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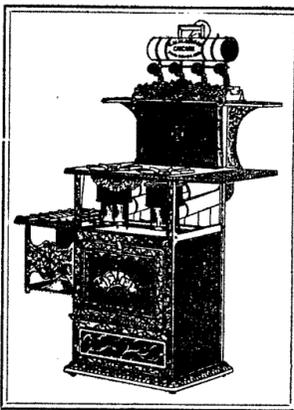
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## Neighborhood Notes

GATHERED BY A Live Corps of Correspondents.

**BOWNE BUDGET.**  
Easter services were observed at this place Sunday evening. A fine program was carried out. The church was beautifully decorated, there being a large arch in front of the pulpit, decorated with roses and evergreens. The little ones did grandly. They were proud of what they had done by the smiles which were on their faces.  
The prospects are of a late spring. Perhaps that Air Ship sailing through air has changed the weather.  
Mrs. Elmer Johnson is rapidly improving and is visiting her daughter in Freeport.

Little Clarence Bemer had an operation performed on his throat Monday p. m. It is hoped he may have a speedy recovery.  
A good many from this way attended the Easter services at West Bowne Sunday morning. All report a very nice program.

Schenck Thomas of Harris Creek, has moved to Bowne Centre and is preparing to build a house as he purchased two acres of Wm. Stauffer.

**DUNCAN LAKE.**  
April 19—Mr. and Mrs. Thaler of Leighton visited their daughter, Mrs. Fred Andler, yesterday.  
Miss Lizzie Fullweiler is working for Mrs. D. Bechtel.

E. P. Carpenter and son, Rolla, were in Grand Rapids last Thursday.  
There was no school last week on account of sickness of the teacher, Miss Gaskill; but she is at her post of duty this morning.

Mr. N. Carpenter of Leighton called at Duncan lake last Thursday.  
We listened to an excellent Easter discourse by Rev. Mr. Boone at Parmelee, Sunday.

**EAST CALEDONIA.**  
Marie Vincent has gone to New York city and on her way, will stop and visit her mother in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rathbun visited at Frank Streeter's, Saturday and Sunday.  
Lavern Warner and father were in Grand Rapids Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scot Cupp visited at Will Hall's, Sunday.  
Mrs. Ed. Lind is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Shrader.

School will commence in district No. 1, with Miss Lizzie Davis as teacher.  
Mrs. Sarah Carpenter was in Bowne Saturday.

Lo. Winks of Alaska was at her uncle, H. Winks', Saturday.  
Miss Maples of Caledonia, visited Mrs. Chas. Sanborn, Thursday.

Jake Detwilder and family of Cascade visited at O. Stone's, Sunday.  
**FREEPORT FLASHES.**

From the Herald.  
Josiah Brown was in Grand Rapids last week and purchased an imported stallion.

Walter Burling has been in Muskegon the past week disposing of some of his real estate.  
V. Dipp's little son has been afflicted with concussion of the brain the past few days caused by being accidentally struck on the head by a barn door. He is improving at this writing.

The boy who has the freedom of the streets after nightfall, without business, is cultivating a dangerous habit. Any place where a boy has no business is a dangerous place for him, be it on the streets, in the stores or elsewhere. A boy that is all right prefers his home, friends, books and newspapers to the class found on the streets. Business men look upon the boy "loafers" as the "dead beats of the future."

The Bronson house north of town occupied by A. J. Beck and family, burned to the ground last Friday morning about 3 o'clock. The fire originated from a fishing "jack" used by Beck and the Gray boys during the evening while spearing fish on the river. They extinguished the light, or supposed they had, and leaned the can up against the house, and retired. The wind undoubtedly fanned the torch into a blaze and when the occupants awoke the fire had reached their bed and nearly suffocated them. They hastily donned their attire and attempted to save the household furniture, but the fire had gained too great headway and nearly everything was consumed. The loss on the house is fully covered by insurance, but there was no insurance on household goods.

**HASTINGS HITTINGS.**  
From the Banner.  
Mrs. Ann Fuller left for Middleville, Tuesday, for a few weeks' stay.  
Charlie Mann, who was sent from Hastings in 1892 to Jackson for ten years on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, no less than murder, was released this week by Gov. Pingree on parole, having served out half his sentence. Those who knew personally of the matter consider he is a thoroughly reformed man, and the petition for his release, circulated by his mother, was signed by nearly all the leading business men of Hastings.  
We wish that all path-masters would show as much enterprise in keeping up and encouraging the construction of good roads as Dan Matthews of Rutland. The roads in his district have been graveled. Each year it is gone over with a "Cyclon," the stones all raked off with garden rakes and everything possible done to make the road as nearly perfect as can be. The result is that he has a mile of road as hard as a floor, and just as smooth, over which a team of horses can trot with as big a load as any wagon will hold. Two years ago this stretch of road was nothing but sand, and a moderately sized load was a lug to any team. Due credit must also be given the citizens of that district, who have taken great pride in building and keeping up the road. They are up-to-date in their appreciation of the benefits of good roads, and by experience they are all convinced that farmers can't make a better investment of time and labor than in building good roads.

**LEIGHTON LOCALS.**  
April 19—Chas. Johnson has sold his premium black horses to John Smith of Corning.  
Dr. Graybiel of Caledonia and A. M. Myers of Homer visited A. C. Jones and family last Tuesday.  
Callie Barrell of your village was the guest of his cousin Albert, over Sunday.

Mrs. Owen Hooker is suffering with la grippe and rheumatism.  
Wm. Steeby is the owner of a new top buggy and harness.

Mrs. Ada Bacon of Grand Rapids was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Wiggins one day last week.  
Mrs. Coats of Wisconsin and her son from Mexico, are visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Mary Pratt had a stroke of paralysis last week and her recovery is doubtful.  
The Middleville people were not alone in witnessing the air ship, as it was seen by a number of Green lake residents, between 10 and 11 o'clock Wednesday p. m.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wiggins, Easter, a daughter.  
A surprise party was given Miss Hattie and Mr. Ed. Pryor, last Tuesday evening. Those present report a nice time.

A. C. Jones has gone to Ohio, to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law.  
Last Saturday evening, the Leighton Literary, gave a final program. It was quite well attended and enjoyed by those present.

S. J. Weber is nursing a sore foot.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willson have returned from visiting relatives in Otsego and Allegan.

**NORTH IRVING.**  
The new Missionary board elected at this place recently, consisted of Pres. Mrs. Mitchell; Vice Pres., Mrs. Coulter; Sec., Mrs. Roberts; Treas., Miss Flora Trego.

The new officers of L. A. S. are, president, Mrs. Adah Smith; vice-president, Mrs. Carrie Walker; secretary, Mrs. Mary Coulter; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Olney.

Bernie Walker is putting in spare time breaking a colt to drive.  
For incubator information inquire of Bert Walker, as he has a new one running.

Mrs. Carrie Walker and son Lewis visited Hastings friends Saturday.  
Born to Floyd Brown and wife, a son. Mrs. Brown is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham.

Mrs. I. Diamond and Mrs. Edger of Rutland attended Aid here Thursday.  
Mrs. F. Roberts attended Rutland Aid at Will Otis', last Friday.

Several from this place attended Easter services at Irving Sunday morning.

Everybody is looking for that Air Ship.  
Mrs. Oliver of Campbell visited her mother, Mrs. Matthews, Sunday.  
Eva Matthews and brother, Lew, of Grand Rapids, were welcome callers here Saturday.

**ORANGEVILLE OUTINGS.**  
April 20—Rev. Cronkite of Grand Rapids has been holding a series of revival meetings in the Baptist church.  
J. W. Bronson has sold his farm to George Patton. Consideration \$800.  
Mr. Brown of Kalamazoo is the guest of his brother-in-law, Ed Nichols.

Revival meetings closed Sunday evening.  
J. W. Bronson and family have moved to Hastings.

**NORTH ORANGEVILLE.**  
April 19.—Miss Libbie McCallum expects to commence teaching school today in district No. 1, Orangeville.  
Chas. Sedgwick was in these parts buying live stock last Friday.

Last Sunday, while Ambros Allen, jr. and Cliff were riding along the road, they espied a fox squirrel. They dropped their lines and ran to catch it. While they were sporting with the squirrel, their horse became frightened and ran away, smashing the buggy.

David Townsend has engaged Ambros Allen, jr., to work for him 8 months. Salary \$108.  
Pete O'Connor spent Sunday with Ed. O'Connor.

Sensiba and Willson have all their ties drawn from the Cahill farm.

**PARMELEE PICKINGS.**  
April 20.—Mr. Lombard of Hastings is shipping several cars of R. R. timber from here this week.  
Mr. Butler of Jackson, was on our streets Tuesday.

The house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkley took fire Friday afternoon and burned down with the contents Mr. and Mrs. Hinkley were away at the time. They have the sympathy of this community.

Mrs. Emma McDowell of near Middleville, was on our streets Friday, making friendly calls.  
Mrs. Skayans of Grand Rapids, is visiting her mother Mrs. Parmelee.

The infant child of John Kermeen was badly burned Saturday, but is doing well at this writing.  
Mason Cline has purchased a fine farm team of W. Watson.

The Easter sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Boone was very much enjoyed by those who heard it.  
The sick that were mentioned last week, are very much improved.

**WAYLAND WORKINGS.**  
April 21—School commenced Monday.  
Miss Nellie Walbrecht of Ypsilanti, was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Walbrecht, last week.

The young people of the Disciple church, held an Easter supper in Chapel's Hall last Saturday evening, each lady received a novel Easter souvenir.  
Mrs. Sarah Mosher and son, George A., were called to Royalton, Berrien county, last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Martha Scott, daughter and sister respectively of the above.

Mrs. Fred Quinlan has returned home after visiting friends in Grand Rapids.  
The L. L. C. met at the home of Mrs. L. F. Walbrecht Tuesday evening. An Easter program was rendered.

Last Monday evening at about 6 o'clock fire was discovered in the house occupied by Frank Yeakey and family on West Superior st. but was extinguished after considerable damage to the house and furniture. It is supposed to have originated from a defective thimble in the chamber floor.

Mrs. E. A. Godspeed died at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Hanlon, in this village last week Wednesday. Dr. E. O. Hanlon accompanied the remains to her old home, Waterford, Canada.

C. H. Wharton and family will move into the house with Mrs. S. Sherwood.

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Table with columns: SOUTHERN DIVISION, Leave, Arrive, From, To. Cincinnati, Ft. Wayne, Cincinnati.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1897.

Colorado has a law making women eligible for militia service, but we do not understand that the service is compulsory.

That Chicago bank president deserves quite as much punishment for blaming it upon his pretty typewriter as for his stealing.

A newspaper poet says, dreams of the glories of Greece fill the brain, but an old campaigner can tell you that something more substantial than dreams is required to win battles.

Under a new Maryland law the fines for violation of the liquor laws are placed to the credit of the public school fund.

Before deciding how much credit that New York girl, who jumped over a bar five feet four inches high, deserves we should like to know what was on the other side of the bar; also whether mice were used.

A war is under way and England will probably have a finger in it. The United States will sell either or both sides everything they can pay cash for, and for that reason we are not likely to figure among the mourners.

If it were only the fighting between the Greeks and Turks, the rest of Europe would regard the present scrimmage as merely a Spring diversion, but they all have entirely too much powder exposed to enjoy the fireworks.

In a published interview with a Congressman he is made to say, that many Congressmen "swear by" a certain Washington newspaper.

When men stop putting their hard earned money into get-rich-while-you-wait investment concerns there will be no such concerns in existence.

It looks as though somebody was merely trying to make sure that the House would have full galleries upon the two days a week it meets, by announcing for every meeting a revolt against Speaker Reed's programme.

Whether the Spaniards have chased themselves to a standstill and are about to abandon their attempt to put down the Cuban rebellion, or whether that rebellion has already been put down depends entirely on the source of our news.

Germany is about the last country that ought to protest against other nations protecting their own products by law, but in some cases stretches the laws to do it.

A great deal is being made by some newspapers because a young woman, of Binghamton, N. Y. sold one of her fingers, to be grafted on the hand of another woman, for \$1,000.

LIST OF JURORS.

- Drawn for the May term of the circuit court. Assyria—R. W. Willison. Baltimore—Charles Rice. Barry—D. McBain, Bert E. Pennock, Charles McKelvey.

During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin, of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough.

School Column.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.] BARRY COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Hastings, April 23, 24, 1897.

Officers: President, Supt. B. A. Holden, Hastings; vice-president, Miss Moulton, Freeport; secretary, Mr. Jesse Cobb, Middleville; treasurer, Mr. William Chase, Irving. Lecturer, Prof. W. D. Henderson, Big Rapids.

7:30 Music. Music. Music. "Nuggets of Gold," Prof. W. D. Henderson.

9:00 Opening. 9:15 "Concentration," Miss Orpha Martin. 9:35 Debate, "Resolved that Unification of Studies in Common Schools is Unaffirmative."

10:30 Recess. 10:40 Singing, Knapsack. 10:45 Lecture, "History," Prof. W. D. Henderson.

11:45 Noon. AFTERNOON. 1:00 Business. 1:15 Singing, Knapsack.

2:30 Recess. 2:35 Singing, Knapsack. 2:40 Lecture, "Science in the Common Schools," Prof. W. D. Henderson.

3:10 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Every LIVE teacher will plan to attend the association, and carry the inspiration and help back to the school.

Under the direction of the executive board, the local committee have arranged for entertainment at the lowest possible rates. School officers, patrons and pupils are especially invited.

OUR NEW TARIFF.

The American Protective Tariff League issued an official print of the new Dingley Tariff within a few hours of the time it was passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, on March 31st.

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MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Apr. 17, 1897. Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not claimed by May 1, 1897.

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Local Happenings.

Kenyon Bros. are shipping a car load of straw.  
H. Hacker is building an addition to his residence.  
Will our village have a street sprinkler this season?  
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gardner April 21st, a son.  
The mercury registered 8 above zero at 6 a. m. Tuesday.  
For the latest style in firemen's suits inquire of Henry Pierce.  
Attend the warm sugar social Friday at M. E. church parlors.  
Jeff Lee is building a small barn on his place on Larkin street.  
E. M. Brown has purchased a new carriage of Frank D. Pratt.  
Very swell spring capes at low ebb prices, are being sold by Campbell.  
Middleville Chapter O. E. S. has been supplied with new by-laws and rules of order.  
B. A. Almy has purchased Wm. Pincomb's rig which makes a good addition to his livery outfit.  
If you want colors that are bright and will not fade, buy your dye stuff of Armstrong first door east of post office.\*  
G. L. Keeler has the wall laid and lumber on the ground for a barn at the rear of his residence.  
We have a great line of spring and summer suits for men boys and children.  
JOHN CAMPBELL.  
Go to Abbott's for Chocolate Creams. He keeps the best in town and we know it.  
THE SUN DEVILS.  
C. E. Stokoe has moved his jewelry shop, into his father's building on the west side.  
A large line of Men's and Boy's Sweaters in Maroon, Blue and Black with Sailor Collars, at Campbell's.  
Fishing Tackle, Base Balls, Base Ball Bats, Base Ball Mitts and Base Ball Masks at Armstrongs, first door east of post office.  
A small hurricane swept over the village from early Sunday morning until nearly midnight. During the day the air was filled with dirt and sand.  
Have you seen the new thing in Wall Paper and Ceiling Decoration? New prices all around. We are headquarters for Decorated Window Shades and Shades made to order at M. F. Dowling's.  
The editor is having a commodious office fitted up and invites all patrons and friends of the SUN to call, and especially requests that all news items be handed in by 9 a. m. Thursday and as much earlier as is convenient.  
The revival meetings, which have been in progress the past six weeks, at the M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, closed last Thursday evening, there having been 50 persons who made a start to live christian lives.  
A number of school children were taken sick the first of the week and many lay it to the drinking water. The school board has taken action in the matter and the old well will be repaired or a new one put down at once.  
The Christian Endeavor social Monday evening at the home of Miss Libbie Broughton was a very enjoyable affair, much amusement being derived from the test of the senses. Refreshments were served and all expressed themselves as being well pleased with the evening's entertainment.  
During the high wind Sunday evening, C. H. Cook went into his attic to close up a hole through which the wind was blowing and his lantern overturned and spilled the oil which ignited, but a conflagration was averted through the earnest efforts of himself, his son George and neighbor W. A. Pierce.  
Notice the numerous changes in advertisement each week. Most of our merchants are up-to-date business men and believe in letting the public know, through the columns of the local paper, what they have to sell. Our readers will find it to their advantage to deal with those who think enough of their patronage to invite you to their place of business.  
I wish to say through the columns of the SUN that the reason a report of the M. E. Sunday school was not given at the county convention, was that the blank which the township secretary sent to be filled out was overlooked and was not returned to her. Therefore she was in no way to blame for the report not being given.  
C. N. WEBB, Sup'l.

Personal Points.

Hand mixed garden seeds at Abbott's\*  
New and very nobby are those Shirt Waists shown at Campbell's.  
B. A. Almy is the proud possessor of a fillic coil sired by "Pontiac Chief."  
Boys, Campbell has a complete line of fancy colored percale shirts. Ask to see them.  
G. E. Gardner's pointer dog "Perkins" got hold of some poison Sunday but has recovered after a lot of suffering.  
Mrs. A. P. Dibble had nearly all of one elbow joint removed by Dr. Peterson at Butterworth hospital, Grand Rapids, the 9th inst.  
Writing Tablets, Pens, Penolls, Inks, Muclilage, Slates, and every thing in school supplies at Armstrong's, first door east of post office.  
Parties contemplating buying Crockery this spring will do well by making their purchases before the new tariff takes effect which will make it about 25 per cent higher. See Dowling's stock.  
Every professional and business man in the village should advertise in the local paper, if only a single line. Let people know you are still doing business, don't compel them to enquire if you are still in trade.  
The band boys' concert last week Thursday evening was the best they have given which shows that they have been putting in a lot of practice. The attendance was about half what it should have been.  
BARN BURNED.  
The horse barn on Geo. L. Keeler's farm in the north part of the village, was set on fire by Lee Bass' little boy playing with matches. It was entirely destroyed, including a double cutter owned by A. D. Thomas, a single cutter and harness belonging to Mr. Bass. There was but little feed in the barn.  
The fire department did good work in keeping the flames from spreading to the house and other buildings nearby. Loss about \$300. Insured in the Northwestern for \$200.  
EASTER SERVICES.  
Congregational Church a Scene of Beauty.  
Easter was celebrated at the Congregational church last Sunday evening in a very pleasant and appropriate manner. The rostrum was surrounded with potted plants, while the archway and wall back of the choir was prettily draped with white and yellow bunting, and here and there a dainty sprig of myrtle added much to its beauty. Suspended from the arch was a nicely painted cross bearing the words, "Christ is Risen." The program was well carried out, besides the male quartette singing by request the hymn, "O, God, Remember Me," which was well rendered. With the exception of perhaps twenty-five sittings, the church was full, notwithstanding the rain and heavy windstorm.  
The M. E. Sunday school had charge of the exercises at the M. E. church and presented a program suitable for Easter eve. Supt. Webb took charge of the exercises which consisted of songs, recitations etc., by the scholars. Considering the weather, there was a good attendance.  
Owing to the storm Sunday evening a number of those on the Easter program at the Baptist church were absent, therefore the services were not up to the average on like occasions.  
The Easter exercises at the Gates school house Sunday afternoon were a decided success, a goodly number of visitors being present, notwithstanding the furious wind storm.  
Strawberry plants for sale.  
16-3 GEO. C. SMITH.  
New milch cow for sale. Enquire of Benj. F. Norris, Yankee Springs. 16-1  
Take your Bicycle Repairing to T. E. Garrett and have it done right. 14-3  
FOR SALE—A three burner Quick Meal gasoline stove with oven. Inquire of Ed Blake.  
When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. Dr. Nelson Abbott.  
Middleville Markets.  
Wheat (white)..... 84 91  
Rye ..... 25  
Corn, per bu..... 20  
Oats ..... 20  
Timothy..... 1 75  
Clover Seed..... 5 00 4 50  
Flour (roller)..... 2 00  
Bran per ton..... 12 00  
Middlings..... 13 00  
Butter (creamery)..... 17  
Butter (dairy)..... 12  
Eggs..... 7  
Potatoes..... 10 12  
Chickens (feather dressed)..... 7 8  
Beef (dressed)..... 4 5  
Veal ..... 4 5  
Veal calves (live)..... 3 3 1/2  
Hogs (dressed)..... 4 00 4 50  
Hogs (live)..... 2 75 3 00  
Lard..... 8  
Tallow..... 2 1/2  
Hides..... 4 6  
Pelts..... 15 80  
Hay (timothy)..... 6 00 7 00  
Hay (clover)..... 5 00  
Wood (dry Beach & Maple)..... 1 25  
Oil (tall)..... 10 13  
Gasoline..... 10  
Salt..... 75  
Lime per bbl..... 80  
Land Plaster..... 4 50

Viola Baker is on the sick list.  
A. P. Dibble was in Grand Rapids, Monday.  
C. A. Morse was in Grand Rapids yesterday.  
H. M. Rich is home from the University on a ten days' visit.  
John Bristow, sr., was in Caledonia on business Saturday evening.  
Mrs. J. W. Saunders is spending a few days with relatives in Battle Creek.  
George Armstrong, who has been quite sick for a couple of days, is improving.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Sundayed with Hastings friends and attended Easter service.  
Ben Chambers and wife of Wayland were the guests of W. J. Hayward and family, Sunday.  
Mr. Grousel of Hastings was initiated in Ivy Temple lodge in this village Tuesday evening.  
Miss Prindle Cook of Grand Rapids, was the guest of her parents southwest of the village over Sunday.  
Robert Mann of Caledonia, was in the village the first of the week, stripping wagons for Dietrich & Bristow.  
James and David Stafford of Grand Rapids are guests of their brother, Charles, southwest of the village.  
W. E. Webb, the hustling teacher of Maple Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in the village.  
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clark were Easter guests of Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott and family of Grand Rapids.  
Mrs. Eva Talbot and daughter, Winnie, went to Hastings this a. m., the latter to spend the balance of the week.  
Geo. Sanford was summoned to Hickory Corners today on account of the death of his brother-in-law, James P. Brown.  
Miss Myrtle Green of Grand Rapids is making a ten days' visit with Miss Nell White and other friends and relatives in this vicinity.  
David Chandler of Richland has been in this locality for a few days and by the assistance of Judson Stark bought up a double deck of porkers.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sprague, who have been spending a few weeks in this locality and at Muskegon, returned to their home in Eaton Rapids last evening.  
The school janitor, Henry Goodspeed, was taken suddenly ill Tuesday a. m., at the school building. A physician was called and he was conveyed to his residence. He is able to be out at this writing.  
Congressman Hamilton, on the 21st inst., recommended these postmasters for Michigan: Factoryville, St. Joseph county, J. Outwater; Highbank, Barry county, Harvey Paddeford; Hopkins, Allegan county, Miss Kate McKinnon; Gun Lake, Allegan county, Jacob Rantz.  
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.  
PLANING MILL.  
We are ready to do planing, make siding, flooring, etc. Work done the same day received. KEELER BRASS CO.  
Timothy hay for sale.  
14-3 A. J. STEVENS.  
When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.  
Frank Roy's stallion "La Panto" will make the season at Three Rivers, Mich. in care of Harry Hoffman. He will be at the Mint farm July 1.  
It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. Dr. Nelson Abbott.  
The Grand Army is dying at the rate of 100 a day. Every fifteen minutes of the twenty-four hours, of late, the final tap sounds for some one who wore the blue. Each year puts under the sod more soldiers than there are enlisted men and officers in the whole United States army. Time is carrying them off faster in the nineties than bullets did in the sixties. The war lasted four years to a month. In those four years 84,000 men fell in battle on the Union side. But now between 35,000 and 40,000 die in the course of nature each succeeding year.—Ex.  
STOMACH NOT JUST RIGHT?  
Here's what will cure it. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, a palatable, certain remedy for constipation, indigestion, chronic sick headache, summer complaint, or any trouble of the stomach or bowels. For sale in 10c bottles (10 doses 10c) and in 50c and \$1.00 sizes by J. W. Armstrong.  
An earthquake was distinctly felt at Holland at 10 a. m. the 18th.  
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We warrant it—25 cents.  
J. W. ARMSTRONG, Druggist.  
"What is home without a newspaper?" asks an exchange. It is a place where old hats are stuffed into broken windows, where the wife looks like a bag of wool with a string tied around the center, where the husband has a tobacco panorama painted on his shirt front, and neglected children wipe their noses on their jacket sleeves.—Sutton's Bay Bazzoo.  
Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sickheadache and stomach troubles. Dr. Nelson Abbott.

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The indebtedness of the city of Hastings is almost \$34,000. Middleville has no use for such luxuries.  
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## THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1897.

### Coming Events.

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.

April 28, reading circle will meet with Mrs. Rich. Current events, Mrs. Rich; sketch of Elawatha, Mrs. G. L. Keeler; spelling, Mrs. M. S. Keeler; questions, Mrs. Saunders; critic, Mrs. Spaulding; quotations from Longfellow.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning topic, "The Christian and the Prayer Meeting." Evening topic, "Hindrances to the Acceptance of Christ." Bible school at the close of morning service. Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:30 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Subject, Conquest meeting. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. G. W. Myline of Freeport will preach morning and evening Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "What are some wonderful escapes the Bible tells about." Leader Rinda Barnes Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m. Subject, "What is true liberty and how is it won?" Leader, Mrs. Appleton. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. Branch Sabbath school at the G. W. school 3 p. m. Sunday. A most cordial invitation to all.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The tenth annual meeting of the Sunday school association of Thornapple and Irving townships will be held at Irving, Mich., on Wednesday, May 5, 1897, at the M. E. church morning and afternoon, evening session in Congregational church. Following is the program:

**MORNING SESSION.**  
9:00—Devotional Exercises led by Rev. J. J. Dorris.  
9:30—Reading of Minutes.  
Address of Welcome—O. R. Shaw.  
Response—Mrs. D. W. Johnson.  
Appointment of Committees.  
10:00—Opening Service of the Sunday School—Hon. A. D. Hughes.  
Discussion led by Mrs. A. A. Matteson.  
10:30—How to Keep Every One Interested in the Sunday School—Mrs. L. S. Hills.  
Discussion led by Lewis Baldwin.  
11:00—Reading of Constitution.  
Reports of Officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**  
1:30—Devotional Exercises led by Rev. W. A. Biss.  
Election of officers.  
2:00—Illustrative Lessons in the Sunday School—Cong'l School, Freeport. Discussion led by Rev. R. Wooton.  
2:30—The Discouragements and Encouragements of the Sunday School Teacher—M. E. School, Freeport. Discussion led by O. A. Carpenter.  
3:00—Our Country Sunday School—Rev. H. Appleton.  
Discussion led by Gilbert Walker.  
3:30—The Use of the Bible in the Sunday School and the Home—Rev. W. A. Biss.  
Discussion led by Rev. G. W. Myline.  
4:00—Buried Talents—W. Chase.  
Discussion led by Walter Babcock.  
Miscellaneous Business.

**EVENING SESSION.**  
7:00—Song Service.  
7:30—Devotional Exercises led by Rev. G. W. Myline.  
Paper—Music in the Sunday School—Flora Tye.  
Address—Say Yes to God.—L. A. Avery.  
Two Minute Speeches—What Has This Convention Done for Me—by Members of the Convention.  
Collection.  
Reading of Minutes.  
Adjournment.

### W. C. T. U. COUNTY CONVENTION.

The nineteenth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of Barry county will be held at the M. E. church, Nashville, Wednesday and Thursday, April 28 and 29, 1897. The program is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY MORNING.**  
10:00 Praise Service led by Mrs. E. L. Calkins. Minutes. Roll Call of Officers and Superintendents.  
Appointment of Committees.  
Question Box—County Work.  
Recitation, Mrs. Youngs, Coats Grove.  
Noontide Prayer. Adjournment.  
**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.**  
1:30 Devotional, Mrs. Griggs, Hastings. Minutes. Report of Unions.  
Duties of Officers and Members. Discussion, in which all are expected to participate.  
Constitution Discussed.  
Paper, "The Model W. C. T. U. Woman," Mrs. Primey.  
Song.  
Parliamentary Drill, Mrs. E. L. Calkins.  
Children's Half Hour.  
Closing Song and Prayer. Adjournment.  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING.**  
7:30 Music.  
Devotional, Rev. W. J. Wilson.  
Music.  
Address of Welcome, Mrs. Cora Barnard.  
Response, Mrs. L. C. Chapman.  
Solo, Miss Effa Simpson.  
Address, "Christian Patriotism," Mrs. E. L. Calkins, State and National Lecturer and Organizer.  
Collection.  
Song, Guitar Accompaniment, Leona G. Comfort.  
Benediction.

**THURSDAY MORNING.**  
9:00 "The Perfect Christ Life," Mrs. Van-DeWalker.  
Minutes.  
Superintendents' Hour.  
Snap Shots at Department Work.  
Song.  
Report of Credentials Committee. Report of Officers.  
Election of Officers.  
Paper, Mrs. Shellenbarger.  
Noontide prayer. Adjournment.  
**THURSDAY AFTERNOON.**  
1:30 Devotional, Mrs. E. E. Branch. Minutes.  
Roll Call. Answer by Scripture. Words of Encouragement.  
Song.  
Paper from State Union.  
Report of Committee.  
Paper from Lacey Union.  
Recitation.  
Song.  
Words of Cheer, Mrs. W. H. Parmenter.  
Question Box—Difficulties.  
Paper, Temperance, Mrs. Wolf.  
Song.  
Recitation.  
Miscellaneous business.  
Adjournment.  
**THURSDAY EVENING.**  
7:00 Music.  
Devotional, Rev. E. E. Branch.  
Lecture, The Orient.  
What is the Sultan?  
Armenia, Palestine, Syria, discussed by Dr. Thomas Suleeba, M. D.  
Song by Ida Burkman and Cora Cooper.  
Benediction.  
Admission, 10 cents.

### RAISING BEETS FOR SUGAR FACTORIES NO SINECURE.

Ground and Plants Require Much Attention.

Lansing, Mich., March 27.—An important bulletin with reference to the beet sugar industry soon to be established in Michigan, has been published by the agricultural college. The following extracts are given:

Farmers must remember that to produce beet sugar cheaply, and to successfully compete with the producers in other countries, the best and latest machinery must be used. The buildings and equipment of a first-class beet sugar factory, and such alone are profitable, cannot cost less than \$250,000.

The investment of this large amount of capital cannot be expected until the locality is able to fully demonstrate that a sufficient number of farmers will pledge themselves to produce annually about 3,000 acres of sugar beets. This is no slight undertaking, as the supply of beets must be maintained whether the season is favorable or otherwise. Moreover, sugar beets should form but one factor in a four years' rotation, hence there must be at least 8,000 or 10,000 acres within reaching distance of the factory adapted to beets.

It has been fairly well demonstrated that the best climatic conditions for sugar beets are confined to a belt of country 200 miles wide, the central line of which joins the points where the average summer temperature is 70 degrees Fahrenheit. In Michigan this line after skirting the southern border of Lake Erie, enters the state in its southwestern corner, comes northwest to the vicinity of Lansing, bends southward and passes out of the state at a point near South Bend, Ind. It is safe to say, therefore, that as far as general climatic conditions are concerned, all of the southern peninsula as far north at least as the northern borders of Oceana, Newaygo, Isabella, Midland and Bay counties can grow sugar beets successfully.

### Favorable Weather.

May and June should have enough rain to secure a vigorous start and a well developed tap root, so that the plant can well withstand a moderate drought later. A warm July and August, with abundance of sunshine, and a September with plenty of ripening weather, are favorable to the crop. If, as sometimes happens, September and October are warm and rainy a fresh growth of leaves start and instead of ripening properly, the roots lose in quality and the yield of sugar is thereby greatly lessened. A wet fall and a dry June are equally disastrous. Fortunately the majority of our seasons are favorable. The sugar beet requires no particular kind of soil for its best production. Any soil that will grow a good crop of Indian corn or potatoes will, under proper cultivation, produce a good crop of beets. The soil must be open and porous, with a sub-soil either naturally loose, or broken up by a sub-soil plow, in order that the growing beet may penetrate and not be pushed above the surface of the ground by its growth. A deep sandy loam is excellent, while a stiff, tenacious clay is not suited to the industry. A reclaimed swamp and mucky soils generally cannot be used for the production of sugar beets: They will yield a large crop of beets, but with a small content of sugar.

### Fertilization Necessary.

The land must not be recently manured or the beets will not have the true cylindrical or elongated conical form, but will be divided up into many branches toward the apex. Such beets would be refused by any factory. The soil must, therefore, be naturally fertile or must be made so by manuring at least two years before planting the beet seed, in order that the fertility may be thoroughly distributed through the soil and completely mixed with it. Commercial fertilizers, especially those rich in potash and phosphoric acid, can be applied with great freedom to beet fields. Nitrogen in its various forms must be used with caution as it tends to produce a heavy growth with consequent diminution of the sugar content. Heavy manuring just prior to the sowing of the beet seed is injurious to the crop. The sugar beet should form a factor in a good scheme of rotation. For southern Michigan the following is suggested: Wheat followed by beets, then clover, one crop out for hay, the second plowed under, then potatoes or corn, then wheat and finally beets again. In this scheme the manure may be applied before planting the corn or potatoes, and will become thoroughly incorporated before the beet generation, the richest beets for the production of seed. Among the best varieties may be mentioned Vilmoria's improved and the Kleinwanzleben.

### As to Planting.

The ground should be plowed deep, in loamy soils, with a sub-soil not too tenacious, fully eight or ten inches. Unless the sub-soil is naturally mellow, a sub-soil plow should follow the regular one, stirring up the ground to a depth of 16 to 20 inches, and leaving the subsoil still in the bottom of the furrow. If the plowing is done in the fall the ground should lie rough through the winter. In the early spring it should be harrowed until the surface is as mellow and fine as an ideal garden. As soon as the soil reaches a temperature of 50 degrees F., and certainly be-

fore the middle of May, the seed should be planted. While, to secure a large yield per acre, the rows should be as close together as possible, it is necessary to have them 18 or 20 inches apart to permit cultivation by horses. Sow the seed with an ordinary garden drill, putting on 15 pounds per acre to secure a good stand. When the beets begin to show the fourth leaf, they should be thinned to one plant in a place, from six to eight inches apart in the row. Large beets are worthless for sugar making. The factory wants them with a long, straight undivided tap root. Beets should follow wheat or a cereal crop, thus enabling the ground to be plowed in the autumn which is quite essential. To secure the largest yield of sugar per acre, great care is requisite in the selection not only of the varieties, but of the best strains of the chosen varieties. Modern sugar beets are abnormally rich in sugar. This unnatural sweetness is secured by selecting, generation after six to eight inches is the proper distance between plants in the rows. It is absolutely essential that the entire beet should be below the surface of the ground as all of it exposed to the sun is useless for sugar making.

### Cultivation of Plants.

Most of the cultivation may be done by horse power or with the hoe, but the thinning must be done very largely by the human hand. The plants may be cut out with a hoe, leaving bunches about six inches apart; the strongest plant of the bunch is left growing while the weaker ones are removed by hand. The work is very monotonous and exhausting. Unless the field is unusually clean, the beets should be hoed at least twice thereafter, in addition to the thorough cultivation between the rows and the dirt should be hauled up over the exposed roots.

When the leaves cover the ground and the crop has taken possession of the field, cultivation should stop, and the plants be given time to fully ripen and develop saccharine matter. When the outside leaves begin to turn yellow the beets are ripe and should be harvested.

The yield of sugar per acre depends on the selection of the variety and strain of the beet seed, cultivation and the amount of sunshine during the season. The yield per acre of beets will vary from 8 to 15 tons, which, at \$4 per ton, will amount to \$32 to \$60. The cost of growing an acre of beets, under the condition existing in this state, may be estimated at \$30 per acre, not counting the expense of hauling to a factory. Farmers who undertake experiments in growing beets need fear no loss, because no factory is located near them. The beets will be worth as much as they cost for stock feeding.

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