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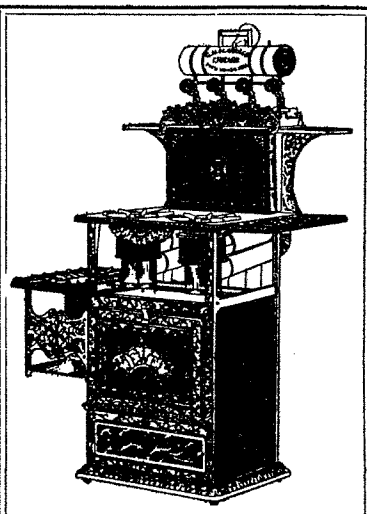
**F & A. M.—Middleville Lodge No. 231.** Regular communication Tuesday evenings, on or before full of the moon. J. W. Armstrong, W. M., G. W. Matteson, Sec.

**K. O. P.—Crescent Lodge, No. 85,** meet in Castle Hall, in Keeler Block, every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Visiting knights cordially invited, work in knight rank. C. C., M. A. Coykendall; K. of R. and S., Aaron Sherck.

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**Neighborhood Notes**  
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**BOWEN'S MILLS.**  
April 13.—Will Bowen went to Grand Rapids and Saginaw on business, Wednesday.

Henry Nobles of Martin and Almida Robbins of this town, were united in marriage recently at the residence of M. O. Basset, in the city of Kalamazoo.

The choir and little tots are getting ready for Easter Sunday, which is next Sabbath.

Mrs. Kate Smith who intended to visit her aged mother this spring in Ohio was hurried away sooner than she expected on receiving news of her mother's serious sickness.

The library social and dance at Smith's Hall Thursday evening, netted about \$9.00.

Mr. Bert Huff of Alma, a former resident here, is shaking hands with his many friends once more, besides looking after some business affairs.

The Detroit Journal makes mention in its last issue of the great sleighrides of 1856 which took place in Ohio, and as E. H. Bowen and wife took part in it perhaps other readers of your paper did the same. I will here give an account of it from a clipping Mr. Bowen has of it. The great sleighing tournaments of 1856 are still vividly remembered by our citizens. Solon, Cuyahoga Co. inaugurated the "strife" by getting up a party of seven four-horse teams and challenging any town to beat them. Twinsburgh did beat them with four-ten teams. Bedford then went to Twinsburgh with thirty-four teams. Northfield then tried it on but fell short of the requisite number of teams to take the banner. Brecksville then entered the list with fifty-four teams. Royalton then came in with sixty-eight teams, then Boston went to Royalton with eighty-nine teams. Richfield then bounced down into Boston with one-hundred fifty-four teams and planted the banner on the summit. This was on the 11th day of March. A few days after, Summit, Medina and Cuyahoga as counties, entered into the contest and visited Richfield under their appropriate leaders, Medina having 140 Cuyahoga 151, Summit 171, four-horse teams, making 462 in all. Not satisfied with the discomfiture, Medina was bound to try again and on the 18th day of March, though the sleighing was getting rather thin, that county, with bands of music, and flying banners drove triumphantly into Akron with 181 four-horse teams, the most extensive sleigh ride from one county ever before or since known in the United States. The Medina people often invited neighboring counties to come take that banner.

The roads are in need of some repairs, especially some graveling.  
Mr. Ed McKibbin is building a new house.  
Masons and carpenters are at work on Isaac Cappon's house.  
Chas. Cappon lost a very fine cow last week. Quite a misfortune.

**DUNCAN LAKE.**  
Quite a number from this place attended the funeral of Owen Kinsey at Caledonia Monday. It was the largest ever held in Caledonia.

Mrs. Vrooman and son Neil of Leighton visited Mrs. D. Bechtel and son Allan, last Friday.

A man by the name of Clements from Ingham Co., is working for Iru Adam.

Mrs. F. Andler's sister, Miss Thaler from Leighton, visited her Sunday.

**PARMELEE PICKINGS.**  
April 13.—The farmers have again commenced stirring the soil.  
A number from here attended the funeral of Owen Kinsey at Caledonia, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. VanAtten and daughter spent Sunday with relatives at this place.

Mrs. Wilkins of Hastings, was seen on our streets Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Reed of Cascade were visiting friends in this vicinity Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sweet and family moved this week north of Grand Rapids, where they intend to make their future home.

Mrs. O. A. Carpenter is in quite poor health at this writing.

Mrs. Florence Stimson is confined to the house with a sprained ankle.

A number from this place attended the U. B. quarterly meeting at the Brew Dist.

Bernice Tungate was at home over Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Boone was calling on friends here last week.

**GUN LAKE.**  
April 13.—Easter exercises at the Robbins school house Sunday at 1:30 p. m.  
Mr. Barnhart and family expect to occupy the Davison house soon.

Misses Rickel and Ream of Hastings, have been recalled to give another entertainment at the Robbins school house Friday evening April 23d. Admission 10 cents. Be sure and not miss this opportunity of hearing some well trained elocutionists.

Miss Maud Rantz of this place is now working for Mrs. Lee Moore of Middleville.

Miss Smith of Wayland expects to commence school in District No. 4, Yankee Springs next Monday.

Elder Tomkinson was not at his appointment last Sunday on account of his wife's illness.

**NORTH IRVING.**  
Epworth League Sunday evening, led by Allen Matthews.

Miss Layton of St. Joseph accompanied Rev. Freeman to this place Sunday and gave a very interesting talk in behalf of the orphan children in the state. A part of her work being to find homes for their orphan children.

Allen Matthews and Frank Ingram are authorized teachers and are to teach their first terms this spring, the former the Otis school in Rutland, the latter the Brick school east of us. Success to you both.

Mr. Zerbe's people have been very busy moving their goods to the Ed. Johnson place, while Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trego have moved their household goods into the house vacated by Mr. Zerbe on the Bert Henyon farm.

Miss Ella Hubbard was in Middleville Saturday.

Bert Walkers folks now ride in a new carriage and have a new harness too.

Milton Coulter is setting out a good number of fruit trees this spring.

**IRVING INKLINGS.**  
Ernest Poff will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. next Sunday evening. Subject, "Different Kinds of Deaths and the Conquest of Them," 1 Cor. 15:50-58—an Easter topic.

Miss Lason of St. Joseph, spoke a few minutes at the morning service at the M. E. church in the interest of the Orphan's home at that place. She expects to find homes for a few children about here.

Mr. Gage has found employment at Jackson and his goods are to be shipped there at once. Mrs. Gage left Wednesday forenoon and will stop at Bronson for a few days' visit with her daughter. They leave warm friends here who wish them success.

We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Hoyt have returned to their farm for the summer and shall expect to see them in their old place in the church society.

J. T. Pierson and Mrs. G. A. Pratt went to the city, Monday.

Miss Mamie Chambers has moved into J. J. Hendershott's house near the depot.

Mrs. Grant Hendershott attended church here Sunday. She, with her children, go to Grand Rapids this week where they will live this summer.

J. A. Robertson went to Hastings last Saturday for the first time since his illness.

The effects of the looked-for "prosperity" surely must be felt here as a cheese factory is talked of as one of the new branches of business about to be entered into, and the advisability of converting our school into a high school is the subject of conversation just now. This is more interesting to us no doubt than to Hastings and Middleville, as the result of such a step would be to draw the foreign scholars largely from those schools. It will be seen what the tax payers think of the scheme when the money question is voted on. Already our school tax is half the tax we pay.

**NORTH ORANGEVILLE.**  
Mr. George Ford and family left Tuesday of last week for New York state.  
Pete O'Connor drives a new fast horse.

**CALEDONIA CULLINGS.**  
Owen S. Kinsey died at his home in this village Saturday evening, April 10 of appendicitis after an illness of little more than a week. On Thursday he had an operation performed by Dr. Groner of Grand Rapids, assisted by Dr. Graybill. It was at first believed to be successful, but blood poisoning had set in and after a day of seeming improving, he grew rapidly worse until he died. His death caused a feeling of gloom in the entire village. He had been born and raised here and it seemed impossible that his familiar figure would be seen no more. His friends were legion. He was always friendly and open hearted and his joyous laugh gave evidence of his honesty and good nature. His friends in the village purchased a magnificent floral piece representing a harp, for his funeral. The Maccabees and I. O. O. F., of which orders he was a member, and numerous relatives and friends also presented beautiful floral offerings and he was laid at rest in a bower of beautiful flowers and evergreens. The funeral was the largest ever held in the village, friends from many miles attending to pay their last respects to him whom they had so long and favorably known. The K. O. T. M.'s attended in a body and many relatives and friends were present from a distance. The services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Goshert, assisted by Revs. Trask and Boone, and were very impressive and affecting. The deceased had been married but ten months, and his young widow who is almost inconsolable has the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community. They had recently pur-

**LOST BOTH FEET.**  
George Bixler of this Village, Meets With An Awful Accident.  
About 2 p. m. on Friday, April 9 people residing in the vicinity of the Francis street crossing in Jackson were awakened by cries of intense agony. Among those aroused from sleep were Patrolman Chalker, who, with neighbors, began a search, and on hearing the cries repeated, "Oh! my feet," were directed in the darkness to the side of the railway tracks, where was found lying a man suffering terribly, with both feet crushed and mangled. The patrolman aroused a neighbor who got out his wagon and conveyed the injured man to the hospital, where he gave his name as George Bixler and his home as at Middleville.

Dr. Robinson, hospital surgeon, assisted by Dr. Dean T. Smith examined the unfortunate man, one of whose feet and ankles were crushed almost to a pulp, the mass bearing scarcely any resemblance to a foot. The surgeons amputated both feet just above the ankle. Bixler, who possesses a strong constitution, withstood the operation with bravery, and at 10:30 a. m. Dr. Robinson stated the patient, though in a very precarious condition, had a chance to recover.

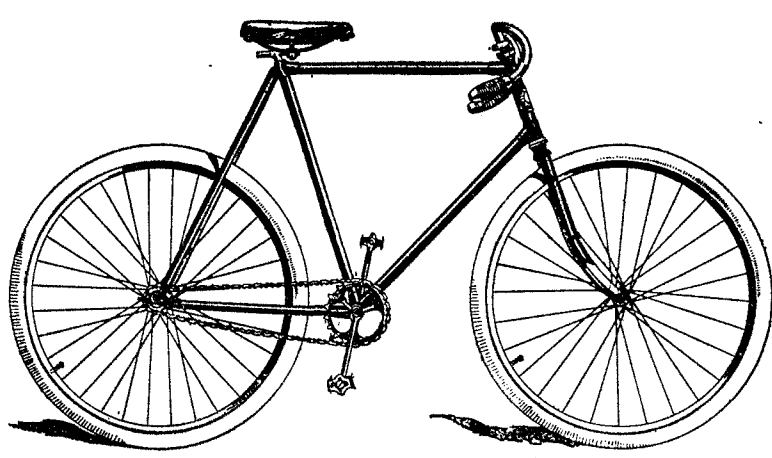
To Dr. Robinson, Bixler stated he boarded a freight train at Niles, intending to go to Middleville where he expected to work on his father's farm. The train however, came east over the Air Line division instead of the main line of the Michigan Central. The patient also told the doctor the train ran with such rapidity he became frightened and when it slowed when about to enter the city, he jumped off and was thrown under the wheels with the results above noted. He said he laid where found for some time before his calls for help were responded to. Bixler, whose age is 27 years, stated he has a wife in Proctor, Ill., to whom he desired a telegram sent. She was notified of the accident.

C. M. Bixler, father of the injured man, received a slip taken from a daily paper sent him by T. D. French at 10 p. m. Friday evening and left on the morning train for the bedside of his son.

A card dated April 13, from the hospital matron, says George is doing finely.

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### Local Happenings.

Attend the band concert tonight.  
Oiver chilled Plows at Frank D. Pratt's.  
Abbott's wall paper is all new. Call and see it.  
All kinds of music at the band concert April 15.  
Frank Clark rides a new "Clipper" bicycle.  
Condition Powders 14 cts. per pound at Abbott's.  
Children's sailor suits at Campbell's for only \$1.00.  
Attend the Baptist Aid society this week Friday.  
Don D. Putnam has purchased a "Pelham" bicycle.  
For South End Chilled Plows, call on Frank D. Pratt.  
Nobby new suits for men and boys, at M. S. Keeler & Co's.  
Attend the W. R. C. warm sugar social Saturday evening.  
All wool carpets, from 40 cents up at M. S. Keeler & Co's.  
First-class Condition Powders 14 cts. per pound at Abbott's.  
Bert Severance is in trouble—he's afraid he's lost his dog.  
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The SUN and News Stand have new signs about ready for display.  
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Born, on Saturday April 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gogle, a daughter.  
M. F. Jordan and G. E. Gardner have bought the Bush cottage at Gun lake.  
H. E. Hendrick has purchased the Harding cottage and boat at Gun lake.  
Ladies, call and see the latest things in Novelty Dress Patterns at Campbell's.  
Look at our cut rates on bicycles. Prices no one else can touch at DOWLING'S.  
An elegant line of men's and boy's Spring and Summer Suits at Campbell's. Very cheap.  
They say Dowling is selling bicycles cheaper than anyone. No installment plan prices. See!  
The Township Clerk's office is now located at Chapman's furniture store. J. A. Caldwell, clerk.  
R. T. French has bought W. R. Young's interest in the French-Young cottage at Gun lake.  
Try the new perfume "Azalia," fragrant and lasting, at Armstrong's, first door east of post office.  
E. W. Aubil is improving some of his lively rigs by fresh paint from the brush of Simeon Lawrence.  
John Campbell is putting a plate glass front in his store occupied by Frank D. Pratt's hardware.  
A notice of the death of Owen Kinsey, a former resident of this village, will be found in the Caledonia items.  
C. E. Stokoe just received an order to furnish occupants of the flying machine, with bicycles and bicycle sundries.  
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A special session of the board of supervisors will be held next week for the purpose of taking some action in regard to enlarging the house at the poor farm.  
The millinery openings of Mrs. Talbot and Mrs. Griswold, have this year been unusually fine. Prettier or more stylish hats and bonnets cannot be found in the cities than displayed at these establishments during their opening days last week. A great rush of people were very cordially received by these ladies with their assistants. At Mrs. Griswold's, cocoa and macaroons were served in the dining room from tables very prettily set and decorated with festoons of bright ribbons reaching from the four corners of each table to the ceiling. Vases of cut flowers on handsomely embroidered doilies made effective center pieces. Mrs. Talbot's rooms are not so conveniently arranged to admit of a grand display, but her trimmed hats and bonnets were very pretty indeed and many compliments were heard for Miss Winnie's trimmer. Each lady who called was presented with her choice of a bunch of violets or carnations. Middleville ladies are to be congratulated upon having in our midst two such enterprising and up-to-date milliners as Mrs. Griswold and Mrs. Talbot.

### Personal Points.

M. L. Matteson is quite poorly.  
Geo. Sanford is under the doctor's care.  
Don Parkhurst is home from the University.  
John Campbell returned from Chicago Monday eve.  
Mrs. H. E. Hendrick went to Hastings this a. m.  
Mrs. N. Griswold was in Grand Rapids Monday.  
Don D. Putnam opened school in Carlton, Monday.  
A pension has been granted John Lichty of Hastings.  
Azro French leaves today for the north, prospecting.  
Tnode Moore went to Jackson on business last night.  
Miss Lena Griswold of Freeport was in town over Sunday.  
Miss Gertrude Baker is teaching in the Dutcher district.  
J. E. Gogle returned yesterday noon from his southern trip.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Leander Martin of Caledonia are guests of the latter's brother W. K. Liebler and wife.  
Ward Stratton of Benton Harbor, has been in the village for a couple of days meeting old friends.  
Mr. Peeps and family occupy the Southwick place at the corner of Broadway and Dearborn streets.  
Mrs. M. M. Prindle, who has been spending a couple of weeks in Charlotte, is expected home this week.  
Mrs. Embra and son Grove of Dutton were guests of Aaron Clark and family and Mrs. H. E. Bray over Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tobins and daughter Pearl, were guests at Ed. Blake's and Will Liebler's, Sunday and Monday.  
Rev. H. Appleton was in attendance at the Grand Rapids Association of Congregational Ministers, held at Hudsonville, Monday and Tuesday.  
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Mrs. M. C. Griswold, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs, and sister, Mrs. W. E. Keeler, returned to her home in Lowell yesterday.  
W. D. Clizbe, Past Grand Chancellor, was the guest of W. K. Liebler Friday, and was looking after the interests of the endowment rank connected with K. of P. work.  
Joseph Rouse was in Fowlerville Friday and Saturday in attendance at the annual reunion of the 28th Michigan Inf'ty. He reports a glorious time, about sixty answering to roll call. Some had not seen each other since 1865 and when they shook hands could not keep back the tears.  
Every school room, business office and house should have a picture of President McKinley and his cabinet. See them so cheap at the News Stand,

For Fence Wire call on Frank D. Pratt.  
Thos. Bass rides a new "Fox Flyer" bicycle.  
Abbott's Wall Paper is on the West side now.  
A. E. Southwick is again running the lunch and pool room.  
Master Earl Moore is the proud possessor of a new bike.  
G. D. Whitmore has received a 186 lb school ball for District No. 8, Irving.  
G. D. Whitmore has shipped a trio of Plymouth Rock loams to Traverse City.  
Ward Whittemore's mill has commenced operations in the Hubbard timber in Irving.  
A school of instruction, F. & A. M. will be held at Hastings April 23d, afternoon and evening.  
Rev. H. Appleton is improving some of the rooms in the parsonage, by papering at his own expense.  
Perfection and Diamond package dyes full stock of each. First door east of post office, at Armstrong's.  
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W. D. Clizbe, Past Grand Chancellor, was the guest of W. K. Liebler Friday, and was looking after the interests of the endowment rank connected with K. of P. work.  
Joseph Rouse was in Fowlerville Friday and Saturday in attendance at the annual reunion of the 28th Michigan Inf'ty. He reports a glorious time, about sixty answering to roll call. Some had not seen each other since 1865 and when they shook hands could not keep back the tears.  
Every school room, business office and house should have a picture of President McKinley and his cabinet. See them so cheap at the News Stand,

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You will make money by it.

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My stock is complete and  
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A COMPLETE STOCK of Black and Colored SERGES.

50 Inch all wool Navy Serge only 50c.  
44 " " " " " " " " 50c.  
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## DRESS FOR EASTER.

New patterns in fancy Silks, Ribbons, Laces, Silk  
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linings at reasonable prices. All shades in Organdie Lin-  
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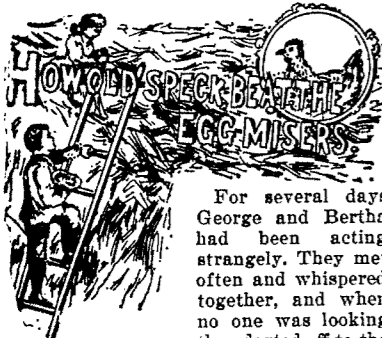


EASTER.

Awake! the dawn is breaking All radiant with hope...

Cycling years have only added To the wealth of perfume sweet...

He is risen! Christ is risen! Chant until the vaulted skies...



For several days George and Bertha had been acting strangely...

On Easter morning the stores were to be disclosed...

"Pretty good," said Mrs. Crane. "They'll never get as many as that..."

So George and Bertha and Mrs. Crane ran out to the carriage house...

There are times when we are disheartened as regards the spiritual possibilities...

Little Boy Singers. There are times when we are disheartened as regards the spiritual possibilities...

News of Minor Note. Gov. Adams has signed the bill abolishing capital punishment in Colorado...

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Color in my face than I have had for a year and a half. Please accept my thanks...

FLOOD VICTIMS AIDED

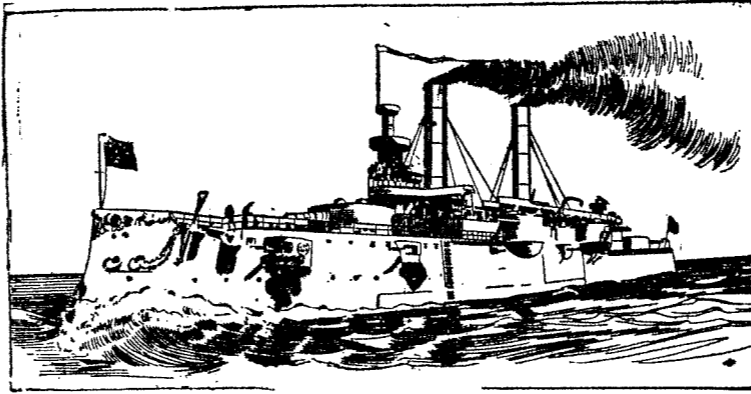
PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S APPEAL IS HEEDED.

He Asks Congress to Act at Once in the Matter of Relief, and in a Very Brief Time \$200,000 Is Appropriated.

Message from the President. President McKinley appealed to Congress Wednesday for relief for Southern flood sufferers...

Information which has recently come to me from the governors of Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana...

BATTLESHIP IOWA IS THE QUEEN OF AMERICAN WAR VESSELS.



The battleship Iowa is the queen of the American navy. By her grand work Wednesday in her speed trial she proved herself to be the superior of the Indiana or Massachusetts...

A great majority of the sufferers are small farmers, they have been left entirely destitute and will be unprepared for work even after the floods have subsided.

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The citizens' relief committee of Memphis, which has taken prompt action, has already cared for from 6,000 to 7,000 refugees from the flooded districts...

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tor, whose condition has already been described. Under these conditions, and having fully exercised to the fullest extent...

It has, therefore, seemed to me that the representatives of the people should be promptly informed of the nature and extent of the suffering and needs of these stricken people...

A resolution was at once passed by the House appropriating \$200,000 for the sufferers and the Senate giving it speedy sanction...

News of Minor Note. Gov. Adams has signed the bill abolishing capital punishment in Colorado.

William G. Fisher, a millionaire dry goods merchant of Denver, Colo., died at New York. He was 53 years old.

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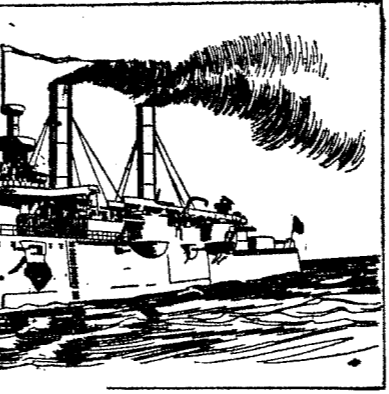
DRAPER DID THE DEED.

Confesses to the Murder of Charles L. Hastings at Jacksonville, Ill.

Charles L. Draper has made to his pastor, Rev. Dr. Morey, a complete confession of the murder of Charles L. Hastings in the abstract office of Judge Kirby at Jacksonville, Ill., March 31.

The trouble culminated when Draper pressed Hastings for a reason why he was so cool and was answered with an oath that he wanted nothing more to do with him.

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STORY OF THE WATERS.

10,000 Square Miles Flooded, and 200 Lives Lost.

Ten thousand square miles of flooded farm lands, 200 lives lost, and \$100,000,000 worth of property destroyed. This is the record of the huge yellow monster that coils its length like the slow spreading tentacle of an octopus from the British line to the Mexican gulf.

States are walling and wallowing and foundering in the muddy torrent, and thousands of people have gone sailing over their farms and into the flooded forests on logs, on rafts, on the roofs of their houses.

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Amind Dowh has been appointed president of the Persian Council of Ministers of the Interior with extensive powers.

Capt. Sam G. Cabell, one of the old Mississippi steamboat captains, and a prominent figure on that river during war times, died at Washington, D. C., aged 83 years.

C. F. Kleupfer, who killed C. R. Dodge and Alexander Borland at New Hope, Cal., six weeks ago, and who has since been in the county jail at Stockton, hanged himself in his cell with a handkerchief tied to the grating of the window.

NEW YORK'S MONSTER PIERS.

How the Land Has Been Made to Encroach Upon the Water.

New York City has plans out to build five new long piers on the Hudson River side between Gansevoort and West 11th streets, which will cost \$6,000,000.

The new piers bring up the encroachments which the city has made on the water front and which have taken hundreds of feet out from shore from the natural waterway of the river-environmented metropolis.

In this particular locality land under water was filled in between West 10th and West 14th streets in 1852, when it was not supposed that a pier more than 100 feet long would ever be required.

A New Point in Insurance. The ingenuity of some insurance companies in devising ways and means for evading responsibility is equaled by nothing on earth.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions.

When First Worn. The use of wigs as mere ornaments began in France in the seventeenth century, when Louis XIII., to conceal his premature baldness, took to a wig.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or remove your desire for tobacco?

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The Prince of Wales possesses the most curious paperweight in the world. It is the hand of an Egyptian mummy.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets, candy cathartic, stomach and bowel regulator made.

Woman's Nerves.

Mrs. Platt Talks About Hysteria.

When a nerve or a set of nerves supplying any organ in the body with its due nutriment grows weak, that organ languishes.

Do you experience fits of depression, alternating with restlessness? Are your spirits easily affected, so that one moment you laugh and the next fall into convulsive weeping?

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"I thought I could not be so benefited by anything and keep it to myself. I had hysteria (caused by womb trouble) in its worst form. I was awfully nervous, low-spirited and melancholy, and everything imaginable."

The Wonderful Kava-Kava Shrub.

A New Botanical Discovery—Of Special Interest to Sufferers from Diseases of the Kidneys or Bladder, Rheumatism, etc.—A Blessing to Humanity.

A Free Gift of Great Value to You.

Our readers will be glad to know that the new botanical discovery, Alkavis, from the wonderful Kava-Kava shrub has proved an assured cure for all diseases caused by Uric acid in the blood, or by disordered action of the kidneys or urinary organs.

In the New York Weekly World of Sept. 10th, the testimony of Rev. W. B. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C. was given, describing his years of suffering from kidney disease and Rheumatism, and his rapid cure by Alkavis.

So far the Church Kidney Cure Company, No. 410 Fourth Avenue, New York, are the only importers of this new remedy, and they are so anxious to prove its value that for the sake of introducing it they will send a free treatment of Alkavis prepaid by mail to every reader of this paper who is a sufferer from any form of Kidney or Bladder disorder, Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, Dropsy, Gravel, Pain in Back, Female Complaints, or other affliction due to improper action of the Kidneys or Urinary Organs.

A further study of the amount of argon in the atmosphere has been made by Schloesing, in which a remarkable uniformity appears in air from different sources.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity.

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Having purchased F. L. Phelps livery business, I will continue the same at the old Talbott barn on East Main street.

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**THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1897.

**Coming Events.**

The admission to the band concert is only 10 and 20 cents.  
Dr. Bradley's lecture on Cuba April 20 at Congregational church. The orchestra will play. Tickets will be 10 cents.  
M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Epworth League, 6 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday afternoon, April 21, the Reading Club will meet with Mrs. G. L. Keeler. Current events, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; Sketch of Miles Standish, Mrs. M. S. Keeler; Spelling, Mrs. Johnson; Questions, Mrs. Rich; Critic, Mrs. Saunders; Quotations, Longfellow.  
Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. An Easter subject for morning. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Leader, Maud Boorn. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Exercises in the evening which will be in charge of the Sunday school.  
Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for evening, "The Meaning of Easter." Special Easter music. Evening, Easter concert by the Sabbath school. Special program Sabbath school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Leader, Mrs. M. Stark. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. W. H. M. U. at church parlors, Friday afternoon of this week. A most cordial welcome for all.  
**EASTER PROGRAMS.**  
The Congregational Sunday school will render the following program on Easter Sunday evening, April 18:  
Piano Voluntary.....Miss Nina C. Shaw  
Selection.....Orchestra  
Song.....School  
Prayer.....Pastor  
Anthem.....Choir  
Recitation.....George Armstrong  
Recitation.....Hattie Spree  
Recitation.....Louie Barrett  
Song.....Linski Sisters  
Recitation.....Rollo Stevens  
Recitation.....Mamie Mattason  
Recitation.....Arno Glas  
Song.....Four Little Girls  
Recitation.....Bessie Richards  
**PART II.**  
Solo.....Orchestra  
Piano Solo.....Harry A. Saunders  
Recitation.....Mary Pratt  
Solo.....M. S. Johnson  
Recitation.....Miss Daisy Dowling  
Solo.....School  
Dialogue.....Deaf Uncle, Ross Armstrong, Glenn Blake, Nephews, Clara Mattason  
Recitation.....Frankie Barnes  
Solo.....Miss Dora Brown  
Recitation.....Ernest Masters  
Piano Duette.....Harry and Bessie Saunders  
Recitation.....Miss Fannie Pratt  
Song with violin obligato.....Vera P. Cobb  
Collection.....From All  
Song.....School  
Benediction.....Pastor  
Baptist program for Sunday evening, April 18:  
Voluntary.....School  
Prayer.....Pastor  
Responsive Reading.....School  
Anthem.....Choir  
Recitation.....Charlie Biss  
Solo.....Genevieve Biss  
Song.....Hazel Hendrick  
Recitation.....Ada Clisler  
Recitation.....Lucile Wilkinson  
Solo.....Infants Class  
Recitation.....Maud Coats  
Recitation.....Walter Biss  
Song.....Choir  
Recitation.....Isaac Keeler  
Recitation.....Marguerite Caldwell  
Chorus Song.....School  
Benediction.....School  
Easter program to be given by Sunday school in Gates school house, Sunday, April 18, at 3 p. m.:  
Song.....School  
Prayer.....Choir  
Solo.....Choir  
Recitation.....Glens Culyer  
Solo.....Leon Green  
Song.....School  
Reading.....Myrtle Church  
Violin Solo.....Vera P. Cobb  
Solo.....Infants Class  
Recitation.....Maud Coats  
Recitation.....Walter Biss  
Solo.....Choir  
Recitation.....Daisy L. Dowling  
Reading.....Lena Bytvester  
Solo.....M. S. Johnson  
Recitation.....Mamie Tabor  
Remarks.....Rev. H. Appleton  
Song.....School  
Benediction.....School  
The following program will be rendered at the M. E. church next Sunday evening by the Sunday school:  
Voluntary.....Stella Webb  
Song.....School  
Devotional.....Pastor  
Anthem.....Choir  
Recitation.....Leon Green  
Recitation.....Imana Dorris  
Recitation.....Viola Baker  
Singing.....Five Girls  
Recitation.....Gladys Rouse  
Recitation.....Gurney Clisler, Perry Stanford  
Singing.....Elsie and Meda Aubil  
Recitation.....Ella Farnum  
Reading.....Thadde Taylor  
Solo.....Glenn Clevor  
Recitation.....Bertha Westcott  
Recitation.....Bertha VanAllen  
Music—Duette.....Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Webb  
Recitation.....Belle Corson  
Collection.....School  
Song.....School  
Benediction.....School  
**BAPTIST AID SOCIETY.**  
The Baptist Aid society will entertain at the church parlors April 18th. Business meeting at 4 p. m. Supper from 5 to 7 by the following committee: Meadames Parkhurst, Phelps, Severance, Teadt, Thomas, Tewksbury, Wilkinson and Zimmer. All are cordially invited.  
**SUGAR SOCIAL.**  
The W. R. C. ladies will serve warm sugar at the G. A. R. rooms on Saturday evening, April 17th. All are invited.  
**SUGAR SOCIAL.**  
The M. E. society will have a warm sugar social at the church parlors on Friday evening, April 23, for the purpose of raising money to paper the church. A cordial invitation to all.

**AIR SHIP**

**AS SEEN BY OUR CITIZENS LAST EVENING.**

The following descriptions have been given of the unusual sight witnessed by a number of our citizens last evening: M. S. Keeler: At about 10:30, Wednesday evening, a bright light was seen in a westerly direction from town, and at first the light was so bright and sudden that those seeing it dodged as if something was falling from the sky, but it was seen to be the air ship. It approached at about 40 or 50 miles per hour till it was directly over the town. Those seeing it described it, when first seen, as having two bright eyes, or electric lights, with wings extended on both sides, with a wheel in the rear, and for a distance of 100 feet in the rear, a tail like a comet. Suspended underneath was a car, with apparatus windows, and some describe accurately seeing two men in the car. It hovered directly over the village and as it came to a stop the lights went out instantly. It stood still a moment, instantly lit up, a loud explosion was heard, and then started directly southeast, and was out of sight so quick that it must have been going at the rate of from 50 to 75 miles per hour. The above description was drawn after comparing conclusions of those seeing it.  
Dr. J. P. Ferguson: Could see an illuminated body with a dark cigar shaped body above it. From the lower part saw sparks fly upwards and downwards. Saw it through a field glass. Wings could be seen on either side.  
Mr. Peeps: Seen between 10 and 11 o'clock going north, stopped and went north again; going between 60 and 70 miles per hour; had red, blue and green lights.  
R. M. Johnson: Seen about 10:30 p. m. and seemed to be going south and east; would stop and turn in a zigzag course; red and green light.  
W. B. Brown: Going southwest about 1:30 o'clock; about 40 to 60 miles per hour; close observer could see two persons at the windows.  
Geo. Graham: Going 75 or 80 miles per hour; went north, stopped and turned back south.  
W. E. Coats: Lights; cigar shaped; sparks and smoke; 50 to 75 miles per hour.  
A. E. Southwick: Saw lights about 9 o'clock in the south of west.  
Ed Blake: At 10:30 o'clock.  
G. E. DeGolia: Saw light going west at 9 o'clock.  
L. L. Cobb: Saw light going west at 10 o'clock.  
Each of the above, excepting the last two, drew, without the others' knowledge, a diagram of the ship, each of which resembled the description given by Mr. Keeler. The best diagram, that drawn by Mr. Peeps, may be seen in the window of the SUN office.  
**ANOTHER AGED PIONEER HAS PASSED AWAY.**  
William Damouth, one of Thornapple's oldest pioneers, died at his residence, two and one half miles northwest of the village, Monday, April 5th 1897, at 12 m. after about a week's illness.  
Deceased was born in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., November 7th 1811. In 1833 he was married to Caroline Waters of Dundee, N. Y. He moved to Cass Co., Michigan in the autumn of 1860. In the spring of 1865, he moved onto his farm in Thornapple, where he resided for thirty-two years. He leaves six children to mourn the loss of an affectionate and indulgent father. The eldest, Mrs. Nancy Heaton, resides in Cass county, Michigan; Harrison Damouth, at Sonora, N. Y.; Joseph at Allegan, this state; Henry resides near Middleville; Mrs. Rose Harper has been her father's house-keeper since her mother's death in July, 1885, and youngest, Lorenzo, lives in Arkansas.  
The funeral services were held at the Baptist church in this village on Wednesday, April 7th, at 2 p. m. Rev. W. A. Biss officiating.  
Deceased has always been a kind and obliging neighbor, ever ready to assist a friend in time of need, and by his kind and genial disposition, he has won the regard and esteem of all who have known him for the many years that he has resided in this vicinity. By his honorable and upright life, he has won the respect of all with whom he came in contact, and by his death, Thornapple loses a good citizen and one of the oldest pioneers.  
All his earthly cares are ended  
Yet God knoweth what is best.  
God hath called our father home;  
While our tears for him are blended  
We are left on earth alone.  
Though our hearts with grief are aching  
Yet God knoweth what is best.  
And while we our cross are taking  
Our dear father is at rest.  
Though his life was long and useful  
Honoring man and fearing God,  
Ever a loyal friend and truthful  
Now he rests beneath the sod.  
Now the old arm chair is vacant  
In the well remembered home,  
And the precious tie is severed  
Far away we soon must roam.  
But while here on earth we wander  
Bearing trials and burdens all,  
He will be at peace up yonder  
Summoned by the Savior's call.  
When our pilgrimage is over  
And our spirits soar above,  
We shall gather with our loved ones  
Rescued by the Savior's love.  
Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will take with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

**SCHOOL ITEMS.**

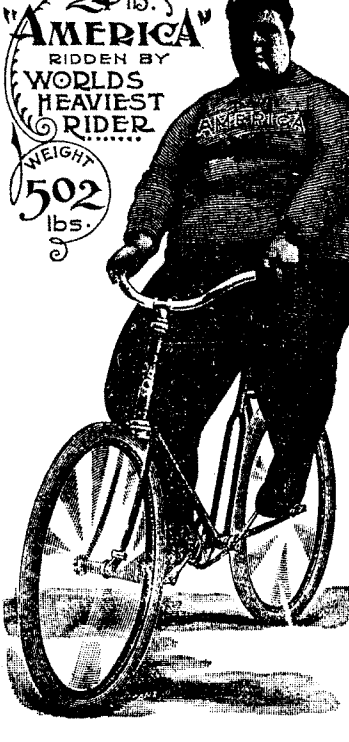
[Teachers are requested to hand in reports of their school and other news items.]  
Ella Farnum is absent from the 2d intermediate department on account of illness.  
Misses Ella Hubbard and Lena Sylvester of Irving visited the 1st primary last week.  
Maude Boorn has returned to her studies in the grammar room.  
Mrs. Geo. Johnson visited the 1st primary room, Tuesday.  
Ina Lawrence and George Armstrong are out of school on account of sickness.  
There are fifteen new pupils in the 1st primary department.  
At a meeting held Tuesday, the senior class chose Llewellyn Morgan for salutatorian, Roy Clemens class historian, Minnie Steeby prophetic and Ethel Russell val-dictorian.  
Goldie Townsend has returned to the high school.  
Francis Roach is absent from the high school this week on account of sickness.  
Ninety-seven out of every hundred persons use Brant's Cough Balsam. We appeal to the three who don't.  
"It cured me after all others failed."  
Charles Gocha, Gaylord, Michigan.  
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