

OUR LOCAL MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Beans, Onions, Poultry, Fat cattle on foot, Fat hogs on foot, and Flour per cwt.

Additional Local.

News items including Fred Seymour of Lawrence, Wm. Deming of Arlington, The Waverly boys' ball team, Born, July 4th, At E. Smith & Co's., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Menter, Longwell Bros' delivery horse, I. B. Conner, Married, Wednesday, Col. J. G. Todd, J. A. O'Leary, W. H. Longwell's trotting stallion, Mrs. Carrie Soule, A. T. Foote, H. W. McCabe, Elder Judson Brown, Arthur Webster, If your machinery is in need of repairs, Harvesting in this vicinity, Mrs. Julia Freeman, A dog fight on the streets, An informal dancing party, Business of importance, A union meeting, The case of the people vs. Edwin N. Rathburn, The celebrations at Lake Park, Elijah Bulhand, The members of the board of education, Bismarck's Diplomacy, One day the Austrian ambassador, Pro F. D. Jacobs, A Lansing dispatch, The late Prof. Hyrtl.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

IN TWO EVENINGS.

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An unoccupied house and barn on the Murdock place, in the southwestern part of this township, burned to the ground yesterday.

Rev. Thomas Elgar of New York will preach at the Free Baptist church next Sunday morning. In the evening, a union service will be held, when he will deliver a lecture, "Gates of Brass and Bars of Iron." Mr. Elgar is widely known as the "prison evangelist."

The First National Bank, on the 3rd inst., made its usual semi-annual dividend of four dollars a share. This is the 52nd dividend of this prosperous institution, which has divided among its shareholders since its organization the sum of \$236,000, besides laying aside a surplus of \$20,000.

There was a big crowd at the Lawton celebration yesterday. Morgan Wood proved himself to be an ideal Fourth of July orator, as well as a preacher and lecturer. The ball game in the afternoon was a tame affair, Hartford walking right away with the Lawton team from the start. In the middle of the game, play was stopped so that the Hartford team could catch the train, the score standing 15 to 5 in favor of Hartford. Briggs played with Hartford and Haggart with Lawton.

Forty-two members of Fidelity Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., made a fraternal visit to Ellen A. Sprague Rebekah lodge at Decatur, last Friday evening, and were royally entertained. An elegant supper was served at Stewart's dining hall, after which all repaired to the lodge room, where Fidelity degree staff conferred the work on three candidates, two ladies and one gentleman. The visitors reached home among the small hours of the morning, all feeling that they had enjoyed a good time and all loud in their praises of the hospitality of their Decatur brothers and sisters.

A political meeting was held in the court house last Tuesday evening. The speaker was Mr. Van Bennett of Kansas, who calls himself the Kansas cyclone. He was accompanied by Prof. Hucks of Nebraska, who sang the political songs. A goodly number of people assembled to hear the "Moody and Sankey" of the prohibition party, and were fairly well entertained even though the address was as logical as a cyclone. The singing was amusing and fairly well rendered. The speaker thought no man could be a prohibitionist and not belong to the prohibition party and that all republicans and all democrats voted for rum. According to his theory, it must have been the little handful of third party voters that inaugurated prohibition in republican Van Buren. He seemed to forget that there were thousands of prohibitionists long before his little party was born and that they are likely to remain long after his little party shall be dead and buried. However, his address was entertaining, even if it was wanting in logic.

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WHY ICE FLOATS.

It is Specifically Lighter Than Water Just About to Freeze.

Ice is specifically "lighter" than water just about to freeze, and, therefore, floats upon it, says an exchange. There is one reason why the formation of ice usually, but not always, begins at the surface. Another reason is because of its peculiar law of expansion. The general law is that cold induces contraction. This holds good in the case of water only to a certain point. When water has cooled down to within 7.4 degrees of freezing it ceases to contract as before, and, with increased cold, actually begins to expand, and continues to do so until it freezes. This expansion causes the colder portions of the water to rise to the surface.

Above we have said that ice does not always begin to form at the surface of the water. The exception is in the case of what is known as "ground" or "anchor ice." In this case the whole body of the water is cooled at the same time to below the freezing point, and the substances at the bottom, such as the stones and pebbles of river or lake beds, serve as a nucleus or point of congelation and crystallization for the water. This rare species of ice is formed under such peculiar circumstances that others than students and experimenters seldom see it.

Bismarck's Diplomacy.

One day the Austrian ambassador to the federal diet, Count Rechberg, received a dispatch instructing him to vote with Prussia for a certain important measure, accompanied with a confidential letter directing him to induce the representatives of the other German states to vote against the measure and thus defeat it. In his haste he handed the wrong paper to Bismarck, who read and returned it with the remark: "There must be some mistake here." Rechberg saw his blunder, and grew pale and excited. "Don't be disturbed," said Bismarck; "you did not intend to give me this document, and therefore you have not given it to me, and I am wholly ignorant of its contents." In fact, he made no mention of it in his official reports, and thus won Rechberg's gratitude, besides having him henceforth "on the hip."

Slow Work.

The late Prof. Hyrtl was very fond of animals. Some years ago one of his fellow professors undertook some experiments to ascertain the loss of weight in cases of starvation, using for the purpose a lot of rabbits. The subjects of the experiment were weighed every day, but to the professor's astonishment they gained flesh instead of losing it. It was some time before he found out that Prof. Hyrtl had been keeping them well supplied with food.

are about to "charge," when suddenly, transfixed by her magic wand, they are held as rigid as statues. At length, however, all are released, and after meandering "through bog and briar" the whole night, find their way back to their heart-broken teacher in the morning, thankful to be once more themselves, with a chance to correct their faults and resume their daily tasks.

The various characters were represented as follows: Fairy Queen, Rae Showerman; Mother Goose, Zora Fish; School Teacher, Leta Packer; Miss Muffet, Kattie Showerman; Mistress Mary, Viola Monroe; Bopeep, Zina Waters; Simple Simon, Mason Fish; Boy Blue, Joseph Thorpe; Jack Horner, James Turrell; Maids of Honor, Ila Hall, Ella Johnson; Fairies, Marie Ryan, Elizabeth Whitman, Verne Hinckley, Zoe Munger, Irene Beddo, Rena Waters; chorus of fairies, girls of 8th grade; boys of 8th grade; captain, Herbert Welch.

This part of the program was exceedingly well rendered and would of itself have been well worth attending at a greater price of admission than was charged. Each of the participants filled well the part assigned, and the acting and speaking parts were equally well expressed.

Alumni Banquet. Last week was largely given up to commencement. Among the various entertainments, not the least in importance was the alumni banquet.

Friday evening, June 25, the spacious reception rooms of Miss Clara Anderson's beautiful home were filled with a course of people—the alumni and their friends to the number of one hundred and twenty. Old friends were reunited and new friendships formed. It was a pleasant sight to see the beautiful decorations which served as a background for happy, smiling faces, music and mirth reigning supreme.

At 9:30 the line of march was formed for the opera house, where the banquet was to be held. When all were seated, the scene was a striking one. The tables, arranged somewhat in the form of a Maltese cross, were covered with dainty linen, silverware and china, and decorated with smiles and cut flowers, which were disposed most artistically. The gentlemen in their conventional dress suits served to accentuate the handsome and dainty dresses of the ladies.

The literary program was opened by a well rendered instrumental duet by Mrs. Ida Hudson and Miss Daisy Longwell, which was most heartily applauded.

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Miss Kate Harris then favored the audience with a vocal solo. Harry Snow of the class of '94, delivered a fine oration on "The Power of the Will." He seemed to think that every event in history was brought about by the will and determination of an individual or people, and cited many cases to prove his theory. Mr. Snow's delivery of his oration was natural and graceful, and he left a pleasant impression with his audience.

The "Ceclia" quartet, composed of Mrs. Ferguson and Misses Showerman, Anderson and Cooley, closed the literary program with a very pleasing vocal selection.

Rev. Rennie asked grace, after which the following menu was served:

- Consomme, Cold Boiled Ham, Bread and Butter, Pressed Chicken, Chicken Salad, garnished with Lettuce, Deviled Eggs, Cucumbers Pickles, Olives, Salted Almonds, Jelly, Cheese Sticks, Ice Cream, Angels' Food, Mixed Cakes, Coffee, Bananas, Oranges.

Mr. Welch, at the close of the banquet, introduced Mrs. Anna Dillon Sage of the class of '80, who, in the character of toastmistress, delighted all present. Formerly it was supposed that the earth was composed of its four elements—earth, air, water and fire; to which she likened the four members of the class of '95. In the solidity of Mr. Douglas's oration of two nights before, she recognized the earth; in the wonderful imagery and light-hearted characters of Mr. Hunt, she found the air; she likened Miss Ann Dillon to the water, her essay being so sparkling and clearly enunciated, and Mr. James O'Grady, with his quick wit and sun-tipped hair, was the fiery element.

To this wonderful class, Miss Marie Cooper of '90 gave the welcome, which was very prettily and brightly given, and made the new class feel perfectly at home.

Miss Ann R. Dillon, in her response, said that when first given that honor, she thought it was because she was the

only girl in the class, but had now made up her mind it was because she was a Dillon, and then told the well-known joke of the "A. D." on our school building—that it meant "Admit the Dillons." She spoke of the honor they all felt it to become members of the alumni.

Miss Rena Van Fossen of the class of '94 then gave the chronicles of the 173 graduates of the school. She spoke of those "gone before" who are waiting for the great reunion where none will be absent. Although their names did not appear in the chronicles, yet they were not forgotten. After giving the chronicles of the classes in turn, she extended a hearty welcome to the new members. Although not all the younger and older members are personally acquainted, yet they are bound together by a common bond of sympathy, which she hoped would strengthen and serve to uphold forever the glorious organization of the alumni.

Mrs. Sage, in speaking on the subject of the next toast, "Phantoms," seemed to see innumerable Brownies, quite unmanageable, until settled by the skillful hand of Miss Lois Wilson of '88, who fully demonstrated, in her pleasing response, that she understood the training of the young mind.

In introducing the subject "Geodes," the nodules of stone containing sometimes more precious material, the toastmistress thought the response was suitably given to Miss Daisy Orr, who, in her character of teacher, could study the human geode, which would often contain rich ore of character in spite of outward appearance. Mrs. Sage spoke of a former pupil, tall and lank, with long, fair hair, whom she expected, of course, was a poet. To bring out the latent quality, she had each pupil write a stanza of poetry, and looked with eagerness at the ought-to-be poet's production. It was:

"I love roses, I love pinks, I love Minnie; I do by jinks!"

Miss Orr's response was well written and showed thorough knowledge of her subject. She spoke of the different kind of geodes, and emphasized the fact that one should not trust to outward appearances, but search for the real character within.

The last toast, "Shackles," was cleverly and feelingly responded to by Mrs. Minnie Barton Aseltine of '88. She referred to the little things of life as being the real shackles. One may be filled with beautiful ideas, just waiting to be put on paper. Perhaps in the midst of a reverie of higher and better things, when John comes in to have a button sewed on; or the baby cries; or the hired girl wishes instructions concerning her work, when down one comes to the prosaic and work-a-day world. But who knows but these same mothers, so shackled on earth by little things, shall in the next world be accounted as high as those who have done great deeds?

"My thoughts soar not as they ought to soar, The higher and higher on soul-intent wings. But ever, and often, and more and more, They are dragged down earthward by little things."

The toastmistress said she had intended to call for extemporaneous speeches from some of the gentlemen, but owing to the earliness of the hour she would refrain. She however requested Rev. Rennie to read a conglomerate poem, which afforded a great deal of amusement. The reverend gentleman could now plainly see what a fool he was that he did not better improve his educational advantages when he had the chance, and yet more when he had not eaten more when he had the chance.

The entire company then sang "Auld Lang Syne," thus closing an evening which will long be remembered by those present as one of the most informal and pleasant ever spent. The ladies of the Free Baptist church are deserving of great credit in the furnishing and serving of the banquet, which was perfect in every detail and one of the best ever given in Paw Paw.

V. M. V. F.

New Suits.

People vs. Edward Haight; assault. Lincoln H. Titus. Franklin Kennedy vs. John Britton, deputy sheriff; replevin. T. J. Cavanaugh.

Hannah Van Aukens vs. Arthur L. Anderson et al; foreclosure. Titus & McNeil.

Marriage Licenses.

2090—Frank Niles, 21, Pearl Howard, 18, both of Columbia.

2091—Jesse Fatusnaugh, 22; Lillie McFarland, 22, both of South Haven.

2092—William E. Hazard, 22; Agnes Miller, 22, both of South Haven.

2093—Hiram F. Griffith, 30, San Marcial, N. M.; Flora A. Moon, Geneva.

2094—Alberto Canniff, 20; Eva I. Waterman, 16, both of Bloomingdale.

2095—Roscoe Phelps, 22, Kendall; Blanche Van Hoesen, 22, Benton Harbor.

2096—Alvin E. Fox, 21, Almo; Florence Wilson, 18, Pine Grove.

Probate Court Proceedings.

Following is a synopsis of the proceedings in Judge Heckert's court for the week ending July 4:

In the matter of Horace M. Gartley, dependent child; order admitting to state public school.

In the matter of Christopher Sweet, dependent child, order admitting to state public school.

Estate of Margaret Brown, deceased; final account allowed.

Estate of Cornelius Stocum, deceased; final account allowed.

Estate of M. E. Whalen, deceased; E. F. Parks appointed administrator with will annexed.

Estate of Charles A. Mullinex, dec'd; claims allowed and estate closed to creditors.

Estate of Elias Baker, deceased; order allowing commission to take testimony.

Estate of Albert Grout, deceased; final account; hearing August 12.

Estate of Washington B. Anderson, deceased; petition to determine lawful heirs; hearing August 12.

Estate of Thomas Kelly, deceased; petition for probate of will; hearing August 12.

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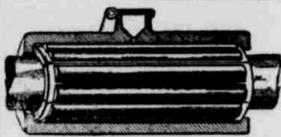
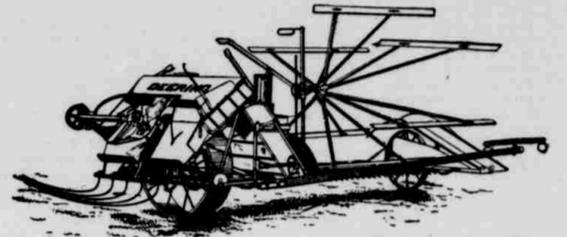
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