



The ice palace at St. Paul is open and the good time is there.

Since March 4th 15,000 fourth-class postmarks have been appointed.

Secretary Manning has issued a call for another \$10,000,000 of government bonds.

Whisky is getting in pretty good work on the market calendar in this country this year. There is nothing more successful in that roll.

What is termed the decolette style of dress has reached its highest state of perfection in the Samoan Islands, where the royal ladies, on State occasions, dress in a string of shark teeth beads and a palm-leaf fan.

Last week the daughter of Secretary Bayard, one of the most brilliant of Washington's society ladies, died very suddenly. Her mother, who had been in poor health two or more years, was so affected by the shock that she at once took to her bed and on Sunday morning died.

The Charleston, S. C., News does not appear to be yet reconciled to the results of the war, and, regretfully referring to the good old days of the barber and sale of human flesh, remarks: "The responsibility for the wholesale emancipation of the negroes, and for all the ills which the unwise measure entailed upon them and the country at large, will forever rest upon the republican party. We are content to allow it to remain there. It is none of our funeral." But the death of slavery made a funeral in which the republican party participated. In fact it drove the hearse, while democrats followed as mourners. And notwithstanding the efforts of the mourners since to throw odium upon it, the republican party is still rather proud of the principal part it took in that funeral.—Detroit Tribune

Southern Illiteracy. State Superintendent Estey's report concerning the illiteracy of the State of Louisiana, made to Senators and Congressmen in support of his proposals in favor of Senator Blair's Educational bill, reveals a deplorable condition of affairs. He says that 40 per cent of the native white population of Louisiana are illiterate, and that 75 per cent of the colored males and 75 per cent of the colored females are illiterate. There will be very little opportunity for this large percentage to obtain any education in the future. They will grow up illiterate and ignorant, and will be a burden to the State and Nation, the tools of corrupt and cunning politicians. The males among them will, less than a decade hence, be entrusted with the franchise while unfit to use it intelligently.

The condition of other Southern States is almost as bad. In South Carolina 78 per cent of the male negroes are illiterate, and 18 per cent of the white males are illiterate. In Mississippi 47 per cent of her entire population over the school age are illiterate. In Georgia and Alabama, two of the most progressive States of the South, the percentages of illiteracy among the adult male population are 46 and 45, respectively.

Some effort has been made in many of the Southern States to improve the educational system. But the efforts have been obstructed, neutralized, or defeated in many instances by the inveterate Bourbons whose ascendancy is largely maintained through the lack of progress in intelligence. Even the voting population, even the intelligent intentions of philanthropists like Peabody, Corcoran, Seney, and others have to a certain extent been frustrated by the inveterate enemies of progress in intelligence.

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State Items.

Whooping cough in White Pigeon. Burr Oak complains of a want of a spiritual shepherd.

The Chicago store at Dowagiac has folded its tent and gone hence. Kalamazoo rink is to be converted into a plow factory.

A Dowagiac lady is conducting musical normals in Kansas with S. W. Straub.

It is said that icebergs thirty to fifty feet in height have been seen off South Haven. Rather a chilly year, this.

Dr. West, a minister of the baptist persuasion, and also a physician, died at Lawton Monday.

The Lake Shore railroad depot, at Bronson, burned Sunday night. Loss, \$10,000.

The readers of the Dowagiac papers are being regaled with two or three columns of smut about each other that is entertaining in the highest degree.

Mrs. L. A. Killam, of Battle Creek, has a calla that blossomed white a few weeks ago, and of late has turned to a deep dark green, the flower retaining its form and freshness perfectly.

The Sister Lake's Summer resort is being entirely rebuilt for the new wealthy proprietors. Every thing will be changed excepting the lake and it is thought that will feel a little more green than usual.

John Robinson, living half a mile west of Tyre, Sanilac county, an aged man totally helpless, having lost the sight of both eyes in the army, has now become insane through worry over delay in the granting of a pension for which he long since applied.

Dr. Hall, a traveling physician, stopped at Ertz Union. Ald. Carlisle placed his invalid daughter in the traveling doctor's charge. The child died. Now Ald. Carlisle wants \$6,000 damages, and Dr. Hall wants to get out of his difficulty.—Detroit Journal.

Willie Nolan, a young married man, whose home is at Decatur, left there last Sunday, having \$80 in his pocket, since which time nothing has been heard of him. It is suspected that while crossing Knickerbocker lake he broke through the ice and was drowned.—Detroit Journal.

A public meeting has been held in Holland at which it was resolved to offer inducements to establish a daily steamboat line between Holland and Chicago next season. The business men there complain that the Chicago & West Michigan railway charge them to high freight rates.

Last week the 5-year-old son of John Tate, of Lacote, ate a quantity of dried apples, from the effects of which he died. When the little fellow learned that he could not live he requested his father to place an apple in the coffin with his body, and the request was complied with.

Oscar Haines and Mrs. Jessie Chapman have been convicted of adultery by the St. Joseph county court. The woman was sentenced to 21 months in the Jackson prison, but as no females are admitted into that exclusive institution she was taken back to St. Joseph county, and will be resented to the Detroit house of correction.—Detroit Journal.

It has been demonstrated at Grand Rapids that the sparrows are good for something. The city marshal has been sowing corn meal and poison liberally over the streets, with which to catch the wary birds, and the useless dogs of the city are dying in great numbers. Grand Rapids' council builded better than it knew when it proclaimed against the sparrow.—Detroit Journal.

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This route would also be infinitely lighter than the other, and not exceeding thirty-six feet to the mile, the reporting its management more economical to its owners and more satisfactory to its patrons. The relation between the citizens of Buchanan and South Bend have ever been friendly, and harmonious as the world is doubly strengthened if connected with the iron band. The interests of the county are with the latter road for it passes through the northern part of the smaller papers of the town, affording them with long sought opportunities of forwarding their grain, receiving their coal, lumber, lime and plaster in the immediate vicinity of the homes of the farmers. We do not hesitate to say that the feeling of South Bend is in favor of the Buchanan road.—South Bend Tribune.

Written for the Record. THE BLESSED STATE. Oh, who would not be married And with the married state, A blessing cap upon your brow, A heaven wish you had!

Or for a change, be ironing, And washing at the tub, And if these fail to please you, There are always flogs to scrub. And when that recreation's o'er, There are piles of dishes waiting No doubt somewhere awaiting You're leave to beguile.

And then the spacious stomach, Thrice a day to fill With something nice and temperate To the capacious will.

Here hell cannot be mentioned That falls to woman's lot In her daily round of duty, As she tidy keep the cot.

But ever, ever, ever, From duty more 'til eve, There's always something somewhere Her attention must receive.

And if perchance she sometimes Has a little more to do, She must not do it twice, For it another day.

But I soon shall be complaining, So this theme I'll not pursue, Lest your mind conceive the idea, That the blissful state I'm.

This I should quite dearly prize, But I wish its cares were less; No so heavy quite, its burdens, Then they would not so oppress.

A Boy's Cogitation. I notice that girls have the greatest fondness for growing "all to the hair" as they say, and I notice that when she puts on that new dress just before her beau comes, she becomes as plump as a rubber ball. I notice that when she is in the kitchen, she has a bad man. I notice that the girl who is fond of calling man a delusion likes to hug delusions. I notice that pa points with pride to my big brother who grows faster than boys. Ten always has more hair on her head when her beau comes than she has in the morning when she gets up. I notice Jen's bean shavers if you say ice cream.

I notice the difference between the town clock and ours on the morning after Em's fellow comes to see her. I notice that the dude who parts his hair in the middle has but very little room on either side to comb to part with. I notice that the more spindly-looking a fellow's shanks are, the lighter he wears his pants. I notice that his mother ain't like mine. If she was he'd wear them loose enough to put a single in them. I notice that the girl who notices those fellows who are railroad monopolies most, never refuse a free pass. I notice that pa has a very intimate knowledge of the rules of poker and that he never touches a card in his life. I notice that it is all wrong for a man to play marbles for keeps, but it's all right for our church to play guess-cake till they take in the whole pile. I notice that for a girl who virtuously refuses to wear any man to kiss her but the one she is engaged to, my sister Em does like an indiscriminate game of copenhagen amazingly. I notice that "kickers" in politics have a tendency to have a soft snap. Pa's the kicker. I'm the kicked. I notice that a hen never gets to old to be a spring chicken—neither does a girl for that matter. I noticed our preacher says "I want to be an angel," and "I long, oh, I long to be there," but when the colic takes him he's the first to want the doctor, and is about as "scart" as any "dornary" sinner.—St. Paul Herald.

The Clearing Away of Forests. The effect of the clearing away of forests is to increase both extremes of temperature, that is, to render the winters colder and the summers hotter by radiation. They afford a protection from the fierce cold winds of winter, and a shelter from the scorching rays of the sun in summer. By actual experiment it is shown that the thermometer is higher in a tower or arbor, retaining humidity which lessens the excessive heat of summer, and in winter preventing the lowering of the temperature of the earth's surface beneath them by radiation. They afford a protection from the fierce cold winds of winter, and a shelter from the scorching rays of the sun in summer. By actual experiment it is shown that the thermometer is higher in a tower or arbor, retaining humidity which lessens the excessive heat of summer, and in winter preventing the lowering of the temperature of the earth's surface beneath them by radiation. They afford a protection from the fierce cold winds of winter, and a shelter from the scorching rays of the sun in summer. By actual experiment it is shown that the thermometer is higher in a tower or arbor, retaining humidity which lessens the excessive heat of summer, and in winter preventing the lowering of the temperature of the earth's surface beneath them by radiation.

PRACTICE AND PHYSIC. Many suffering people drag themselves about with failing strength, feeling that they are steadily sinking into the grave when by using Parker's Tonic they would find a cure commencing with first dose, and vitality and strength surely coming back to them.

A Virginia Democrat, not satisfied with being accused of two felonies, two misdemeanors, two misdemeanors, two misdemeanors, and nineteen children, has eloped with a young girl.

I had to comb back my hair from my forehead and omit the parting to conceal my baldness. Since then Parker's Hair Balsam has made my hair as thick and glossy as ever. Parker's whose hair is getting thin will find the Balsam just splendid. Mary Swanson, Chicago, Feb.

Prof. Baird says that a fair estimate of the annual product of the American fisheries would not fall short of \$100,000,000.

FITS—All fits stopped Ires by Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after first day's use. Marvelous cures. Treatise and \$2 trial bottle free to fit cases. Send to Dr. Kittle, 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa. 771

New York City has thirty-two daily newspapers.

The best on earth, can truly be said of Dr. Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for all kinds of eruptions, pimples, boils, and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonderful herve. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Try 25 cents. Sold by S. A. Wood 3771

A bill has been introduced in the New York Assembly to prohibit inspectors of elections from interfering with voters on account of their sex.

We do not sound a needless alarm when the taint of scrofula is in your blood. Inherited or acquired, it is there, and Ayer's Sarsaparilla alone will effectually eradicate it.

The wife of an English baronet advertised in London papers for the place of companion.

Halt's Vegetable Glacial Hair Restorer imparts a gloss and freshness to the hair, and is highly recommended by physicians, clergymen and scientists as a preparation accomplishing wonderful results. It is a certain remedy for removing dandruff, making the scalp white and clean, and restoring gray hair to its youthful color.

Jim, the oldest and the largest tiger in the United States, died at the Zoological Gardens in Philadelphia Thursday morning, at the age of 25.

Hale's Honey the greatest cough cure, 25c. 40c. 45c. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, 25c. 50c. 75c. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, 50c. 1.00. 1.50. 2.00. 2.50. 3.00. 3.50. 4.00. 4.50. 5.00. 5.50. 6.00. 6.50. 7.00. 7.50. 8.00. 8.50. 9.00. 9.50. 10.00. 10.50. 11.00. 11.50. 12.00. 12.50. 13.00. 13.50. 14.00. 14.50. 15.00. 15.50. 16.00. 16.50. 17.00. 17.50. 18.00. 18.50. 19.00. 19.50. 20.00. 20.50. 21.00. 21.50. 22.00. 22.50. 23.00. 23.50. 24.00. 24.50. 25.00. 25.50. 26.00. 26.50. 27.00. 27.50. 28.00. 28.50. 29.00. 29.50. 30.00. 30.50. 31.00. 31.50. 32.00. 32.50. 33.00. 33.50. 34.00. 34.50. 35.00. 35.50. 36.00. 36.50. 37.00. 37.50. 38.00. 38.50. 39.00. 39.50. 40.00. 40.50. 41.00. 41.50. 42.00. 42.50. 43.00. 43.50. 44.00. 44.50. 45.00. 45.50. 46.00. 46.50. 47.00. 47.50. 48.00. 48.50. 49.00. 49.50. 50.00. 50.50. 51.00. 51.50. 52.00. 52.50. 53.00. 53.50. 54.00. 54.50. 55.00. 55.50. 56.00. 56.50. 57.00. 57.50. 58.00. 58.50. 59.00. 59.50. 60.00. 60.50. 61.00. 61.50. 62.00. 62.50. 63.00. 63.50. 64.00. 64.50. 65.00. 65.50. 66.00. 66.50. 67.00. 67.50. 68.00. 68.50. 69.00. 69.50. 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G. W. NOBLE.



This copy of the Record is number 1 of Volume 20.

The Royallan creamery is getting rich rapidly.

Mr. F. Cook and others from Niles visited this place yesterday.

Miss Luella Rollins, of South Bend, is visiting in this place.

Miss Carrie Evans, of Leslie, Mich., is visiting relatives in this place.

Colonel is reported as having the itch badly. Scratch.

\$2 per cord for green wood four feet long is the price paid at Three Oaks.

Pipestone is being subjected to an epidemic of charade parties.

The crop of valentines was in full bloom Monday.

Early risers at Eau Claire. They have their Sunday school at 10 o'clock A. M.

A Stevensville correspondent thinks St. Joseph ought, for her own benefit, have a grist mill.

David J. Claypool, of Berrien Centre and Mrs. Soules, of Pipestone, are now one family.

Mr. Arthur C. Payne, of Three Oaks, was in this place with friends, over Sunday.

Twenty-two persons were received into the Christian church in this village, last Sunday.

Preaching at the Old Advent Church every Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

A young lady in this place would like a steady position to do housework. Call at this office.

A masquerade ball is on tapis for Roe's Hall in the near future. The preliminaries are now being arranged.

The cold weather does not interfere with the industrious habit of the boys who jump on bobs in the street.

The editor of the Watervliet Record has labored long and hard to secure a brick yard for his town, and is now in a fair way to see his hopes realized.

The funeral of Frank Barr's youngest child, one year old, is being held today. The remains were taken to South Bend for burial.

Mr. C. H. Baker has bought the interest of his partner, "Co," who was Mr. J. E. Barnes, and that end of the firm name is dropped.

Mr. L. B. Dillely, of Iowa City, Iowa, has been visiting in this place, the guest of his cousin, Mrs. M. H. Baldwin.

The sun shone Tuesday, but any woodchuck that was foolish enough to venture out on such a day ought to die of the gout.

Since Mr. W. H. Talbot left this place, about three months since, this town has had a vacancy that might be filled advantageously by a machinist.

Mrs. Geo. Pappson, of this place, was in Lakewille, Ind., last week to attend the wedding of her daughter Nellie.

Married.—Saturday, January 30, 1886, at the home of the groom, in Lakewille, Ind., by Rev. D. S. Morrison, Dr. E. E. Fast and Miss Nellie Pappson, of Buchanan.

About twenty-five of the friends of Mrs. Joseph Clout gave her a surprise party, Saturday evening, and presented her with a pair of gold-bowed spectacles.

For Sale.—We have for sale a number of houses and lots, ranging in price from \$400 to \$8,000; also a number of vacant lots, nicely located, that will be sold cheap.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the Advent Christian Church will meet at the residence of Bro. Henry Bradley, on Thursday, Feb. 11, a cordial invitation to all. BY ORDER OF THE PRES.

Did you ever hear a parent growling because a teacher did not make children mind in school? When you do, just happen around at the home of that parent when the youngsters are at home, and see how they make the "Old man and old woman" stand around and quake with fear. You will always find it that way.

The two-mile race between Matchett, of this place, and Gillette, of Dowagiac, Saturday evening, was won by Matchett. They are now even, each having won a race.

St. Joseph fishermen's nets are out in the lake working hard for a good haul for the spring. The owners may not be able to find them, however, when they want them worst.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post-office at Buchanan, Mich., for the week ending Feb. 4: Miss Anna Bemter, Mr. A. A. Brown, George Gray.

L. P. ALEXANDER, P. M.

The friends of Burgess Miles learned that last Thursday was his thirty-ninth birthday, and in the evening took possession of his mansion for a good time. They presented him with an elegant upholstered chair.

H. C. Ward, of St. Joseph, has received a patent for a machine for making staples, and Eld. Taylor, of near Summerville, on an acoustic telephone, such as Slater & Howard have been putting up for two or three years.

The narrow gauge train made an effort yesterday to reach Berrien Springs, and succeeded in reaching the moccasin grade. The passengers, mail, etc., were transferred to Lister's livery line and taken the county capital.

The fire company have been cleaning house, the past week, and fitting up their rooms in good style, giving them about as pleasant quarters as can be found with any similar company in this part of the world.

Sale.—Mr. James H. Scott will sell a lot of farm personal property, including some live stock, at public auction, Thursday, Feb. 11, at the George Scott farm, five miles south of this place. N. Hamilton, auctioneer.

Scarlet Fever.—A twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. Wm. Conradt died Tuesday, of scarlet fever, after a sickness of only thirty hours. Two others of his children are now sick with the same disease.

The work of moving the Andrews school furniture factory from Mishawaka to Niles is being done now, while the good sleighing lasts. This has evidently been a lucky hit for Niles.

The Township Treasurer has commenced the hurrying application to those who have not paid their taxes, and his eye open for loose property that he can get his grip on in case of necessity. Pay up and save him trouble.

Don Dickenson, of Detroit, the Michigan whip-cracker, is in the field for gubernatorial honors. So also is our worthy State Senator, the kid glove farmer from Watervliet. It is the boss vs. the Granger, in which case the boss will win.

A Detroit daily has published, among other W. M.'s that visited Detroit, what purports to be the portrait of our worthy friend, W. I. Babcock of Niles. We have not learned whether Mr. Babcock is still alive, but perhaps he has not been allowed to see the picture.

Chas. Snyder returned Saturday afternoon from a two weeks' visit with his son in North Manchester, Ind. He says he thinks he will move out of a town where a man of his prominence can be away two weeks and not be missed.

W. H. Fox, familiarly known as "Tip," who has been conducting a large dry goods business in Sturgis since he left this place, has just opened a branch store in Burr Oak, in the same room with Henry Lough's jewelry business.

The horny handed farmer does not visit the city without being entertained in the best the city affords. The institute that meets with our metropolitan neighbor to keep up with the times have a theatre, imported for their special benefit. Hill & Thomas troupe are the fortunate ones.

About \$1000 of the tax of this township remain unpaid at this time. One per cent is added this month for interest in addition to the four per cent collection fee. Each month that passes now, without payment adds one per cent, and those delinquent March 1 will be returned for sale. Pay up.

The Berrien and Cass County Mutual Insurance Company reports having made assessments equal to 1/2 of one per cent. of the amount of risk, besides borrowing \$2,700, equal to 1.25 per cent. for five years insurance. The stock companies are taking five years risks at one per cent.

If Buchanan is to be entirely ignored when Mr. Innes builds his railroad twice across St. Joseph river and through the roughest part of Berrien county, we will almost wish we had had fourteen members on the Board of Supervisors to vote on the County Seat question.

George Keller, a Pennsylvanian, living about seven miles southeast of this place, doubtless thinking to keep good the record of this vicinity for having a suicide every month, hung himself Sunday. As he was more than comfortably supplied with the world's goods and chattles, no other good cause can be ascribed for his action.

By a decision of the jury at Berrien Springs, as reported Saturday, a large share of the pleasures of a political campaign have been handicapped. During the campaign of 1884 Sam Hannon was candidate for Sheriff in this county. He felt sorely aggrieved at certain remarks regarding him by Capt. Thos. H. Botham and as soon as he was certain that he had been defeated, sued the Captain for slander, and the jury gave him judgment for \$250. When Sam collects the \$250 we trust he will saunter around into this part of the county and settle for the slips he used during that soul-destroying campaign, a duty he has thus far forgotten.

A CARD.—We wish to express, through the columns of the RECORD, our sincere thanks to our many, many friends who have shown their kindness and sympathy to us in this, our late bereavement.

Mrs. M. L. Cox, and Family.

This is the season when the prudent property owner grows because he is obliged to pay a tax on his dog while the profligate cuss, who lives next door to him, keeps a half-dozen pups and beats the township out of the tax by not owning any other property excepting a household of half starved, half clothed children, and there is no way to make him kill the children so that he can feed the dogs better. There are truly many aggravating incidents in the present makup of our social fabric.

Some time since we adopted the rule to not publish long lists of presents at weddings or other parties, unless we received pay at advertising rates for the space occupied by the list. We have seen forty-two names of a list of one wedding present of one piece of silverware. This list would be of interest to 43 persons out of the 5,000 or more who read the RECORD. Notices of such parties we publish, but not those long lists. Any one or two articles of special prominence will be mentioned without charge.

Mrs. J. E. Pascucci counted the loads of logs that passed their home, on North Oak street, last Thursday, and reports 103 loads. As this is but one of the many ways by which this kind of produce reaches the yards, an idea can be formed of the great scarcity of timber in this vicinity, notwithstanding it was so nearly all cut twenty years ago that saw mills could not be furnished work, a large number of its fine popular logs as were ever drawn to Buchanan, are coming this winter.

The Hon. J. C. Burrows has introduced a bill in the House of Congress granting a pension to Mrs. Maggie Johnson, of this city, whose husband died or was killed in the service during the war. This is a meritorious case.—Niles Republican.

This is a case that was urged upon the boy from Mendon while Washington was governed by his influence, but nothing could be done about it.

To Whom It Does Concern.—The forms of the RECORD are closed at noon Thursday. This fact does not make it necessary for those who have any contributions that might just as easily be in this office earlier, to wait until that time, before handing in the manuscript, but please hand it in as early as possible, and save us considerable trouble and time, when they are most valuable to us.

A new vigor of life has been given the agricultural societies of Benton Harbor and Niles by strengthening the stock of the former and entirely reorganizing the latter, many of the substantial men of the city interesting themselves in the enterprise. The Society has been going through motions of having a fair each year for a long term of years, but each time being a decidedly sickly affair. A different set of men have now taken hold of the work, and there is now a better prospect than heretofore.

The building shown in the Dispensary advertisement in this paper, and now known as the Hotel Oronoko, is one of the historical relics of Bertrand in her palmy days of prosperity. It was built by Joshua Howell, in Bertrand, in 1838 or 9, for a hotel, and was known for a time as the Steamboat Hotel the best house on the river. In 1846 it was taken apart and rafted down to its present location, on the bluff at Berrien Springs, and used as a drug store and dwelling, until bought by the Dispensary and changed to its original purpose, a hotel.

Thos. Gibney an old resident of Watervliet, Township, long a resident of Paris green of Watervliet, N.Y. At our last accounts he was still alive although the doctors had given up all hope of his recovery. No cause for the act is known except that he was presumably tired of life. He has a large family of children, all of age.—Palladium.

Mr. Gibney succeeded in his purpose dying next day from the effect of his dose, thus scoring the twelfth suicide in the county within thirteen months. They are becoming so numerous that the citizens are becoming used to them and look for them regularly.

If all of the schemes for building railroads through this county, now being talked of, are realized there will be little farming lands left not occupied by railroads. One from Saginaw to Benton Harbor, one from South Haven to Benton Harbor, one from Kalamazoo to Benton Harbor, one from South Bend to Benton Harbor, via Niles, one from South Bend to St. Joseph, one from Berrien Springs to Berrien Centre, one from Berrien Springs to St. Joseph, and several townships in the rural districts yet to hear from. They are all alike in one particular: Their projectors want the citizens to build the roads and give them to the projectors for operating them. This, however, is not always profitable for either party.

The question of "free" railroad passes to editors, and their effect on the freedom of the press, is being discussed by the papers of this state, principally the Detroit dailies. We have had a pass contract with the Michigan Central Company, by which we publish their time-card, one-fourth of a column, and their announcements, and in payment thereof receive a pass good for thirty rides, on any of their United States divisions. During a portion of 1885, we kept an account of the business, and discovered that we used twenty-eight trips, most by long ones, two being to and from Detroit, and that the advertising used by the Company, regular cash rates, just about paid the bill at regular fare as charged by the Company. We cannot see why this transaction should place the RECORD any more under obligation to the Michigan Central Company than to the man whom we buy a cord of wood and pay the cash. If it does, no one in the RECORD office has yet been able to discover it.

ONE MORE.—Following close upon the tragedy at Chicago, in which Chas. Clowes was the victim, comes another in this place, last Thursday evening, when Peri Cox, a cousin of Clowes, stepped into Roe Bros' hardware store and shot himself. Peri was about twenty-eight, and since the departure of his father, Wm. H. Cox, about six years since, had the care of his mother and younger brother, and was usually a good hand, but once in a while having a spree. Thursday afternoon he met John Smith on the street and after speaking about work, commenced crying, and told Smith he would be a dead man before morning. They went together to Lister's livery stable, and from there to Geo. Samson's hardware store, when Peri asked to be shown a revolver. After examining it he handed it back and asked to have it loaded. At this Smith shook his head at George, who, thinking all might not be right, returned the revolver to the case, and told Peri he had better not have it then. Peri then crossed the street to Roe Bros', and was shortly followed by Smith, who repeated the performance as in the other store. Mr. Ellis Roe, with whom Peri was dealing, noticing the actions of Smith asked, "What's the matter? Is there anything up?" Peri answered "No," and said he would return it in the morning, and as he had been in the habit of borrowing such instruments there for a few days at a time, Ellis let him have it. Smith started toward him, as he sat upon the counter, to remonstrate with him, but he drew the revolver on Smith and caused him to seek safer quarters. He then threw his feet up on to the counter, placed the revolver to his right temple and fired, the ball, a 35 caliber, entering the head in the direction of the left ear. Medical assistance was called, and the wound probed to the depth of five inches, but the ball could not be found, or anything done for him as he had made sure work. The shot was fired about 7:30 and he lived until a few minutes after 10 o'clock, being unconscious during the entire time. The funeral, which was held in the Oak Street Advent Church, drew a large crowd. The ceremonies were conducted by Eld. Finney.

An additional phase of the manner of life of Charles Clowes is brought to light by the following: Chicago, Feb. 2.—The tragedy of January 22, when Charles Clowes killed his mistress and himself in a bagnio in this city, is revived by a new version of the story. At that time the young woman claiming to be his widow came forward. She said her maiden name was Lillian Kelsey, and that the early part of her life had been spent in a small town in Cayuga county, N. Y., where she had lived with her grandmother and taught a school. She claimed to have met and married Clowes in New York city. Since the tragedy rumors have been current that this young woman was never married to Clowes. Thomas Fulton, an uncle of the young man, said Clowes had never intimated to him that he was married; that on the contrary, he had denied a report to that effect which had reached his mother. Mrs. Kelsey also told him she was not Mr. Clowes' wife.

The seventh annual convention of the Berrien County Sunday School Association, will be held in the Presbyterian church, Niles, Mich., Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 16 and 17, 1886. PROGRAMME: TUESDAY, 1:30 P. M. 1. Devotional Meeting, led by D. B. Allen. 2. Lessons in S. S. Work gathered the past year. (Superintendents and others are invited to speak on this theme.) 3. Our Young People; How Reach and Hold Them, by Willis W. Cooper. 4. Appointment of Committees. 5. Reports of Executive Committee, M. L. Sheriff. 6. Report of Secretary, James Baley. 7. Report of Treasurer, W. A. Severson. EVENING SESSION. 7:00. Song and Praise Service, E. O. Excell. Address, W. B. Jacobs, Chicago. WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M. 1. Devotional Services, led by Geo. Parsons. 2. Election of Officers. 3. Report of Committees. 4. S. S. Lessons in the Home, by Mrs. M. P. Howe. 5. S. S. Work, W. B. Jacobs. AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M. 1. Devotional Meeting. 2. Teachers and Teaching.—Illustrated by next Sunday's Lesson, by W. B. Jacobs. 3. Question Drawer, W. B. Jacobs. 4. The End and Aim of all Sunday School work, Rev. J. Banker. EVENING SESSION. 7:00. Song Service, E. O. Excell. Address, Rev. A. M. Gould, Kalamazoo.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one interested in Sabbath school work to attend this meeting. Upon your arrival report at the church where entertainment will be provided. So far as possible arrangements will be made for reduced fare on different railroads.

THREE OAKS ITEMS. Feb. 2nd, 1886. Our series of protracted meetings closed on Sunday evening last, with a moderate degree of success. It is to be hoped that the meetings will have a salutary effect on us, who have long professed Christianity, but, in order to let the world know it, we have been obliged to wear a badge, with the word "Christian," attached to our garments. Let us now see if we may not be known by our daily walk and true christian bearing, an example to the young who have resolved upon a better life.

The change in our business circle took place as we predicted. Messrs. Thurston & Baum will, in the future, conduct the drug business of Mr. Wyeth, and we will see whether or not the drink of the apostles of the Latter Day Saints is strong enough to upset the equilibrium of our people as did that of the good Protestant. The new firm will bear in mind that the people of Three Oaks will see much less evil in sale of strong drinks by the elect of God, than by the despised "Mormons." We wish the new firm abundant success.

The agricultural implement department of Chatterton & Friedel has been sold to S. P. Irwin, of Avery. We are glad to welcome Mr. Irwin to our business circle, and hope that he may prove a friend to the farmer and work up a large and profitable business.

Some of our people intend to put in an appearance at the Farmers' Institute at Berrien Springs this week. We hope that the southwest part of the county will be able to hold their position among the farmers of the county.

Let every school teacher in the county be present at the Institute, to be held here this week. An acquaintance with each other may bring about some happy marriages, a thing longed for by some of our old maid teachers. We are pained to learn that the youngest daughter of Hon. Alonzo Sherwood is seriously ill and her case pronounced by physicians, hopeless. KENO.

B. R. Sterns is visiting his brother in Cass county. Henry Rennie and wife have gone to Berrien Springs to visit parents. Perry Noggle made 74 1/2 cents in one day hauling logs. Elder Brayton is called home, at Coloma, to preach a funeral sermon. Blakeslee & Co. are busy invoicing their stock of goods. David Corwell is putting down wells at Three Oaks. Elder Briggs, of the Saints' church, has been holding meetings here. Elders Davis and Brayton, Baptists, have been making a protracted effort. Alma Blakeslee hauled a load of logs, last week, that measured 1,050 feet, and expects to reach 2,000 feet next time. The Hinkly Stave Co. is getting in a large stock of logs, and the prospect is good for a large run of business for that firm. Hugh Boyle sat on a log all day through Candlemas day, and declares that the woodchuck saw his shadow. Rev. C. G. Thomas, of Buchanan, held quarterly meeting here Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Lib. Woolley, and Miss Amy Lyons were baptized into the Baptist church last Sunday. There are others seriously inclined, but it is feared they have not the courage to separate themselves from the world. Montross' factory has recently had heavy orders, and is running with full force. Watson Wykoff had a valuable team killed in the woods last week by the falling of a tree across their backs. His loss is not far from \$300. Byron Dennison is proprietor of a new grocery, south of the railroad, and he sets out a box of cigars to each one of his customers. Byron is a good boy. The Galien Cornet Band got permission, last Wednesday night, to go to Dayton to furnish music for the literary society, and it is said that they "Ma'de Rome howl". Each member is double breasted and long winded, and when they play out of doors they can be heard seven miles, and when they play inside of a school house the windows rattle and the shingles fly. There has not been a rat seen in Dayton since the night they were there, and the farmers along the road claim that their chickens disappeared on the same night.—Since writing the above, one rat has been found two miles north of Dayton with its bill sticking out of a gimlet hole. Mr. F. A. McFall, of Joliet, is buying walnut and cherry logs and shipping to Goshen. A.

Charles Booth is on the sick list at present. Our postmaster, Mr. Geo. W. Wyman, is sojourning among friends in Newton county, Ind. Dr. O. A. Lacrone made a flying visit to Berrien Centre, on Monday. Will Hill returned on the 30th ult. from Columbus, Ohio. Chas. M. Murphy met with quite a serious accident while sawing timber in the woods, on Monday morning. An ax sticking in the leg they were sawing was knocked down and struck him on the thigh, inflicting a wound two inches long and one inch deep. Rev. J. F. Bartmess closed his meetings at Berrien Springs, on Sunday evening. The remains of Frank Taylor, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were brought to Eau Claire on Saturday. Rev. J. F. Bartmess preached the funeral discourse. Mrs. Minnie Godown started for Pennsylvania, Tuesday evening, to spend the winter among friends. C.

The whooping cough is interfering a good deal with our schools, at least in two or three districts, and there are one or two cases of diphtheria in this township. Uncle John Gano is on the sick list. He is one of our oldest and best citizens. Thaddeus Drew has sold a part of his farm to James P. Versaw, and wants to sell the remainder. A good chance for someone that wants a good farm. Our Township Treasurer, Josephus Fisher, seems to be the right man in the right place. I have been informed that he has collected every dollar of the taxes assessed in this township this year, with a possible exception of one dollar dog tax. I think the township will keep him in the treasurer's office as long as the law will permit. F. F. K.

[Benton Harbor Palladium.] Flour in car-load lots from Grand Rapids to Alabama points is now being transferred almost daily from the west Michigan to the Washab road at this point. Mr. G. N. Lord received a car-load of ashes from Chicago this week for use on his farm. The ashes cost him about \$2 per ton, at which price he thinks they can be profitably used. [Niles Mirror.] Francis Williams, with David Gitchell's team, drew from Mishawaka 2,433 feet of beech lumber, last Wednesday. In about ten days the Ohio Paper Co. will commence the erection of a stone house at their mills, 60x88 feet, and an engine and heating house. It will take 40,000 feet of lumber. A new rotary bleacher will be put in and other improvements will take place.

ALL those indebted to Samson & Pierce are requested to call upon George Samson at his hardware store and get receipts without delay.

Mr. A. BARKMAN is buying his own stock for his market, and wants farmers to wait for his wagon, before selling. Winter Goods are cheap now, at GRAHAM'S. Dry Apples, Peaches, Prunells, Prunes, Currants, and Raisins, at E. MORGAN & CO'S. I am closing out Remnants and short lengths of all kinds of goods, at prices that will sell them. GRAHAM. FOR RENT.—Good Farm. Call at Township Treasurer's Office. It will do you good to call at the Opera House Grocery. PECK & BEISTLE. Fresh Brunner Crackers always on hand, at E. MORGAN & CO'S. Remnant sale. Come and see. We are bound to close them out. REDDEN & BOYLE. SCOTT & HOFFMAN. Successors to Geo. W. Fox. Are at his old stand, where they are ready at all times to serve his old customers as well as others that may call. Cash paid for all kinds of country produce. SCOTT & HOFFMAN. Try our pure Maple Sugar. E. MORGAN & CO. I don't see how, but they do, call and see PECK & BEISTLE. Come and see the best line of Watches ever kept in Buchanan. An Elgin Watch for \$5. Agent for the celebrated Columbus and Rockford Watches. J. H. ROE. Our Stock of New Embroideries has come and they are "awful" nice. At REDDEN & BOYLE'S. A new stock of Lanterns, at E. MORGAN & CO'S. Ask for a four per cent. Rebate Card of C. B. TREAT. Don't economize by trying to use poor, cheap Spectacles, thus injuring your eyes, perhaps fatally, when you can go to J. H. Roe and have lenses fitted to your eyes according to the latest scientific rules; and at satisfactory prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. J. ROE, Optician. Cash customers save four per cent. by trading with C. B. TREAT. Ladies, we will surprise you on prices of Embroideries this year. We have a new lot much cheaper than last year. Come and see them, whether you buy or not. REDDEN & BOYLE. DISSOLUTION.—Notice is hereby given that the firm of Samson & Pierce, was dissolved by mutual consent, Dec. 31, 1885. All accounts due the firm and by the firm will be settled by Geo. W. Samson. GEO. W. SAMSON, J. LARRY O. PIERCE. Dated Dec. 31, 1885. Four bars of Bogue's Soap for 25 cts. and 2,400 Matches for 10 cts. at C. B. TREAT'S. Closing out all Winter Goods. You will get a Bargain at our Store. REDDEN & BOYLE. Try our unadulterated Teas, Coffee, Sugars, Syrups, Candies, Baking Powder, Buckwheat Flour, Spices, Tobacco, Soap, Starch and Bluing. E. MORGAN & CO. A BARGAIN FOR SOMEONE. I still want to sell my House and Lot, on West street. A first-class well, with patent windmill force pump with hose attachment; a large cistern, with patent chain pump; good chicken coop, with large park; a great variety of fruit—strawberries, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, grapes, plums, crabapples, pears, etc., etc., an extra large lot, five rods by twenty, clear of all encumbrance, taxes all paid, and a clear abstract of title, and I offer it for \$800 cash. FRANK FOX. I still have a complete line of Hanging Lamps, Glassware, and Crockery which can be bought at very low figures. C. B. TREAT. WE KEEP GLASSWARE, Stoneware, Queen's ware, Lamps and Fixtures, Prize Coffee, Prize Baking Powder, the best Teas and Coffees, and all first-class Groceries. E. MORGAN & CO. Call and see those fine Lamps for one dollar, at BISHOP'S. Three Prizes to Best Masked, at the RINK. For sale, cheap, large house and three lots, near the M. C. depot. For full particulars inquire of JOHN ALLIGER, Buchanan, Mich. Everybody buys them. The best all wool Hose you ever saw for 25c. at our store. REDDEN & BOYLE. Plenty of new Honey, from J. J. Roe's Apiary, at BISHOP'S. Try Prize Baking Powder, at BISHOP'S. Try your Luck. No blanks. b Fresh Buckwheat. Guaranteed genuine, at BISHOP'S. You can make selection of mask out Wednesday, at the RINK. A grand rush for the Prize Coffee, at PECK & BEISTLE. The best chance yet. We are selling Bogue's Soap, 4 bars for 25 cents. E. MORGAN & CO. EXTRA copies of the RECORD may always be found at the news depot in the post office room. W. TRENBETH, THE TAILOR. HAS A FINE STOCK OF Foreign and Domestic Cloths and Suitings, And will make them up in the latest styles at very low prices. Come and Examine.

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