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Rev. Cleaver and wife returned from the Nottingham grove camp meeting Thursday.

Just as we are going to press the news of Mr. Abraham Firestone's death reaches this office.

Snakes are proving numerous in this section of the country this year. It would be a terrible calamity to get snake bitten in Kansas at present.

The young folks of the United Brethren church will give a social at Mr. Groendykes, on Tuesday evening. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend.

Don't fight your own town; every prosperous business is a benefit to every one in a town. The Kendall Mercantile Co. are drawing custom from far and wide by their low prices and fair dealing.

Miss Lizzie Kentz of Idaho Springs who is at present a guest of Mrs. W. C. Spencer, expresses her intention of starting a dress making establishment in Meriden. Miss Kentz, who has been visiting here for some time says she is very favorably impressed with our town.

Among the visitors to the *Advocate* office this week to investigate the mysteries of a newspaper office were, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cleaver, Mrs. W. C. Spencer, Mrs. A. Crone, Miss Lizzie Kentz and Miss Ernie Spencer. Miss Spencer presented the *Advocate* office, on her visit, with a very handsome donation of fruit.

A FACT.

You cannot afford to do without the leading paper of your state published at your state Capital, and your home paper when you can get them both for \$1.35 per year; less than the price of many single weekly newspapers. The man who doesn't keep posted upon the current events of the day; when he gets among people who do, is apt to feel as lonesome as the oyster in a barrel of church festival soup.

Walter N. Allen president of the Farmers' Federation has sent in his application for membership to the Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Allen passed through Meriden this week enroute for Topeka, from which point he expects to start for Milwaukee and a visit to all general points in the Mississippi Valley in connection with business of the wheat growers convention to be held in St. Louis, Oct. 23rd.

We do not want the earth but we want a share of the patronage. We are always ready to meet anybody's prices and sell you good goods. Come and see us. Kendall mercantile Co.

Our goods will arrive nearly every day from now until Jan. 1st. as fast as we have room for them. No old stock. We have the finest line of prints, gingham, and all wool dress goods in town. Follow the crowd to the low price house.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown, of Topeka, with their little adopted daughter, spent the week with Mrs. Brown's parents in Meriden. Mr. Brown is a partner of Chas. Myers, North Topeka real estate dealer, and not in his old profession, the newspaper field, as is supposed by a number of his friends here and elsewhere.

Mrs. A. J. Reed, and her niece Miss Bird Hawley, of Winchester, celebrated the anniversary of their birth days jointly, last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Reed south of town. The older folks paid their respects during the day bringing with them choice refreshments, as the party was of the nature of a surprise. In the evening the occasion was made one of jollity by a large assemblage of young folks. There were present from abroad: Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Millwood; Mrs. Anna Manly; Edward Reed and wife; A. Reed and wife, all of Topeka. The evening passed most pleasantly in various amusements; ice cream and rich cakes were served in profusion. The party broke up at 12 o'clock satisfied that they could not have enjoyed a better time. Mrs. Reed and her niece received several handsome presents.

The Kansas State Fair.

This year will witness at the fair grounds in Topeka, the finest agricultural display ever given in the west. Never were there such sources to draw from for a magnificent display as exist this fall in Kansas. Every department will be complete and evidence the wonderful progress of the great Sun flower State in agriculture and art.

There will be no end of attractions this year in the grounds; the racing will be especially fine judging from the entries, in fact there will be no features of the great exhibition that will not be fully up to the mark of excellence. An attendance is expected that will far exceed that of any previous year. Extra facilities have been arranged for transporting passengers to the grounds by additional lines of street cars. No one should miss the great State fair in Topeka this year who can possibly attend.

It is rarely that Meriden has witnessed a brighter assemblage of young and old than that which gathered at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday evening. The occasion was the long talked of "lemon squeeze," the meaning of which will require some explanation for those who are not edified: Each one attending goes provided with a lemon. The person whose lemon contains the greatest number of seeds receives a prize. Then the nearest guesser to the aggregate seeds attending the festivities receives the prize for excellence. A booby cake goes to he or she who is the furthest off in the guess. Leoto Graden captured the big prize and Jerry Miller the single lemon reward. There was a number present from the country, and many from the city; bountiful refreshments were provided. Reverend Otto and wife made all the arrangements, that the affair might be a pleasant one. The grounds around the parsonage were illuminated by Chinese lanterns which made the scene a very pretty one. Social gatherings of this class would bear frequent repetition.

A Splendid Entertainment.

The entertainment at the Presbyterian church last night was a success and much credit is due to those who arranged it and carried it to so successful a completion. The stage decorations, drapery etc., were very handsome and most tastefully and beautifully arranged. The performance was a meritorious one, and illustrated the fact that Meriden possesses no mean talent in the dramatic and musical; although to our visitors from Topeka must be given the honors for last night's entertainment.

The opening number of the program was a quartette by Anna Huntsberger, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Messrs. McLaughlin and Kendall, "Shining May" which was beautifully rendered.

Mrs. A. J. Arnold who followed with a solo completely took the audience by storm and was heartily encored, to which a response was made. Mrs. Arnold possesses a highly cultured voice of much power and sweetness, and sings in a spirited and brilliant manner. After giving two numbers last night she sang again by special request. Mr. A. O. Kendall's baritone solo followed and well merited the round of applause it received. Jessie Anltz and Grace McLaughlin next gave an excellent little performance in their song "She's as pretty as a picture." Willie Robison followed with Johnnie's pocket and made quite a hit, getting several rounds of applause. The mixed quartette by Mrs. Arnold, Miss Allen, Messrs. Pratt and Allen, Miss Maud Carey, of Topeka was magnificently rendered; a recall was insisted upon and responded to. Bertha Huntsberger and Rosa Potts sang a duet sweetly together after the chorus, and were followed by Master Carl Wood on the violin, who handles his instrument like a virtuoso. Miss Lena McLaughlin came after Carl in a very prettily sung solo. Pearl Deming and Isabel Robison sang a duet in a very sweet manner.

The Tabernacle Joins of Are for which elaborate preparation had been made, was somewhat spoiled in its effect, by the illuminating material falling (as it usually does on such occasions) to illuminate. However it was a clever and artistic piece of work. Mrs. A. P. Linchburner took the part of Dame History, Miss Anna Huntsberger the role of Joan and Miss Bessie Kane and Miss Edith Hensley were the angels; They typified those winged divinities to perfection and looked exceedingly ethereal and lovely. Mrs. D. L. Hollingsworth gave a beautiful rendition of a vocal solo. The teachers dream as the closing piece that ended an entertainment in which those who arranged it may justly feel pride in their artistic success.

Mrs. Arnold and party although invited by the church insisted on bearing their own expenses. The sincere thanks of the members of the Presbyterian church are extended, through the *Advocate* to these ladies and gentlemen of Topeka for their kind and able assistance in contributing so largely to the success of Meriden's entertainment.

TOPEKA BETTER.

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The thermometer in the nineties and stand up colors at a discount; whew! but it's hot, consequently very little stirring and very little news. The most popular place in town is the Topeka Natatorium. There one can throw off his outer garments which however light are most burdensome this kind of weather, and plunge into the cooling embraces of the pool of clear limpid water with its temperature nicely regulated, and forget for a while, that outside, the mercury is almost touching par. If one could only provide himself with a pair of patent lungs to supply him with a few hours breathing spell under the water I have thought how nice it would be to furnish ones self with a rubber pillow and dive down into a corner of the pool and take a nice quiet snooze, where the festive fly would find his tormenting occupation gone. The State fair is a topic of interest here. Secretary Moon and staff are hard at work getting everything in shape for a great exhibition; it is wonderful the amount of business they accomplish, all attributable to a perfect system gained by much experience. Our suburban resorts are of course liker-

ally patronized this sort of weather. Garfield Park holds its own as a favorite retreat from the hot rays of old Sol. The boats are a great attraction at the park one can spend hours of amusement sitting on the banks of the Soldier, in the park watching the various systems applied to rowing by the occupants of the boats. The most popular seems to be the sky movement, it is accomplished by pointing the blades of the oars directly at the sky and then trying to jab them into the bottom of the creek. Rowing is a most graceful movement when done according to correct form. It seems to be the opinion of every fellow who comes down to give his best girl a delightful skim over the bosom of Soldier creek, that even if it be his first experience in pulling a boat he is going to astonish the natives by his wonderful prowess as a sculler. He generally does; invariably in the start he labors under the belief that he is taking a strait course up the stream very much after the style of Beach or Hanlon, until his girl screams, Oh George! you'll upset us; your running right into the bank.—George then makes spasmodic efforts; turns around and aims directly for the opposite bank; by the time he manages to draw a plumb line on his course he concludes that rowing a boat, to the uninitiated, is very similar to playing "Blind man's bluff," and thinks the 'bluff' he intends to work in as an exponent of the Beach or Hanlon tactics somehow didn't go through. He starts out with his coat on—that comes off, then his collar and vest, then his suspenders are eased up, and then he puts his hands up to sort of loosen his neck band and his girl says; my goodness, George; you're not going to take off your?—Of course not you goose, but if you wasn't here I'm dum'd if I wouldn't do it. Oh! there is lots of fun in pulling a boat and discovering how largely perspiration enters into your anatomical construction, for it makes your very bones perspire to pull a boat on a hot day. Among the most graceful scullers on the creek is Mr. E. H. Littlefield, superintendent of the Topeka City Railway. Mr. Littlefield is a Bostonian and water is plenty where he came from. I know that I am not sending you any real news to-day; this weather is too heavy for heavy subjects, water is about the lightest and coolest I can think of and I have adopted it and given it to you straight; the way we mostly take it in Topeka; although there is said to be a few here who dilute it to destroy its tendencies to impart malaria to the system. No more at present. More anon.

Remember we will not be undersold
KENDALL MERCANTILE CO.

Interesting to Farmers.

A. Duttrich, former export director for the Monitor wind mills was in Meriden this week. Mr. Duttrich is sole agent for these mills in Jefferson and Leavenworth counties, with head quarters at McLouth. 30 car loads of Monitor wind mills were sold in Kansas in 1888. Mr. Duttrich proposes a thorough canvass of this section of country, and those who desire to obtain this most useful and labor saving machine will have a good opportunity to get the best.