being made for a church fair in the near future.

H. A. George, wife and little son visited at Utica one day last week.

The Beaver people gave their pastor a pound social on Tuesday evening.

Hal M. Gibbs and wife, of Howard City, visited his parents last week.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet Wednesday, the 28th inst., in the morning, at Mrs. Strong's.

Mrs. Adams Bayley celebrated her birthday last Friday. Those present were, Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Maake, of Detroit, and Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. George, of Big Beaver. Mr. Bayley made himself useful in helping to prepare a very bountiful repast which was greatly enjoyed by the ladies. With the shades of evening all dispersed, wishing Mrs. B. many returns of the day.

A Close Call.

First Tramp—Well are yer so happy about?

Second Tramp—I called at a farmer's house for something to eat and the woman most killed me with a club.

First Tramp—Don't see nothin' in that ter smile over.

Second Tramp—I was just thinkin' wot an escape I had. She might a took a fancy to me and married me.—New York Weekly.

Disgraced.

First New Yorker—What has become of Delancy? I haven't seen him for an age.

Second New Yorker—O, he was run over by a street car in Philadelphia.

First New Yorker—What a disgrace!—Smart Set.

Not With Him.

Charlie—I knew a girl once what really died from eating too much ice cream.

Jane (tearfully)—How did you happen to hear about it?

Fireworks.

"There is going to be a fireworks display at one of the nearby summer resorts," said the host.

"My dear sir," answered the visitor from Kentucky, "I get enough of policies when I am at home. I don't want to see or hear anything that reminds me of an election."

Another Sherlock Holmes.

"Have you any evidence against the prisoner?"

"None," answered the detective.

"Then why did you arrest him?"

"It's a great idea of my own. When the real criminal sees an innocent man in trouble, maybe he'll come forward and confess."

Unfortunate.

Moneybags—How did your banquet go off, Bankrupt?

Bankrupt—Not as well as it might, you know. The toastmaster called on a gentleman who had lost an arm and leg to answer to the toast "Our Absent Members."—The New Yorker.

Thoughtful George.

"George, dear," asked the fair female in the hammock scene, "was you ever in love before?"

"Sure," answered the masculine portion of the sketch. "You don't think for a minute that I'd practice on a nice little girl like you, I hope."

Asked and Answered.

"Look here," said the bartender in a wet goods emporium to a liberal patron of the lunch department, "what do you want for a nickel, anyway—the earth?"

"Not guilty," replied the hungry party; "it's two-thirds water."

Declined with Thanks.

Oilheun—Miss Buddington—er—Clara, from our first meeting I have loved you. May I hope that you will one day return my love?

Miss Buddington—Certainly, Mr. Dilhoun. As I haven't any earthly use for it, I'll return it at once.

A Come-down.

"Elmer's poems have been getting into the magazines lately."

"Yes. I've been predicting that his stuff has been deteriorating of late."

MUSINGS.

Truth is a stranger that a good many people don't care to meet.

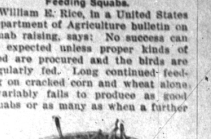
The spider has no cause for alarm when his life is hanging by a thread.

A man never appreciates his insignificance until he attends his own wedding.

POULTRY

Feeding Squabs.

William E. Rice, in a United States Department of Agriculture bulletin on squab raising, says: No success can be expected unless proper kinds of food are procured and the birds are regularly fed. Long continued feeding on cracked corn and wheat alone invariably fails to produce as good squabs or as many as when a further



Squabs ("peepers"), 12 hours old.

variety of grains is fed. In their free state, pigeons can select a variety of grains, avoiding one kind and choosing another, as their appetites dictate, but when they are kept in a small enclosure they must of course take what the breeder gives them. Hence, it becomes highly important that the breeder have good judgment as to kinds and quality of food to set before them, and that he have interest enough in his flock to avoid stinting the quantity or feeding too largely of one kind.

The six principal feeds are cracked corn, Canada peas, wheat, German millet, kaffir corn and hemp. On the floor of each pen keep about a peck of clean sand evenly spread. Provide three boxes about the size of small cigar boxes; fill one about one-third full of fine table salt; the second with cracked oyster shells, pigeon size, and the third with ground charcoal, about

Squabs ("squeakers"), 24 hours old.

as fine as ground coffee. These three substances are very essential to the health of pigeons. Clean out and replenish each of these boxes weekly.

For the morning ration give equal parts of cracked corn, wheat and peas, well mixed. In the afternoon give cracked corn, kaffir corn, millet and peas in equal parts. Twice a week feed hemp instead of millet. A small quantity of rice may be fed once a week with advantage. The morning feed should be at about 7 o'clock and the afternoon feed at 4 o'clock in summer and 3 in winter. This afternoon time is necessary in order that the birds may have ample opportunity to fill themselves and feed their young before nightfall.

Some wonder why squabs die in the nest or get on the floor and do not fatten up properly. Very frequently

Squabs ("squealers"), 28 days old, ready for market.

the reason is because the old birds are not properly fed. We should constantly bear in mind that a squab is very different from a chick. A newly-hatched chick can run about and help itself to food and water. The squab, on the other hand, is utterly helpless at birth. It is unable to walk and must be fed in the nest with whatever the parent bird brings to it. For about five days nature provides a special food commonly called "pigeon milk," a cream substance contained in the crops of the pigeons, and which they have the power to eject from their mouth into the mouths of their young. After a few days of such feeding, the squab is fed on such grains as the pigeon gets, and by the same process of transfer from the parent's mouth to its own. Hence it is essential that proper food be given the pigeons.

Coops for Judging Fowls.

At the Wisconsin State fair last week we noticed what was to most people a new feature in coops to be used in judging. These were made open on both sides. This gives the light a full passage around the birds and the judges have no trouble in seeing the specimens they are to pass upon, without removing them from the coops. The judges do their work on the opposite side from the crowd, which is another advantage of this arrangement. Of course the birds are taken out of the coops and handled when necessary, in any event. With the old style of coops, those open on one side, there was always a semi-twilight when the judge, clerk and owners of the birds got around them. Then, too, it was always a nuisance to have people crowding in between the judge and the clerk making records for him. Now these two officials have a whole row of coops between themselves and other interested persons.

The poultry judge should be a man of great ability in his line. The employment of a man to judge poultry just because he can be obtained for nothing is unfair to the men that are exhibiting fowls and that have spent large sums of money to be able to fairly compare their fowls with the fowls of others.

The New York Board of Trade has indorsed a measure making provision for the issue of $101,000,000 bonds for the improvement of the Erie, Oswego and Champlain canals, which will be submitted to the people of the state at the November election