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Poetry. GO SLOW. CHURCH JAMES. The times are hard, the people say, And all our office-hacks, From stables down to chimney-sweeps, They've taken to the quacks; They'd dose the Nation's stomach with Decadent's of their sounds;

HOW WE FOUND AND LOST A TREASURE. There are pleasanter ways of spending one's time than in making beds and washing dishes, and catching small boys to go of errands; and August weather is not usually the most favorable for one of those interregnum that are apt to occur where the household force is limited to a solitary "help."

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did occasionally return from that bourne. His own views of the region were evidently embodied in the belief that people who went there because they could not live here, ended by giving up the attempt at living altogether. He was certainly very much in love, and it would be an excellent match for Mary, even if he had not the regulation amount of limbs and belongings.

There was a certain amount of sympathy between them, and it was not long before they were getting dreadfully worked upon. "Why are you not living with your husband, if he is alive? or why do you not know it, if he is dead? Just tell me the whole story, Mary, from beginning to end."

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"I have put him to board a little way out of town," replied the girl, sadly. "It is with a friend of mine, who takes good care of him; and I always go to see him on my afternoons; but I do miss him so!"

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People have different ideas of happiness; but it really seemed to us that a slight degree of unhappiness would have been more becoming in Mrs. Murphy just then. We went on with the letter in a sort of blank amazement, and read that on the writer's arrival at the Murphy mansion, the first person she encountered was the deceased himself.

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 1877.

The President now contemplates an extended trip through the South in a few months.

There was a decrease in the public debt of \$4,815,500, during the month of April, according to the monthly statement of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Judge in the Courts of Utah has decided that Brigham Young was never legally married to Ann Eliza, and that she is entitled to neither divorce nor alimony, but only pay for her services as a menial while in his employ. Great satisfaction in that for Ann Eliza, truly.

Russia has nearly twice the area of the United States, and contains nearly 80,000,000 inhabitants—rather a formidable enemy for a country like Turkey.

Russia blockaded the Danube, but by an earnest request of her neutral neighbors the blockade was removed, and now Turkey has possession of the mouth of this stream. She has also closed the Dardanelle and Bosphorus, to night navigation.

In view of the fact that Congress failed to make the usual appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, the President, on Saturday last, issued his proclamation calling an extra session of both Houses of Congress on the 15th of October next.

The number of convicts received at the State Prison during April, was 95—2 from Allegan, 3 from Berrien, 4 from Jackson, 6 from Kent, 3 from St. Joseph, 11 from Wayne, and 1 each from Bay, Eaton, Houghton, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston and Mecosta.

During the administration of Gen. Grant, the public debt increased \$650,000,000 and the annual interest charged from \$120,000,000 to \$93,000,000. Well done, considering that Grant was a drunkard and a tyrant, and possessed not a single element of statesmanship.

Reports from Kansas state that the grasshoppers are hatching and come out as bright as a dollar, fully prepared for a full invasion of the farm products of that State as soon as they grow.

The Seventh Cavalry with 1,100 men has left Fort Lincoln and gone in search of Sitting Bull, who is supposed to be north or south of the Yellowstone, with some 500 recalcitrant warriors. The command will hunt him down and bring in the hostiles when found to the agencies.

England declares herself neutral in the war question in about the same tones that the Czar of Russia cried for peace before hostilities were commenced. He would have peace if he had to fight for it.

The Sewing Machine combination having failed to secure an extension of their various patents, the price of sewing machines will now have to come down, and the manufacture of machines is now free to all who wish to engage in the business.

Another canvass of the vote for Delegate to Congress from Utah was made at Salt Lake City on Tuesday. The result was about 21,000 for Cannon, Mormon, and 4,000 for Baskin. Liberal. It is understood that Baskin will contest the election on the ground that Cannon is an alien.

Major Reno, an officer of twenty years' standing in the regular army, was recently tried by court martial, on a charge of having made improper proposals to the wife of an absent brother officer, and having taken means to cast slurs on her character, and sentenced to dismissal from the service. In view of the fact that the Major had spent so many years fighting Indians and Rebels, and his previous good reputation, President Hayes has mitigated the sentence to suspension from rank and pay for two years from the 15th of May, 1877.

The Inter-Oceanic cable special of yesterday morning says that the continuation of the Russian fleet in American waters, both on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, is in order and in a favorable position to strike at English commerce, and an attack upon and seizure of British Columbia, in the event England allies with Turkey in the pending war.

It will be remembered that some time since the Supreme Court decided that the Centennial Exhibition Commission should pay back to the United States the sum of \$1,500,000 loaned to assist in the building of the Centennial Exhibition buildings, \$1,000,000 of this amount was paid into the United States Treasury Tuesday, and the remaining \$500,000 will be paid sometime this month. It is a set back on the prospective dividends to the stockholders, but they must "grin and bear it."

On Sunday evening three disappointed young roughs named Ohahoon, Johnson and Washburn, with another not yet known, entered private house at Wilkesbarre, Pa., and outraged three of the lady inmates, Mrs. Ballew, Miss Frantz, her niece, and a servant girl. A gentleman boarding in the house attempted to defend the ladies, when he was terribly beaten and left unconscious. On the arrival of the police all had escaped except Ohahoon, who was taken into custody, and two of the others were arrested and taken to jail charged together, being charged with rape, robbery, and assault and battery with intent to kill.

The Senate has passed and the House concurred in the bill to amend sections 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 17 of act No. 223, of the laws of 1876, providing for a tax on the business of manufacturing or selling intoxicating liquors. The amendment of section 1 raises the tax for the sale of malt liquors ten dollars, making it fifty dollars per annum. The amendment to section 3 provides that no person shall engage in this business without first having notified in writing the Assessor of his intention, nor until he has paid the full amount of the tax required. Section 7 provides that the officer collecting the tax shall give the payer a receipt for the tax collected with the name of the business taxed printed in prominent letters and which receipt shall be posted up in some conspicuous place in the room where the business of selling is carried on. The remaining sections are virtually the same as the original law, so far as the requirements of the dealers are concerned.

The Secretary of the Treasury has called for the redemption of \$10,114,550 of 5-20 bonds of 1865, May 10, 1877. The amount called in constitutes the residue of those issued under the act of March 3d, 1865, dated November 1, 1865. The call is for \$9,581,000 coupon and \$1,538,550 aggregate interest will be paid at the treasury on and after the 5th day of June, 1877, and interest cease on that day. The following is a description of the bonds: Coupon bonds—\$500, No. 49,801 to No. 52,267, both inclusive; \$1,000, No. 141,001 to No. 150,086; total coupons, \$8,581,000. Registered bonds—\$50, No. 497 to No. 510, both inclusive; \$100, No. 6,895 to No. 6,897 both inclusive; \$500, No. 3,977 to No. 3,991, both inclusive; \$1,000, No. 15,178 to 15,247, both inclusive; \$5,000, No. 7,705 to No. 8,103, both inclusive; total registered \$1,538,550; aggregate, \$10,114,550.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg states that on Sunday the Russians attacked and captured Kars, one of Turkey's strongholds in Eastern Turkey in Asia. 17,000 Turkish prisoners fell into the hands of the Russians at this place.

A later dispatch says that Kars has not yet been taken by the Russians, but is about to surrender; that the Turkish army between Kars and Erzerum is in danger of defeat, and that immediately on these events happening, Safvet Pasha will be sent to treat for peace.

The Mormons in Utah are reported as putting their Maltaia on a war footing. The stories of the backsliders of the Mormon church, together with the execution of Lee, one of their chief elders, and the revelations brought out at his trial, have aroused the saints to the fear that their prophet President, Brigham Young, is not safe from arrest for crimes of the darkest nature, and they have determined to defy the authorities of the United States. Orders have been privately issued, it is asserted, by the military commanders of the Nauvoo legion, requiring that organization to be in readiness for active service by the 21st of the present month, and nightly drills are reported as going on at Salt Lake City, and arms and ammunition are being sent to the Mormon headquarters.

The auction store of Moses Davis was broken into on Saturday night last, and some goods stolen. The next day Marshal Cross made a search and found them in an up-stair back room occupied by a colored woman.

The bars at both the Clifton and Bond Houses are closed....Last Friday night, a homeless, ragged, wandering boy, eighteen years old, got on the express train bound east, at this place, and not having the wherewith to pay his fare was kicked off the train at Dowagiac, breaking one of his shoulders and two ribs.

St. Joseph Traveler and Herald. Bridgman had a mad dog excitement one day last week. The dog was "finished" after biting two or three other dogs, two or three hogs, and a man who was neither a dog nor a hog (?).

Important Surrender of Indians. CAMP ROBINSON, Neb., May 6.—The surrender of Crazy Horse's band took place at this place at 2 p. m. today. The whole affair passed off very quietly. The band numbers nearly 1,800, sent under Crazy Horse, Little Hawk, He Dog and Little Big Man. Crazy Horse said he was making this peace at last. The ponies surrendered are estimated to number nearly twenty-five hundred. They seem to be in very good condition, and have many American horses and mules among them. As soon as the lodges were erected a detachment of Indian soldiers under Lieutenant Clark, of General Crook's staff, went to each one and obtained the number of its inmates, as well as the number of arms. This task is not yet completed, but up to the time of writing over 100 guns have been obtained, chiefly improved breech-loaders. Crazy Horse gave up three Winchester rifles, and Little Hawk gave up two. The Indians present a good appearance, but their village shows signs of the pursuit the past year. Many lodges are very old and almost in rags. Great numbers of this band have never been on a reservation before. Little Hawk, one of the principal chiefs, wears about his neck the silver medal presented to his father by President Monroe, in 1817. This arrival makes the aggregate number of North Indians who have surrendered to General Crook at Red Cloud and Spotted Tail Agencies since March nearly 3,600, and does away with the necessity for a military expedition the coming summer. General McKenzie will hold a council with Crazy Horse and other chiefs to-morrow or day after.

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Oregon Correspondence.

PORTLAND, April 28, 1877. EDITOR RECORD.—I have very nice weather. The prospect is good for an abundant harvest of grain and fruit. The times are dull a meat-af. Salmon fishing lively. The fishermen get four bits each for the fish. Dr. Wilcox, for many years clerk of the United States Court, shot himself through the head, in the Custom House, last week, causing instant death.

You boast of fourteen papers in old Berrien county; but this city has sixteen papers, among them four stirring dailies. This is a reading city.

Astoria is distant from Portland 110 miles at the mouth of the Columbia. It is a lively town, but the hardness there was a very sad occurrence there. Three young men were drowned while crossing the Bay in a small skiff. The Bay is eight miles wide and very rough. They were all very fine men, one, Lieutenant Knapp, of the U. S. Army. Bodies not yet found. Report says that they had been drinking through the day.

The Peak Family of Bell Ringers are coming here next Saturday. This city is a rattling old town. Gold, and git up and git is the thing here.

Old friend Harper, if you will come out here, I will take you down the Willamette, up the Lewis River, over to the Seagot, up the Clackamas, into the Yackama, over into the Yam Hill, up to Lake Cheenapeck, back through the Coos, up the Kliciat, so you can wound a duck.

I live right in plain view of the old famous snow-capped Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens, Washington and Adams. This country is different from old solid Michigan. We seldom have any change less than ten cents. Not a penny in use. Here it is drink and hurrah! but there are just as good people as the world ever saw. Fine schools, talented ministry, good schools, and talented ministry, good schools, and talented ministry.

The RECORD has some warm friends out here that grab it the first thing. Among them, Hon. M. R. Hathaway. The Young Men's Christian Association is very flourishing in this city, doing a great amount of good. Business of all kinds is completely overdone up here. There are eighty-five lawyers in the city, between two and three hundred saloons, about forty hotels, &c.; and thousands rush off up here flushed with the expectation of jumping into business at big pay; but they soon find out that they are mistaken. If one comes here expecting to rustle and work, he will succeed. But I receive letters from friends in Michigan and Indiana, asking advice about coming here. My reply is, for every friend with the Pacific Coast fever, never to sacrifice one dollar until they have come here to see. Take no statement made by this Immigrant Aid Society, for it is composed of a set of scheming cormorants, whose only object is to get a flood of immigration here to live by fleecing them. You will find, upon arrival here, that you cannot get out of the city without paying tribute to this O. S. N. Steamboat Company. Also while here to the hotels and many brokers. It is a regular gouge game. Reports go from here East, for young men who are working there for \$13 a month, to get up and come out here, where you can get from \$40 to \$75 in gold coin. We don't want any such young men here. Don't come expecting any such thing; if you do you will find your mistake soon enough. If you come here expecting to settle down and clear up the broad acres of rich land, and help improve this country, you will succeed; but men with large families and barely money enough to get here, I tell you that it is no place to come.

The silver mines of Central Oregon are proving very rich. One of the richest mines in the West is at Virginia City, Nevada. The gold is very fine, and the quantity is large.

The Chicago murderers of the Chinamen got their sentence this week, from five to twenty years in the penitentiary.

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Corn, per bushel, 50c; wheat, per bushel, 80c; flour, per barrel, \$1.50; pork, per barrel, \$10.00; lard, per barrel, \$10.00; sugar, per barrel, \$10.00; coffee, per barrel, \$10.00; tea, per barrel, \$10.00; rice, per barrel, \$10.00; oil, per barrel, \$10.00; butter, per barrel, \$10.00; eggs, per barrel, \$10.00; chickens, per barrel, \$10.00; turkeys, per barrel, \$10.00; geese, per barrel, \$10.00; ducks, per barrel, \$10.00; hogs, per barrel, \$10.00; sheep, per barrel, \$10.00; calves, per barrel, \$10.00; cows, per barrel, \$10.00; horses, per barrel, \$10.00; mules, per barrel, \$10.00; oxen, per barrel, \$10.00; pigs, per barrel, \$10.00; chickens, per barrel, \$10.00; turkeys, per barrel, \$10.00; geese, per barrel, \$10.00; ducks, per barrel, \$10.00; hogs, per barrel, \$10.00; sheep, per barrel, \$10.00; calves, per barrel, \$10.00; cows, per barrel, \$10.00; horses, per barrel, \$10.00; mules, per barrel, \$10.00; oxen, per barrel, \$10.00; pigs, per barrel, \$10.00; chickens, per barrel, \$10.00; 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MISS ALICE B. GATES, of this place, who has been confined to her room for a long time with consumption...

In numerous old buildings in town stove pipes may be seen sticking out through the roofs. Will the Fire Wardens please take notice.

P. T. BARNUM will open his attack upon this State at Detroit the 18th of this month. It has been reported that he would call this way before he left the State.

The Eighth Annual Reunion of the Michigan soldiers and sailors will be held at Adrian on Wednesday, the 22d of May.

FATAL.—On Thursday last, Mrs. Frank Feather, near Berrien Springs, had her clothes take fire while boiling soap. She was so badly burned that she died the next day.

DR. REYNOLDS spoke to an audience of about 700, in St. Joseph, on Thursday evening last, and succeeded in converting about fifty to the good cause.

NEW. BACHELOR had to have some one introduce him to his wife one day last week. The barber has been at work at him.

THREE OAKS has settled her dispute about the site of her new school house, and the contracts given for the erection of the building.

SEVERAL of the sportsmen of the of this place went over to Niles, yesterday, to attend a trap-shooting match.

The patent outside papers are publishing a map of the seat of war, and some of them give their patrons to understand that it is all the product of their enterprising nature.

South Bend paid last year the sum of \$26,279.68 as interest on the city debt. That town is evidently somewhat in debt.

REV. M. H. JOY, of Niles, will address the Red Ribbon Club of this place to-morrow (Friday) evening. Make a note of it.

THE ERA says that there is some talk of putting a twelve oar barge on the river between Berrien Springs and St. Joseph.

ONE young man came near being taken as a tramp by trying to beat the railroad company out of his fare from this place to Dayton, yesterday afternoon. Pretty small. If you have not got money, better not go fishing.

YES, the Post Office will remain where it is, for a time at least. The next hundred thousand persons who ask this question will be respectfully referred to this.

"JAP." MURPHY has purchased the fixtures to the barber shop of A. D. Cheney and is now going to scrape on his own hook. All right "Jap," we'll take a shave.

A COMPANY of 20 or 25 passed through this place on the mail train, yesterday afternoon, bound for the Black Hills. They were from the eastern part of the State and Canada.

LAST week, in mentioning the new advertisements we unintentionally omitted to mention those of S. P. & C. O. High, dry goods, and H. E. Bradley, artist.

THE scarlet fever has become so prevalent and in so many cases fatal, the last few years that the State Board of Health has issued a circular of directions for the restriction of this disease. They are as strict and in many ways similar to those regarding small-pox.

DR. A. N. VAN RIPER of this place, was called to operate on one Miss Lizzie Blaind of Dowagiac, for cross eye, on Wednesday of last week. The eye was badly turned in and by the skillful hand of the Doctor was successfully straightened and made good.

AT the last meeting of the Common Council the committee on streets, sidewalks and bridges were instructed to repair the bridge at the foot of Day's avenue, on Front streets. The committee will attend to the business, and the bridge will soon be in good order.

PREPARATION is being made for a grand celebration of Decoration Day, in this place. We learn that it is the purpose of the Niles Light Guards to march to this place and lend their assistance in the ceremonies of the day.

THE Mum Social, on Saturday evening last, did not draw so large a crowd as was expected. Those who were there had their share of fun trying to keep still.

THE bill providing for two voting places in Bertrand township at general fall election has been passed by the Legislature, and the voters of that township will act accordingly.

THE man mentioned last week as having stolen two horses from near St. Joseph and Wilkinson's, waited examination and is now boarding with the Sheriff until he can get a trial.

THE attention of the Marshal is called to some bad holes in the sidewalks on Front street. They are a little dangerous, especially to a person with large feet.

A meeting of the soldiers of this place was held at the old school house, last evening, to make arrangements for the proper observance of Decoration Day. As we have not been furnished with the minutes of the meeting up to going to press, we are unable to give any particulars.

There was a donation party in the Collins & Weaver Hall last evening, for the benefit of Rev. H. Worthington, which resulted in replenishing his till to the tune of about \$80. Good music was furnished by Messrs. Van Orde, Wilson and Howe.

Ypsilanti gave \$2,021.26 to the poor the past year.

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AN exchange says that the Niles band is to be present at the tournament in Port Huron, in June, and is now practicing for the occasion. It will be rather difficult to secure up a better band in this State, we think.

CORRESPONDENTS to the Niles papers seem to think it not right for churches, lodges and almost everybody else to go into the hotel business on every occasion when there is a crowd in town.

SAMUEL TRENON and Charles F. Howe have taken a prominent step toward the introduction of fine blooded cattle into this part of the country. They have purchased three fine animals in Detroit, a short time since, and now have them on their farms, about two miles south of this town.

A special to the Evening News of May 4th, from Niles, says: Granville Snuff, aged 23 years, son of George Snuff, a farmer, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head. No cause except "temporary insanity" is assigned.

THE cheese factory is in full blast this week, under the supervision of Miss Hollenbeck. Seven hundred and fifty pounds of milk was brought in the first day, and eight hundred the second day. This is about three times as much as was received the first days of last season.

THE "Dare to do Right" club of this place will meet at Grange Hall on Friday evening, instead of the Collins & Weaver Hall, as previously announced. Let there be a good turn-out.

THE village election of St. Joseph took place on Monday last, and resulted in the election of Albert K. Weber, Dem., President, by 10 maj.; H. C. Rockwell, Dem., Recorder, by 23 maj.; Mervin C. Barnes, Dem., Treasurer, by 11 maj. The Republicans elected the Trustees by an average majority of 16.

THE Cass county agricultural society are going to have a baby show in connection with their Spring fair at Cassopolis, the last of this month. The editor of the Democrat, of that place, is said to be as mad as a hatter because he did not know of it in time to be prepared.

THERE was a meeting of the School Inspectors and Township Clerks of Bertrand, Niles and Buchanan townships, in this place, on Saturday last, for the purpose of forming a new district in the north-east corner of Bertrand by taking a part from districts in Niles and in this township.

THE competition of the aspirants for the post office at Niles is beginning to wax warm. The competitors are the present incumbent, Dr. E. J. Bonine, and Harry Lindner. We know no other reason that Dr. Bonine should not be reinstated other than that he is a wealthy man and has no more need of the salary accruing therefrom than has the man in the moon.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY Van Ripper prosecuted a band of thieves found near Watervliet last week. When discovered they had been off on a raid and were going home with a load of wheat they had stolen from a farmer nine or ten miles from their head quarters. Three of them were arrested and after an examination were sent to jail to await trial.

DANCING.—Mr. Frank Peak, having organized a large class in Niles is now desirous of forming one in this place, and for that purpose there will be a meeting held at the Collins & Weaver Hall, on Wednesday evening next, May 16. He will give an exhibition of his glide waltzes, and also the fashionable German. All lovers of dancing are invited.

A DISPATCH from Grand Rapids says that our old friend, George A. Howe, now of Niles, who was enjoined at the instance of the Goodyear Dental Vulcanizing Company, several months ago, from vulcanizing rubber in the manufacture of teeth, was fined \$100 by Judge Withey, of the United States Court, for disobeying that injunction. Rather rough on George.

THERE is a considerable excitement in the western part of the county, about the drowning of a young man named Jud. Harrington in Lake Michigan, off Union Pier, on Sunday last. He and a man named Fisher went out into the Lake in a small skiff which capsized. Assistance was sent them from the shore, and Fisher's life saved, but too late for the other. So far as we are able to learn the body of Harrington has not been found.

MR. JOSEPH BINNS, one of our oldest citizens, died at his home on Friday last, May 5th. Mr. Binns was born in Yeadon, Yorkshire, England, in 1795, came to America in 1844, and settled in Madison county, New York, where he lived until 1849, when he moved to Niles, Michigan. He remained there until 1868, and moved to this place, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mayor Thomas, of South Bend, in his annual message the other day, recommended the establishment of a city prison or workhouse, and thus make the prisoners a source of revenue instead of a burden upon the tax-payers. This is a subject worthy of consideration.

It is only those diseases that are chronic that Dr. V. Clarence Price treats, and we advise all who have such complaints to try him; surely if he had any natural ability, his long experience would enable him to locate diseases of this class, and suggest the means of cure.

DR. PRICE will make his next visit to Niles, Bond House, on Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th.

The Manchester Enterprise says that if two or three grains of flaxseed be planted in each hill of potatoes, the bugs will be kept away, as they are no lovers of flax. Worth trying, at least.

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REPORTS come from all parts of the country of the depredations of rabid dogs, more than injury previous year in our recollection. The country is full of worthless curs that are better out of the way, and too great care can not be taken of them. By-Law XV, of this village, provides that dogs running at large on the streets, during the hot season, shall be securely muzzled, and all dogs found without the proper muzzle during that time shall be shot by the Marshal and for which service he shall receive fifty cents for each dog. Will not the Marshal see to it that this By-Law is enforced when the season shall have arrived?

DR. A. N. VAN RIPER, who was formerly in the drug department of O. L. Sherwood here, but who has since graduated in medicine and surgery, called on us last Thursday. He is now located in the pleasant village of Buchanan, where he intends to remain and build up a practice. From what we know of the Dr. the people of Buchanan will find him a good physician and an honorable man, and his numerous friends here wish him hearty success.—Dowagiac Republican.

INSTALLATION.—At the regular meeting of Buchanan Lodge No. 856, I. O. G. T., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed for the current quarter: W. C. T.—Harry Badgley. W. V. T.—Emma Smith. W. S.—Charles Atkins. W. Ass't S.—Elma Glover. W. F. S.—B. T. Morley. W. T.—A. P. Evans. W. D. M.—George M. Rogers. W. D. M.—Alice Black. W. R. S.—Mrs. S. Badgley. W. L. S.—Mrs. Alvin Roe. W. Chaplain.—Rev. W. V. Wells. W. I. G.—Mrs. A. P. Evans. W. I. O. G.—William Baker.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—George Keiser, who lives in Mrs. Harman's house, on Second street, says that he was attacked by some unknown person between eight and nine o'clock one night last week, while going for water at the well on the Dr. Foster lot, on Main street. He says that the man sprang upon him, catching him by the throat and demanding his money. He struck at the man with the pail he carried, but the pail was knocked from his hand into the street. He then gave the man a good solid kick, which was all the man wanted from that source, when the man released his grasp on George's throat and ran. George says that he had ten cents in his pocket, which must have been the tempting morsel the man was after.

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