

CORRESPONDENCE.

North Hamilton.

Wilson Sowers has sold his farm to Riley Zimmerman.
Mr. McIntyre has moved his family into Irene Harris' house.
Jerome Lewis and wife will move into Mr. Olds' house for the winter.
A. A. Olds expects to start next week to travel with his cousin, Lon Olds.
Carl Abbott, who has been sick so long with rheumatism, is able to walk around.
Lycenians are held in the North Hamilton school house on Saturday evenings. Earl Worth, Pres.; Jim Redfield, Vice Pres.

Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Jennings of St. Joseph, were in town last Friday.
Teachers and pupils will take a two weeks' vacation during the holidays.
Christmas doings at one or two of the churches next Friday evening.
The lycenium has been reorganized and meets at the school house on Thursday evenings.
The funeral of Mr. L. S. Keene took place last Thursday. He was buried in Prospect Lake cemetery.

The boys are having lots of fun hunting rabbits now-a-days. They bring in "dead loads" of the nimble little rodents.

Mr. M. H. Plopper has rented the building lately occupied by Will Bass as a hardware store, and has in a stock of groceries, crockery, glass, tinware, etc.

Was the mistake the typo's or ours? For "typhoid" in one of our last week's items, read "scarlet." Have not heard of any cases of the former disease in our place lately. [It was not your mistake. Ed.]

John Titmarsh, who has been living in this place and attending school for three or four years past, being about to return to his home in Nashville, Michigan, his young friends gave him a farewell party at Marshall's Hall, on Wednesday evening. They all say John is a good fellow.

PROSPECT LAKE.

Luther Keene, who died so suddenly on Sunday of last week, was buried here last Thursday.

Charles Christie has hired another farm hand who will begin work soon, a Mr. King of Decatur.

Cards are out for a grand wedding at Dennis Cooper's on the 25th inst. The contracting parties are Miss Kittie Cooper and Mr. Eugene Hinckley.

Charles King and family have been visiting in Indiana, and now we expect to hear "I reckon," "I allow," etc., as the correct method of speaking.

Lycenium opened up in fair shape on Wednesday evening. Question for discussion, "Resolved, that the strikers are justifiable in their course." Harry Jacobs and Tommy Chase, chiefs; decision of judges in favor of the negative.

The Courier man has, or rather had, a correspondent here. He has suspended operations until he gets a supply of paper, envelopes and stamps. We lent him some paper, but that is probably all gone. He was appointed about election time, and "ye editor" was probably thinking of a fat office under the fusion administration. Now what we would like to know is whether civil service reform has struck the Courier office, or whether the editor has taken advantage of excursion rates and gone with G. L. Yaple up Salt River?

Hartford.

The fall term of school will close on Friday. Business was very lively on Saturday last. There were more teams in town than usual.

Rev. J. S. Boyden of Kalamazoo, is holding a series of meetings at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Mary Ingalls of Shelby, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Engle.

Mrs. Will Simmons left on Saturday, for a two weeks' visit with friends in Paw Paw and at Jackson.

The new opera house is nearly completed. It is rumored that it will be opened during the week following Christmas by the Metropolitan Company.

Miss Allie Engle has returned home from her school duties at Portland, Mich., to spend the holidays with her friends in Hartford. All are pleased to see her.

Frank Swan and family have gone to White Cloud to spend the winter. They will combine business with pleasure, as he expects to work, and they will visit J. P. Earle, Mrs. Swan's father.

We infer that Rev. Taylor expects to ride to and from his charge at Lawrence, on horseback, from the fact that he has quite recently purchased a fine saddle and talks of having a horse.

E. W. Ruggles arrived here from Ann Arbor on Saturday afternoon. He will remain at home for a couple of weeks, unless sooner called back to his post in the hospital. He reports a very pleasant term of study, but rather hard work. "Gene is always welcome."

There is to be a Christmas arch at the M. E. Church, a fireplace and yule log at the Congregational Church. Christmas trees at Reynolds' Hall, under the auspices of the Disciple Church, all on Christmas eve, and the members of the Baptist Sunday school are to take a sleighride on Christmas day.

Lawton.

A car load of cider was shipped to Chicago last week from the Howell cider mill.

Porter's tax-collector took in \$1,000 the first day and the Antwerp man \$1,200.

The suit last week between Clark and Maxwell was decided in favor of the latter. A jury trial was had.

Invitations are out for "dress parties" to be held at Smith's Hall on the evenings of December 24th and 25th.

James McManigal has sold to the Niles Wood Pulp Company sixty cords of poplar wood, which is now being shipped to Niles.

The donation at Smith's Hall on Tuesday evening of last week, netted about thirty-five dollars. It was so stormy, and not being well advertised, many did not attend.

O. J. Williams says his blacksmith shop was broken into one night last week but, as he did not miss anything, he is at a loss to know why the door should have been pried open.

A Christmas house will be built at the M. E. Church, and presents will be unloaded on Friday evening. The Baptists will join in erecting the house. All are invited to bring their presents.

The wedding season is at hand, and most ministers are looking for a bountiful harvest. We notice Elder Mason walking aimlessly about and know that he would be only too glad to do such a job. Brace up, young man, tell her now is the accepted time and give him a V. No charge for this, elder.

The "Metropolitans," Tucker & Brown proprietors, want to come and show here sometime during the holidays. It is not yet known whether satisfactory arrangements will be made or not.

M. H. Smith has erected a small building in the rear of his store, the first floor of which is on a level with the second floor of the store. It is for the purpose of storing his chairs and stage paraphernalia.

We hear that R. S. McKinney, formerly of this place, but now of Kalamazoo, was married on the 11th inst., to Miss Mary E. Cornell of Grand Haven. We hope that Rob. has secured as nice a wife as she has a husband. His many friends here wish them a pleasant journey through life.

Another runaway occurred on our streets last Thursday, the team belonging to Mr. Hawkins from the valley. They sailed down Main street, turned the corner at Prindle's store and ran straddle of a maple tree in front of the residence of Mrs. Davis. One horse completely stripped itself of its harness, but not much damage was done, aside from giving the harness maker a job.

Charley Hight has purchased Cowgill's grocery stock and will take possession January 1st. He has been employed for some years by Mr. Cowgill and understands the business thoroughly. He will also continue the business of repairing watches, clocks, and jewelry. Charley is one of Lawton's best young men and Mr. Cowgill has taken considerable pride in him. All wish him success.

Mattawan.

Mrs. H. Freeman is quite ill, but improving.

Mrs. H. S. Thompson is visiting friends near Hastings.

Miss Ella Pike is running a dressmaking establishment in Paw Paw.

Miss Jessie Patton's entertainment was well attended and was quite a hit.

Bud Mahoney of Lawton, is relieving Frank Fitch as night operator at this place for a short time.

Miss Nettie Hale tried to open a millinery shop in this village, but was compelled to abandon the attempt in despair.

Some of the boys talk of organizing a string band. They don't have to scratch around very much to find the necessary material.

A slippery place on the sidewalk in front of Eaton's establishment caused an elderly gentleman to give a gymnastic performance the other evening. You couldn't do it again, Alvin.

Gobleville.

Arthur Herron has returned home to remain during the winter.

Mrs. Sara Smith has been visiting a few days in Bangor, with her aunt, Mrs. Kasbank.

This is the time when the editor reaps his wood harvest. Pete Glimmer quit too soon.

Alon Hyames and wife have been visiting a few days in Grand Rapids, at Dr. Failing's and other friends.

Eddie Veley has taken his departure on his annual tour to New York. He will remain in that state during the winter.

Geo. R. Palmer and family have returned from the North. They report Dr. Palmer as convalescent, after a long and dangerous illness.

Albert Hamlin, who has worked in the furniture factory here since it was built, as shaper, has accepted an offer from parties in Cleveland, Ohio. Bert is a fine workman.

Our furniture factory came very near making a bright light for our town one day last week. The blower caught fire and, but for ready and prompt action, it would have been in ashes.

J. W. Herron says this is just the kind of weather he likes to see. It keeps him busy showing out cutters to his customers. All the boys are getting one, and why not? The price should not hinder.

Paul Redding, one of the editors on whose hands the *Light* expired, has rented his house and will go north to enter into business. We presume it will not be journalism, as his experience has soured his aspirations in that direction.

Charley Stevens showed some of his bicycle feats to a fair audience at the rink, on Saturday evening last. He is truly extraordinary in his performances and, should he ever go to the old world, might astonish the natives with his antics on the wheel.

We neglected to mention the surprise party given to "West" on his birthday, December 11th. A large number of friends gathered and made it a pleasant evening indeed. A number of presents were given that will be reminders to him on each future birthday. Sias A. Breed was among the number present, it also being his birthday. They generally have a jolly time together, every year.

Decatur.

O. McDole has been quite ill, but is improving.

Mrs. Parrish of Detroit, is visiting at L. D. Roberts'.

Nettie Rosenberg is visiting at her uncle's, Chas. Schuster.

John Hodges of Paw Paw, was visiting in town last week.

It was Comrade Carey, not Carney, who was surprised last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Kinney have been spending the past week at Kansas City.

Miss Lizzie Henderson of Dowagiac, was the guest of Mrs. L. D. Roberts last Thursday and Friday.

Geo. Mahoney, Mat. Murphy, A. E. Jennings and Vernon Sherrod are home from Ann Arbor for their winter vacation.

Wm. Parkhurst, son of Hon. J. G. Parkhurst, returned from Dakota last Saturday, where he has been engaged with his brother in herding cattle.

On the 10th inst., Samuel D. Ormsby filled up, he says, on hard cider and went home to have some fun with his wife. It is claimed that he knocked her down, chased her out of the house, knocked her over into a snowbank and kicked her in the back several times. At this stage of the play, some men came along and took the woman away. Complaint was made to Justice O'Dell, a warrant was issued and Sam was arrested, convicted and sentenced to Ionia for ninety days. His attorney advised him to appeal to the circuit court and he has done so.

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