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

Butter	18
Eggs	16
Potatoes	20@25
Beans	35
Onions	35
Poultry	.06, spring chickens
Fat cattle on foot	2-3

The Price of The Northern

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.

Additional Local.

Gene Allen is moving his sawmill from Glendale to Porter.

Ooobock Bros. are cutting and packing ice, seven inches thick.

The band serenaded Judge Heckert and his guests last evening.

Rev. J. H. Darling will preach at the Free Will Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Arthur Brown, formerly of Kalamazoo, will be one of the new senators from Utah.

Gillis Bradley, a former resident of this place, died at his home in Kalamazoo, last Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will give a coffee social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rowland next Tuesday evening. Supper at six.

While working in the timber near Lawton, Tuesday, Claud Wright and William Hall were dangerously hurt by a falling tree, which caught on another, flew around and knocked both men senseless. Hall was the most seriously hurt. One side of his head was badly bruised, his shoulder dislocated and his arm almost torn from his body. The tree fell on Wright, badly bruising and dislocating his hip. Neither is fatally hurt.

Mr. Daniel Taylor of Mill Brook, N. Y., and Miss Eva Jennings of Paw Paw were married by Mrs. Anna Barton at her home, Jan. 11. Owing to the ill health of the bride's father, a formal wedding was dispensed with, but a family wedding feast was in readiness for the bridal party on their return home. The young couple will go to housekeeping next spring, in Mill Brook, N. Y., where Mr. Taylor has a good situation as shepherd.

As a result of the crookedness of George E. Brock the suit of Mrs. Hannah L. Cornell against E. A. Crane to recover \$2,200 on a mortgage negotiated through Mr. Brock, was brought on Tuesday in the Kalamazoo circuit court. Mrs. Cornell claims that Mr. Crane is liable for the actions of his partner, Mr. Brock, who failed to pay off an existing mortgage and consequence Mrs. Cornell held a second mortgage on property worth not to exceed \$1,000.

The book entertainment given by the 5th division to the Coterie Thursday was fine. The "Three Graces," the "Three Fates," the "Tambourine Girl," the "Japanese Girl" were all shown through red lights and were most beautiful pictures. The papers describing the author of the book "Hall Caine" and the "Capitol City" were enjoyed by all. Miss Pike as chairman and her committee won and deserved the praise of the Coterie for their skill and ingenuity in arranging the program.

Mr. J. S. Tuckey has made an improvement at his mill that will be greatly appreciated by his farmer patrons in stormy weather. He has had the old barrel house, west of the mill, remodeled into horse sheds for the use of patrons while waiting for grists, etc. The sheds are very convenient, sheltered from the wind, and are just what the mill has needed for a long time. New bolting cloths have been put into the mill, improving the quality of the flour very much and making it much whiter.

The publishers of McClure's Magazine have been compelled by the large circulation of the magazine to purchase a complete and extensive printing and binding plant. This they hope to install before the first of March. The capacity of the plant will be not less than five hundred thousand copies a month, and under pressure six hundred thousand copies can be printed. They have secured the best and most modern presses, and, with proper pressmen, shall be able to print as beautiful a magazine as can be made anywhere.

The many Van Buren County members of the Cass County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. will be interested in hearing of the annual meeting of that company at Dowagiac, Tuesday. A big row was on, 393 votes being cast on the election of secretary. The old management was "turned down" and the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Kimmerle, secretary, C. C. Warner, treasurer, John Cleudren, directors, Mr. Phillips to succeed Erastus Osborn and T. M. Higgins to succeed himself. Cyrus Tuthill, the retiring secretary, has held the position twenty years.

The Longfellow club of Lawrence invited the officers of the Coterie to meet with them on Wednesday afternoon. Mesdames Burk, Woodman, Buskirk, Miller and Miss Rena Van Fossen accepted the invitation. The meeting was at the pleasant home of Mrs. Dr. Baldwin. Items on what women are doing, given by each lady present, were followed by two excellent papers, "Women in Journalism" by Mrs. Rockafellow, and "The Need of Higher Education" by Miss Simons. A charming tea, at which each lady was the recipient of a lovely souvenir, and an hour of social interchange of thought closed this long to be remembered meeting and the Coterie ladies drove home with a warmth of heart that rendered robes and soap stones a superfluity.

Calvin Wilcox is quite sick at his home east of town. Dr. Maynard is in attendance.

Editor Thresher of the Lawrence Visitor was a caller at the NORTHERNER office Wednesday.

Several Paw Paw veterans and their families are attending a regimental reunion at Kalamazoo.

In response to his invitation, twenty-eight old war veterans partook of Judge Heckert's hospitality yesterday afternoon and evening. The affair was primarily for the survivors of Co. "C," 1st Mich. Cav., of which organization the judge is an honorary and an honored member. The following named members of that organization were present: R. M. Buck, John Bennett, Jas. F. Bullard, Lunan Conklin, L. B. Crawford, David Dillon, C. L. Leathers, H. J. Loveland, George Munger, Philo Pritchard, Howland Place, Geo. Rediker, S. M. Rawson, F. E. Stevens, Geo. Worthey, John Shoemaker, E. A. Crane and Wesley Barker. The others present were a few of the judge's many warm soldier friends living in this vicinity. Old army songs were sung, old army stories, all more or less true, were related, some games were played, some speeches made, and all had a good time generally, such as old comrades always have when they meet together. Mr. and Mrs. Heckert's generous hospitality will not soon be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to partake of it on this pleasant occasion. During the evening the band gave the "boys" a serenade, a compliment that was greatly appreciated.

New Suits.

The People vs. Willard Hatfield; larceny from dwelling. L. H. Titus.

William Conner vs. Jennie Cohn; assumption.

Auson Goss vs. Almua Kennedy; assumption. Anderson & Chase.

Lieutenant McIntyre.

Lieutenant Colin C. McIntyre, who died last November at the home of Mr. James Bennett in this village, and whose body was placed in the vault, has been buried in Prospect Hill cemetery by order of his sister, the wife of General Wilkins, London, Eng. She appointed Rev. Jas. H. Rennie, M. A., pastor of the Presbyterian church, administrator of all his affairs, who has met and satisfactorily settled all claims which have been presented against him. Mrs. Wilkins writes: "He was my dear and only brother, for whom I have ever had the greatest affection, though separated for so many years from him. My brother was the most amiable and kind hearted of men."

These words are but expressing the feelings of those who knew him in and about Paw Paw. She continues to say: "My feeling is, that were my dear brother's remains to be buried by you in the beautiful cemetery you mentioned at Paw Paw. Your account of the funeral, conducted in a manner unknown to London, has touched me deeply. How can I sufficiently express my thanks to you for the great respect you displayed to his remains? * * I have been also greatly moved on hearing that my poor brother received the last regards of so many friends who followed him to his last resting place."

I desire, in the name of Mrs. Violet Wilkins, sister of the deceased, to sincerely thank the choir, the pall-bearers and all who rendered assistance in any way at the funeral, or otherwise, of Lieutenant Colin C. McIntyre, who died last November. J. H. RENNIE.

The Biggest of Its Kind.

Every farmer in Michigan knows what a farmers' institute is. Sixty-eight counties in the state have held them this winter. Some of them have been very largely attended, and all have been very successful. But we expect to have the biggest one of the year at Grand Rapids, Feb. 11, 12, 13 and 14. It will be called a "Round-up," and the list of speakers will include noted professors from the agricultural college, and some of the most successful and best known farmers and fruit growers of the state.

The feast will be opened by Gov. John P. Rich on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, and will continue for three days and four evenings until Friday evening, when it will be closed by Ex-Governor Luce. There will be three sessions a day of the main institute. Wednesday will be fruit day, Thursday will be stock and dairy day, and Friday will be fertilizer and general crop day. The evening sessions will be occupied with talks of a more general nature, but of all great interest and moment to farmers. Three afternoons, in a room separate from the main institute, will be held a woman's section under the charge of Mrs. Mary A. Mayo, of Battle Creek. It is expected that on two of these afternoons demonstration lessons in cooking will be given by Miss Margaret M. Still of Detroit. Still another separate section, called the mechanics' section, will be held two evenings for those who are interested in mechanical lines.

We want 2,000 of the most progressive farmers from all sections of Michigan to attend this meeting. We expect reduced rates on the railroads. We have been assured of reduced rates at hotels at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day for accommodations. We want to make this the biggest meeting of the kind ever held in Michigan. We want to make it a model institute in conduct as well as in attendance. The papers and discussions will be the best that can be procured in Michigan, and we want people to come to hear them. We expect every farmer in Kent county, and we would like to have every other county send large delegations. Further announcements, giving program and other arrangements more in detail, will be made later. Do not forget the dates, February 11, 12, 13 and 14; and remember to come and stay as long as you can. You will never regret it.

KENYON L. BUTTERFIELD, Superintendent of Institutes.

DeHaven From the Big Brick.

Guy DeHaven was absent the first of the week.

The new piano was tuned Wednesday night.

Mesdames Foote and Taylor were with us Monday.

Daisy Orr of the class of '94 was a visitor, Monday.

The chart class will take up 1st reader next week.

Jay Irving and Will Stocking have entered the 1st primary.

Daisy Lord returned to school this week, after a short illness.

Blanche Bartley of Albion is a new pupil in Miss Cooley's room.

Bertha Sharp and Vern Carr are new pupils in Miss Cooper's room.

The religious exercises Monday were conducted by Rev. Brundage.

Prof. Jacobs rendered two pleasing solos at the exercises Monday.

The first lyceum of the high school will occur in about two weeks.

All of the teachers will go to Lawton, Saturday, to attend the teachers' rally.

The 2d German class has taken up the translation of Hermann and Dorothea.

The ninth grade organized a literary society, but has not yet determined on a name.

The junior class will be entertained by Miss Jane Broughton this (Friday) evening.

Misses Nellie Hatfield of Dowagiac, and Nellie Rose of Decatur were callers last Friday.

The many friends of Fannie Harris will be pleased to hear that she is improving rapidly.

The school will be favored by a lecture on the war, by Rev. Harvey, in the near future.

The ninth grade has begun the review of arithmetic and civil government of Michigan.

The library was opened Tuesday for the first time this term. Mabel Cumings is librarian this week.

Miss Anna Closson very pleasantly entertained the first year class, at her rooms, last Friday evening.

Several young ladies and gentlemen from the high school enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Kalamazoo, Saturday.

About twenty high school students attended the social at the Misses Morrison's last Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. Haworth of Antwerp Center favored the school with a solo and responded to an encore, Monday.

Truant Officer Thomas was a caller on Monday. His many friends were pleased to see him looking so well after his sickness.

The first letters in the last names of the three most studious young ladies in the high school are G. H. K. Can you guess them?

The lyceum was reorganized last Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Lowell Packer; vice president, Pearl Haggart; secretary and treasurer, Cleo Stevens.

The junior class was organized Monday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Fred Webb; vice pres., Jane Broughton; secretary, Ed. Snow; treasurer, Cleo Stevens. There are 18 members in the class.

Attention, Ex-Soldiers!

Comrade Geo. W. Irving, representing the house of H. H. Hardesty & Co. of Toledo, Ohio, publishers of military works, is now in Paw Paw, gathering and compiling the military history of the ex-soldiers of Van Buren County, with a view to having the same published in enduring form, to perpetuate to all times the memory, achievements and sacrifices made by these defenders of the flag. There is no more glorious record in all the annals of history, and no work can be more pleasant than to preserve it. Its value will depend upon its accuracy, and that can be best secured by the co-operation of those who participated in the drama of war and in whose memory its events are living facts.

Comrade Irving brings to the successful performance of this work years of practical experience and a devotion to the interest of his comrades in arms that will make such a work as perfect as it is possible to make it. He will also have a corps of experienced assistants to carry on the work. They will call personally on each ex-soldier. This we believe to be the first attempt to perpetuate the memory of ex-soldiers of past wars in connection with national history.

Supervisors.

Superintendent Chapin was instructed to purchase a half dozen 3-gallon fire extinguishers for use at the county farm.

The bond of Sheriff Lamberson was presented and approved.

A resolution of sympathy for Supervisor Dille and family on account of the death of his son was unanimously adopted.

The committee to settle with the county treasurer presented its report, which was adopted. The gross receipts for the year were \$97,465.89; gross expenditures, \$92,443.24; balance in treasury, Jan. 1, \$5,022.65.

The clerk was instructed to draw orders to an amount not exceeding \$200 for the use of Superintendent of the Poor Chapin and to an amount not exceeding \$500 for the use of the sheriff.

The clerk and treasurer were authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be needed to meet current expenses.

The committee to investigate the matter of better protection for the county records reported that in the near future more room would be needed in the county offices, and in view of the present business depression and the lack of space in the present office building, they think it inadvisable, at the present time, to expend money in the construction of a fire and burglar proof vault. The committee, however, recommended that a sum not exceeding \$200 be expended in procuring more secure windows, shutters and door to the office of the register of deeds. Report adopted. Supervisors Waters and Warner were appointed a committee to act with the register in carrying out the recommendations of the committee.

After passing a resolution of thanks to Chairman McFellin and Clerk Squier, the board adjourned sine die.

Council Proceedings.

At a regular meeting of the village council, held Monday evening, the following claims were allowed:

George Kessler, half month's salary	32 50
James Whipple	15 00
Ris Fire Extinguisher Co., 1 extinguisher	12 00
Titus & McNeil, insurance on plant	50 00
J. D. Hamilton, mdse	4 45
Frank Sykes, wood	4 13
Free Press & Courier, printing	4 00
True Northern	9 35
F. B. Lord, salary	3 00
E. C. Tuckey, 20 loads of gravel	1 00
G. W. Tyler & Co., mdse	3 45
F. W. Cole, scraping walks	20 00
F. B. Lord	5 10
S. H. Morton, 3 days' work	3 75
F. C. Thomas 1 1/2	4 87
E. W. Hipp, lumber	5 10
Eugene Allen	110 28
Ris Fire Extinguisher Co., 1 extinguisher	15 00
W. H. Wilson, drawing machine to fire	2 50
Albert Squires, cart	5 00
Chas. Passmore	5 00
W. Brewer	5 00

Adjourned two weeks.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ending Dec. 31, A. D. 1895, of the condition and affairs of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Van Buren County, an Insurance Company, located at Paw Paw, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan and doing business in the County of Van Buren, in said State.

C. W. Young, President; E. L. Warner, Secretary. P. O. address of Secretary, Paw Paw, Mich.

MEMBERSHIPS.

Number of members Dec. 31 of previous year..... 1158

Number of members added during the present year..... 252

Total..... 1410

Deduct number of members withdrawn during the year, and policies canceled by reason of sale or otherwise..... 73

Number of members now belonging to company..... 1337

RISKS.

Amount of property at risk December 31 of previous year..... \$1753925 00

Amount of risks added during present year..... 287280 00

Total..... \$2041205 00

Deduct risks canceled, withdrawn or terminated..... 80800 00

Net amount now at risk by company..... \$1960405 00

RESOURCES.

Assessments of past year uncollected..... \$ 75 25

Total available resources..... \$ 75 25

LIABILITIES.

For losses not matured..... \$582 62

Due officers for services..... \$ 203 01

Total liabilities..... \$ 785 63

RECEIPTS.

Cash collected on assessments levied during the year..... \$ 4276 92

Cash collected on assessments levied in prior years..... 45 51

Cash on hand and policy fees..... 7 50

Cash from increased or decreased insurance..... 14 00

Borrowed money..... 820 00

Total cash receipts..... \$ 5163 93

Add cash balance at close preceding year..... 491 12

Total receipts..... \$ 5655 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses actually paid during the year, (of which \$93.22 occurred in prior year)..... \$ 4019 21

Salaries and fees paid to officers and directors (Schedule A)..... 493 15

All other disbursements (Schedule B)..... 1345 70

Total expenses actually paid during the year..... \$ 5858 06

SCHEDULE A.

C. W. Young, services, President..... \$ 33 60

Salary..... 50 00

M. H. Pugsley, services Vice-President..... 14 00

I. Monroe, Director..... 14 40

C. B. Charles " "..... 25 85

C. D. Richmond " "..... 38 20

Marshall " "..... 25 10

E. L. Warner, salary Sec'y and Treas'r..... 300 00

Total Schedule A..... \$ 493 15

SCHEDULE B.

Filing annual statement..... \$ 25

Paid B. F. Heckert, referee..... 2 00

" for exchange..... 40

" printing and stationery..... 39 00

" postage..... 36 35

" refunded assessments..... 5 40

" notes at bank..... 820 00

" interest..... 24 25

" agents..... 355 30

" office rent..... 50 00

" 1273 postal cards..... 12 75

Total Schedule B..... \$ 1345 70

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS.

How many assessments have been made during the year? Ans.—One.

What is the amount of all the assessments made during the year? Ans.—\$4552.20.

What is the rate per cent of such assessments on the property insured? Ans.—One-fourth of one per cent.

What amount of losses are allowed to accumulate before an assessment is levied? Not any definite amount.

Does the company, in making an assessment, provide therein for any surplus fund over the actual losses accrued? If so, how much? Ans.—When the money on hand is expended, or nearly so, an assessment of not to exceed one-fourth of one per cent may be made on the amount at risk.

What proportion of damage or actual loss sustained on real property does the company pay? Ans.—Two-thirds.

What proportion of damage or actual loss sustained on personal property does the company pay? Ans.—Nine-tenths.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. COUNTY OF VAN BUREN.

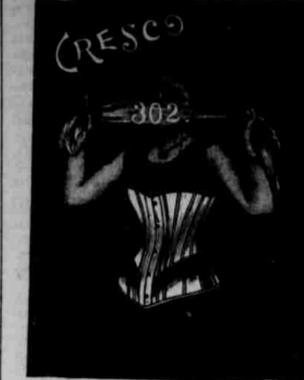
C. W. Young, President, and E. L. Warner, Secretary of said Company, do, each for himself doth depose and say, that they have read the foregoing statement, and know the contents thereof, and they have good reason to believe, and do believe, said statement to be true.

C. W. YOUNG, President.
E. L. WARNER, Secretary.

Sworn and subscribed before me, at Paw Paw, in said state and county, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1896.

LINCOLN H. TITUS,
Notary Public Van Buren County, Mich.

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Prices. Choice line of Neck Ties in the latest shapes and styles just received.

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