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OUR LOCAL MARKETS.

Following are the prices paid by our merchants and dealers for the products named:

Butter	18@20
Eggs	16
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Beans	\$1.00
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Poultry	96, spring chickens
Fat cattle on foot	2-3
Fat hogs on foot	31-34
Flour per cwt. (retails at)	\$2.20

The Price of The Northerner is now, as it has been in the past, \$1.50 per year. But we are making a special rate of \$1.00 per year to advance paying subscribers only. Do not expect the special rate unless you comply with the special conditions.

L. H. Titus is ill and confined to the house.

Wm. and Michael Dorgan were in town Monday.

Lawyer Smith of Decatur was in town Saturday on business.

Kate Harris remains seriously ill and is in a critical condition.

Don't overlook the interesting local matter on the inside of the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrison were in Kalamazoo, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Criffield and Mrs. Ed. Rawson of Decatur were in town Wednesday.

Jacob Johnson, an old resident of Decatur, died last week Thursday evening.

Advertised letters: Mr. Fred DeMon, Mr. Peter Eckis, Mr. Ezra Haydon, Mrs. Ella Harold.

Herbert More was taken ill with grip last Friday evening and was for several days in a precarious condition. He is now much better.

Mrs. Christiana Popendick suffered a stroke of paralysis the fore part of the week, seriously affecting one side. Her recovery is doubtful.

A really "wise woman" will call at Sellick's and examine his stock before purchasing her winter wraps or dress goods. See their adv. in this issue.

The four chandeliers formerly used in lighting the Free Baptist church will be sold cheap to any one wishing to buy them. Apply to Lester Brewer or J. S. Barton.

W. J. Sellick has succeeded W. R. Sellick & Co. in the dry goods business. Will remain in the store. It will seem natural to see W. J. again at the head of this business.

In the minds of men and the ladies too, is the fact that they must provide for the coming snug cold winter. Cummings has had this in mind also, as his underwear department will attest if you visit the popular trading point.

McClure's Magazine begins in the current number a new and exceedingly interesting pictorial history of Lincoln. This history will contain forty different portraits of the martyred president and hundreds of other portraits and pictures which are worth many times the subscription price of the magazine, which is but one dollar a year.

It is a satisfying thing to feel when you enter your clothes' door that you have before you a stock comprising all of the best things of the season from the looms of the entire world—a stock so wide in its scope that it leaves nothing to be desired, so choice in its selection that you cannot go amiss. This is just what you'll find at E. Smith & Co's, a complete assortment of all that is desirable in wearing apparel, including the famous "H. S. & M." tailor-made clothing.

Tuesday night, Dr. C. S. Maynard was suffering from an ulcerated tooth, and used chloroform to allay the pain. His heart was affected by the drug and he swooned. It was with great difficulty that the members of the family resuscitated him, and they had scarcely done so before he again became unconscious. Prompt use of stimulants again revived him sufficiently so that he told his daughter to give him a tablet from his vest pocket—a heart remedy he carries with him, and as he is subject to heart trouble. Just then Dr. Critchlow, who had been summoned, arrived and Dr. Maynard suffered no serious consequences from the drug.

Holmes & Bilsborrow's little essays on the merits of the Round Oak stoves are both interesting and profitable. Read them.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, E. A. Crane of Kalamazoo will talk to the ladies of the Coterie on "Battlefields," at the home of Mrs. Will Miller. Realizing that many of our citizens would gladly avail themselves of the privilege of listening to Mr. Crane, the ladies will sell a limited number of tickets for the afternoon at ten cents each; tickets are in charge of Mrs. M. D. Buskirk.

Free & Hagerman have the well completed for their new mill and a large gang of workmen are now at work getting out the frame. The structure will be 50x60 feet in size and will stand over the old water wheel, next to the dam, and will be run by water power. New machinery will be purchased, and all possible haste will be made to get the mill ready for business.

An interesting civil suit was on in Justice Mason's court Wednesday. It will be remembered that some time since Frank Hudson had a mare shot in the night, while she was trespassing on the premises of his neighbor, A. H. Smith. The suit was commenced by Hudson against Smith for damages for injury to the mare. On the stand Smith admitted doing the shooting. Hudson was given by the jury a judgment for \$25.00.

JUDGE HECKERT.

Our Honored Townsman Highly Spoken of by a Leading Michigan Daily.

The Kalamazoo Telegraph of last Saturday contained the following highly complimentary sketch of Judge Benj. F. Heckert:

"Benjamin Franklin Heckert came from the state of great men, he having first seen the light of day in the year 1840, in the county of Wayne, state of Ohio. He must have had a generous strain of patriotic blood in his veins—he is of German descent, and it could not be otherwise—as he was among the very first to offer his services to his country at the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, having enlisted in Co. "C", 16th Ohio infantry, on the 20th day of April, 1861, shortly after President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers—75,000 men for three months. When that term of service expired, his regiment reorganized as three-year men and young Benjamin became an enlisted man in Co. "K". That he was a good soldier and a brave man, is sufficiently evidenced by the fact that when he was finally mustered out of the service he bore the rank of first lieutenant, having passed through the various grades of promotion required to reach that honorable position. After the war was over, he attended the law department of the Michigan university, of which he is a graduate. He became a resident of Van Buren county in 1868, and has, with the exception of one short interval, resided here ever since. He was admitted to practice at the bar in May, 1869, at Detroit, before the judges of the supreme court, a session of which was being held there at the time. He began his legal practice in South Haven and shortly afterwards formed a law partnership with the late Darius E. Comstock, afterward circuit judge of this judicial circuit.

"Mr. Heckert soon took high rank at the bar, where he has long been considered one of the leading practitioners of the county. In 1870 he was elected circuit court commissioner. In 1873, a vacancy occurred in the office of prosecuting attorney, caused by the appointment of Mr. Comstock to the office of circuit judge, and Mr. Heckert was appointed to fill the vacancy. So faithfully did he discharge the duties of the office that his constituents elected him to that position at the next election, held in the fall of 1874, and kept him there for three successive terms. Mr. Heckert then continued the practice of his profession at Paw Paw, but after a time, thinking, perhaps, to improve his prospects, he removed to Kansas City, Mo., which place he struck just at the decline of its great boom. He soon found that matters were not to his liking in the west, and like many another, concluded that Michigan was good enough for him and returned to Paw Paw. At the first election after his return, he was elected to the office of judge of probate, a position he has held for the past seven years with credit to himself and honor to his constituents.

"The judge was a charter member of Brodhead Post, G. A. R., of Paw Paw, and has served as its commander for several different terms. He is an eloquent speaker, and, as he is brimming over with patriotism and love for the flag of his country, he is always a welcome visitor at any assemblage of old soldiers. He is also a "way-up" Mason and has just returned from Grand Rapids, where he went to assist pilgrims across the burning sands of the great Sahara. Politically, the judge is and always has been a stalwart republican, and is a recognized leader by his political associates. It is early, perhaps, to speculate about political nominations, but it would not surprise Van Buren county people in the least if he should prove a formidable candidate for the next congress from the fourth congressional district. At the Allagan convention in 1892, where Dr. Thomas, the present able congressman, was nominated on the 14th ballot, Judge Heckert was the leader of the gallant fight made for Hon. J. J. Woodman. He was loyal to Woodman, and utterly refused to allow his own name to come before the convention.

"Socially, the judge is a genial, good fellow, although his habit of bluntly and plainly speaking out his own convictions and calling things by their right names has sometimes caused people who did not know him intimately to form a mistaken opinion of him. Those who know him best like him best, and know that he is a whole-souled, kind-hearted gentleman, a firm and true friend, and an uncompromising enemy of everything he considers to be wrong or unjust."

THE PASEO.

The wavering heat is broken by long rows of slim acacias, palms and alamos. In brave attire there walk, between, Jose, Andres and Agustin.

Andres, Jose and Agustin
Stroll down the alameda slow
North spreading boughs with plata between
Where rose and bellid granada grow.
Tall gray sombreros, silver trimmed,
Bedecked with spangles, ample brimmed,
Shade from bright rays by clouds undimmed
The eyes of all.

They loiter on with airy grace,
A turn of head this way and that,
While sparkling smiles light up the face
Accepting gay, theatrical chat.
Their jaunty jackets reach the waist,
With rows of buttons closely placed,
And braided trousers, tightly laced,
Costumes complete.

A greater charm is found by far
Than shade, bright flowers and tropic
weather

In Juana, Inez and Leonor,
All pretty maids who drive together,
Clear olive faces, lips of red—
But back of them the warder's head,
The duena, accredited
For watchful eyes.

The wavering heat is broken by long rows
Of slim acacias, palms and alamos.
In brave attire there walk between,
Jose, Andres and Agustin.

—L. W. Green in "Land of Sunshine."

THE CIRCUS RING.

It is Always Exactly Forty-two Feet Nine Inches in Diameter.

In various ways the circus of the present day differs from that of the past, but the ring remains unchanged. It is always 42 feet 9 inches in diameter. Go where you will, search the world from China to Peru, with diverging trips to the frosty Caucasus and the desert of Sahara, and never a circus will you find without a ring 42 feet 9 inches in diameter.

There is a reason for this remarkable uniformity. Circus riders and circus horses are nomadic. Wherever their wanderings bring them they must find the ring always the same, else they will be disturbed in their performance, if not really rendered incapable. Trained to the 42 feet 9 inch ring, the horse and his rider have grown used—worn, one might say—to the exact angle of declivity toward the center of the ring which the radius of 21 feet and a given speed produce.

The mound on the circumference of the ring always has on the inside a level, so to speak, of earth, at the same angle as that into which radius and speed throw the driver. As for speed, that, after the horse has gone round two or three times and is warmed to his work, is the same through the act. In fact, a strap generally holds his head so that he cannot get beyond a certain pace.

The ringmaster snaps his whip, the clown shouts, the band plays louder and louder, but the horse knows just how much this empty show means and jogs on at the same old pace until, with the last jump through a tissue balloon, the act is ended.—Exchange.

The Roman Legionary.

The Roman legionary is a personage of remarkable interest. He is indeed the first soldier whom we seem to recognize as such—a disciplined man of the highest training, with pride in himself, confidence in his leaders and considerable esprit de corps; in fact, a warrior whom the modern soldier can take to his heart. There were legions and legions, of course, as in modern armies there are regiments and regiments. Some indeed, like the famous Tenth, enjoyed even a nickname, "The Larks" (Alauda). The men, if we are to believe Vegetius, suffering from the same weaknesses, could be raised by the same means to the same excellence as the veterans of the peninsula war. As to the lighter moods of the Roman legionary, are they not immortalized in the name of a Roman emperor?

Tacitus tell us how Germanicus, always a popular general, having had a son born to him in the camp, dressed the lad like a little soldier, complete even to his boots (caliga), in the hope of pleasing his men. The men of course made a pet of him and called him Caligula, or Little Boots, and it is by his camp nickname of Little Boots that Claudius, son of Germanicus, lives in history to this day. It is a curious example of the persistence in the nature of fighting men. Cochrane's rough Chilean sailors dressed up his 5-year-old son as a tiny midshipman and made a pet of him in the same way.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Roses in a Tomb Five Thousand Years Old.

Plinders Petrie, the archaeologist, while excavating among some ancient Egyptian tombs, found a wreath of roses which had been bound into a garland and buried with the dead thousands of years ago. M. Crepin, the botanist and microscopist, made a careful examination of this queer find and prepared a paper on it, which he read before the Royal society of Belgium. From this paper it appears that in places where the flowers were matted together they still retained their color as well as a very faint odor. The species to which they belong is now extinct, but a rose resembling them in several particulars is still grown in Egypt and Abyssinia.—St. Louis Republic.

Have You a Shoe Tree?

The fashionable woman who does not own a shoe tree in these days is far behind the times. These "trees" are rather expensive. They must be carefully made from the last of the shoes they are to hold. They cost \$5 a pair, and one must have one less pair than she has slippers and shoes. With ordinary usage they are indestructible. They keep the footwear in excellent shape and condition for the longest possible term of usefulness.

I have also seen the world, and after long experience have discovered that ennui is our greatest enemy and remunerative labor our most lasting friend.—Justus Moser.

Physic, for the most part, is nothing else but the substitute of exercise for temperance.—Addison.

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FUR and FUR TRIMMINGS.

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