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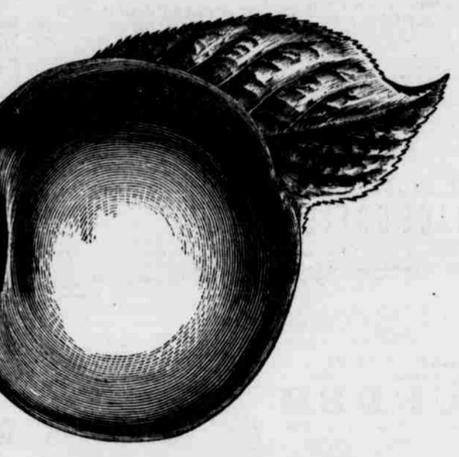
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The Wagoner Apple Illustrated.

By CHARLES WAGNER, PENN. YAN, N. Y. To the Editor of the Michigan Farmer. Dear Sir—I am informed by my nephew Samuel H. Wagoner, residing in Muskegon, Mich., that information is wanted at the west in regard to the history and origin of the Wagoner apple. As my acquaintance with this variety dates back sixty years, I send you statistics, also statement of my experience in its cultivation, which may be of interest to your readers. By referring to the transactions of the New York State Agricultural Society of 1817, I find its origin and history recorded as follows, which I deem correct: In the spring of 1792, Mr. George Wagoner brought with him from Dover, Duchesne Co., N. Y., a bag of apple seeds, which he planted upon his farm that he was reclaiming from a wilderness. In 1798, Alcorn Wagoner, the gentleman from whom the name of the apple is derived, purchased from Lewis Birdsell his lot in the nursery produced from the seeds referred to above, he having previously purchased of the original owner, George M. Wheeler. Among the trees which were subsequently taken and planted upon his premises was the one which is the subject of this memoir. It now stands and occupies a position in the thriving village of Penn Yan. The fruit is remarkable for its agreeable taste and flavor, so much so that but one opinion has been expressed by the numerous persons who have tasted it. It is also a rich and healthy apple to the eye, which respect it is rarely surpassed. Its keeping qualities have been proved to be, by many years experience, of the first order as stated by Mr. Lee, who remarks that it is eaten from October to May.

The next year thirteen varieties of seedlings were entered by competitors for the premiums of the society for seedling apples. After examination, being governed in their action by rule first of the series of Pomological rules adopted by the Society, for the guidance of its fruit committees, it was decided that the "Wagoner apple," from Chase, Lee, of Yates Co., which the second premium of the Society for seedling apples was awarded at the annual meeting of 1848, was again presented for competition, in accordance with a suggestion of the committee for that year, they being the only seedling which had been in a long keeper, owing to the fact of its having been bruised on the passage to the city in consequence of its being badly packed, and therefore being in a state of decay at the time more than the second premium. The fruit is thus far presented under more favorable circumstances, and of its beautiful appearance, good size, tenderness of flesh and degree of flavor, as well as its keeping qualities, the character of a long keeper, they have concluded to recommend that it be placed in the first class of apples, and that an additional sum of \$5 and also a diploma be awarded to Mr. Lee for it. Your committee—of whom the Hon. Sanford Howard was one—consider this very fine apple a desirable addition to the list of first-class fruits. Its appearance is prepossessing, as also its size and form.

From the above statistics it appears that the original tree, which was planted in 1792, was a vigorous condition bearing beautiful crops of good sized apples of fine appearance and delicious to the palate, in the year 1848. The tree at that time was 57 years old from the seed. It continues to bear all crops of merchantable fruit till about the year 1865, being then 74 years old from the seed. This favorite has always found a ready market at a high remunerative price, as high as \$2 per barrel having been freely paid for them in Washington, New York and Philadelphia. I have seen in my orchard trees that I set out in 1828, being now 45 years old, which are large and fruitful. I have picked in one season from single trees 80 bushels of fair and handsome apples. This apple hangs to the trees with great tenacity, and it also possesses this excellent quality, the fruit can be all utilized, none need be wasted, as it is one of the best culinary apples we have. It is also excellent for cider, a near neighbor having tested it and claiming that it makes better cider than the Harrison apple. At present there is great demand for Wagoner trees in Yates Co. In regard to its keeping qualities, I would here state that this apple has been kept with extra care, until summer apples were fit for use. I have seen in my orchard fine trees of the following water apples, Baldwin, Greening, Seek-no-further, Bellflower, Spitzenberg, Peck's Pleasant, Tallman Sweet, Swart, Talphochcock and White Winter Parsonage, but I find more profit from the Wagoner than any of the above. For family consumption, we use the Wagoner almost entirely. Our friends when visiting us always select for dessert the Wagoner. In conclusion I will state that this fruit is more popular here than ever before. And as it is so much in demand, it is a pity that the highest quality for dessert cooking, it will be cultivated wherever known. I will try and have this apple properly represented at your State Fair next fall from trees that have been bearing over this thirty years.

Yours Truly, CHARLES WAGNER.

Why is a minister near the end of his sermon like a raggedurchin?—Because he's toward his close.

WHEN is the most dangerous time to visit in the country? when the trees are shooting and the bull—rushes out.

A bad book to read—A naughty biography (an autobiography.)

My Husband.

He comes as a lover with soft noisless feet, And listens and waits for him; speechless and sweet. He comes down the pathway, his heart all aglow, I peep through my casement and watch—for I know By the light of his eye and the smile on his face, All trembling, expectant, all shivering with trace Of the same love, soul-lighted, that blessed me in youth, He loves me as ever, still, only as truth. He is constant and faithful. I know he is mine; In the sadness of sorrow, through shade and through shine, He hath soothed my caprice, with a kindness that told How precious his love, more than rubies and gold, And often and often, far back in the years, I know that my waywardness grieved him to tears; And now, as I wait for him, can I forget That he loves me and loves me more tenderly yet? How steadfast in purpose, how pure in his heart, And that I, poor and helpless, should live as his part, When he took me and blessed me, and called me his own, And now, for his bread, do I give him a stone? Oh, no! for I love him as woman can love, And know of his olive branch I am the dove, And tranquil and happy, and jealous my life, As I feel that he loves me—that I am his wife.

MASSACHUSETTS paper speaks of "the little Upper Peninsula of Michigan." This expression shows how ignorant the Eastern people are the affairs of the West. The "Little Peninsula" is about as large as two States like Massachusetts, and an ordinary New-England sized county for one of the Empire State's West. If this editor will bring his Old Bay State out here we'll make a township of it and hide it in some out of the way place on our Upper Peninsula, —Detroit Tribune.

It appears from late dispatches that Khiva has not yet fallen into the hands of the Russians, for the simple reason that their arms has not reached the City. The commanders have halted for the purpose of receiving the delegations from the Khan sent out to sue the place. That unfortunate potentate is at war with his two brothers right at home, and they are anxious to see the city in the hands of the enemy.

The man who never "smiles" will stamp the State for the Sons of Temperance this winter.

Important New Laws.

Of the important general laws passed at the recent session of the Legislature and approved by the Governor, we give an abstract of the following:

An act providing for a salary of \$400 for the Chief Justice and each of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court payable quarterly.

An act authorizing the municipal authorities of any city village or town where companies are formed for the purpose of supplying water for public municipal or other purposes.

An act providing for the punishment of a married woman guilty of arson, although the property may belong in part or wholly to her husband; also, for the punishment of a married man, although the property burned may belong in part or wholly to his wife.

An act giving power to the

stitution of learning, \$2,000,—50 per cent. of which shall have been paid in.

An act amending the present tax law, by reducing the time of publication of the delinquent tax lists in the several county newspapers from eight to four weeks previous to the day of sale.

An act repealing the law requiring the Secretary of State to furnish Constitutional amendment ballots, and substituting in its stead an act requiring the county clerks to furnish such ballots to the voters of their several counties.

An act amending the law in regard to University and Primary School lands, requiring parties who purchase of the State to pay 50 per cent. down instead of 25 as formerly; also requiring the affidavits of two persons in addition to the certificate of the Supervisor of the township where the lands are situated, that such lands are not principally valuable for the timber thereon; and the Commissioner of the Land Office is further directed, where the value of the land consists of pine or other valuable timber, not to sell University or school lands except on full payment for the same.

An act amending the law authorizing the incorporation of Building or Savings associations, so as to allow such corporation to invest capital or moneys belonging to them in bonds or mortgages on unencumbered real estate, or in any State stocks or in United States, or in any county, city or school district bonds when issued by the legal authorities in accordance with law.

An act compelling every apothecary, druggist, or other person engaged in the sale of poisons to have the word "poison," with the true name thereof, and a simple antidote, written or printed upon the vial, box or paper containing the poison. Violators of this law incur a fine not exceeding \$100.

An act changing the law in regard to notaries public, giving a fee of \$1 to the State and 75 cents to the county clerk for qualifying.

An act providing that any person shall let a dwelling house, knowing that it will be used as a house of ill fame or for the purpose of gambling or shall knowingly receive any rent for buildings used as a resort of prostitutes or gamblers, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months.

The act authorizing a Commissioner of Railroads and defining his powers and duties, is too lengthy for an abstract in the space we can spare.

An act providing for a State Board of Health, to consist of seven members and a Secretary; said Board to meet quarterly at Lansing or such other place as they may designate. Their duties are to exercise general supervision over causes prejudicial to the life and health of the citizens of the State.

An act providing that all non-resident ministers of the gospel, who shall solemnize marriage in this State shall keep proper records and shall make returns as required of the resident minister in this State.

An act forbidding the catching of trout or grapping by nets, traps, seines, or any other means in any inland lake, river or stream between the first day of October and the first day of April next preceding.

An act giving the member of the county Boards of Supervisors \$3 per day as compensation while attending the meetings of such Boards, and six cents per mile as mileage. This act provides that any Supervisor who shall receive further compensation for his services shall be punished by a fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

An act amending the law in regard to delinquent taxes, providing that they shall be returned by the 1st day of February; they being formerly receivable during the month of March.

An act requiring Judges of Probate to notify all persons appointed executors or administrators of estates, or guardians of minor children or incompetent persons,

to appear at his office at the end of one year after their appointment, and make a report of their doings, and at least once a year thereafter, so long as their appointment shall hold. The Judge shall give at least two weeks notice of the time and place of meeting, for the purpose of reporting their account. In case they shall fail to appear, it is made the duty of the Judge of Probate to remove such executor, administrator or guardian, and appoint some suitable person in his place.

An act providing that judgments rendered by Justices of the Peace against a party shall be with costs of suit, and that the amount of said costs shall not exceed \$10, and shall not include counsel or attorney fees in favor of the prevailing party, excepting where expressly provided for by law.

An act amending the law relative to Justices of the Peace, giving 15 cents for a warrant, summons, or venire, and \$1 for the trial of a cause for each day. Other increased fees are cited in the act.

An act providing that directors of school districts shall be elected by ballot.

An act amending the present State Census law, defining the duties of supervisors and assessors of cities and townships in relation to making an assessment of the same, with important statistics connected therewith. Section 8 of this act gives the supervisor of each township or ward \$10 for every one hundred persons by him returned, if the number exceed 1,500, and \$10.50 per hundred for any less number. It also allows 10 cents for each mile traveled by such officer in making his returns to the county clerk's office. Section 9 provides that the Secretary of State shall condense these statistics in tabular form and print 3,000 copies, four copies to go to each organized township in the State, one of which is to be deposited in the township library; 25 copies to be sent to the Mayor of Detroit, and 10 copies to the Mayors of the other cities of the State.

An act amending the law in respect to illuminating oils, and the manufacture of petroleum or coal oil, provides that all oils shall be declared dangerous which at the temperature of 150 Fahrenheit will explode or take fire. It also provides for an inspector to test all oils, and brand the same if they stand the required test.

An act amending the County Drain Commissioner Law provides that if the Boards of Supervisors shall refuse or neglect, for 30 days after the office shall become vacant, to appoint a proper person to fill the vacancy, the clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall take possession of the papers and contracts belonging to the office, and turn them over to the Township Drain Commissioner where the ditch is to be located.

An act amending the tax law authorizes the county Treasurer and Auditor General to add 30 cents for office charges upon each description, upon such certificate, 5 cents therefor; the amount received by the county treasuries, and the amounts received by the Auditor General to go into the State Treasury to the credit of the general fund.

An act amending the law in relation to the settlement and drainage of swamp lands by actual settlers, provides that the license of settlement shall contain a clause binding the settler or occupant within three months after the day of license to file with the Commissioner of the Land Office a certificate from the Supervisor of the township in which the lands are located, together with his affidavit that he is in actual possession and occupancy of such land. Said license also contains a clause prohibiting the settler or occupant from cutting or carrying away pine, oak, or other valuable timber, unless for the purpose of clearing the land for cultivation; and then only as much as will be necessary to allow him to clear the land. In case of a violation of these provisions, the person is liable to the penalties inflicted upon trespassers on State land.

An important and timely law prevents Trustees, Inspectors, Regents, Superintendents, Agents, Officers, members of any Board of Control having charge or control of any State or county institution from being directly or indirectly interested in any sale or contract on account of any such institution. And in case of any such parties are interested, the sale or contract is made void and the offender punished by a fine not to exceed \$100. Another section also provides that any person who shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with a State or county institution, who shall promise any officer of such a bribe, gift, or any gratuity whatever, with the intent of improperly influencing his official action in such contract, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.

An act amending the law regarding town plats and the vacating of the same, requires the recording of such plats, with minute precautions as to their preservation.

An act to collect statistical information in regard to the insane, deaf and dumb and the blind in the State, and repealing previous laws. This act makes it the duty of the Supervisors and Assessors, in taking their general assessment to ascertain and set down the names of all insane, deaf, dumb and blind persons, showing their ages, health, habits, occupations, etc., with full particulars as to the kind and duration of the affliction. Such report is to be delivered to the county clerk, who shall present it to the Board of Supervisors at the October meeting; and the clerk of said Board, under the supervision of the Board, shall condense the facts and transmit it to the Secretary of State, whose duty it is made to transmit the necessary blanks to carry out the law.

An act requiring the Superintendents of the Poor to send all poor persons who are deaf, dumb and blind, between the ages of 10 and 20 years, to the institution at Flint to be educated.

An act appropriating \$5,000 per annum, to be known as the "Soldiers' Aid Fund," for the support of infirm and needy Michigan soldiers, sailors, and mariners; said aid to be rendered at Harper's Hospital, Detroit.

An act reorganizing the militia force of the State establishes 12 companies of infantry up to Jan. 1st, 1874, and then to be increased four companies each year thereafter until 24 companies shall be reached. This law provides for the equipment and pay of the troops while on camp duty, and defines the number of officers and their duties.

An act providing that the expression of a previous opinion, not positive in its character, in reference to the circumstances on which a criminal prosecution is based shall not be sufficient ground for the challenge of any person as jurymen.

An act appropriating \$15,000, one-half to be expended in 1873 and the other half in 1874, to a Board of Fish Commissioners, who are to appoint a Superintendent of Fisheries, whose duty it shall be to promote the fishing interests of the State in any way the Board may deem proper.

An act providing that all railroad lands which have been earned or obtained by any person or corporation, by or for the construction of any railroad in this State, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner as all other taxable lands.

An act providing that homestead settlers shall be taxed for their improvements after five years. At present they pay no taxes until patents are issued for their lands.

An act amending the law in regard to terms of the Supreme Court, which provides that three Judges shall constitute a quorum, and the four terms of the Court shall be held annually at the Supreme Court-room in Lansing, commencing the Tuesday after the first Monday in January, April, July and October.

An act making it the duty of the Agent of the State Prison to furnish, at the expense of the State, each convict with a Bible and such other reading matter as he considers beneficial to such convict, provided the sum expended in any one year shall not exceed \$50.

An act providing that women may be imprisoned for violating the Prohibitory liquor law.

An act providing that the State Reporter of the Supreme Court shall receive \$1,500 and necessary expenses for clerk hire, not exceeding \$600; also the necessary expenses incurred by him in attending the sessions of the Supreme Court. Also providing for an exchange of Reports by the State Librarian, under the direction of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

An act providing that any person who shall sell medicines or drugs for the purpose of procuring an abortion, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

An act limiting the salary of Judges of Probate to \$1,500, excepting in the county of Wayne, where it is fixed at \$2,750.

An act amending the Prohibitory law provides that every owner or occupant of any house, dwelling, shed or tenement, in which spirituous liquors are sold, given away, or obtained for money or otherwise, by means of any wheel, drawer, or other device for the purpose, shall be amenable to all the liabilities of the Prohibitory law.

An act providing that \$1,000 from the earnings of the State Prison shall be devoted annually to furnish instruction to the convicts in reading and writing; also providing that the clothing of the convicts shall hereafter be of uniform color, and that the striped dress shall be abolished.

An act providing that if a husband, shall without good cause, desert his wife, being of ability to support her, or shall refuse such support, the Circuit Court in chancery, in the county where such wife resides, shall decree to her such alimony from her husband's estate as the court shall determine.

An act providing for State county and municipal Historical Societies; also Geographical and Biographical Societies under which five persons or their successors may associate together and become a body corporate for that purpose.

An act making it the duty of any sheriff or jailer to keep a complete record of all particulars in relation to the prisoners under his charge.

An act of 120 pages of manuscript, prepared by Andrew Howell, of Adrian, for the incorporation of villages.

A law to bar the right of dower of imbecile, insane or idiotic women. This act provides that in case such married woman is judged insane, imbecile, or idiotic, the Circuit Court shall determine the present value of such dower, and appoint a guardian for her, who shall give bonds, and use the dower or money for her use, under the order or direction of the court.

An act providing that in case of separation of husband and wife, the mother shall have the custody of all children under 12 years of age and the father of those over 12 years of age, subject to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court.

An act in relation to dogs, which provides that all persons keeping such animals shall procure a license from the clerk of the city where they reside paying a specified fee therefor; and severe penalties upon the owners of dogs which maim or kill sheep and lambs.—Lansing Republican.

AGONY for the West—Emigrant. A debtor gave as an excuse for non-payment that "money was very close, but not close enough for him to reach it."

ADVICE to love: When you cannot catch the last car at night, take a bus instead.

SOME preachers would make fine martyrs; they are so dry they would burn well.

A THIEF running away is a scamper; but the policeman's chase after him is a scamper.

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