

**Additional Local.**

**Paw Paw's Great Need.**

Paw Paw is one of the handsomest, as well as one of the oldest villages of our state. Her pioneer citizens platted the place with great taste and planted shade trees which have grown with such luxuriance as to make her thoroughfares beautifully shaded avenues. From the first, she has been an important trading point, famous for the large and well selected stocks carried by her merchants who have constantly enjoyed the reputation of being active, energetic, enterprising and fair dealing business men.

For many years Paw Paw enjoyed the generous patronage of the country side for miles around and prospered accordingly.

Owing to her splendid water power, her flouring mills, tanneries, and other manufacturing interests became of considerable importance and gave promise to the place of large growth.

An opportunity was early given to secure the passage of what is now the main line of the Michigan Central Railroad through this village, which was lost by what was undoubtedly honest though unfortunate opposition to the scheme on the part of some of her then leading citizens.

Later, Paw Paw had the opportunity of being an important station on the South Haven branch of the Michigan Central Railroad, but that chance was also permitted to slip by and the road was built several miles to the northward. To the west of her, the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad was built and to the southward what is now the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad.

For a time these railroads did not materially affect the trade of the place, but gradually, as was to have been expected, villages and markets grew up along their lines and people who used to trade with Paw Paw's merchants were able to buy and sell at home or at the larger cities and villages which the railroads render accessible, to better advantage than travelling over poor roads to inland and inaccessible Paw Paw.

Although thus greatly handicapped, the place, because of the well selected stocks constantly carried by her merchants and their correct business methods, retained much of her old time prestige until about the years '75 to '77 when a steady decline set in which continued for several years and until the level of the present was reached.

Paw Paw is now surrounded with vigorous, growing villages, and must become, from force of circumstances, a deserted village unless her people bestir themselves in earnest, not only to maintain what they already have, but to secure renewed growth and activity.

This community is neither wealthy nor poverty stricken, and has in its power to make this village one of the busiest and most desirable points in the state not only from a business but a residence standpoint.

How can it be done? Not without effort and unselfishness and not without the expenditure of money, which, like bread cast upon the waters, will surely return, and, if judiciously invested, before many years.

There is no use attempting much in the way of advancement until a broad gauge railroad is secured connecting us with the outside world. Our narrow gauge affair should be made a standard gauge road and extended at least to the line of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad at either Marcellus or Schoolcraft. This would secure the full benefit of two large trunk lines to the southerly running east and west, with the Chicago & West Michigan on the west, and if that road should become a part of the Erie system, with still another trunk line to the east, and with the Vandalia road at Benton Harbor.

A comparatively small amount of cash, coupled with a good deal of hustling, would accomplish all this. Can our people, having before them the results which the mistakes of the past in railroad matters have entailed upon our village, gainsay the importance of prompt and vigorous action upon this or some other movement of a similar character?

Some have advocated the extension of the narrow gauge or the building of a broad gauge road to Kalamazoo, and that might be a benefit to us unless it should turn out that Kalamazoo derived more benefit from such a road than Paw Paw.

With the connections we have suggested, this place would have not only as good, but better facilities than even Kalamazoo, Niles, Dowagiac, and other growing communities of our neighborhood, and with such privileges increased growth is accomplished.

Our location and fine water power, under such condition of affairs, would mark this village as a most favorable and desirable point for the location of manufacturing concerns. We happened to be in Dowagiac a short time since and learned that on that evening a meeting was to be held to consider what proposition could be made and inducements held out to an eastern manufacturing concern seeking a new location there.

We have better natural advantages than Dowagiac and, with proper railroad outlet, we should have calls to consider of a similar character which now pass us by. Manufacturing interests are seeking locations such as we can offer, if we only will, because of the advantages which a village like ours affords of a low rate of taxation and immunity from strikes and disturbances among workmen which experience has taught follow the establishment of numerous factories in one community.

The very best way to succeed is to act at once and undertake one thing at a time. Let our people awake from the Rip Van Winkle sleep in which they have been slumbering and with a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together secure the best railway connection that can be had.

The proprietors of this paper are here to do their full share in promoting the welfare and prosperity of this community; to give value received for all the patronage accorded to them, and have not nor will not be dead-heads in any enterprise that may promise the prosperity of this community.

Every man and woman in the place should have a part in the work to be done and contribute something, no matter how little, to the common cause. Why not have a rousing public meeting at an early date, talk the situation over and make plans and appoint committees to get the work under way? Let's grow.

Harrison's plurality (official) in Michigan over Cleveland is 20,412.

**East Arlington Farmer's Association.**

**ED. NORTHERNER:**  
Our last meeting of the East Arlington Farmers' Association was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hutchins on Thursday the 8th inst. Rather stormy morning but a good attendance.

Our program was a paper by Mrs. B. D. Hicks; essay, Mrs. M. Sanborn; question for discussion, "Horticulture vs. Agriculture."

Our Association maintains a good interest and all seem to be benefited by it. Notwithstanding this had been a poor season on heavy soil, Mr. R. G. H.'s crops have been good, as a large and well filled barn, sleek cattle, fine hogs, good sheep, and bountiful vegetables we had for dinner can attest. We would judge by the piles of lumber there that Richard would soon follow the example of his neighbors, change the old house for a new. Hard time for farmers, but we'll soon have free trade, and then—Oh! Oh! won't we get rich.

Our next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. D. Hicks, and as Mrs. H. gave notice that she wished all to bring something to eat, and for fear some might forget, I thought I would make notice here.

C. O. NASH, sec'y.

**No Assessment this Year.**

To whom it May Concern—The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mutual City and Village fire insurance company for the counties of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren, was held in the company's office in the city of Dowagiac, August 18, for the purpose of ordering the annual assessment to pay the indebtedness of the company for the year ending July 1, 1892. As the report of the secretary showed that \$1.50 levied on the policy holders for each \$1,000 insurance, in class 1, would pay the indebtedness, against \$2.45 levied last year, it was decided by the board not to order the assessment until the annual meeting of the members in January, 1893. Therefore, notices of assessment No. 17 will not be issued to policy holders until March 1, 1893.

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