

CORRESPONDENCE.

Almena.

Julia Colburn has gone to Lawrence on a visit.
 Bert Cornell and wife spent Sunday at Miles F. Beebe's.
 Mrs. Hoodmaker has had a friend visiting her from Tecumseh.
 D. Downing and Anna visited at Breedsville a short time since.
 Fred Hall had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse a few days since.
 C. Rand of Boston, has been visiting his old friends here for several weeks.
 The Adventists will hold services and Sabbath school at the Downing school house for a while.
 Some sneak thief stole all of Rufus Waite's pork. Didn't even leave enough to grease the griddle.
 Almena is not dead but sleepeth, although some of us got pretty well woke up while the Adventists were here.
 Miss Sue Van Anken of Nebraska, and Mrs. Alice McConnell of Muskegon, are spending the summer with their brothers here.

North Hamilton.

James Nevils' two boys are quite ill.
 Earl Worth is home from Valparaiso.
 Oscar and Ed McGowan started for Ohio last Tuesday.
 There was a play party at George McGowan's Saturday evening.
 Truman Hoadley is a lone widower now; his wife is visiting her parents at Riverside.
 Mrs. Roll Harris will spend the coming week at Prospect Lake with her sister, Mrs. Northrup.
 Mrs. Ella Mosier of Paw Paw, and Mrs. Cora Northrup of Prospect Lake, visited at Roll Harris' last week.

Lawrence.

Hess, of the stove factory, has a young democrat at his house of which he is very proud.
 Mrs. J. H. Anderson and children of Hartford, visited friends in town on Wednesday of last week.
 Members of the patriarchal circle made a fine appearance on our streets last week Tuesday, escorted by our band boys.
 Our town was full of democrats last Friday. [Probably a judgment on the people for some unrepented sin. En.]
 We hear that Hess & Whiteman have dissolved and that Whiteman will soon put a stock of goods into the Chadwick store.
 The fume at the grist mill is partially torn out for repairs and the fragrance of mud and slime is, to say the least, not altogether agreeable.
 David Thompson, who lived a mile west of our village, died on Wednesday of last week, after a brief illness. Funeral services at the house on Friday last.
 G. A. Cross has sold the lot where his house burned a few weeks since and purchased one of R. Tillon on St. Joe street, on which he will soon build a residence.
 H. E. Rowland has his new planing mill building under way on the site of the old one recently burned. He will put in new machinery purchased at Brooklyn, N. Y.

PROSPECT LAKE.

Alice Martin's father is visiting her.
 Albert Bryant Jr. has a new carriage.
 Mr. Munsell's new house is nearly completed.
 James Abrams and Walter Adams each have a new parlor organ purchased of Branch & Jacobs.
 Levi Johnson and sons are doing a driving business this fall with their new combination separator.
 Miss Hattie Smith has returned home from Mason County, Mich., where she has been teaching school.
 Several of the young men about here have joined the prohibition club at Lawrence, and will try to aid in ridding the country of its greatest curse.
 Edson Woodman says that sixteen moccasins have been killed on his swamp lot this summer. Should think there would be a demand for antidote over there.
 Parents and guardians of minors living near Lawrence had better look a little out for their charges, as we hear that minors get liquor at the saloon as well as persons of lawful age.
 Every one does not like to have his front yard converted into a thoroughfare for horses and vehicles and it seems to us that a person of ordinary intellect would know better than to trespass on another's property.
 Observer was a little off on the Nower boy who has a broken limb. Instead of falling off the fence, he climbed upon a large gate which fell upon him. The little fellow is doing well and bears the pain heroically. He is the same boy who came near being out to pieces by a reaper this summer.

BARNES DISTRICT.

Mrs. George Conklin visited relatives at Hartford last week.
 Mrs. George Dana is still failing. Two attendants are required to care for her.
 Since January 1st, the Lawrence drain commissioner has let 837 rods of ditch.
 Elder Clarence Brigham preached his farewell sermon at the U. B. Church last Sunday.
 Dance every week at Del. Abrams'; so report says. Del. delights in tripping the light fantastic.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harman Rice rejoice over the advent of a new girl. Mr. R. has sewed an extra set of buttons on his vest.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lobdell visited their daughter, Mrs. R. M. Rowe, last week. They formerly resided on and owned the place now occupied by Geo. Van Ness.
 At its last meeting, the Farmers' Club discussed the wheat question. A. U. Barnes thought there was a little profit in raising wheat at seventy cents a bushel. "Schools" will be the next subject for discussion.
 Mr. Thomas Crippen, whose death was reported in last week's NEWS, was born August 25th, 1883, in Courtland County N. Y., and came to Michigan when a boy of ten years. He was married at New Buffalo at the age of twenty-three and soon afterward, removed to Decatur where he lived until fourteen years ago, when he moved into our district where he has since resided. He leaves a wife and six children, to mourn his loss. During his last illness he expressed a wish to be baptized and, a few days before his death after settling up his business affairs, he was received into the Catholic Church. The cause of his death was cancer of the stomach.
 Threshing is nearly completed, wheat yielding from twelve to thirty-three bushels

per acre. The average yield is twenty bushels or over. Oats are better than was anticipated the yield being from twenty to fifty-two bushels. It is interesting to notice the improvements in threshing during the past thirty years. The Cross boys of Arlington, have a traction engine that draws the tank-wagon and only requires one span of horses which is used to draw the separator and water for the engine. In two days, last week, they set their machine six times and threshed 2,186 bushels of grain. They moved a distance of sixty rods and commenced threshing in seventeen minutes. Who beats the record?

Gobleville.

We hanker for some wedding cake.
 Warren Goble has started his dryer.
 There is a good chance now to buy Howard's factory at a bargain.
 The Clear Lake Cornet Band gave a moonlight concert at the Churchill grove Tuesday evening.
 If space would permit, we would give the score of the Paw Paw and Gobleville nine at Paw Paw last Friday.
 Tommy Dorgan Jr. and R. M. Brown had a set-to at Bloomingdale and it seems that R. M. got the worst of it and had Dorgan arrested. Suit next week.
 Warren Goble reports a tramp as sleeping in his barn three or four nights last week but not showing himself through the day. Citizens should keep things under surveillance.
 Wm. Sage has a turkey gobbler that has gone snooks with a hen. She lays the eggs and he sits on them and does a good job too. If she tends strictly to business she will worry the old fellow.

One year ago, Brad Randall of Pine Grove, sowed ten acres of ground with hand picked wheat which yielded twenty-five bushels to the acre. Milo Hoskins threshed it with a clean machine so as to secure perfect wheat.
 To be up with the times, the nailers in the basket factory have struck for higher wages. They have been getting fifteen cents per dozen baskets but want twenty. The members of the firm say they do not care whether they run or not as they have enough on hand to fill their orders—two thousand dozen.

Some reporters have fallen into the bad habit of speaking of people as Tom Jones, Bill Smith or Nick Brown, etc. Now we deplore this lack of courtesy in correspondents and have, in general, intended to avoid it but, a few weeks ago, we inadvertently spoke of Mr. Thomas Welch of Paw Paw, as Tom Welch. We are sorry, and ask his pardon, promising that it shall not happen again.

Lawton.

Geo. Cook is building an addition to his house.
 J. L. Walworth of Goshen, Ind., has been visiting in town.
 Levi Stern started for New York last Saturday to buy goods.
 The M. E. society held a social at the church last Saturday evening.
 Mrs. S. Livingston and children of Bloomington, Ills., are visiting in town.
 B. J. Desenberg has been advertising his business by giving away tobacco and cigars.
 Camp meeting still continues, and considerable interest is manifested by the people who attend.
 T. R. Smith has his house about completed, and it is one of the finest jobs in the village. Wm. Price, who did the painting, is one of Lawton's first class workmen and his work speaks for itself.

A little racket took place last week between Bessie Honey Sneed, the longest man in town, and Rocky Jones, the knife juggler. Rocky slashed Honey across the leg with a twenty-five cent jack knife, making a gash four or five inches long. The long legged man wasn't slow to get in his work, and Rocky went home with a head as large as a beer keg. The battle was a kind of two sided affair, but made quite a little excitement for a few moments.
 Quite a lively runaway occurred on our streets on Monday evening of last week. Joe. Allard's team, which was left standing at the depot, became frightened, ran up Main street and turning the corner at Ben. Desenberg's, they made the circuit of a block, taking off the wheel of a buggy standing at Morrill's corner, and continuing around the block again, being stopped just as they started on the third trip. The horses probably took that particular block on account of Howley's dogs heading them off at every corner.

Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith visited in Porter last week.
 Miss Della Wheeler is at home from Kalamazoo for a summer vacation.
 The Arlington Sunday school picnicked at Lake Park last week Wednesday.
 A good many people from this vicinity are taking in the Kalamazoo rennon.
 Elder Boynton of Paw Paw, holds meetings here once in two weeks on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.
 The young people had a very enjoyable surprise party at George Worthy's on Wednesday evening of last week, the occasion being Will Caldwell's birthday.

Hartford.

The big cistern is full.
 Mrs. Addie Thomas is quite ill.
 Half fare rates at present on the C. & W. M.
 Grand excursion to Laporte, Ind., on the 22d inst.
 Mrs. Henry Hineckley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Young.
 Mrs. K. E. Dunk of Palestine, Mrs. Collett's sister, is visiting here.
 Elder Fish of Paw Paw, was greeted by a full house last Sunday morning.
 The Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists are talking of a union picnic.
 Prof. and Mrs. Bradt are attending the campmeeting at Crystal Springs. Their play spell is nearly over, as school begins one week from next Monday.
 After nearly twelve years of married life, Vol. Manley has a five pound boy at his house. Charley Hemingway's family is doing well; their boy weighed ten pounds. Volney Osborne is also feeling proud over a week old boy. Let Mexico beware.
 The funeral of Miss Nellie Warren was largely attended. The floral decorations were exceedingly fine. The exercises were held at the M. E. Church on Wednesday of last week, Elder Parker officiating. Hon. R. L. Warren of the Albion Recorder and Mrs. G. H. Ballentine of Homer, Mich., were among the mourners.

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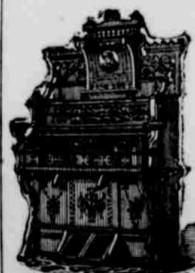
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