

Manchester Enterprise
BY MAT D. BLOOMER

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1884

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In Kent county peaches are mostly destroyed. There may be a fair crop about Kent. On the lake shore, from South Haven north, there is a promise of the usual crop. At Ann Arbor the crop is gone, and throughout the interior of the state there are but few live buds. Peach buds are very tender, and the mercury indicates 15° below zero.

From the Michigan crop report for February we learn that "excepting the elevations, which generally have been high, the wheat fields have been well covered with ice and snow. In answer to the question, 'Has wheat during February suffered injury from any cause?' 211 correspondents in the southern four counties answer 'No.' The opinion is quite prevalent among correspondents that the wheat will be more injured by the ice, but the contrary opinion is held by many. Mr. A. C. Towns, of Prairieville, Barry county, on the 26th of February, thoroughly examined a 26-acre field. By the aid of an axe and a cross-bow he broke through the ice in various places and found the wheat in fair condition. He said himself, 'The wheat in that field was not injured in the least. During the month there were 709,861 bushels of wheat marketed in the state, and the Hillsdale county market, 37,211 bushels. Hillsdale county marketed 25,554, and Washtenaw 68,189 bushels.

Michigan Census of 1881.

The state decennial census, contemplated by the constitution, will be taken in June of this year, and will be a much fuller census than has ever yet been taken under state authority. Preparing certain special investigations, our state law is scarcely less comprehensive than the national law. The schedule to be used in the enumeration is an improvement on the census of 1870. You see that it will be equally as good, and the statistics of births, marriages, deaths, and occupations will be better, and of agriculture much fuller than 1870. The statistics as to the growing crops and the census law, are new and important.

Former state censuses have been taken by supervisors in the time of taking the assessment. Objection has been made that assessing officers cannot make a complete and accurate census, both on account of the many other duties imposed upon them, and the fact that the inhabitants cannot be persuaded that honestly answering the various census questions will not in some way increase the amount of their taxes. That no such objection has arisen since the census of 1854, is a fact which is a strong argument in favor of the present law. It is proposed that the census be taken on or before the first Monday in May. The appointments in cities are to be made by common councils, and in townships by township boards.

so as to show the aggregate for state, county, township, cities, and wards, but the tables will in no instance represent the operations of business or operations of an individual, firm or corporation. Enumerators will receive for their services two dollars and fifty cents per day for the time actually and necessarily employed in the canvass and in the revision of the population schedule, and ten cents per mile for going to the office of the county clerk to obtain the necessary blank schedules, and ten cents per mile for carrying the returns to the office of the county clerk. The amount due each enumerator will be calculated by the clerk and paid by the county treasurer on the certificate of the clerk. Before the county clerk can certify the amount due an enumerator, he is required to satisfy himself that the returns are properly made out and duly certified. He will 'closely examine each census sheet for omissions, erasures, interlineations, or additions, including crosses or imperfections, and return on the certificate of the sheets, causing interlineations, or additions, to be made on the certificate. Every sheet thus conditionally rejected as not 'properly made out' as required by law.

It will be seen from the foregoing that a high order of intelligence will be required for the proper taking of the census under the present law, and it is hoped that those authorized to make the appointments will select only those persons for enumerators who are in every respect thoroughly competent.

FROM OHIO.

We extract the following from a letter received from our friend, F. Wheeler, the artist, formerly of Tecumseh, thinking his friends here might be pleased to learn of his whereabouts.—(Ed. Enterprise.)
Piqua is a thriving town of about 8,000 inhabitants. It is the largest city in the Miami river, about 85 miles north of Cincinnati. The Cincinnati & Toledo canal runs directly through the town, only about half a mile from Main street. Piqua has two railroads, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, and the Pan Handle. There are many more manufacturing interests here than there are in Adrian, and it seems so much more life. The place is not well built up, or as pretty a place as Adrian, and as for the majority of the pavements, well as they are horrible, and I actually believe in getting corns and bunions on the feet of my feet. One of the papers referred to my latest picture of 'the giant's case-way,' and said it reminded them of the Piqua cave.

Piqua boasts of seven newspapers, five of them weeklies, two dailies. All I can say of them is that if they were condensed to one, we might find something in them. Your local page has the whole account put together.

One thing Piqua has a credit to the place, and that is the opera house, which has cost \$200,000, and was built during the winter, 1881-82. It is a beautiful building, and you could not tell if it were built, but that it were in a city theatre. It has five large, well stocked stages, and all the traps and fixtures of a first-class theatre.

On Thursday night Miss Helen Herchler makes her appearance here in Haverly's Silver King Co. I expect to see her, and have a good deal of curiosity in regard to her. She has had a rather checked career since she appeared in the Tecumseh opera house some four or five years ago.

"How am I situated?" Well, very pleasantly. My father has one of the finest galleries I ever saw in a country town. It has all the conveniences for making first-class work, and is a progressive man. Since I came, we have made a great many changes in the workrooms, and have fitted up one room expressly for photo engraving, and as soon as we can have a few days' sunshine we hope to reduce some fine photographs. You see that in one respect I am satisfied. I can paint when I choose, as long as I wish, and then can go to the scientific work and experimenting. Mr. Thorpe gets everything ready to do to work with, and all I have to do is to say what I need and it is purchased.

They have a large telephone exchange in Piqua. A little fly standing by the office window, says that they have 150 instruments, but I have not been in the exchange. I am boarding with a jolly, nice family. Regards to all.
YERS.

Jackson County Items.
The Hurd House, Jackson, has provided each room with a fire escape.
A sheep shearing festival will be held in Grass Lake on Saturday, May 3, 1884.
George Green, of Norvell, has an egg laid by his pullet measuring 8 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide.

John McQuillen, who has been on the Jackson police force since 1873, died last Saturday of inflammatory rheumatism.
Miss Aggie Service was a pair of skates for being the most graceful lady skater at the skating rink in Grass Lake, last week.

The annual meeting of the Norvell farmers' club will be held at Joseph Cobbs', on Saturday, March 23rd, at one o'clock, p. m.
Dr. Palmer, of Brooklyn, has the honor of being the first man elected for three successive years for president of that village.

Affix broke out in G. W. Adams & Sons' flouring mill in Brooklyn last Wednesday, but prompt work soon subdued the flames with but small damage.

Real Estate Transfers.
WASHTENAW COUNTY.
R. Kent to George Richards, lot in Chelsea, 40 acres, \$2,500.
George Hack to Henry Goddard, Saline, 82 acres, \$6,200.
Jacob Horning to Mary Miner, Manchester, 40 acres, \$2,500.
George Hooper to John G. Boothner, Saline, 82 acres, \$4,100.
Joseph (son to) Michael Klager, Bridgeport, 40 acres, \$2,500.
Thos. L. Ryland to Samuel H. Smith, 110 acres in Sharon, \$2,000.
Frederick Schalte to Stanton Dinsdell, Sharon, 40 acres, \$4,000.

TREASURERS' REPORT, 1884.

20th of March, 1884.
I, the undersigned, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, respectfully submit the following report for the fiscal year ending March 20, 1884.

RECEIPTS.
March 1. Cash on hand from settlement of 1883. 274.00
June 1. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 1. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 2. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 3. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 4. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 5. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 6. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 7. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 8. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 9. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 10. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 11. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 12. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 13. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 14. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 15. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 16. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 17. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 18. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 19. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 20. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 21. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 22. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 23. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 24. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 25. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 26. H. L. Rose. 60.00
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July 28. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 29. H. L. Rose. 60.00
July 30. H. L. Rose. 60.00
Total. 2,740.00

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Former state censuses have been taken by supervisors in the time of taking the assessment. Objection has been made that assessing officers cannot make a complete and accurate census, both on account of the many other duties imposed upon them, and the fact that the inhabitants cannot be persuaded that honestly answering the various census questions will not in some way increase the amount of their taxes. That no such objection has arisen since the census of 1854, is a fact which is a strong argument in favor of the present law. It is proposed that the census be taken on or before the first Monday in May. The appointments in cities are to be made by common councils, and in townships by township boards.

Jackson County Items.
The Hurd House, Jackson, has provided each room with a fire escape.
A sheep shearing festival will be held in Grass Lake on Saturday, May 3, 1884.
George Green, of Norvell, has an egg laid by his pullet measuring 8 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide.

John McQuillen, who has been on the Jackson police force since 1873, died last Saturday of inflammatory rheumatism.
Miss Aggie Service was a pair of skates for being the most graceful lady skater at the skating rink in Grass Lake, last week.

The annual meeting of the Norvell farmers' club will be held at Joseph Cobbs', on Saturday, March 23rd, at one o'clock, p. m.

See here, my boy! The bells have rung the old year out and the new one in and a new watch has come on deck. If you think you are going right along in the same old groove, while the rest of us are making changes, you are up a tree. You've got to toe the mark along with the remainder of the world.

Now, when you are beginning life, you are from sixteen to twenty-one years old. You think you know all about life, but the fact is you know almost nothing. What you don't know would cover all Lake Erie, while your worldly wisdom wouldn't knock an owl off his perch. Suppose you make a resolve to begin the year 1884 by not knowing more than half as much as Plato, Diogenes and other wise men. If you should condescend to admit that you don't know more than your own father, it would be a great relief to your general standing with the world.

Perhaps you smoke and chew. What for? What's the use of paying out \$100 a year to insure bad breath, headaches, red eyes, decayed teeth and nervous debility, when you can secure a broken leg, which is far more of a trouble down stairs? Smoking affects the brain and nerves and stomach. We admit that a young chap of your age look like a great statesman when he comes down the avenue puffing away at a live cent grab, but suppose you didn't look like anybody but yourself?

Maybe you drink a little: very probably you do. A young man of your age is apt to think it smart to guzzle down a few hours' drink, but there's where he is lame. Even old drunkards would caution you against the practice. Drink not only wastes money, but it severs friendships, breeds anger, brings about quarrels, and there is no end to the train of wretchedness it entails. Yes, great lawyers, statesmen, poets and philosophers drink, but they lose respect by it. Men have a contempt for their weakness, and the world reads their epitaphs with sneers. Don't make a permission of yourself because some one else has.

Played poker or faro yet? If so, we hope you are such a skinning as will last you your life time. Let gaming alone. Fight away at gambling rooms, as you would at a dog. People tell you about luck. That's all bosh. The gambler has you by the throat the moment you enter his door. You can't make any money out of him, but he will see to it that you add to his capital.

Now, as to your personal traits. You may have come naturally by your egotism, but keep it in check. The world in general looks upon it as a disease. Even if you know all you think you know the rest of us won't admit it. Men hate boasters and braggarts.

Bluntness is a good thing sometimes; sometimes it isn't. Civility and a conscientious regard for other people's feelings are prerequisites in the game of life. Be charitable without encouraging vice, be honest in your opinions, but don't imagine that it is your duty to break up a family or start a church scandal in your dealings be square. You may lose by it for a time, but when the public comes to understand that you are a just and upright man you'll make money and keep friends as well.

In fact, young man, suppose you square up with your tailor, pay the balance on your boot-makers, part your hair on the side and fall into procession with the rest of us. We don't claim to be pretty, and we don't own all the brains in the country, but we can teach you several things that may come useful in future years, and we guarantee to prove that horse sense and square dealing are certain to pay a semi-annual dividend. — Detroit Free Press.

A Real Santa Claus.

As long as Mr. Samuel M. Cortright was a resident of Mauch Chunk he gladdened the heart of every poor child in that town by presenting it, every Christmas with gifts in some shape or other, and for many a year he has been the Santa Claus of the town.

Now, the Mr. Cortright is a citizen of Allentown, he dispenses his favors to the children of this city, and the thousands of gifts he distributed yesterday have added to his fame as the children's friend. On Monday he announced that at two o'clock on Tuesday he would distribute 4,000 presents to all poor children and invited them to call around at that hour. Long before the appointed time the children were on hand, as well as grown persons, who came with the expectation of seeing fun, and they were not disappointed. To lend to the interest of the occasion Mr. Cortright engaged the Allen town Band and the music attracted attention who would otherwise not have graced the occasion. At two o'clock the fun began. Instead of 4,000 poor children being on hand there were about 400, the town not being able to raise the full number. It is generally hinted that many of those who did assemble were not very poor, but with characteristic liberality Mr. Cortright did not draw the line between the poor and those better off. The snow, which fell thick and fast, did not appear to dampen the ardor of the boys, though some of the younger ones were nearly snowed under. At first the children passed by the windows two by two and received their presents, but soon the system was changed and then the presents were pitched out the windows. This caused a great deal of scrambling and afforded the four hundred spectators any amount of fun. The gifts consisted of portfolio slates, scrap books, dolls of all sizes and nationalities, nigger babies, savings banks, tops, balls, whips, porcupine quills, tin boxes, wagons and toys of all kinds.

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Communism in Massachusetts.

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Credit Not Good.

"I suppose," remarked the tramp, as he helped himself to a pickle at the lunch table, "I suppose if President Arthur came in here and said: 'Johnny, let's have a glass of beer and hang it on the slate till pay day, like a good fellow,' you would let him have the stuff, wouldn't you?"

"Of course I would," replied the barkeeper, with a wide smile. "Why wouldn't I?"

"And yet President Arthur is nearly two thousand million dollars in debt," continued the tramp. "At least the Government is, and you would have to wait until that was paid before you could get your pickle."

"Is that so?" asked the barkeeper, rather staggered by the figures.

"You bet! And I suppose if Queen Victoria walked in and said: 'Hi, Johnny, let's have a glass of 'art an' a bit of bread, I'll tell me 'Lud o' the but-ter, but let's have 'em 'ere the spuds,' you'd spunk the wine up with your own fair hand, wouldn't you?"

"I surely would," returned the barkeeper.

"And yet Queen Victoria is in debt nearly three thousand millions; or her Government is, and you would get that ten cents about the middle of the next century."

"As much as that?" demanded the barkeeper, in astonishment.

"Then there's the Emperor of Germany, if he should alight from his special horse car in front of your door, and say: 'Mien Gott, Chonny, give me a schoppen of schnapps, and I will buy for you ten I sold men dogs,' you wouldn't hesitate a minute, would you, to spunk the wine up with your own fair hand, wouldn't you?"

"I suppose not," said the barkeeper, rather startled by the information concerning the other potentates.

"And yet that same Emperor is in debt over one hundred and ten millions," continued the tramp, solemnly. "I don't believe it," exclaimed the barkeeper.

"It's a fact," replied the tramp. "And the Czar of Russia, suppose he should come limping in with some money on his back, and let the bill stand over till Christvichmas, you wouldn't wait to come around from behind, but you'd waltz right over the bar, wouldn't you?"

"I don't know," replied the barkeeper, cautiously. "How is he fixed?"

"He owes two thousand millions," answered the tramp.

"Do them people all owe it for bar bills?" inquired the barkeeper, with a shudder.

"Most of 'em," responded the tramp. "But I don't owe any man on earth a cent; and yet I don't suppose you would trust me for a glass of beer to save my life, would you?"

"No, sir!" shouted the barkeeper. "I wouldn't trust you for another free pickle. We liquor dealers are afraid of nearly eight thousand millions on the crowded heads, and I ain't going to give more on a man that hasn't got even a brim to his hat. Put that pickle back in the bowl or I'll stop up the rat holes with you!"

And the tramp went off to work the racket somewhere else, while the barkeeper figured up his share of the losses on the crowded heads and tucked something on to the bills of his known to be paying debtors. — Brooklyn Eagle.

The Rich Bachelor.

The most unhappy perhaps not quite that, but the least happy — man I know, says a New York correspondent, is a young bachelor with \$50,000 a year and no one but himself to spend it on. He is a miser, miser, miser, but not always miserly to make him more happy. He lives in handsome lodgings, and as he is a prince of good fellows, is constantly in demand for dinner parties. "I wish I could be as busy as you are," he said to me one day. "Here I am, worn out with working nothing," said he, leaning back in his chair. "What was your average yesterday, for example?" I asked him. "Well, let me see. Yesterday was about an average day. I got up at eleven; had a light breakfast at Del's at 12:30; went down to Wall Street and found I'd lost \$30,000 at a clip. Walked up town to the stable, got my trotter and drove out on the road; came back, dressed for dinner; after dinner played poker till eight o'clock. Then I came and to bed. Here it is one o'clock and I'm just up." "And that's an average day?" "Yes, all but the \$30,000 clip. I don't lose that much every day." "Why do you go near Wall Street?" "What's a fellow to do?" he answered. "The diversion of Wall Street is worth the occasional losses. Sometimes I win and that keeps up the interest." "If it makes you happy," said I, "the money is well spent." "Happy?" he replied, with the most disgusted look. "Why, I was happier a dozen years ago, when I had but \$2,000 a year that I earned by hard work than I have been since. A little excitement is not happiness. Real work is the only thing that can make a man happy. Perhaps you think you'd be happy if you had my income, but you wouldn't. I thought I would; but I saw he was in no mood for argument. He was in the dull stupor of a man who has had a great deal of scrambling and afforded the four hundred spectators any amount of fun. The gifts consisted of portfolio slates, scrap books, dolls of all sizes and nationalities, nigger babies, savings banks, tops, balls, whips, porcupine quills, tin boxes, wagons and toys of all kinds.

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