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WORST ELECTRIC STORM IN YEARS

Many Buildings Struck by Lightning and Much Damage Done.

FIREMEN DO EXCELLENT WORK

Save Dr. W. J. Johnson's Barn with Comparatively Slight Loss. Fire Got Big Start in Hay.

A terrific electric storm swept over Paw Paw last Saturday evening. Several buildings were struck by lightning, one barn partially burned, the telephone and electric light service crippled and scores of people scared half to death. The day had been oppressively hot and the heavy rain fall was very acceptable even though accompanied with much danger and loss of property.

The storm came up early in the evening and for a time the air was literally filled with electricity. Flash after flash of lightning followed one another in quick succession and for a time it seemed as though nearly every building in the village had been struck.

In the midst of the storm the fire alarm sounded and it was learned that Dr. W. J. Johnson's barn had been struck by lightning and was on fire. Nearly all of the firemen were at home at the time, out they made a record run and soon had two streams of water on the burning building. The loft of the barn was filled with hay and the lower part with buggies, tools and two horses, one the valuable French draft stallion, Ugoito. The horses were stunned by the shock, but were lead out to a place of safety. The buggies and tools were also taken out, but the hay and the doctor's medicines and veterinary instruments were destroyed.

The firemen are to be commended for their work at this fire. It was a full half mile from the engine house and the fire had a good start by the time they arrived, yet they succeeded in extinguishing the flames and saving a good portion of the building. The lower part of the barn is intact and not a timber is so badly burned but what it can be used again. Had the flames got beyond

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E. J. BABCOCK



Secretary to the Secretary of State

ARRESTED FOR A SERIOUS CRIME

Fourteen Year Old Boy Confessed to Attempt to Wreck Train.

WANTED TO SEE ENGINE STOP

And Said it Wasn't Much Railroad Anyway. Came From Chicago. Associates Bad.

The mystery surrounding the repeated attempts to wreck the K. L. S. & C. passenger train near Covert has at last been solved, and Richard Phillips, a 14 year old boy living near the scene of the attempted wreck, was arrested and placed in the county jail last Monday.

Young Phillips lives with his mother on a small farm near Covert, and formerly lived in Chicago, where his father is an employe of a large packing concern. His associates in the city have not been of the best and the boy does not seem to have a very definite idea of right and wrong. When arrested and questioned by the officers, he did not take the matter seriously at all, and confessed to the placing of ties on the track on several different occasions. When asked as to his motive, he stated "that he wanted to see the engine stop" and "that it wasn't much of a railroad anyway."

The place where the obstruction was placed on the track, is rather a secluded spot and on a curve in the road that makes it rather difficult for the engineer to see only a short distance ahead in coming from either direction. It is a wonder that the attempts did not result in a serious wreck.

The young man was brought to Paw Paw, Monday, County Agent Prater was out of town and no action could be taken until his return as the offender was a juvenile under the law. He refused to eat and sobbed and cried for two days at the county jail until he was on the verge of a nervous collapse. The sheriff considered his condition serious and released him until such a time as the county agent was ready to take the matter up. The statute provides that in case a felony is committed by a juvenile between the ages of 14 and 17 years it is optional with the juvenile officers to say whether the case be brought before the circuit court or juvenile court. Train wrecking is a serious offense and on Mr. Prater's return it is probable the young offender will be brought before the probate court and a thorough investigation made as to the facts and circumstances surrounding his life to determine which court should have jurisdiction in the case.

BIG GARAGE FOR SOUTH HAVEN

Conductor Harry Nash and Two So. Haven Parties in the Deal. So Says the Gazette.

It is understood that a deal is on by which an up-to-date garage for automobiles, with a machine shop in connection, is to be established in South Haven in the near future, in which Harry Nash, conductor on the Fruit Belt line, Dave Reid and G. M. Johnson, who conducts the garage on Eagle street, are to be interested.

It is understood that a machine shop for the repairing of automobiles will be run in connection, and a spacious room reserved for storing automobiles. The exact location has not been definitely decided upon, but one on Eagle street may be selected, or one on Phoenix street, which is now being considered, finally decided upon.

The number of automobiles in South Haven has almost doubled over that of last year and there is an increasing demand for such an establishment here. The Johnson and other repair shops are doing all they can and are busy most of the time with orders ahead. The field for the sale of auto supplies here is a good one and the new firm would put in a complete line, and be prepared to fit out a crippled auto from top to bottom, store autos in good shape for the winter, or supply all sorts of auto fixtures and appointments.

The deal was not completed last evening, but a definite location and other details will be decided upon within a day or two, it is stated.—South Haven Gazette.

HOME COMING WAS YESTERDAY

A typographical error last week made us state that the annual Prospect Lake home coming this year would be held on Thursday, August 10. Yesterday the 19 was the day and a large number of former residents came to mingle with the home folks and talk over "old times." As stated last week these picnics have come to be annual "home comings" for the Prospect Lake people, and yesterday was a day long to be remembered by those who gathered at the lake side under the spreading branches of the beautiful trees at Christie's landing.

SHOULD BE MORE PARTICULAR INSTALL MODERN MACHINERY

In the Choice of Language. Another Hartford Man Convicted of Using Indecent Language Before Wife.

It seems that some of the residents of Hartford are not as particular as they should be in the choice of their language, especially when in conversation with their "better halves." Two weeks ago The True Northerner gave an account of the arrest and conviction before Justice Rowland of one Frank Shaefer, charged with having used vulgar, indecent and insulting language in the presence of his wife. Last week Thursday Gilbert Carrol, also of Hartford, was tried and convicted before the same justice for a like offense, also alleged to have been committed against his wife. Shaefer paid a fine and costs amounting to \$33.25 and Carrol was assessed alike fine of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$33.00. Unlike Shaefer, however, he thought the conviction unjust and gave bonds for an appeal of the case to the circuit court. It is understood that in the circuit court he will rely on the point that under the laws of this state a wife is not permitted to testify against her husband.

Attorney C. M. VanRiper of Hartford defended the respondents in both cases.

READY FOR THE BIG FAIR

Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Inter-State Fair at Kalamazoo Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

Nearly all the space in floral hall has been reserved by prospective exhibitors who will make displays at the Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana Inter-State Fair, to be held in Kalamazoo, August 31 to September 3 inclusive, while a large number of big institutions, dealing in agricultural implements, vehicles and similar products, have engaged ground space, and it is safe to say that Kalamazoo's first fair in nearly twenty years will be a hummer and worthy of patronage.

The stock and poultry show will be the best ever shown in this section of Michigan and will contain a large number of consignments from big breeding farms, who will show also at the State Fair in Detroit. Nearly 1,500 birds have been entered for the poultry show to date.

A big midway will be one of the features of the fair, while every day will have special free attractions of the highest order.

HUCKLEBERRIES CAME HIGH.

It may have been that the high price of huckleberries was the cause and again it may be that he thought the berries were going to waste and ought to be picked. Anyway, Claude Enos of Pine Grove plead guilty in Justice Killefer's court this week of having wandered over into Bert Wheeler's marsh and picked a quantity of the big, luscious blue berries, which he appropriated to his own use. We are unable to learn just how many berries were taken, but Justice Killefer took into consideration the high price of berries, their good quality and the fact that Claude did his own picking and let him off with the payment of costs, amounting to \$7.85.

B. G. Wait has Pneumatic Cutting Machine in Local Marble Works. Best Plant in the Country.

B. G. Wait and foreman of his Bloomingdale plant were in Paw Paw Monday to install a new pneumatic cutting machine in his monument works here. The machine is a marvel of its kind. It consists of a two horse power electric motor which furnishes power for the air compressor. The air is forced through a pipe and stored in a large galvanized steel cylinder. From here it is turned on as required and drives the cutting tools through the hard granite and marble. This is a great improvement over the old method of driving the chisel with a mallet. It facilitates the work, besides doing a much better job of work. The electric motor was put in by Jas. O'Brien, city electrician.

The Paw Paw monument works is now one of the best equipped plants in the country. Mr. Wait keeps a fine line of monuments, and the machinery for marking and cutting is modern and up to date. C. A. Brown of Big Rapids, an experienced marble and stone cutter, is in charge of Mr. Wait's local plant.

BLOOMINGDALE TAKES BOTH

Locals Lost Two Games to the Fast Independents. Not Much Interest Manifested Here.

The Paw Paw base ball team lost two games to the fast Bloomingdale team the past week. The first at Bloomingdale last Friday by the score of 11 to 4 and again on the local diamond Tuesday to the tune of 6 to 2. Both were good games, much better than the score would indicate. There were few errors made on either side and while the locals lost both games they have no complaint to make.

Fish, the Lawrence catcher, was on the receiving end of both contests and did splendid work in both games. He is a hard worker, plays ball every minute and throws to bases like a veteran leaguer. The feature of Tuesday's game was a home run by Kellogg. It was the longest hit ever made on the home grounds.

The locals will play the Kalamazoo Elks this afternoon. It is hoped that the attendance will be better than at Tuesday's game. The management states that not enough has been taken in at the games thus far to pay the expenses and unless more interest is manifested the project will have to be abandoned. Here's hoping the stands and bleachers will be crowded to their capacity.

ORCHARDS AND WORM NESTS.

The Paw Paw fruit tree inspectors desire to call attention to the law relative to worm nests in trees, and request everybody to see that such nests are burned or destroyed. The pest has been spreading rapidly in the last few years, and unless strenuous measures are taken for their extermination, they may become a serious menace to the life of all trees.

The board also suggests that the village council instruct the marshal to look after the matter in the corporation.

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Do not fail to talk to Waters about that Picking Basket we are advertising.

It's the best one out. It's light but strong and serviceable. With average usage they will last three or four seasons. Made like a market basket, only a little larger and re-enforced on the bottom to give it strength. They can be nested together. The price, \$1.00 a dozen, makes them a very popular picking basket. The number is limited, so get your orders in early. The factory has gone out of business and no more can be got.

Buy your Grape Shears of Waters. We will have the largest stock and assortment of any dealer either, retailer or wholesaler, in Michigan.

STORE NEWS.

You can turn in your light bolster springs to us towards the heavy ones. The prices on new 4,000, 5,000 and 6,000 pound springs are \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00.

We have 2,000 open peach baskets on hand. If you need any, Talk to Waters.

We expect to be headquarters for Jumbo baskets this season.

Max has just completed a very nice job of plumbing in W. L. Miller's new residence.

Henry is installing a new Round Oak furnace in Almena this week.

We have some Oliver and Syracuse plows that we are sure will do you better work than the old plow you are now using. Try one and see.

We will sell the Round Oak, Universal and Garland Base Burners this season.

Talk To Waters for wood pulp hard plaster.

This is a good time of the year to paint. We have been having a nice paint trade the past 2 or 3 weeks.