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CONDENSED TIME CARD, DEC. 26, 1875.

GOING NORTH.

	EXPRESS	EXPRESS.	ACCOM
Cincinnati	7:00 P. M.	7:30 A. M.	.....
Richmond	10:16 "	10:40 "	3:35 P M
Winchester	11:28 "	11:49 "	5:54 "
Ridgeville	11:52 "	12:11 P. M.	5:21 "
Portland	12:22 A. M.	12:38 "	5:50 "
Decatur	1:40 "	1:55 "	.....
Ft. Wayne ar	2:40 "	2:50 "	.....
Ft. Wayne de	3:00 "	3:05 "	7:00 A M
Kendallville	4:23 "	4:23 "	8:35 "
Lagrange	5:13 "	5:11 "	9:17 "
Sturgis	5:41 "	5:40 "	9:48 "
Wasiol, A L cr'ing	6:11 "	6:09 "	10:21 "
Vicksburg	6:46 "	6:45 "	11:02 "
Kalamazoo ar	7:15 "	7:20 "	11:35 "
Kalamazoo de	7:30 "	7:35 "	11 45 "
Gd. Rapids ar	9:45 "	9:50 "	2:10 P M
Gd. Rapids de	10:05 "	7:00 A. M.	.....
Howard City	12:20 P. M	10:05 "	.....
Big Rapids	2:36 "	11:45 A M.	.....
Reed City	2.16 "	.....	.....
Clam Lake	3:52 "	.....	.....
Traverse City	6 30 "	.....	.....
Petoskey	9 30 "	.....	.....

GOING SOUTH.

	EXPRESS	EXPRESS	ACCOM
Petoskey	4:50 A. M.	.....	.....
Traverse City	7:50 "	.....	.....
Clam Lake	10:45 "	.....	5:15 P M
Reed City	12:23 P. M	.....	6:51 "
Big Rapids	1:05 "	3:27 P M	7:30 "
Howard City	2:24 "	8:10 "	8:98 "
Gd. Rapids ar	4:15 "	8:00 "	10:20 "
Gd. Rapids de	4.35 "	7:10 A M	11:10 A M
Kalamazoo ar	6:34 "	8:24 "	1:25 P M
Kalamazoo de	7:10 "	9:38 "	.....
Vicksburg	7:46 "	10:09 "	.....
Wasiel, A. L. c'ing	8:21 "	10:47 "	.....
Sturgis	8.49 "	11:16 "	.....
Lagrange	9:17 "	11:46 "	.....
Kendallville	10: 6 "	12:36 P. M.	.....
Ft. Wayne ar	11:30 "	2:00 "	.....
Ft. Wayne de	11:50 "	2 20 "	.....
Decatur	12:52 A. M.	3: 5 "	.....
Portland	2:26 "	4:31 "	.....
Ridgeville	3:00 "	4:58 "	.....
Winchester	3:31 "	5:21 "	.....
Richmond	5:00 "	6:32 "	.....
Cincinnati	8:35 "	9:.0 "	.....

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AMMUNITION, &c., &c.

Agent for Cranej's celebrated Mill Do

NORTHERN TRIBUNE.

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1876.

Congressional.

Most of the newspapers in the Eighth Congressional district, of which Cheboygan county forms a part, have already had something to say regarding who shall be our next representative in Congress. It is understood that Mr. Bradley, our present representative, emphatically declines a renomination. It is therefore necessary to decide upon some new man. Several have been mentioned, and we have taken some pains to look the ground over and see which, in our opinion, would best subserve the interests of this section of the state, and especially this county. As far as we have heard, those mentioned in this connection, with one exception, reside in the Saginaw valley. That exception is C. C. Ellsworth, of Montcalm county. Mr. Ellsworth is a man whose appearance indicates that he is well qualified for the position, but what is still better, those that know him best are his warmest champions. The office is seeking the man, not the man the office, the work to secure the position for him being done by his friends. This, we think, is the best recommendation which can be given him.

We trust that Mr. Ellsworth will receive the nomination and be elected, although we would be willing to support any good man who will see that every part of his district is equally well represented. We have had several Representatives from other parts of the state, which are also lake ports. We have not had in the way of appropriations for our harbor what the importance of the place demanded. Whether the one had any connection with the other or not, we would not say, but we are now in favor of securing a man who is entirely outside of such influences and who will look upon all places impartially. Such a man we think is Mr. Ellsworth, and therefore we shall favor his nomination and election.

An Old Union Man.

The Alpena Pioneer says that there is now living in the county of Presque Isle an old man by the name of Horatio Nelson Pemberton. He is 70 years of age, and the oldest brother of rebel Gen. Pemberton. He is smart and active, and talks freely of his adventures in the South during the war. His grandfather fought in the war of the revolution, his father in the war of 1812, and both taught him to love the stars and stripes. His home was in Nashville, Tenn., and when his state seceded he rigidly refused to join in the rebellion, while his brother, recreant to the instructions of his sires, became a general in the rebel army. His brother tried every means to induce him to join in the war against the Union, offering him positions of honor and trust, but all of no avail. He then commenced a series of persecutions. For several mornings in succession a gibbet was placed over his front door, made by two poles coming together at the top over his door and leaning against the house, with a rope and nose hanging so as to greet him as he opened the door. This he fearlessly demolished for several mornings. Finally threats was so bitter that he took his youngest son, aged 13, by the hand, and started for the Union lines. After untold sufferings he reached the Union headquarters at Crab Orchard, and was sent to Detroit. He then came north and started a farm in the wilds of Presque Isle county. He has a fine farm, about 25 acres cleared, is well educated, well informed, and is now trying to get some remuneration from Congress for property destroyed by the Union army during the war.

Chilled to Death.

A young man named Valentine, of Rogers City, was chilled to death during the storm on Monday, while out in a boat near Charlevoix. The particulars, as near as we can learn them, are as follows: He was at that place on a visit, and secured a man named Trombley to take him in a sail boat and go fishing. They got out in the lake, and the storm coming on, with the wind from the land, they could not get to the shore. They beat about until nearly night, when they made land, but Valentine was only just alive, dying before he could be taken to a house. His remains were sent to Mackinaw, going down from there to Rogers City on the St. Joe. yesterday morning. We understand that his mother is a widow. Trombley was also badly chilled, but soon recovered after getting on shore.

Extension of Time.

On the 9th inst., Senator Ferry presented to the Senate the petition of Geo Wetmore and other citizens of Emmet county, praying an amendment to the act of March 3d, 1875, providing for the restoration to homestead entry and market of certain lands in the state, so as to extend the time for actual settlers to make such entry for one year from March 3d. 1876. The bill was referred to the committee on public lands. The act referred to covers the Indian reservation which was put in market last year, much of which was in Emmet county.

The Improvement Association.

Far too little interest is being manifested by our citizens in the work and success of this association. It is true that during the winter there was very little work which could be done which would show direct and immediate results. This may have been the cause of much lack of interest manifested in the work of the association by its members. The officers, however, have kept at work, and we feel certain have accomplished much good. The effect of all their work cannot be shown as yet but we are sure it will not be long before it will be seen. The time of year has arrived when, if many benefits are to be derived from the organization, every member must come promptly forward and do his part. It is not very encouraging for the officers to spend much time and labor towards accomplishing certain results, and then at the monthly meeting when they would like to talk over the results of their labor and receive assistance in planning for the future, find scarcely a quorum present to hear or advise. The present season is going to be an important one in the history of Cheboygan. Already the attention of the state has been called in this direction more than ever before, and doubtless we shall have a much larger number of visitors, thus giving much greater opportunities for work than ever before. Such opportunities should not be neglected. We hope the members of the association and our citizens generally will think of this matter and be present at the next meeting of the association, the first Tuesday evening in June. A plan for a summer campaign in favor of Cheboygan should be formed. Then if the campaign be prosecuted with as much vigor as the political ones are, we will see Cheboygan grow as never before.

The Sewer.

It is feared that the high water has caused a considerable damage to the Division street sewer. Considerable material has been washed away in some manner, there being several places where the filling over the drain has settled a number of feet. Through the box across Main street there is no water running, while there is a very large stream in other places. This shows beyond a doubt that the drain has become filled with earth, and that the water has formed a passage around it in some way. This, probably, will answer the purpose of drainage as well as though it went through the sewer proper, but it is hard to tell just how long it will thus answer. There is much danger that there will be such a quantity of material washed out that there will be a caving in before long. Whether or not this trouble is caused by the faulty construction of the sewer we are not prepared to say, but, if possible, something should be done to prevent any serious results

Railroad Prospects.

We have been able to learn nothing new regarding the prospects of the Marquette & Mackinaw railroad since last week. The managers of the company taking the contract started about ten days ago to secure capital by which the road is to be built. They had reasons to suppose that the money could be obtained, but as doubtful things are always uncertain, perhaps it would not be well to be too certain about the immediate construction of the road until it is definitely known that the money to construct it has already been obtained. We sincerely trust that there will be no difficulty in securing this money, and with the immense grant of valuable lands there should not be. We have had information from headquarters to the effect that as soon as the M. & M. road is commenced, work will be immediately resumed on the extension of the J., L. & S. road. Thus Cheboygan has a double interest in this great enterprise.

The High Water.

It is not often that this country is troubled with high water, the water usually varying very little at the different seasons of the year; but the heavy rains the early part of the week was more than even the large reservoirs, the inland lakes, could contain, and the result was the river became higher than it has been for years. For some days many had fears that the dam would not stand the pressure, but all the flood gates and waste ways were opened to their greatest capacity, which allowed the surplus water to escape. It will be some time before the water goes down very much, for all the lakes are very high and the surplus water in them is immense—all of which must come down the river.

The Old Bridge.

The Board of Supervisors meet again the second Monday in June. Would it not be a good plan for some action to be taken by our citizens looking towards the Board taking some action regarding a new bridge. The old one is not only a disgrace to a town having the pretentions of Cheboygan but it is positively unsafe. It would, in our opinion, be well for the Improvement association to take this matter in hand and see if a new bridge cannot in some way be obtained. There is no doubt but that it could be accomplished if our citizens would take sufficient interest about it. It is one of the great necessities of the county, and should not be overlooked.

Wheat in Cheboygan County.

We believe that the time is not very far distant when the main part of the wheat crop of the state will be raised in the northern portions of the state. The conditions of soil and climate in this district are especially favorable to the production of wheat. The soil is strong with clay base. The snow falls early and remains upon the ground until after the frost is chiefly out of the ground, and experience proves that the climate is such as to insure the most complete development of the grain. Of the quality of the wheat raised in this section too much cannot be said. It is superior to any other portion of the state, as any miller who has had experience with it will testify. Concerning quantity, the average yield per acre in the state in 1873, according to the state census of 1874, was 13.62 bushels. In the northern and shore counties reported, the average was 21.39 bushels, the average of each being as follows:

Counties.	Bushels per acre.
Alcona	20 83
Alpena	24.18
Bay	21 48
Cheboygan	22 51
Huron	16.48
Iosco	20 "
Midland	14 70
Presque Isle	34.42
Saginaw	18.51
Tuscola	15 97

It will be seen that in this list Cheboygan county stands third and there is no reason why it should not rank equal to any. It is probable that better farming is done in the counties which exceed us in quantity. If our farmers will take equal pains with putting in their crops Cheboygan county would head the list. As it is the average is fully eight bushels above the average of the state. These facts are a sufficient answer to many inquiries we receive, asking if this country is not too far north for successful farming.

The Reconciliation.

"Herbie" and "Willie" are two little boys—sons of neighbors

They have, once in a while, boyish quarrels, entered into quickly, and as quickly forgotten. Whether it was the remembrance of one of these quarrels that made Herbie do as he did the other day, we do not know, but they met in the street. Herbie, walking towards Willie, with a short stick raised in his hand, and vengeance in his eye, said, "I'll lick you," and as he advanced he repeated again and again the threat, "I'll lick you." Nothing daunted, Willie walked boldly toward Herbie, holding out his hand. As they approached each other they acted just as we have seen men act under like influences—the one angry and the other seeking to conciliate.

They had come closely together, and Herbie was about to strike the threatened blow, when he discovered a piece of maple sugar in Willie's hand, which he was offering as a peace offering.

Herbie's hand dropped—his face assumed a smile, and without a moments hesitation he said softly and pleasantly, "I would not hurt you, Willie, would I?" Willie said no, and handed Herbie the sugar, and thus the quarrel was made up.

How like all the human family was this. There is always a way to stop a quarrel. The way to Herbie's heart was through a piece of maple sugar. There is always a way to everybody's heart if you will only take the trouble to study and find it.

A Summer House.

We are glad to learn that it is proposed by some of our citizens to build a summer house somewhere up on Mullet lake, for the convenience of parties who go there during the summer on pleasure or fishing excursions. We believe the plan suggested is for the house to be built by a club of our citizens, any of whom shall have the use of the building for the accommodation of himself and friends, due care, of course, being taken of not to interfere with the arrangements of other members of the club. Quite a number have already signified their desire to join in any such arrangement, and we have no doubt that it will not be long before such an organization is effected and the building under way. Several places have been mentioned for the location of the house, but we believe the general impression is in favor of Red Pine point.

"Check."

We have received from a Philadelphia firm a prospectus of a Centennial book, which they wish us to print, for which compliment (?) they will send us a copy of the work. The price of the book is fifty cents, and the notice asked of us would come to about $7 50. We are not in that kind of business. Space in the TRIBUNE is too valuable. We have no doubt that many papers will accept their offer, getting almost nothing for their advertisement, while at the same time they would refuse to take less than their regular rates, in cash, from one of their own citizens. The system is wrong. A book publisher has no more right to favors from the press than a merchant, and to ask $7 50 worth of work for fifty cents requires a vast amount of "cheek."

The large quantity of logs now running in the river impedes navigation considerably.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Harrington, of safe burglary notoriety, has fled to Canada.

On Saturday over two million dollars in gold was shipped from New York.

Rock Island, Ill., indulged in a $75,000 fire on Saturday night, which was pretty fully insured.

Capt. Chester Pike's residence at Newport, was burned Saturday night with a loss of $40,000.

The English government will entertain favorably the request for amnesty to the Irish political prisoners.

The Protestant Episcopal diocesan convention of South Carolina has refused admission to colored churches.

If the Philadelphia hackmen had had the charging of Balaklava there would have been a mighty different result—says the Danbury News.

A St. Louis dispatch relates as the result of a charivari in Dalgreen, Mo., one of the serenaders was killed and two badly wounded by the irate bridegroom.

Even in the harvest times clocks employ only their regular number of hands, and are about the only employers that don't allow their works to be stopped by strikes.

With the exception of Pennsylvania all the other states in the Union have not expended as much money, reckoned together, as Japan already has upon this our Centennial International exhibition.

The Mexican government troops are rapidly concentrating around Metamoras and preparing to attack it. The revolutionists in the city are fortifying their position and preparing for a determined resistance.

Mr. Silas Noble, of Elm Hall, has a vinegar barrel, which he says was built in Detroit just 100 years ago. It is an heirloom—or barrel rather—in the family, and can boast of more mothers than Brigham Young, Jr.

The Argo, which is said to be the largest steam pleasure yacht in the world, has arrived at Philadelphia with a party of English gentlemen. They have been voyaging to the West Indies and Mexico, and have now come to witness the Exhibition.

The Philadelphia Inquirer strongly urges the reduction of the price of admission to the exposition from 50 to 25 cents, on the ground that the present charges will virtually close the doors against hundreds of thousand of workingmen and their families.

All the Chicago officials except the comptroller, have recognized Mayor Hoyne, who has appointed the standing committees of the council, and whose action and authority are recognized by that body. Mayor Colvin is left out in the cold, and is going to bring a *quo warranto* suit against Hoyne.

Massachusetts has been without a government for a day or two past. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate are absent from the state. On Wednesday a New York officer went there with a requisition from Gov. Tilden for the rendition of a prisoner. The officer went to the capitol, but found the executive department deserted. Finally he persuaded the prisoner to deliver himself up.

The Methodist general conference at Baltimore Monday received a memorial from the Baltimore conference, calling attention to a loss by the book concern of $261,000 net capital, and requesting the New York concern to explain the loss. The memorial was referred, as was also a resolution to adopt in place of the present form of the Lord's prayer, that form found in Matthew vi., 9; 13. A motion was made and referred, to strike out from the baptismal ritual the words "holy catholic" and insert "one universal church of Christ."

Some of the Boston newspapers are more favorable in their criticisms of Anna Dickinson than the New York journals have been. The Transcript says: "She did not act Anne Boleyn merely, she was Anne Boleyn;" and it adds: Last night's performance was a success—a decided success, all things considered." The Herald says: "She has safely and creditably passed the ordeal of a first night, and the unanimous verdict of the vast audience will be that her debut was a success." The Post thinks that "excepting a few trifles in the way of defects which a beginner could not hope to entirely avoid, the debut of Miss Dickinson was a magnificent success."

Oriental travelers say that a Chinese gentlemen thinks it beneath his dignity to manufacture his own witticisms. He appreciates wit, and he is fond of tea; but he would as soon grow his own tea as make his own jokes. When he goes into society he carries in his pocket a package of prepared witticisms and repartees, which he has purchased at the nearest joke-shop. When conversation flags, and he perceives an opportunity for saying something brilliant, he draws a humorous remark from the top of his package and gravely hands it to his neighbor. The latter as gravely reads it, and, selecting from his bundle of repartees the one which is appropriate, returns it, with a bow, to the original joker. The two then smile in a courteous and undemonstrative way, and resume their conversation feeling that they have acquitted themselves with conspicuous brilliancy.

STATE NEWS.

Horse thieves are giving Cass county farmers considerable trouble.

Cutler & Savage, of Spring Lake, have sent a carload of splendid lumber sawed at their mill, to the Centennial.

The Ypsilanti normal institute has decided by a vote of 28 to 25 that women shall not vote. That settles it.

Mrs. Mary Lathrop, of Jackson, is lecturing on "Poetry and Push."

The Bay City authorities have caused 933 trees to be set out in the city. They cost 27½ cents per tree.

Rumor says Mason is to have a paper of pure democratic stripe, edited by J. V. Johnson. The more the merrier.

It is said that the M. S. & L. S. railroad company will immediately complete and equip the Marshall & Coldwater railroad.

Somebody has blundered, and a portion of the Michigan Centennial building, shipped from Detroit, has gone astray.

John Lafferty, of Speaker, Sanilac county, was taken with a fit, fell on his face in a puddle of water and was drowned.

A lad named Patrick Rafferty, aged 11 years, was drowned at Kawkawlin Saturday. His body was recovered and buried Monday.

Frankfort, Benzie county, advices say that the prospects for a fine yield of fruit in the section of the fruit belt, were never better.

Practical philanthropy at Adrian crops out in the "Ladies' reading and lunch room," under the auspices of the Ladies temperance union.

Tawas City sends an 8-year-old-boy-Scotch-bag-pipe-player to the Centennial. That's right, send all the bag-pipe players and hand-organ men.

The Courier says that the freight business on the Flint and Pere Marquette road is so brisk that the officers experience great difficulty in supplying the demand for cars.

Port Huron people are in a peck of trouble about the removal of the Grand Trunk shops to the Junction, and are pulling every line that may tend to bind them fast to the sandy soil of the sandy City.

The people of East Saginaw steal the oil from the oil fed street lamps which light up the outlying portions of the city, and the tax-payers devoutly return thanks because they don't steal the lamp-posts.

The Sherman Pioneer says Mr. Walter Mesick of that place has caught in a steel trap a bear weighing 400 pounds. He has two dozen traps set and expects to capture a large number of bears during the season.

The steam yacht Gem, owned by Deputy U. S. Marshal James Henry, of Kalamazoo, which has lain at Holland during the past winter, is to be sent on an extended fishing and hunting excursion to Mackinac and vicinity.

Joe Chapman, of Bay City, who was subject to fits of moral obliquity which inclined him to steal cattle, has been arrested at New Boston. He was arrested two years ago, escaped, and has been in Canada until recently.

One of the features of the Monroe celebration of the 100th anniversary of American independence will be the laying of the corner-stone of a monument to the soldiers of 1812, and the Monroe heroes of the war for the union.

Again is the curtain lifted and a tale of woe revaled. Mrs. Jasper Hayden, of Springport, married but a few weeks, puts a pistol ball through her heart, preferring to fly to the ills she knew not of than to endure married infelicity.

Charles Wortley, of Sharon, Washtenaw county, went out to Ionia county a few months ago and bought a farm, paying $250 down to bind the bargain. He afterward started to go again, taking $700 with him, and has not been heard of since.

Hudson firemen will presently learn how to handle a steam fire engine. At first they thought all that was necessary to afford protection was to have an engine in the place, now they have found that it was best to take the machine to the place where the conflagration is, and by-and-by they will get so they know enough to build a fire under the boiler.

The editor of the Saginawian has a Cochin China hen which has been sitting on a 2 by 4 scantling, and now is neglecting his newspaper business, expecting to become a millionaire from the sale of the crop of matches and toothpicks which he believes will be the result of her patience. Such is the faith that the natives of "the valley" have in the lumber business.

The contract for grading the Coldwater & Marshall railroad from Marshall to Elm Hall, in Montcalm county, has been let to a company of which J. Condit Smith is one of the leading men. This road will run through Olivet, Portland, Vermontville, and Muir. The people along the line are to furnish the means to grade the roadbed, purchase the ties, and build the bridges.

Mr. Ferdinand Masset, of Grand Rapids, has designed and carved for the Centennial exhibition a clock case, which is described as one of the finest specimens of that kind of work ever seen in the West. It is over six and a half feet high, built of black walnut, burl veneer and white holly imported from South America. It is elaborately and beautifully carved, the labor of several months having been expanded upon it.

Two skeletons have recently been unearthed near Blissfield, and the people are greatly excited thereat. Two years ago, it seems, two men came there to buy a farm, stayed all night with a man named Allen, and were never seen again. A friend of theirs in town, on whom they had promised to call, asked Allen where they were, and he said they got up in the night and left. It is said that the friends believed at the time that they had been foully dealt with.

A Battle Creek girl got ready to be married a few days ago. The guests were all assembled, but the bridegroom came not. As this was the third time he had played the game, the mother of the bride dismissed the company, telling them to assemble again in the evening; and taking the train went to a neighboring town, and to the store where the should-be bridegroom was measureing tape, escorted him to the train, and at the appointed time in the evening the two were made one.