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PREPARATIONS FOR LAND SHOW

Local Committee Appointed to Have Charge of Collecting Exhibits.

FRUIT TO BE BIG FEATURE

Choice Fruits Now Being Preserved in Special Jars. Show will Spread Name of Famous Fruit Belt.

If the activity of those interested in Paw Paw is any criterion, the counties of Allegan, Berrien and Van Buren will make a magnificent showing at the land show in Chicago this fall.

W. C. Wildey, member of the executive committee, has appointed the various committees and all along the line people are taking an unusual interest in the arrangements for the show. The success of the last year and the fact that some of the northern counties of the state have been reaping immense benefits from the advertising received at that time, has stimulated local parties to make a great effort this year.

Mr. Wildey has appointed the following committees who will have charge of the collections as follows: Grasses, B. F. Warner; vegetables, Harry Lurkins; Grains, Harry Wilson; Dairy Products, R. E. Allen; Fruits, W. C. Wildey.

It is expected that those who can will prepare exhibits along the lines above indicated and bring or send to the committee having the matter in charge. Of course the show will not be held until next fall, but it is necessary to prepare the individual exhibits in season, and preserve until that time. There should be a splendid showing of fruits especially. Of course nearly every one who has something nice in the fruit line will be willing to donate the same, but to those who cannot afford to do this, it will be purchased the same as for any other purpose. Mr. Wildey will attend to the preserving of fruits, if the same is brought to him in good condition. He has special jars prepared for that purpose. Take your choice fruits of the different varieties to Mr. Wildey, to assist in making an exhibit that will do credit to the county.

No one should neglect this opportunity to assist in spreading the name and fame of this locality. In order to do this it is necessary that the various exhibits are prepared in season.

GETTING READY FOR BIG FIGHT

Upper Peninsula to Send Best Men to Legislature. Expect Mining Taxation will be the Big Question.

According to the talk which is drifting among Lansing politicians, the Upper Peninsula will make unusual efforts this year in selecting the men who are to represent it in the legislature of Michigan.

The Upper Peninsula feels certain that the mining tax question is going to be one of the big issues of the next session, and for that reason it is said to be preparing to weed out all the men who are not fitted to stand the hardest kind of a fight, and fight the battle of Northern Michigan to the last ditch.

No matter what candidate is elected governor, it is very probable that the matter of a revival of the mining taxation will be the big topic considered this winter. Kelley has promised to take it up, Osborn has declared for a state-wide re-appraisal, Musselman's position indicates that he favors the same stand as the one taken by Mr. Kelley.

At any rate the state grange has enough influence to introduce the matter, and they will undoubtedly do so. Therefore, the Upper Peninsula is said to be paying particular attention to the personnel of its representatives this year, and the next session of the house and senate may find the flower of Northern Michigan citizenship occupying seats in the capitol at Lansing.

HON. CHAS. E. TOWNSEND TO TOUR VAN BUREN COUNTY

Congressman Chas. E. Townsend, candidate for United States senator for Michigan, is making an automobile tour of the state. His itinerary as scheduled brings him to Van Buren county next Friday, July 15. The places he will visit and the hour of each is announced as follows:

Hartford, 8:45 a. m.; Lawrence, 9:45 a. m.; Decatur, 11:00 a. m.; Lawton, 12:15 p. m.; Paw Paw, 2 to 3 p. m.; Gobleville, 3:45 p. m.; Bloomingdale, 4:15 p. m.; Breedsville, 5:00 p. m.; Bangor, 5:35 p. m. Evening meeting at South Haven at 8 o'clock.

FOURTH IN PAW PAW WAS SAFE AND SANE

Some Fireworks but no Damage Done. Many Here from Away to Enjoy the Day on Maple Lake.

As was anticipated, the Fourth of July passed quietly in Paw Paw. Several attended the celebrations in nearby towns, many went to the lakes to enjoy the day, but the larger percentage of Paw Paw's population remained at home, spending the day in a sane and quiet manner. There were many visitors in town during the day, several parties from Kalamazoo and other cities coming to spend the day on the banks of Maple lake, while others from away took advantage of the holiday to spend the day here with relatives and friends. The launches on the lake were all taxed to their capacity all day in carrying parties to various points on the lake, and also those who desired to take a pleasure ride around the large and beautiful sheet of water.

Firecrackers and other explosives were in evidence during the day, but to no such extent as has marked the day in years gone by. People are beginning to look upon fireworks and crackers, etc., as dangerous and meaningless accessories to the enjoyment and proper observance of Independent day. No fatalities occurred in Paw Paw, and so far as known none have been reported in the county.

MORTALITY AND BIRTH RECORD

Shows Large Increase in Population of Michigan During the Month of May. Stark Busy.

There were 3,105 deaths reported in the Department of State as having occurred during the month of May. This number corresponds to an annual death rate of 13.9 per 1,000 estimated population. The number noted is exclusive of 204 stillbirths returned as deaths. As compared with the month immediately preceding, a decrease of 323 is noted, while an increase of 28 is noted over the corresponding month of 1909.

By ages there were 503 infants under one year of age; 213 deaths of children aged 1 to 4 years, both inclusive; and 918 deaths of elderly persons aged 65 years and over.

Important causes of deaths were as follows: Pulmonary tuberculosis, 200; other forms of tuberculosis, 41; typhoid fever, 28; diphtheria and croup, 28; scarlet fever, 37; measles, 56; whooping cough, 45; pneumonia and bronchopneumonia, 213; diarrhoea and enteritis, under 2 years of age, 51; meningitis, 25; influenza, 38; cancer, 147; violence, 164.

There were 4,962 birth returned to the Department as having occurred during the month of May. This corresponds to an annual birth rate of 22.0 per 1,000 estimated population. The number noted exceeds that reported for April by 379.

The number of births in Van Buren during the month was 40 and the number of deaths 35. This shows a healthy increase in the population of the county for the month.

BORN UNDER A LUCKY STAR

Miss Ione Reynolds Barely Escaped Being in Wreck of 20th Century Limited at Middletown, Ohio.

It is said that some people are "born under a lucky star." Whether there is any truth in the saying or not, Miss Ione Reynolds certainly has reasons for believing in it.

Last week she made a trip to Middletown, Ohio. She was somewhat undecided as to what train to take on her return. Whether it was best to take the early afternoon train or wait for the later one was the question. She finally decided to take the early one. A few hours later she learned that the later train, which she had contemplated taking, had been wrecked, 21 lives being lost and a score or more injured.

It was the Twentieth Century Limited, and it crashed into a freight with frightful results. Had Miss Reynolds decided to wait for the later train, she would have been in the wreck. Surely she has good reasons for believing that the star under which she was born was a lucky one.

HOTTEST IN YEARS.

Last week saw the hottest weather experienced in Paw Paw for many years. In some places the thermometer stood 100 in the shade for several days in succession. It is some cooler this week but a rain is needed badly.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST.

Miss Frances Raum, daughter of the late Green B. Raum, who has served his country in the senate, in the president's cabinet and various other positions, spent the Fourth with her friend, Mrs. L. F. Wheeler.



ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, United States Senator from Wisconsin.

PAW PAW WINS TWO MORE GAMES

Defeat Bangor 7 to 1 Last Friday. Took the Third from Hartford on the Fourth, 8 to 4.

Paw Paw has added two more games to its string of victories during the past week. On Friday last the strong Bangor team came, and were defeated by the decisive score of 7 to 1. Again on the Fourth Hartford was a victim for the third time this season. Score 8 to 4.

Bangor played a good consistent game, but Mather was in the box for Paw Paw, and Bangor was helpless in the pinches, while Paw Paw hit when his meant runs. Mather pitched one of the best games of his career, and demonstrated that he is one of the best little pitchers in the country when his arm is in condition.

Decker who has not been in the game for two years on account of an injury received in the hurdle races at Dowagiac, played first. While he did not show his old time form at the bat, he played the position in good style, and will be a valuable addition to the team when he gets his eye on the ball.

The team played a splendid game, which should have been witnessed by a much larger crowd. Paw Paw people are slow in waking up to the fact that we again have a base ball team that merits patronage.

NOTES OF THE GAME.
De Haven umpired for Bangor. His eyesight is very poor, but the mistakes were not costly.

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KALAMAZOO BALL PLAYER HURT

Kalamazoo Man Hit in Head by Batted Ball at Decatur. Injuries Reported to be Serious.

Decatur was one of the nearby towns to celebrate the glorious Fourth. Among the afternoon attractions was a game of base ball between the Decatur and some Kalamazoo team. It was a good game, but came near having a fatal ending. One of the Kalamazoo players was struck in the head by a swift batted ball, and it was thought at the time that his skull was fractured. He was taken to his home in Kalamazoo, and is reported to be in a critical condition. The game terminated in favor of the visitors by the score of 9 to 7.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR

Governor, Merlin E. Valleau, Announces Dates for Next Saturday and Sunday.

Merlin E. Valleau, Independent Socialist candidate for governor, announces the following dates for addresses next Saturday and Sunday, July 9, and 10. Saturday, evening at Gobleville. Sunday at Pugsley's Lake 10:30 A. M.; Three Mile Lake 2:30 P. M.; Glendale in the evening.

The public are cordially invited to attend any or all of these meetings.

SHUMWAY WOULD MAKE A CHANGE

In Selection of Local Health Officers. Thinks They Should be Appointed by State Board.

"If it can possibly be done, I mean to interest myself in seeing that the legislature places the power of appointing local health officers in the hands of the state board." So says Dr. F. W. Shumway, secretary of the state board of health, and it is evident that the doctor is very much in earnest in his remarks.

"Politics play a part in the appointment of health officers in the various cities of the state without exception," said the physician, "and the result is that the services rendered is by no means what it might be."

"If I can do so, I mean to make it a part of my work to see that, sooner or later, this is taken out of the hands of politicians. The state board of health should have the power to appoint health officers, just as other state boards have the power to appoint their deputies. Then local politics would cut no figure in the choice. It would be the merit, not his record as a party worker, and the result would be that our cities would be under more careful supervision and, as a natural consequence, the death rate would be lower."

If the opportunity presents itself the doctor will probably take up the matter at the next session of the legislature, and that if he can secure any favorable backing at all a big effort will be made to incorporate the plan into a measure which can be passed in order to give the board control before another spring election is held and the annual appointment of health officers is made again.

OLD "WEST OF TOWN CROWD"

Following the Usual Custom Met at Thayer's Lakeside on July 4th. Consistent Feeders Present.

The old "west of town crowd" who have for years made it a practice to picnic on the Fourth, met, as usual, at Thayer's Lakeside grounds and ate, drank and were merry. The fact that Jeffries and Johnson were battling for a world's championship at Reno, Nevada, cut no figure with the gastronomic feats of such cheerful and consistent feeders as Milt Coy, Ed. Wildey and Wint Reynolds.

After dinner, while politics was tabooed, the old feeling of comradeship that has always existed in that bunch was renewed, old stories were retold and some new ones sprung. The ladies talked—just talked—and all were happy. May many more Fourth's pass before the ranks are thinned.

NEWS LEAKED OUT.

News comes of the marriage of H. W. Carpenter, Jr., of Gobleville to Miss Nina Stevens. It seems that the young couple were wedded last December in Detroit, and the fact has just leaked out. The young people have many friends here who will extend congratulations. They will reside on a farm near Gobleville.

"TRIPLE HAIR CUT" THE LATEST STYLE

Fred Dibble the Originator and is a Living Example of the New Style. "Deacon" Salisbury the Artist.

Fred Dibble is doing his best to start a new style in hair cutting at the Dibble & Salisbury tonsorial parlors. The style is original with Fred and he starts out with having the ordeal inflicted upon himself first. The cut is not a difficult one to execute and is done by simply clipping the head then shaving the top so that it resembles the top side of a billiard ball. "Deacon" Salisbury was the artist and the first job, in the language of the street, was a "peach." Fred is in hopes that the new style, which has been named the "Triple Hair Cut," will become popular in Paw Paw, but he certainly cannot see himself as others see him or he would not be guilty of entertaining such thoughts.

What happened when Fred went home with that hair cut would make interesting reading. Out of friendship for the parties, however, The True Northerner refrains from giving particulars. Up to this writing we have heard of no one brave enough to have the "triple hair cut" inflicted upon him, and it is rumored that Fred has made a solemn promise, to at least one person, that never again for him.

WILL INSPECT STATE DAIRIES

State Food Department Takes Steps to Insure Pure Milk During the Months of July and August.

If you are a milk man, and a youth with turned-up trousers, pompadour hair, a nifty felt hat and a mouth that's been twisted out of shape yelling "Rah! Rah!" stops you on the street and demands samples of the lactical fluid in your cans, don't whip up the horse and run over him, for he represents the state dairy and food department, and he is backed by the machinery of the commonwealth of Michigan from the attorney general down to the national guard.

The state food department has decided that it must make a desperate effort this year if it wishes to cope in any way with the fearful death rate among infants during the months of July and August. It has therefore selected sixteen of the most advanced students from the Michigan Agricultural college, stationed them in various cities throughout the state where the milk needs the most attention, and arming them with the proper equipment has instructed them to take samples daily, analyze it and determine whether it is fit for the little ones to drink or not. Where milk shows below grade, the students will follow up their investigations by visiting the dairy of the owner and will make suggestions concerning the proper care of the stock and the regulation of the dairy itself.

It is believed that the experiment will be a complete success. The students have had actual experience in the work of caring for stock, in testing milk, and in following out the cause for the presence of impurities. Their term of service lasts two months.

IDLE HOUR CHANGED HANDS.

Popular Amusement Palace Sold to Dowagiac Parties. Has Prospered Under Thayer's Management.

The Idle Hour theater has been sold to L. W. Peck and son of Dowagiac, who took possession last Tuesday. The transfer also includes the theater at Decatur, which Mr. Thayer has been running for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Thayer, who have conducted the business during the past year, desire to thank the people of Paw Paw and vicinity for the cordial treatment and liberal patronage accorded them, and bespeak for the new management a continuation of the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer have made many friends during their stay in Paw Paw. Their plans for the future are not as yet known, but it is to be hoped that they may decide to remain in our midst.

GOOD JOB ON THE STREETS

Main Street Graveled and Graded; Side Streets Also Receive Attention. Now in Fine Condition.

The village of Paw Paw, under the supervision of Village Marshal Lewis Salisbury, has just completed one of the best jobs ever done on the streets of Paw Paw. Main street was in a horrible condition, but gravel has been placed where it was needed, all the large stones raked off and the street graded. When it gets packed down the street will be as level as a floor. Several of the side streets have also been graveled and put in first class condition.

GETTING READY FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Tickets Are Here and Early Demand Indicates Large Attendance.

SPLENDID PROGRAM OFFERED

There Will Not Be a Poor Number on Entire Course of 18 Numbers. Location Ideal.

Only a short time now until the chautauqua will open. The tickets arrived this week and have been distributed by Local manager Henry Shaefer. A large number of season tickets have already been sold, and the early demand would indicate that more tickets will be sold this year than last. The change in date from July to August has met with popular approval. The date is from August 20 to 28, inclusive, and the country patrons will find it much more convenient to attend at that time.

The program, as previously announced, is the very best that can be obtained. Many high class and expensive attractions will be here. The programs have not arrived as yet, but are expected in a few days, when they will be distributed. One thing is certain and that is there will not be a poor number on the entire program. Of course there are some "stars" whose reputations will perhaps draw larger crowds than some of the lesser lights, but every number will be appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

As previously announced in the columns of The True Northerner, the chautauqua this year will be held on the same grounds as last year. No more attractive or appropriate place could be imagined than Thayer's Lakeside. The spot and surroundings are ideal. No matter how hot the day or how sultry the weather, the gentle breezes from Maple lake will make the place cool and enjoyable. Everything points to a successful chautauqua again this year, and it is expected that large crowds will plan to be present for every number on the program. There will be 18 numbers this year extending over two Sundays. The price of season tickets is the same as last year, \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

FIRE DESTROYS FINE BUNGALOW

\$5,000.00 Building Owned by Mr. Papina at Four Mile Lake Burned. Caught from Gasoline Stove.

The beautiful \$5,000.00 bungalow on the east shore of Four Mile lake, owned by Mr. Papina of Chicago, burned to the ground last Friday.

The building was only recently completed, and the family had just moved in for the summer. In some manner the gasoline stove caught fire, and the flames, spreading rapidly, soon ate up the building. Several parties were there at the time, and one man was trying to put out the blaze with sand, and might possibly have succeeded, but Mr. Papina being fearful lest he lose his new \$500 rugs, called all hands to assist in getting out the furniture.

The building was beautifully furnished with oriental rugs, rare bric-a-brac, hand-painted dishes and mahogany furniture. Nearly all of the furnishings were saved, but four valuable diamond rings belonging to Mr. Papina and his daughter were lost. A pet goose was also overlooked and lost its life in the ruins. The bungalow was insured for \$2,000 and the furniture for \$1,000. The building will not be replaced this season.

TAKES ANOTHER CONTRACT.

H. J. Dunbar has been doing an extensive business in his line of work in Mendon. He has just completed his seventh contract for heating plants and plumbing and has been awarded the contract or another big job.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT SOUTH HAVEN MONDAY

South Haven visitors on the Fourth were given a spectacular exhibition not scheduled on the program.

The Newcome and Johnson buildings on Center street caught fire and were reduced to ashes, together with nearly all of their contents. The fire department made a valiant fight against the spread of the flames, and are entitled to much credit. They kept the blaze, which threatened the entire city, from spreading beyond these buildings. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, and is only partially insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.