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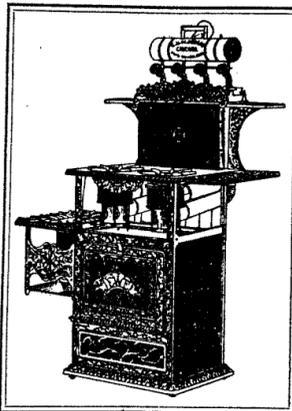
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Neighborhood Notes

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BOWEN'S MILLS.
Spiritualist grove meeting was well attended Sunday.
The click of the mowing machine is heard in the distant fields.
Many are looking forward in anticipation of a big day the 4th somewhere.
Many people are fishing in the many lakes now-days with hook and line.

We see by the state papers another railroad is incorporated with a million half of dollars and have made the requirements by law with the railroad commissioner's office at Lansing to cross the state in connection with the Lima, Detroit & Northern through Hillsdale, Jackson, Barry and Allegan counties with its terminus at Holland; thence to Milwaukee with car boats. It is expected to hit Gun lake.

E. Conrad and children of Otsego are visiting the past week with Austin Hunt. Mr. Conrad and Judge Armstrong have been having good luck angling for fish in Barlow lake.

S. O. Smith and wife of Plainwell and Mrs. Wheeler of Martin visited E. H. Bowen over Sunday.

H. E. Buxton, an old resident and once owner of the T. B. Moore farm, now a resident of Plainwell, for the last twenty-three years is for the second time visiting his many friends. Strawberries down to 3c quart.

BOWNE BUDGET.
June 28—Children's Day at this place was a complete success. The program was well carried out. The church was beautifully decorated with roses, hydrangeas and other house plants, intermingled with evergreens and brakes, thus giving the whole platform a beautiful appearance.

Haying is the order of the day and wheat begins to show her golden hue.
Rally day is close at hand and Bowne Center will be well represented.
Gusta and Grace Aldrich of Grand Rapids are visiting their brother, F. M. Aldrich.

Dr. L. E. Haskins and family of Elm-dale and W. H. Watts of this place are camping at Camel lake.

The Free Methodists are holding their annual picnic at Clarksville. A large number from here drove there last Sunday to view the crowd.

The students are home from Ypsilanti visiting their numerous relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Entrican are guests at Rev. Mr. Westbrook's. He had the misfortune to be taken with the mumps immediately on his arrival and thus has been confined to his bed for one week. He is improving at this writing and intends to start home soon.

Measles have quieted down. There are no new cases at present.

W. H. Watts and wife attended the funeral of the latter's grandmother at Carlton last Friday.

Where will you celebrate July 4? I guess Freeport.

Strawberries are selling for 4c per quart, 2c and 3c if you pick yourself.

The young people were entertained at Rev. Mr. Westbrook's, Monday evening and enjoyed a very pleasant time. Preaching next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sabbath school, 12 m. Epworth League, 7:30 p. m.

Corn will have to hustle to be knee high July 4.

Mrs. Frank Waterman and family of Grand Rapids are visiting at Chas. Smith's.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.
Hugh McDonald and Henry Myers of Grand Rapids, wheeled to Caledonia on Tuesday last.

Jennie Doyle and Lizzie Brower spent Sunday at Ottawa Beach. They report a very pleasant time.

The Kinsey-Bowman-Stauffer picnic was held at Green lake on Thursday last. All present enjoyed themselves immensely and when the time for parting came it was the wish of all that they might live to meet on many similar occasions.

Commencement exercises of the Caledonia High school were held at the M. E. church last Friday evening. The graduating class contained five boys and one young lady. It was the expression of all present that it would have been impossible to have had the exercises more perfectly arranged. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, and at the back of the class the American flag was arranged, on which was the class motto—"More Beyond," and bright colored streamers ran.

Epworth League next Sunday evening at the M. E. church should be attended by all interested in the work.

The Aid society in connection with the M. E. church will be entertained at the home of Aunt Rhoda Wilcox. A good attendance is desired.

Miss Sadie Bellingham, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Pierson, returned home Monday.

Miss Grace Hills entertained her friend Miss Anna McIntosh of Hastings, last week.

The friends and pupils of Mr. Chase gave him a surprise at his boarding place last week.

Ed. Rogers had the job of moving the old saw mill on the mill property last week and Mr. Strong will now make a good large barn out of it which will be a good addition to the property.

Mrs. Pratt has moved part of her goods to Middleville and will store the rest here at Mr. Gamble's, who is returning to his home here as Mr. Andrus will return to the farm this week.

A. D. Hughes left for North Lansing, Monday night on the late train. His wife and children left Tuesday evening. H. C. Strong will soon move into the house vacated by them.

The eighth grade graduating exercises were a great success and credit to our school, as also to Mr. Chase. The class consisted of seven boys and girls who rendered their parts splendidly and Miss Beadle's remarks were highly appreciated, as also was the music and singing, which added greatly to the entertainment. These were the first graduating exercises of our school, but we trust we shall have similar ones every year hereafter. It will be both helpful and encouraging to the children.

Rev. H. Appleton will preach an "Independence Sermon" next Sunday afternoon. Let there be a good attendance.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.
A. L. McDowell has been visiting relatives in Big Rapids for a few days.

Samuel Sebring of Grand Rapids, was seen in this vicinity last week.

Quite a number from here attended the graduating exercises at Wayland, Friday.

Mrs. Harrington has been entertaining her sister, Miss Nilson of Gun Plains, for a few days.

Miss Prindle Johnson gave a party Saturday evening in honor of her sixteenth birthday, which occurred Sunday. About twelve of her young friends were present and took part in the games and refreshments. All report a good time and wish Miss Prindle many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bassett of Nashville, are visiting A. C. Jones and family.

Miss Xenia Nilson was the guest of friends in Otsego last week.

Miss Kate Andler of Grand Rapids, is very ill with fever at the home of her brother, Fred Andler, near Duncan lake.

Lee Lewis died at his home in Leighton, Friday evening, June 25, of cancer of the liver. Deceased was 65 years of age. Funeral services were held at the Corning M. E. church, on Sunday, Rev. Marshall of Wayland, officiating.

Barney Hoover is reshingling his house.

Those who passed the eighth grade examination and received diplomas in District No. 2 are as follows: Edna Vrooman, Zella Thayer, Bertha McDonell, Emma Barrell, Albert Barrell, George Wilson, Erwin Steeby, A. I. Winger.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.
Left over from last week.

With all the oppression that is bearing down upon us some of the citizens of Parmelee still announce that they are happy.

One truthful man at least: Claire Watson spent five hours on Duncan lake Saturday without being rewarded with 275 speckled bass.

The man who has plenty of flour in the house was never known to pay for bread.

Ball playing in this quarter has "played out." "Let the good work go on." Roller skates "passed under the rod" some time previous, and now the bicycle. Well, we haven't heard of anyone making a second purchase.

They tell us that fish usually bite good Sundays, but those who spent the day on the banks of the Thornapple report poor luck.

It is reported that Daniel Brown will soon erect a monument on his lot in the cemetery.

There will be no use for a "judgment day" for the majority of the citizens of Parmelee, for we are sentenced nearly every day. So when Gabriel blows his horn and we don't walk up, what can be done about it?

Quite a number of the people from this place enjoyed a picnic at Campau lake last Saturday.

Claire Watson enjoys his bicycle, which was purchased in your village last Friday.

Israel Reed and wife of Alaska were marketing strawberries in Parmelee, Saturday.

Robt Allen was in Hastings, Saturday on business.

Robt Jenkins and wife attended the funeral of Mr. Lee Lewis in Leighton last Sunday.

A number from this vicinity attended the graduating exercises in Middleville last Thursday evening.

Some of the farmers will commence haying this week.

A very fatal disease has broken out among the hogs in this neighborhood and several have died. Frank Moxon lost four Sunday.

Mr. Watson was in the Valley City on business, Tuesday.

E. R. Skiff has shipped several carloads of lumber from his yard this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Toner of Kalamazoo are visiting their son and family in Parmelee this week.

NO GRIPING OR PAINS.
Arrowsmith, Ill., Jan. 21, 1897.

Dear Sirs:—I have been bothered for 15 years with constipation and I have tried many preparations during that time. I commenced using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the fall of 1895 and unhesitatingly say it is the best remedy I have ever found for my trouble. No griping or pains after taking. Yours, etc., WM. HURT.

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HONOR THEIR QUEEN.

LOYAL BRITONS SHOW LOVE FOR QUEEN VICTORIA.

Cheers Shake the Ground as She Passes in the Diamond Jubilee Parade—People from All Parts of the Earth Help Celebrate.

Wonderful Sight in London.

The crowning feature of the official celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the coronation of Victoria as Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has come and gone, and all London is congratulating itself upon the complete success of one of the greatest popular demonstrations of modern times. A religious service of brevity and simplicity, a royal pageant of unprecedented brilliancy, a mighty outburst of patriotism and evidence of personal love—these were the principal characteristics of the greatest day that London has ever seen.

The most stupendous pageant in history, a concourse of the millions from the ends of the earth, gathered to do honor to the queen and to add to the glory of her diamond jubilee parade, has filled its part without a hitch and without a flaw in all the marvelous effect. Most impressive, perhaps, of all the sights of the great day was the mighty multitude of people—spectators packed almost to the point of suffocation into every available niche of the six-mile route of the great parade. Eight million souls, representing every civilized and almost every savage nation on the face of the globe, shouldered and elbowed at every point of vantage, and the aged queen as she was borne amid the throng was given homage such as never Pharaoh nor Caesar received from the myriads of the olden time. The procession itself was the greatest, most magnificent, that ever passed between the ranks of admiring multitudes. It moved in three sections, consolidating as the division moved into Piccadilly, while—fitting order of parade—the colonists of England's mighty empire led the van.

The procession moved from Buckingham Palace nearly on time. The roar of cheers that marked its course up Constitution Hill told the beginning of the story of the queen among her people, while the artillery in Hyde Park, by a royal salute of sixty guns, thundered the fact to waiting thousands elsewhere. The queen had actually started.

The procession was practically in three sections as far as St. Paul's, though the two last, en route to the cathedral, were consolidated as they moved into Piccadilly. The scores of troops and companies were literally too numerous to mention except as a brilliant whole. It seemed like nothing so much as some stream of burnished gold flowing between dark banks of human beings gathered to witness its passage to a land of light.

Then the first part of the sovereign's escort rode into view, the Second Life Guards. As their well-known brilliant uniforms appeared the whisper ran electrically: "She's coming." The guards were soon succeeded by the escort of British and foreign princes. Many faces were known, recognized and cheered. This brilliant escort was composed of the flower of Europe's thrones. Following the princes came the Guard of Honor. A cheer broke forth that seemed to shake the ground, renewed again and again, as her majesty's carriage approached. The carriage in which her majesty rode now came abreast. It was built about a quarter of a century ago. The body was dark claret, lined with vermilion, the moldings outlined with beads of brass. Beside her majesty rode the Princess of Wales, opposite her majesty, her royal highness Princess Christian. On the left of her majesty rode his royal highness, the Duke of Cambridge, on the right, his royal highness, the Prince of Wales, who was followed by the Duke of Connaught, the general officer commanding.

Services at St. Paul's

The great bells of St. Paul's broke out in happy chorus as the queen's carriage started from Temple bar and only ceased as her majesty's carriage stopped in front of the steps of the cathedral. With the stopping of the queen's carriage the picture was complete and the swelling hymn that had risen on the summer air from five choristers of her majesty's chapel royal, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's ceased its grand harmonies in one long-drawn soft "amen." The service was about to begin. The bishop of London, in full canonicals, read a short Collect, after which, as her majesty sat with bowed head, the archbishop of Canterbury announced the benediction. Then, amidst the further ringing of bells, the national anthem was sung, and the queen drove on into other scenes.

As her majesty entered the gates of the palace at 2 o'clock a distant gun in Hyde Park announced to so much of the world as was not before the gates that the great procession was over. The event so long prepared had passed into history.

SIXTY YEARS A QUEEN.

THE celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria to the throne of Great Britain and Ireland makes pertinent a review of the career of this great and venerable ruler, this good queen and mother, whose life has been an example and an inspiration to her people.

The story of the sixty years of Victoria's reign cannot be briefly told. Its theater has been the world; its actors, in principal and auxiliary parts, the majority of the human race. And yet the personal history of the queen has been singularly uneventful. It is only when one reaches out to the peoples and countries, with which her government has had relations, and considers the duration and importance of those relations that one begins to realize the vast influence Queen Victoria has exercised over so many hundreds of millions of people.

Only three of Queen Victoria's predecessors ruled over fifty years. These were Henry III, fifty-six years; Edward III, fifty years six months, and George III, her grandfather, fifty-nine years. But during the last ten years of the latter's life his mind was weak and the virtual sovereign was the prince regent.

Sketch of Her Career.
Victoria Alexandrina, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, was born at Kensington Palace, London, May 24, 1819. Her father was Edward,

THE QUEEN'S PROCESSION PASSING THE NATIONAL GALLERY.



M'KINLEY CONGRATULATES QUEEN VICTORIA.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY sent the following personal letter to Queen Victoria, which was delivered to her by Mr. Whitelaw Reid, special envoy:
To Her Majesty Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India:
Great and Good Friend—In the name and on behalf of the people of the United States I present their sincere felicitations upon the sixtieth anniversary of your majesty's accession to the crown of Great Britain.
I express the sentiments of my fellow citizens in wishing for your people the prolongation of a reign illustrious and marked by advance in science, arts and popular well-being. On behalf of my countrymen, I wish particularly to recognize your friendship for the United States and your love of peace, exemplified upon important occasions.
It is pleasing to acknowledge the debt of gratitude and respect due to your personal virtues. May your life be prolonged and peace, honor and prosperity bless the people over whom you have been called to rule. May liberty flourish throughout your empire, under just and equal laws, and your government continue strong in the affections of all who love liberty. And I pray God to have your majesty in his holy keeping. Your good friend,
By the President: JOHN SHEKMAN, Secretary of State. WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

Duke of Kent, fourth son of King George III, and her mother was Victoria Mary Louisa, daughter of Francis, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld, and a sister of the late King Leopold of Belgium.

Before the present queen-empress had completed her first year her father died, leaving the care and training of the young princess to the Duchess of Kent, and so far as the adage, "How the twig is bent, the tree's inclined," is true, the training given the Princess Victoria must have been both good and wise. She was educated under her mother's watchful eyes and was grounded not alone in intellectual pursuits but on moral and religious principles.

On attaining her eighteenth year a grand ball was given in her honor at Buckingham Palace and for the first time, having reached her majority, she took rank of her mother. Within a month her uncle, King William IV, died and as he left no issue, the crown devolved upon Victoria.

The following day, June 21, 1836, she was publicly proclaimed queen, but it was not until June 28 of the following year that she was crowned at Westminster.

From the beginning she endeared herself to her people. She bore her dignities gracefully and manifested a sound judgment in dealing with affairs of state. A new sense of royalty and admiration arose in the minds of the English people, for, it must be said, that the record of the House of Hanover, to which Victoria belongs, was very bad before her time, the kingly members of it when not corrupt being stupid.

In 1840 Queen Victoria was married to her cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-

ter was established in the public heart and his death was deeply mourned in the court and in the nation.

Up to the year 1861 the life of Queen Victoria had been one of unbroken, tranquil happiness. Her mother, to whom she was deeply attached, was spared to enjoy a peaceful old age. Her husband was to her all that a devoted and loving companion could be, and their nine children were growing up, healthy, happy and dutiful. All that the world could grant, of wealth and honor, were hers, and her eldest daughter had been happily married to the heir of one of the most powerful kingdoms of Europe, Frederick of Prussia, a prince whose amiable virtues and intelligence added luster to his brilliant rank. In May, 1861, the queen lost her mother, and in December came a far greater blow in the death of the Prince Consort. The queen met her bereavement with that vehemence of grief so often manifested by those who have a life of untroubled happiness suddenly interrupted by a great sorrow. Her loss so preyed upon her mind that for a number of years she lived in absolute retirement, avoiding as far as possible all public and social duties, indulging her melancholy to the fullest extent. This spectacle of inconsolable grief amid the gorgeous surroundings of royalty produced a great effect upon the English people, and gave the queen a hold upon their affections which nothing else, perhaps, could have done and which remains to-day unchanged and unbroken.

Becomes Empress of India.
For fifteen years after the death of her husband the queen did not appear before Parliament. In 1876 she again appeared

has changed all this. Her relations as wife and mother were a noble example of what true womanhood should be, and the very purity of her life shamed others into patterning after her. On the subject of court etiquette Queen Victoria is the most exacting sovereign in Europe. She

insists upon the observance of every minute detail of ceremony, and the consequence is that every one who comes into contact with her has to be thoroughly drilled in the observance of "forms." As to her personal appearance the queen has herself said that she is "rather small for a queen," for she is but 4 feet 10 inches in height. But, despite that, she is, on occasions, a woman of extraordinary dignity.



PRINCE ALBERT.

Attempts Upon Her Life.
Although the queen, from the time of her succession to the throne, has enjoyed to the fullest extent the respect and affection of her subjects, no less than five attempts, all, unfortunately, unsuccessful, have been made to assassinate her—the first in June, 1840, by a crazy lad named Oxford; another in May, 1842, by John Francis, who was sentenced to be hanged for the offense, but the sentence was commuted to transportation for life. The third was in July of the same year by one J. V. Beam, whose only punishment was eighteen months in prison; the fourth in 1849 by William Hamilton, an Irishman, who was transported for seven years; the fifth in April, 1882, by Roderick McLean, a Scotchman, who was ordered to be confined during her majesty's pleasure, and is, we believe, still in prison.

The queen is very wealthy, in fact, the wealthiest woman in all the world. During the sixty years that she has been on the throne she has been able to save from her civil list and the revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster sums, which, with interest added, now amount to close upon \$100,000,000. She inherited from her husband property which is now valued at \$25,000,000, and from time to time subjects die who leave her all or nearly all their property. It is estimated that her fortune to-day amounts to \$150,000,000.

The Queen's Family.
Of the queen's nine children seven survive. These are Victoria, Dowager Empress of Germany and mother of Kaiser William II; Albert Edward, Prince of Wales; Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg; Helena, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein; Louise, Marchioness of Lorne; Arthur, Duke of Connaught and Beatrice, whose husband, Prince Henry of Battenberg, died of fever during the Ashantee war, in 1866. The Princess Alice, Duchess of Hesse-Darmstadt, died in 1878, and the Duke of Albany in 1884.

A list of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would fill half a column. By marriage into the great reigning families her descendants will sit upon many of the leading thrones in Europe. Her grandson, Emperor William of Germany, is the most powerful monarch on the continent, with the possible exception of the Czar, and the latter is married to her granddaughter, Princess Alix of Hesse. Another granddaughter is Crown Princess of Roumania, her son Alfred is ruler of Saxe-Coburg, and a grandson is Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt.

If a man hates to do a thing, it should not be his duty.

ARREARS FOR TAXES.

AUDITOR DIX WANTS A MILLION IN MONEY.

Law Requiring County Treasurers to Settle Quarterly a Dead Letter—It Will Now Be Enforced—Wayne Owes Over a Tenth of the Total.

Nearly \$1,000,000 Due.

The State of Michigan has a system of bookkeeping that is about as complete as anything of the kind could possibly be, and it is not generally supposed that many people can successfully owe the State any very great amount and hold their job. But it is nevertheless a fact that the State has owing it to-day, in money that can and will be collected, nearly one million of good, hard dollars, and this is how it happened: The law provides that county treasurers shall make quarterly settlements with the Auditor General. For several years past this law, it is alleged, has been practically a dead letter, the counties doing about as they pleased about sending in the State's share of the collected coin. But Auditor Dix proposes to have this law lived up to the letter. He will send out statements to every county in the State that is in arrears, with positive instructions to respond without delay, and those who refuse or neglect to obey the summons will regret it. This is, of course, putting it mildly. Wayne County is back a little matter of \$100,000 on State taxes. The following figures show the arrearages in each county in the State:

County	State Tax	County Tax
Alcona	3,446.14	
Alger	2,171.01	
Allegan	181.59	
Antrim	33,302.60	
Benzie	1,357.32	
Benzie	1,856.22	
Baraga	21.15	
Barry	30.11	
Bay	43,102.35	
Benzie	1,318.70	
Berrien	31,049.27	
Branch	69.00	
Calhoun	87.73	
Cass	22,084.55	
Charlevoix	64.53	
Cheboygan	696.42	
Chippewa	12,310.65	
Clare	1,324.10	
Clinton	18,432.90	
Crawford	950.04	
Delta	290.21	
Dickinson	6,083.45	
Eaton	106.60	
Emmett	654.29	
Genesee	13,092.38	
Gladwin	242.51	
Gogebic	42,838.53	
Grand Traverse	221.96	
Grand	271.90	
Hillsdale	29,135.74	
Houghton	6,329.06	
Huron	825.42	
Ingham	1,822.30	
Ionia	185.02	
Iowa	5,436.97	
Iron	18,355.55	
Isabella	9,720.82	
Jackson	55,296.42	
Kalamazoo	28,723.12	
Kalkaska	3,094.75	
Kent	60,619.34	
Keweenaw	194.25	
Lake	44.22	
Lapeer	27,412.92	
Leelanau	2,481.88	
Lenawee	25,411.68	
Livingston	73.38	
Litch	6.78	
Macomb	1,850.47	
Manistee	34,495.76	
Marquette	3,270.11	
Mason	25,035.55	
May	3,084.48	
Mecona	6,334.40	
Menominee	12,034.39	
Midland	7,746.62	
Missaukee	1,327.47	
Monroe	499.51	
Montcalm	10,234.51	
Montmorency	870.00	
Muskegon	9,024.63	
Newaygo	309.34	
Oakland	221.78	
Ogemaw	110.48	
Ontonagon	1,632.49	
Oscoda	232.74	
Oscoda	41.65	
Oscoda	22.30	
Otsego	341.31	
Otsego	449.55	
Presque Isle	206.39	
Roscommon	4,562.30	
Saginaw	68,517.51	
Saginaw	282.64	
Saginaw	4,557.71	
Shiawassee	138.87	
St. Clair	7,015.48	
St. Joseph	380.49	
Tuscola	750.03	
Van Buren	5,418.78	
Washtenaw	82.78	
Wayne	109,459.80	
Westford	24.95	
Totals	\$820,168.97	\$72,068.21

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

Places and Dates of Those to Be Held This Summer.
Superintendent of Public Instruction Hammond has arranged for the following teachers' institutes:
Commencing June 21—Alcona County, at Harrisville; H. C. Rankin, conductor. Commencing Aug. 2—Antrim County, at Bellaire; G. R. Catton, conductor. Cheboygan County, at Cheboygan; Delos Fall, conductor. Chippewa County, at Pentwater; C. L. Bemis, conductor. Commencing Aug. 9—Barry County, at Hastings; G. J. Edgecombe, conductor. Bay County, at Bay City; C. Neeking, conductor. Eaton County, at Charlot; Orr Schurtz, conductor. Genesee County, at Flint; R. G. Boone, conductor. Grand Traverse County, at Traverse City; G. V. Hart, conductor. Grosse Pointe County, at Gaylord; H. C. Rankin, conductor. Shiawassee County, at Corunna; W. J. McKone, conductor. St. Clair County, at Port Huron; F. C. Converse, conductor. Wayne County, at Northville; D. Thompson, conductor. Commencing July 12—Newaygo County, at Fremont; C. A. McGee, conductor. Commencing July 18—Kalamazoo County, at Kalamazoo; W. E. Conkling, conductor. Commencing July 26—Kent County, at Grand Rapids; C. H. Gurney, conductor. Commencing June 28—Muskegon County, at Muskegon; H. A. Lewis, conductor. Leontine County, at Adrian; L. M. Kellogg, conductor. Commencing Aug. 16—Benzie County, at Benzonia; H. R. Pattengill, conductor. Ingham County, at Mason; S. B. Lord, conductor. Kalkaska County, at Kalkaska; T. T. Grawn, conductor. Lapeer County, at Lapeer; C. McKenny, conductor. Mecosta County, at Big Rapids; C. H. Gurney, conductor. Commencing Aug. 23—Clare County, at Farwell; O. L. Miller, conductor. Crawford County, at Grayling; N. H. Hayden, conductor. Livingston County, at Howell; W. V. Ford, conductor. Mason County, at Ludington; G. J. Edgecombe, conductor. Menominee County, at Stephenson; C. O. Hoyt, conductor. Commencing Aug. 30—Gladwin County, at Gladwin; E. D. Grant, conductor. Ionia County, at Ionia; H. R. Pattengill, conductor. Iosco County, at Oscoda; W. W. Ferris, conductor. Commencing Sept. 6—Baraga County, at L'Anse-au-Loup; W. W. Ferris, conductor. Commencing Sept. 20—Manistee County, at Manistee; W. W. Ferris, conductor. Commencing Oct. 4—Chippewa County, at Sault Ste. Marie; C. O. Hoyt, conductor.
All institutes will be held one week, except as follows: Benzonia, three days; Charlotte, eight days; Mason, three days; Kalamazoo, four weeks; Kalkaska, three days; Grand Rapids, four weeks; Lapeer, three days; Adrian, five weeks; Big Rapids, three days; Lake City, three days; Fremont, three weeks; Port Huron, eight days.

At Montague, under the old engine house, was found the sack of letters which were stolen from the mail Tuesday night. Some very important matter was taken, among them checks amounting to over \$400. Every seal was broken and the letters returned to their respective envelopes.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIOTS.

Chicago Judge Renders a Decision of Great Importance.

A decision of far-reaching importance has been handed down by Judge Adams in the damage cases growing out of the rioting during the railway troubles of 1894. One of the companies whose property was destroyed during those riots has made a test case by suing the city of Chicago under the State law of 1887, which makes municipalities liable for damage done by mobs within their boundaries. Judge Adams has upheld the law and allowed the damage claims. If the Supreme Court sustains the decision it is understood that a large number of concerns which suffered from the riots of 1894 are in readiness to bring forward claims aggregating more than \$1,000,000.

No doubt the responsibility of cities for deeds of violence and destruction must be gauged in each case more or less by their power or their helplessness to prevent the outrages. But considering that in any event nearly every law of this sort depends for its success upon the wisdom with which it is applied, the Supreme Court is not likely to find any reason for declaring the riot law invalid. A municipal government tacitly assumes to be the protector of all who come within its jurisdiction. Acting on behalf of the whole community, it must become responsible for the peace of all, and, of necessity, for the peace and safety of individuals. Wherein it falls in this duty, its liability for damages justly would be measured by its ability—or lack of ability—to defend the community. There are certain upheavals, which, like cyclones and earthquakes, are not to be foreseen or prevented.

At the same time, as the municipal government is the representative and authorized agent of the people, it is the people themselves who must bear the burden of responsibility, and, failing to discharge the obligation, must pay for their failure. Where a large part of the people or all of them indulge in damaging riots the penalty is still more just. Where the damage was done by a very few the penalty comes from the laxness or inefficiency of the Government.

There is another phase of this question, however, and one which should be brought home to all classes of people who may be tempted to give way to mob passion and violate the laws. Under this law, which is founded in equity, the rioters who seek vengeance by demolishing property are injuring only themselves and others who may be in actual sympathy with them. To destroy the property of an oppressive corporation may hurt that corporation temporarily. In the long run, it is the whole community at large which pays—giving up increased taxes that the corporations may be reimbursed for their losses, and losing by the withdrawal of capital and enterprise to safer surroundings. The folly of rioting as a means of carrying a battle against oppression must bring its own penalty to the rioters. Wherever troubles like those of 1894 arise again, those who are most deeply concerned should take the truth to heart and look for other and more effective measures with which to carry their point.—Chicago Record.

Happy Answers.

Wordy duels frequently occur between counsel and witness, as is well known, and the lawyer does not always come out unscathed. "Look at me, sir, and attend to what I shall ask you," thundered a learned counsel whose unfortunate "homeliness" of feature had gained him the sobriquet of the Veiled Prophet. "This is an English court," rejoined the witness, quietly, "and you have no right to impose torture before putting the question."

"I can teach you law, sir, but I cannot teach you manners," said an exasperated counsel to a small, meek witness. The latter quietly replied, "That is so, sir," and people laughed consumedly.

The happy answers owing their point to Biblical allusions are numerous, and in many cases too audacious for print. "He is a regular Saint Paul" was the final eulogy made by an enthusiastic friend of a certain needy clergyman whose chronic impunctuality had brought him into painfully frequent familiarity with the various processes of the law for the recovery of debts. "Yes," said the bishop, whose assistance was being solicited, "quite so. I see—in prisons oft!"

The pardonable but injudicious enthusiasm of some clergymen over their musical services has given rise to many smart sayings. None, perhaps, is better than the familiar one of the exasperated visitor who, after being made to listen in torment to Gregorian chants cruelly murdered, was told that according to tradition those chants owed their origin to King David himself. The visitor, rendered reckless by his misery, retorted that he had often wondered why Saul threw that javelin at the royal psalmist, but he quite understood it now. A careworn divine is reported to have said in reply to the ecstatic declaration of an intending Beneficent that "nothing in the world beats a good wife." "Oh, yes, a bad husband often does, and—vice versa!"

Does a Great Deal.

"My good man, do you ever do anything to bring light and purity into the homes of your fellow men?"
"Yuss, lots."
"You distribute tracts?"
"No; I cleans windows and beats carpets.—Illustrated Bits.

Overlooked.
Mrs. Brown—It is a wonder that Mr. Meek never married. I am sure he would have made an excellent husband.
Mr. B.—Yes, indeed. It's a pity that nobody asked him.—New York Tribune.



VICTORIA, SIXTY YEARS A QUEEN.

Gotha. The union was one of love and not of state policy and a happy and model union it proved. The English people did not take kindly to it at first. Although Prince Albert was a man of rare mental gifts as well as personal attractions, he failed in the beginning to impress his worth upon the subjects of his queen. They disliked him because he was not an Englishman. In Parliament the wise heads wrangled over the question of his naturalization, quarreled over his allowance, his place next to the queen, and over the bill to constitute him regent in case of the queen's death. They would not give him the title of Prince Consort until 1857. Four years after this Prince Albert died, Dec. 14, 1861, but by this time the nobleness of the man's character

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	Exp	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Dep.	8 m	9 p m	10 p m	11 a m
Middleville.....	7 35	6 35	12 13	8 40
Hastings.....	7 52	6 57	12 40	9 30
Jackson Ar.....	9 30	11 00	8 40	5 20

WESTWARD BOUND.

STATIONS.	Exp	M'1	Q R	Fr
	D	Exp	Exp	Exp
Grand Rapids Ar.....	6 15	14 10	10 25	4 05
Middleville.....	5 10	12 55	9 41	2 15
Hastings.....	4 40	12 39	9 10	1 53
Jackson Dep.....	10 40	10 40	7 20	7 10

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad

Schedule in effect Sept. 27, 1896.

NORTHERN DIVISION

	Leave	Arrive
	From	To
Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	+ 7:45 am	+ 5:15 pm
Trav. City, Pet. & Mack	+ 2:15 pm	+ 8:30 am
Cadillac.....	+ 5:25 pm	+ 11:10 am

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	Leave	Arrive
	From	To
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Ft. Wayne.....	+ 2:00 pm	+ 1:35 am
Cincinnati.....	+ 7:10 am	+ 7:25 am

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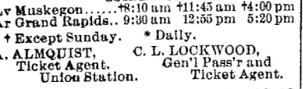
	GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Lv Grand Rapids.....	7:35 am	4:00 pm
Ar Muskegon.....	9:00 am	2:10 pm
Lv Muskegon.....	8:10 am	4:45 am
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Greece isn't the first country that had to pay another for giving it a drubbing.

It is hard cash that ex-Queen Lil. is protesting for. The new annexation treaty ignores her and her family.

Eugene Debs wants to go to Washington, not as Coxy went, but with a senator's credentials in his inside pocket.

The private soldiers who have gone into court to try to demonstrate their legal right to refuse to do housework in the residences of their officers deserve success, if they don't get it.

Hoopla! All aboard for the aerial express! Mr. Charles H. Lamson has been up one hundred feet in his air ship and returned to the ground without injury to himself or the ship. This wonderful demonstration occurred at Portland, Me.

The longer the senate waits to vote on that treaty for the annexation of Hawaii the larger the vote for ratification will be. Senators who now oppose are in some instances known to be misrepresenting the sentiment of their constituents.

It looks to a man without prejudices as though political partisanship were being allowed to weld entirely too much power in making and unmaking the faculty of state educational institutions, not in our state only, but in quite a number of them.

The tramp who refused a reward for saving two children from burning to death by saying: "Poor as I am, I would never accept a reward for saving a child's life," is a true gentleman at heart, however ragged and dirty he may be on the outside. With true modesty he disappeared after his deed of heroism without leaving his name. This all happened at Fox Connors, N. Y., the other day.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

It is a matter of regret that the people in the country think the people in the cities who interest themselves in the direction of good roads are doing so from a selfish motive. They labor under a wrong idea. I venture to say that no well-meaning citizen or taxpayer in the city who interests himself in so laudable work as good roads is lying awake nights to figure out a scheme whereby to do up the farmer. There is no doubt a class of city people which is working up schemes to beat the farmer, as also there are plenty of horny-handed sons of toil who are not slow to whack it to the city chap when they get a chance, but let us consider them as being unworthy as company in our class. Good people both of the city and rural districts go hand in hand with good roads—they are not in mercenary business. Settle this in your minds firmly and fearlessly, get together, establish a basis for taxation and assessment, lay out a county system for all its people, have economical, honest work done on a cash basis, and you will never want to go back to the old pathmaster idea so long past its time and usefulness. Let the motto be not more taxation, not more burden, but more and better work for the money, less burden to man and beast, less wear and tear on equipments.—C. H. Peters, at Chesaning Institute.

NORTH IRVING.

Nice little shower Monday p. m. but more is needed.

Eita Hubbard and Miss Mosher of Hastings visited the former's parents last Thursday.

Ella Hubbard closed a very successful year of school in the Power's Dist. last Thursday. Regular commencement program was carried out as five graduated from that school. Rev. Freeman assisted in the exercises, presenting the diplomas. His talk was excellent both to parents and pupils. The exercises were held on Mr. Hubbard's lawn. The decorations were beautiful. Ice-cream and cake was served to about 100 children, neighbors and friends and an enjoyable time was had by all present.

L. A. S. next Thursday p. m. at Mrs. Leonard Smith's.

Several from this place visited Miss Flora Trego's exercises on Mr. Hoop's lawn last Tuesday. A very pleasant time was had. Miss Flora has met with success in her year's work at Rutland No. 1.

Mr. Comins of Irving, accompanied Rev. Freeman to this place Sunday eye.

Chas. Sylvester, Roy Andrus, and Grace Hills of Irving, attended church here Sunday evening.

Haying is keeping some of us busy this week.

Dell Fausey and wife of Hastings, visited their parents P. Wood and wife over Sunday.

C. Bishop and wife visited here over Sunday.

Allie Matthews closed his school in Otis Dist., Rutland, last Friday.

EAST CALEDONIA.

Mrs. C. Chatman of Grand Rapids, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Clara Brown. A number from this place attended camp meeting at Clarksville Sunday.

Miss Hazel Mosher of Clarksville, visited Miss Heesa Winks last week.

Miss Lizzie Davies closed a successful term of school in Dis. No. 1, with a picnic in Lewis Smith's grove.

Chas. Sanborn has quite a curiosity in the poultry line,—a well developed three legged chicken.

Some from this place attended the graduation exercises at your village Thursday evening and the banquet Friday evening.

Henry Peet and family spent Sunday at Mr. Fulton's of Alaska.

Ralph Stow of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Boyd McWhinney.

FREEPORT FLASHES.

Rev. G. W. Mylne and Rev. J. P. Sprague of Wayland exchanged pulpits last Sunday. Wm. Godfrey accompanied Rev. Mylne to Wayland and visited M. C. Hayward and family.

John Brown of Carlton has the foundation laid for a new farm house.

David and Ed Ferguson are constructing the foundation for a bridge on the Hastings road near the Stegge farm.

Mrs. J. L. Young has sold her building to S. E. Albright and has commenced moving her household goods, etc., to Hastings.

Mrs. Geo. Miller, jr., has been confined to her bed the past two weeks with severe lung trouble, but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. N. A. Godfrey left for Grand Rapids yesterday noon to attend the Michigan Woman's Press Association now in session at that place.

John L. Kinney left for New York state Tuesday to visit his parents and other friends. His niece, Miss Elsie Heath, of Campbell accompanied him.

Miss Belle Curtis and Allan Steckle returned home from Olivet, Friday, to enjoy a vacation until September. Ward Moore is expected home this week also.

Thirty-eight carloads, which make a total of 20,000 bushels of potatoes, have been shipped from this place this spring. We think this record will compare favorably with other towns much larger than Freeport.

Prof. Duly McCone was called to his home in Butler, Saturday, to attend the funeral of a sister which was held Sunday. He returned to Freeport, Tuesday, on his wheel, a distance of over 80 miles, and will remain until Friday.

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.

Fish story. Thomas Powers tells the first fish story that the writer has deemed worthy of mention. He says that he caught a bass which he thought if fattened would tip six pounds and best of all it had a hook and line attached to it. Quite a profitable fish to catch if it was fatter. He let it go to get fat.

Mrs. Allison and daughter, Frank Black and wife have been occupying his cottage at Cascade Springs, Gun lake.

Flossie Townsend is visiting here this week.

Jno. Carter and wife visited the Sheriff, Saturday.

A large number of the friends of Miss Eulah Brooks gathered at her home the evening of the 25th, in honor of her sixteenth birthday. A very enjoyable time was had by all playing croquet and eating ice-cream and cake.

Miss Hazel Hall of Northern Michigan, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Eulah Brooks.

Frank Hart and best lady were the guests of Thomas Powers and wife Sunday.

Pede O'Connor went Monday to commence haying south of Prairieville.

Ira Townsend, a graduate from Middleville, will spend the rest of the summer on his father's farm.

Hurray! for the glorious 3rd at Streeter's landing Gun lake where one may have the pleasure of one of the largest inland lakes in Michigan.

Denis O'Connor was home from Martin Sunday.

Ralph Sage and wife were seen on our streets one day last week.

Ambros Allen Jr. and Cliff Sundayed at Gull lake.

"Last summer one of our grand-children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory of Fredericktown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedies had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. W. Armstrong, druggist.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made and executed by Newton C. McDowell and Emma, his wife, of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, to Marjanna Smith, guardian of Blanche and Jessie Smith, children of the said Newton C. McDowell and Emma, dated the 31st day of October, A. D. 1885, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1885, in book 1 of mortgages, on page 310, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of three thousand thirty-five and 74/100 dollars, and an attorney fee of thirty-five dollars stipulated for in said mortgage, all of said mortgage having been declared due by her by reason of the non-payment of an installment of fifty dollars which fell due on said mortgage on the 31st day of October, A. D. 1894, and by virtue of authority contained in said mortgage to declare the same due of which the mortgagor has had notice and no suit or proceedings having been instituted either at law or in equity to recover the moneys so secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, now retained in said mortgage, the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Barry is held) on Saturday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of thirty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage.

The premises being described in said mortgage as all those certain pieces or parcels of land situated and being in the township of Thornapple and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the quarter post on the east line of section twenty-one (21) thence due south fifty-three and 1/2 (53 1/2) rods thence due east one hundred and twenty (120) rods, thence due north fifty-three and 1/2 (53 1/2) rods, thence due west one hundred and twenty (120) rods, thence due north fifty-three and 1/2 (53 1/2) rods, to the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-two (22), all in town number four (4) north of range ten (10) west, containing in all acres of land.

MARIANA SMITH, Guardian for Blanche and Jessie Smith, HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Mortgagee, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made and executed by James Harvey Cline and Adeline Cline of Thornapple, Barry county, Michigan, to Marjanna Smith, guardian of Blanche and Jessie Smith, of Washington, D. C., dated the 15th day of April, A. D. 1883, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Barry county, Michigan, on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1883, in book 44 of mortgages, on page 128, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, the sum of one thousand seven hundred and 20/100 dollars, and an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, all of the principal of said mortgage having been declared due by her by reason of the non-payment of two hundred dollars of principal which is past due therein, and the non-payment of interest due on said mortgage, and by virtue of the authority contained in said mortgage to declare the same due of which the mortgagor has had notice and no suit or proceedings having been instituted either at law or in equity to recover the moneys so secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, now retained in said mortgage, the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings (that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Barry is held) on Saturday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, with seven per cent interest and all legal costs, together with said attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage. The premises being described in said mortgage as all that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the township of Thornapple in the county of Barry and state of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section three (3) in town four (4) north of range ten (10) west, containing forty acres of land, more or less.

MARIANA SMITH, Guardian for Blanche and Jessie Smith, HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Mortgagee, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, Default having been made in the conditions for in a certain mortgage (whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative) which said mortgage was made and executed by Warren R. Brew and Ella Brew, his wife, both of the township of Irving, Barry county, state of Michigan, of the first part, to Alfred Newman and Cora Newman, his wife, both of the same place of residence, of the second part, and which said mortgage bears date the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1891, and which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said Barry county, state of Michigan, in liber number thirty-five of mortgages on page number one hundred and sixty-two, on the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1891, at 2:40 o'clock p. m., and which said mortgage was on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1891, duly assigned by said second parties, Alfred Newman and Cora Newman, to Eliza Boardman, of the township of Irving, Barry county, Michigan, and which said assignment was on the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said Barry county in the state of Michigan, in liber number thirty-six of mortgages on page two hundred thirty-five, in the mortgage as aforesaid, it is stipulated that in case of a default in the payment of the interest on any part thereof for the space of sixty days from and after the date on which the same should be payable, then at the option of mortgagee, or his assigns, the whole principal sum not paid with all arrearages of interest thereon should at the option of said mortgagee or his assigns become due and payable and I, the assignee, having given said mortgagors notice of my said option declaring the whole principal sum instant due, and I hereby give notice that at my said option I have so declared the whole principal sum, together with all arrearages of interest, now due, the sum of six hundred dollars and of interest eighty-seven and 34/100 dollars at the date of this notice. The sum claimed by me at this date now due and payable on said mortgage and note secured thereby, for which this foreclosure is made is six hundred eighty-four and 1/10 dollars, and a suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been previously hereto instituted to recover said sums of money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the third day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, I shall sell at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder for cash at north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings, county of Barry and state of Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for said Barry county is held) the lands and premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid on said mortgage with interest at seven per centum from date hereof and all legal costs including an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. The premises being described in said mortgage and to be sold are as follows, to-wit: The southeast quarter (4) of the northwest quarter (14) of section number seventeen (17) in town number four (4) north of range No. 10 west, containing forty (40) acres of land, more or less.

MARIANA SMITH, Guardian for Blanche and Jessie Smith, HARTLEY E. HENDRICK, Mortgagee, Attorney for Mortgagee.

Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, Default having been made in the conditions for in a certain mortgage (whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative) which said mortgage was made and executed by Warren R. Brew and Ella Brew, his wife, both of the township of Irving, Barry county, state of Michigan, of the first part, to Alfred Newman and Cora Newman, his wife, both of the same place of residence, of the second part, and which said mortgage bears date the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1891, and which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said Barry county, state of Michigan, in liber number thirty-five of mortgages on page number one hundred and sixty-two, on the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1891, at 2:40 o'clock p. m., and which said mortgage was on the fourth day of December, A. D. 1891, duly assigned by said second parties, Alfred Newman and Cora Newman, to Eliza Boardman, of the township of Irving, Barry county, Michigan, and which said assignment was on the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said Barry county in the state of Michigan, in liber number thirty-six of mortgages on page two hundred thirty-five, in the mortgage as aforesaid, it is stipulated that in case of a default in the payment of the interest on any part thereof for the space of sixty days from and after the date on which the same should be payable, then at the option of mortgagee, or his assigns, the whole principal sum not paid with all arrearages of interest thereon should at the option of said mortgagee or his assigns become due and payable and I, the assignee, having given said mortgagors notice of my said option declaring the whole principal sum instant due, and I hereby give notice that at my said option I have so declared the whole principal sum, together with all arrearages of interest, now due, the sum of six hundred dollars and of interest eighty-seven and 34/100 dollars at the date of this notice. The sum claimed by me at this date now due and payable on said mortgage and note secured thereby, for which this foreclosure is made is six hundred eighty-four and 1/10 dollars, and a suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been previously hereto instituted to recover said sums of money secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, now therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, the third day of August, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, I shall sell at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder for cash at north front door of the court house in the city of Hastings, county of Barry and state of Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for said Barry county is held) the lands and premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay the amount as aforesaid on said mortgage with interest at seven per centum from date hereof and all legal costs including an attorney fee of twenty-five dollars covenanted for in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. The premises being described in said mortgage and to be sold are as follows, to-wit: The southeast quarter (4) of the northwest quarter (14) of section number seventeen (17) in town number four (4) north of range No. 10 west, containing forty (40) acres of land, more or less.

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Notice of Commissioners on Claims.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF BARRY, ss.

Estate of William Damoth, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Barry, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of R. E. Hendrick in Middleville, on Tuesday, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1897, and on Tuesday, the 7th day of December, A. D. 1897, at ten o'clock a. m. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that six months from the 20th day of May, A. D. 1897, we were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated May 29, A. D. 1897. JAMES H. MCKEVITT, WILLIAM CRIDLER, Commissioners.

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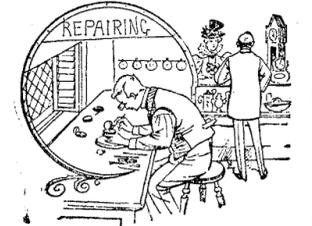
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THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1897.

Local Happenings.

Slight showers Tuesday.
Haying is under full headway.
Arrange to celebrate this year at Gun lake.
Ivy lodge has adjourned its meetings for two months.
Aid society tea at Cong'l church parlors this week Friday.
The new steamer "Satle S." makes regular trips on Gun lake daily.
A fistie encounter took place this forenoon between two of our citizens. No arrests.
The post-office will be closed Saturday, July 3rd, from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.
Ivy lodge expect to picnic in about two weeks and it is said they are going to invite the Knights.
H. E. Hendrick and family leave tomorrow for a few days' outing at Gun lake, where he speaks the 3d.
John Schondelmayer yesterday received one of the largest shipments of shoes ever made to this village. *
R. T. French has purchased a fine turnout in the line of an English trap, also a top carriage and road wagon.
A tribe of Pottawattamie Indians will be camped at Streeter's Gun lake landing and participate in the sports July 3.
Frank Johnson of the west county line, drew the heaviest load of wool that has been marketed in Hastings this season. It weighed 3303 lbs.
Hodge and Lee have a fine new two-horse delivery wagon, neatly lettered, which undoubtedly will prove a very comfortable rig for Gun lake drives.
G. E. Gardner's dog, "Perkins," has estrayed, been stolen or poisoned. He was last seen in the village Friday evening. Any information as to this old favorite will be thankfully received by Mr. G.
The roof of the Michigan Central pump house caught fire Saturday afternoon and had it not been for the timely discovery and prompt action of Francis Roach, it would probably have burned to the ground.
The pupils in the Russell district planned a very pleasant and successful surprise on their former teacher, Miss Ethel Russell last Tuesday afternoon. Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by all.
Aaron Clark has a "pullet" that was set on thirteen eggs, hatched nineteen chickens, with still eggs to spare; so says our reporter. This would make a good hen story but when we think about a "pullet" we scratch our head.
Mrs. Mercy Clark, mother of Mr. Aaron Clark of our village, died at her home in Dutton June 30th, aged 90 years 8 months and 21 days. Services will be held at Mr. Clark's residence on West Main street, Friday at 10 a. m. Friends kindly invited. More extended notice will appear next week.
There has been a shipment of job work made to another state this week from the SUN job rooms. And yet some of our merchants persist in sending out of town for their work without even giving us a chance to bid on it, and some even worse than that still cling to the erroneous use of the rubber stamp for their stationery.
Quite a number from Caledonia were in attendance at the graduating exercises Thursday evening but were compelled to leave the church before the exercises were over in order to take the 9:41 train; but, lo and behold, the east bound train went into the ditch near Rives Junction and the Caledonia train did not arrive until 2:00 a. m.
The Keeler Brass Co.'s factory is obliged to run nights to keep up with their orders, French's flouring mill runs day and night the year round and the Cold Spring Creamery Co. is turning out over a half a ton of butter daily. Considerable wheat and wool is being marketed and, take it all around, our village is about as busy as any of its size in the state.
The marriage of Rev. C. Leon Mears to Miss Ernestine Weyer occurred in the Congregational church at Excelsior, Minn., June 23. Miss Vevah Mears and Miss Weyer, sisters of the bride and groom, acted as bridesmaids. The church was beautifully decorated with roses and floral designs. Costly and elegant presents were lavished upon the young couple by the church people and other friends far and near. As Mr. Mears was a Middleville boy we all join in hearty congratulations.

Personal Points.

A. D. Thomas was in Grand Rapids, Monday.
Prof. Fred O. Stokoe of Hope, Ind., is home on a visit.
J. H. McKevitt was in Hastings on business Saturday.
Miss Effie Tower left, Saturday, for her home at Manton.
J. R. Cook of Sturgis Sundayed with friends in the village.
Mrs. M. S. Keeler, who has been quite sick is improving.
Mrs. A. L. Taylor returned from Grand Rapids, Tuesday.
Miss Genie Hill went to Morley, Saturday, to visit friends.
Geo. Lunnon and wife start today on their journey to Australia.
Mrs. Richard Clark was in Grand Rapids last week Thursday.
D. W. Johnson was in Hickory Corners, Monday and Tuesday.
Miss Edna Herbert of Plainwell, is the guest of Miss Mabel Hanlon.
Gaily Miner of Lake Odessa, is a guest of her aunt Mrs. Chas. McLisichy.
W. J. Hayward and M. F. Jordan and families are at their Gun lake cottages.
Misses Mabel Southwick and Bessie Fullagar returned Saturday from Charlotte.
Master Glenn and Levina Watson visited Mrs. Richard Clark last week Wednesday.
Miss Olive Clever returned Thursday from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Nashville.
Marks Rubens and two daughters of Lowell are guests at J. E. Ackerson's over Sunday.
Miss Hazel Barnard of Grand Rapids was in attendance at the Alumni meeting Friday evening.
Mrs. A. Hanlon leaves this afternoon on a visit to New Jersey. The doctor will go in a few weeks.
Prof. A. O. Wilkinson and wife were called to Ypsilanti, Friday, to attend the funeral of his mother.
Walker Combs, train dispatcher at Topeka, Kan., was the guest of his uncle, R. E. Combs, Friday.
Jonathan Webb and family of Battle Creek, visited Abner Dowling and family the latter part of last week.
Harley Andrus of Hastings was in the village Thursday of last week and attended the graduating exercises.
Mrs. Haight and Miss Libbie Broughton of Lake Odessa have been spending a week with relatives in the village.
Mrs. Ames of Ada, was in attendance at the graduating exercises, and the guest of her brothers, Messrs. Russell.
Geo. C. Smith went to Grand Rapids today and will visit in Bay City a couple of weeks before returning to the village.
Messrs. Spaulding of Charlotte, and Reu of Chicago with their families, are occupying their fine new cottage at Gun lake.
Mrs. J. B. Hanna is enjoying her home with her daughter in Carlton. Plenty of strawberries, ice-cream, surprises, etc.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall of Bath were guests at N. Roach's Thursday and Friday of last week. They were on a short wedding trip.
Wm. Hicks and daughter, Belle, of Hastings were guests at J. B. Campbell's Saturday and spent Sunday at John Campbell's.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dexter returned last week Thursday evening from a three weeks' visit with their daughter at Baraboo, Wis.
M. M. Prindle and wife have gone to Charlotte and Chester where they will attend the 85th birthday anniversary of Mr. P.'s mother.
O. C. Whitney and C. H. Clark of Caledonia were in the village on business, Saturday, and made the SUN headquarters a pleasant call.
Jesse W. Cobb and Misses Vera P. Cobb and Libbie M. Broughton attended the Parmelee Sunday school picnic at Campau lake, Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. French go to the lake today for a few days' outing. The editor and family will be their guests for a couple of days.
Miss Libbie Smith of Prairieville spent the latter part of last week with relatives in the village and was in attendance at the graduating exercises.
Mrs. S. C. Rich is in attendance at the University graduating exercises where her son, Herbert M., takes a sheepskin from the library department.
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Caldwell of Chicago brought the remains of their six weeks old son to the village for burial in Mount Hope cemetery. They return home today.
G. H. Penney, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. C. M. Paull, and other relatives for a few weeks, returned to his home at Goshen, N. Y., the latter part of last week.

Miss Jennie Thomas returned home Saturday from Howard City where she has just closed the year's school. By the way, she has the name of being one of the best kindergarten teachers in the state.
Mrs. J. E. Ackerson was in Grand Rapids over Sunday.
George Williams of Grand Rapids, was in town Monday.
Miss Jennie Luther is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Steven Gott.
Del Fowler had his eyes successfully operated upon Saturday in Grand Rapids.
Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cronk of Texas, Mich., have been in the village a few days looking after their property.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keeler left Saturday noon for a few weeks sojourn at Portland, Md. and the White Mountains.
Horace Watkins of Grand Rapids, a former editor in this village, was in town last evening calling on old acquaintances.
George Bassett and wife of Nashville, are in the village. Mr. B. has been appointed mail clerk on the Grand Trunk route, between Port Huron and Chicago.
Mrs. H. L. Moore and son Earl, left Tuesday noon for Tipton, Iowa, where she goes for the benefit of her health. Mr. Moore accompanied them to Grand Rapids.
John Mungerson is building a large hay barn.
Over eighty attended the Cong'l S. S. picnic at White's grove, Tuesday.
Oscar Hall, Will Smith, Mr. Peck and Alva Crossman ride wheels bought of C. E. Stokoe.
Rev. W. A. Biss has some very choice specimens of pansies, the seeds for which came from England and Philadelphia, some of the blossoms measuring 2 1/2 inches in diameter.
The young people of the M. E. church are invited to meet at the church Sunday p. m. at 4 o'clock, to practice for a half hour song service which will be given in the evening before preaching.
The young people of the M. E. Sunday school, gave Mrs. Oscar Brightal a pleasant surprise Saturday evening, in honor of her birthday. Games, music, ice-cream and cake, furnished the evenings amusement.
Members of the K. O. T. M. lodge entertained their families and friends last evening with ice-cream and cake and later with a musical program, all of which would have been greatly enjoyed had the heat not been almost unbearable. The boys could not control the elements; however, they entertained about 200 guests in good style.
Last Wednesday afternoon, the young ladies of Mrs. Griswold's Sunday school class, gave a very pleasant and successful surprise on Mrs. Del Fowler. The afternoon was spent in games and visiting after which an excellent supper was served. Before taking their departure, the girls gave the bride a ride in a wheelbarrow, which caused great amusement for all.
Burglars entered the residence of Ex-Senator Keeler, Sunday night by removing a screen. They ransacked every room below but did not go above where there was light on account of a sickness. They secured a small amount of money from Mrs. K's pocket book and some old coins. They went to the refrigerator and took what they wanted to eat, and not a sound was heard by the occupants. It is thought they attempted to enter A. A. Dibble's residence next door, where they commenced to cut out a light of glass but later found the window was not fastened down so raised it but did not enter. Mrs. D. was up about 3 a. m. with their baby, and it is thought that frightened them away. Yesterday Mrs. K's purse was found by J. Mungerson, under a lumber pile near Rosenberg's coal bins.
The Ladies' Reading Club closed a successful year's work last Wednesday afternoon June 30. Mrs. G. L. Keeler, president of the club, opened her spacious home for a reception. Each member was privileged to invite two friends making a company of thirty-three ladies. The following program was rendered: Roll call with responses, Song by the club; Recitation, Mrs. M. A. Dietrich; Instrumental music, Miss Edith Clark; Recitation, Mrs. Peeps; Review of Seven Oaks, Mrs. Ferguson; Club Work, Mrs. Saunders; Review of Katharina, Mrs. R. T. French. A spelling contest in which the guests took part, afforded considerable amusement. Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Brown chose sides and Mrs. D. W. Johnson acted as spelling mistress. Mrs. Wm. L. Cobb "spelled down" and captured the prize, a beautiful bouquet of roses. Refreshments consisting of cake, ice-cream and strawberries were served in the dining room and all seemingly enjoyed a pleasant and profitable afternoon. Eleven new names were added to the roll of membership.
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THEY STARTED TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH ON TIME.

But a Night of Noise Was Too Much for Their Endurance—Slept Soundly in the Church While the Sham Battle Raged.

Their Patriotic Ardor Suffered.

YDE felt, as the Fourth of July approached, a growing desire to celebrate that day in a perfectly unparalleled fashion. He remembered the firecrackers and torpedoes of his earlier years, and the pin wheels and the rockets that succeeded them, and the lit-

tle cannon made from a section of cast-iron pipe which celebrated last year's anniversary, and their cumulative enthusiasm spurred him to something quite unprecedented. He did not know just what it should be. None of the boys did. They talked of the matter along through May and the June evenings when it grew too dark to play ball and they had stretched themselves on the lawn. Just what should be done they did not know, but each heart swelled with the purpose to mark this Independence day so it would stay marked. One thing was agreed upon right at the start. They must stay up all night. They must range the town untrammelled through the silent hours. They must deafen the midnight air with their first explosion. They must keep it up with sleep-destroying intervals till morning. And then they must make the whole town Fourth one throbbing, snapping, crashing, reverberating halloo!

Jim Davis, who did odd jobs of whitewashing, bill posting and clock mending, passed on the farther side of the street. He had a bucket, a long-haired brush and under his arm was a roll of paper.

"Where's he going to work at this time of night?" asked Byde.

There was no reply. Jim stopped at the end of a little barn, sat down his buckets and looked around lazily. They watched him. Presently he unrolled the papers, selected one and dipped his brush in the bucket of paste. The rest caught a gust of wind and came fluttering across the street.

Ned Cummings caught one of the papers, came back and laid down again. He held it up till the electric lamp in the street shone upon it and then he read.

"Ho!" he shouted. "They're going to celebrate the Fourth with a sham battle."

"What is a sham battle like, Ned?" asked Terry Willard.

"Didn't you see the one at Aurora?"

"No. How was it?"

"Oh, a lot of men dressed up like soldiers, and they took sides, and they had a fort, and one party held it and another lot attacked it, and they all fired guns, and revolvers, and cannons, and ran about, and finally the fort was captured. It was awfully exciting—and noisy!"

"How many men altogether?"

"About 1,000, I guess. They filled a whole field."

"Let's go join them," suggested George Sanford.

"Will they have us?"

"Maybe they will. It will keep them busy to get enough soldiers. Anyway, dress us up in men's clothes and we'd look enough like men to pass for them anywhere."

So they read the poster over and over. Wheatland had resolved on a very big thing. The declaration was to be read. A very famous man was to deliver the oration. The glee club was to sing. And the sham battle was promised. This was to be a very famous engagement. Commanding officers on either side were named. All the words which stir the souls of boys and men were used to forecast the terrific engagement.

Next day Byde went to the committee on arrangements and inquired about enlisting as soldiers. The committee man was uncertain. He looked at Byde, and recalled the figures of the other boys. Finally he said: "Come around this evening and we'll see." So they went around in the evening—all four of them. The committee man accepted them after a hes-

itation which left the impression they were fortunate, indeed. And they went home elated.

After that the planning went on merrily. They furnished their own uniforms, but the committee provided guns and ammunition. Twice a week Captain Knox drilled squads of volunteers down on the campus. Saturday afternoon before the Fourth there was a grand rehearsal, with an occasional cessation of hostilities while Captain Knox scolded in a loud voice and made them go back and do an assault all over again. It promised to be one of the most famous events in life of Wheatland.

Thursday all four of the boys went into the city to buy fireworks. Each had been saving money for weeks, and the bundles of purchases was too big to be carried. So they sent it by express, and worried all day Friday lest the railroad company should fail them. But the bundle came in the afternoon, and they unrolled their treasures in Sanford's carriage house. The fireworks had been selected with an eye single to noise. And—viewed from a standpoint—the collection was simply per-

fect. For the rest of the day they kept out of sight, inhabiting quiet places and trying to sleep. It was not much of a success. Quite a number of smaller boys had been exploding crackers and sending up occasional rockets. But Byde, and the recruits scorned all that.

"Wait till we get at them," said Terry, strong in the certainty of a prodigious noise.

Ten o'clock and the fast express. They waited at the depot and saw it go through. After that the town was very still. They sat on a box by the warehouse, and talked till Ted declared George Sanford was snoring. This, however, was indignantly denied. But they got up and walked. Down around the college there was a stillness they had never known.

To their great surprise the college clock marked half past 11 when they passed again. They hurried to the carriage house for their cannon crackers. The first explosion was in the center of the public square. They set up ten enormous crackers ten feet apart and watched the clock in the bank. When Terry called softly, "Two minutes of 12," the three other boys got their matches ready. When he said, "One minute," they knelt down, all ready for the tremendous event. When he called, a little louder, for he was excited, "Five seconds," they lighted the matches and began lighting the fuses. Then they all lay down in the shelter of the courtyard fence.

The town had never seemed so still as in that interval while the fuses sputtered. A rooster crowed far off toward the country. Two blocks away some one closed a shutter. A dog trotted down a distant sidewalk, his clattering claws the only sound that betrayed him. And then came the explosion.

First there was a distinct report. Then there was another. Then a crashing peal that was simply deafening and the detonations concluded with another single tardy cracker. After the first instant—in which, indeed, they could not recover—the boys began to grasp their grand success.

"Wasn't it tremendous?" asked Ned.

Many a sleeper waked and wished for the privilege of punishing all boys who would not go to bed. Only once did they

They wakened one by one and stared around and rubbed their eyes. Ned was peering at his watch and trying to comprehend something. Byde was half way to the lumber room door when Terry Willard half shouted:

"It's 6 o'clock!"

"What?" cried Byde.

"Your watch has stopped. I bet you didn't wind it last night," said Sanford, slowly.



THE CONSTABLE GIVES ADVICE.

"Look at the shadows! Look at the sun!"

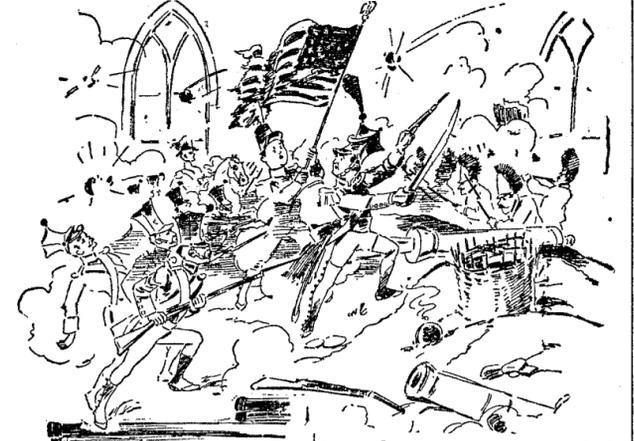
"Listen to those farmers. They are going home from town."

Utterly exhausted, disposed in a favorable place for repose, the boys had slept while the battle was fought and won.

It was only the shell of a celebration they found as they strolled down town—only the irritating comment on things as unknown to them as the revolution must have been to Rip Van Winkle.

A Paper Soldier Battle.

Some of the younger boys and girls will find a good deal of fun in a paper soldier battle. Cut out from advertising cards and posters a large number of figures of men, women and children. Pin these along the top of the fence or at the edge of a board. Now save up all the "fizzlers" among your firecrackers and when there



IS A SACRED DAY.

The True Meaning of the Glorious Fourth of July.

THE Fourth of July is a sacred day. The howling dervishes or monks of the Persian desert, with their insane antics in honor of the beloved Mahomet, are more consistent than these self-imagined Yankee patriots whose abandonment to childish pomposity is all the incentive they know how to offer on the altar of country. The achievement of liberty by the American colonies was undoubtedly an occasion of extravagant joy—George Washington and Samuel Adams can almost be imagined as tossing up their cocked hats and even blowing a tin horn—but it is a question whether the level-headed patriots of that day would not have stopped to count over again the cost of the struggle could they have had prophetic visions of the sickening uses to which the sacred anniversary has been perverted. The conviction that this nonsense is going too far has been growing for several years, and there is noted in many quarters an attempt at a serious recognition of the meaning of the day. We believe this awakening has only begun and that a genuine celebration of American liberty is destined to evolve from the present meaningless pandemonium. If so, we can console ourselves that the extravaganzas which we deplore were the means of preserving the day as a very lively reality for several generations of small boys.

We believe it would be a fine thing for our rural communities to make much in a social way of the Fourth. In addition to a fitting and patriotic observance of the day, let it be marked by a social gathering of the clans. Let the whole people come together for a social time. Let down the bars of creed, of society "sets," and of all other influences that tend to divide a community into cliques. Have a brief program of entertainment that will interest all, but leave plenty of time for sociable confab, for introductions to each other of those who are not acquainted. A lunch, if only a basket picnic or collation, will enliven the social feature of the occasion.

At such a time, all partisanship should be avoided, and for this one day, people should agree to disagree on the mooted issues of the times. But it is a good time to celebrate some local event in the town's history, to specially recognize its old soldiers and to consider some local improvement that all desire—be it a public park, needed town building, better roads, etc. Carried out with tact and fervor, the day so spent will do much to make rural life more pleasant and society more agreeable. It adds zest to public interest in local affairs and lends new attractiveness and enthusiasm to farming life.

In the struggle for a living, in the rush for the almighty dollar, our farmers, like other folk, miss some of the joys of the less material side of life. Such enjoyments, like patriotism, should be wholly apart from wealth, and this glorious Fourth is a good time to recognize this fact.—Farm and Home.

ZENAS THE LAWYER.

REV. DR. TALMAGE PAYS A HIGH TRIBUTE TO THE BAR.

He Treats the Profession of Law from a Moral and Religious Standpoint—Unties of the Christian Lawyer—Many Temptations.

Our Washington Pulpit.

Dr. Talmage's sermon Sunday has a special interest for lawyers, and all who expect to be lawyers, and all who are the friends of lawyers. His text is Titus III, 13, "Bring Zenas the lawyer."

The profession of the law is here introduced, and within two days in the Capital City 303 young men joined it, and at this season in various parts of the land other hundreds are taking their diplomas for that illustrious profession, and is it not appropriate that I address such young men from a moral and religious standpoint, as upon them are now rolling the responsibilities of that calling represented in the text by Zenas the lawyer?

We all admire the heroic and rigorous side of Paul's nature, as when he stands coolly deliberate on the deck of the corsair while the jack-tars of the Mediterranean are covering in the cyclone; as when he stands undaunted amid the marbles of the palace before thick-necked Nero, surrounded with his twelve cruel liege lords; as when we find him earning his livelihood with his own needle, sewing haircloth and preaching the gospel in the interstices; as when we find him able to take the thirty-nine lashes, every stroke of which fetched the blood, yet continuing in his missionary work; as when we find him, regardless of the consequences to himself, delivering a temperance lecture to Felix, the government inebriate. But sometimes we catch a glimpse of the mild and genial side of Paul's nature. It seems that he had a friend who was a barrister by profession. His name was Zenas, and he wanted to see him. Perhaps he had formed the acquaintance of this lawyer in the court room. Perhaps sometimes when he wanted to ask some question in regard to Roman law he went to this Zenas the lawyer. At any rate he had a warm attachment for the man, and he provides for his comfortable escort and entertainment as he writes to Titus, "Bring Zenas the lawyer."

This man of my text belonged to a profession in which are many ardent supporters of Christ and the gospel, among them Blackstone, the great commentator on English law, and Wilberforce, the emancipator, and the late Benjamin F. Butler, Attorney General of New York, and the late Charles Chauncy, the leader of the Philadelphia bar, and Chief Justice Marshall and Tenterden and Campbell and Sir Thomas More, who died for the truth on the scaffold, saying to his agonized executioner: "Pluck up courage, man, and do your duty. My neck is very short. Be careful, therefore, and do not strike awry."

A Mighty Plea. Among the mightiest pleas that ever have been made by tongue of barrister have been pleas in behalf of the Bible and Christianity, as when Daniel Webster stood in the Supreme Court at Washington pleading in the famous Girard will case, denouncing any attempt to educate the people without giving them at the same time moral sentiment as "low, ribald and vulgar deism and infidelity," as when Samuel L. Seward of New Jersey, the leader of the forum in his day, stood on the platform at Princeton College commencement advocating the literary excellence of the Scriptures; as when Edmund Burke, in the famous trial of Warren Hastings, not only in behalf of the English Government, but in behalf of elevated morals, closed his speech in the midst of the most august assemblage ever gathered in Westminster Hall by saying: "I impeach Warren Hastings in the name of the House of Commons, whose national character he has dishonored; I impeach him in the name of the people of India, whose rights and liberties he has subverted; I impeach him in the name of human nature, which he has disgraced. In the name of both sexes, and of every rank, and of every station, and of every situation in the world, I impeach Warren Hastings."

Yet, notwithstanding all the pleas which that profession has made in behalf of God, and the church, and the gospel, and the rights of man, there has come down through the generations among many people an absurd and wicked prejudice against it. So long ago as in the time of Oliver Cromwell it was decided that lawyers might not enter the parliament house as members, and they were called "sons of Zeruiah." The learned Dr. Johnson wrote an epitaph for one of them in these words:

God works wonders now and then. Here lies a lawyer, an honest man!

Two hundred years ago a treatise was issued with the title, "Doomsday Approaching with Thunder and Lightning for Lawyers." A prominent clergyman of the last century wrote in regard to that profession these words: "There is a society of men among us bred up from their youth in the art of proving, according as they are paid, by words multiplied for the purpose that white is black and black is white. For example, if my neighbor has a mind to my cow, he hires a lawyer to prove that he ought to have my cow from me. I must hire another lawyer to defend my right, it being against all rules of law that a man should speak for himself. In pleading they do not dwell upon the merits of the cause, but upon circumstances foreign thereto. For instance, they do not take the shortest method to know what title my adversary has to my cow, but whether the cow be red or black, her horns long or short, or the like. After that they adjourn the cause from time to time and in twenty years they come to an issue. This society likewise has a peculiar cant or jargon of their own, in which all their laws are written, and these they take especial care to multiply, whereby they have so confounded truth and falsehood that it will take twelve years to decide whether the field left to me by my ancestors for six generations belongs to me or to one 300 miles off."

I say these things to show you that there has been a prejudice going on down against that profession from generation to generation. I account for it on the ground that they compel men to pay debts that they do not want to pay, and that they arraign criminals who want to escape the consequences of their crime, and as long as that is so, and it always will be so, just so long there will be classes of men who will affect at any rate to despise the legal profession. I know not how it is in other countries, but I have had long and wide acquaintance with men of that

profession—I have found them in all my parishes, I tarried in one of their offices for three years, where there came real estate lawyers, insurance lawyers, criminal lawyers, marine lawyers—and I have yet to find a class of men more genial or more straightforward. There are in that occupation, as in all our occupations, men utterly obnoxious to God and man. But if I were on trial for my integrity or my life, and I wanted even handed justice administered to me, I would rather have my case submitted to a jury of twelve lawyers than to a jury of twelve clergymen. The legal profession, I believe, has less violence of prejudice than is to be found in the sacred calling.

Temptations.

There is, however, no man who has more temptations or graver responsibilities than the barrister, and he who attempts to discharge the duties of his position without early resources is making a very great mistake. Witness the scores of men who have in that profession made eternal shipwreck. Witness the men who, with the law of the land under their arm, have violated every statute of the eternal God. Witness the men who have argued plaudibly before earthly tribunals, who shall shiver in dismay before the Judge of quick and dead. Witness Lord Thurlow, announcing his loyalty to earthly government in the sentence, "If I forget my earthly sovereign, may God forget me," and yet stooping to unaccountable meanness. Witness Lord Coke, the learned and the reckless. Witness Sir George McKenzie, the execrated of all Scotch Covenanters, so that until this day, in Gray Friars' church-yard, Edinburgh, the children whistle through the bars of the tomb, crying:

Bloody Mackenzie, come if you daur, Lift the sneek and draw the bar.

No other profession more needs the grace of God to deliver them in their temptations, to comfort them in their trials, to sustain them in the discharge of their duty. While I would have you bring the merchant to Christ, and while I would have you bring the farmer to Christ, and while I would have you bring the mechanic to Christ, I address you now in the words of Paul to Titus, "Bring Zenas the lawyer." By so much as his duties are delicate and great, by so much does he need Christian stimulus and safeguard. We all become clients. I do not suppose there is a man 50 years of age who has been in active life who has not been afflicted with a lawsuit. Your name is assaulted, and you must have legal protection. Your boundary line is invaded, and the courts must re-establish it. Your patent is infringed upon, and you must make the offending manufacturer pay the penalty. Your treasures are taken, and the thief must be apprehended. You want to follow the example of those who, for the sake of saving \$100 from an attorney, imperil \$250,000, and keep the generation following for twenty years quarreling about the estate, until it is all exhausted. You are struck at by an assassin, and you must invoke for him the penitentiary. All classes of persons in course of time become clients, and therefore they are all interested in the morality and the Christian integrity of the legal profession. "Bring Zenas the lawyer."

Treatment of Clients.

But how is an attorney to decide as to what are the principles by which he should conduct himself in regard to his clients? On one extreme Lord Brougham will appear, saying: "The innocence or guilt of your client is nothing to you. You are to save your client regardless of the torment, the suffering, the destruction of all others. You are to know but one man in the world—your client. You are to save him though you should bring your country into confusion. At all hazards you must save your client." So says Lord Brougham. But no right minded lawyer could adopt that sentiment. On the other extreme Cicero will come to you and say, "You must never plead the cause of a bad man," forgetful of the fact that the greatest villain on earth ought to have a fair trial and that an attorney cannot be judge and advocate at the same time. It was grand when Lord Erskine sacrificed his attorney generalship for the sake of defending Thomas Paine in his publication of his book called "The Rights of Man," while at the same time he, the advocate, abhorred Thomas Paine's irreligious sentiments. Between these two opposite theories of what is right, what shall the attorney do? God alone can direct him. To that chancery he must be appellant, and he will get an answer in an hour. Blessed is that attorney between whose office and the throne of God there is perpetual, reverential and prayerful communication. That attorney will never make an irreparable mistake.

What a scene is the office of a busy attorney! In addition to the men who come to you from right motives, bad men will come to you. They will offer you a large fee for counsel in the wrong direction. They want to know from you how they can escape from solemn marital obligation. They come to you wanting to know how they can fail advantageously for themselves. They come to you wanting to know how they can make the insurance company pay for a destroyed house which they burned down with their own hands, or they come to you on the simple errand of wanting to escape payment of their honest debts.

Now, it is no easy thing to advise settlement, when by urging litigation you could strike a mine of remuneration. It is not a very easy thing to dampen the ardor of an inflamed contestant, when you know through a prolonged lawsuit you could get from him whatever you asked. It is no easy thing to attempt to discourage the suit for the breaking of a will in the surrogate's court because you know the testator was of sound mind and body when he signed the document. It requires no small heroism to do as I once heard an attorney do in an office in a Western city. I overheard the conversation when he said, "John, you can go on with this lawsuit, and I will see you through as well as I can, but I want to tell you before you start that a lawsuit is equal to a fire."

Sabbath Breaking.

Another mighty temptation for the legal profession is Sabbath breaking. The trial has been going on for ten or fifteen days. The evidence is all in. It is Saturday night. The judge's gavel falls on the desk, and he says, "Crier, adjourn the

court until 10 o'clock Monday morning." On Monday morning the counselor is to sum up the case. Thousands of dollars, yea, the reputation and life of his client may depend upon the success of his plea. How will he spend the intervening Sunday? There is not one lawyer out of a hundred that can withstand the temptation to break the Lord's day under such circumstances, and yet if he does he hurts his own soul. What, my brother, you cannot do before 12 o'clock Saturday night or after 12 o'clock Sunday night God does not want you to do at all. Besides that, you want the twenty-four hours of Sabbath rest to give you that electrical and magnetic force which will be worth more to you before the jury than all the elaboration of your case on the sacred day. My intimate and lamented friend, the late Judge Nilson, in his interesting reminiscences of Rufus Choate, says that during the last case that gentleman tried in New York the court adjourned from Friday until Monday on account of the illness of Mr. Choate. But the chronicler says that on the intervening Sabbath he saw Mr. Choate in the old brick church listening to the Rev. Dr. Gardiner Springer. I do not know whether on the following day Rufus Choate won his cause or lost it, but I do know that his Sabbath rest did not do him any harm. Every lawyer is entitled to one day's rest out of seven. If he surrenders that, he robs three—God, his own soul and his client. Lord Castlereagh and Sir Thomas Romilly were the leaders of the bar in their day. They both died suicides. Wilberforce accounts for their aberration of intellect on the ground that they were intermittent in their work and they never rested on Sunday. "Poor fellow!" said Wilberforce in regard to Castlereagh; "poor fellow, it was non-observance of the Sabbath." Chief Justice Hale says, "When I do not properly keep the Lord's day, all the rest of the week is unhappy and unsuccessful in my worldly employment."

I quote to-day from the highest statute book in the universe, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." The legal gentleman who breaks that statute may seem for awhile to be advantaged, but in the long run the men who observe this law of God will have larger retainers, vaster influence, greater professional success than those men who break the statute. Observance of the law of God pays not only in hard dollars or bank bills, but in the peace of mind and the contentment of the soul.

Another powerful temptation of the legal profession is to artificial stimulus. No one except those who have addressed audiences knows about the nervous exhaustion that sometimes comes afterward. The temptation to strong drink approaches the legal profession at that very point. Then, a trial is coming on. Through the ill-ventilated court room the barrister's health has been depressed for days and for weeks. He wants to rally his energy. He is tempted to resort to artificial stimulus. It is either to get himself up or let himself down that this temptation comes upon him. The flower of the American bar, ruined in reputation and ruined in estate, in his last moments: "This is the end. I am dying on a borrowed bed, covered with a borrowed sheet, in a house built by public charity. Bury me under that tree in the middle of the field, that I may not be crowded. I always have been crowded."

The Great Future.

Another powerful temptation of the legal profession is to allow the absorbing duties of the profession to shut out thoughts of the great future. You know very well that you who have so often tried others will after awhile be put on trial yourselves. Death will serve on you a writ of ejection, and you will be put off these earthly premises. On that day all the affairs of your life will be presented in a "bill of particulars." No certiorari from a higher court, for this is the highest court. The day when Lord Exeter was tried for high treason; the day when the house of commons moved for the impeachment of Lord Lovat; the days when Charles I. and Queen Caroline were put upon trial; the day when Robert Emmet was arraigned as an insurgent; the day when Blennerhasset was brought into the court room because he had tried to overthrow the United States Government, and all the other great trials of the world are nothing compared with the great trial in which you and I shall appear, summoned before the Judge of quick and dead.

There will be no pleading there, the statute of limitations, no "turning estate evidence," trying to get off ourselves while others suffer, no "moving for a non-suit." The case will come on inexorably, and we shall be tried. You, my brother, who have so often been advocate for others, will then need an advocate for yourself. Have you selected him, the Lord Chancellor of the Universe? If any man sin, we have an advocate—Jesus Christ the righteous. It is uncertain when your case will be called on. "Be ye also ready."

Short Sermons.

Politics.—Politics as a science is grand, as an art it is damnable, and we have had too much of the latter sort and too little of the former. Of these great dangers there are but few words to be said, that there shall be loyalty to the country, and obedience to God, for this is a religious country, founded on religion, and we want to write upon our banners, "In God We Trust."—Rev. F. A. Horton, Presbyterian, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Unseen Life.—There is something in life besides houses and lands, and clothing and luxurious comfort for the body or amusement for the mind. There is something besides business—something besides the practical question of getting on in the world, of outshining one's neighbors, and having what is called a good time. Man shall not live by these things—by bread alone. Every mode of life is a mistake that does not take cognizance of the unseen and eternal.—Rev. A. J. Chapin, Universalist, Chicago.

Pentecost.—We certainly need another Pentecost, and the need is always a prophecy of the coming of that which would meet the longing. The church needs it. We behold people to-day utterly forgetting the place of the Holy Ghost in the Government of the church, substituting man-made power and methods for his power and direction, stooping to all sorts of methods for the purpose of raising funds to carry on the work of the Gospel and the advancement of the kingdom, almost completely blotting out the line of demarcation between the church and the world.—Rev. Dr. Shapman, Presbyterian, Philadelphia, Pa.



WATCHING FOR THE FOURTH.

tion which left the impression they were fortunate, indeed. And they went home elated.

After that the planning went on merrily. They furnished their own uniforms, but the committee provided guns and ammunition. Twice a week Captain Knox drilled squads of volunteers down on the campus. Saturday afternoon before the Fourth there was a grand rehearsal, with an occasional cessation of hostilities while Captain Knox scolded in a loud voice and made them go back and do an assault all over again. It promised to be one of the most famous events in life of Wheatland.

Thursday all four of the boys went into the city to buy fireworks. Each had been saving money for weeks, and the bundles of purchases was too big to be carried. So they sent it by express, and worried all day Friday lest the railroad company should fail them. But the bundle came in the afternoon, and they unrolled their treasures in Sanford's carriage house. The fireworks had been selected with an eye single to noise. And—viewed from a standpoint—the collection was simply per-

Was Soon Cured

Experience of a Batavia, Ill., Woman and Her Daughter.

BATAVIA, ILL.—"My little daughter had eczema very badly and the medicine she took did not help her. Then we began giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla and she was soon cured. I have also taken this medicine myself and it has relieved me of rheumatism and stomach trouble. I am thankful there is such a medicine as Hood's Sarsaparilla." MARY E. NETZEY.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A Relative Calculation.

George—Have you got your list of guests made out for the box party?
 Clara—Not quite. It's in honor of Mrs. Brownstun, you know, and I must invite people who would be congenial. Of course I'll have to ask the Frisbee girls. They are her sisters, you remember. That's two.
 "No, it's one."
 "One?"
 "Yes. They are half sisters."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Some Editors Take the Risk.
 "Davie, what is scandal?"
 "Scandal is the somethin' a feller don't dare t' print in a newspaper for fear of gettin' licked."—Judge.

Experiment has shown that petroleum ether can be used to measure, by its contraction, temperatures several hundred degrees below zero on the Fahrenheit scale. At the temperature at which liquid air boils—310 degrees Fahr. below zero—petroleum ether still remains in a viscous or semi-liquid condition, and continues to contract with decrease of temperature.

Thieves, at Buckinghamshire, England, stole a bronze and stone fountain fourteen feet high.

You can't judge the size of the hurt by that of the howl.

A HEALTHY WIFE

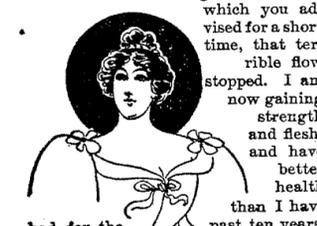
Is a Husband's Inspiration.

A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, especially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyousness in the home. I sometimes marvel at the patience of some husbands.

If a woman finds that her energies are flagging and that everything tires her, her sleep is disturbed by horrible dreams, and that she often wakes suddenly in the night with a feeling of suffocation and alarm, she must at once regain her strength.

It matters not where she lives, she can write a letter. Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will reply promptly and without charge. The following shows the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, accompanied with a letter of advice:

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to flow for nearly six months. Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to you for advice. After using the treatment which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow stopped. I am now gaining strength and flesh and have better health than I have had for the past ten years. I wish to say to all distressed suffering women, do not suffer longer, when there is one so kind and willing to aid you."—Mrs. F. S. BENNETT, Westphalia, Kans.



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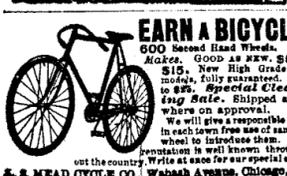
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HANNA FOR SENATOR.

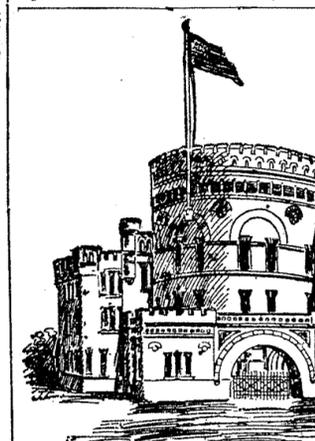
ENDORSED BY THE BUCKEYE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Exciting Contest Over the Selection of a Campaign Chairman—Platform Urges the President and Congress to Be Loyal to Anti-Election Tenets.

Bushnell Renominated.
 The Ohio Republican convention met in Toledo Tuesday to nominate a full State ticket and endorse a candidate for United States Senator. There was no opposition to Senator Hanna for both the short and the long terms and none to the renomination of Gov. Bushnell and other State officers, all of whom are running for their second terms.

The contest from the start was for the control of the State Central Committee. Each of the twenty-one congressional districts was closely canvassed in advance for committee men and both factions claimed a majority of the twenty-one members up to the day of the convention. Senator Foraker, Gov. Bushnell and others had been untrusting in their efforts to retain Chairman Charles L. Kurtz, while Senator Hanna and the old following of President McKinley and Secretary Sherman supported Maj. Charles Dick for the place. Maj. Dick was chairman of the Ohio State executive committee in both of McKinley's campaigns for Governor and in the presidential campaign of 1892. Dick was superseded by Kurtz as chairman in Gov. Bushnell's first campaign two years ago and he has held the place ever since.

In addition to the factional elements represented there has been a strong rival-



TOLEDO ARMORY, WHERE OHIO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION WAS HELD

ry for years between Dick and Kurtz and the fight between them was the distinguishing feature of this convention. It involved all the party leaders on one side or the other and was the most bitter contest that has been waged within either party for years.

Work in the Convention.
 The first day's session of the convention was taken up with the preliminary work. The hall in the Armory was opened at 3 o'clock, but the delegates were late in arriving. Senator Hanna entered by a side door and was on the platform before his presence in the convention hall was discovered. He was given a seat, and the noise made by the Hanna delegates had scarcely subsided when Gov. Bushnell, accompanied by Attorney General Monnett, entered.

The Bushnell men among the delegates tried to outdo the Hanna men in the noise and effusiveness of their greetings. Chairman Crouse called the convention to order and made a short speech, in which he took occasion to congratulate the delegates that they had a Republican President, two Republican Senators and Republican officers all the way down from these high positions to constables. After the prayer four young women dressed in white sang a couple of songs, in which they predicted the election and an honorable and long senatorial career for Mr. Hanna. This caught the portion of the delegates, and they let loose a lot more of Hanna enthusiasm.

Then came Congressman Grosvenor's speech. Mr. Grosvenor took occasion to mention the two United States Senators from Ohio. First, he said some kind things about Senator Foraker, and the remarks were duly approved by the admirers of that gentleman who were in the



GOVERNOR BUSHNELL.

convention hall. Immediately after this applause had died away the temporary chairman turned his attention to Mr. Hanna. He said all sorts of good things about him, and then stepped back from his table to wait for the applause to die away. The Hanna men shouted themselves hoarse, but the Bushnell men sat sullenly silent. Gen. Grosvenor brought another shout from the delegates when he said that the present national administration had already put back hundreds of Republicans who had been ousted from their positions by the Democrats, and

announced that President McKinley intended to put back as many more as he could under the civil service law.

At the conclusion of Gen. Grosvenor's address the district caucus reports were read, after which the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday's Session.
 With the contest for the chairmanship settled so decisively Tuesday in favor of Major Charles F. Dick and the entire



SENATOR HANNA.

Hanna slate, the Republican State convention proceeded promptly at 10 o'clock Wednesday with the usual business. The report on credentials was adopted without opposition, as it made no material difference in the control of the convention, which was overwhelmingly with Senator Hanna. The temporary organization, with Gen. C. H. Grosvenor in the chair, was made the permanent organization, and the reports of other committees were readily disposed of. There was more than the usual interest taken in the resolutions and the committee was in session all night trying to frame the platform so as to prevent a contest in the convention on the civil service, Cuban and other planks.

The platform adopted indorses the national Republican platform and pledges



allegiance to the national administration. Among the principal planks are the following:

The Republican party has always been the friend of the down-trodden and oppressed, and has always deeply sympathized with the struggle of any people for independence. We extend our sympathy to the patriots of Cuba in their efforts to achieve freedom from Spanish cruelty and oppression, and hope that the day of their deliverance is near at hand. We commend the course of the President, and express our confidence in his speedy and patriotic disposition of the Cuban question in accordance with wise statesmanship and a firm and vigorous policy.

We believe that the administration in negotiating the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii has acted wisely and we express the hope that the Senate will ratify the same.

We denounce the violation of the spirit of the civil service act by President Cleveland in those orders which extended its operation beyond its purpose and intent, and demand such revocation of orders or modification of the law as will accomplish its manifest purpose.

Faithfully wedded to the principle of protection, we demand for the wool growers of Ohio such ample protection for wool as shall speedily increase American flocks sufficiently to supply all American needs.

We indorse the wise, faithful and satisfactory administration of Gov. Bushnell and congratulate the people of this State upon the financial condition of the commonwealth.

The mention of Senator Hanna's name was greeted with loud demonstrations, and after the resolutions were adopted Senator Hanna was called for. He thanked the convention for this expression of confidence and pledged himself to cooperate with the standard-bearer (Bushnell) for Republican success in Ohio.

Ticket Nominated.
 Nominations were then made as follows:

Governor—Asa S. Bushnell.
 Lieutenant Governor—A. W. Jones.
 Supreme Judge—Jacob F. Burkett.
 Attorney General—Frank Monnett.
 State Treasurer—Samuel Campbell.

FAIR WEEK FOR CROPS.

Corn Makes Rapid Strides and Spring Wheat Is Doing Well.
 The week's crop bulletin, based on the reports of the directors of the several climate and crop sections, is as follows:

Except over the central Rocky Mountain region and California, where it was unseasonably cool, the week has been generally favorable for the growth and cultivation of crops. Corn has made vigorous growth in the principal corn States during the week. In the Dakotas, however, the crop continues backward with uneven stands. Cotton has made good growth during the week. Southward of the northern boundary of Tennessee the bulk of the winter wheat crop has been harvested, and some thrashing has been done in Texas. Harvesting in Kansas is nearly completed and will begin this week in Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland. In Washington recent rains have practically assured winter wheat in that State. In California harvesting continues with light yield and grain of indifferent quality. Spring wheat is doing well generally and has made rapid growth in North Dakota. In South Dakota, however, while the outlook for early sown is good, the late sown is less promising.

John I. Blair, New Jersey's greatest and most generous philanthropist, is dying.

An Automobile Carriage.

If Thomas A. Edison is correctly quoted, a powerful rival of the bicycle will soon appear. The initial cost and expense of operating the automobile vehicles which have so far been placed upon the market have prevented their general use, but it is stated by Mr. Edison that a new form of motor and carriage has been designed at the general electric works at Schenectady which can be profitably sold for \$100 or \$125.

This is no more than the cost of a high grade bicycle and the only additional expense of operating will be the cost of recharging the storage batteries, which are to be used to supply the motive power, but this will not be a large item should the invention attain the popularity which is confidently expected for it.

Mr. Edison further says that at least 2,000 inventors in this country alone are working on the horseless vehicle problem, and it is hardly possible that this combined ingenuity will not result in the final development of a sufficient large number of different forms of automobile carriages to suit all purses and tastes.

Roadside Orchards.

The experiment of planting fruit trees along the sides of public highways has been tried with satisfactory results in several German States and in Austria, and the products of the plantations have been the means of adding considerably to the revenues of the governments thereof. In Saxony the profit derived by the State from that source during fourteen years is estimated at about \$400,000. Planting of forest trees by the sides of the roads has been abandoned in Wurtemberg, and the planting and care of fruit trees are regulated by law. The trees are placed in the care of the abutting proprietor under the supervision of the highway inspector. In Bavaria and the Palatinat each road man is duplicated by a horticulturist, for whose qualification special instruction is provided, and who has to pass a competitive examination. In some regions the lines of the railroads are also planted, and in other the minor roads and even private roads.

There Is Money Still in Ranching.

Judge Torrey, the author of the well known national bankruptcy bill that bears his name, is one of the most successful stockmen in the Northwest. He is largely interested in one of the biggest cattle ranches in Wyoming, on which he raises as beautiful specimens of shorthorns and Herefords as can be found in the United States. On his ranch are also raised some high-priced hackney horses, in the breeding of which Judge Torrey takes special delight. In raising cattle the Judge goes in for practical results, and culls from the ranch some of the finest steers, which he ships to a Nebraska feeding farm in order to fatten them for market. Not long since he received a check for \$1,300 as the price of seven head of beefs, an average of nearly \$80 a head, which seems to demonstrate that there still is money in the ranching business when it is conducted along intelligent lines.

Tea, Coffee and Nerves.

Everybody in England drinks tea; morning, noon and night, and nervous diseases are consequently on the increase here. In this country we drink more coffee than the English do, with plenty of tea besides; and nervous diseases are on the increase here, too. Both these universal beverages are bad. They break down the health of habituating people to the effects of the poisonous principles they contain. The recent introduction of Grain-O, the new food-drink, designed to take the place of coffee (and why not tea?) is the beginning of a needed reform. Grain-O is made from pure grains, harmless, nutritious, palatable, good for young and old, and one-fourth the cost of coffee. Try it and you will drink no more coffee, and have better rest and sounder health as rewards. Packages 15c. and 25c. of any grocer.

Many spiders use their rope-making power in seizing their prey. They not only stab and poison their victim, but tie it, wing and leg, rapidly throwing over it coil after coil of sticky filament which soon not only make it helpless, but converts it into a mummy, thoroughly wrapped and not only easy to carry, but put up for preservation should the spider not desire an immediate meal.

Waltham—The Watch City.

Waltham, Mass., has achieved a reputation famous the world over for the fineness of its mechanical products. It is a city of high-class mechanics and has attained its position by keeping the highest standard always in view. A new business is being largely developed which bids fair to rival the older watch industry. It is the construction of high-class cycles by the Waltham Mfg. Co. For five years Orient bicycles have been marketed with immense success, and in the Eastern States the rider is looked upon with envy who can secure one of them early in the season, so great is the demand for Orient. The company has recently changed its Chicago headquarters from 288 Wabash ave. to the corner of the avenue and Van Buren st.

It is claimed that the perfume of flowers disappears as soon as the starch in the petals is exhausted; and it may, it is said, be restored by placing the flower in a solution of sugar, when the formation of starch and the emission of fragrance will be at once resumed.

Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Is a constitutional cure. Price 75 cents.

Alfred de Musset fell in love with George Sand, and when she tired of him, as she did of every one else, he took to absinthe and soon succeeded in drinking himself to death.

Women admiration with who Glenn's Sulphur Soap improve the skin. Hall's Hair and Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50c.

Swift's letters to Stella and Vanessa, the two correspondences being carried on at the same time, are equally good, equally loving, and, at present, equally unreadable.

There Is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c and 25c per package.

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Hunting big game is not as hard work as it used to be in the days of the long, heavy, big-bored rifles. With a light, modern rifle, such as the Model '94 or '95 Winchester, more game can be killed and at much longer distances than with any one of the old-time guns. The Model '95 Winchester is one of the highest powered rifles made. It will shoot a 30-caliber U. S. army bullet through over fifty inches of dry pine boards, and drive a bullet at the rate of 2,000 feet a second through the air. Hunters all over the country say that this is the best hunting rifle ever made. Send to the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, Ct., for a large illustrated catalogue free.

Two years ago 800 salmon trout were turned into the ornamental water in St. James' Park, London. But as these fish cannot live except in fresh running water all have perished, whereas roach and eels flourish in the lake.

A stimulant is often needed to nourish and strengthen the roots and to keep the hair a natural color. Hall's Hair Renewer is the best tonic for the hair.

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Coming Events.

The dates for the summer meeting of the Grand Rapids Driving Club are July 27 to 30. Further particulars next week.
 H. E. Hendrick will deliver the 4th of July oration at Streeter's Gun lake landing Saturday, July 3. Young ladies from this village and Wayland will give recitations.
 Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday 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. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
 Following is the program to be rendered at the Congregational church, Sunday evening, July 4.
 Song..... Congregation
 Prayer..... Rev. H. Appleton
 Song..... Choir
 Reading—Declaration of Independence..... Vera P. Cobb
 Song..... Choir
 Recitation..... Daisy L. Dowling
 Solo..... M. S. Johnson
 Remarks..... H. M. Rice
 Recitation..... Glenn Blake
 Reading..... Jesse W. Cobb
 Collection..... Congregation
 Benediction..... Congregation
 Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning, communion and reception of members. Evening, Independence Day service. See special program. Sabbath school at close of morning service. Junior C. E., 4 p. m. Subject, "How Can We Serve Our Country?" Leader, Edith Bundy. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Consecrated Patriots, What Will They Do?" Deut. xxxii:1-18. Leader, Miss Bessie M. Fullagar. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

CONG'L AID SOCIETY.
 The Congregational society will serve supper in the church parlors Friday, July 2. Ladies to entertain: Mrs. S. Campbell, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. D. Campbell, Miss Flora Campbell, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Coman, Mrs. Brodie. Business meeting at 3 o'clock. Supper from 5 to 7. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

M. E. AID SOCIETY.
 The M. E. Aid society will meet in the church parlors Friday, July 3. The following ladies will entertain: Mrs. Rock, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. H. Russell, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. C. Schondelmayer, Mrs. J. Schondelmayer. Supper from 5 to 7. A cordial invitation to all.

CARD OF THANKS.
 We desire to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the many friends who so kindly met us at the train and assisted us in the burial of our infant, Claude A. Also for the many floral offerings.
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 Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for coughs, colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 2

MEETS THE DEMAND.
 Mr. James R. Hayes, proprietor of the Wayne hotel, Detroit, recognizing the very popular demand for cheaper hotel rates, not only from the commercial men, but from the traveling public in general, has decided to satisfy this demand in making some radical changes in price by reducing the rates of the Wayne Hotel to \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day, and the rooms with bath to \$3.00, single meals to be 50 cents. Mr. Hayes wants it thoroughly understood that the reduction in rates will not in any way interfere with the hotel being kept up to the same standard of excellence as in the past.

SOMETHING TO KNOW.
 It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at J. W. Armstrong's drug store. 2

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COMMENCEMENT.
 The seventeenth annual commencement exercises of our public schools took place at the Congregational church Thursday evening, June 24, and were listened to by the usual eager crowd of people. The weather was exceedingly warm and the church packed to the doors, and nearly as many went away being unable to gain admittance. We would say hold the exercises in a grove had we a suitable one. A few objections, however, but it seems very bad to disappoint so many people who are anxious to witness these graduating exercises. It is gratifying to teachers and officers of our schools to have the community at large attend these exercises and note the advancement and the pride taken in the pupils of our public schools. May there be some project thought of before another commencement whereby all interested may be accommodated with comfortable seats.
 The church was profusely decorated with plants and ferns, and suspended over the rostrum was the class motto, "Honors Wait at Labor's Gate."
 The class this year numbers nine, bright, active girls and boys who are starting out with a good educational foundation and physically strong. We expect to see them in a few years filling positions of honor and trust with credit to parents and instructors.
 The exercises opened with a voluntary by Miss Olive Clever, followed by song, "In the Gloaming," by the Bell Quartet, both nicely rendered. Rev. W. A. Biss invoked the divine blessing in an impressive manner, after which E. D. Matteson sang a solo, "Good-bye Sweet Day," which elicited his usual applause.
 Llewellyn J. Morgan, salutarian, delivered his welcome oration in a clear, distinct voice and it was well written.
 Miss Dora L. Brown was next on the program with an essay, "The Value of Environments." She had it nearly all committed and gave it in such a manner that those in the farthest part of the room could hear distinctly the well composed production.
 Essay, "Knowledge," by Miss Jessie Knickerbocker was well handled and Miss Jessie surprised her friends by her clear and fearless delivery, as by nature she is very modest and retiring.
 The class history was assigned to Roy F. Clemens who pleased the audience with such a complete description of his classmates from head to foot.
 Miss Lena Griswold and W. A. Pinney sang a duet entitled "Silent Night" with good effect.
 Miss Grace Hill's essay, "The Price of Success," showed many good and true thoughts and much careful study and was finely delivered.
 Ira D. Townsend, president of the class, delivered an oration, "A Law of Progress," and did exceedingly well. Wouldn't wonder if Ira would be admitted to the bar some day.
 The class prophecy by Miss Minnie Steeby was eloquently arranged and delivered as an oration. We wonder not that Miss Steeby was chosen for this subject with such imaginative powers.
 Oration, "On the Threshold," by Miss Bertha Jordan was lengthy and perfectly delivered, showing that she had put much study on her subject which developed her talent as an elocutionist.
 The Bell Quartet rendered "Grand Old Ocean" in a manner which elicited much applause.
 Miss Ethel Russell was accorded the honor of being chosen valedictorian. She in return did honor to her class with her well meaning and impressive sentences and closing farewells to superintendent and classmates.
 Mr. Aaron Clark, director of the school board, presented the diplomas after making a very enthusiastic and instructive address; after which music, "Good Night," by the quartet was nicely rendered followed by the benediction.
 Each graduate received a large number of floral tributes and many nice presents. More baskets and bouquets it seems than any previous year on account of the perfect season. Everyone we know felt well repaid for their time in attending these successful exercises.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.
 The most horrible accident that has occurred in this county for years, happened in Hastings, Tuesday afternoon which resulted in two deaths. Mrs. Gil Darling was attempting to fill a gasoline tank from an open can of gasoline near a wood fire in the kitchen stove. So much gas was generated that in an instant there was an explosion which frightfully burned Mrs. Darling and her small child, two and one-half years of age. The child was burned literally to a crisp and died in a few moments. The mother lingered in terrible agony for about four hours before death relieved her of her suffering. Mr. Darling is a brother of Mrs. Charles Annison, Jr., of this village, who was immediately telephoned and went to the city.

FROM AN OLD SOLDIER.
 Knox, Ind., Jan. 14, 1897.
 Gents:—I have every confidence in recommending your Syrup of Pepsin. I am 72 years of age and am broken down, the trouble having been brought on by my experience in the war. Your medicine has done me more good than a hundred doctors and I am just about well of stomach troubles.
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ALUMNI.
 About seventy-nine people were in attendance at the fifth annual meeting and banquet of the Middleville High School Alumni association held in the Congregational church last Friday evening. The usual business meeting was conducted in the auditorium, the rostrum being prettily decorated with plants and ferns. One of the important transactions at this meeting was the admission of the active resident clergyman as honorary members. The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:
 President—Ray M. Ferguson.
 Vice-President—Stephen Baker.
 Secretary—Daisy L. Dowling.
 Treasurer—Vera P. Cobb.
 Members of Executive Committee—C. N. Webb, Arthur L. Cridler, Mrs. Clara Keeler.
 Soon after the business meeting closed, refreshments were announced as being ready in the parlors below. It was a pleasing sight on entering the banquet room to behold the tables and decorations; beautiful china, lamps and flowers shone with exquisite brightness which vied with the light and airy costumes of the guests and was indeed a feast for the soul. Next came the feast of good things to eat, which included lettuce sandwiches, cold ham, eggs, pickles, cabbage salad, chocolate cake, coffee and iced tea—then ice-cream, strawberries and angel food—all of which was nicely served and highly enjoyed by the members and guests.
 Following the banquet came the "feast of reason and flow of soul." The toastmistress, Miss Vera P. Cobb, arose and made a few introductory remarks in her usual good humor and filled the duties of her position in a most acceptable manner. The following toasts were responded to: Welcome to Class of '97, Daisy L. Dowling, '94; Response, Dora L. Brown, '97; "Our Responsibilities," Jesse W. Cobb, '92; "The Ladies," Charles R. Sylvester, '96; "Our Fraternal Gathering," Clarence M. Baker, '95. The responses given were all in a very happy vein and showed thorough preparation on the part of each participant, winning for each many words of praise. The Bell Quartet and Messrs. Peeps and Abbott furnished music for the occasion. After the printed program had been rendered the toastmistress called for one minute extemporaneous speeches from several, giving the subject at the same time. Quite a degree of mirth was provoked by this unique idea. A very successful event was the alumni of 1897.

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 Byron Bidlecome, Kalamazoo; Maggie Estlin, Baltimore.....27-24
 Elbridge G. Potter, Maple Grove; Mary J. Nickerson, Calhoun Co.....35-40

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