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For Limited Time Only STATE FAIR TICKETS

Will be sold at the Birmingham Eccentric Office for 35 cents each, or three tickets for only \$1.00. Come early and avoid the rush. Tickets will be withdrawn from sale on Saturday, September 4. Ask for FREE Children's Tickets. POSITIVELY NO TICKETS RESERVED.
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25 YEARS AGO! FAMOUS ASTRONOMICAL ART AND WORLD CLOCK TO BE EXHIBITED AT STATE FAIR

It is Published in the Eccentric a Quarter of a Century Ago This Week.

Come to the bee! A nice rain storm Thursday. Bert Blakeslee is taking what comfort he can with a felon on his hand. Mrs. J. H. Edminster is visiting her mother in Rockford, Ill., and will return in about a month.

We recently received a call from Col. Drew, of Clawson, and he also visited around among his many friends in our village and seemed to enjoy it first rate.

Bee! Bee! Friday, August 22, at 9 o'clock in the morning, to grade and level the gravel pit in the park. We want teams, plows, scrapers, shovels and willing hands to use them.

Frank Blakeslee spent last Sunday with his family at Camp Comfort. He thinks if they have sweet potatoes, celery and watermelon every day he would like to board with them a while.

Died at the home of Arthur Patch, on the town line, Mrs. Emma Shoemith, daughter of Truman Patch, aged 33 years. Deceased had been a long and patient sufferer from that dread disease, consumption.

Merrill street is to be extended to Maple avenue, the extension being due to Mr. Bird and Miss Baldwin, both of whom donate to the village the required land. This extension will be a great convenience to many, especially after the grading and closing up of the gravel pit.

Harvey Hieby and family have returned for a two weeks' visit among their old friends and neighbors from their home in Wichita, Kan. Harvey is tough and healthy, enjoys western life and is prospering finely. His family are all well and will return with him in about a week.

The Birmingham Union School commences the fall term on Monday, September 1, 1890, with a full and complete corps of competent teachers, that bespeak a successful school year. Our school, as it now stands, is second to none in the state, and the aim and object is to give proper time for recitations and thoroughness in all departments.

Under the caption, "1840-1890—Fifty Years Continuously in Business," is a long article by Hon. O. Poppleton. Among the many interesting things related by Mr. Poppleton, we quote the following: The Detroit & Pontiac R. R. was not completed to Birmingham at that time, but about December, 1850, cars drawn by horses conveyed passengers and freight daily to or from Detroit to the great satisfaction of all. The fare charged was \$1.50 either way. It often took three hours to make the trip. The railroad was completed to Royal Oak about 1857, but not until 1864 was it finished and operated to Pontiac. "Show's Pioneer Telegraph Line" was the first constructed and was built from Detroit to Saginaw and northern Michigan and was first operated in 1850, but as it proved to be a losing venture was abandoned in 1853. The Detroit and Birmingham plank road was commenced in 1846 and completed in 1851. The Birmingham and Pontiac in 1853 and finished in 1854. Among the price list of goods sold in 1840 are light print 15 to 20¢ per yard; blue print, 15¢; best figured print, 30¢; 16¢; extra handkerchief 15¢; cotton spool thread, 10¢; white sugar, 15¢. Farm products—Butter, 6 to 10¢; eggs, 6 to 8¢; corn, 22 to 25¢; wheat, 55 to 70¢; soy, 22 to 25¢; potatoes, 15 to 20¢.



The Gebhard astronomical art and world clock will be one of the unique exhibits to be displayed during the Michigan State Fair, Sept. 6 to 15. This clock, which represents the life work of Christian Gebhard, famous German inventor, has attracted attention in many European countries and was brought to the United States by his oldest son following the death of the inventor. The clock is encased in a massive quartered oak case and stands ten feet high, ten feet wide and three feet deep. It consists of 1200 parts and displays twenty-six separate and distinct mechanical and astronomical movements, all ingeniously propelled by one weight. The movements are so constructed that the hands and indicators all move forward at once at the end of every half minute only, with the exception of the striking attachment. The clock shows four different kinds of time systems—mean, solar, lunar and sidereal and decimal time. In the center of the Gebhard clock are ten clocks, showing comparatively

the time to ten of the principal cities of the world. On the right of the clock globe is a large globe which represents the earth revolving on its own axis in twenty-four hours, from its west to east. It has a band so placed that it shows the exact time at any spot on the earth and shows the correct position of the earth to the sun. On the left of the clock is another large globe, representing the heavenly constellations or the "world of stars." The lower part of the clock represents a complete automatic ephemeris. The moon, chronometric cycles and barometer are shown on the clock. Just below the barometer is the face representing the planet system, which was made and made with tireless patience, for thirty years by the inventor. It shows the heliocentric movements of the six planets around the sun. The sun, in the center, turns on its axis once in twenty-five and one-half days. On the same dial are the twelve signs of the zodiac. The striking apparatus also is an interesting feature.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at Birmingham post-office for week ending the 21st day of August, 1915.
Brezelle, Gilbert
Brady, Thomas H.
Crawford, Mrs. Lizzie (2)
Chapman, Mrs. Lucile
Kapp, Miss Ruth (2)
Patterson, Mrs. Maude
Peterson, Mrs. Frank
Payment, Fred
POSTCARDS
Crawford, Mrs. Lizzie
Griffith, Ira
Fitzpatrick, John
Hydro, Mrs. John
Roosier, Herman
Kapp, Miss Ruth
Sinason, Billie
Anyone calling for any of the above letters, will please say "advertised."
George H. Mitchell, P. M.
If the Pontiac "boosters" can induce builders to erect a sufficient number of residences "to" to live in it is intended to take a census of the unoccupied houses. It is believed the old town will lead any other place of its size in the state.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.
Notice of Special Assessments of Special Assessment District including No. 2 in the Village of Birmingham, for the construction of a pavement along Maple Avenue from the easterly corporate limits to Bates Street in said village.
To All Persons Interested:
Take Notice that the rolls of special assessments heretofore made by the Board of Assessors for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which the village council determined should be paid and borne by special assessments for the construction of pavement upon Maple Avenue from the easterly corporate limits to Bates Street in said village are now on file at my office for public inspection. Notice is hereby given that the village council and the board of assessors will meet at the council chamber in said village on Saturday, the 11th day of September, 1915, from 4 to 8 o'clock p. m., to review said assessments at which time and place opportunity will be given to persons interested to be heard.
Dated, August 17, 1915.
EARLE A. MUDGE,
Village Clerk.
Mrs. Mary J. Taber and daughter, Miss Ruth, passed a few days very happily, the guests of Mrs. C. Mary Taber, of Brown street.

ANNUAL REUNION

The Big Event of the Season is Enjoyed by Old Friends at Bloomfield Center.

The reunion of the Bloomfield Center school was held Thursday, August 12, at the old Bloomfield Center tavern, which is one of the landmarks of the Detroit road. It was formerly owned by "Uncle Jim" Weston, as he was familiarly called by all. The place is now occupied by his daughter, Miss Louise Weston, who invited the members of the school to meet at her home. During the past year only one death among the members is recorded, that of Oscar Cowan, of Battle Creek. Among those who met with their old classmates for the first time were William Shaw, of Duffield, and Joseph Shaw, of Imlay City. After a social time a pot luck dinner was enjoyed.

In the absence of the president, Ned Danes, the vice president called the meeting to order. After prayer by Fred King, the roll call was had, 28 responding, here. The secretary read the report of last year's meeting which was approved.

One of the very pleasant features of the meeting was the letters from the absent ones—Ellen Watkins Repp, Marie Thatcher Quick, Marshall Thatcher, Hobart Thatcher, William and Frank Post, Clara Stone Smith, Fermania Vaughn Coon, Sarah Patch, Allen and P. B. Martin. One letter was surely a masterpiece, written by Marie Thatcher Quick, of California, one of the old school girls, now 36 years of age. It was full of life and cheer, laughter, tears, joy and sadness, all mingled together reminding one of our early teaching at the old school house in Bloomfield. All the letters were fine and long will be remembered. Interesting remarks were made by Charles Cowan, Andrew Harshaw, Joseph Shaw and Rose Danes Hagerman. Committees were appointed by the president to name the officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows: Charles Cowan, president; Rose Danes Hagerman, vice president; Rosina Stevens Bloomberg, secretary and treasurer. A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Louise Weston for her hospitality. After the serving of ice cream and cake the meeting was adjourned to meet another year at the same place and on the same date.

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Summer Beverages

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