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BIRMINGHAM, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1878.

PRICE, TWO CENTS.

C. W. JENKS.
Dealer in Coffins, Caskets, and all goods generally sold by undertakers, repairs furniture. Also agent for the Sweeney's Threshing Machine, and other agricultural implements.

OWEN SWAN,
Birmingham, Mich., can cure the following diseases by his new method: Coughing, Driving on One Rein, Shying, Falling, Rearing, Kneeling at the Eyes, Stotting, and all diseases caused by imperfect medication.

J. BALDWIN,
Blacksmith. Horse shoeing done cheap, and in a first-class manner. Repairing of all kinds done at short notice.

WM. H. CAMP
Will attend auctions at any time and place, on short notice. Terms reasonable. Horses and Cattle Forfeited.

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Plain and Ornamental Painter, Painter, graining, gliding, varnishing, kalsomining, wall tiling and paper hanging.

MRS. L. T. FURMAN,
Birmingham, Mich., has just received a new stock of summer millinery; also a fine line of fancy goods, hair goods, sabbies, etc. No trouble to show goods.

SAMUEL McCURUMB,
Boot and shoe maker, wishes it understood by all, that his prices for cobbling are way down. Tapping boots, 50 cents; other work in proportion. Give him a call. Satisfaction guaranteed.

NATIONAL HOTEL,
Geo. E. Daines, Proprietor. Sample room for commercial agents. Good livery in connection with the house.

E. L. PARKER, D. D. S.,
Office first door west of Presbyterian church. Nitrous Oxide Gas used for extracting teeth.

DETROIT & MILWAUKEE R. R.
MARCH 18, 1877.

Until further notice trains will leave Birmingham as follows:

GOING EAST.
Holly and Saginaw Express, 7:33 a.m.
Mail, 8:54 p.m.
Evening Express, 10:06 p.m.

GOING WEST.
Saginaw Valley Express, 8:35 a.m.
Mail, 12:00 m.
Fast Milwaukee Express, 6:50 p.m.
Night Express, 11:34 p.m.
Sunday N. Mixed, with sleepers, 11:35 p.m.

Refreshments at Detroit, Owosso and Grand Haven. The telegraph line open for public business. Sleeping cars on night trains.

CONNECTIONS:
At Detroit—Canada Southern and Great Western Railways for all points East, Michigan, Central, Michigan Southern and Grand Trunk Railroads.

At Milwaukee—With the Milwaukee & St. Paul, Western Union, Milwaukee & Waukesha, and Chicago & North Western Railways for all points north and west.
Passenger trains to Canada Southern leave Detroit for St. Paul, Grand Haven, on through cars.

Passengers for the Great Western Railway leave Detroit on through cars, at 5:15 A. M. and 12:30 and 7 P. M.
Tickets are sold at the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad Ticket Office, at all principal places in the United States.

S. B. CALLAWAY, Gen. Supt.
DR. E. R. BAYNALE WISHES THE party who borrowed his scythe last summer to return it immediately.

Eccentricities.
Now slaughter the weeds in that bonny garden.

High Irving's new residence is progressing finely.

John Bodine intends giving his house a coat of paint.

No fears need be entertained of a severe drought this month.

Let the dear old hen set if she wants to. What's a hen's time?

Miss Hattie Hall left home last week to teach at Eaton Rapids, Mich.

A five year old son of George W. Brayman's is quite sick with a high fever.

We shall be pleased to hear more from "Eustie," on any subject, at any time.

Commercial travelers, more commonly known as "drummers," are very plentiful.

Subscribe for THE ECCENTRIC before you forget it. Fifty cents per year in advance.

Just think! A paper containing the local news of Birmingham and vicinity, one year for fifty cents.

Mr. Sarah Parks, of Troy, who has been dangerously ill for some time past, is said to be improving.

Lyman has been fishing—caught a shiner—brought it in the breeze from his front steps. It is a tin one.

Edwin Miller—another horse sick—inflammation of the lungs—Dr. Gus. Torrey—will recover.

A. Partridge, County Treasurer, has recently had his residence painted, and generally overhauled.

Law. Ross left here last week for Pontiac, to work at the carpenter trade, for the Kinball barn builders.

F. B. Lamb has finished graining, and otherwise finishing the interior of F. Hagerman's dwelling.

You can get anything in the shape of a picture frame which you may happen to want, at Stockwell's.

George Shane thinks he will move into his new house, and have everything in apple pie order, by the last of July.

Daisy Sibley, grand-daughter of A. Partridge, is at this writing quite sick, and in danger of congestion of the lungs.

J. R. Coroon is doing a fine business in the way of selling plaster, brick, etc., from his warehouse at the D. & M. depot.

The D. & M. pay train passed through here April 23, leaving its employees at this place something like one hundred and ten dollars.

We are informed that during the late gale a school house was blown down at South Farmington, during session, but can gain no particulars.

We mail a copy of this issue to a large number of our friends, and should be glad to receive, by return mail, the price of one year's subscription.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford and daughter, who have been spending the winter among the orange groves of Florida, are expected home in a few days.

Rev. Theo. Middlemis moves into the house formerly occupied and owned by M. M. Toms, as soon as a few repairs and general fixing up are completed.

Miss Anna Hall, teaching in the Todd District, was compelled to give up her school on account of a severe cold, but will resume teaching as soon as she is able.

A five year old son of J. S. Cannon, of Southfield, had his skull fractured by a binder accidentally thrown from a wagon, and striking him upon the head.

We notice James Webb, of Pontiac, in our midst, and learn he has the contract for plastering the new house of George Shane and H. J. Bloomberg, on Mill street.

Truss, etc., were delivered, last Friday, by Bixby & Proper, from the well known house of K. C. Fairson, Waterloo, N. Y., known as the Maple Grove Nursery.

Mr. R. D. Lusted and daughter, visiting I. & M. Laves, intended to have started for home last Saturday, but on account of Dolly's being very sick, the return was postponed.

All communications must be addressed to THE ECCENTRIC, Birmingham, Mich., and must have the writer's name attached; otherwise they will be consigned to the waste basket.

Specie payment resumed! Prof. Webster received the first five dollar gold piece at par in payment of tuition fees at the Union School, recently. We are anxiously awaiting our turn.

A large bill board, one hundred feet long by ten and one-half feet high, adorns Troy street, on M. Smith's lot, and covered entirely with handsome posters, announcing our first circus.

Every one reading this will please to consider it a personal invitation to call and subscribe for THE ECCENTRIC—one year for fifty cents. If you cannot call, send the money by a friend.

Mr. Bloomberg, of An Sabie, Mich., a young man visiting at H. C. Ellis's, is the first daring young man of the season that takes his life in his hands, and mounts Mitchell's velocipede.

We received a circular, yesterday, cautioning us to look carefully at ten dollar bills, as a great many new counterfeiters are out. "Grate spunk!" What does a ten dollar bill look like, any way?

J. F. Randle, living one and one-half miles west, on the farm formerly owned by Wm. Brown, by digging or boring forty feet, has secured a fine flowing well, throwing water two feet above the ground.

The Birmingham Cornet Band is improving very fast under the supervision of Prof. F. H. Sherman. Its rooms are over the shop of C. W. Jenks, and can easily be found any evening after six o'clock, by the noise.

The friends of Mrs. John Daniels, of Troy, will be sorry to learn of her death, which occurred on Sunday, the 21st inst.

Funeral services were held at the Troy church, Rev. D. Gostelo, of Parshallville, Mich., officiating.

Not long since Jack Baldwin saw, if we said John, you wouldn't recognize him, hired two boys to kill his ancient canine, with the understanding that they were not to let Bert know it. They "woodbined" the dog, went up to school, called out Bert, and accidentally yelled: "We killed your dog!" Joke on the mourner.

Mattie Baldwin has had built a bird house complete in every respect, bay windows and all, for the accommodation of "our birds," and for the pleasure and entertainment of "our folks." She has purchased and has at home a new piano.

No matter how much you may drive and dig and spruce things up, the wife of the next man who completes your home will say, "It isn't fit for hogs to live in," and will go right to work to make it so. What a comfort to an over-zealous housekeeper!

Mr. and Mrs. McAllister Randall, of Dundee, Mich., drove over and made their best of friends happy by remaining a week, making a short visit to all and remaining by same conveyance. On his return Mr. starts on the road selling goods for the well known tobacco house of K. C. Barker & Co., of Detroit. Success to you, Mr. Mc.

Peter Day, Sr., an early settler of Troy, lies at the point of death, suffering from a complication of diseases, namely, rheumatism, heart disease and erysipelas. Mr. Day is in his seventy-ninth year, and has been a resident of Troy township forty-six years, living in one place the whole period with the exception of one year.

Our friend, G. Frank Allen, who went to Sault Ste Marie to take charge of a bakery at that place, returned by next boat, the position being already filled, and by an oversight of a Detroit party, he also left to fill the same position. Frank has the satisfaction of taking an early pleasure excursion to the Sault at the expense of other parties, anyway.

During the gale last Wednesday, Darius Horne had eighty rods of fencing blown down. Wm. Toms, also of Troy, had fifty rods of fence tipped over. At the same time our esteemed friend, M. M. Toms, was struck by a bare door, which was suddenly blown shut, and received a severe wound in the head, over his right eye. Dr. James A. Post attends the invalid.

Henry Martin, of Troy, lost a valuable horse, on Tuesday last. On his way home from a birthday party at M. M. Toms', he noticed the horse appeared strange driving to the postoffice; then starting for home, his horse staggered, and immediately after being unhitched, dropped dead in front of J. Baldwin's blacksmith shop—very convenient for Jack to remove the shoes.

George Toms has plowed, bed, raked and planted, and now he says, "look out for the banner garden of this burg." If the past may furnish a shadow of coming events, we may rest assured he will carry the broom. Last summer his father's cow jumped into George's "garden," and got lost among the pig weed, and, finally, after a vigorous search of two weeks' duration, she was found at the foot of a giant mast tree, in a starving condition. And last summer, wasn't a very good season for weeds, either?

Our young friend, Governor Drake, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church, the Sunday evening, and preached a very eloquent discourse, which was listened to with great attention. Mr. Drake is a native orator, and the presence of a man of such degree of eloquence and dignity was a great treat to the congregation.

He has just finished a three years' course of study at Evanston, Ill., and expects to accept a call from a town in Wisconsin territory. Success to him wherever he goes, and a sincere wish of his many friends that he will realize it.

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