

Correspondence Department.

Decatur.

George Roberts was home over Sunday. Dr. Long, of Lawton, was looking over our city one day last week. M. P. Allen and daughter, Mrs. Bert Moon, were here on Thursday last. Henry Craigin was shaking hands on our streets with his many friends on Monday. David Moss was called from Forest City, Arkansas, last week by the death of his father. Ed Rawson, of Denver, Col., is visiting his relatives and friends in this place. Wm. Powers returned last week from the eastern part of the state, where he has been spending the winter.

North Hamilton.

Fanny Howard is ill with measles. Robbins and blue birds have put in an appearance. Roll Harris has a horse quite sick with distemper. Will Layman has gone to Berrien Center for a few days. Freeman Hoadly and wife spent last week with friends in Benton Harbor. Dan Hunting has received a pension of twelve dollars a month besides back pay. School closes in the Haydon district next Thursday, and in this district on Friday. Miss Viola Simmons, of Lawrence, visited friends in this vicinity a part of last week. Henry Craigin and wife have returned from their trip to New York and Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGowan are the proud parents of a brand new baby, weighing 12 1/2 lbs. Mrs. Lewis has a niece visiting her from Utica, Mich., who is now very ill. Her husband and parents arrived last Saturday morning.

Gobleville.

Mr. Sherwood is very low. M. T. Clark improves slowly. Old Mrs. Post is seriously ill. Elmer Hixson is home from school at Ypsilanti. A. B. Clark and wife visited friends in Lawton a part of last week. Geo. A. Bush has rented the Ninian Ferguson house and moved into it. Our amateurs presented "The Turn of the Tide" two evenings last week to good houses and in a very acceptable manner. Teed Beddo is their manager. A little daughter of Nick Bishop had a very narrow escape from being killed by a runaway team one day last week. She was dragged several rods under the sleighs and over a rail fence, but came out unharmed. About seventy friends and neighbors of James Clement called at his residence on the evening of the 3rd and reminded him that he had that day arrived at life's sixty-first milestone, and as a token of their regard presented him with a fine upholstered chair, and after an hour or two of jollity and good cheer, mixed with "goodies," they dispersed with good wishes for the future prosperity of Mr. C. and his excellent wife.

Bloomington.

Prof. E. N. Worth spent last Sunday at his home in Hartford. The meetings at the Disciple church are being continued this week. A series of very interesting meetings are being held at the M. E. church. The Reading Circle met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Zimmer. E. J. Merrifield has sold his meat market to Myers & Vickers, of Glendale. Herman Manns returned last week from Detroit, where he had spent the winter. The new school seats that came last week are appreciated by both teachers and pupils. A number of our young people attended the teachers' examination held at Paw Paw last Thursday. Miss Jessie Hubbard gave a very pleasant tea party to a number of her young friends last Saturday. The ordinance of baptism was administered to three candidates at the Disciple church last Friday evening. There was no school in the primary or intermediate departments last Monday, on account of the town hall being used for village election. At the school meeting, held Monday evening, March 2nd, D. Joy, G. D. Scofield and A. Stinson were appointed to assist the school board in procuring plans for our new school house.

Prospect Lake.

Measles are still with us. No new cases. Quincey A. Drew is slowly gaining in health. Chas. Rosewarne has moved to his father-in-law's place, southeast of Decatur. The sleighing of the past week has been fully utilized for drawing logs, lumber, etc. The joint discussion came off last Saturday night. The audience was small and quiet. The Ladies' Aid society met at Mrs. D. S. Bacon's last week. The gentlemen attended the dinner sessions. A good time was enjoyed. Chas. Hill shipped a car-load of fat sheep to Buffalo last Saturday which was the heaviest ever sent out of Decatur. He shipped a load of lambs two weeks before, which weighed 103 lbs. each in Buffalo.

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Lawton.

Miss Kate Harper has gone to Ionia for a short visit. J. E. Powell and family, of Hillsdale, are visiting here. Mrs. Rich and daughter, of Kalamazoo, spent Saturday with Mrs. M. H. Smith. L. A. Dickinson and Miss Cora Codrington, of Breedsville, spent Sunday in town. O. W. Blain, G. C. T., of I. O. G. T., and Eva Blain gave a gospel temperance meeting at the Baptist church Monday evening.

Almena.

Geo. Green commenced school again Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Beebe have been on an extended visit to Ohio. Mrs. Burns has returned to her son's, her new home not proving satisfactory. Mr. and Mrs. Detraters and Mrs. Latta and son spent Sunday with J. C. Horning's people. Marshal Hubbard, Ela Curtiss and son Loren, of Paw Paw, visited at A. Curtiss' Sunday. Miss Jane Van Winkle, of Allegan, visited her grandmother and aunts Reed and Brewer last week. A. S. Downing's children, grand-children and great-grand-children, to the number of 20 or 25, came in to help him celebrate his 87th birthday last Saturday. A good time was had.

Waverly.

Elmer Davis, who has been north all winter, is expected home this week and Lyle is happy. Fred Dibble, who came from the north sick a week ago, is much worse. Mrs. Dibble is also sick. The Paw Paw electric lights are discernible here, reminding one that a city in a valley cannot be hid if lighted by this method. H. P. McFarlin will build a large barn this spring on his farm. This, with his new house, makes a vast improvement in the McFarlin property.

East Arlington.

The lyceums close in two weeks. Vyra Henry is visiting friends in this vicinity. Little Earl Putnam is very sick with spinal fever. Wallace Gurnsey is very sick with heart trouble. The Busy Workers will meet with Alva Bates Saturday night. A pop corn social was held at Ed. Henry's residence Friday evening. Harry Potter, who has been visiting in New York, came home last week. Mrs. Clara Southward, of Decatur, is caring for her mother, Mrs. Emily Harrington. Abram Robbins, who has been at work in Richmond, Ind., has moved his family back to this place. Frank Crowell closed his school last Wednesday. His scholars presented him with a plush photograph album. About eighty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith and daughter gave them a grand surprise party last week Tuesday evening. The old folks did the playing and the young folks looked on. A merry time was had. Mr. and Mrs. S. start for Minnesota this month.

Barnes District.

A little daughter at V. Talbot's—one week old. Anna Dillon is to teach our next term of school. Warren Parks has returned from his visit to Battle Creek. Mr. Samuel Mather, of Lawrence village, is very seriously ill. We learn that Mrs. Samuel Reynnells is recovering from a serious illness. Good healthy hogs will be valuable here this spring, as so many have died of cholera. Charles Armstrong, of Battle Creek, who has been visiting friends in this place, has returned to his home. When young men go "courting" Sunday evenings perhaps it would be well for them to take one of their parents with them so that their absence would not cause alarm in the home; and it would also obviate the necessity of sending for the swain at midnight, as was the case in this neighborhood recently. Henry Carroll, son of Thos. Carroll, of this place, was badly injured at Benton Harbor recently. While engaged in removing dirt from a bank or hill, where a large arched aperture had been made, the ground above him suddenly fell in and buried him. He was rescued from his perilous situation and it is hoped he has sustained no permanent injuries. T. M. Wilson, late clerk of the board of state auditors, was arrested at his home in Lansing last Saturday, charged with embezzling \$1300 to \$1800 of rents collected from state property. He has made a full confession. The penalties extend over a period of several years. Bail was fixed at \$1000.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him. Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven bottles of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever Sores on his leg; doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by J. D. Hamilton, at the "Wolverine" drug store.

The New Potomac Bridge.

In the proposed new Arlington suspension bridge at Washington, the clear height above the water at mid-channel is to be 105 feet; the river span to be 1,100 feet, and the two shore spans 652 feet each. The approaches at each end will be on masonry, arched viaducts and embankments of earth. Suspension cables of steel will pass over two granite towers, each about 210 feet high, pierced with arched openings for roadways, and be anchored into masses of masonry at the outer end of each approach. The grades on the central span will be 3 1/2 feet per 100; on the shore spans, 3.5 feet per 100, and on the approaches, 4 feet per 100. The extreme width of the bridge will be about 54 feet, with a roadway for vehicles 34 feet wide in the clear, and two sidewalks for pedestrians 8 feet each in width. Lateral vibration is to be prevented by a system of ties extending out from the sides of the towers, and vertical vibration by means of the four trusses. The live load that such a bridge could sustain would be 70 pounds to the square foot. The clear height of 105 feet above water level will allow the largest four masted schooners to reach Georgetown by lowering their topmasts. It is at rare intervals that a vessel of this class appears in this harbor, and the great majority of vessels that sail these waters can pass under the bridge without inconvenience. The span of 1,100 feet practically leaves the full width of the river unobstructed both to navigation and to the free flow of the waters of the Potomac.—Harper's Weekly.

Doesn't Know Who He Is.

Eight years ago George Wiggins, son of W. B. Wiggins, who is a prominent citizen of Graham county, went from Robbinsville to the west. For two years he wrote regularly to his folks. In his last letter he wrote that he was going to Montana. This was the last they ever heard of him until recently.

Not long ago R. L. Davis, of Robbinsville, went to Montana and settled there. He now writes back that he believes he has found the long lost man. About the time George Wiggins wrote his last letter home a young man arrived in Montana and went to work in a saw mill. His employer remembers that he gave the name of Wiggins. This was all that was learned concerning him. Soon after he commenced work in the mill he was struck on the side of the head by a flying timber, which knocked him senseless. For a long time his life was despaired of, but he finally recovered. Memory of all previous life was gone. If he had just been born into the world he could not have been more of a child than he was when he recovered from that terrible blow. All that he now knows he has had to learn anew.—Cherokee Scout.

A Pullman Sleeper on Fire.

When the east bound Washington express on the New England road, leaving this city at 2:45 a. m., was a few miles this side of Williamantic Thursday, fire was discovered in a Pullman sleeper. It spread rapidly, and the passengers were ordered out and placed in the other sleeper, which fortunately had room enough to accommodate them. It was impossible to extinguish the fire, and at Williamantic the car was cut out and the fire department called. Its services were, however, unnecessary, as the fire was got under control by other means before its arrival. An accident of this kind is very unusual, and though the fire evidently started from the heater, it does not yet appear just how it originated. The wood of the car in which it started was badly burned, and the loss will be considerable. The passengers were in great excitement for a little time, and probably did not have a monopoly of unpleasant agitation. They were all got out without accident, and their effects were removed uninjured.—Hartford Courant.

Across the Continent in a Box Car.

Fifteen bell boys in downtown hotels, under the leadership of James E. Donohue, have completed arrangements for a novel journey across the continent. The lads, whose homes are in the eastern states, came to the coast at different times in various capacities and ways, and have never been enabled to save enough money to pay their return passage. All are anxious to go east. They have clubbed together, and by the payment of \$10 each have raised a fund sufficiently large to enable them to carry out their project. They have chartered a common box freight car. They will erect cots and bunks in their car. An oil stove, cooking utensils and a supply of provisions will complete the outfit. Donohue and his fourteen companions expect to start on their journey soon, and anticipate any amount of fun on the trip.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Within the past few years the discoveries of ancient prehistoric relics and Spanish remains in the vast region lying between the Yellowstone river and the Gulf of Mexico have been extensive and important. Those near Albuquerque are being examined by a commission from the interior department and geologists from the Smithsonian Institution. The same parties will doubtless examine the Colorado and Texas remains recently reported. Their official reports will be looked for with interest.

In Texas, near the town of Carnesville, three explorers have discovered an ancient place of sepulture, in which there are many catacombs containing the petrified remains of an unknown race. Among the articles unearthed were ancient pieces of sculpture and weapons of war.

There is a prune orchard of forty trees at Grangerville, Cal., which bore last year 28,200 pounds of fruit, an average of 705 pounds to the tree. One tree among the number produced 1,140 pounds.

Grand Duke Nicholas, one of the czar's uncles, has become insane, and has been placed under restraint. He is 60 years of age and has had a most adventurous career.

Michigan railroad managers are somewhat exercised over a decision by an Iowa court that it is not forgery for anyone to sign another's name to a mileage ticket. In the case in point a man named Beck had purchased a mileage ticket, and while traveling on it, the book and overcoat were stolen. The thief sold the book to a scalper, who, in turn, sold it to a man who presented it for fare, signing the name of the original holder of the book. The conductor of the train took up the book and compelled the passenger to pay fare. The decision of the court was that the signing of a man's name to a railway mileage book by another party is not forgery, and the plea so presented was overruled. The decision is a victory for ticket scalpers and it is believed the case will be appealed. In the meantime the scalpers contemplate pushing their advantage and a large number of suits against railroads for taking up books under similar circumstances are threatened. This should be cut out and pasted in every traveling man's hat.

The Kalamazoo Telegraph says that the report circulated in the state that the peach crop, or at least a large portion of it, had been destroyed by the recent cold weather, is disputed by fruit growers and gentlemen who have just returned from the fruit belt. Those who are posted say that although several days of warm weather were experienced, the peach buds did not mature and expand sufficiently to be seriously damaged by the sudden change in the temperature. The section of country near Saugatuck has had favorable winds, and the damp of the lake has not penetrated the buds. A gentleman who has recently returned from that section reports that the buds are in very good condition. He says that the buds are so plentiful that even though one half of them should be injured there would yet be sufficient to yield a large crop.

The report of the superintendent of public instruction for 1890 shows that there were 7,168 school districts and 51 graded schools in the state. The number of children of school age was 654,502, of whom 427,032 were enrolled. There were 7,551 schools of all kinds, with a seating capacity for 522,496 scholars. The total value of school property was \$13,858,627. During the year the sum of \$894,530.35 was expended for buildings and repairs, and \$70,171.13 for school library books. There was paid on the bonded debt \$349,442.81. The amount realized from the one mill tax was \$658,305.11; from the primary school interest fund, \$705,813.47. The total expenditures were \$5,698,808.84.

The faculty of the University doubt the efficacy of Koch's lymph, and its use has been discontinued. The Marcellus News has bought the subscription list of the one-time Vandalia Press.

Does a snow storm look like a cargo of Indigo in comparison to your feelings? Do you think everybody's hand is against you? Are you irritable, ugly and cross? Do you feel that your friends all find fault with you? Are you tired and dull? Do you know a Spring medicine is what you need? Nature is crying for Loose's Extract of Red Clover. Try it. For sale by J. D. Hamilton, M. D.

Two Events

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