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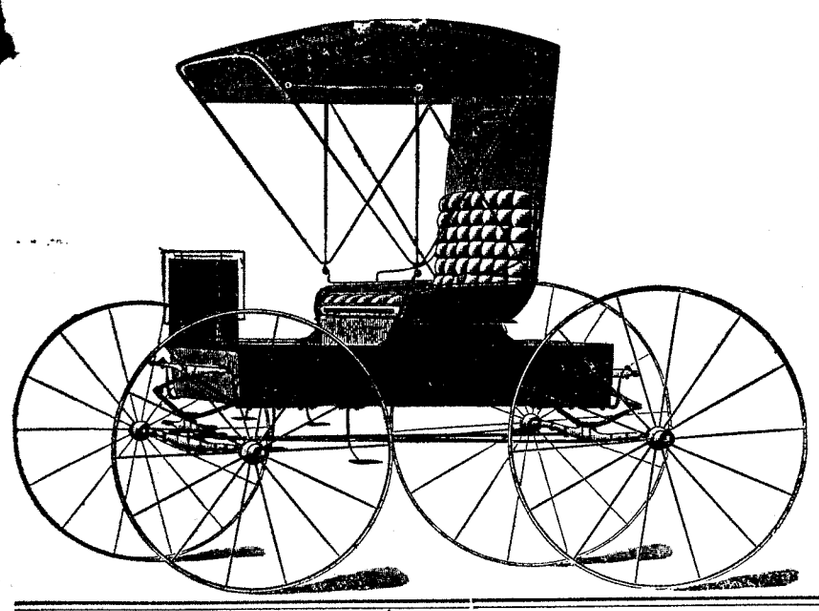

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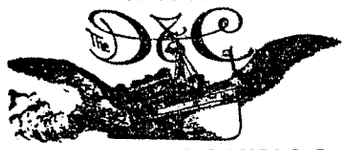

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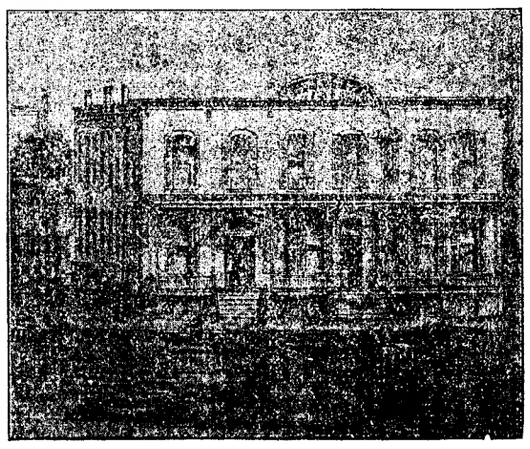

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Neighborhood Notes

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BOWEN'S MILLS.

Sept. 21—Guy Brock and Will Bowman of Union City are visiting their mother, Mrs. Heard. Both are at work in the cement works, which were built last year, employing thirty men. This cement is made from marl and clay and is called Portland cement. Wayland used two carloads of it making cement sidewalks.

Mrs. Kittie Haines (*nee* Baird) returned home last week. Her sister, Pearl Baird, accompanied her to Coldwater.

Will Bechtel, for some reason (perhaps best known to himself) makes regular visits to this neighborhood, once in two weeks, Sunday evenings noticeably—to see his sister, of course.

Bert Armstrong took in the base ball tournament at Delton besides visiting friends in that locality last Saturday.

Happy Jack O'Conor of Free Methodist locality near Wayland was among his friends here one day last week. Jack always has a smile on and with his Irish wit makes fun for the rest of us chaps. He says Wayland is knocking out the trade from Middleville and other surrounding towns, selling goods cheaper than dirt; besides, another inducement is held out to the trade—a saloon is soon to be in full blast with whiskey at cost and beer on draught.

An oil man was on our streets one day last week representing a Cleveland company.

Henry Lewis is building an addition to Steve Sensiba's house and Steve has a smile all over his face. If one has the blues and Steve is around, one will soon forget them.

Ol Mattison is also building and fixing up his house in good shape.

Chas. Purdy has completed a nice wire fence built by fencebuilders from Richland.

Corn cutting is in order, wheat is going into the ground at a lively rate and seeding will soon be a thing of the past.

Joe Burpee departed this life of single blessedness last Wednesday by taking unto himself Luella Bassett of Kalamazoo as a partner in his business for life. May their pathway be strewn with flowers without a thorn.

Parmelee Pickings for the right as we understand the right. That is a good saying and another good one is, be sure that you're right and then go ahead. In olden times it is said one must not whistle or talk above a whisper, much less laugh, on Sunday. Then, too, people believed in hobgoblins, spooks, ghosts, witchery and witchcrafts and, in fact, all sorts of superstitions stalked abroad in the minds of the people. One might as well say why talk on Sunday; but education and sense reasoning has brought about a great change and for the betterment of humanity. Close-fisted sectarian denominations are throwing off this old mantle of superstition and are conforming more to the principles of being more Christ-like.

CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Too late for last issue.

Sept. 14—Miss Emma Oswald and Mr. Willburg of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Marie Gildner.

Henry Marshal of near Ypsilanti, who has been visiting his uncle, I. R. Wade, returned home Saturday eve.

J. Verne Kinsey is posting fair bills.

George Calkins of Grand Rapids was in town Monday eve.

Mrs. H. Becker is the guest of her brother, Dr. Lindsley, of Allegan.

A surprise was sprung on Claude Barber last Friday eve, the occasion of his 16th birthday. A jolly good time is reported by all present.

Mrs. J. A. Liebler was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mrs. McCarty, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Abe Miller, returned to her home in Chicago, Friday.

Ed Apsey spent Sunday with his wife at Grand Rapids.

Ike Martin of Cressey visited his parents over Sunday.

Mrs. Flora Martin began her school in the Stone district Monday.

Mr. John McOmber of Hastings called on one of our young ladies Sunday eve.

Benefit at M. E. church for Geo Finkbeiner Tuesday night.

Clara Shisler of Grand Rapids called on Blanche Stone Monday evening.

May Wisner and her brother, Manley, visited at E. C. Apsey's, Sunday.

Geo. Carmody of Wayland, formerly of this place, was in town Tuesday.

Warren Carr of Middleville called on friends Monday evening.

The repairs on hotel are rapidly nearing completion. It will look like a different house when finished.

Mrs. Eli Good just returned from a five weeks' visit in Indiana.

Sept. 20—Mrs. S. Lymanstall was in Grand Rapids Monday.

Maggie Bergy of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her many friends at Caledonia.

Sarah Swain returned Saturday from Mt. Clemens.

Chas. Bechtel of Manton is a guest at Mrs. D. Kinsey's.

Meda Bergy of Grand Rapids is dressmaking with Mrs. S. Lymanstall.

Mrs. O. S. Kinsey was in Middleville Saturday.

Ed Apsey and Charlie Forward were in Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Blanch Stone has a friend visiting her from Racine, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Doerr of Sunfield is making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. D. Kinsey.

Lizzie Brower left Monday for Grand Rapids, where she goes to work at dressmaking.

Tobias Bergy of Mt. Pleasant is in town.

Milton Jordan, Walter Hayward and Mr. Olmstead of Middleville were seen on our streets, Monday.

Sadie Soper of Grand Rapids is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Volwiler.

Maude Kennedy of Grand Rapids visited her grandparents over Sunday.

Mrs. Woodward of Dutton was in town Monday.

Georgie Finkbeiner, whose leg was amputated last Thursday, is much better. All hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Born to Chas. Finkbeiner and wife, a Sunday son.

DUNCAN LAKE.

Too late for last issue.

September 15—Last Wednesday occurred the annual reunion of the Bechtel families at the home of Mrs. D. Bechtel and son, Allan, on which occasion there were of their relatives 62 in number met there from the towns of Thornapple, Caledonia, Bowne, Gaines, Campbell, and those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Thann Castle of Lakeview, Mich., also Mrs. Wilson and two children from Petoskey; all of whom were royally entertained by Allan and Mrs. Bechtel.

Detweiler's machine threshed the last job at Duncan lake, Monday, Myron Kilmer being the "last sardine in the box."

Mr. and Mrs. Thaler of Leighton visited F. Andler and wife, Sunday.

Your cor. and wife attended the funeral of Mr. Stimson, Monday. Our acquaintance with "Uncle Amasa" covers a period of thirty years and it has been always a source of pleasure to us to meet and converse with him.

A good time for bass fishing in the lake. "I have tried it and I know."

Giles Shepard is our model farmer. Everything about his premises is "A number 1." Call on him and be convinced.

Sorry "Rusticus" was not at home when the SUN force called at Duncan lake Monday. [So is the force.]

Sept. 20—There was some frost on the low grounds.

Adam Clemens and wife of Leighton were at Duncan lake yesterday (Sunday), but your cor. and family being away, they returned home. Sorry. Try again, Adam, and we will try and be at home. Telephone.

Mrs. Gamwell and a lady from Wayland were at this place last week, Mrs. G. looking after her interest in the mill property.

Henry Clements attended the entertainment at East Caledonia last Friday evening. The program was a fine one.

The Baird boys, Ben and Rob, are cutting corn with a machine drawn by a horse. It works O. K. Think we will try one.

Ourself and family visited Wilbur Carpenter near Parmelee, Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Amy and daughter, Lenna (Mrs. A. Apsey), of East Caledonia called on us Sunday evening while on their way home from Dorr.

As cider apples are scarce, Chas. Pike is using elder berries as a substitute in his cider press. Chas. thinks they will "fill the bill."

PARMELEE PICKINGS.

"Pro Bono Publico."

It is Sunday evening, clear and cold; no frost tonight.

The time to be happy is now; the place to be happy is here.

Corn-cutting is well under headway and help is very scarce.

Rev. Frank Woodmansee of Chase, Midland Co., spoke to an attentive congregation in Parmelee this eve.

Mrs. Fremont Joels is in Grand Rapids at present caring for her afflicted daughter, Mrs. Dr. Buck.

Our nervous system is "bullet-proof." That dog is still howling while I write.

Reuben Stimson is well pleased with his new vocation in the brass factory and ere long we will be obliged to say good-bye to him and his estimable wife. They will soon move to your village.

E. R. Skiff was in Grand Rapids Saturday on business. We have it from good authority that the mill which has been so successfully operated in this vicinity for a number of years will be taken down and moved to Hart, Oceana Co., in a very short time. We will send our regrets later on.

Intelligence has reached our community that Chas. Parmelee is the possessor of 160 acres near Stanwood and bears the "nom de plume" a full-fledged "mossback."

To our sorrow and disgust the elevator is closed indefinitely and our wheat buyer is a candidate for "greener fields and pastures new." We hear mutterings that Caledonia will now get the Parmelee grain crop.

The funeral of A. G. Stimson was largely attended at the Methodist church in this place last Monday p. m., Elder Moore presiding as officiating clergyman. Deceased was interred in the cemetery near by, which he chopped and cleared 40 years ago.

Good judges tell us that there will be upwards of 3000 bushels of clover-seed threshed in Thornapple township this season. The crop is a very promising one in this locality.

Every member of the Cemetery association is expected to be present Monday evening next, as some very important matters will be presented for consideration.

Doctors still fail to diagnose the disease of Edward Kermeen and we are obliged to note that his health is gradually failing.

Literary exercises will be organized in Parmelee in the near future. There isn't anything going on now to elevate or interest the young or those in middle life and by meeting and exchanging ideas there is hopes that some benefit may be derived.

Ernie White has nobly won the title of the champion with the corn-knife—three acres a day, that's all.

Thomas Scott and wife of west Thornapple paid Parmelee friends an interesting visit last Sunday.

The auction sale at the Allen farm last Thursday passed off pleasantly and profitably to both seller and buyer; good cheer all around.

Mr. Tungate is confined to the house at this writing. Exercising too freely in the cornfield during the recent very warm weather was the cause. We all sympathize.

George Carr of Allegan Co. is now a resident of Parmelee.

Johnnie Hallett and wife of Cadillac are visiting for a few days with E. R. Skiff's people. It will be remembered that Mr. Hallett was in the employ of Mr. Skiff for a number of years in the '80s.

Fifthly and lastly (as the preacher says) it would be stupid indeed if I failed to recognize the compliment in last week's issue from my unknown friend of Bowen's Mills. Allow me the privilege of saying that I have watched closely and (if I am a judge) as far as elegance of diction, brevity and genuine completeness is concerned, your equal is not to be found upon the "staff" of the SUN'S reporters. Come and see me *before* dinner. I am not unapproachable, neither am I orthodox.

Yours truly, IDONOHOOITIZ.

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OF THE DAYS GONE BY.

Dreams, come home to my heart again,
With the memory of the past!
Come, with your pleasure and your pain,
And your hopes too bright to last!
Come from your hidden graves that lie
In the beautiful realms of the days gone by.
Come, from your glorious graves that lie
In the realms of the days gone by!

I will welcome ye all again,
As once in the halls of Eld,
Welcome the pleasure and the pain
For the beauty your brief lives held!
Dreams, come out of your secret graves,
In the woodland wilds, and the dim sea-caves.
Dreams, come out of your myriad graves,
In the wilds and the dim sea-caves!

Ye throng the halls of my heart once more,
With faces sad with pain!
Oh, faded ghosts of the drams of yore,
The joy comes not again!
Go back! to your mournful graves that lie
In the shadowy realms of the days gone by—
Go back! to your voiceless graves that lie
In the realms of the days gone by!

MILLIE AND MOLLIE.

"I've come to ask you for the hand of your daughter," said young Bromley, stumbling to the seat offered him by the girl's father.

"Which one?" asked old Dimmock, the coal merchant, laying down the newspaper which he had been reading and eying the young man curiously.

"Sometimes I think it is Mollie, and again I am sure it is Millie," replied young Bromley, genuinely perplexed.

The old coal merchant looked sympathetic.

"You can't have both," said he, after an awkward pause.

"They're splendid girls, good enough for anybody!" exclaimed the young man.

"Well, I rather think," said the old man, proudly.

"I could be happy with either of them," went on young Bromley.

"I'm disposed to think," observed old Dimmock, "that you have been happy with both of them."

"So they've told me more than once," said Bromley, with the pleasant light of recollection in his eyes.

"Well, can't you make up your mind which girl you want to marry?"

The old coal merchant looked at the young man with the fresh color and the loyal blue eyes as if he would like to have him for a son-in-law.

Young Bromley did not answer for a moment, and then he said slowly: "Which do you think sounds the better—'Millie Bromley' or 'Mollie Bromley?' Sometimes I've looked at it in that way."

"I don't think there's much to choose," returned the old coal merchant, weighing the question with every desire to be fair.

"You know," continued the young man, "there have been times when I've gone to bed perfectly charmed with the name 'Millie Bromley,' and in the morning 'Mollie Bromley' has caught my fancy. Millie, Mollie; Mollie, Millie—it's an awful puzzle."

"Of course, you've proposed to one of the girls?" inquired their father.

"O, yes, indeed," said young Bromley.

"Then that is the girl you want to marry," exclaimed the old man, triumphantly. "Why, it's simple enough, after all. You've taken quite a load off my mind. Which one was it?"

"It was Millie—I think," answered young Bromley, hesitatingly.

"Think! Don't you know?"

The young man flushed and looked reproachfully at the coal merchant.

"Mr. Dimmock," said he, "I'll put it to you as man to man: Which is Millie and which is Mollie?"

"Don't cross-examine me, sir," rejoined the old man. "If you want to marry one of the girls it's your business to find out."

"Heaven knows," cried young Bromley in anguish, "I want to marry either Millie or Mollie and have her all to myself. It's trying enough for a fellow to be over head and ears in love with one girl, but when there are two of them it's more than flesh and blood can stand."

"There, there, my boy," said the old coal merchant soothingly, "don't take on so. Either girl is yours with my blessing, but I want to keep one for myself. Let me see if I can help you." And going to the open French window he called:

"Millie, Mollie! Mollie, Millie!"

"Yes, papa, we're coming," sounded two sweet, well-bred voices from the shrubbery.

There was a tripping of light feet along the stony walk under the grape vine, and Millie and Mollie bloomed into the room.

"How do you do, Mr. Bromley?" they said together, with the same intonation and the same merry glint in their eyes.

Millie had auburn hair and brown eyes; so had Mollie. Millie had a Cupid's bow of a mouth, little teeth like pearls, and a dimpled chin; so had Mollie. Millie's arms, seen through her muslin sleeves, were round and white; so were Mollie's.

From waist to tips of their little feet the figures of Millie and Mollie were the same, line for line, and both were dressed in white muslin, with lilac bows behind their white necks and lilac sashes at their waists, lilac stockings without a wrinkle, and each wore white satin shoes. Their hair was loose over their fair brows and was braided down their backs, of just the same length, and tied at the end with lilac ribbons. Millie tied Mollie's bows and Mollie tied Millie's.

"Well, papa?"

"Young Bromley tells me," began old Mr. Dimmock, after he had taken drafts of their fresh young beauty by looking first at one and then at the other, and then dwelling upon the features of both with one eye sweep, "that he proposed to you last night."

"O, not to both, you know, Mr. Dimmock," interjected young Bromley.

"He asked me to be his wife," said Millie demurely.

"He told me that he could not live without me," said Mollie mischievously.

"How is this?" said the old man, turning to young Bromley with a severe look.

The young man blushed furiously and lifted his hands in protest.

"I'm sure," he stammered, "one of you is mistaken. I asked you, Millie, to be my wife in the summer-house—and—and—I kissed you. That was before supper, and later in the evening, when we sat on the front steps, I saw that I couldn't live without you, and that we must get married."

"Before we go any further," interrupted the old coal merchant, "which is Millie and which is Mollie? When your dear mother was alive she could tell the difference sometimes, but I don't know to this day."

"Oh, how dull you are, papa!" said the girls in duet.

"I think that is Millie on the right," spoke up young Bromley.

"Why, Mr. Bromley," said she, "I am Mollie."

"Very good, now let's go on," said their father; "where were we? O, yes, young Bromley says he asked you to be his wife, Millie, and declared he couldn't do without you."

"I beg your pardon, papa," said Mollie, "he told me that he couldn't live without me."

"Well, let's get our bearings," continued the old coal merchant. "Bromley, you asked Millie to marry you down in the summer-house, and you kissed her! That's correct, isn't it?"

"There's no doubt about that, sir," said Bromley eagerly.

"And after supper when you sat together on the stoop you told Mollie that you couldn't live without her?"

"That I deny, sir. O! I beg your pardon, Mollie, you needn't look so angry. I meant no offense."

"Did you kiss Mollie?" went on the old man relentlessly.

"No, sir. I——"

"Yes, you did, Mr. Bromley," flared up Mollie.

"I admit," said the young man, struggling with his emotions, "that I kissed her when I said I couldn't live without her, but it wasn't Mollie."

"O, Mollie!" said Millie, "how could you?"

"Now, Millie, do be reasonable," said Mollie.

Old Mr. Dimmock looked mystified.

"It seems to me," he said, with a show of impatience, "that if I were in love with one of those girls I could tell the difference between them. So far as I can make out, young man, you have asked Millie to be your wife, and have tried to make Mollie believe that you could not live without her. Now, to any one who does not know Millie and Mollie your conduct would appear to be perfidious. Of course, as between you and Mollie, I must believe Mollie, for the girl certainly knows whether you kissed her."

The old man eyed both of his daughters hard. Millie was biting her nether lip and so was Mollie; but Mollie was trying to keep from laughing.

Old Mr. Dimmock had an idea.

"I would like to clear up this thing to your satisfaction and my own, Bromley," said he. "Let me ask you whether Mollie kissed you when you told her you couldn't live without her?"

The young man got very red in the face.

"You mean Millie, of course," he replied, with embarrassment. "Perhaps she wouldn't mind saying that she kissed me in the summer-house. But she didn't kiss me on the stoop. I kissed her."

"How is that, Millie? Mollie?" asked their father.

"Papa," said Mollie decidedly. "I couldn't keep Mr. Bromley from kissing me, but I assure you I didn't kiss him."

Mollie looked her father straight in the eye, and then she shot an indignant shaft at Bromley.

Millie hung her head, and her face was as red as a poppy.

"I think," said the old man dryly, "that it's plain I'll keep Mollie, and we'll have that marriage before you make another mistake, young man."—New York Sun.

Webster and Clay Raise the Wind.

The recollections of John Sherman, the tallest and thinnest man in Congress, do not embrace the best story of Webster and Clay. Both were great money-makers, and both were forever in the hardest financial straits. One day Clay went to Webster and said:

"Got any money, Dan? I want $250."

"I was going over to borrow that amount of you," said Webster. "I am dead broke."

"Wonder where we can raise it? We need $500 between us."

They formed themselves in a committee of ways and means, and after much thought evolved a plan.

"Clay, if you will make a draft on me at thirty days I will indorse it, and we can get the money at the bank."

The draft is in a Washington bank at this day, bearing both signatures. The two "old boys" got the money and the next day were skirmishing around for more.—New York Press.

Siam's King.

Siam's outspoken monarch is to visit Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle next summer. He will go to Europe in his 2,500-ton steam yacht Maha Chakri, which was built for him in Scotland four years ago.

It is a rare man who does not lose his grip by the time he is 50 years old.

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This discourse flashes a bright light into the life of Christian workers and offers a sublime hope for all those who are discouraged in their attempts to do good. Dr. Talmage's text is Daniel xii., 3, "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever."

Every man has a thousand roots and a thousand branches. His roots reach down through all the earth. His branches spread through all the heavens. He speaks with voice, with eye, with hand, with foot. His silence often is loud as thunder and his life is a dirge or a doxology. There is no such thing as a negative influence. We are all positive in the place we occupy, making the world better or making it worse, on the Lord's side or on the devil's, making up reasons for our blessedness or banishment, and we have already done work in peopling heaven or hell. I hear people tell of what they are going to do. A man who has burned down a city might as well talk of some evil that he expects to do, or a man who has saved an empire might as well talk of some good that he expects to do. By the force of your influence you have already consumed infinite values, or you have by the power of a right influence won whole kingdoms for God.

It would be absurd for me, by elaborate argument, to prove that the world is off the track. You might as well stand at the foot of an embankment, amid the wreck of a capsized train, proving by elaborate argument that something is out of order. Adam tumbled over the embankment sixty centuries ago, and the whole race in one long train has gone on tumbling in the same direction. Crash, crash! The only question now is, By what leverage can the crushed thing be lifted? By what hammer may the fragments be reconstructed? I want to show you how we may turn many to righteousness, and what will be our future pay for so doing.

A Good Example.

First, we may turn them by the charm of a right example. A child coming from a filthy home was taught at school to wash its face. It went home so much improved in appearance that its mother washed her face. And when the father of the household came home and saw the improvement in domestic appearance he washed his face. The neighbors, happening in, saw the change and tried the same experiment, until all the street was purified, and the next street copies its example, and the whole city felt the result of one schoolboy washing his face. That is a fable by which we set forth that the best way to get the world washed of its sins and pollution is to have our own heart and life cleansed and purified. A man with grace in his heart and Christian cheerfulness in his face and holy consistency in his behavior is a perpetual sermon, and the sermon differs from others in that it has but one head, and the longer it runs the better.

There are honest men who walk down Wall street, making the teeth of iniquity chatter. There are happy men who go into a sickroom and by a look help the broken bone to knit and the excited nerves drop to a calm beating. There are pure men whose presence silences the tongue of uncleanness. The mightiest agent of good on earth is a consistent Christian. I like the Bible folded between lids of cloth, of calfskin or morocco, but I like it better when, in the shape of a man, it goes out into the world—a Bible illustrated. Courage is beautiful to read about, but rather would I see a man with all the world against him confident as though all the world were for him. Patience is beautiful to read about, but rather would I see a buffeted soul calmly waiting for the time of deliverance. Faith is beautiful to read about, but rather would I find a man in the midnight walking on as though he saw everything. Oh, how many souls have been turned to God by the charm of a bright example!

When in the Mexican war the troops were wavering, a general rose in his stirrups and dashed into the enemy's lines, shouting, "Men, follow me!" They, seeing his courage and disposition, dashed on after him and gained the victory. What men want to rally them for God is an example to lead them. All your commands to others to advance amount to nothing as long as you stay behind. To affect them aright you need to start for heaven yourself, looking back only to give the stirring cry of "Men, follow!"

Power of Prayer.

Again, we may turn many to righteousness by prayer. There is no such detective as prayer, for no one can hide away from it. It puts its hand on the shoulder of a man 10,000 miles off. It alights on a ship midatlantic. The little child cannot understand the law of electricity or how the telegraph operator by touching the instrument here may dart a message under the sea to another continent. Nor can we, with our small intellect, understand how the touch of a Christian's prayer shall instantly strike a soul on the other side of the earth. You take ship and go to some other country and get there at 11 o'clock in the morning. You telegraph to America and the message gets here at 6 o'clock the same morning. In other words, it seems to arrive here five hours before it started. Like that is prayer. God says, "Before they call I will hear." To overtake a loved one on the road you may spur up a lathered steed until he shall outrace the one that brought the news to Ghent, but a prayer shall catch it at one gallop. A boy running away from home may take the midnight train from the country village and reach the seaport in time to gain the ship that sails on the morrow, but a mother's prayer will be on the deck to meet him, and in the hammock before he swings into it, and at the capstan before he winds the rope around, and on the sea against the sky as the vessel plows on toward it. There is a mightiness in prayer. George Muller prayed a company of poor boys together, and then he prayed up an asylum in which they might be sheltered. He turned his face toward Edinburgh and prayed, and there came £1,000. He turned his face toward London and prayed, and there came £1,000. He turned his face toward Dublin and prayed, and there came £1,000. The breath of Elijah's prayer blew all the clouds off the sky, and it was dry weather. The breath of Elijah's prayer blew all the clouds together, and it was wet weather. Prayer in Daniel's time walked the cave as a lion tamer. It reached up and took the sun by its golden bit and stopped it and the moon by its silver bit and stopped it.

We have all yet to try the full power of prayer. The time will come when the American church will pray with its face toward the west and all the prairies and inland cities will surrender to God, and will pray with face toward the sea, and all the islands and ships will become Christian. Parents who have wayward sons will get down on their knees and say, "Lord, send my boy home," and the boy in Canton shall get right up from the gaming table and go down to find out which ship starts first for America.

Not one of us yet knows how to pray. All we have done as yet has only been pottering. A boy gets hold of his father's saw and hammer and tries to make something, but it is a poor affair that he makes. The father comes and takes the same saw and hammer and builds the house or the ship. In the childhood of our Christian faith we make but poor work with these weapons of prayer, but when we come to the stature of men in Christ Jesus, then, under these implements, the temple of God will rise and the world's redemption will be launched. God cares not for the length of our prayers, or the number of our prayers, or the beauty of our prayers, or the place of our prayers, but it is the faith in them that tells. Believing prayer soars higher than the lark ever sang, plunges deeper than diving bell ever sank, darts quicker than lightning ever flashed. Though we have used only the back of this weapon instead of the edge, what marvels have been wrought! If saved, we are all the captives of some earnest prayer. Would God that in desire for the rescue of souls we might in prayer lay hold of the resources of the Lord Omnipotent!

We may turn many to righteousness by Christian admonition. Do not wait until you can make a formal speech. Address the one next to you. You will not go home alone to-day. Between this and your place of stopping you may decide the eternal destiny of an immortal spirit. Just one sentence may do the work, just one question, just one look. The formal talk that begins with a sigh and ends with a canting snuffle is not what is wanted, but the heart throb of a man in dead earnest. There is not a soul on earth that you may not bring to God if you go rightly at it. They said Gibraltar could not be taken. It is a rock 1,600 feet high and three miles long, but the English and the Dutch did take it. Artillery and sappers and miners, and fleets pouring out volleys of death, and thousands of men reckless of danger can do anything. The stoutest heart of sin, though it be rock and surrounded by an ocean of transgression, under Christian bombardment may hoist the flag of redemption.

But is all this admonition and prayer and Christian work for nothing? My text promises to all the faithful eternal luster. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever." As stars the redeemed have a borrowed light. What makes Mars and Venus and Jupiter so luminous? When the sun throws down his torch in the heavens, the stars pick up the scattered brands and hold them in procession as the queen of the night advances, so all Christian workers, standing around the throne, will shine in the light borrowed from the Sun of Righteousness—Jesus in their faces, Jesus in their songs, Jesus in their triumph.

Separate and in Clusters.

Again, Christian workers shall be like the stars in the fact that they have a light independent of each other. Look up at the night and see each world show its distinct glory. It is not like the conflagration in which you cannot tell where one flame stops and another begins. Neptune, Herschel and Mercury are as distinct as if each one of them were the only star. So our individualism will not be lost in heaven. A great multitude, yet each one as observable, as distinctly recognized, as greatly celebrated, as if in all the space, from gate to gate, and from hill to hill, he were the only inhabitant. No mixing up, no mob, no indiscriminate rush; each Christian worker standing out illustrious, all the story of earthly achievement adhering to each one, his self-denials and pains and services and victories published.

Before men went out to the last war the orators told them that they would all be remembered by their country and their names be commemorated in poetry and in song, but go to the graveyard in Richmond and you will find there 6,000 graves, over each of which is the inscription, "Unknown." The world does not remember its heroes, but there will be no unrecognized Christian worker in heaven. Each one known by all; grandly known; known by acclamation; all the past story of work for God gleaming in cheek and brow and foot and palm. They shall shine with distinct light as the stars, forever and ever.

Again, Christian workers shall shine like the stars in clusters. In looking up you find the worlds in family circles. Brothers and sisters—they take hold of each other's hands and dance in groups. Orion in a group. The Pleiades in a group. The solar system is only a company of children with bright faces gathered around one great fireplace. The worlds do not straggle off. They go in squadrons and fleets sailing through immensity. So Christian workers in heaven will dwell in neighborhoods and clusters.

Speed and Magnitude.

Again, Christian workers will shine like the stars in swiftness of motion. The worlds do not stop to shine. There are no fixed stars save as to relative position. The star apparently most thoroughly fixed flies thousands of miles a minute. The astronomer, using his telescope for an alpenstock, leaps from world crag to world crag and finds no star standing still. The chamois hunter has to fly to catch his prey, but not so swift is his game as that which the scientist tries to shoot through the tower of observatory. Like petrels midatlantic that seem to come from no shore and be bound to no landing place, flying, flying, so these great flocks of worlds rest not as they go, wing and wing, age after age, forever and ever. The eagle hastes to its prey, but we shall in speed beat the eagles. You have noticed the velocity of the swift horse, under whose feet the miles slip like a smooth ribbon, and as he passes the four hoofs strike the earth in such quick beat your pulses take the same vibration. But all these things are not swift in comparison with the motion of which I speak. The moon moves 54,000 miles in a day. Yonder Neptune flashes on 11,000 miles in an hour. Yonder Mercury goes 109,000 miles in an hour. So, like the stars, the Christian shall shine in swiftness of motion.

You hear now of father or mother or child sick 1,000 miles away, and it takes you two days to get to them. You hear of some case of suffering that demands your immediate attention, but it takes you an hour to get there. Oh, the joy when you shall, in fulfillment of the text, take starry speed and be equal to 100,000 miles an hour! Having on earth got used to Christian work, you will not quit when death strikes you. You will only take on more velocity. There is a dying child in London, and its spirit must be taken up to God. You are there in an instant to do it. There is a young man in New York to be arrested from going into that gate of sin. You are there in an instant to arrest him. Whether with spring of foot or stroke of wing or by the force of some new law that shall hurl you to the spot where you would go I know not, but my text suggests velocity. All space open before you, with nothing to hinder you in mission of light and love and joy, you shall shine in swiftness of motion as the stars forever and ever.

Again, Christian workers, like the stars, shine in magnitude. The most illiterate man knows that these things in the sky, looking like gilt buttons, are great masses of matter. To weigh them one would think that it would require scales with a pillar hundreds of thousands of miles high and chains hundreds of thousands of miles long, and at the bottom of the chains basins on either side hundreds of thousands of miles wide, and that then Omnipotence alone could put the mountains into the scales and the hills into the balance, but puny man has been equal to the undertaking and has set a little balance on his geometry and weighed world against world. Yea, he has pulled out his measuring line and announced that Herschel is 36,000 miles in diameter, Saturn 79,000 miles in diameter and Jupiter 89,000 miles in diameter, and that the smallest pearl on the beach of heaven is immense beyond all imagination. So all they who have toiled for Christ on earth shall rise up to a magnitude of privilege, and a magnitude of strength, and a magnitude of holiness, and a magnitude of joy, and the weakest saint in glory become greater than all that we can imagine of an archangel.

Brethren, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Wisdom that shall know everything, wealth that shall possess everything, strength that shall do everything, glory that shall circumscribe everything! We shall not be like a taper set in a sick man's window or a bundle of sticks kindled on the beach to warm a shivering crew, but you must take the diameter and the circumference of a world if you would get any idea of the greatness of our estate when we shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

Duration.

Lastly—and coming to this point my mind almost breaks down under the contemplation—like the stars, all Christian workers shall shine in duration. The same stars that look down upon us looked down upon the Chaldean shepherds. The meteor that I saw flashing across the sky the other night, I wonder if it was not the same one that pointed down to where Jesus lay in the manger, and if, having pointed out his birthplace, it has ever since been wandering through the heavens, watching to see how the world would treat him. When Adam awoke in the garden in the cool of the day, he saw coming out through the dusk of the evening the same worlds that greeted us last night.

In Independence hall is an old cracked bell that sounded the signature of the Declaration of Independence. You cannot ring it now, but this great chime of silver bells that strike in the dome of night ring out with as sweet a tone as when God swung them at the creation. Look up at night and know that the white lilies that bloom in all the hanging gardens of our King are century plants, not blooming once in 100 years, but through all the centuries. The star at which the mariner looks to-night was the light by which the ships of Tarshish were guided across the Mediterranean and the Venetian flotilla found its way into Lepanto. Their armor is as bright to-night as when in ancient battle the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

To the ancients the stars were symbols of eternity, but here the figure of my text breaks down, not in defeat, but in the majesties of the judgment. The stars shall not shine forever. The Bible says they shall fall like autumnal leaves. As when the connecting factory band slips at nightfall from the main wheel all the smaller wheels slacken their speed, and with slower and slower motion they turn until they come to a full stop, so this great machinery of the universe, wheel within wheel, making revolution of appalling speed, shall by the touch of God's hand slip the band of present law and slacken and stop. That is what will be the matter with the mountains. The chariots in which they ride shall halt so suddenly that the kings shall be thrown out. Star after star shall be carried out to burial amid funeral torches of burning worlds. Constellations shall throw ashes on their heads, and all up and down the highways of space there shall be mourning, mourning, mourning, because the worlds are dead. But the Christian workers shall never quit their thrones. They shall reign forever and ever.

Russia's Power.

In spite of all that has been said of the intellectual as well as physical degeneracy of Czar Nicholas, who has been described repeatedly as a weakling, half crazed with nervousness and epilepsy, Russia during the three years that have elapsed since his accession to the throne has attained a power and a pre-eminence unparalleled in Europe, as well as in Asia, which is unprecedented in history. The center of political gravity in the old world is no longer at Vienna, at Paris, nor yet at Berlin, where it remained for nearly a quarter of a century, while Bismarck was in power, but at St. Petersburg, to which all the governments in Europe are obliged to refer before embarking upon any scheme of an international character.

She Had Him Cowed.

While stopping one night at a farm house in Missouri a traveler was astonished to see his hostess walk up to her husband about every fifteen minutes and box his ears or give his hair a pull. In the morning the guest, seeing the woman alone, asked an explanation of her strange conduct, and her reply was: "You see, stranger, me and the old man has been fightin' for ten years to see who shall boss this 'ere ranch, and I have jest got him cowed, but if I should let up on him for a day he would turn on me again, and my work would all go for nothin'."

Commander Phillip Hichborn, chief constructor of the navy, has presented to the city of Hartford, through Senator Hawley, the figurehead of Admiral Farragut's flagship, the Hartford.

A man honest enough to pay a debt that has been outlawed is rare.

A PROUD REPORTER.

How He Enjoyed a Distinction that He Never Forgot.

Here is a little story of Grant that has never been in print. When the great soldier occupied the White House he spent much of his spare time on the streets, his favorite promenade being Pennsylvania avenue, and his thick-set figure and bearded face, with the inevitable cigar between his lips, was a familiar sight to all Washingtonians. One summer afternoon he came out of the White House grounds and turned into Pennsylvania avenue for a stroll, and, according to his democratic habit, looked about for some acquaintance to bear him company. His eye fell upon the figure of a youth who was then a reporter on one of the local papers.

"How are you, Frank?" said the President. "Come join me in a walk," and the next minute the budding journalist found himself parading up the grand boulevard of Washington arm-in-arm with the first gentleman of the nation. Telling the story afterward the young man, who is now one of the best-known correspondents at Washington, said:

"I was almost paralyzed at first, for I really did not know that the President knew my name, as my acquaintance with him was by no means intimate, and my composure was not increased as we made our way up the avenue. Every one knew Grant, and they all bowed to him and stared at me. Grant was called a silent man, but he did all the talking that afternoon, and I was glad of it, for all of my youthful cheek had flown and it was as much as I could do to stammer out a yes and no as the occasion demanded. After walking several squares the President turned and we retraced our steps to the White House. When we reached it Gen. Grant invited me to enter, would not take no for an answer, and I soon found myself in the President's private room, he on one side of the table, I on the other. That was a great day for me, and when I again made my appearance on the avenue you couldn't touch me with a forty-foot pole. And why shouldn't a youth of 20 feel proud when in the course of one afternoon he had strolled up the principal street of the capital arm-in-arm with the President of the United States, and then taken a drink with him in the privacy and sanctity of the White House?"

WHY SHE IS HATED.

The Views of Thackeray on England's Unpopularity.

So long ago as 1840 Thackeray discussed the question, recently raised again, why the English are hated by other races.

"How they hate us," he writes, "these foreigners in Belgium as much as in France! What lies they tell of us; how gladly they would see us humiliated! Honest folks at home over their port wine say, 'Ay, ay, and very good reason they have, too. National vanity, sir, wounded—we have beaten them so often.' My dear sir, there is not a greater error in the world than this. They hate you because you are stupid, hard to please, and intolerably insolent and air-giving.

"I walked with an Englishman yesterday, who asked the way to a street of which he pronounced the name very badly to a little Flemish boy; the Flemish boy did not answer; and there was my Englishman quite in a rage, shrieking in the child's ear as if he must answer. He seemed to think it was the duty of 'the snob,' as he called him, to obey the gentleman.

"This is why we are hated—for pride. In our free country a tradesman, a lackey, or a waiter, will submit to almost any given insult from a gentleman; in these benighted lands one man is as good as another; and pray God it may soon be so with us! Of all European people, which is the nation that has the most haughtiness, the strongest prejudices, the greatest reserve, the greatest dullness? I say an Englishman of the genteel classes. An honest groom jokes and hobs-and-nobs and makes his way with the kitchen-maids, for there is good social nature in the man; his master dare not unbend. Look at him, how he scowls at you on your entering an inn-room; think how you scowl yourself to meet his scowl.

"To-day, as we were walking and staring about the place, a worthy old gentleman in a carriage, seeing a pair of strangers, took off his hat and bowed very gravely with his old powdered head out of the window; I am sorry to say that our first impulse was to burst out laughing—it seemed so supremely ridiculous that a stranger should notice and welcome another."

Making an Ax Handle.

One of the things that a machine cannot turn out to the satisfaction of the consumer is an ax handle. From pioneer days down to the present time, a man who learns to make a satisfactory ax handle is regarded in the neighborhood as an indispensable personage. Choppers say there is a "sleight" in the shaping of an ax handle in accordance to the grain of the timber, which a machine can never do, and indeed very few people can accomplish.

An ax handle looks very simple in construction, and many a man has said to himself that nothing could be easier than to shave out an elegant ax handle. He continues in that belief until he experiments. When the handle is finished and placed in the ax the artisan suddenly realizes that he has deceived himself. He undergoes a radical "change of heart," and decides to let some one else occupy the field in that very particular line of work.

Satisfactory Evidence.

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Gross Outrages

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CURED OF CHOREA.

How a Young Lady of Du Page Was Freed from St. Vitus' Dance.

From the American, Newark, Ohio.

Miss Francis E. Barber, daughter of Mr. Franklin C. Barber, of DuPage, Ill., who is one of the best known citizens of Du Page, for the past year has been in a pitiful condition from chorea, commonly called St. Vitus' dance. Miss Barber is a music teacher, and over-work and a highly nervous temperament brought on the disease. The best physicians were called, but they could do nothing for the young lady, and she got so bad and the spasms became so fierce at times that it often required three or four persons to hold her. The contortions of her face at such times were fearful to behold. While Miss Barber was thus suffering, with no seeming prospect of relief, the distracted father and mother heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and as a last resort they determined to try them on the daughter.

After taking less than one box of the pills the spasms ceased and the twitching of the face became less and less violent. Before four boxes had been used all signs of St. Vitus' dance had gone, her health was restored, and to-day she is one of the healthiest and rosiest girls in Du Page.

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Why a Swelling Follows a Blow.

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It is probable that the white corpuscles of the blood pass into the tissues to assist in the repair, as bees or ants assemble at an injury to their storehouse, but with this difference, that the substance of the corpuscles is probably converted into the tissue of repair. From one point of view the human body is only one gigantic colony of individuals, and the swelling that follows injury but the rush of these to repair the breach.—Philadelphia Times.

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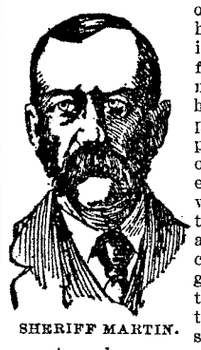
Miners Forced to Quit.

The situation in the Hazleton (Pa.) mining district is one of unrest. All the collieries in the district are apprehensive of danger. Requests have been pouring in to Gen. Gobin from the various mines asking that he send troops to the places in order to prevent any possible outbreak. The general states that he will not send troops to any point unless an outbreak does occur. He declines to give the names of the collieries, as all the men in them are still at work. The operators, however, are apprehensive of a strike and want to be prepared for an emergency. Two mine superintendents in the immediate vicinity have asked Gen. Gobin to place guards around their houses.



SHERIFF MARTIN.

Trouble has broken out at Coxe Brothers' colliery at Eckley. Two hundred miners at Buck mountain, which is about three mines from Eckley, went on strike and started toward the Eckley mines. The superintendent of the Eckley colliery telegraphed Gen. Gobin for troops. The miners marched on the Eckley mines and forced the miners to quit work. It was stated that the miners had been roughly handled by the strikers. Gen. Gobin ordered the city troop of Philadelphia to go to the scene of the disturbance.

Funerals of the Victims.

The funerals of twelve of the victims of the massacre took place Monday. The first funeral procession came in from Harwood at 11:15 o'clock. First came a band, followed by St. Kasimer society of Hazleton, then came a hearse bearing the body of Anthony Grekas. Behind this were carriages bearing the widow and children. A second hearse, bearing the body of Andrew Mitzkotchi, followed. After it came the body of Raphial Racvish. The procession moved to SS. Peter and Paul's Lithuanian Church. There the bodies were taken from the hearses to the church and services were conducted by Father Martusch, the pastor. In the line following the bodies there were 5,560 men, and at the church there were as many more people. The services lasted an hour, after which the bodies were taken to St. Stanislaus cemetery, where the three bodies were placed in one grave.

The second funeral started from Undertaker Bronon's establishment. Six men carried each coffin. At St. Stanislaus Church in Carson street the men took off their hats and the nine bodies were carried through while the band played a dirge. Father Aust and the surpliced acolytes met the men at the church steps. The service was of the most impressive character. Five priests officiated. Father Zyrhowiz preached the funeral sermon in the Polish language. The Rev. J. V. Moylan of St. Gabriel's Church addressed the people in English. The nine bodies were buried in a grave 9 by 24 feet. Of the twelve men buried four were Polish, four Greeks and four Lithuanians.

WHERE MINERS WERE SHOT.

Will Call for Indemnity.

A dispatch from Vienna says that much excitement has been caused there by the news of the shooting by deputy sheriffs at Latimer, Pa., of a number of Austrian and Hungarian subjects. Consular reports of the affair that have been received characterize the conduct of the deputies as unjust and unnecessary. The foreign office will demand strict compensation from the United States.

Women Attack Mine Guards.

Emma Haas, the miners' Joan of Arc, and three other women were arrested for marching at Plum Creek, by sheriff's deputies. The attempt to make the arrests precipitated an incipient riot, in which the deputies fared badly. No one was seriously hurt, but scarcely a deputy escaped a clubbing and Superintendent Sam De Armit was cut on the hand.

Charles P. Winkley, claim agent for the Illinois Steel Company, committed suicide at Chicago by throwing himself from the third-story window of his boarding-house.

COOL COMFORT.

SWEPT BY A GALE.

Ruin and Death Along the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

Death and disaster by flood and storm swept the Texas coast Sunday night. The towns of Port Arthur, Sabine Pass, and Sabine were inundated. The estimates of deaths in those places vary from eight to forty. The towns named were cut off from railroad communication because of the flood, and from telegraphic communication by reason of the blowing down of the wires. To the west of Sabine the towns and ranches and farms along the coast for forty miles have been devastated. In the Town of Winnie only two houses remain standing. To the south of Galveston there is known to have been a great rise in the water as far as Corpus Christi.

To get a comprehensive understanding of how the disaster happened it is necessary to explain the geography of the country. The towns of Sabine, Port Arthur, and Sabine Pass are in Jefferson County, the southeasternmost county in Texas. The entire county is practically low prairie. The towns of Sabine and of Sabine Pass are on the banks of a short, deep stream that connects Sabine Lake with the gulf. Port Arthur is on the west bank of Sabine Lake. Sabine Lake is fifteen miles long, about five miles wide, and is fed by two large rivers, the Sabine and the Neches. The lake is shallow, being generally from five to eight feet deep, and the land bordering upon it has little elevation.

For two days, Friday and Saturday, the wind had been blowing heavily from the southwest, driving the waters of the gulf up into the lake and its estuaries. On Sunday this southwest wind increased to a gale and the water poured in from the sea at a great rate. Suddenly Sunday night the wind swung around to the north and developed into one of the fiercest blows that has been experienced thereabouts in years. The winds whipped the waters back from the rivers and drove them toward the lake, and the waters of the lake were driven against the waters that were rushing in from the gulf. The meeting of these two great forces of water made a bank of water which had to find an outlet. Unable to stay within the natural channels the waters broke out over the lands and swept along in mighty waves. Wherever these great, angry waves met an obstacle it was washed aside as if it were of paper. Within a few hours the level of the waters in the territory within a radius of six miles of Sabine Pass had risen eight feet.

To add to the terrors of the situation, it rained in torrents. The force of the wind was in itself sufficient to dismantle any frail structure. The people of the three towns, Sabine, Sabine Pass and Port Arthur, were practically in a trap, threatened from within and without. Wreck and devastation were wrought by the wind and death by drowning was in the flood.

Part Arthur is a town of about 1,000 to 1,200 people and has probably 300 houses, many of which are substantial structures. The Gulf railway owns a magnificent $10,000 building, and the principal hotel is a costly structure of seventy-five rooms. Port Arthur is the southern terminal of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, and is situated sixteen miles inland from Sabine City. In 1886 a wave swept over Sabine City, covering that place with six feet of water, destroying many houses and causing several deaths. Great distress was caused, and there were many narrow and thrilling escapes.

FAVOR TORCH AND BULLETS.

Social Democracy in Chicago Expresses Indignation at Killing of Miners.

Members of the Social Democracy of America call for blood in revenge of the miners killed at Hazleton, Pa. Speeches were made and resolutions adopted at their meetings in Chicago, of which the keynote was "Revenge! Sack! Fire! Burn Kill! Slay!"

Two meetings were held, at which this sentiment was expressed. There were hot speeches and milder resolutions at the meeting of branch 1, at the hall, 160 Washington street. There were hot speeches and hotter resolutions at the meeting of branch 2, to which Lucy Parsons belongs, held at 1545 Milwaukee avenue.

At the latter place the resolutions favored killing a millionaire for every miner who was slain in Pennsylvania. The torch was urged as the next best means of revenge. Speeches of a very incendiary nature were made by Fitzgerald, Murphy, Leo Richardson, Leroy M. Goodwin, and others.

A number of meetings of Poles were also held, at which resolutions were adopted denouncing the killing of their countrymen.

Capt. Joseph F. Kempton, who figured in the sensational court martial of the Atlanta (Ga.) artillery officers, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling between $4,000 and $5,000.

R. R. Ackert, the oldest conductor on the Wabash Road in Missouri, fell or was pushed from his train while running south near the Iowa and Missouri line and died from his injuries.

Philip D. Armour, the Chicago millionaire, is a very early riser, and is said to be in his office every morning by 6:30 o'clock.

The Northwestern Miller gives the output of flour at Minneapolis, Duluth-Superior and Milwaukee last week at 421,495 barrels.

But Little Danger from Lightning.

Writing on "The Needless Fear of Lightning," Edward W. Bok, in the Ladies' Home Journal, says that "it will doubtless surprise the timid to know that only two hundred deaths a year occur on an average throughout this entire country from lightning, or one person in every three hundred and fifty thousand people. Now, in comparison, fifteen times as many people are killed each year by falling out of windows; over twice as many from being bitten by rattlesnakes, while twenty-five per cent more are killed with "unloaded" pistols. More people are drowned around New York city alone every year than there are deaths from lightning all over the country. In fact, more people, by fifty per cent, are killed by being kicked by horses in New York city than die from lightning throughout the whole of the United States. The causalities of the South show that the dangers of being lynched and of being killed by lightning are about the same. The trolley cars of our cities kill a far greater number of people than do the lightning-storms. Now, these are facts—they are strictly accurate and carefully computed."

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	a m	p m	p m	a m
Grand Rapids Dep.....	7 00	6 00	11 00	10
Middleville.....	7 35	6 35	12 13	840
Hastings.....	7 52	6 57	12 40	9 2
Jackson Ar.....	9 50	9 00	3 25	4 55
Detroit Ar.....	12 25	11 10	7 20	...
	p m	p m	a m	

WESTWARD BOUND

STATIONS.	Exp D'y	M'il	G R Exp	Fr't
	a m	p m	p m	p n
Grand Rapids Ar.....	6 15	2 05	10 25	4 0
Middleville.....	5 10	1 20	9 41	2 1
Hastings.....	4 40	12 57	9 19	1 08
Jackson Dep.....	1 40	11 05	7 30	7 1
	a m	a m	p m	a n
Detroit Dep.....	11 25	7 50	4 45	....
	p m	a m	p m	

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NORTHERN DIVISION	Leave Going North	Arrive From North
Trav.City,Pet'ky&Mack	* 7:45 am	*10:00 pm
Trav.City,Pet'ky&Mack	† 2:20 pm	† 5:10 pm
Cadillac	† 5:25 pm	†11:10 am
Petoskey & Mackinaw..	†11:10 pm	† 6:30 am

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Ft.Wayne.....	† 2:00 pm	† 2:10 pm
Cin.,Louisville,Ind'p'lis	*10:15 pm	* 7:20 am

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Wool has made as big an advance as wheat in the past year. Is that the result of "scarcity" too?

President McKinley found his old persecutors—the office seekers—waiting for him when he returned to Washington.

One remarkable development of the opening months of the new tariff law is the general gratification with which it is accepted irrespective of party.

Catching "suckers" with specimens of ore from fake gold mines is not a new industry by any means, but it is enjoying a profitable revival just now.

The advance in the price of wool and sheep will soon bring back to the farmers the 75 million dollars loss in the value of sheep which befell them in the past few years

The more the coal strike is studied the more apparent it becomes that the reduction in coal tariff by the Wilson law is responsible for the low wages which caused it.

"Because it is my deliberate judgment that the prosperity of America is mainly due to its system of protective laws, I urge that Germany has now reached the point where it is necessary to imitate the tariff system of the United States."—Bismark.

Dr. Talmage says the millionaire is the most unenviable of men; that the possessor of a half million is only a degree less happy; but he doesn't specify as to the possessor of about one hundred thousand—the figure that Dr. Talmage's wealth is rated at.

The Klondike mining company fever appears to have struck London harder even than New York or Chicago. No amount of exposure or warning seems sufficient to keep the "suckers" from biting at every get-rich-while-you-wait bait dangled in their vicinity.

With the Mexican dollar worth only 40 cents, the lot of the workingman in that country does not compare favorably with that of our own workman. Skilled workmen in Mexico get less than one-half the wages paid in this country and get that in "dollars" worth only 40 cents, thus reducing the real earnings to about one-fifth that of our own workmen.

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The statistics of the cotton crop for last year show it to have been 8,757,964 bales. It has been sold for about $350,000,000, or something more than the total volume of the greenback currency. This is more than five times the value of the annual silver product of the country. What folly is it then for cotton-growers to think that their prosperity depends upon "doing something for silver," when all the silver produced in the country would not buy one in five of their cotton bales!—N. Y. World.

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School Column.

[Edited by Flora J. Beadle, Commr.]

THE TEACHERS' READING CIRCLE.

Among the most important instrumentalities of the past decade which have contributed to the professional advancement of district teachers is the Reading Circle; yet we have some county superintendents and teachers who lack energy in building up an organization, who seem to wait for some one else to take the lead and manifest an interest in the work before they feel it dependent upon them to show any enthusiasm in furthering it.

We should all realize that the Reading Circle has passed beyond the questionable stage, and is now regarded as a permanent and essential part of our school system. School commissioners and school officers should expect their teachers to be active members of the Reading Circle as naturally as they expect them to be holders of teachers' certificates; to this end we should lend our active influence.

Our Teachers' Reading Circles are designed to do one thing—the improving of teachers as teachers from both pedagogical and general culture standpoints. It too often happens that membership in the Reading Circle is far less than it should be—sometimes confined to the more progressive teachers only while, in truth, the others are the ones who have greatest need for the assistance which it offers.

What if we are not exactly pleased with the course of study laid out by the Reading Circle Board? Could any course exactly coincide with the first choice of every member? Certainly it is best to keep in touch with the fellow-teachers of the state by following the course outlined by the Reading Circle Board. In some instances the teacher of the country school is so situated as to make it practically impossible for him to meet with others of his profession—such teachers should make the most of a course of systematic home reading, thus keeping in touch with the best educational thought of the time. In most townships, however, it is possible for the teachers to form local circles, meeting at stated intervals.

The professional work for 1897-98 is Halleck's "Psychology and Psychic Culture." The lawyers' reading club discusses law matters; and the doctors' associations confine themselves to *materia medica* and dry bones. Why shouldnot the teachers use equally as much wisdom? Our salvation lies in better professional knowledge and practice, through which we shall get more permanent and more practical results.

The general culture work for the year is Needham's "Lessons in Zoology." This work will open up new fields for thought and investigation, which will prove a recreation. The work can not but bring students into closer touch with nature through actual contact with facts. One of the necessities of our life is knowledge of our environment. In this world of nature we are set to live our lives, among its trees and flowers, rocks and rills, animals and insects, through its storm and sunshine, amidst its silent, eternal forces. The immediate ends in view in this general culture branch of the Reading Circle work are observation, knowledge, expression and enjoyment.

We should not merely read these books selected for the course but we should master them. A small amount of reading is required each week; this should be assimilated in such a way as to become a part of every teacher's capital stock of working material, and manifest itself in his work in the school room.

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LABELS FOR GASOLINE.

The legislature of 1889 took up the question of labeling vessels containing gasoline and enacted one of the shortest laws on the statute books, as follows:

Every druggist, grocer or other person who shall sell and deliver at retail any gasoline, benzine or naphtha, without having the true name thereof and the words "explosive when mixed with air" plainly printed upon a label securely attached to the can, bottle or other vessel containing the same, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The existence of this law is not generally known, but we find that it is rigidly enforced in a few localities in the state. The frequency of accidents resulting from the mistaken use of gasoline certainly affords reason for the observance of the law.—Ex.

EATON CO. FAIR NOTES.

As you cannot grind with the water that has passed, nor renew the days of youth, so, too, you will find after October 1, that the great oppertunity for genuine pleasure and profit at the Charlotte fair for 1897 has forever departed. Make hay while the sun shines.

The declamation contest for the Eaton county rally will be held at the court room in Charlotte on Tuesday, September 28, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m. The judges are Supt. Miller, Rev. Smits and Hon. George Huggett.

That wonderfuf exhibition of the X-Rays, showing all the bones of the body of a young lady from the waist to the top of the head, will be at the Eaton Co. fair next week. Admission 10 cents, and you can't afford to miss it.

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The deepest hole on earth is the 4,900-foot shaft in a copper mine in the upper peninsula of Michigan. As the rock at the bottom is worth eight dollars a ton the hole will be continued indefinitely, much to the delight of geologists and other scientists.

REDUCED RATES TO FAIRS.

To the following dates and named places the Michigan Central will sell tickets at rate of one fare for round trip:

St. Joseph county, Centerville, September 28 to 30.

Barry county, Hastings, September 28 to October 1.

Washtenaw county, Ann Arbor, September 28 to October 1.

Calhoun county, Marshall, September 28 to October 1.

Eaton county, Charlotte, September 28 to October 1.

Albion Driving Park Association, Albion, October 5 to 8.

Caledonia Union, Caledonia, October 6 to 8. tf J. E. GOBLE, Local Agt.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

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Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

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Official Program.

BARRY CO. FAIR.

Hastings, Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 1897.

Tuesday.

The first day of the fair will be occupied in entering and arranging stock and articles for exhibition, and all entries must be in on or before the evening of said day.

No admission will be charged on this day.

Wednesday.

10 a. m.

Girls' Foot Race, 12 years or under—1st, dress hat, Withey's Bazaar; 2d, cut glass bottle of perfume, Fred L. Heath.

Boys' Foot Race, 12 years or under, 40 rods—1st, $3.00; 2d, $2.00; $1.00.

11 a. m.

Best Girl (16 years and under) Riding Horse—1st, $5.00; 2d, $3.

11:20 a. m.

One Mile Bicycle Race—1st, $6.00; 2d, $4.00; 3d, $2.00.

11:35 a. m.

Boys' Hose Race, run 100 yds., lay 50 ft. garden hose and put on pipe, two teams compete, to run hub and hub, limited to 10 boys 14 years of age or under—Prize, $2.50, Burman & Powers.

1:00 p. m.

Two year old or under, trot or pace, ½ mile heats, best 2 in 3—Purse, $30.

1:30 p. m.

Bicycle Race, 300 yards, fast race—1st, $6.00; 2d, $4.00; 3d, $2.00.

Green Trotting Race, for horses that have never started in a race, one mile best 2 in 3—Purse, $40.

Hitch and Go Race, for farmers only, to harness team, hitch them to wagon and drive one-half mile—1st, pair of horse blankets; 2d, robe presented by F. Herrick, T. Doyle, Brodesser & Smith, Jos. Pflug and W. H. Myers & Son.

Running, ½ mile, 2 in 3—Purse, $25.

Thursday.

9:00 a. m.

Firemen's grand parade.

10:00 a. m.

Bicycle Race, ½ mile, boys 12 years or under—1st, $3.00; 2d, $2.00; 3d, $1.00.

10:30 a. m.

Fat Man's Race, 200 lbs. or over, 100 yds—1st, $3.00; 2d, $2.00; 3d, $1.00.

11:00 a. m.

Foot Race, 10 rods forward to line and 5 rods backwards—1st, vase lamp, Phillips & Erb and barber's ticket by Babcock & Hams; 2d, $1.00, G. McMarple and shaving ticket, F. Beckwith; 3d, box cigars, B. P. Seward.

11:30 a. m.

Three Legged Race, 100 yards—1st, $2.00; 2d, $1.00.

11:45 a. m.

Sack Race, 50 yards—1st, $2; 2d, $1.

12 m.

Bicycle Race, ½ mile—1st, $4 lamp, C. H. Osborn & Co.; 2d, best cap and belt, Chidester & Burton.

1:00 p. m.

3:00 Class Trotting, 1 mile, 2 in 3—Purse, $40.

2:40 Pace, 1 mile, 2 in 3—Purse $40.

2:37 Class Trotting, 1 mile, 2 in 3—Purse, $50.

Double Team Trot or Pace, 1 mile, 2 in 3—Purse, $30.

Gent's Span Driving, to take place between double team trot and 2:37 trot. This award will be judged by speed and general appearance. 1st, $6.00; 2d, $3.

Friday,

10:00 a. m.

½ mile Bicycle Race—$4, $3, $1.

1 mile Bicycle Race, free to county for medal, best 2 in 3.

10:30 a. m.

¼ mile Foot Race—1st, $4; 2d, $3; 3d, box cigars, H. Lewek.

10:45 a. m.

300 yard Slow Bicycle Race—$6, $4.

11:00 a. m.

Tug of War, 6 on a side, Johnstown vs. Nashville—$10.

11:30 a. m.

Tug of War, 6 on a side, open to all—6 pair felt boots, Hastings Wool Boot Company.

1:00 p. m.

2:35 Trot or Pace, 2 in 3—Purse, $50.

Ladies' Fancy Driving, single—$6, $3.

Free-for-All Barry Co. Trot or Pace, 3 in 5—Purse, $100.

Mixed Race, walk, trot and go as you please, ¼ mile each—$8, $5, $2.

2:00 p. m.

Baby Show, 18 months or under—1st small dresser, Renkes & Walldorf; 2d, pair shoes, G. G. Spaulding; 3d, dozen photographs, G L. Heath; 4th, set silver teaspoons, Whitney's Bazaar.

Hastings Rustic Works—Easy chair to oldest person on the grounds.

Herald Publishing Co.—Year's subscription each to the two oldest democrats.

Hastings Banner—Year's subscription each to the two oldest republicans.

F. Kurtz—10 lb. roast for the best beef.

Kurtz & Andrews—10 lb. roast for the best hog.

The draft team contest will take place Thursday at 2:30 p. m., near the poultry house. Contestants to furnish boat and stone. 1st, uair of bridles made to order by Will Rich; 2d, 5 lbs. Red Dragon tea, Stirling, Crawford & Co.

Judging in all departments of the fair will begin at 9 a. m., Thursday.

There will be no judging in the live-stock departments after 12 m. each day.

Entries in speed department close Sept. 23. All other entries close at 9 a. m., Wednesday, second day of the fair.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1897.

Local Happenings.

10 bars of soap for 25c at Campbell's.*

C. A. Bandfield shipped two cars of stock yesterday.

Ladies, see the new fall and winter Capes at Campbell's. *

A heavy shower visited this locality last week Thursday.

No school next week Friday, every one attends the county fair.

The band boys of the village will furnish music at the county fair Oct. 1.

Wagner Male Quartette at M. E. church Wednesday eve, Oct. 6. Attend.

Teachers should ask to see the up-to-date report cards at the News Stand. *

Men's and Boys' Klondike Hats at Campbell's, the newest thing out, 50c and 75c. *

John Campbell shipped a car of fat cattle of his own feeding to Buffalo Saturday.

A. D. Thomas is building a two-story addition to the rear of his residence on Grand Rapids-st.

The Cong'l Ladies' Aid society has had a cistern put down, and a pump and sink will soon be connected.

Mrs. Eva Talbott's annual opening of fall and winter millinery goods occurs on Sept. 22 to 25 inclusive, for which she has issued a neat folder.

Not a single garment in the Cloak line did John Campbell carry over last year. Now he is showing the newest line of Jackets and Capes to be seen in the county. *

Frank Roys, owner of the Wilkes stallion "LaPanta," makes a liberal special premium offer to the person exhibiting at the Caledonia fair the best colt sired by his horse.

Another landmark gone—the old red blacksmith shop on High-st., which has for many years been used as a storehouse, has been torn down to make room for a smaller building.

At the Gogle drawing Saturday evening the following persons held the lucky numbers, which drew as follows: A. A. Dibble, horse; W. H. Peeps, carriage; John Dietrich, harness; John Rouse, cutter.

Married, at the home of the bride's father, Sept. 18th, Mr. Will Inglis and Miss Mary Bristow, by Rev. J. C. Dorris. The presents were numerous and valuable. The happy couple will make their home in Grand Rapids.

The Methodist conference has made the following among its assignments: Middleville, J. C. Dorris; Caledonia, A. H. Wesbrook; Irving, R. D. Freeman; Hastings, T. Cox; Wayland, C. W. Marshall; Lake Odessa, Arthur Trott; Byron Center and Dorr, F. E. Hawley; Freeport, J. E. Emsner.

A number of small boys on Thursday last got upon the Keeler block and while trying to see how high they could throw, one threw up an apple and it came down through the large ground glass in Pinney's studio and will cost the lads something like $6 to replace it. The same lot of boys or one of their number took three keys from M. A. Coykendall's new house. The first act was unintentional, caused by their thoughtlessness, but for the second a sharp reprimand may save them farther trouble.

Eleven members of the Eastern Star Chapter responded to the invitation from the Caledonia Chapter to install their officers on Tuesday evening of this week. A nice supper was served in the dining room of the hall at half past six o'clock, where five large tables were set, and each table representing a point of the star by being decorated with flowers appropriate in color to the different points in the star, producing a very pretty effect. At half past seven Chapter was called to order and after the opening ceremony the officers vacated their stations and the installing officer, Mrs. J. W. Saunders assumed the chair and Mrs. A. A. Matteson acted as marshal. The installation was was made unusually interesting by the inspiring music, Miss Vernie Myers of Caledonia presiding at the organ. After the officers were duly installed into their respective stations the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Catherine Ford, called upon many for remarks which were interesting and amusing. Chapter closed at half past ten o'clock and a social time of one hour and a half was enjoyed before the visiting members of Middleville Chapter were to take the midnight train. All returned home very much pleased with their entertainment by the O. E. S. at Caledonia.

Personal Points.

Mrs. M. A. Dietrich is quite sick.

Esq. Cobb was in Hastings Friday on legal business.

Dr. Breckon of Caledonia was in the village Tuesday.

Dr. A. Hanlon was in Hastings on business yesterday.

H. M. Rich returned to the U. of M. last week Thursday.

E. A. Matteson of Hastings was in the village Tuesday.

Moses Rosenberg is able to be out after a ten days' illness.

Archie Secord is spending a few days with friends in Grand Rapids.

Samuel Davis, who has been very sick, is reported as improving.

M. F. Dowling was in Grand Rapids on business last week Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Keeler was in Grand Rapids on Thursday of last week.

Thos. Taylor of Oakland county was the guest of his brother A. L., Monday.

Geo. Ingram returned Tuesday night from a trip to Buffalo and through Ohio.

Stephen Brooks and Wm. Hammond of Caledonia were in the village Monday p. m.

T. E. and Robt. Garrett went awheel to Jamestown, Ottawa Co., the first of the week.

Mrs. E. Garrett of the prairie started for New York state Monday on an extended visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowry of Hastings, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Taylor, Sunday.

J. N. Pike of the Orangeville Mills was in town Friday and made us a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tobias of Hastings were guests at Messrs. Blake and Liebler's, Sunday.

Attorneys John Carveth and Ray M. Ferguson of Grand Rapids, were in the village Saturday.

Miss Lena Griswold has returned from Grand Rapids where she has been trimming at Pennell's.

Miss Mina Lupton arrived in the village last week and is trimming for Mrs. N. Griswold this season.

A. F. Strickler, an Ann Arbor medical student, was the guest of Miss Minnie Dietrich over Sunday.

F. A. Coville and friend, Mr. Edwards, of Wayland were guests at H. L. Moore's on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Olson of Grand Rapids are visiting the latter's cousins, Homer and Hiram French.

Mrs. C. R. Bishop of Hastings was the guest of her sisters, Mesdames Blake and Liebler, Friday and Saturday.

Harry Cook of Kalamazoo came last Saturday to spend several weeks with his cousin, Harry Cook, west of the village.

Wm, McKevitt went to Charlotte to assist the Hastings ball team in a game and to Battle Creek Sunday where they also had a game.

Mrs. David Mitchell and Miss Frona Carveth expect to go to Kalamazoo Thursday for a few days' visit with friends and relatives.

John Campbell was in Buffalo the fore part of the week on business and is now visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. G. Orr, at Peoria, N. Y.

Frank Armstrong and wife of Grand Rapids, who have been guests of relatives in the village, leave today on a trip to Detroit and Ohio.

Mrs. John Cook of the prairie and Mrs. Francis Steele of Canada were guests of Mrs. Libbie Furbor of Corning and Rob Cook of Gaines last week.

W. J. Hayward and Bert Johnson were in attendance at the races in Big Rapids the latter part of last week. Hayward's colt and J. P. Ferguson's stallion were among the starters.

Mrs. M. F. Jordan, son Will and daughter Bertha went to Detroit this a. m. Many of their friends were at the train to bid them good-bye. They will be greatly missed from our village.

Miss Luella N. Bassett of Kalamazoo and Joseph M. Burpee of Orangeville were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bassett, 711 North Rose street, Rev. C. W. East performing the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. Miss Maggie Coman of Middleville, a cousin of the bride, played the wedding march. The decorations were pink and white. After congratulations a wedding supper was served. The bride wore a gown of cream goods trimmed with satin and chiffon and carried bride's roses. She was engaged four years as teacher in the city schools but for the past two years has been employed as cashier in the Star Bargain house. The groom is a prosperous merchant of Orangeville. Among the presents received was $100 from the bride's father.

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Society's Doings.

Mrs. John Campbell gives another afternoon tea party to a large number of her friends tomorrow.

Miss Minnie Dietrich entertained a few friends at whist Monday evening in honor of her guest, Mr. Strickler.

The members of the Gates Sunday school were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Nina C. Shaw Friday evening.

About seventy-five friends of Mrs. L. W. Payne gave her a pleasant surprise at the M. E. church parlors yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Payne expect to move to Grand Rapids in the near future.

A very pleasant time was had at the Rathbone Sisters lodge Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. M. F. Jordan, who is so soon to move to Detroit, this being her last meeting with the lodge. They presented Mrs. J. with a very nice pin representing the order.

Soda only 5c at Campbell's. *

Don't miss hearing the Wagner Male Quartette at M. E. church Oct. 6.

Mrs. N. Griswold has cards out announcing her annual opening of fall and winter millinery goods to occur Sept. 23, 24 and 25.

Frank Roys' stallion "LaPanta" took second premium at state fair in the standard bred roadster class, there being ten horses shown.

Every town has a number of people who read their village paper regularly each week, but never contribute a cent towards its support. You can tell these people by the way they hold their heads when they pass the editor. There is no mistaking them; they are more easily spotted than a man who takes a paper and never expects to pay for it.

Section 10 of the revised game laws is brought to the attention of the hunter, for the violation of which a fine of $125 may be imposed. The section reads: "No person or persons shall injure, kill or destroy by any means whatever any wild fox squirrel, black squirrel or grey squirrel, save only from the 1st day of October to the 31st day of December, both inclusive, in each year.

As John McQueen and wife were returning home from the village Tuesday evening at 8:30 they overtook two men, one on either side of the road, near Thos. Riggs', and as their horse was going on a slow trot, one of the men ran along side the buggy for a short distance and made an attempt to jump into the carriage, at the same time grabbing for the lines; but Mr. McQueen succeeded in warding him off with one hand. Mrs. McQueen's scream started the horse into a brisk pace and when it was gotten under control they went back to the spot where the fracas occurred and recovered their groceries, which were spilled out of the carriage, with the exception of one package of sugar which was broken and strewn on the ground. The night was a dark one and they are unable to give any description farther than that the man who jumped was tall.

SCHOOL ITEMS.

[Teachers are requested to hand in reports of their school and other news items.]

G. L. Wood and J. W. Saunders visited the high school Friday a. m.

Myrtle Teadt is absent from the grammar department on account of sickness.

The American history class debated the question, "Resolved that the Pilgrims were better fitted to found a colony than the Cavaliers." The judge decided in favor of the negative.

Miss Cora Zimmer gave the first five-minute speech of the series to be given during chapel exercises by the members of the high school, beginning with the senior class. She took for her subject "The Light of Knowledge."

NOTICE.

I am now prepared to do eye work and will give careful attention to testing and fitting with glasses, and to any of the diseases of the eye.

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Mrs. Eva Talbott will be prepared to show all the latest styles in millinery at her fall opening next week, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 22.

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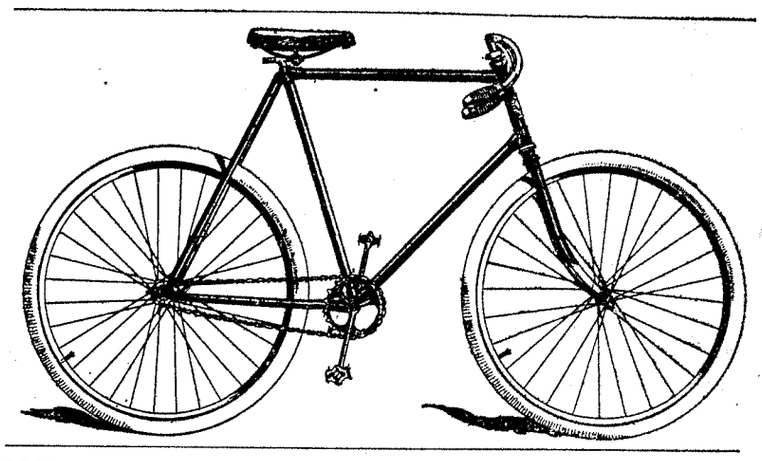

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DISMAL SWAMP AFIRE

VIRGINIA'S NATURAL WONDER SWEPT BY FLAMES.

Nearly Four Hundred Square Miles of Fire—Georgia Negro Postmaster Assassinated—Snowfall in the Colorado Mountains—Miners Driven Out.

Great Jungle Burning.

Fire is raging in the Great Dismal Swamp. It began at the point nearest Norfolk, Va., on the Edenton branch of the Virginia and Danville Railroad. Its origin is not certainly known. The fire has spread over a great section of the swamp and no available means can extinguish it. The flames are so fierce and rapid in their progress as to threaten not only the few inhabitants in the swamp itself, but the towns and farms and mills on its borders. The swamp is covered with a great growth of cypress and gum trees, and these are burning with a fierceness which can be heard day and night. At night the scene is peculiarly weird and frightful. It is clearly visible from Norfolk. The great columns of the smoke roll northward and westward with the morning winds, and the whole region is darkened by the cloud. Railway traffic has been threatened, and late trains have actually been compelled to dash through the fire where it had crossed the tracks. As there are a great many bridges and culverts on the line, the peril to passengers is very great. The Great Dismal Swamp is one of the most interesting phases of American physical geography. It covers 400 square miles of space, running some distance south across the line into North Carolina, and until recent years has never been fully explored. Much of the area is covered with water, which is everywhere of the darkest, most inky color. There are no known paths through this jungle, and the whole land surface is covered with rank bushes, ferns, briars and canes, with creeping vines and fallen trunks of trees everywhere. It is practically impassable. The swamp is inhabited by wolves and many smaller animals. Wildcats are numerous, and bears have often been encountered by hunters or by parties that had lost their way. For many years it was the refuge of runaway slaves and of culprits fleeing from the law. Once fairly in the confines of the Great Dismal Swamp, a man who knew the place was absolutely secure from any pursuit.

AMAZONS ON THE WAR PATH.

Women of Audenried Drive Colliery Workers Away.

Friday at Hazleton, Pa., opened with commotion at the headquarters of the Third Brigade and in the various camps. At an early hour a message reached General Gobin that there was more trouble at Audenreid. The attack made by the women Thursday, which resulted in driving the miners at those collieries out, was repeated when another attempt to start up the collieries was made Friday. Over one hundred men reported for work at the Monarch washery, when the band of amazons, armed with sticks and stones, swooped down upon them. Some of their number again stationed themselves on top of a culm bank, ready to pelt the men, but violence was avoided by the men promptly going out. At the Star washery about one hundred of the 135 men returned to work, but the women determined to drive them out. No attempt was made to resume at the Carson washery. As soon as the reports of the disturbance reached General Gobin he sent a squad of the Governor's Troop to the scene. When the cavalry reached there all attempts of violence had ceased, but the women followed the troops about the street, hooting and cursing them. A storekeeper at Audenreid declared that his entire stock of revolvers had been sold during the last few days. Reports from Cranberry confirmed the news that the powder-house of Edward Tuenbach had been broken into by strikers, who had stolen a quantity of dynamite.

Race for the Pennant.

Following is the standing of the clubs of the National Baseball League:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Baltimore	85	34	Brooklyn	56	66
Boston	86	36	Pittsburg	54	66
New York	77	43	Chicago	53	68
Cincinnati	67	51	Philadelphia	52	70
Cleveland	61	60	Louisville	51	72
Washington	55	64	St. Louis	27	94

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Indianapolis	94	35	Detroit	69	63
Columbus	85	46	Minneapolis	42	94
St. Paul	85	49	Kansas City	40	98
Milwaukee	81	51	Gr'nd Rapids	35	95

Postmaster Assassinated.

United States District Attorney E. A. Angier, at Atlanta, Ga., received a telegram from Hogansville, Ga., stating that the negro postmaster, Lofton, had been shot. A postoffice inspector has been ordered from Chattanooga to investigate the case. Lofton was appointed about three months ago in the face of violent opposition on the part of white patrons of the town. Hogansville is a small fourth-class postoffice on the Atlanta and West Point Railway in Troup County, fifty miles southwest of Atlanta.

Assault on Diaz Avenged.

Arroyo, who assaulted President Diaz, was lynched by a mob of the common people. About twenty of the lynchers were arrested. The mob had apparently no organization, but it was directed in some mysterious way. They broke into the jail by forcing the doors with huge timbers, handled by 100 men.

Much Will Be Exported.

In spite of the locust plague the Argentine wheat crop with good luck will be so great that nearly 2,000,000 tons will be exported. The locusts are doing a little harm in the provinces of Santa Fe and the southern part of Cordova.

Snow Many Inches Deep.

Reports received at the Denver weather bureau indicate a general snowfall in the mountains. The snow is several inches deep at Cripple Creek and at Central City.

DO NOT PULL TOGETHER.

Miners Work for Same Ends but Without Concerted Action.

Widespread as is the strike in the Hazleton (Pa.) region, there has been no concerted action by the men at the different mines. All the strikers are working for the same end—an increase of about 10 per cent. in wages—but they go about as separate clans. Some of them are raising a side issue about the company store, where they are subject to its abuses, but others have no complaint of this nature to make. At the Coxe Bros.' mines at Drifton, Stockton and Eckley the men are paid in cash. They had been uneasy, however, for some time and this uneasiness resulted in about three hundred men at Eckley joining the strikers. To a great extent the strikers have been restrained from open acts of violence by the priests, whose influence prevails to a remarkable degree. At several turbulent meetings which threatened to end in bloodshed the prelates have gone among the excited foreigners, commanding silence and forcing them back. They warn the men that to destroy the coal companies' property is only to take food from their own mouths by shutting off future employment. The priests, however, have no plea for mercy to the sheriff's deputies who shot the men at Latimer, and some of them are active members of the committee that is to push the murder charges in court. It is now certain that no attempt will be made to arrest the deputies so long as troops are camped at Hazleton. General Gobin's declaration that he will protect the sheriff's men just as long as he is in command has cooled the ardor of those who were for going about the matter hastily. The strike leaders and their attorneys deny the right of General Gobin to enforce such an order, but they admit that he has the power. District Attorney Fell, it is said, is against an immediate serving of warrants, though he is interested in the prosecutions.

SAD END OF A ROMANCE.

Rather than Touch an Annuity Mrs. Armitage Starves to Death.

Word comes from Fort Atkinson, Wis., that rather than touch an annuity from England, which she had come to look upon as blood money, Mrs. Laura Armitage starved herself to death, notwithstanding there was nearly $3,000 in a basket beside her dingy bed. With the demise of this eccentric woman ends a romance which had its beginning in England more than twenty years ago. William Armitage was the younger son of an English lord, and when he married a pretty ballet dancer he was packed off to America, wife, luggage and all. Being passionately fond of duck hunting, he bought a farm on Lake Koshkonong, noted for this kind of sport. Armitage died about ten years ago, and the elder brother and heir to the title offered the widow an annuity of $400 on condition that she remain in America. Mrs. Armitage has since lived in a dingy house in Fort Atkinson, with only three faithful dogs for companions. Her mind has been affected for some time, and it is believed that brooding over her exile from her native land caused her to reach the conclusion that it was not right to accept aid from her husband's family. The county authorities were talking about sending the woman to an asylum, but it was a delicate matter, and before they got around to it death had ended her sufferings.

Revealed by Statistics.

That labor is sharing in the remarkable business revival is shown by reports of New York trades unions that there is an increase over last year of 34 per cent. in the number of men at work. Granting that this ratio obtains throughout the country among industries similar to those reporting in New York, the increase would exceed 340,000. The rise of 5 cents in wheat during the last week seems not to have been due to a flurry, but in answer to the daily increasing foreign demand. The average advance for the week in sureties has been $1.12 per share for railroads and 79 cents for trusts. Bank clearings for the week increased 45.6 per cent. over the corresponding week in 1896. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says, there"s no halting the advance. Business grows better in all ways, for while its speculative end breaks conspicuous gamblers for a decline, a steady increase in production, in working force, and in the power of the people to purchase is the feature which overshadows all others. The farmers are helped by higher prices for wheat, and while Western receipts do not show that they have marketed a tenth of their crops, assurance of a handsome profit to come prepares them to buy liberally hereafter. Becau se ofhtis and the increase of hands at work dealers throughout the country have started to replenish stocks, which is the great force at present operating in manufactures and trade, though distribution by retail trade has greatly increased.

Philippine Affairs Serious.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish liberal leader, in an interview on the subject of the Cuban insurrection, says that the uprising, instead of dying out, is spreading considerably. In addition, Senor Sagasta says, the situation in the Philippine Islands is serious. He also asserts that the Carlist propaganda in Spain cannot be viewed with indifference, and expresses the belief that a reconciliation between the political parties in Spain is impossible so long as the conservatives are in power. In conclusion Senor Sagasta says: "In my opinion the cortes will not meet, but if it does meet its existence is ephemeral." The liberal leader refused to express himself regarding the relations between the United States and Spain. The position of the Bank of Spain continues to greatly concern commercial circles, owing to its immense note circulation. Paris exchange has reached 31.50, the highest on record. As the bank has lent the state 150,000 pesetas, repayable, without interest, in 1920, its affairs would become critical in the event of the bank incurring losses on loans, in the absence of sufficient guaranties against current accounts and note circulation.

Great Telegraph System.

The total length of the world's telegraph system has now reached 4,908,921 miles, exclusive of 180,440 miles of submarine cables. Of this, Europe has 1,764,790 miles, Asia 310,685 miles, Africa 99,419 miles, Australia 217,479 miles, and America 2,516,548 miles.

Not Yet Quarantined.

The St. Louis health department has not yet quarantined the city against the arrivals from the yellow fever stricken towns of the South, and in all probability it will not be done until the disease has become a more violent epidemic than at present.

Bad California Fire.

A fire at Iron mountain, Cal., destroyed property belonging to the Maunain Copper Company valued at nearly $200,000.

HOPE FOR YUKONERS.

WILL SUFFER FOR SHELTER, BUT NOT FOR FOOD.

According to Frank Cryder None Will Die of Starvation this Winter—Wagons to Run on Trackways of Steel—Miners Use Guns.

Mining Outlook is Splendid.

Hope for those who have friends in the Klondike is held out by Frank Cryder, who came down on the steamer Humboldt, after having spent five years in the Yukon. He does not believe there will be any deaths from starvation, though he admits that food will be scarce. Cryder says that lack of shelter is a more serious condition confronting the miners in the gold belt than starvation. "An outfit that would last one man a year can be made to hold out eighteen months by judicious trading. Do not understand that I am advising any one to go there this winter. I am simply stating these facts to encourage those who have friends in the North. Lack of shelter will, in my opinion, be responsible for more suffering in the Klondike than will famine. It costs $1,000 for a fair log cabin already built and the time and labor in constructing a new one would amount to about the same. Where the newcomers with light outfits and empty pockets will lay their heads is an unsolved problem." As to the mining outlook Cryder declared that $25,000,000 will be taken this winter from the claims on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, while from the Birch, Miller and Munook districts will be washed about $200,000.

STEEL TRACKWAYS FOR WAGONS.

Cambria Iron Works to Roll Special Rails for Experiments.

In accordance with the desire of the Secretary of Agriculture to promote more extended experiments in the use of steel trackways on wagon roads, the office of road inquiry has made arrangements with the Cambria Iron Works of Johnstown, Pa., for rolling special rails for this purpose, these arrangements to go into effect as soon as definite orders from responsible parties amounting to one mile of track are received. The director of road inquiry and the engineers of the iron company, after much discussion, have agreed upon a plan of track which promises to meet all requirements. It uses no wood in construction and no cross ties for support, but consists of a simple inverted trough or channel of steel for each wheel, with a slightly raised edge on the inside to guide the wheels, each channel resting in a bed of gravel and the two tied together occasionally to prevent spreading. Special devices for remounting are provided at each joint. The tread for wheels is eight inches wide, the thickness about seven-sixteenths of an inch. The weight of the structure is about one hundred tons per mile of single track road, and it will be furnished in small sections at the rate of $3,500 per mile. The first order for track has been given by the New York State agricultural experiment station.

Wreck on a Suburban Road.

As a result of an attempt to send two electric trains over a single track at top speed in a dense fog, twelve persons were seriously and two in all probability fatally injured in a collision on the Suburban Electric road near Chicago. The accident occurred on Harlem avenue, not far from the race track, at a time when the trains of the Suburban road were crowded with passengers.

Miners Fire at Marshals.

Eight United States marshals had an encounter with striking miners in the Jellico district in Tennessee. Nonunion miners were put to work, and a mob came marching toward the company's store. The marshals took refuge in a blacksmith shop and fired upon the mob. The miners retreated, but returned the fire with their Winchesters.

Coal Strikers Killed.

The strike situation reached a terrible crisis on the outskirts of Latimer, Pa., Friday afternoon, when a band of deputy sheriffs fired into a crowd of miners. The men fell like so many sheep, and the excitement has been intense. Reports say more than twenty were killed outright and more than double that many wounded.

Wicked Hoosiers Lynched.

At Osgood, Ind., a mob of forty infuriated men Tuesday night lynched Lyle Levi, Bert Andrews, Clifford Gordon, William Jenkins, and Hiney Shuler. They were taken from the authorities. The men had been arrested for burglary. Frequent robberies had enraged the citizens of the county.

Coal Strike Settled.

The national conference of miners at Columbus, Ohio, accepted the 65-cent rate for the Pittsburg district, and the men will return to work in ten days. President Ratchford says it is as complete a national agreement of the wage question as the miners have ever had.

Fine Rice Crop Destroyed.

The farmers along Taylor's Bayou in Jefferson County, Texas, are the heaviest losers from the terrible storm of Sunday evening. The rice crop was the largest in years and was ready for harvesting, but hundreds of acres were totally destroyed.

Eight Injured in Mine Shaft.

The cage in which ten men were being lowered into shaft No. 2 of the Alden Coal Company at Nanticoke, Pa., suddenly dropped to the bottom of the shaft. Eight of the men were severely injured, and the injuries of four may prove fatal.

Col. Gustav Pabst Marries.

Col. Gustav Pabst, a son of the Milwaukee brewer, was marrried at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, to Miss Hilda Lemp, a daughter of the millionaire brewer, W. J. Lemp, of St. Louis.

Madrid Takes Fright.

The Madrid official gazette announces that all vessels arriving in Spain from ports between New Orleans, La., and Ocean Springs, Miss., will be subjected to quarantine.

Ex-Vice Consul's Suicide.

Paul Depierre, formerly vice-consul of the French republic at New Orleans, killed himself in his apartments in New York, by inhaling illuminating gas.

Locusts in Argentina.

The London Times correspondent at Buenos Ayres says it is feared there that the Argentine harvest will be almost entirely destroyed by locusts.

SHIPWRECK AND STARVATION.

Terrible Conditions Confronting the Thousands of Gold Seekers.

The steamer Cleveland with thirty miners from the Yukon and treasure variously estimated from $200,000 to $400,000, arrived at Seattle Friday night. Gloomier even than the advices of the steamers Portland and National City are the reports that the old Atlantic liner brings down from the north. Dawson and its tributary districts are hungry and demand food. There is a sullen note in the demand and the warning is to the transportation companies that continue to send rum to miners who want bread. The doors of the trading companies' stores at Dawson were closed and barred on July 26, for they had sold all their provisions. Unsheltered Dawson has a mild epidemic of typhoid fever and a few have died for sheer want of necessaries that their money could not buy. There has not been licensed physicians enough to care for the sick. The lack of food will drive hundreds from the country, and it is expected that St. Michael's alone will shelter fully 300 during the long winter. Nearly every miner on the Cleveland believes he has turned his back on starvation and reiterates the oft-told warning. The steamer Eliza Anderson of Seattle is probably a wreck near Kodiak and Puget Sound awaits in gloomy doubt for the confirmation of the disaster. The blockade of Skaguay has come to St. Michael's. There are nearly 500 men there unable to get up the river. The embryo argonauts hold meetings, but their protests and demands fall upon deaf ears. Ninety dollars' premium was paid for passage on the Hamilton. The summer output of gold has veen very light and there may be a falling off in the winter production.

DIVIDES WITH HIS PARTNER.

Man Who Struck It Rich in the Gold Region Keeps His Word.

Eight years ago J. F. Taylor was engaged in business in California with J. C. New. Business was dull and they were compelled to give up. Without dissolving partnership, the men decided to part and made an agreement that should fortune smile on either they would divide. Taylor bought a ranch near Cedar creek, Idaho, where he now resides. New went to Alaska, and was one of the first to make a strike in the new gold fields, securing three claims. He hunted up Taylor last Sunday near Kendrick, in Latah County, and gave him a title to a half-interest in the claims. Taylor also received $27,000 as his half-share of the earnings of the claims. He has been offered $100,000 for the claims.

Led by Lake.

Twenty-one members of Atlantic City's famous life guard force have agreed to stand by their captain, Charles Lake, and accept a handsome offer for their services made by an agent of the Cuban junta. The agent has secured more than seventy recruits in the county and a considerable sum of money before coming to this city. He offered Captain Lake $300 bounty and $75 a month for every man in his force who would assume the risk. The captain was promised an officer's command over any company he might enlist. The guards are all crack shots. Minister Woodford is expected to soon present to the Queen Regent of Spain the note which he carried with him from Washington. The time at which the note is to be presented was left to the discretion of the minister. At any rate no immediate crisis is expected, as the Spanish government will necessarily want some time in which to consider the most important matter placed before it by the representative of the United States.

Kansas Refunding Her Bonds.

The Kansas legislature of 1887 passed a law authorizing counties, townships and municipalities to refund their bonds within ten years from date of issue whether they be due or not. Over $2,000,000 of bonded indebtedness in different parts of the State will be refunded this year,

Will Not Leave Washington.

The Rev. Dr. T. Dewitt Talmage has returned from his vacation, and says the rumors that he would leave his Washington field of labor and accept a call in Chicago are absurd

Boy Murdered Near Fargo.

A boy 17 years of age was murdered near Fargo, N. D. Walter Douglass, who claims to be his partner, says that an unknown man committed the crime and made his escape.

Nicaragua Stricken, Too.

Yellow fever has appeared at Leon, in Western Nicaragua. Several natives have died of the disease recently, and it is spreading.

Eldon Bank Robber Convicted.

"Buck" Murray, the first of the Eldon (Iowa) bank robbers to be tried, was found guilty.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle common to prime, $3.00 to $5.75; hogs, shipping grades, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, fair to choice, $2.00 to $4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 94c to 96c; corn, No. 2, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 19c to 20c; rye, No. 2, 49c to 51c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 18c; eggs, fresh, 12c to 13c; new potatoes, 45c to 55c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, choice light, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, common to choice, $3.00 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 98c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c.

St. Louis—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, $3.00 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 95c to 97c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 29c; oats, No. 2 white, 19c to 21c; rye, No. 2, 50c to 52c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.50; hogs, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, $2.50 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 95c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 49c to 51c.

Detroit—Cattle, $2.50 to $5.50; hogs, $3.00 to $4.50; sheep, $2.50 to $4.00; wheat, No. 2, 95c to 96c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; rye, 49c to 51c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 red, 96c to 97c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 49c to 51c; clover seed, $3.55 to $3.60.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 91c to 94c; corn, No. 3, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c; rye, No. 1, 49c to 51c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 43c; pork, mess, $7.75 to $8.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, $3.00 to $4.75; sheep, $3.00 to $4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 97c to 99c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 27c.

New York—Cattle, $3.00 to $5.50; hogs, $3.50 to $4.75; sheep, $3.00 to $4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, $1.01 to $1.03; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 24c to 26c; butter, creamery, 12c to 19c; eggs, Western, 15c to 17c.

TRIES TO KILL DIAZ.

President of Mexico Is Assaulted by an Anarchist.

President Diaz was assaulted with deadly intent during the ceremonies in the City of Mexico attending the celebration of the declaration of independence. Ignacio Arroyo, a violent anarchist, broke through the line of soldiers that marked the line of the procession to the Alameda and attempted to brain the president with a heavy cane as he was walking to the national palace. The blow, which he aimed at the president's head, fell short and the would-be murderer was immediately seized and handed over to the police. Intense excitement prevailed when it became known that an attempt had been made upon the life of President Diaz.

President Diaz was the coolest man of all who witnessed the assault. He turned around as his assailant was seized, and looked at him somewhat curiously, and

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then resumed his march, bowing right and left to the people. The effect upon the crowd that saw the affair was instantaneous and awakened the greatest excitement. The police started away with the prisoner by a side street, hoping to avoid any further disturbance. Hundreds of men ran after the police shouting for vengeance upon the man. "Give him to us," they cried, "and we will hang him."

But the gendarmes succeeded in keeping their prisoner, being re-enforced by cavalrymen, the great crowd shouting and running behind. The man was taken to the palace and stripped, but no weapon was found on his person. He was taken away to the city hall, securely bound and placed in solitary confinement.

At night a great mob of common people broke into the jail by forcing the doors with huge timbers handled by 100 men. They overpowered the guards and surrounded them, while a detail of men ran down the corridor, dragged out the trembling Arroyo and lynched him. The mob had apparently no organization, but it was directed in some mysterious way. About twenty of the lynchers were arrested.

WILD TIME IN PRISON.

Convict Assaults a Guard, Seizes His Revolver and Escapes.

A sensational escape and a quick capture caused much excitement at the Ohio penitentiary Thursday night. Just before the hour when the prisoners wash for supper and the guards are shifted for the night turn, William Clark, a Cuyahoga County murderer doing a life sentence and employed in the broomshop, called Guard Duncan of Mount Gilead, ostensibly to show him a hole in the floor. Duncan leaned over and was struck a vicious blow in the back of the neck with a piece of gas pipe. Bert Spriggs, a Delaware County convict, started to assist the guard, when Clark, advancing with Duncan's revolver, which had fallen from his pocket, threatened to shoot.

Clark ran to the guardroom at the front gates and gave the guard's signal with the iron handle. Capt. Saxbe, as usual, opened the gate. As soon as Clark passed the gate he opened fire on the crowd of guards and spectators. His aim was wild. In the guardroom he pulled the trigger again and shot Benjamin F. James, a Delaware County colored sub-guard, in the chin.

Clark was closely followed in his attempt to escape by William Dempsey, jointly convicted with him of murder. Clark ran through the guardroom, fired at the guard in the reception room, and escaped into the street.

A federal prisoner named Sarter, employed as a "trusty" in the prison yard, seized a rifle which a guard had dropped in the excitement and ran past the guardhouse close on the heels of Clark. When the fugitive reached the bank of the Scioto River he paused a minute. Sarter quickly leveled the rifle and commanded Clark to surrender on pain of death. The convict obeyed, his revolver being empty, and was recaptured by the guards, who had recovered their presence of mind by that time.

OF INTEREST TO BICYCLISTS

Cycling has caused a decrease in the number of cabs in Berlin.

Madrid has a club composed entirely of children, none of whom is over 8 years old.

In Bremen drivers of vehicles and horsemen are prohibited to use the street cycle paths.

Cycling is greatly on the increase in Genoa, according to the British consul in that city.

The Cyclists' Touring Club has recently added Rudyard Kipling's name to its list of membership.

The sultan of Lahore, it is stated, possesses a bicycle of pure gold, set with precious stones.

In the great pilgrimage recently made in Hungary to the shrine of Maria-Tadax there were over fifty cyclists.

It has been stated that policemen in Prescot walk about in plain clothes with hooked sticks to stop cyclists.

A Scotchman has constructed a bicycle which can be taken apart, and folded within the space occupied by three umbrellas.

A Philadelphia firm proposes having something unique at the great exhibition in Paris in 1900, namely, a bicycle made in solid gold about 8 or 9 feet high, with a handle-bar studded with diamonds.

PULSE OF THE PRESS

Shooting of Miners.

The action of the posse seems to have been criminally precipitate.—New York Herald.

The sheriff and his deputies appear to have been demoralized by fear.—Boston Transcript.

It is awful. A tremendous necessity must be shown for such a murderous order.—Pittsburg Post.

Sheriff Martin has inaugurated all the horrors of martial law without any of its excuses.—Boston Traveler.

The circumstances did not justify the wholesale slaughter. The shooting was cowardly.—Birmingham (Ala.) News.

It is an unnecessary slaughter. It is a most deplorable blunder. Even the statement of the sheriff does not excuse it.—Louisville Post.

Back of it all is a damnable system whereby the courts, through unconstitutional injunctions, become the oppressors of the weak.—Omaha World-Herald.

The appalling tragedy was the logical outgrowth of conditions which have been tolerated in some of our mining regions for some years past.—Philadelphia Times.

The case is one that calls for rigid examination and if the sheriff exceeded his authority he should be dealt with in a summary manner.—Albany Evening Journal.

Everything points to the suspicion that Sheriff Martin lost both head and heart and ordered the destruction of life when no real necessity for it had arisen.—Detroit News.

It is the worst exhibition of race hatred and diabolical fury of an armed force, vented on an unarmed procession, that ever occurred in our country.—Chattanooga Times.

Assuming that the facts were as they have been reported, the sheriff and his deputies were utterly incompetent and guilty of cowardly and criminally careless conduct.—Buffalo Courier-Record.

Killed officially and shot in the back. Does anything appear in the story of this tragedy to give the slightest provocation for this horrible blunder, this terrible crime, this official murder?—Toledo Bee.

The shooting of unarmed men on slight provocation, for merely insisting upon marching peaceably along a public highway, is a very serious matter and may lead to the gravest consequesces.—Minneapolis Times.

There is no room for acts like this in the United States. There is no place in a republic of freemen for the punishment of an unascertained intention, which is the ultimate goal of government by injunction.—St. Paul Globe.

When a sheriff's posse can fire into a crowd of several hundred Pennsylvania miners without hitting an American, the public ought to secure a fair idea of one of the prime causes of labor troubles in that State.—Washington Post.

If the sheriff's statement is true, and we do not see that it is credibly contradicted, his firing upon the mob seems to have been a necessity to save his own life and the lives of others summoned to maintain the law.—Philadelphia Times.

Forgetfulness of the real character of our citizen-soldiers is at the bottom of the hesitancy and delay about calling out "the troops" that is continually leading to just such deplorable results as this Hazleton slaughter.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Those men in Pennsylvania who were marching had a right to that highway. They were injuring no one's property. The sheriff who ordered the deputies to fire on this unarmed crowd of men simply ordered them to commit murder.—Peoria Herald.

This outrage should nerve every American heart to support by all legal methods the suppression of this iniquity of government by injunction. This un-American, uncivilized, un-Christian system must go if the liberties secured for us by our forefathers are to be preserved.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

We say that the powers of the courts are and must be restrained within moderate and reasonable limits. We say that the injunctions issued in this strike are an insult to freemen, and we point to the Hazleton horror as the natural and necessary consequence of the issuance of those extraordinary orders.—St. Paul Globe.

The system which has collected bodies of ignorant and excitable workers and brought them by inadequate wages into a state of exasperation needs reformation. But this country will not be worth living in if the fiat of an excited mob can override the commands of the legal authorities without suffering for it.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Even the dastardly and cowardly sheriff who ordered his posse to fire upon those defenseless men admits that they had committed no overt acts of lawlessness. He is a murderer, and his men are murderers, and each of them should be tried and punished for the commission of the highest crime known to the law.—Kansas City Times.

If the sheriff was indiscreet, if he fired into the crowd without due provocation, the demand for his punishment will be summary. If, on the other hand, it be found that he acted strictly within the lines of his duty, he will not lack in public commendation and support. Meantime legislators, mine operators, and miners will grow more thoughtful.—Macon Telegraph.

It is questionable whether under the law the attempt to interfere with the peaceable marching of the strikers on the highway was not of itself a breach of the law. It is the duty of the sheriff and all peace officers to protect the lives and property of citizens. It is their duty to maintain law and order and prevent lawless trespass upon private premises. It is neither their duty nor their right to molest people passing over the public highways even though they may be suspected of unlawful intent.—Omaha Bee.

It is a noticeable fact that the men who set themselves up in this matter to defy the constituted authorities were foreigners and the names of those who were killed and wounded show the same fact. It will be well worth the while of the authorities in making the investigation, which must necessarily be had, to inquire how far the trouble which has culminated so terribly was due to the large admixture of the foreign element among the miners, and how far our immigration laws are responsible.—Detroit Free Press.

NEWS OF OUR STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANDERS.

Wheat Crop Throughout the State Expected to Be Great—Violators of the Oleo Law Will Be Prosecuted—Rich Coal Discoveries Reported.

Big Crops in Michigan.

Secretary of State Gardner says that reliable reports of actual thrashing of 65,000 acres of wheat show an average yield of 17.34 bushels per acre. The area in wheat as reported last May was 1,513,919 acres, thus indicating a total yield of 24,821,987 bushels. The final estimate will be made next month. It is believed that the Michigan crop is the largest since 1892, when it exceeded 25,000,000. The indications are that oats will yield twenty-five bushels and barley nineteen bushels to the acre. Corn has made slow growth during the past month, but has not yet been injured by frost and promises an excellent crop. The conceded damage to late potatoes by dry weather cannot be estimated. Beans will be 87 per cent., and apples and peaches from one-fourth to one-fifth of an average crop.

Wants Her $20.

Mrs. Laura Sprat, an active member of several Jackson societies, has had a warrant issued for "Prof." Leon Marrad, who claims to be a European clairvoyant. A week ago Mrs. Sprat let Marrad have a $20 gold piece to magnetize, so the clairvoyant could diagnose the illness of Mrs. Sprat's husband. The money was handed over, together with $5, as pay for carrying the $20 gold piece around. Marrad displayed a telegram calling him to Philadelphia. He has not been seen since, and as he did not return the money Mrs. Sprat believes she was swindled.

Oleo Offenders.

The dairy and food inspectors exchanged districts this week and the result has been the securing of a dozen or more samples of oleomargarine colored to resemble butter. The dealers will be prosecuted. Several of them begged for mercy when they found they had been detected. Thus far only thirty licenses have been taken out in the State, and but one of these is a wholesaler's license. On Sept. 1 last year 256 licenses, thirty-five of which were wholesalers, had been taken out.

Firebugs' Work.

A fire which started in Alex. Bonenfant's saloon building destroyed quite a section of the business part of Oscoda. The village hall, jail and hose tower were burned to the ground, as were four adjoining dwellings. The village has nothing left but vacant lots. The records are probably all burned. The general opinion is that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Are After Gold.

Representative Saginawians have organized what will be known as the Clear Water Mining Co., for the purpose of carrying on mining operations in the Rainy Lake district of Ontario, where "Joe" Steele, a local land looker, is alleged to have found some valuable deposits of gold.

Minor State Matters.

The Odd Fellows at Howell have split. A new lodge has been formed.

The corner stone of a new Polish Catholic church was laid at Grand Rapids.

Burglars entered L. C. Shelley's residence, at Bancroft, but were frightened away.

Four sets of officers' quarters, to cost $20,000, will be built at Fort Brady at the Soo.

Duncan McNaughton of Port Huron, who was injured in a runaway accident, is dead.

Philip Ketles, a Jackson market man, was probably fatally injured in a runaway accident.

The freshmen class at the Michigan Agricultural College this fall will contain about 150 members.

Rev. Wm. Gates died at Benton Harbor, aged 87 years. He was a pioneer preacher in Michigan.

Another attempt was made to burn up the extensive saw mill plant of Columbus C. Barker in Bay City.

Jules Fuehrman, of Omaha, will deliver addresses on beet sugar growing to the farmers of Bay County.

At Schoolcraft the fine mint distillery of George H. Briggs was destroyed by fire, together with all stock and machinery.

Mrs. Mark Oppenheim, wife of a leading Dowagiac merchant, fell down a cellar way and broke one arm and two ribs.

The apple crop in Berrien County, especially the southern part, is practically a total failure. There will not be one-tenth of a crop.

Keeper A. M. Southwick, of Jackson, who was brutally assaulted by a convict with an iron bar a month ago, is in a critical condition.

Miss Mabel Severens, daughter of United States District Judge Henry F. Severens, was married at Mount Carmel to James Bird Balch.

Joseph Darling, Peter De Nean and Mrs. Mary Cuthbertson, who escaped from jail at Port Huron, were captured near Courtright, Ont.

Minnie Munger, of Shepardsville, got in front of the knives of a mowing machine which was in operation and one foot was cut off close to the ankle.

At Charlotte Marshal Shephard had his hand and arm broken in a tussle with Joe Johnson and a man named Kemp, whom he was taking to the station.

A 15-year-old son of George Meyers, a farmer living near Willow, was seriously injured in a runaway accident. A heavy land roller passed over his body.

Governor Pingree broke the pardon record Saturday by releasing eight convicts, all of whom were serving long terms for serious offenses, and paroling two short-term convicts.

The close of the convention of Hoo Hoos, in Detroit, was a grotesque affair. The election of officers resulted in the selection for Grand Snark of A. A. White, of Kansas City; Senior Hoo Hoo, W. H. McClintock, Chicago; Junior Hoo Hoo, William B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.

Things are shaping themselves for the extensive mining of coal in the vicinity of Bay City. Within six months several test holes and a number of shafts have been sunk, by outside parties, with considerable means. Local concerns are securing options on farm lands for the mining of coal only.

Forest fires are raging south and west of Mackinaw City.

A large flock of quail has taken up quarters in Hastings.

The standing pine in Marquette County will be exhausted in two years.

Horace Heusted, an old pensioner living near Fenton, was robbed of $43.

Jacob Brechtel, of Blumfield, a well-to-do German farmer, committed suicide.

Tommy Kennedy, an 8-year-old Port Huron lad, was killed in a runaway accident.

Frank Hogan, who escaped from jail at Sheboygan, Wis., was captured at St. Joseph.

Gertie Trumbull, a young and inexperienced girl, disappeared at Battle Creek.

The tannery, barn and two dwellings belonging to Jacob Loffman at East Tawas burned.

Gustave Kennberg, a well-known Owosso drug clerk, dropped dead in the street. Heart disease.

The dead body of a new born infant was found in a D. & M. freight car at Grand Haven.

W. C. Gannett, of Traverse City, cut an artery in one of his hands and nearly bled to death.

It is said that a gang of horse thieves is operating in Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana.

The authorities at Clarkston have a single rig on their hands and they would like to find the owner.

The annual reunion of the Seventh Michigan cavalry will be held in Kalamazoo on Oct. 19.

The mercury climbed above 100 degrees in the shape in the upper peninsula during the hot wave.

The national anti-spiritualists' association will perfect county organizations throughout Michigan.

The sheriff and other Kalamazoo County officers are after the dynamiters who have been operating near Galesburg.

Rev. Anderson C. Marshall, mayor of Corunna, formerly a Free Methodist, has been ordained as a Baptist minister.

Rosa McDonald and George McKay, who were under arrest at Port Austin, charged with disorderly conduct, broke jail.

Claude Leahym has been bound over to the circuit court at Port Huron on the charge of stealing thirteen bushels of wheat.

Thieves entered the residence of W. F. Davidson at Port Huron and ran off with a savings bank containing a Columbian half dollar.

A bicycle hater placed a board filled with pointed nails on the bicycle path just out of Flint. Twenty-five punctured tires was the result.

David G. Buck, of Vassar, pleaded guilty at Caro to the charge of bigamy and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Ionia.

Saginaw will hire three extra school teachers and will buy a building to provide for the children the regular schools cannot care for.

The 5-months-old baby of Mrs. Frank Darling, a Battle Creek widow, was fatally scalded by the overturning of a kettle of boiling water.

The 4-year-old son of August Lust, of Rogers City, was instantly killed at a barn raising. A timber slipped and hit the lad on the head.

The Michigan Central Railroad officials have agreed to act with the Jackson Y. M. C. A. and erect a building for the use of the railroad employes.

Deputy Railroad Commissioner Wedemeyer and Mechanical Engineer Moore are on a tour of inspection of the Michigan Central and the upper peninsula railroads.

The attorney general refuses to give an opinion on the constitutionality of the recent law, giving counties the right to vote to rescind the county road system. He says the question should go to the supreme court.

Marshal Beresford has unearthed a youthful robber gang composed of some fifteen boys between the ages of 10 and 14 years, who have been systematically robbing Owosso merchants and selling their plunder.

J. H. Somers & Co., coal operators of Cleveland, have secured coal mining rights from seven farmers near Kawkawlin, having leased nearly 700 acres. It is said that a four-foot vein was discovered on one farm.

The Benton Harbor and Alaskan Mining Co. has filed articles of incorporation, with a capital stock of $20,000. A party will go to the Klindike in the early spring and establish headquarters at Dawson City.

A Benton Harbor grower has found a little Klondike in early peaches. Eight crates, containing 4,576 peaches, recently shipped to Chicago, brought $14.40, or 2½ cents a peach. The peaches were beautifully packed.

The State railroad crossing board has approved a map of the Mineral Range road from Osceola Junction to Red Jacket. The road is being changed from narrow to standard gauge and otherwise greatly improved.

Chas. Taylor presented a claim for damages against Flint for the loss of a valuable horse, which ran away and broke a leg. He bases his claim on the allegation that the runaway was caused by the Salvation Army band.

Charles McKone, of Hazelton township, has begun suit in the circuit court by capias against John Spears, a neighbor, claiming $1,000 damages for an alleged biting out of a piece of his under lip and his left eyelid.

John F. Ryan, on the stand in the Shepherd inquest, told a straightforward story and accounted for his whereabouts on the morning of the shooting. He admitted that the cash in the bank had run low and that its affairs were in very bad shape.

The Traverse wheelway is nearly completed and will next year form one of the leading attractions of the North. The bike path is eight miles long and connects all of the resorts about Little Traverse Bay, running parallel to the beach.

E. J. White, of Galien, paid $300 for a substitute during the war, but was afterward drafted and the township paid him back $100. He now threatens suit for the balance. Together with the interest, quite a sum is coming to him. The township is preparing to contest the case.

Richard Bohannan, of Dimondale, was held up and robbed of $40 the other evening. A woman came to his house and asked him to help her repair her carriage, which had broken down. When he reached the place, a man with a revolver made him elevate his hands, while the woman went through his pockets.

PRAYING FOR RAIN.

FARMERS AND PREACHERS ASK HEAVEN'S HELP.

Conditions Prevailing Are Worse than Have Been Experienced for Many Septembers—Schools Forced to Close Because of the Deadly Heat.

Many States Stricken.

Wells are drying, corn is scorching, pastures are bare, dust is inches deep and the pastors are calling special meetings and joining their flocks in earnest prayers for rain. Illinois, Indiana and Iowa are parched. Until Tuesday evening Kansas was in the same condition, but rain came.

In Southern Illinois the temperature averaged 90 degrees for fourteen days. Northern Illinois and Chicago are having an unusually hot period for so late in the season. Corn is being destroyed in all the Egyptian country, and no such record has been made in heat and drouth since the September of 1879. The Sangamon, Mackinaw and Vermilion Rivers are nearly dry, and the cattle on a thousand hills are bellowing in vain and dying for want of water.

In Indiana no drop of moisture has fallen for two months, the corn is being burned to death, the pastures are as inflammable as powder and fires are raging. All over Northern and Eastern Indiana prayers for rain are being offered in all the churches. Iowa has had an average of nearly 90 for ten days and never in the State's history has there been so much suffering in September. Public schools are closed in many towns, workmen are forced to quit toil and prayers for rain are going up on every hand. In Ohio also public schools were forced to close on account of the extremely hot weather. Children fainted at Bellaire during the morning and there was no school in the afternoon. Michigan, too, is scanning the skies and watching every newspaper and weather bulletin for the promise of a downpour. Farmers are anxious, fruit raisers are downcast and the people of the cities are discouraged.

Following is a table of temperatures in the principal cities Tuesday:

St. Louis	96	Kansas City	90
Indianapolis	94	Des Moines	90
Cincinnati	94	St. Paul	86
Philadelphia	92	Omaha	86
Memphis	92	New York	76
Chicago	91	Detroit	76

STRUBLE A SUICIDE.

Officials So Declare Regarding the Michigan Cashier.

The so-called Struble murder mystery at Shepherd, Mich., seems to be developing into a story of defalcation and suicide. It is known almost beyond doubt that Struble died by his own hand, and the charitably inclined say he was insane when de did it. One by one the supporters of the murder theory are forsaking that idea. The officers have been working upon the suicide theory for about a week. What first turned their attention to this idea was the discovery of a mysterious depositor, who evidently had extensive dealings with the Farmers bank. On Aug. 2 it was discovered that Frank Sutton had deposited $500, which was

ELMER STRUBLE.

withdrawn on Aug. 11. No one knew anything of such a man, and the mystery about him was deepened when word was sent by the Jackson City bank that a check for $1,000 given upon them payable to the Shepherd bank had been received and dishonored, for they knew no such man.

Local officials got hold of the check and began to see light when it was discovered to be in Cashier Struble's handwriting

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Wheat Shows an Average Condition of 85.7 Per Cent.

The September report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the following average conditions on Sept. 1: Corn, 79.3; oats, 84.6; rye, 90.1; tobacco, 75.5; wheat, 85.7; barley, 86.4; buckwheat, 95.1; potatoes, 66.7. The condition of corn, 79.3, is 4.9 points lower than last month, 11.7 points lower than on Sept. 1, 1896, and 3.3 points lower than the September average for the last ten years. The principal State averages are as follows: Ohio, 84; Michigan, 88; Indiana, 82; Illinois, 84; Iowa, 70; Missouri, 74; Kansas, 61; Nebraska, 87; Texas, 81; Tennessee, 85, and Kentucky, 83.

The condition of wheat, 85.7, is 11.1 points higher than on Sept. 1, 1896, and 4.5 points higher than the September average for the last ten years. There is a marked decline in the principal spring-wheat States as compared with last month. The average condition of oats is 84.6, as compared with 86 on Aug. 1, with 74 on Sept. 1, 1896, and with 80.7 the September average for the last ten years.

The average condition of barley, 86.4, shows a decline of 1 point during the month, but is higher by 3.3 points than on Sept. 1, 1896, and by 1.9 points than the September average for the last ten years.

The average condition of 90.1 is 8.1 points higher than on Sept. 1, 1896, and 3.1 points above the average for the last ten years. The condition of buckwheat, 95.1, shows a slight improvement during the month. It is 1.9 points higher than on Sept. 1, 1896, and 7.3 points higher than the September average for the last ten years.

The condition of tobacco has declined 3.2 points during the month, and is now 6 points below the condition on Sept. 1, 1896, and 4 points below the average condition for the last ten years. The average condition of potatoes has continued to fall, and is now only 66.7, or 11.2 points lower than on Aug. 1, 10.5 points lower than on Sept. 1, 1896, and 11.7 points below the average for the last ten years. The number of hogs for fattening shows a decrease of 9.2 per cent. from that of last year. In point of condition the stock hogs are 1 point lower than on Sept. 1, 1896, and .7 of a point below the September average for the last ten years.

BETRAYED HIS TRUST.

His Greed for Gain Caused Him to Lose $100,000 of Church Money.

Charles M. Charnley has been known in church circles of Chicago for thirty years as a gentleman of sterling character and exemplary life. His record for truth and honesty had led his friends to repose implicit confidence in him and he was appointed treasurer of two or three of the funds of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Mature in years, firm in the faith, stalwart in the service of the church, and one of its faithful stewards, he was too well trusted to be asked for a bond commensurate with the amount of money he handled.

His last report showed $95,000 in assets and cash on hand. Secretary E. C. Ray, not being satisfied with his report, went quietly to work to investigate the books. He found that where $20,000 in the bank was claimed, the bank showed only $163. Charnley confessed that he had lost $58,000 of the church funds, but

CHARLES M. CHARNLEY.

subsequent examinations of the accounts show that the amount lost will probably exceed $100,00. As a result of his embezzlement sixty schools and academies, which were supported by the funds of the church, will have to be closed.

After the discovery of his enormous defalcations he walked the streets of Chicago a free man for nearly five weeks. During this time he was shadowed almost continually by detectives, but a few days ago he escaped surveillance and has not been seen since. It is thought that he has sought suicide as a refuge from his crime.

FEVER GAINS GROUND.

Uneasy Feeling in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

New Orleans	14
Mobile, Ala.	4
Ocean Springs, Miss.	40
Perkinson, Miss.	1
Barkley, Miss.	4
Near Scranton, Miss.	1
Biloxi, Miss.	43
Edwards, Miss.	3

Late dispatches say there are more yellow fever cases in New Orleans, and it would be folly to deny the prevalence of a decidedly panicky feeling throughout Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama because of the presence of the plague in each of those States. The fact cannot be disputed that the disease is gradually spreading. There are four cases in Mobile, and the facts seem to show the disease was introduced from a point other than the Mississippi sound towns. Cablegrams from Nicaragua say the plague is spreading there, giving a new source of danger to the coast cities. Yellow fever also exists at Savannah, according to late reports.

In Mississippi the trend of affairs is even more gloomy, though that State has the advantage of having been practically turned over to the federal health officials. Ocean Springs, where the plague first took hold, has about forty cases of fever. There is one case at Perkinson, a little town on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad.

The fever was traced from Ocean Springs to Barkley, Miss., a settlement of but four houses and a postoffice. Mrs. Saunders, who died in Ocean Springs, was buried in Barkley, and soon after the funeral her son, her husband and two other people died in the town. One case exists about midway between Scranton and Pascagoula, Miss. At Biloxi, Miss., there are forty-three cases of all sorts. Fifteen of these are declared to be yellow fever and seven others are strongly suspected of so being.

FIVE MEN LYNCHED.

Enraged Citizens of Indiana Shoot and Hang Prisoners.

At Osgood, Ind., a mob of 400 infuriated men Tuesday night lynched Lyle Levi, Bert Andrews, Clifford Gordon, William Jenkins and Hiney Shuler. They were taken from the authorities. The men had been arrested for burglary. Frequent robberies had enraged the citizens of the county and the mob was composed of men from Milan, Sunman and other towns.

The mob, on horseback, entered the town an hour after midnight and called out Jailer Kenan, who, upon refusing to give up the keys, was overpowered. The men soon pushed their way into the cellrooms, and in their impatience first fired on the five prisoners and then dragged them to a tree, a square from the jail door, and hung them up. Andrews and Gordon had already been wounded, having been shot several times while attempting to rob a store at Correct Saturday night. Shuler was in jail for attempted burglary and Levi and Jenkins had just been indicted by the grand jury for robbery. They had failed to give bond, and were put in jail

CABINET RESUMES WORK.

McKinley and His Advisers Consider the Union Pacific Case.

Interest attached to the cabinet meeting Tuesday, the first in a number of weeks. Every member of the cabinet, except Secretary Long, who is out of Washington, reached the white house promptly at 11 o'clock. The morning session was devoted almost entirely to the consideration of the Union Pacific question, presumably the advisability of taking an appeal from the decreee of the United States court at Omaha for the sale of the property under foreclosure proceedings. The cabinet also discussed the San Pedro (Cal.) harbor project, and Attorney General McKenna rendered an opinion to the effect that Secretary Alger should proceed under the law to carry out the project of building a breakwater and making other improvements at San Pedro. The civil service decision in the Wood case and its effect on the law was also informally talked

INDIANA LYNCH LAW.

DETAILS OF THE RIPLEY COUNTY AFFAIR.

Summary Punishment Visited Upon a Gang of Evil Characters—People Tire of an Extended Series of Criminal Acts—Gov. Mount Indignant.

Deed of Infuriated Mob.

The lynching of the five Osgood men at Versailles, the county seat of Ripley County, has, perhaps, no parallel in the history of Indiana. The prisoners were confined in the county jail on the charge of burglary. They all resided in the town of Osgood, and were supposed to belong to an organized band of thieves and highwaymen which has been robbing and terrorizing the citizens of Ripley County for a number of years. They were awaiting trial for having attempted to break into the general store of Wooley Bros. at Correct Saturday night. Gordon and Andrews were captured at the time after a running fight, and after each had been severely wounded. The other prisoners were detained on the charge of having assisted in the attempted burglary, and whose guilt seemed evident. Public feeling had been aroused against the prisoners because they had so often escaped the penalties of the law.

Sheriff Henry Bushing and wife were away from home. He had been badly wounded while trying to capture the men Saturday night, and the jail was in charge of his brother-in-law, W. T. Kennen, turnkey, and William Black. At 12:45 o'clock they were aroused by the ringing of the door bell. Kennen and Black went down and opened the door. Three masked men with a revolver in each hand confronted them. The leader said: "Hold up your hands! We demand the keys of the jail." Kennen looked into the muzzles of six revolvers, and after some resistance was taken to the kitchen and found the keys. Kennen and Black were locked in a cell and three men with revolvers made their way through the grating and others went to find the prisoners, who had all retired.

In the lower cellrooms were confined Levi, Shuler and Jenkins, and there the visitors proceeded first. Levi was first awakened, and, refusing to throw up his hands at the command of the leader, two pistol shots were heard, and he fell to the floor pierced to the heart. Shuler, lying on his cot, refused to get up, but begged for his life. A stroke upon the head from a heavy stick silenced him, and he rolled to the floor. Jenkins' fate was similar, and the three bodies were carried to the main corridor, and the lynchers made their way upstairs, where Gordon and Andrews were found. They, being wounded, submitted without much effort. Their hands were tied behind them, ropes were placed around their necks and they were dragged down the stairway where their companions lay. Ropes being placed around the necks of all the order was given, "Pull on the ropes, boys, and hurry up."

Hanged to an Elm Tree.

Two squares north of the jail on the bluff near the famous "Gordon's Leap" was found an old elm tree, and to its toughened limbs were hanged the maimed and bruised bodies of the five prisoners, naked and ghastly. The scene was appalling, and the bodies were soon cut down and covered under the shade of the tree. Hundreds visited the scene the following day, and hardly a twig of the old elm remains, having been carried away by the curious throng.

A man named Hostetter a couple of weeks ago had given a tip to the county officials, and through him the men were caught. He said they met and planned at Jenkins' house, and he (Jenkins) said he would help them out at any time, but how much, if any, they were implicated will never be known, as they were given no chance to deny or defend themselves.

Osgood had grown notorious the last two years on account of the many highway robberies and hold-ups committed there. Last winter an aged couple—Mr. and Mrs. Rineking—living north of town were tortured and robbed while alone at their home. The night of April 1 Mr. and Mrs. Baulkman, living six miles from Osgood, were tortured by three masked men, who demanded their money. They made the old lady, who was quite infirm, walk over red-hot coals to tell where her money was. They got nothing but a gun and a few trifles. The latter part of the same month Mr. and Mrs. Kammon of Milan were treated in a similar manner by masked men. The two Dr. Josephs of Osgood place were arrested, charged with the robbery, but proved an alibi and were acquitted without trouble. Men have been held up on the streets and houses without number broken into the last two years, but it seemed as though the guilty ones could never be caught. How much or how little these men were implicated in these robberies may never be known.

Largest Number Ever Lynched.

The hanging is a blot on the name of Ripley County. It is the largest number ever hanged at a lynching in the State and only the second rope execution ever in the county. Twenty years ago Tim Boyd of Moore's Hill, who was in jail for committing an assault, was visited by a mob and seventeen bullets shot into him, but nothing has ever aroused the people like this tragedy. People drove into Vergailles from all over the county and groups stood around discussing it. Schools were dismissed and business is at a standstill. The families of the men are almost insane from the shock. The bodies were taken to Osgood and delivered to their several homes.

The sheriff received a message from the Governor to use all means in his power to apprehend the men composing the mob. However, it seems that the sheriff is powerless, as no means of identification of a single man has been obtained. The Governor, realizing this and also that the sympathies of the community seemed with the lynchers, sent Merrill Moores, deputy attorney general, to the scene of the lynching, with instructions to make a full investigation and spare no expense in bringing the lynchers to justice.

Miss Cornelia Barnden Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Wright, was married at Marblehead, Mass., to John Bruce McPherson of Gettysburg, Pa., a son of Edward McPherson, for many years clerk of the National House of Representatives.

Capt. Samuel McConihe, of the Fourteenth Infantry, died at St. Luke's hospital, New York City, from Bright's disease. Capt. McConihe was one of the heroes of the civil war and received six brevets for gallant and meritorious service.

"HOME, SWEET HOME."

First Sung in Public Over the Grave of an Indian.

When the boundary line between Tennessee and Georgia was established, it pasesd half a mile south of the spring Tuck-a-lee-chee-chee, among the foothills of the Unakas, and, as it crossed one of the principal Indian trails, it became a place of much importance. There had already grown up a strong rivalry between the Tennessee tribes, headed by Chief Ross, and the Georgia tribes, headed by Major Ridge, both half-breeds and men of extraordinary ability as leaders. The establishment of a new boundary line fixed the limits of their respective territories, and, to try to harmonize so far as possible the contending factions, the Government established a trading post there. John Howard Payne appeared upon the scene and was accused of inciting the Indians to insubordination. He was placed under arrest as an incendiary and carried to the council house.

While Payne was held there, one of the first bands arrived, and among the Indians was the chief, Oo-chee, or Rattling Guard, a broken-hearted man. He was moody and abstracted and refused all invitations to the council house and would partake of no festive enjoyments whatever, but spent the most of his time at the graves of his wife and child farther up the valley. One morning he was missed. Weltering in his own blood, the body was found between the little mounds that covered his squaw and papoose. In some way he had secreted a bayonet, fell upon the point of it and died on the spot where he had often expressed a desire to be laid for his last long sleep.

A grave was dug on the spot where he lay, and the chief was buried by the soldiers, one of the Moravian missionaries officiating. After the services were over John Howard Payne, who had been a silent witness of the pathetic scene, began singing softly to himself the song which has since been echoed throughout every land on the earth. Gen. Bishop, who had kept a close scrutiny on his actions, heard the song and called Payne to him.

"Young man," said the stern old Indian fighter. "Where did you learn that song?"

"I wrote that song myself," replied Payne.

"And where did you get that tune?"

"I composed that also."

"Would you let me have a copy of it?"

"Certainly I will."

"Well, a man who can sing and write like that is no incendiary. Appearances may be against you, but I am going to set you free. I shall write out your discharge immediately, and pass you anywhere you choose through the nation."

Payne had been housed at the home of a family living near by, and on his return there he exhibited the pass and related the circumstances. That was the first time that "Home, Sweet Home" had ever been sung in public.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Spanish Succession.

The beginning of the eighteenth century was also the beginning of a war, which, while it lasted, was almost as destructive of life and property as the wars of the revolution and empire. The struggle was one to preserve the balance of power in Europe and prevent France from dominating the Continent. When Charles II. of Spain died, in 1700, the reigning houses of France and Austria each tried to secure the throne of Spain for a member of the royal family. By will Charles had left the Spanish dominions to Philip of Anjou, grandson of Louis XIV., but Germany, England and the Netherlands contested the validity of the will, and made war in order to break it. This war, like that 100 years later, spread to regions far beyond the nations most interested, and, to adapt a sentence of Macaulay, used in another connection, in order that a French prince might sit on the throne of Spain, black men fought on the coast of Coromandel and red men scalped each other by the great lakes of North America. The war, distinguished by the brilliant victories of the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene, lasted thirteen years, and accomplished nothing, so far as its original purpose was concerned, for the French prince, under the name of Philip V., held his place on the Spanish throne, though, by the peace of Utrecht, he was compelled to cede a large part of his dominions to various European powers in order to keep the remainder. Austria, Savoy and England were the chief gainers by these cessions, the latter, among other grants, acquiring the fortress of Gibraltar. Next to Spain, France was the principal loser, for, not only did the flower of the French army perish on the fields where Marlborough's victories were won, but France and Spain were wholly separated, so that "There are no Pyrenees" became the bitterest satire.

Untidiness.

A kind of laziness enters into all untidiness. The man leaves his papers in a heap because he cannot or will not compel himself to the exertion of setting them; the woman keeps her room "all in a litter" because orderly "putting away" fatigues her beyond endurance. Tidiness involves a perpetually-recurrent necessity for small exertions, and he or she who is inherently untidy feels about it just as a savage feels about clothes—that the exertion of wearing them never comes to an end.

Lamps 3,000 Years Old.

Among the curios unearthed at Troy by Dr. Schliemann were several golden lamps dating from 900 B. C.

There is an awful lot of time wasted in hoping.

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THE MIDDLEVILLE SUN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1897.

Coming Events.

Caledonia Fair Oct. 6, 7, 8.

Remember the Allegan county fair will be held September 28 to October 1.

The Eaton county fair will be held September 28 to October 1 inclusive.

The famous exhibition horse Woodlawn who travels in twelve different gaits under saddle, and six different gaits in harness, will be exhibited on each day of the Barry Co. fair. *

The Wagner Male Quartette, that made so favorable a hit when here last spring, will appear at the M. E. church under the auspices of the E. L., on Wednesday evening, Oct. 6. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Walter A. Biss will preach at the prairie school house next Sunday afternoon, 3:30 standard time.

The Ladies' Mission circle of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Coats Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Union meeting of the young people's societies of the three churches, at the Baptist church next Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

The Congregational harvest home concert, display and supper will take place October 17 and 18. See program later.

Union temperance meeting in the Baptist church next Sunday evening. Rev. C. W. Marshall of Wayland will preach the sermon.

A harvest thanksgiving service will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. The church will be decorated. Every one will be made welcome.

The B. Y. P. U. will hold a patriotic social at the parsonage next Friday evening. Decorations, refreshments and program will be flavored with patriotism. All are invited.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Christian Life a Perpetual Thanksliving." Sunday school at the close of morning service. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.

M. E church—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by the new preacher. Sunday school immediately following the morning service. Union temperance meeting at the Baptist church in the evening; sermon by Rev. C. W. Marshall of M. E. church of Wayland.

By permission of the W. C. T. U. the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church will give a patriotic social at the parsonage on Friday, Sept 24th. Uncle Sam will receive the guests. Decorations, program and refreshments will be flavored with patriotism. Ice-cream and cake will be served. All are invited.

Evangelical church, Leighton, P. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The above services are German. Young people's services every Sunday evening in the English language. English preaching first Sunday evening of each month.

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for morning, "The Supply Equal to the Demand." Union temperance meeting at the Baptist church in the evening. Sunday school at the close of morning service. Junior C. E. at 4 p. m. Subject, "Keeping One's Temper. How? Why?" Leader, Mamie Mattason. Y. P. S. C. E. will meet with the B. Y. P. U. Teachers' meeting, Monday, 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

PROGRAM.

Barry County Christian Endeavor Union at Barryville, Oct. 8-9.

FRIDAY EVENING.

8:00—Model C. E. meeting; subject, "Laboring Much," led by Rev. A. D. Grigsby, Hastings

SATURDAY MORNING.

9:00—Song service. Rev. L. Brown, Bedford
9:20—Business meeting. Appointment of committees on nomination, enrolment, resolutions.
Music.
9:45—Address, "Why Am I Here?" Gun Lake Society
Discussion.
Music.
10:10—"Our Committees; What Are They Doing?" Miss Lida Feighner, Nashville
10:45—"Do Conventions Pay?" Rev. G. N. Gillett, Assyria
Music.
11:00—Reports of societies.
11:20—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:00—Song service, Rev. G. W. Mylne, Freeport
1:20—Reports of committees.
Election of officers.
Music.
1:40—"For What Does the Society Stand?"
1. Good Citizenship, Rev. A. A. Luce, Lacey
2. Good Fellowship, Miss Vera Cobb, Middleville
3. The Spread of the Kingdom, Rev. S. Daily, Barryville
4. The Church, Rev. F. Atwell, Hastings
Music.
2:40—"What for the Future, Winter Quarters or a Campaign?" Rev. Luther Brown, Bedford
3:00—Address—"The Pledge." Rev. H. Appleton, Middleville
3:30—Open Conference.
Adjournment.
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NOTICE.

All members of the W. R. C. are requested to be present at the next meeting Saturday, Sept. 25, as there is important business to be transacted.

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BOWNE BUDGET.

Sept. 20—Corn cutting is the order of the day. Some have finished, others are waiting to let it get cut by Jack Frost.

Henry Nellins and wife Sundayed with the latter's father, Geo. Salsbury.

There were no services at this place last Sunday on account of the pastor attending the conference at Kalamazoo.

The teacher at the Center has purchased a wheel and is learning to ride it on Main street.

The next grange council will be held at South Boston Thursday, Sept. 23.

Rob't Johnson, wife and son, Harry, spent Saturday and Sunday with R. M. Johnson's people in Middleville.

Ed Bunker, jr., and wife expect to make their future home in Oregon.

We have not as yet heard from Mr. Markley's sons since they left for the gold fields.

EAST CALEDONIA.

O. B. Barber and L. C. Rathbun attended the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Lake Odessa, Wednesday.

Lewis Smith and wife took in the excursion to Ottawa Beach, Wednesday.

Miss Ola Proctor of Massachusetts, who has been visiting her parents, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McWhinney were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Joe Hughes, of Bowne, Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. Proctor and daughter, Ola, spent one day last week at Ottawa Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Menzies of Alaska spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rathbun.

The entertainment at the church Friday evening was well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Receipts $18.20.

Oscar Stone was in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Miss Hattie Shrader is visiting her sister, Mrs. Teeple, of Freeport this week.

NORTH IRVING.

Lovely "fall" weather. Mercury believes in "falling" from quite warm to quite cold.

Farmers are quite busy cutting corn and seeding.

E. Springer and wife and Mrs. Watson of Plainwell visited the former's daughter, Mrs. F. Roberts, and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Bates died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jake Wing, and was buried from this place Sunday p. m. The U. B. pastor from Hastings spoke most excellent words to a house full of friends. Mrs. Bates was 82 years of age, was the mother of Mrs. Jake Wing, Homer and Lyman Bates.

Allen Matthews commenced his school in Yankee Springs Monday morning.

Mrs. Polhemus and daughter of California visited her sister, Mrs. Walker, over Sunday.

Mrs. Trego entertained a few friends Saturday p. m. in honor of Mrs. Polhemus.

P. G. Bennett and wife of Hastings Sundayed at F. Roberts', recently.

Mrs. Coulter is visiting friends at the lake shore for a few weeks.

J. Matthews is entertaining rheumatism at present.

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.

Libbie Smith has a new piano.

John Carter, sr., has been at Hastings the past week as juryman.

Mrs. Jane Smith's house has a new complexion, caused by a new coat of paint.

Considerable wheat was sown here last week.

By the reports of guns we know the woods around the lake are filled with hunters.

School is progressing finely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stewart Sundayed with John Carter and family.

Mr. Count of Hastings has been visiting his son, Harvey, on his farm here.

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS—WARRANTY DEEDS.

Helen M. and LeRoy Boise to Willis E. and B. J. DeRicer, parcel in Nashville	5000
Eliza Binnal and husband to C. S. Wright and wife, parcel in Freeport..	525
Biem Saim and wife and A. C. Koolster to James and Mary A. Riley, parcel in section 3, Irving	2000
Asa B. Pennock and wife to Albert C. and Emma J. Hampton, parcel in section 3, Barry	1200
John Wilbur Freeland and wife to John H. Freeland, parcel in sec 6, Carlton..	450
John Holden and wife to Jacob A. Blickenstaff and Susanna Blickenstaff, parcel in section 20, Hastings	575
Miriam Boise to William Strong, lots 68 and 69, Nashville	1400
Frank M. Hazel to Ida May Bennett, lot 1248, Hastings	25
Sylvia Lewis to Adam Lewis, parcel in section 29, Orangeville	500
John H. Freeland and wife to Celertice Whitaker, parcel in section 6	150
Samuel Rouse and wife to Reuben J. Bunn, parcel Roush's add. Freeport..	125
Adam Lewis to Edward D. Lewis, parcel in section 29, Orangeville	200
James Curtis to James and Zena Curtis, parcel in section 5, Woodland	1
Elen Springer to Chas. Band and Hattie M. Johnson, parcel in section 26, Yankee Springs	100
John Brandstatter and wife to Jacob and Abraham Felder, parcel in section 22, Orangeville	1000
Albert A. Selleck to H. C. Zuschnitt, lots in Nashville	900
Lewis A. Emery to Martha Emery, parcel in section 14, Maple Grove	1
Ira Wescott and wife to James E. Kemkey and wife, lots in Middleville	800

QUIT CLAIMS.

Mary A. Kaiser to Emma L. Fargson, parcel in section 27, Baltimore.	1
Ellen Emery to Fred M. Jarman, parcel in section 14, Irving	800
Mary J. Burst et al to Henry Storr, parcels section 18, 17, Barry	2500

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Name and Residence.	Age.
Hezekiah Paddock, Hastings; Jane Levitt, same	44—48
Henry C. Brightrall, Irving; Sidonia Rickler, Appleton, Wis.	41—24
Earnest Norwood, Delton; Sarah Neiskins, Orangeville	21—18
Seymour Harries, Hastings; Elisabeth A. West, Rochester, Mich.	51—40
Frank Blank, Assyria; Belle Penfold, same	23—18
Henry J. Smith, Hastings; Cora B. Gillespie, same	40—21
Clyde Evertt, Castleton; Ervilla Varney, same	19—19
Myron Parker, Kalamazoo; Josephene McCollum, Cloverdale	24—19

WAYLAND WORKINGS.

Elder Rawson was called to Dowagiac on Thursday to attend the funeral of an old friend.

Clyde Pickett returned to Hiram, Ohio, Wednesday, where he is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pickett returned Tuesday from their trip to Buffalo and report a very enjoyable time.

The Wayland House is undergoing many needed repairs which will greatly improve its appearance.

Mrs. Wayne Carner and infant son of Conde, Dakota, are visiting at Geo. Carner's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoyt spent the fore part of the week with friends in Martin and Plainwell.

Geo. Carner is having a new well put down at his home on East Superior st. Nogle Bros. are doing the work.

A great deal of sickness is reported by our physicians, especially among children.

Miss Jessie Hoyt of Grand Rapids, Miss Kate Smith of Redlands, Cal., and Miss Estelle Oliver of Allegan spent Sunday at W. V. Hoyt's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Johnson were in Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday.

The Wayland high school has nearly forty non-resident pupils, the largest number ever enrolled. They comprise nearly half the number of high school students.

YANKEE SPRINGS.

Too late for last issue.

Sept. 14—Zell Courtney has pear trees in blossom.

School is progressing finely under the management of Fred McCollum.

A dance at the big dryer Friday evening.

A. M. Stocking and wife were guests of relatives here, Sunday.

Chas. Williams and family of Blanchard, Mich., returned to their home Monday after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends here.

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MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Sept. 18, 1897.

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Spring Chickens (dressed)		8
Fowls (live)		5½
Fowls (dressed)		7
Beef (dressed)	4½	5½
Veal	6	6½
Veal calves (live)	3½	4
Hogs (dressed)	4 50	5 00
Hogs (live)	3 25	3 75
Lard		6
Tallow		2½
Hides	6	7
Pelts	15	30
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Hay (clover)	5 00	6 00
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The Best County Fair.

Unquestionably the best county fair on the footstool is the Eaton county fair, which is held this year at Charlotte, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1st. The good words we would say of the Eaton county fair could not be crowded into the regular issue, hence this supplement. We ask you to read it carefully, note the array of attractions, the unparalleled aggregation of sports, the three-ring, double back action combinations of fun and jollity, the more important parade of children, the great school exhibit, the congress of ladies, the free circus, the bicycle and horse races, the fancy riding, the horseless wonder, the Wild West features, contortions, juggling, the trick rooster—Barnum's latest wonder, etc., etc., etc. Let all who are tnankful for the bountiful crops and higher prices get together and have a general and genuine rejoicing.

Below we briefly summarize some of the features so far secured:

Free Circus.

At a big expense Snyder & Perrine's traveling circus has been engaged to give free exhibitions daily before the grand stand. These performances will comprise the principal features of the most popular shows on earth, such as contortions, juggling, plate spinning, club swinging, double and single trapeze, Spanish web, revolving ladder, flying rings, rope walking, comic clowns, trick ponies, mules, etc. Remember these are absolutely free to all every day. A Wild West feature is also promised by Mr. McGregor, a showman from Detroit. This also will be free.

Horse Races.

About $500 has been added to the horse races this year and the large number of entries pouring in justify the management in the increase as it is more than likely that the entries will pay all the expenses. Some of the most noted horses in the country will be here, and the fast record of the Eaton county track will no doubt be lowered at this meeting. Horse-through the three days. In this way the best riders are brought in for competition and the races will be the very hest. Racing begins at 10:00 a. m., Wednesday, and continues uninterruptedly for four hours. The novice race is open to Eaton county riders and only to such as have never won a prize in a race. This gives a great opportunity for new material to get to the front. Prof. F. R. Giddings, the Kalamazoo trick rider, who gave such excellent satisfaction last year, will be accompanied by a little girl who is pronounced a prodigy in the art. You miss a rare chance if you fail to see these people. Mr. Giddings has added several new tricks since last year, and it is said that his little pupil keeps close to him in artistic excellence. They are engaged for two performances daily.

Horseless Carriage.

The much-talked-of Horseless Carriage will be a feature of the Eaton County Fair. Eastern parties get $500 for exhibiting this new wonder at state fairs, but the management was fortunate enough to get one from Lansing, for Thursday and Friday, for a much less sum. You can buy this carriage for $1000 and it costs only one-fourth of a cent a mile to operate it. Who is going to stay at home and be a clam when such sights can be seen for nothing next week?

Woman's Congress.

Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek, will address the ladies at this congress upon most important questions, and those who do not care for the gaiety and fun of the outside show can drop in here and get something helpful to them in their every-day affairs. This Congress is now a permanent feature of the Eaton County Fair, and is being copied by others. Miss H. J. Johnson of Charlotte will give you any further information desired.

Grand Rally of School Children.

Fully 3000 school children of Eaton county are expected to be in the ring songs suggested by the committee in charge. Special prizes are named elsewhere in this supplement for which it is hoped all district schools will contest. Commissioner Wagner and his committee have done all possible to interest all the schools. Give the pupils a day off Friday, better yet, give them Thursday also. It is expected that Gov. Pingree will be present and deliver a short address to the children.

These are only a few of the features suggested in a hasty write-up, but you may be assured that you will have no cause to regret your attendance at the greatest fair in the history of our Agricultural Society. The following is a brief program:

FIRST DAY.
TUESDAY, SEPT. 28th.

Livestock entries close on Monday, Sept. 27. Tuesday, Sept. 28, is the last day for making other entries. Be sure they are made early, as disappointments are liable to follow work done in a rush. Send entries at once to Geo. A. Perry, Secretary, Charlotte. All inquiries relating to horse racing should be made to J. H. Brown, Charlotte, and concerning bicycle racing to H. T. McGrath, Charlotte, Mich. Get all entries in early.

SECOND DAY.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29.

9:00 A. M.—Examinations and awarding of premiums in the several classes according to the premium list.

9:30 A. M.—**Grand Concert** by the Eaton Rapids Silver Cornet Band.

10:00 A. M.—**Free Circus** before the Grand Stand by the dazzling stars of Perrine & Snyder's colossal aggregation of world-renowned shows. This entertainment will be a forenoon feature each day of the Fair, and will well be worth the price of admission to the Fair. Remember it is absolutely free, and all its startling features will be given in plain view of the assembled multitude. Be sure and see the **Free Circus**. Change of program daily.

Old Boys' Bike Race.

10:10 A. M.—**T. C. Rulison**, Bicycle Repair Shop, offers to keep wheel repaired six months for the winner of Half Mile Bicycle Race between men over 60 years of age.

John Crout, Restaurant, offers 10 Meal Tickets to the second man in above race.

Slow Bike Race.

10:15 A. M.—**John Hartel**, Meat Market, offers a 12 pound ham to the winner in the Slow Bicycle Race.

F. D. Marple, Confectioner, offers 5 pounds candy as a second prize in this race.

High Wheel, Fancy.

10:25—**Emery Bros.**, Druggists, offer for High Wheel Fancy Bicycling for boys from 12 to 18 years, $5 in trade, as follows: 1st, $3; 2nd, $2.

Fancy Bicycling.

10:35 A. M.—**The First National Bank** offers $3 cash for best exhibition of Fancy Bicycling by boy or girl under 15 years of age.

H H Gage, Druggist, offers $2 in trade as a second prize for Fancy Bicycling.

Half Mile Foot Race.

10:50 A. M.—**A. J. Prindle** offers $5 in trade to the winner of the Half Mile Foot Race.

Word Contest.

Trask & Rickerd, Milliners, will give a $5 ladies' Hat to the lady (resident of Eaton County) who produces the largest list of dictionary words from the names "Trask-Rickerd". Must file lists with the firm before Oct. 1st.

The Cake Walk.

Barrett & Mead, Milliners, offer a $3 Hat to the girl taking first premium on Chocolate Cake in Youth's Department.

Yeast Bread.

Miss. M. Kinnie, Milliner, offers a $2 Hat to the girl taking first prize in Youths' Department on Yeast Bread.

China Painting.

Mrs. Nellie Selkirk, Milliner, offers a fine $5 Hat to the lady securing the first premium in the regular Fine Art Department of the county fair on Collection of not less than thirty

11:00 A. M.—**Bicycle Races.**

ONE MILE NOVICE, — Open to Eaton County riders only.

First Prize, Writing Desk, $9.00
Second Prize, Velvet Rug, 5.00
Third Prize, Cyclometer,. 1.50
Fourth Prize, Cyclometer, 1.50

ONE MILE OPEN.—Amateur.

First Prize, Diamond,... $35.00
Second Prize, Diamond,. 20.00
Third Prize, Bicycle Suit 8.00

ONE MILE OPEN.—Professional.

First Prize, Gold,..... $25.00
Second Prize, Gold,..... 15.00
Third Prize, Gold,..... 10.00

TWO MILE HANDICAP.—Amateur.

First Prize, Diamond, .. $35.00
Second Prize, Diamond,.. 20.00
Third Prize, Bicycle Suit, 8.00

TWO MILE HANDICAP.—Professional.

First Prize, Gold,..... $25.00
Second Prize, Gold,..... 15.00
Third Prize, Gold,..... 10.00

11·30 A. M.—Exhibition by **Prof. F. R. Giddings**, the renowned Trick and Fancy Bicycle Rider, champion of the country, and his young lady pupil. These attractions must be witnessed to be appreciated. Remember that they come on every day of the Fair.

3:00 P. M.—**Horse Racing.**

3:00 Trot or pace (open to Eaton, Barry and Ingham counties) purse $100.00.

2:35 Pace, purse $150.00.

2:25 Trot, purse $150.00.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30th.

The "Shouters."

10:00 A. M.—**E. J. Patterson**, Jeweler, offers $3.50 in trade for Shouting Contest; 1st prize, $2; 2nd prize, $1; 3rd prize, 50 cents. Shout the words: "Buy Watches and Clocks of 'Pat' the Jeweler."

Hop, Skip and Jump.

10:10 A. M.—**Geo. E. Brackett & Co.**, Boots and Shoes, offer a pair of $3.50 Shoes to winners of Hop, Step and Jump Contest between four Charlotte Woodmen and four Charlotte Maccabees. The total score of each side to determine the winners.

Ditto.—Farmers Only.

10:30 A. M.—**J. L. Miller**, Harness, Etc., offers a $2 Whip to the farmer winning first prize in a Hop, Step and Jump contest. Contestants limited to two trials each.

C. H. Avery, Flour and Feed, Lovett street, offers $1 worth of feed as a second prize in above named contest.

Foot Race.

10:50 A. M.—**Foot Race** for Boys under 20. 100 yards. **H. A. Blackmar** offers $5.00 cash as follows: 1st, $2.50; 2nd, $1.25; 3rd, 75 cents; 4th, 50 cents.

Tug of War.

11:00 A. M.—**G. V. Collins & Son.** will give $5 in free silver for a tug of war between an equal number of Maccabees from Brookfield and Chester tents. 1st, $3.50; 2nd, $1.50.

A Pierce-ing Shout.

11:30 A. M.

Pierce Bros., Restaurant, offer a $1 Umbrella as first prize and two meal tickets for second prize. Contestants to proclaim loudly "The best place to get a first class meal is at Pierce Bros' restaurant, three doors east of Phenix House."

Pulling Contest.

11:40 A. M.—**Lang & Vomberg**, Clothiers, offer $1.50 Hats to a team of two men, not to weigh over 300 pounds each, who, by steady pulling, each on a leg of their 75 cent warranted Sweet Orr Overalls, are able to rip a seam.

Novelty Foot Race.

11:50 A. M.—**M. Heyman & Son**, offer $3 cash for a Novelty Foot Race, as follows: Each contestant to run 30 yards, take off shoes, turn a post 20 yards further and back to shoes, put same on and return to starting point. First prize, $2; 2nd, $1.

12:00 M.—**Baby Show.**

Superintendent, L. P. Bissell. To the prettiest baby born since October 1, 1896, first premium, gold chain; second premium, high chair; third premium, silver cup; fourth premium, rattle.

Fat Babies.

G. S. Beardsley, Artist Photographer, offers 1 dozen Finest Mantello Photos for Fattest Baby on exhibition at Baby Show.

Oldest Lady.

12:15 P. M.—**J. B. Gibbons**, Graduate Optician and Jeweler, will give a perfect fitting pair of $5 gold-bowed Spectacles to the Oldest Lady Presenting herself at the reviewing stand.

Mrs. George W. Loomis, Milliner, offers a $3 Hat to the second oldest lady in above contest.

Ox Race.

12:20 P. M.—**Greenman & Selkirk**, Clothiers, will present to the winner of a double team Ox Race an $8 suit of clothes complete. Not less than two teams to start, and to be hitched to a wagon and go as you please for one-fourth mile.

Pierson & Stevens, Harness, Etc., offer a $2 whip to the second man in above race.

Ladies' Novelty Race.

12:30 P. M.—**A. T. Selkirk**, Jeweler, offers a $5 Silver Cake Basket to the lady winning first place in above named contest. Each lady, at word "Go", to harness her horse before grand stand and drive at any pace once around the track.

Albert Murray, Boots and Shoes, offer a pair of $3 Ladies' Shoes to the lady winning second in above contest.

J. L. Collisi. Hardware, offer a fine Wringer to the third lady in such race.

Farmers' Novelty Race.

1:00 P. M.—**Webster, Cobb & Co.**, Lumber Dealers at Charlotte, Eaton Rapids and Olivet, offer $8 in trade to the winner of the Novelty, double team race. The conditions governing this race are as follows: Nothing but farmers' teams to compete. Rigs will be arranged before grand stand in order drawn, harnesses will be at convenient distance, all will be given an equal show. At the word "go" each man harnesses his team and drives 1½ miles. 1st half mile, walk; 2nd, trot; 3d, "De'il take the hindmost."

Lamb & Spencer, Grocers, offer $2.50 cash to the second man in the Novelty Team Race.

Barber & Spencer, Hardware, offer a pair of $2.50 Horse Blankets to the third in above race.

Loren H. Turner, Flour and Feed, offers a bushel of timothy seed as a fourth prize.

O. P. Shuler offers a box of cigars to the fifth man in the race.

2:00 P. M.—**Horse Racing.**

3:00 Trot, purse $150.00.

2:24 Pace, purse $150.00.

Free-For-All Trot, purse $250.00.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1st.

10:00 A. M.—**School Parade.**

Every teacher is expected to have her school in line and march at its head. The line will form at the ticket office at 10 o'clock sharp, standard time. Don't let one lag behind.

The "Laughers."

11:00 A. M. — **Joshua H. Green**, Clothier, will give a Hat worth $1.50 to the man laughing loudest in the laughing contest.

Geddes' Fit.

11:10 A. M.—**W. Geddes & Co.**, the People's Tailor, Charlotte, will give a pair of $5 black, Clay worsted trousers to the lady or gentleman who calls the loudest "Geddes & Co., the People's Tailors make clothes that fit."

Best Appearing School.

Reynolds Bros., Dry Goods, offer $5.00 worth of books for library to the Country School making the best appearance in school parade (city and village schools excluded.) Books to be selected by winning school.

Brown Bros., Clothiers, offer a $5 School Globe to the district school having second best appearing school in the parade. (City and village schools excluded.)

Finest School Banner.

Geo. H. Fowler & Co. Photographers, offer a Fine Group Picture of the school carrying Prettiest Banner in the parade. He will frame the picture also if it is to be kept hung on the school room walls.

The Orators.

11:20 A. M.—**F. H. McGrath**, Grocer, offers $1.50 worth of fine groceries to the boy or girl under 12 years of age giving a Declamation in best style.

W. M. Beckman, Insurance Agent, offers $1 as a second prize in Declamation Contest.

Violin Solo.

11:40 A. M.—**E. H. Bailey**, Music, Books and Jewelry (double store,) will give for Violin Solos by man, woman or child, as follows: First premium, $3 Album; 2nd, a set of Violin Strings worth $1.50.

Jig Contest.

12:20 P. M.—**Geo. W. Foote**, Proprietor of Charlotte's Department Store (Spaulding and Metsinger blocks,) offers $6.75 in trade for a Jig Contest, as follows: First prize, $3.50 Mandolin; 2nd, $2.50 pair of Shoes; 3rd, 5 yards Blue Denims worth 75 cts.

Ladies' Whistling Contest.

12:40 P. M.—**Harry Putterille**, Bazaar Goods, offers a $3 Ladies' Hat to the Best Lady Whistler, contestants to be between the ages of 10 and 30.

D. A. Casterlin, proprietor of the Phenix House, will give $2 cash to the second best whistler in above contest.

Reading of Essays.

1:00 P. M.—**E. V. Abell**, Boots and Shoes, offers a pair of $2.50 Shoes for Best Essay by a child on the subject: "The Good to be Derived from a pair of Shoes Bought of E. V. Abell."

Pants Pull.

1:10 P. M.

A. J. Prindle also offers 50 cents cash to the man who, by a straight pull, can rip a pair of Duchess Pants.

Lady With Largest Family.

1:20 P. M.—**Watson & Newman**, Dry Goods, Etc., offer a fine $5 Dress Pattern to the woman appearing upon the platform with the largest number of her children. Let all contestants make themselves known before any one of them goes upon the platform.

Stilt Race.

1:30 P. M.—**Goodspeed Bros. & Co.**, Boots and Shoes, offer a $2 pair of Shoes to the winner of Stilt Race by boys under 12 years. Elevation on stilts not over two feet.

Jenkins & Dernier offer Hair Cutting for six months to the second boy in the Stilt Race.

Wheelbarrow Race.

1:40 P. M.—**Munger & Jennings**, Hardware. First prize, Rochester nickle tea kettle; 2nd, nickle tea or coffee pot. Conditions: Each contestant is to wheel a man the distance of thirty yards; load not less than 150 pounds.

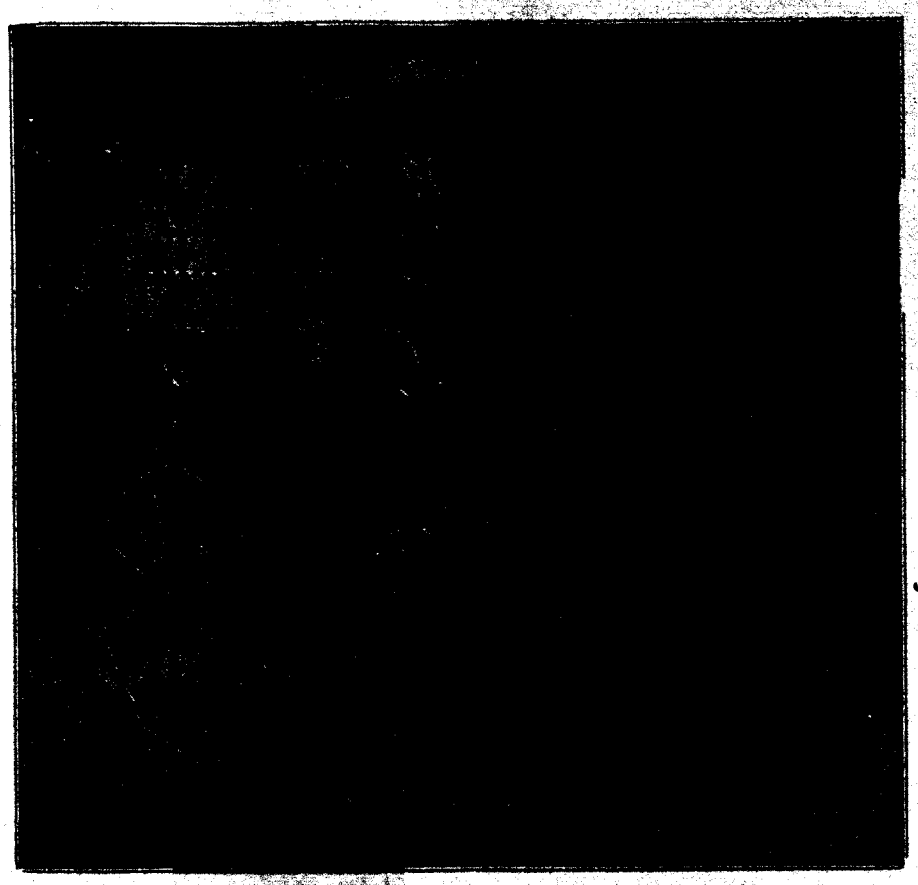
The Running Jump.

1:50 P. M.

Mr. Bailey also generously offers "Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby," a beautiful $1 volume, to the boy under 15 years winning in running jump contest.

2:00 P. M.—**Horse Races.**

2:40 Trot, purse $150.00.

Free-For-All Pace, purse $250.00.

☞ **TAKE NOTICE.**—The above contests will actually take place on standard time as scheduled. No delays unless on account of weather. No entries are required except as stated. Be ready to step into the ring at the call of the manager of sports. The program is a long one and every moment must be utilized.