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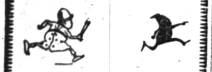

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A.M.	P.M.	A.M.		P.M.	A. M.	P.M.
	4 05	6 55	Detroit: G. H & M.	9 27	11 50	
	1 12	7 45	Mich. Cen.	9 10		
8 50	5 15	8 15	PONTIAC	8 05	10 40	4 00
9 15	5 29	8 28	Eames*	7 48	10 22	3 32
9 30	5 39	8 35	Cole*	7 37	10 15	3 20
10 10	6 00	8 55	Oxford	7 25	10 10	3 00
10 50				7 10	10 05	1 50
11 08	6 10	9 05	Shoup*	6 56	9 53	1 32
11 25	6 16	9 1	Leonard	6 46	9 46	1 20
11 55	6 30	9 32	Dryden	6 30	9 32	12 55
12 30	6 46	9 44	Imlay City	5 58	9 19	12 30
12 58	7 00	9 56	Lum*	5 40	9 07	11 55
1 13	7 09	10 03	Kings Mill*	5 29	8 59	11 40
1 55	7 21	10 16	No. Branch	5 14	8 45	11 20
2 50	7 38	10 29	Clifford	4 56	8 30	10 29
3 25	7 54	10 50	Kingston	4 36	8 15	9 55
3 40	8 04	10 59	Wilmot*	4 24	8 06	9 30
4 14	8 12	11 07	Deford*	4 14	7 59	9 15
5 15	8 28	11 25	Cass City	4 00	7 47	8 55
5 45	8 41	11 40	Gagetown	3 40	7 31	7 55
6 05	8 52	11 55	Owendale*	3 26	7 20	7 35
6 15	8 56	12 00	Linkville	3 20	7 15	7 25
6 35	9 10	12 15	Pigeon	3 05	7 00	7 00
6 40	9 12	12 18	Berne*	3 0	6 58	6 40
7 00	9 25	12 35	Caseville	2 45	6 45	6 15
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Lv.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.

Going North. Mixed Train No. 7. Stations	a. m.	Going South. Mixed Train No. 8. Stations	a. m.
Pontiac	5 26	Pontiac	6 5
Eames	5 34	Eames	6 3
Cole	5 44	Cole	6 2
Oxford	8 00	Oxford	6 1

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PROBATE OF WILL.

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

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 4th day of May, A. D., 1904.

Present, Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Mary Ann Sturman, deceased.

J. Allen Bigelow having filed in said Court her petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament and codicil thereto of said deceased, now on file in said court be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to himself, or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 6th day of June, A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

E. E. BLAKESLEE, Clerk of Probate.

(A true copy) May 13 June 3

HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, ss.

Notice is hereby given, that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, made on the 25th day of April, A. D., 1904, four months from that date were allowed creditors to present their claims against the estate of Lewis Simpson, late of said county, deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Probate court, at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, for examination and allowance, on or before the 25th day of August next, and that such claims will be heard before said court, on Thursday, the 25th day of August next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day.

Dated April 25th, A. D., 1904.

(a true copy) JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

F. E. BLAKESLEE, Probate Clerk. Apr29May 27

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four

Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

William Sturman, deceased.

On application of J. Allen Bigelow, administrator, with will annexed, of said estate, for the examination and allowance of his final account and the settlement of the estate.

It is Ordered that Monday, the 13th day of June next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account, and settlement of said estate.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.

E. E. BLAKESLEE, Clerk of Probate Court.

(A true copy.) May 20 to June 10

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WIT AND WISDOM.

The politician is the noodle who is out for the boodle.

Some people burn their money, others get into society.

A man who can't make enemies can't make anything else.

The appetite for scandal is always craving other delectable morsels.

A man loses all respect for a wife who thinks she can select his cigars.

The weather man is having lots of fun is his vaudeville stunt of quick changes.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Fremont F. Cotton and Katie B. Cotton, his wife, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the Oxford Savings Bank of Oxford, Michigan, dated the eighth day of October, 1886, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland on the first day of November, 1886, in liber 102 of mortgages on page 50 which said mortgage together with the power of sale therein contained has been duly transferred and assigned by said Oxford Savings Bank to Will L. Cole and Will L. Cole, guardian of Cyril Cole, a minor, of Oxford, Michigan, who is now the holder and owner thereof by an assignment dated April 13, 1903, and recorded July 31, 1903, in liber 162 of mortgages on page 49 in said Oakland County Register's office, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal and interest at the date of this notice the sum of thirteen hundred and thirty and 90-100 dollars, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 30th day of July, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage with seven per cent interest and all legal costs including the attorney fee provided by law and stipulated for in said mortgage, the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The north half of lot one (1) of block four (4) and part of the north half of lot two (2) of block four (4) of Denison Division of the village of Oxford, Oakland county, Michigan, as per plat of said division duly recorded, said lands being a piece of land 8 rods, 10 feet and 3 inches east and west, and 8 rods north and south, a part of section twenty-seven (27) in the township of Oxford, Oakland county, Michigan.

Dated April 29, 1904.

WILL L. COLE,

WILL L. COLE, Gdr. of Cyril L. Cole, minor, Assignee of Mortgage.

PATTERSON & PATTERSON, Attys. for Assignee of Mortgage.

Business Address, Pontiac, Mich. (may6-july29)

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

In the matter of the estate of **Calvin Ellenwood,** deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 25th day of April, 1904, by the Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises, in the township of West Bloomfield and village of Birmingham, on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m. (That is to say: The lands in the village of Birmingham will be sold at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.; and the lands in the township of West Bloomfield at the hour of 3 o'clock p. m. of said day) all the right, title and interest of which the said Calvin Ellenwood died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate in the township of West Bloomfield, and village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, and described as follows:

1ST PARCEL—

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, known and described as follows, to-wit:

All of lot numbered eight, Hunter's addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., and twenty feet off the east side of lot number nine, same plat, and all of lot number seven, except fifty feet off the east side, heretofore deeded to Brownell for street purposes in same plat.

2D PARCEL—

The following described parcel of land situate in the village of Birmingham described as commencing at the northwest corner of Matthew McBride's lot situate on the south side of Maple street, about 113 feet and 2 inches, to lands owned by Mrs. Sawyer, thence southwesterly along the north line of Mrs. Sawyer's land to Saginaw street, thence northwesterly along the east line of Saginaw street to lands owned by D. M. Doty; thence northeasterly along the south line of Doty's land about 13 feet to the southeast corner of Doty's land, thence north on the east line of Doty's land and the east line of lands owned by the Ladies' Library Ass'n, to the south line of Maple Ave., thence east along the south line of Maple Ave. to place of beginning, reserving a strip of land fourteen feet wide off the south end of the above described land for alley, all being on the N. E. ¼ of Sec. 36, T. 2 N., R. 10 E.

3D PARCEL—

The following piece of land situate in the township of West Bloomfield, county of Oakland and state of Michigan, and described as a strip of land 65 feet wide commencing 235 feet north of the center of Sec. 12, T. 2 N., R. 9 E., thence east along the north line of lands of John Lodge, to the center of the highway being a distance of about 50 rods, thence northerly along the center of highway far enough to be 65 feet, north from the said line, thence west and parallel with said south line to the center line of said section 12, thence south 65 feet to the place of beginning.

EUGENE BROOKS, Administrator.

6may to 17june

ROYAL OAK RUMBLINGS.

Adam Reid, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is reported much better.

Mrs. Henry J. Bowers, of Clawson, is repoated ill with malarial fever.

The little child of Ernest Behrendt, who died with measles, was buried Saturday.

Maro Robinson, of Southfield, was in town Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Elward Burley accompanied him home.

Decoration Day will be fittingly observed here and will be participated in by all the G. A. R. members and the citizens and school children to the number of 300. The procession will start from the high school at 1 o'clock sharp, headed by the G. A. R., citizens and children, all bearing the national emblem and proceed to the cemetery, where the graves of departed heroes will be decorated. Henry Addis will be marshal of the day.

FRANKLIN.

A new monument adorns E. Higby's lot in the Franklin cemetery.

Mrs. Bugbee of Birmingham has been spending a few days with Mrs. Robert Barclay.

Miss Ethel Dunbar has been visiting her cousin, Miss Winnie VanEvery, at Birmingham.

Miss Susan Coder is dead of paralysis after two years of suffering, and death came as a blessing.

On Thursday afternoon of last week the Woman's Foreign Missionary society met with Mrs. Robert Allen. The date of the future meetings was changed to the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Frank Evans on Thursday, June 2. All are invited.

SOUTHFIELD.

Mrs. W. Lee is able to be out again.

Ward Parks is building a new house on his farm.

Tom Shephard has been visiting his brother Charlie.

Mrs. Charlotte Lockwood has returned to her home in Detroit.

Little Nelda and Ruthie Parks have been on the sick list.

Many of our young folks will attend the hop at Franklin tonight.

Alvin Horn and Lizzie Shultz were married at Wyandotte last week.

Mrs. Mary Miller, who for the past four weeks has been a patient suffer with that dread disease, typhoid fever, died on Thursday of last week, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her loss. "Puss," as she was known to her many friends, had endeared herself to all by her many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness for others. Many true hearts in this vicinity beat with sympathy for that stricken family, the aged father, one sister and two brothers who are left. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Leal Clark, her pastor.

BIG BEAVER.

Wm. Lamb visited friends at Orchard Lake last Sunday.

The Epworth League sub-district rally will be held in the Troy M. E. church on May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith and little daughter, of Detroit, spent Sunday with their parents.

Mr. H. A. Gass, of Mobile, Ala., is here to spend the summer with his nephew, Dr. Gass.

Mr. Geo. Terry and Mrs. L. L. Houghton are convalescing from their recent serious illness.

Mrs. A. J. Swain, of Boise, Idaho, is returning from the great World's Sunday-school convention in Jerusalem.

A company of young ladies were entertained last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Dr. Gass in honor of Miss Robbins.

The wedding cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Grace Robbins to Albert Stanley, of Milford, at the home of the bride, at Clawson, on June 1.

Mrs. Carrie McBride died at her home on May 16, 1904. The funeral was held from the M. E. church on the following Thursday and was very largely attended. She leaves a husband and father and a little son besides hosts of friends to mourn her early demise.

TROY.

Miss Taylor was in Oxford over Sabbath.

Nancy Parker is at Tom Smith's for a while.

Mrs. McCornac was at the Wright home Saturday.

Mrs. Susan Voorhees is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butler.

Harry St. John and wife, of Utica, Sundayed at Will Walker's.

F. D. Cutting was on the sick list again the fore part of the week.

Dr. C. M. Raynale is caring for Mrs. Wright and son who are sick with measles.

Mrs. Mary Burrows attended service at the Mennonite church, near Utica, Sunday.

Children's Day will be observed by the M. E. Sunday-school the second Sunday in June.

Mrs. Nichols and family, of Pontiac, were at the Jarvis home Sunday. Of late Mrs. Cy Jarvis has not been as well.

Miss Rhoda Frank who has been at her sister's, Mrs. Will Jennings', the past week, returned to Pontiac Saturday.

The entertainment of the Aid by Mrs Brand and daughter, Mrs. Aspinwall, Thursday of last week, was a pleasant event.

Mrs. Den Smith, of Port Huron, and Mrs. Hattie Wattles, of Detroit, spent Sunday night at Tom Smith's, returning to the city Monday morning.

Sub-district League Institute will hold a morning, afternoon and evening sessions in the Troy church, May 31. Speakers for the evening Scott Jones and Rev. Dr. Bennett, of Detroit. Subject chosen by Mr. Jones "Forward," by Mr. Bennett, "My Place in the World."

People who don't amount to much furnish proof every time they open their mouths.

When a man is sick at the stomach and has a brown taste in his mouth may he speak of it as the "brown October ail?"

Scientists tell us that kissing spreads the "grip." What nonsense! A perfect libel when everybody knows that kissing tightens the "grip." (Girls, don't say a word.)—Kate Thyson Marr.

NUGGETS FROM GEORGIA.

We are not at all afraid of spring lightning. We trust in Providence and put up a lightning rod.

People who look for happiness in the stars never think for a moment it may be at home with the violets.

Wealth and wisdom are not happiness; but it takes wisdom to know happiness when you see it coming.

When Joy goes to dancing Sorrow sighs because she never learned the step.—Atlanta Constitution.

ELOQUENCE.

"Eloquence is power," and life is full of eloquence.

It is the rich man's joy and the poor man's fortress.

It is the beginning of youth and the end of old age.

Money cannot buy its greatness. It is bought at the price of heartfelt emotion.

Our lips may speak its glory, and our eye show its praise.

MEN AND MEN.

The worst men often give the best advice.

Bachelorhood is a magnificent but self-opinionated solitude.

After a man swaps horses he doesn't always drive a bargain.

The man who has too little confidence in himself generally has too much in others.

A German surgeon now declares that it is possible to open up the lungs. [illegible] the operation might be performed with entire satisfaction to the country at large.

Loss is sometimes gain—as when Adam lost that rib.

PASSING OF THE GRAND ARMY

The object of the Grand Army in its relation to civil life, and aside from its traditional social character and charitable work, was to organize the victory which had been won on the field of battle. The post rooms become schools of loyalty, where reverence for the flag as the symbol of the nation has been persistently inculcated and where the national idea has been constantly exalted. Then came the work in the schools of which mention has been made and whereof all the land knows.

It is not too much to say that owing to the far-reaching influence of the Grand Army of the Republic more than to anything else the flag is now no longer any question in the land, either in the North or South, that the American people now constitute a nation.

Day after day, as the glory of their achievements in all the arts of peace is finding new acknowledgment in every quarter of the globe, there comes new evidence that they are a unit—the world encompassing power of the future—great, glorious, invincible.

But what of the men who won this priceless heritage in the most stupendous struggle of the modern age? They are passing, passing, swiftly passing. More than ever now each annual encampment brings home the tragedy of death in life. More than ever now each annual encampment emphasizes the grim, solemn fact that soon—all too soon—the Grand Army of the Republic, with all that it symbolizes, will be nothing but a tradition. Figures that do not lie give much food for thought—sad, introspective thought.

In April, 1865, more than a million of men were in the military service of the United States. To these must be added a roll of names which at that time numbered over three hundred and fifty thousand—the grand army of the dead.

During the four years of the desperate conflict altogether 2,859,132 men had been enrolled in the military service. There had been killed in battle 67,058; died of wounds and other injuries, 43,032; of disease, 224,586, and from causes not classified, 24,852—a total death roll of 359,528.

This vast army had taken part in more than two thousand engagements, many of them of minor importance as to the number of men engaged or results attained, while others were mighty battles which strained all the resources and tested the fullest powers of endurance of the great opposing armies, to an extent which must make the legend, which floated from a banner stretched across the front of the Capitol, while the conquerors were marching by during those two memorable days of the grand spectacular peace review: "The Only National Debt We Never Can Pay is the Debt We Owe the Victorious Union Soldiers," ring down the ages forever.

It was out of all this that the Grand Army of the Republic grew into being in 1878, with a membership of only 31,016, out of all those hundreds of thousands of veterans. But its growth was inevitable—as inevitable as its decline and death. In 1890 the organization reached the high-water mark with an enrollment of 409,489, since which time it has diminished at the rate of two, three, four, five, six, seven, yes, and even eight thousand a year and more. In 1892 the roll had sunk to 263,745. In that year alone 8,206 answered their final summons.

Pause for a moment and think what that means. Over eight thousand members passing away every year and the ratio increasing rapidly. Can your mind grasp the figures in all their pathetic significance? Eight thousand every year, and soon it may be nine, ten, eleven—who shall say how many more thousands—till the roster is totally effaced.

Stand on the street when the men who have come to live over again the stirring days of the past go marching by. Count them if you can and you will find that there are nearly eight thousand in line. It is an imposing array; a vast host, the like of which is rarely seen in one tense, eager body. And then let your mind try to grasp the thought that before another year has passed all those marching thousands will be no more. That is what the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic means.

And try to realize, too, what sentiment clusters round that thought. It will be fresh, vivid, real in the minds of each and every one of those marching thousands—the men who fought and suffered for a glorious cause—the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But notwithstanding this sad decrease it has been suggested that the membership ought to increase year by year. There are still living over 900,000 of the men who were part of that grand army of the sixties, and of that number less than 75,000 are over 64 years old. Short, therefore, as it may be, the Grand Army may still look forward to a glorious future.—From a speech delivered at the last national encampment of the G. A. R.

BEECHER AT FORT SUMTER.

The Reholsting of the Stars and Stripes in Glory.

Since this flag went down on that dark day who shall tell the mighty woes that have made this land a spectacle to angels and men? The soil has drunk blood and is gutted. Millions mourn for myriads slain, or, envying the dead, pray for oblivion. Towns and villages have been razed. Fruitful fields have been turned back to wilderness. It came to pass, as the prophet said:

"The sun was turned to darkness and the moon to blood."

When the flag sank here it was as if political night had come, and all the beasts of prey had come forth to devour. That long night is ended. And for this returning day we have come from afar to rejoice and give thanks.

No more war. No more accursed secession. No more slavery, that spawned them both.

Let no man misread the meaning of this unfolding flag. It says:

"Government has returned hither."

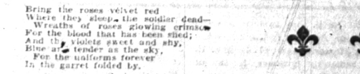
To the officers and men of the army and navy who have so faithfully and so skillfully and gloriously upheld their country's authority, by suffering, labor and sublime courage, we offer a heart tribute beyond the compass of words.

Upon those true and faithful citizens, men and women, who have borne up with unflinching hope in the darkest hour, and covered the land with their labor of love and charity, we invoke the divinest blessing of him whom they have so truly imitated. But chiefly to thee, God of our fathers, we render thanksgiving and praise for that wondrous providence that has brought forth from such a harvest of war the seed of so much liberty and peace!

We invoke peace upon the North! Peace be to the West! Peace be upon the South!

In the name of God we lift up our banner and dedicate it to peace, union and liberty now and forevermore! Amen.—Oration Delivered April 14, 1865, by Request of President Lincoln, at the Raising of the Flag Over Fort Sumter.

Gen. Sheridan's Grave at Arlington.



FOR THE SOLDIER DEAD.

Bring the roses velvet red
Where they sleep, the soldier dead—
Wreaths of roses glowing crimson
For the blood that has been shed;
And the violets sweet and shy,
Blue and tender as the sky,
For the uniforms forever
In the garret folded by.

Gather daisies, dew bespent,
For the snowy canvas tent
Where the night before the battle
Homeward in his dreams he went,
And a scarlet fuchsia spray
For the tassels silken gay
On the trumpets that so often
Called our horses to the fray.

Lilacs from the cottage door,
On the silver Hudson's shore,
Whence the widow's only treasure
Marched away forevermore.
Yellow daffodils that wave
Like the plumes of troopers brave,
Nodding through a leaden trumpet
On to glory or the grave.

Last of all the lilies fair,
Creamy buds of beauty rare,
Starry, golden hearted blossom
Shedding fragrance on the air,
From each waxen curve and crease
Breathing white eternal peace,
For the weary, weeping nations,
When the drums of war shall cease.
—Minna Irving in New York Sun.