

THE HEN STORY.

Petoskey Biddy Finds Hailstone in Nest, Thinks It's an Egg and Gets Chasty.

The following story originated from Petoskey is going the rounds of the state papers. We always knew Petoskey had the reputation of being a great place for people infected with the "poultry bug," but this chicken story beats them all:

"That the hailstones which descended in Petoskey Sunday morning, September 6th, were large is known, but from the story told by Frank L. Ferguson, former Ohio newspaper man, who has a farm near Petoskey, extra large ones struck his place.

"Early that morning Mr. Ferguson dragged himself out of bed to investigate the damage done on the farm by the storm. He found several trees injured and a number of windows broken.

"As I was passing the hen coop," declared Ferguson, "I heard an unearthly cackling from within. Fearing some of the inmates had been struck by hail and were dying, I hurried in. There was an old biddy all fluffed out strutting about and singing a song of triumph.

"The hen hadn't laid an egg for the last four years and I didn't understand it. On investigation I discovered a hailstone had dropped through the roof of the hen coop and landed on a nest. Shortly after biddy climbed into the nest to get warm, but pretty quick she got cold and hopped off. Discovering the stone, the old hen came to the conclusion she had laid an egg, and she hasn't yet recovered from the shock.

"I could prove this," concluded Ferguson, "if the evidence hadn't melted."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

During the next four months the general theme for the church prayer meeting will be, "Byways of Bible Highways." The program in detail is as follows:

- Sept. 24.—"Christ and the Individual." John 1:40-51.
- Oct. 1.—"The Kindness of God's Delays." John 11:6.
- Oct. 8.—"The Look That Decides Character." II Cor. 4:18.
- Oct. 15.—"Quenched Fires." II Chron. 29:7.
- Oct. 22.—"The Immutable Redeemer." Heb. 13:8.
- Oct. 29.—"Duty and Destiny." Gal. 6:7-8.
- Nov. 5.—"At the Five Gates." Prov. 22:2.
- Nov. 12.—"The Negatives of Heaven." Rev. 21:1, 4, 22, 25, 27.
- Nov. 19.—"The Blossoming Rod." Num. 17:8.
- Nov. 26.—"The American's Vineyard." Isaiah 5:4.
- Dec. 3.—"Gathering Sticks." Acts 28:3-6.
- Dec. 10.—"The Story of a Slave." Philemon 10.
- Dec. 17.—"The Tops of the Mulberry Trees." II Sam. 5:24.
- Dec. 24.—"Christ the Center." Matt. 18:20.
- Dec. 31.—"The Tale of Our Years." Psalm 90:9.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Al Mann returned Saturday from a week's business trip in the southern part of the county.

Carl Washburn was in Muskegon on business last week and the fore part of this week.

Mrs. H. F. Allman returned Saturday from a three weeks' visit in Bay City with her parents.

The Guild ladies gave a "Brunswick Stew" at the Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Al Mann is spending the week in Emerson as the guest of her sons, Lloyd, Virgil and Lou Mann.

Josh Fuller and son, Floyd, of Clare were Alma visitors Wednesday en route to Grand Rapids to attend the races.

Mrs. W. A. Brunner is spending the week in Big Rapids, Howard City and Morely. She will be joined Sunday by Mr. Brunner.

Mr. Herbert Montague was in Chicago this week to assist in the national initiatory services of the 3rd degree of masonry.

There will be a reception at the M. E. church Tuesday evening in compliment to the pastor, Mr. Brownlow and wife. All are invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to those who so kindly assisted us in our bereavement: to Rev. Priest for his words of comfort, to the choir for their beautiful selections, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. J. N. Day and Children.

FERRIS CENTER

Archie Kelly is ill with typhoid fever. S. Bollinger has purchased a new buggy.

Miss Dora Perkins of McBride was a visitor at church Sunday.

Miss Mina Kiel of Greenville visited at Grant Beach's last week.

D. Seifried is having his new house veneered with cobble stones.

E. J. Swarthout and family spent Sunday with his father in Crystal.

Mrs. Rattie Steiner of Pacific Grove-Cal. is visiting her brother J. P. Throop.

Al Lavoy of Elm Hall is doing the mason work on the vault which is being built in the cemetery.

LaForest and Edward Davenport with their wives, of Grand Rapids, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Warren Davenport.

ITHACA NEWS ITEMS

Circuit Court convenes at the Gratiot County Court House, October 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Butler are the parents of a baby daughter, born on Sunday last.

Ben Converse and wife of Shepherd spent Friday and Saturday at Ithaca with relatives.

Mrs. E. J. Alverson returned Saturday from a trip to Denver and other western points.

Bert McCarty and wife of Alma spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Barstow.

Mrs. Minnie Leamon of Mt. Pleasant spent the week-end with Mrs. Wm. McFadden at Ithaca.

Clarence Hall and wife motored to Bowling Green, Ohio, last week, and spent the week with relatives.

Perry Chaffin and wife of Washington visited a few days last week with his brother, Homer Chaffin, of Ithaca.

The members of the Crescent Rebekah club drove to Sicksles last Friday morning and spent the day with Mrs. K. P. Peet.

Rev. Worthington, who spent the past fortnight with his sister, Mrs. A. E. Pinney, has returned to his home in Council Bluffs.

Mrs. Emma Rose and son Earl of Albion, who accompanied the remains of Alonzo Rose to Hillsdale last week, returned Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Richard and children of Alma, Ruth and Irene, spent the week-end with George Richard and family at Ithaca.

Byron Reeves of Lafayette township, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is much improved. Dr. Pankhurst of North Star is attending him.

Mrs. I. S. Seaver and daughters, Mattie and Merle, visited at the home of Mrs. Warren Stahl Sunday. Miss Merle is teaching this year at Chesaning.

Mrs. Wilbur Ennis, who was operated upon Sunday by Drs. Hall, Monfort and Dean, for appendicitis, is recovering nicely. Nurse Marie O'Connor is attending her.

Mrs. O. F. Jackson of Grand Rapids will spend the winter at Ithaca with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Watson. Miss Hazel Jackson will spend several months in California.

Mrs. D. Ridenour has returned from a visit at Shepherd and Alma with relatives. Her sister, Mrs. Mary A. Rood of St. Louis was taken to Alma last week for treatment at Brainerd hospital.

Lynn Virgil Wannacott, son of George and Gertie (Crosby) Wannacott, was born in Emerson, September 13, 1903, and died September 15, 1914, aged 11 years and 2 days, leaving his parents, one brother, Otis, aged 19, one sister, Velta, aged 16, and grandparents on the paternal side.

Five weeks ago, while throwing hay from the mow to the horses, he fell through the hole in the floor, striking his body across the low partition dividing the horse-stalls, injuring his hip and tearing his kidney. Drs. Wheeler and Pettit did all possible to relieve his sufferings, but hemorrhage caused his death. The family had only just removed from Arcada township to St. Louis. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Meise at the P. M. church in St. Louis Friday last, and interment was made in Ithaca cemetery.

Friday morning last, while Attorney Newell Smith of St. Louis, and his chauffeur, Percy Frick, were driving through Center street at Ithaca, en route to the court house, they inadvertently ran over a puppy playing in the street, which belonged to H. B. Parrish. The latter became very angry, and followed Mr. Smith and Mr. Frick to the court house, where he expressed his opinion in somewhat forceful language, taking hold of the younger man in a threatening manner. He later had Mr. Smith arrested for cruelty to animals and Justice Salter before whom the case was taken, con-

tinued it until October 5th.

The following day, Mr. Smith swore out a warrant, charging Mr. Parrish with assault and battery, and with using indecent language. This case was taken to St. Louis, the justice there continuing the case until October 7th.

Marriage Licenses—Edward Easlick, 38, Alma, and Mrs. Marie Smith, 35, Alma; Earl Sheldon, 20, Lafayette, and Ada LaRue, 22, Lafayette; Leon J. Wright, Alma, 29, and Lena Eichelberge, 21, Alma.

The concert given Wednesday evening last, at the M. E. church at Ithaca, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid, by Mrs. Rhea Seaver Lounsbury, Miss Claudia Purnell and Miss Sadie Messenger of Alma, was one of the finest ever given at Ithaca. Mrs. Lounsbury's voice is of surprising range, and wonderful quality and power. She has spent the past two years in Paris, studying under able masters. Miss Messenger is well known and her playing universally liked. Claudia Purnell is a youthful elocutionist of exceptional ability. The church was crowded to overflowing and enjoyed the treat with keen appreciation.

Forest Hill News

Bert Failing has sold his city property.

Mrs. Ellis is visiting her niece in Saginaw for a week.

"Move" seems to be the forward in Forest Hill these days.

Otis Capen and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teagarden, of Coe, spent Sunday with Roy Vandermark.

Gladys Failing left Thursday last for Marquette, where she will attend Normal School.

The Vandermark farm is sold to a Mr. Gwenn, of Illinois. He takes possession in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moody returned Tuesday last from Detroit where they attended the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kolhoff are happy at the arrival of a pair of twins—a boy and a girl.

Imer Post and family motored to St. John's, where they meet Otis Post and family and enjoyed the day.

Fred Creeches motored to Mt. Pleasant last Sunday, where they visited Clarence Langton and wife.

Our young people who attend Alma High School were rather late in getting home from Friday night's festivities.

Quite a number from here expect to visit the Sunday School Convention at Breckenridge Thursday and Friday.

Amy Towersey spent Sunday with her parents.

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On Thursday night, Oct. 8, E. H. Weese, donates to the Fair the proceeds for admission to the Alma Vaudette, and a special Masonic benefit entertainment, assisted by Leroy Geneste, will be put on. Tickets are now being sold in advance, and the admission is 25 cents.

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CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY

By A. W. MACY.

HOW A COWARD REDEEMED HIMSELF.

Charles Callender was captain of an artillery company at the battle of Bunker Hill. There was some criticism of his deportment during the battle, and he was cashiered for alleged cowardice and disobedience. He was dismissed "from all further service in the Continental army as an officer." But he could not have been very cowardly at heart, for he determined to wipe out the stain on his record. He remained in the army as a private, faithfully performed his duties as a common soldier, and watched for his opportunity. It came at the battle of Long Island. The captain and lieutenant of his company were killed. He assumed command and fought his guns with great bravery to the last. He was about to be bayoneted by a British soldier when an English officer, admiring his courage, intervened and saved his life. He was taken captive and remained a prisoner in the hands of the British for more than a year. After his escape and return, Washington ordered his former record expunged and restored him to his command. At the close of the war he was mustered out of service "with the highest honor and reputation."

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