

The gale of last week Wednesday did considerable damage in this vicinity. John Snow, living about two miles northeast of this village, had the entire east part of the roof of his barn blown off, all the chimneys on his house completely wrecked, fences laid low, and confusion generally. John informs us that he was on the roof of his house making some repairs, when the "breeze" occurred, and the way he clung to the roof was a caution to his finger nails.

Some needed improvements are being made at the D. & M. depot, under the supervision of the company's gentlemanly foreman, Mr. Densmore. The old depot and waiting room, which has been gradually sinking into the ground for the last ten years, has been raised and propped up, the siding is to be torn off and new boards put on and battened; the waiting room will be ceiled, and a new floor, doors and windows put in; the ticket office will be served like wise; a new platform in front and on the side, and the whole building will receive a coat of paint. We suppose our genial and accommodating ticket agent, J. P. Crauch, will out do himself in his new quarters.

Several months ago the School Inspectors of this township met at the school house in District No. 4, in answer to a petition from the voters of said District, praying that the District be disorganized. The prayer of the petitioners being denied, their decision was appealed to the Town Board, who held a meeting and reversed the former decision of the Inspectors, and declared the District disorganized. The joint Boards of School Inspectors of the towns of Troy, Bloomfield and Southfield met on Friday last to apportion the land of the said District, but owing to a little misunderstanding there was but one member present from Southfield, and consequently the meeting was again appointed for next Tuesday, May 7, when it is to be hoped that there will be a full Board, and the troubles of District No. 4 will be at an end.

Four years ago some of our citizens applied to the Michigan Fish Commission for some young white fish with which to stock some of the inland lakes of this vicinity, and among the rest Wing Lake was furnished with about 6,000 small fry. A few weeks ago Messrs. Sherman, Bigelow and Mills were fishing with a jack light on the aforesaid lake, and saw myriads of what they are confident were young white fish, varying in size from six inches to a foot in length. The fish were very swift, and the boys declare that they were unable to capture any of them, but are firm in the conviction that they were white fish. Now, who of our citizens will be enterprising enough to procure a gill net and place it in Wing Lake for a few days, in order that the community may be satisfied on this point? Don't all speak at once.

The papers informed us recently that the Hon. E. E. Trowbridge and family had arrived and settled again in our town, which pleased everybody. We now inform you that Trowbridge, with his family, has also taken an appearance. His responsibilities consist of the following: One beautiful large Marek stallion, three years old, weighing 1,100 pounds, answers to the name of La Perche; another, named Bob, one year and a few months old, weighs 1,000 pounds; a pair of mares, aged three and four years respectively, Flora and Dolly, or, as the Irishmen said: "The Lady of the Mountain and the Lilly of the Valley." The span weighs 2,350 pounds. One brood mare, Hampson blood, sixteen years old, and one colt eight months old. The colts were all sired by Z. Chandler's imported Percheron stallion, Mark Antoxy. If the above "family cars" are not enough for one young man, not yet a voter, please send by postal card what is.

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STORY OF BIRMINGHAM IS LIKE ROMANCE

(Continued from Page 15) conducted in a manner which did not have as its symbol an arrow facing through the air.

The district was wooded. There was a small stream where both the vicious and the harmless animals came to take water. A trail, hardly discernible, marked the route to Detroit. It had been used by Indians. Pontiac, the chief whose name is famous in history, trekked the ground.

In this wilderness Birmingham was started; the Birmingham that in 1928 has come to be one of the residential centers of the middle

west; the Birmingham of large, beautiful homes, wide streets, playgrounds, libraries, churches, schools, theaters, stores, banks; the Birmingham where 12,000 persons live and where more are coming daily.

Soon after the hunters had settled came Elijah Willetts and John Hamilton followed. They built cabins and soon started to plant seeds for potatoes and apples and the soil was rich and they prospered.

Attracted by the reports of the success of the men and their families, others came from Detroit and settled near them. Soon many families were in the vicinity and

this started the influx which still continues more than 100 years later and promises to progress to so great an extent in the next five years that the population of Birmingham will be almost 50 per cent greater than it is today.

The Birmingham of today was known soon after the settlement by the families of Willetts, Hamilton and Hunter by any one of those three names. Their homes were always open to the traveler and in 1921 one of the travelers was a Methodist preacher. He held services while here and after that the settlement was known north and south as Piety Hill.

So far as can be learned this

was the start of religion in Birmingham. Its success is attested by the fact that there are today 12 churches in or near the village. Of this number, two are recently constructed, one is in the progress of construction and others are planning new buildings.

Government came here officially in 1828 when Bloomfield Township was organized. The following year officials were appointed, a bounty was offered by the township on wolves at \$5 a head and the poor of the locality were provided for with an appropriation of \$50.

Stores came and factories. (Continued on Page 17)