

NEAR FATALITIES IN CAR SMASHUP

Power Hand-Car on P. M.
Carrying 10 Men, Jumps
Track at Crossing.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Stones on Rail Thought to Be Cause
of Bad Accident Wednesday Morning.

At least four men were seriously injured, one of whom is near death, and four more were badly cut up when the Pere Marquette gasoline section car left the track just after passing the Superior street crossing, Wednesday morning at seven o'clock, and threw its ten occupants helter skelter along the track. Ora Keep is the man for whom the chances of living are slight. In the smashup he was thrown on his head. From his right eye, back ten inches, the skin was torn off, even to his cheek. He will be indeed fortunate if he survives the accident. Henry Cathbuth, suffered a badly lacerated right leg. The muscle in front of the shin bone was cut two transversely and will require from six to eight weeks for healing. The long muscle on his leg was also badly lacerated.

Railroad men suspect foul play. Though the theory that the hanging bell was hit by a timber in the crossing and got caught in the machinery motor is advanced by a few, this is given small credence. It is openly asserted that some person or persons placed stones on the rail purposely to cause the accident. This would seem logical, for the car had passed over that spot just a few minutes before with no trouble. Just a few days before, stones had been removed from the rails near that place. Whether the person or persons wished to derail the steam train or gasoline car is uncertain.

Jesse Phillips suffered a badly fractured right leg. The bone was broken in two places just above the ankle. Lewis Fletcher sustained a lacerated and strained shoulder which will keep him from work for some time.

Keep and Cathbuth were rushed to Brainerd Hospital and there were taken care of, and Phillips was taken to Dr. Gardner's office. All of the ten men were shaken up more or less and that not more were seriously injured was merely providential. This is the first serious accident which has occurred with the gasoline car, in Alma, though it has been in use for some time.

It so happened that just about the time the men were rushed to the hospital, following the car accident, Stanley Knudsen, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Knudsen, who lives one mile north of Alma, was being operated on for an attack of gangrenous appendicitis. The attack was sudden and only quick work saved the lad's life. Until a late hour Wednesday evening he was suffering from a very high fever, but this morning this had abated, some and the lad is now on the way to quick recovery.

J. W. BLAKELY ON THE RAMPAGE AGAIN

J. W. Blakely will leave next Tuesday morning for California, with a party of agents of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, for a two months visit in that state and at points of interest in the west. The party will go in a special car with the company paying all the expenses. 'Blake' wrote the highest per centage for the quota assigned him, of any agent in this state and was awarded this splendid prize.

Each agent was assigned a certain quota of business to be done. In four months Mr. Blakely wrote \$94,000.00 worth of insurance. Hence, the junket. This is a fitting reward for his salesmanship. Just a week ago he was elected vice president of the eastern association of this company, and showed, as well, the largest total of business done during the past year.

AUCTION SALE

Owing to small attendance the sale of last Saturday was postponed until Saturday July 31st, at 2 o'clock, on Wright House corner. At this time I will offer a quantity of house hold goods etc.

Mrs. E. A. Smith adv.

CAPLE STOCK FARM PURCHASES DAIRY BUSINESS

Complete Refrigeration System Installed

On Monday, Walter Caple, of the Caple Stock Farm, better known as the Doherty farm, four and one half miles south of the city, assumed charge of the Hubel Dairy service in this city, having purchased the same, and the supply will hereafter come from the celebrated herds maintained thereon since the purchase of the property by the present owners.

The patrons have had no complaints against the service supplied by Mr. Hubel, who has faithfully endeavored to furnish pure milk, and prompt delivery.

By reason of increased and more modern facilities Mr. Caple will be able to give even better service, having already installed a refrigeration system, wherein the milk is delivered at the home direct from the ice chests.

The herd from which the supply will come is from the best grade of thoroughbreds and from which Caples have built up an extensive trade throughout the country.

The new manager will give the service his personal attention, thus assuring the patrons satisfaction.—Clare Sentinel.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The next regular teachers' examination will be held at the high school room, Ithaca, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12-14, 1915, beginning at 8:00 a.m. standard time. Certificates of all grades will be granted from this examination. The questions in reading will be based on "The American Scholar" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Howard Potter,
1898-2wk Commissioner of Schools

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Geo. H. and wife and Nellie M. and Frank H. Locker, thank each one for their kindly interest and expression of sympathy during their time of trial and sorrow.

ALMA HORSES AT MATINEE

First Money Won by Local Entries in Equine Event at Ithaca Saturday.

Matinee racing was revived at Ithaca, Saturday afternoon, with Alma horses carrying off the large share of the prize money. Though the matinee opened with a scant corporal's guard present, between five and six hundred were present by the time the racing was well under way. The gates receipts went as prize money and were the only inducements offered.

Dr. McNabb drove his Angline S to a victory in the Class A Trot, winning the half mile race by the second and the two final heats. It required five to decide the race. Panama Girl, driven by Patterson, furnished the competition.

Vibber brought home his Dillard S a victor in three of the four heats run in the free for all race. Colburn of Breckenridge won the Class B trot or pace in straight heats with Mable George.

It is expected that matinee races will be held one week from next Saturday though nothing definite has yet been decided or announced. Interest in racing is very keen in Gratiot county and with the better element supporting it some mighty fine sport are being enjoyed. With the rowdy element in the upper hand at racing events the sport is doomed to an everlasting death.

Race Results

Class A Trot
One half mile heats.
Dillard S, (Vibber) 3-1-2-1-1
T. C. (Cooper) 2-1-2-2
Lady Hickok, (McNamara) 3-3-3-3
Time: 1-13 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1-13 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-09 $\frac{1}{2}$, 1-10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Free For All Pace

One half mile heats.
Mable George (Colburn) 1-1-1
Ollie S, (Rusling) 2-2-2
Stratheart (Houseman) 3-3-3
Time: 1-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, 1-13, 1-14 $\frac{1}{2}$.

MRS. E. A. BAGLEY PASSES AWAY

Beautiful Mother Claimed
by Heart Trouble Early
Saturday Morning.

ILLNESS LASTS FOUR YEARS

Widespread Sorrow Felt Over Death
of Well Known and Beloved
Woman.

Though not unexpected the announcement of the death of Mrs. E. A. Bagley, was received with genuine sorrow throughout Alma, Saturday morning. The death of a mother always provokes grief. The passing into the greater life of a beautiful spirit to whom the elevation of whom life is the greatest duty and pleasure, must always be a cause of widespread sorrow. Mrs. Bagley was vitally interested in all affairs to which the interest of women subscribes, but her life work was preeminently the making of her home, and the home life of her family, beautiful.

Mrs. Bagley has suffered from heart trouble seriously, for over three years, slowly she was forced to relax her keen interest in the social and public affairs of women in the city. For over twenty six years she had been a member and a leader in the work of the Woman's Club of which she was a charter member, and for an even longer period of time she was a great worker in the Presbyterian church. A few months ago she was taken very seriously ill and was forced to remain in bed. Despite the terrible pain which she was suffering her sole anxiety was for her children and her grandchild. She realized that the end was not far off and she wanted them near her. Her son Lucius and the grand child were called from Oklahoma and hastened to the bedside of the mother. Even in her last moments she was solicitous for the proper care of the child. At five o'clock Saturday morning suffering violent agonies of pain, she expired.

Lella Elizabeth (Russ) Bagley was born April 27, 1851, at West Bloomfield New York, the daughter of Lucius E. and Catherine (Burrows) Russ. In 1854 the family moved to where she lived with her parents until her marriage, October 27th, 1875, to Dr. Edgar A. Bagley. Previous to her marriage she attended Hillsdale college, and later for a number of years taught school. After her marriage she went to live with her husband in Misherville, Michigan, where her husband a short time previously had begun the practice of his profession.

In 1880 the family moved to Horton Michigan and six years later to Alma, where she lived until her death, July 24th, 1915. To the union were born three children, Will who died in infancy, Lucius S. and Gretta, both of whom with their father survive her.

Mrs. Bagley was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a charter member of the Woman's Club and for a number of years had been a member of the Eastern Star.

The funeral services were held at her home on State Street, Monday afternoon, at three o'clock and interment was made in the Riverside cemetery. Rev. W. H. Mason officiated. A large number attended the services at the home and a number of automobiles formed a procession to the cemetery. During the hour of the service from three until four o'clock all stores and places of business in the city were closed out of reverence to the beautiful life.

SHOULD SECURE TICKETS FOR COMING CHAUTAUQUA

Those Who Have Pledged Can Call At Either Bank or Any Drug Store Many of those who pledged themselves to take from one to fifteen tickets for the Chautauqua to be held from August 10 to 17, have called for their tickets. However, there are some who pledged who have not yet secured their tickets and these are urged to do so as promptly as possible.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO

Frankfort and Beulah (Crystal Lake) On Sunday August 1st the Ann Arbor railroad will run an excursion to Frankfort and Beulah (Crystal Lake) Michigan, by special train at low round trip rates. Ask Agents for particulars. adv-44

THE W. R. C. THIMBLE CLUB

The W. R. C. Thimble Club will meet with Mrs. Adeline Carmer, Tuesday afternoon, August third.

FIRED UPON REFUSAL TO PLAY SUNDAY BASEBALL

Bryson McCloy and Clarence Goodrich, graduates of the college, last June, who have been playing on the Ithaca baseball team since commencement week were given their walking papers from the management of the Ithaca baseball team, Monday morning because they refused to play with the Ithaca team against Chesaning, Sunday afternoon. "Scotty" McGreagor, a sophomore in Kalamazoo college and one of their leading athletes, was also given an unconditional release for the same reason. These three men are the best Ithaca has in the line of baseball talent.

The young men showed their mettle and have the hearty support of all respectable people, in the stand they have taken. Sunday baseball has not been condoned by the better elements of Ithaca people, it has the backing of rougher elements and without a doubt will kill itself. Some of the strongest backers of the Ithaca team have withdrawn their support entirely from it and unless the practice is immediately abandoned the team will hit the rocks with a thump.

McCloy has been playing first base and right field and Goodrich shortstop and center field. The two are the leading hitters on the team, besides being the backbone of the defense. Apparently, they are also the backbone of the morals of the team as well. They both were stars in college baseball.

800 PER CENT. INCREASE

Republic Truck Co. Enjoying
Constant Growth,
Says Manager.

"The truck business is booming" says Gen. Manager F. W. Ruggles, of the Republic Motor Truck. "During the last year the demand for motor trucks has increased surprisingly, and the fiscal year ending July 15th shows an increase in our total sales of over 800 per cent. Considering that 95 per cent. of our total output has been consumed in the United States, this is a remarkable showing."

The Republic organization, now in its third year, has progressed rapidly since 1912, and the increased business of the past year has necessitated new factory additions of which some have just been completed and others are now under way.

The latest completed addition is that of the body department wherein all Republic stake and panel bodies are made. This new department is now working full force. The equipment, here alone, for a new building, latest type machinery, and a new working force represents an investment of thousands of dollars. However the saving of this one department will make possible price reduction, which as in any other motorized product, is bound to be effected, as the demand increases.

The second addition is that of a new stock building 30 x 460 ft. which will carry the latest improvements for the efficient and speedy handling of all stock used in chassis and body construction.

"New overhead cranes and lifting devices to handle the mammoth frames, the motors, axles, springs and other truck units, too heavy to be handled by men, will be installed" said Mr. Ruggles in discussing the new facilities. "With this new equipment we expect to be able to build from twenty to thirty trucks a day. Our present assembling plant is efficiently arranged to get the maximum production from the space represented, however, the new plant will make our daily capacity far greater."

Other additions, including an increase in assembling shop facilities, a new paint shop, additions to the test shop will closely follow on the heels of the buildings already in progress. When finally completed the Republic plant will occupy a total area of 10 acres.

SUGAR CO'S ANNUAL OUTING

On Saturday, August 14th, 1915, the Michigan Sugar Company Employees Annual Outing will take place under the auspices of the Caro Plant at Wenona Beach, Bay City.

This is the third annual and it promises to be the best ever. It is an event that is looked forward to by each individual in their employ, as a day of feasting and enjoyment and brings together in the neighborhood of 1500 men, being strictly a stag event.

The local plant will send down a delegation of 65 men and will journey by auto, leaving at 6:30 a.m. on that day and returning late in the evening. They will be accompanied by their crack baseball team and tug-of-war team who will compete with the other plants in the events. The local team won the baseball cup last year and will endeavor to retain the prize this year.

METHODS SCHOOL: GRADUATES 138

One Week Session of School
of Sabbath School Work
Brilliant Success.

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS 181

Sessions With Special Lectures, and
Talks by Experts Feature
School of Methods.

The second annual School of Methods closed Sunday morning with the graduation services in the Presbyterian church after a session even more successful than the first one which was held in 1914, both in point of outside attendance and in point of interest and enthusiasm. The attendance figure reached one hundred eighty one of whom one hundred thirty eight received certificates. Seventy five received the Teacher Training certificate and sixty three the International Sunday School association School of Methods certificate.

The school opened Monday morning July 19th and continued through the week until Saturday. In all sixty eight sessions were held. Candidates for a certificate were required to attend at least twenty of these sessions and in a note book satisfactorily kept and pass all tests. Forty three of those who enrolled did not attend a sufficient number of sessions to merit certificates.

Wright and Pioneer Halls were open to the students and faculty of the school. In Wright Hall alone there were over a hundred roomers at various times. Regular meals were served in the dining hall of Wright Hall to over a hundred people. Mrs. H. M. Dunham, acted as matron.

Beautiful graduation services were held Sunday morning. Rev. George Trull of Chicago, delivered an inspiring sermon to the assembled graduates upon the subject, "The Dynamic of Jesus". Following the sermon, Dean Alfred Ray Atwood of the school, gave out the certificates. The Alma people to receive certificates were Mrs. Fred Von Thurn, Ernest E. Bacon, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Josephine Russell, Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Kathena Austin, Miss Myrtle Creaser, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Failing and Miss Ruth Von Thurn.

One of the fine features of the week of entertainment was the choral singing by those members of the college choral club who were in the city. They sang selections from the Rose Maiden. Miss Theo Amabury was at the piano and did most excellent work as an accompanist.

The heads of the school seem fully justified in their decision to make the permanent home of the School of Methods in Alma. Not only is it centrally located but every facility is present for the accomplishment of this sort of teaching and training most advantageously. The attendance of the school from an outsider's point of view nearly trebled. Not only were towns located near Alma from southern and eastern states were present to take work in the school.

Nearly all the students in the school remained for the graduation exercises on Sunday, but by Monday evening practically all had left for their homes.

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LAWYERS MAKE MERRY AT CRYSTAL

The annual outing of the Gratiot County Bar association was held at Crystal Lake Thursday with thirty-seven present, lawyers and their wives. Figuratively speaking, Crystal opened her arms and took them in, despite the fact that they had previously requested the members to be accompanied by the county sheriff.

At one o'clock a big dinner was served in the hotel and immediately afterwards the legal lights shined their coats and vests and played baseball. The game would have been real nice—devoid of any unnecessary fighting or rough work if Empire George Stone had not incurred the ire of William A. Bahlke. Of course the former judge is admittedly no Silk O'Loughlin and the judicial acumen of a hundred Silk O'Loughlins would not have been sufficient to prevent legal tangles in such a party. Technicalities simply would arise. With the score somewhere in the vicinity of ten or twelve to eleven or thirteen, the mighty William whaled an honest-goodness single to left field, but to the chagrin of William, Empire Stone ruled him out. The former sought an injunction, a mandamus, a certiorari and everything legal to overturn the decision, but to no avail. He then waived further preliminary examination and began the third degree. Having a good head start the Judge escaped with his life.

The game ended with the score fourteen to fifteen and no one satisfied. A deciding game will be played next year; and by unanimous consent with a new umpire—yet one that can run faster than William A. Bahlke.

NOW OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING

Dr. M. C. Hubbard is now comfortably established in his new building with his drug store at Vestaburg. The building is 50 x 30 feet and in addition to his store room is fitted with a commodious office with all the conveniences for his professional work. Among the other modern improvements he has added a rest room and requests that any one, especially the ladies and children to take advantage of the opportunity to use the same when they are in town and tired, particularly on field day, July 29th.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Big Entry Lists Expected in
City Contests Billed for
August 19 to 21.

The Alma Lawn Tennis association held their regular meeting preparatory to the annual city tournament, Friday evening, July 23rd.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Wm. H. Mason, in the directors room of the Alma State Savings Bank and following a report of the finances of the association, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Wm. H. Mason; Vice President, Miss Ruth Cook; Secretary Carl Titus; Treasurer, H. C. Moore.

Committees were appointed to solicit entries to the tournament and to purchase trophies for winners in the different events. It was decided that the tournament should open, Thursday, Aug. 19. All entries must be in by six o'clock the Saturday preceding. The entrance fee as usual will be 75c. This money will be used in the purchase of the necessary tennis balls and trophies. It entitles one to enter all events, singles, doubles, and mixed doubles.

The championship in men's singles has been held two years by Lester Sharp and unless he is defeated in the coming tournament will become his property at its end.

The championship cup in ladies singles held by Miss Ruth Cook for two years will also be up for competition again and should Miss Cook win it this year it will become her permanent property.

Every one interested in tennis should unsheathe his racquet and enter the tournament. Entrance may be made by seeing any of the following people; Dave Mindell, Mark Spiney, Mary Sharp, Malcolm Smith, Carl Titus or H. C. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Washburn were in Grand Rapids, Wednesday, where the former attended the State Bankers' Association which has been holding its annual convention there for the past few days.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. F. H. LOCKER

Former Alma Girl Passes
Away at Mt. Clemens
Last Week.

FORMERLY LORA KIRBY

Daughter of Well Known Pine River
People Most Beautiful
Character.

Lora Sarah Kirby Locker was born June 2, 1880, in Ingham county, and died July 21, 1915, at Mt. Clemens. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kirby and the loving wife of Frank H. Locker.

The Kirby family moved to Gratiot from Ingham in 1881 and located on their present farm. Lora went to the Day school and later entered the St. Louis high school. A course was then taken in the Yearington Business College and after graduation she became a teacher of elocution and shorthand in that institution. Later she worked in the offices of A. W. Wright and the Alma Mfg. Co.

The inborn desire for a larger and more useful life caused her to enter Alma College for a term of two years. During that period she was most active with the Y. W. C. A. and the Philomathean society. College work was given up for the assistant pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Detroit. Through a loving service filled with self sacrifice she won the hearts of many who needed just what she had to give.

In the fall of 1911 she went to Los Angeles, Cal., and became the Sabbath School Visitor of the Temple Baptist Church. This was but another opportunity for her influence to be felt. The closing of this work and departure for Michigan was marked by many beautiful testimonials of affection.

She was married Sept. 9, 1912, to Frank H. Locker, and since that time their home was made first at Detroit and then at Mt. Clemens.

Mrs. Locker was ill in the hospital for nearly ten weeks. Hugh Kirby Locker was born May 15 and died May 17. Naturally this was a shock to her. She rallied from the operation but complications set in. At times she seemed to be better. Her courage never failed. She gradually became worse and death came Wednesday, July 21, at 2:15 p. m.

Services at the home were in charge of Rev. Geo. Elliot, pastor of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Mickleham, Baptist, had charge at Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit.

At the age of twelve she united with the church and this association was never separated. In Alma she was a member of the Baptist Church. It was a life of growth. It was always something very real. In her Sunday School class, in the B. Y. P. U. and the Farther Lights, it was always that same earnestness. At Mt. Clemens Lora was connected with several lines of religious work. Especially was she interested in the establishing of the East End Mission.

Many true and beautiful things have been said about her and many more can be said. She was a blessing to everyone that was privileged with her friendship.

We loved her, yes, no tongue can tell how much we loved her and how well God loved her too, and he thought best To take her home to be at rest.

LANDS SCHOOL CONTRACT

Walters & Woodland landed the contract to put in a new radiation system in the Union School for \$1897.00 at the meeting of the School Board held Monday evening, against two other bidders, and will begin work immediately. The contract calls for an entire new set of piping, connections, radiators and ventilating system; in fact, everything except the boilers.

Originally it was thought that the outlay necessary for this work would be about twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollars, but sharp bidding brought down the original estimates.

Mrs. A. B. Scattergood was in Saginaw, Monday, visiting friends.