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FRUIT GROWERS MORE OPTIMISTIC

Damage From Freeze Not as Serious as Was Anticipated.

THERE WILL BE A FAIR CROP

Of All Kinds of Fruit is the General Opinion of Growers After a Thorough Investigation.

It is not so bad after all, and the general verdict is that Paw Paw will have at least a 50 per cent crop of all kinds of fruit. Reports from various parts of the fruit belt at this time seem to verify the above statement and show that conditions resulting from the severe weather of the past week are not nearly as disastrous as at first reported.

Last Saturday morning, following the hard freeze of Friday night, the outlook was rather dubious, not only here, but in all parts of south-western Michigan, and all day Saturday icicles hanging from the eaves of buildings and the mercury hovering around the freezing point presented rather a gloomy aspect.

Weather conditions since that time, however, have been very favorable under the circumstances. It has been cool and cloudy, and the general opinion is that where a hot sun would have killed every bud and blossom that had been touched by the frost, many have been saved and will recover from the effect of the storm.

Apples and cherries did not apparently suffer as much as grapes, and while there will not be a full crop, the conditions might be much worse. In some sections the grape buds that were out are all reported killed, but there will undoubtedly be enough more come on to insure at least a fair crop.

There are some growers who still take a pessimistic view of the outlook, and say that everything has "gone to the dogs", but the more conservative, and experienced growers assert that there will be a fair crop of fruit of all kinds. L. E. Shepard, who spent last Saturday in "snooping", and devising plans to keep himself and family from starvation next year, now pledges his reputation for truth and veracity, and his honor as an honest man, that there will be a fifty per cent crop. On his statement the general feeling of gloom which was present on Saturday and Sunday, has been dispelled, and a general feeling of optimism prevails.

The effect of the severe freeze is particularly noticeable in the leaves of the maple trees which line the streets. The young and tender leaves which were just beginning to spread out, look as though they had been scorched by fire and it is somewhat doubtful as to what effect it may have on the trees.

INSURANCE DEPT IS REMUNERATIVE

State Fund Receives About \$500,000 While Only \$30,000 are Expended.

The state insurance department, in charge of Commissioner J. V. Barry, is one of the most remunerative of the state departments, something like \$500,000 being turned into the state fund while the expenses are only about \$30,000.

Through the efficient work of Mr. Barry, Michigan's insurance department has been brought up to a high standard. The work of this department is an important factor in the state's government. At the present time experts from the insurance commissioner's office are engaged in auditing the several insurance companies of the state to ascertain their assets and liabilities. From these reports are compiled which prove of immense value to the state and other states where Michigan companies are conducting business.

Many matters of importance pertaining to all kinds of insurance are settled through this department. The department is carried on in a way to give the people of the state protection, causing stricter regulations being made governing insurance companies.

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Douglas returned Tuesday from Holland, where they have been spending a week's honeymoon. They will begin housekeeping at once in the Munger house on Paw Paw street.

BUILDING FINE BUNGALOW.

J. H. Felter has commenced building a fine new bungalow on his lot on Pine street. The house will be 39.6 by 27 ft. and will be quite an addition to the north-east part of town. Duffield Bros. have the contract.

WANTS OFFICE IN KALAMAZOO

Albion B. Titus Circulating Petition For His Candidacy in Kalamazoo County.

Attorney Albion B. Titus is circulating a petition for his candidacy for the nomination of circuit court commissioner on the republican ticket, at the fall primaries in Kalamazoo county. Mr. Titus is a bright young man, a graduate of the U. of M., and is a former Paw Paw boy. His many friends in this village wish him success in the election. Attorney Carey J. Cole is also a candidate for the same position at the hands of the republican party.

GOOD ROADS WORK IS ENCOURAGED

Stone Roads Thought to be Great Improvement Over Old Dirt Roads.

The counties of Oceana, Muskegon and Mason, according to State Highway Commissioner Ely, will build more stone roads this year than any three adjoining counties in the state. Stone roads are looked upon in these counties as being far superior to dirt roads, and as far as county construction of dirt roads is concerned in these counties, will be a thing of the past.

Commissioner Ely and Deputy Rogers have both been very busy for some time attending good road institutes and helping the good work along in every way possible. About May 23, both will make a trip to the upper peninsula.

The credentials from all the newly elected township highway commissioners have been received by the state department, there being 1,225 of them in Michigan.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB HOLDS MEETING

One of the Most Successful Meetings of the Year at the Home of Dr. H. L. Charles.

The Fellowship club was entertained at the residence of Dr. H. L. Charles Wednesday night.

After the regular business, which included the purchase of a stereopticon for the club, the program was taken up. Dr. Ferguson having charge. Mrs. Eaton, our local reader, gave several readings in her happiest manner, and responded to repeated encores. She was followed by Rev. E. H. Harvey, who is always a spellbinder. He held his audience in breathless interest as he depicted the different kinds of humor, commencing at the time when Elijah ridiculed the priests of Baal when they failed to bring down fire from the heavens and finishing with a eulogy on the late Mark Twain, the prince of American humorists.

Mr. Harvey subdivided humor into different classes, contrasting the almost brutal wit of Dr. Johnson and Charles Lamb and the keen satire of Voltaire with the broad, good natured, exaggerated humor of American humorists of the Ward, Nasby and Twain type, and explaining how utterly impossible it was for an Englishman to appreciate it. At the close of his remarks the reverend gentleman received a perfect ovation, and after a couple of selections from Mrs. Eaton, the two were given a rising vote of thanks. The program was varied by congregational singing and some excellent phonograph selections.

Punch, wafers and cake were served by the ladies of the committee and the club adjourned to meet at the residence of W. C. Flook, May 11.

DEATH OF KENNETH ABBOTT.

Little Kenneth, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Abbott, died last Sunday morning after an illness of two days. He was stricken on Friday and all efforts to save the little fellow's life proved of no avail.

He was a bright child and the sunshine of his parents, who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

The funeral was held from the home on Brown street, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Rossell officiating.

Relatives of the family who attended the funeral are Mr. Abbott's father and mother of Waterliet; Percy Abbott and wife also of Waterliet; Mrs. Sarah Haney of Grand Rapids, mother of Mrs. Abbott; Mrs. Maggie Tunstra of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Al. Harland of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher and son, Hartford; Mr. and Mrs. Will Washburn and Mr. and Mrs. Vol. Haney in the vicinity of Paw Paw.

Burial was in the Hamilton cemetery near Decatur.

MRS. WESTON BETTER.

Mrs. George Weston, who has been seriously ill for some time, is now much improved. Mr. Weston expects to return to Lawton, Sunday, to resume the care of Mr. Fuller.

HAD HEART TROUBLE.

Fred Dibble had a serious attack of heart trouble while at work in his barber shop last Saturday. He was unconscious for several minutes, but resumed work later in the day.

FAVORS GOOD PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS. JASON WOODMAN MAKES REPLY

At the republican caucus held at the opera house on Saturday, March 26, the following resolutions were offered by Hon. Jason Woodman, and passed without opposition.

"We the republicans of Paw Paw township, in view of the recent furor about high prices, desire to call attention to the fact that the county is enjoying the greatest prosperity known in its history. Labor is fully employed at the highest rate of wages ever received, debts are being paid, improvements are being made on every hand and property is increasing in value.

"Realizing fully that the present good prices for products are essential to profitable industries and highly paid labor:

"Be it resolved that we are opposed to all legislation and all policies having for its purpose the lessening of the profits of industry and the rate of wages.

"We are opposed to further tinkering with the tariff and pledge ourselves to support only those public men who stand for good prices, good wages and the reservation of American markets for the products of American mines, factories and farms."

The Courier in its last issue, in referring to the above resolutions, stated that it did not believe the resolutions were generally endorsed by the republicans of Paw Paw.

Following is Mr. Woodman's reply to the Courier.

The Courier says, in referring to the action taken by the last republican caucus: "We do not believe the above resolution is generally endorsed by the republicans of Paw Paw."

I drew the resolution at the suggestion of some republican farmers who, like myself, have grown tired of the howl raised by certain city papers and magazines, because the conditions are such that a farmer can make a decent living. The resolution declares in favor of "Good prices for farm products."

Is there a republican in Paw Paw township who desires conditions which will compel the farmer to employ less labor, pay lower wages, and spend less money for groceries, hardware, harness, buggies, implements, dry goods and other supplies needed on the farm?

The freeze of last Saturday was a disaster to every man in this community. Why? Because it very materially reduced the farmer's income. Certain people, including certain politicians, are seeking to do that by legislative enactment. Cheap food means an impoverished agriculture, it also means a lessened prosperity for every man in every smaller town and country community, be he merchant or artisan. Is there a Paw Paw republican in favor of this? If so, let him speak. I ask the editor of the Courier, are not your sympathies heartily with us in this matter? The resolution further says that we are in favor of "good wages." Why? To say that wages are high is to say that labor is fully employed.

The well-paid laborer is one of the farmer's best customers. He is a potent factor in the farmer's prosperity. Does any republican wish to see wages go down? If so, let us hear from him.

As to "tinkering" with the tariff—On the tariff question there is an honest difference of opinion between the republican and the democrat.

The republican party stands to day and has always stood for the protective principal in tariff legislation. It will do so in the future. The "insurgent republicans" so called, are allied with the democrats in opposition. I do not question their honesty and sincerity, but it seems to me that they belong and sooner or later will land in the democratic party. I think the Courier will agree with me in this opinion.

In drawing this resolution I did not have in mind the approaching senatorial contest, for it is safe to say that Senator Burrows and Mr. Townsend both will stand squarely on the republican principle of protection, and neither will advocate any policy that by lessening the farmer's income will cripple Michigan Agriculture.

I did have in mind, however, and I greatly desired to call the attention of others to the fact, that periodicals and politicians shouting for "cheap food" are striking at us, and through us at every country laborer, merchant and mechanic.

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MRS. FULLER CELEBRATES

Mother of Mrs. A. U. Craven Had Birthday Party Last Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Fuller, mother of Mrs. A. U. Craven, celebrated her 87th birthday Tuesday. She is the youngest and the only one left of her father's family. A number of the W. R. C. ladies went out to help celebrate and make a day of good cheer for the aged lady, who joined in with the joys of the day.

A sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Craven, after which recitations were given, and all declared they had a fine time, as they always do at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craven.

FRANK LONGDUFF ARRAIGNED

Charged With Cruelty to animals Before Justice Killefer Last Saturday.

Frank Longduff was brought before Justice Killefer last Saturday on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Frank has been driving an old horse which was too lame for work for some time and finally a complaint was made. He was discharged on the payment of costs of \$3.45.

ALL IS NOW PEACEFUL.

About three miles west of Paw Paw a cloud of infelicity settled over a small household. Cause, a boarder. The husband objected to the billing and cooing, asserted himself as man of the house, and ordered the boarder to leave. The boarder sentenced the husband to the tropical regions and quietly sat down and enjoyed his breakfast. The wife acquiesced in the sentence. The husband consulted a justice, the prosecutor and his deputy, the sheriff and his deputies and also received some gratuitous advice from outsiders. The boarder left and the dove now hovers where the cloud was. Amen.

LAST SOCIAL SESSION.

The last social session of the year for the Maple City club was held at the club rooms last evening. Supper was served at 6:30, and cards and dancing held the attention of the members until a late hour. Many of the old time dances that our fathers and mothers used to enjoy were the features of the evening. It was a very fitting climax to a series of very successful and enjoyable social sessions.

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PAW PAW VS. KAZOO NORMAL

Base Ball Game to be Played on Home Grounds Saturday Afternoon.

The western state normal school base ball team will be in Paw Paw to-morrow afternoon to play the high school team the second game of the season on the home grounds. The high school has a strong team and the boys are confident of winning. Every base ball fan in Paw Paw should turn out and help to carry the home team to victory. The normal school has its usual team of good players and a good game is assured. Game called at 3:30.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT LAWTON

Alfred Toner of Dowagiac Found About One Mile East of Lawton, Tuesday.

Alfred Toner, an employee of the Round Oak stove works at Dowagiac, was picked up on the Michigan Central railroad tracks about one mile east of Lawton by a west bound passenger train last Tuesday. He had evidently been struck by train No. 14, east bound, a few minutes before. Both legs and one arm were cut off and badly mangled. The injured man was taken to Lawton, where he died about an hour later. The Paw Paw officers were in Lawton, Wednesday, but an inquisition was found to be unnecessary.

Toner's cousin of Dowagiac was in Lawton, Wednesday, to take charge of the body. He also has an uncle living in Dowagiac. His parents, who left Dowagiac about a year ago and are now living in Canada, were notified by telegraph.

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VILLAGE EXCITED BY SUICIDE

Violent Death Occurred Tuesday Night and Caused Great Consternation.

Last Wednesday morning the village of Paw Paw was greatly excited when it was learned that a suicide by hanging had occurred during the night. A violent death of this kind so seldom happens in quiet, peaceful Paw Paw that the news, which got abroad early in the morning, caused great consternation among the residents and inquiries were heard upon all sides regarding the affair.

Whether the act was caused by despondency or an unbalanced mind has not been ascertained, as the deceased left no note or word of explanation and had apparently been in the best of spirits the day before.

The act was committed in the barn of W. H. Le Sueur and was discovered by Mr. Le Sueur, when upon entering the barn, he found the body of his horse hanging to the manger by the halter rope, which had become twisted around the horse's neck and strangled him.

RECEIVED R. A. DEGREE.

Last Friday evening Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. conferred the Royal Arch Degree on Sheldon Coleman of Lawton, Albert Mosier of Mattawan, and Merl H. Young of Paw Paw. Visiting companions were present from Bloomington, Gobleville, Lawton, Mattawan and Lawrence. At the conclusion of the work a splendid supper was served at the hotel Clifton.

HE IS NOW REPENTANT.

Sam Kinney, a Paw Paw barber, upon returning from a trip to Kalamazoo, Wednesday night, was gathered in by the sheriff's force. Thursday morning he was brought before Justice Killefer on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He received a sentence of \$5 and costs or 10 days in jail. He took the jail.

RETURNED FROM CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young returned Monday night from an extended trip to California. They left Paw Paw in February and have spent nearly all the time in Los Angeles. On the return trip they stopped at San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. They report a delightful journey.

FAMOUS CAMP MEETING.

Dates have been fixed for the famous Crystal Springs camp meeting. It will be held at Crystal Springs, Pokagon, Mich. from August 11 to 21 inclusive. This will be the semi-centennial meeting, and will without doubt be one of the greatest camp meetings ever held by the Methodist Episcopal church.

ATTENDED STATE MEETINGS.

Commissioner of Schools V. R. Hungerford, attended a meeting of the state reading circle board, of which he is a member, at Lansing last week. He also attended a meeting of the state school superintendents and school officers.

NEW ROAD LAID OUT.

The highway commissioner has laid a road on Mr. Gleason's land, from the Clapp cemetery to the grove on the west shore of Maple lake, owned by Flook and McEachron, thence along the lake to the dam. The lands will be platted and summer resort lots put on sale at once. People wanting cottage sites can get busy.

SALISBURY-BRUNER.

George L. Bruner and Mrs. Mary L. Salisbury were quietly married at the home of the groom last Tuesday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. L. Owen. Both parties are old residents of Paw Paw and The True Northerner joins their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

BOOSTER'S CLUB LUNCHEON.

All members of the Booster's club are asked to attend the luncheon, Tuesday, May 3. After the routine business, addresses will be made by a number of our best after dinner speakers. Let all turn out.

G. A. R. REJOICING.

The members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. are rejoicing over the installation of a piano in their hall. The piano is a present from Mrs. J. M. Longwell.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held Late Session Monday Evening. Many Matters of Importance.

CLAIMS PASTURE IS RUINED

F. C. Butler Asks \$300.00 Damages. Discussion Relative to Fire Alarm. Will Improve Island.

Many matters of importance were disposed of at the meeting of the village council last Monday evening and the hour was late when an adjournment was taken.

The proposition of a better system of fire alarm for the village was the first to be taken up. During the past year many experiments have been made on different systems to replace the old alarm, which has become practically useless. Some thought the plan of using the bell on the Church of Christ was a feasible one and a proposition was submitted by the trustees of the church to permit the village to attach an electric apparatus to the bell. The proposition was not accepted, however, and the question is still under discussion.

Permission was granted G. W. Longwell, jr., to dig a sewer trench across the road in front of his residence.

The official bonds of Lewis Salisbury as marshal and H. C. Waters & Co. as licensed plumbers were received and accepted.

The claim of \$300 of F. C. Butler for alleged damages to a 12 acre pasture lot by reason of water filtering through the dikes at the new dam was referred to the electric light committee.

On motion it was voted that the village quit claim to Van Buren county all title and interest in the Elizabeth Coon estate on payment of \$14.41 and interest. This estate was bid in by H. L. McNeil as trustee for the village for the taxes of 1907 and 1908 and was deeded by Mrs. Coons to Van Buren county just prior to her death.

A petition was signed by 22 residents on North Kalamazoo street declaring the sheds, which extend west from the Dyckman house livery barn to the sidewalk, to be unsightly and a public nuisance and praying that the same be moved back twenty feet from the walk, was presented and referred to the committee on streets.

The petition of A. W. Showerman, B. F. Warner and W. J. Warner, asking permission to terrace the street in front of their residences on Kalamazoo street was also referred to the street committee. The new plat of E. B. Longwell's addition to the village of Paw Paw was referred to the same committee.

George L. Bruner presented several propositions to furnish gravel for the village streets, and on motion the matter was left with the committee on streets and the village marshal to close a contract for the proper gravelling of Main street.

W. J. Thomas requested that the board take some action in regard to the removal of the stumps on Maple Island and from the water surrounding the same. Also the matter of setting out a suitable variety and number of shade trees on the island. A ye and nay vote was referred to the street committee with full power to act.

The grading and terracing of West Main street was discussed, but action on the same was deferred until a later meeting.

The usual budget of claims were allowed.

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