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Trains run on Central Standard Time.

Going North				Stations	Going South		
Freight Pass. No. 5	Mix No. 3	Pass. No. 1			Mix No. 2	Pass. No. 4	Freight No. 6
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.			P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
	4 05	8 00	Detroit, lv		5 30	11 50	
	4 12	8 07	Junction Ave		5 22	11 40	
		7 45	Mich. Cen.		9 10		
8 30	5 15	8 15	PONTIAC		8 00	10 45	4 00
9 15	5 29	8 25	Rame*		7 48	10 22	3 27
9 30	5 34	8 33	Cole*		7 37	10 15	3 21
10 10					7 25	10 10	3 00
11 50	6 03	8 55	Oxford		7 10	10 05	1 50
11 58	6 10	9 00			6 56	9 53	1 32
12 25	6 16	9 11	Leonard		6 46	9 44	1 25
11 55	6 30	9 32	Dryden		6 30	9 12	12 55
12 20	6 46	9 44	Imlay City		5 58	9 00	12 30
12 50	7 05	9 56	Lum*		5 40	8 07	11 50
1 13	7 09	10 03	Kings Mill*		5 29	8 59	11 40
1 50	7 24	10 16	N. Branch		5 11	8 41	11 20
2 50	7 38	10 29	Cuffond		4 56	8 31	10 29
3 25	7 44	10 36	Kinnison		4 26	8 15	9 55
3 40	8 04	10 50	Wilmot*		4 21	8 06	9 30
4 14	8 12	11 07	Deford*		4 14	7 56	9 15
4 15	8 28	11 20	Cass City		4 03	7 47	8 50
5 45	8 41	11 40	Gagetown		3 40	7 31	7 55
6 05	8 52	11 55	Owendale*		3 20	7 20	7 35
6 15	8 56	12 00	Linkville		3 20	7 15	7 25
6 25	9 10	12 15	Pigeon		3 00	7 00	7 00
6 40	9 12	12 18	Bertie*		3 00	6 58	6 40
7 00	9 25	12 35	Caseville		2 45	6 45	6 15
p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	Ar.	Lv.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.

Going North. Mixed Train No. 7.		Going South. Mixed Train No. 8.	
Stations	a m	Stations	a m
Pontiac.....	5 30	Pontiac.....	4 5
Romeo.....	5 54	Romeo.....	6 3
Oxford.....	6 10	Oxford.....	6 2
Oxford.....	8 00	Oxford.....	6 1

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APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT, FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, in said county, on the 26th day of November, A. D., 1902.

Present: Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Daniel Dunn, deceased.

Francis W. Dunn having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to himself or to some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 29th day of December, A. D., 1902, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
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E. E. BLAKESLEE, Clerk of Probate.

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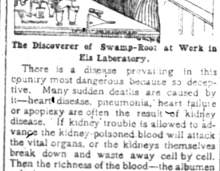

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There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

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Funny

That you leave the stable door unlocked until the horse is stolen but it's history and human nature. Now, why don't you be odd and

Peculiar

and lock the door NOW by renting a safe deposit box in the Exchange Bank for $1.00 per year? And if you want any deeds, mortgages, leases, wills or other legal papers made, here is the place to have it done, not only in a neat manner

But Correct

WHEAT FIELDS OF CANADA.

Manitoba Can Produce Twice as Much Wheat as Russia.

Manitoba is preeminently the province of wheat. Westward of Winnipeg when the fields are yellow and almost ripe, you may ride for a day and a half with nothing between your eye and the sky line but wheat—a boundless sea of wheat, rippling to the prairie wind like waves for a run of invisible feet, says the Chautauquan. The tall, red towers of the elevators rise where settlements have clustered into a village, but across the fenceless reaches is nothing but the yellow wheat. The province is only in its infancy. Only one-tenth of the wheat lands are occupied; yet that tenth yields more wheat than Great Britain, one-fifth as much as the two Russias, twice as much as Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Belgium together, a third more than Austria, a fifth more than Roumania. When all Manitoba's wheat lands are occupied this province alone will be producing twice as much as Germany.

At each little prairie station hosts of settlers go out from the colonist cars of the train and look with wondering eyes on the vast fenceless fields that seem to begin where the sun rises and end where the sun sets. It is a new world—a world of promise—to them, from the stifled countries of Europe, a world where land hunger is no crime, and land to be had for the taking, and success awaiting ripe to the hand of toil. How the eyes that have dug themselves out in an eastern sweat-shop moisten at sight of the boundless prairie. And the back bent with toil for a pittance that meant slavery draws up to the straight stature of self-supporting manhood. There is so much room! There is so much free air! There is such plain, palpable, boundless opportunity for every man!

BY WORKS, NOT FAITH.

The Saving Graces of a Deceased Gentleman from Kentucky.

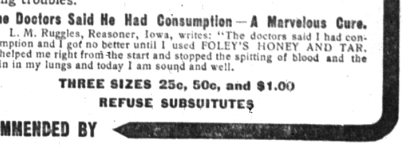
Samuel W. Moore, a prominent lawyer of Kansas City, on returning to his home from Arkansas a few days ago, told a good story concerning a distinguished attorney in western Arkansas, Judge James E. Read, who was born and lived in Kentucky before moving to this state. It runs this way:

"A man living near Fort Smith died. This man was comfortably well off in worldly possessions, but he had been neglectful of his spiritual welfare. He had never joined any church and had little to do with religious advisers. The time for his funeral arrived, and although a preacher had agreed to be on hand, an unavoidable accident had delayed him. The house was out of town, and as the friends of the departed brother were all assembled, Judge Read was asked to make a few remarks over the body of his friend, who also had once lived in Kentucky. The judge consented.

"My friends," he said, "we are gathered here to-day to pay a final tribute to our friend who has already solved the mysteries of the great hereafter. He did not have the reputation of a religious man, and yet he lived the life of a noble Kentucky gentleman. He had good hosses and he ran 'em. He had good whisky and he drank it. He had good game cocks and he fit 'em, for such is the kingdom of heaven."—Arkansas Gazette.

Salt in the oven under baking tins will prevent their scorching on the bottom.

"Busted, D'Gosh!"



"I'm the gent wat was the litter from the North Pacific Coast—
Yass—that's me! An it's time I had the million, putty near, that is—almost—
An' they said the 'game' was easy—so I confidently came.
An' of course I didn't understand that I would be the 'game'!

"They ketched me long o' Copper an' they ketched me long o' Steel;
Some sez the fault is Morgan's—some talks a lot o' Wall—
They ketched me up for margins an' they swiped me hard-earned cash—
An' I drifted from th' Waldorf t' the place the gals yells 'Hash'!

"I was long o' Steel at 10—averaged it at 35;
Put some margins up at 35, boyed again at 22;
At 15 they fetched me gentle—I was nearly busted then
But they still kept talkin' 'margins'—so they sold me out at 10!

"I hev borrered $20—an' I'm goin' back out West,
Where a feller lays his cookers and then fares jest like the best;
I'm goin' t' found a Stock Exchange—or p'raps a gamblin' dive,
Er some other decent calling—with a chance t' keep alive!"

—C. M. Keyes, in New York Times.

Poetry of Motion

For rhythmic and unerring surety of motion, commend me to three sturdy fellows, drilling a hole in a piece of rock. Maybe you have never watched ledgemen drilling rock, so that you cannot exactly realize the physical skill necessary to do this thing, the long practice of hand and eye required for it.

One man sits upon the rock which is being drilled and holds with his hands, between his knees, the drill which is to pierce the rock. Two companions stand above him and relentlessly raise and let fall their heavy hammers upon the drill's head at a hair's breadth from his fingers.

A deviation of a fraction of an inch would mean a broken wrist or a maimed hand to this man. He does not seem to think of it, or of the ponderous hammers crashing through the air over his very head. Before each stroke of the hammer deserts it he has to turn the drill in the hole, so that the stroke will not hear twice in the same place, for the hole must be bored round in order to insert the dynamite stick. The perfect accord, the perfect rhythm of the motions of the three, has a fascination.

Were they machines, these men could not keep stricter time in this unending turning of the drill under the ceaseless falling blows. It is music, rude and primeval if you will, but music to an ear alive to musical tempo and rhythm. Who knows but it was this harmony of successive falling blows, of measured, repeated blows upon resounding stone, which first awoke primeval man to the musical value of sounds reiterated at stated and fixed intervals? I thought these things as I listened to the flawless tempo and rhythm achieved by my three ledgemen, tempo and rhythm seldom maintained by modern "executants," too recklessly fond of the tempo rubato. I thought these things, and there was no prehistoric gentleman around to rudely contradict my surmisings on the awakening of music in the primeval soul.—Lowell Citizen.

No Honor in Thieves

A maxim which for years has been received with respect which it does not deserve is the maxim which says that there is honor among thieves.

It is the opinion of Chicago detectives, both of the men who work for the city and the men who are attached to private detective agencies, that there is no honor among thieves that immunity from punishment will not buy. The detectives find that the rule that a criminal, whatever his faults, is always true to his friends is more honored in the breach than in the observance.

The police records show that the great majority of criminals that are arrested, not "on the spot," as the police say, but after the crime has been committed are betrayed to the police by other criminals. The informing gentry are called "stool pigeons," or "pipes." The "stool pigeon" is not in use so much as he used to be. There was a time when almost every detective of consequence had upon his private pay roll criminals who did little to earn their money except to betray their fellows. The "pipe" has no connection with the criminal hunters except in isolated cases. Then he would as soon carry his information from one detective to another. He works by the job. The stool pigeons worked by the year.

The large number of cases in which criminals turn state's evidence and betray their friends to their own safety leads the attorneys in the state's attorney's office to believe that honor among thieves is a custom which, if it ever really existed, is dead and gone. In Chicago there are many criminals who, while they are not doing felonious work themselves, are helping the police catch their fellows. These are the things that make the police and the prosecuting lawyers think that the honor among thieves maxim should be laid on the shelf.

U. of W. Anniversary.

The University of Wisconsin will celebrate next June the fiftieth anniversary of its commencement, during which time the newly-elected president, Charles R. Van Hise, will be inaugurated.

Drought Forces Purchase.

Australia has, as the result of last year's drought, bought since January 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, or its equivalent in flour, from the Pacific coast, and 1,000,000 bushels from New York.

Masher is Punished.

Petoskey women have been annoyed recently by strange men who follow them home nights, as is now the custom in Lansing, but a man named Knecht gave one of the offenders such a caress with his trusty right that the fellow fell with a dull sickening thud through a plate glass window.

To Remodel City Hall.

The Cheboygan city council has accepted plans for the remodeling of the city hall and opera house, the cost of which is to be about $15,000.

Contracts for Cucumbers.

Laingsburg is to have a pickle factory in the spring. The Keokuk Canning company of Dayton, Ohio, has decided to establish one there and has made contracts with the farmers of the vicinity for a large acreage on which cucumbers are to be raised.

Municipal Rivalry.

Frankfort and Charlevoix are contesting from the Congregational summer college and both cities have been entertaining officials of the association and keeping their streets clean.

HUMOR OF THE DAY

A Friendly Tip.

"Could you suggest anything that might improve my poem?" asked the party with the unbarbered hair, as he pocketed the rejected manuscript.

"Sure," replied the editor. "If it were mine I would cut it down about one half, and then——"

"Yes," interrupted the versemaker, "and what would you do then?"

"I'd burn what was left," continued the blue pencil manipulator.

Very Dangerous.

Sandy—I saw Dusty running from a danger sign this morning.

Cinders—Was it at a railroad crossing?

Sandy—Yes, an' it said: "One Hundred Workingmen Wanted."

Resemblance.

La Montt—Made a terrible blunder to-day. Saw a man in a rubber suit and cap and asked him if he was a sewer cleaner.

La Moyne—Who was he?

La Montt—Millionaire chauffeur.

After the Marriage.

Big Injun—Ugh! Priscilla squaw no longer ask: "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

Possible Explanation.

"There's one thing in the Scriptures that puzzles me," said the old doctor, "and that is how to account for the longevity of the ancients."

"Of course, this is merely a theory of my own," retained the parson, in a merry twinkle appeared in his off eye, "but the fact that there were but few physicians in those days may have had something to do with it."

She Wasn't Very Good at English.

"There's a strange man at the door, sir," announced the new servant.

"What does he want?" asked the master of the house, impatiently.

"Begging your pardon, sir," replied the servant, a shade of disapproval manifest in his voice, "he wants a bath, but what he is asking for is something to eat."—Stray Stories.

One Drawback.

"'Tis love that makes the world go round," whispered the pretty girl as she nestled closer.

"Yes," sighed the young man as he glanced at the time, "and it seems to make the hands of the clock go round, too."

Encouragement.

He—I should kiss you, but I am afraid you would set the dog on me.

She (patting the dog's head)—Poor beast! he has lost all his teeth.—Smart Set.

Similar but Different.

"I say, old man," queried Shortun, "can you let me have $10 for a day?"

"No," replied Longleigh, "but I can let you have $1 for 10 days."

Left Over from Last Year.

Larry—Bedad, Rafferty won thot turkey in the rifle down at Mahoole's!

Thot's phwat Oi call luck.

Denny—Yis, tough luck.

His Congratulations.

"How are you, old fellow? Are you keeping strong?"

"No; only just managing to keep out of my grave."

"Oh! I'm sorry to hear that!"—Illustrated Bits.

A Flippant Child.

"Jane, you vex me dreadfully. When that very rich Mr. Squintum tried to talk to you last night you gave him the cold shoulder."

"Well, the other shoulder was no warmer, ma."

His Opinion.

Singleton—I wonder why Eve made her debut while Adam was asleep?

Wederly—She was probably waiting for a chance to go through his pockets.

Tempus Fugit.

He—Be candid, and tell me when you want me to go.

She—It's a couple of hours too late for that.—Smart Set.

Only the Young These Days.

"He's a blase fellow, isn't he?"

"Oh, not at all. He's outgrown that."