Portage Lake News

"The Forever Devil's Auction" a Grand Production.

A Farmer On the Wrong Road

For the Warm Climate—Bids for the Pier Breakwater Have Been Received—County Seat Notes.

Charles H. Yale's "Devil's Auction" was presented at the Armory Opera House last evening to an audience that completely filled the hall. The company is first-class in every respect and fulfilled in every particular the promises made to the local manager and through him to the patrons of the house. As a performance of the kind it was the most metropolitan ever given in Houghton and if the good reception given this company is repeated at Marquette this evening will assure the Upper Peninsula circuit of houses other first-class attractions that are but waiting the result of the present visit.

The "Devil's Auction" is a piece of only enough plot to serve as a vehicle for innumerable specialties dances and clever pieces of work. The spectacular and burlesque is freely mingled with a close attention to detail of each. In the spectacular effects the costuming was elaborate and the performers were capable of something artistic and worth looking at on that account. Many of the burlesque features were new, notably the "Weary Willie" chorus, the aerial grotesque and the trials of the trolley car conductor. The features of the evening were too numerous to particularize upon, but one that was seen here for the first time was the trick bicycle riding. The comedienne Miss Mayme Mayo was full of ginger and in her own particular specialty in the second act was recalled twice and again after the drop had gone up on another scene was she forced to repeat her chorus.

The smallness of the stage necessitated the leaving out of several scenes, notably the revolving change to scene two in the first act.

The local management is very much pleased, both with the artistic and financial success of its venture for it will pave the way to the coming of first-class attractions in the future. It is almost certain that Yale's "Twelve Temptations" will be given in Houghton in May.

A farmer from near the city of Milwaukee arrived in Houghton Thursday evening under peculiar circumstances. He had packed up his household furniture and with a head or two of live stock had chartered a car intending to go to Houston, Texas. His family went by passenger train, while he boarded the freight to take care of his animals. Waking up the morning after his departure he looked out and seeing snow on the ground remarked that it was strange to find snow so much south of his old home when there was none there. A little later he became convinced that he was headed wrong and questioned the conductor, when that official assured him he and his car were on the right road.

By some mistake the car had been billed Houghton, Mich., instead of Houston, Tex., and the conductor and farmer coming to no explanations, the farmer of course thought everything all right. The irate farmer spent Thursday night at Pfeiffer's Hotel and in the morning the freight took him and his car out. He is surely entitled to have his car attached to a through express to Houston with a Pullman all to himself—provided the railroad company and not he himself made the mistake.

Bids are being received by Major Clinton B. Sears, of the United States Engineer office at Duluth, for the extension of the pier breakwater at the Keweenaw Bay entrance to the Portage Lake ship canal locally known as the "Entry," under act of congress, of June 3, 1896. It is proposed to extend this pier out for 2,800 feet to a depth of 20 feet of water. The extension will be by timber cribs 16½x24x50 feet. It is estimated that this pier extension will require 1,720,000 feet of pine, 2,400,00 feet of hemlock, 314,000 pounds of drift bolts, 562,000 pounds of screw bolts, 26,000 pounds of spikes, 36,000 pounds of iron washers, 12,300 cords of stone, 1,100 cords of brush fascines and 37,200 cubic yards of dredging. The amount it is proposed to expend on this work is $150,000. The work must be commenced on or before May 1st, 1898, and be completed by November 1st 1900. The total appropriation for improving the Portage Lake canals is $1,065,000.

President Stringer's Y. M. C. A. class in business has become so large that it fills well the large class room of the association building. There is table room for three more students which it is hoped will join the class at once and be coached through.

Members of Quincy and Houghton Lodges, F. & A. M., are requested, as many as can, to meet together and take the morning train to Calumet tomorrow to attend the funeral of Will Sanders, which will be in charge of Calumet Lodge in the afternoon.

The work to be done by the government at Portage Entry will put money into several different industries of the county as well as employ a lot of men directly on the work. One hundred and fifty thousand divided among men who get out timber, stone cutters, dredge men and laborers will make quite a boom at the Entry.

The Houghton county Sunday School convention will be held Friday and Saturday of next week at Lake Linden. The railroads have given very low rates and a special train from Lake Linden to Houghton on Saturday evening. Several outside workers of note will be present and participate.

From all accounts the Burlesque troupe that invaded Hancock last evening, deserved the reputation that preceded it from the iron country. It was a burlesque on Burlesque.

Ed DesRochers, in Mason's drug store, Houghton, will handle the Studley and Jarvis line of bicycles this season. He now has a '97 Cycloid to show and will have other makes soon.

C. A. Stringer is to conduct the first Sunday School convention in Baraga county next Tuesday. E. K. Mohr, State field superintendent, is to be the chief participant.

Mr. Joseph Gitzen is offering himself as a candidate for the office of highway commissioner of Portage township and hopes that his friends will support him on election day.

A telegram was received from George Nichols yesterday, saying that his wife was considerably better and that he would be home Monday evening.

A second caucus for Portage township has been called at the Engine House for next Tuesday evening, March 30.

Agent W. W. Finch came out too soon and his illness got a fresh "grip" on him.

Mrs. Feesing, of Houghton, is considerably improved from her recent illness.

The cinematoscope opens at St. Patrick's Hall Monday evening for a week.

Don't forget Eli Perkins' lecture at the Y. M. C. A. hall this evening.

F. W. Nichols paid off most of his woodmen yesterday.

INGALLS DENOUNCED.

Preacher at Wichita, Kan., Pitches into the Ex-Senator.

Wichita, Kan., March 25.—Dr. C. H. Payne, former president of the Ohio Wesleyan university and national secretary of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, bitterly attacked John J. Ingalls in a plea before the southwestern Kansas conference Wednesday. He said it was a fitting sequel to the career of the man who declared the purification of politics an iridescent dream to find him sloughing of his senatorial toga long enough to prostitute his glowing rhetoric for the sporting readers of a New York newspaper. He was willing to leave the rainbow statesman amid such congenial environments, but as a Christian citizen he protested against the sporting novice calling the spectators of the brutal tournament "average American citizens."

"If so, God pity America; she has a gloomy future," said he. "But no, tell the acrobatic John James and his friends that I brand his declaration a lie, a slander on American citizenship and American manhood."

Dead Body in a Box Car.

Kansas City, March 14.—The dead body of Sheriff Jacom Malmgren of Saline county, Kan., was found in an empty box car in the bottoms here Tuesday. He shot himself in the head with a revolver and left a note stating he was tired of life. He mysteriously disappeared from Salina on Friday last when it became known he was short over $1,000 in his accounts with the county. When found he had apparently been dead but a few hours.

Dick Accepts Secretaryship.

Akron, O., March 24.—Major Charles Dick received Tuesday from Chairman Hanna the formal tender of the secretaryship of the Republican national committee and immediately wired his acceptance. There will be a salary of $5,000 a year attached to the office. Major Dick was offered by President McKinley both the position of fourth assistant postmaster general and treasurer of the United States, but declined.

Three Persons Drowned.

Allensville, Ky., March 26.—Marshall Russell, Maria Snoden and Maggie Short were drowned here while out boat riding on a pond, when the boat capsized. One of the girls tried to save herself by swimming onto the boat, but it slipped away from her and she soon went down for the last time. The pond was dragged for the bodies and they were recovered.

Love and Cigarettes.

Chicago, March 26.—Lovesick and half crazed from the alleged excessive use of cigarettes, Leonard Johnston, 17 years old, attempted suicide by taking carbolic acid at the temporary home of his sweetheart, Laura Jarvis, 4522 Cottage Grove avenue. Johnston's life was saved only by the greatest efforts. His face was badly burned by the poison.

School Teacher Kills Herself.

Galesburg, Ills., March 26.—Kittie G. Clark, for twenty-seven years a prominent and successful teacher in the city schools here, committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart while temporarily insane.

Affects 1,400 Employes.

Bristol, R. I., March 26.—The big factory of the National India Rubber company, which is controlled by the United States Rubber company, has closed for two weeks. Fourteen hundred employes are affected.

MYTHS OF HISTORY.

THEY CUT A WIDE SWATH IN THE FANCY OF NOVELISTS.

Pen Pictures of the Past That Read Well, but Do Not Bear Close Investigation. When Our Turn Comes, the Scribes Will Revel In Schemes Undreamed of Now.

While it may not be quite true, it is very nearly true that the historical novel is entertaining entirely on account of its improbabilities. We possess a smattering of general information. At least we so flatter ourselves. History is for us not quite a closed book. We know Cæsar and Hannibal and Napoleon and Oliver Cromwell and Henri Quatre and Richelieu and the Man in the Iron Mask, perhaps even a few others. And when in company with the hero of the historical novel we are ushered into the royal presence, we bow and smirk and grimace amazingly and knowingly. "Charles I? Certainly. His majesty and we are old friends. We possess secrets which his majesty would give his crown and kingdom to know. M. Posterity has confided to us stories that would cause his majesty's royal hairs to stand on end like quills upon the fretful porcupine. Don't try to gull us with appearances. We know all about what's coming. The gracious smile which now illumines his majesty's kingly lips is, oh, so droll! How about Whitehall and the block and the ax? Ha, ha! We are delighted to see his majesty in such excellent spirits."

It is to this faculty of making the reader feel knowing, of impressing upon him his own superiority and the correctness of his own retrospective surmises and decisions, that the makers of historical romance owe in a great part their vogue and popularity. Then out at the elbows soldiers of fortune—nay, even the wine drawers, the innkeepers and the scullery maids whom we meet in the historical romance—somehow manage to plot and scheme and hobnob with the very greatest personages of all times. If a mysterious figure is introduced, of course there is a great personality behind it. The exigencies of the trade make this imperative. From a muffled cloak we will accept a great duke with fairly becoming grace. A disguised voice and stealthy, overcautious demeanor demand a king or a hero who, in history's pages, looms up as mighty or mightier than a king.

Wonder might justly be expressed that a simple soldier of fortune of the Quentin Durward, D'Artagnan ilk should be of such supreme importance to the welfare of nations and the safety of kings. To deny either the Scot or the Gascon would surely be outright heresy. They embody old Caledonia and old France—as we see them. But the collective possibilities that are necessary to give the historical romance fire and go, make in the end it must be acknowledged, a pretty strong chain of improbabilities. To thoroughly appreciate this one would have to read the historical romance that is to deal with our day and to be written 12 score years hence. This, alas, we cannot do! What a screaming farce it will be when it comes! Will it not read like the ravings of a madman? How ludicrous will be the complications! What an extraordinary age our own will seem! But the drollest feature of all will be the sublime gravity, the supreme sincerity with which the whole will be accepted by the reader of that future day. How is it that, in an age like our own, when there are a publisher and a market for every literary conceit and absurdity, no one has thought to anticipate this, the historical romance of the future. Surely it would not be all burlesque.

What marvelous things those scribes will be telling of our age and civilization! What strange and darkling events will be made to take place at our very doors! The mysteries that are to be cleared up are as nothing to those which are to be invented. Our nights and days will be given over to tragic intrigues and fell deeds. Murder will stalk our streets. Swords will leap and cross, knives will gleam, pistols will crack along Broadway, or, if we prefer, Regent street, or the Ringstrasse, or Unter den Linden, or the Boulevard des Capucines. The guet a peur will be supreme. All this will come to pass when the scribes of the twenty-second century sit down to the task of writing their historical novels. And then—other heroes. How mum they are keeping themselves! Why don't they come out of the darkness and mystery and shadow and amuse the age with the narrative of those thrilling and soul stirring adventures with which the romancers of the future will credit them? We know that when the arbitration question is settled and both the United States and England are freed from the possibilities of a hideous and devastating war, it is not her majesty, the queen of Great Britain and empress of India, or the president, or the prime minister, or the secretary of state, who brought it about. Oh, no! That might do very well to gull and beguile and cajole the poor, ignorant masses. The real power behind the throne is the impoverished soldier of fortune, of whom the romance of the historical novelists of the future will tell us. What nets he will spread! What strange and unholy influences he will bring to bear! What ingenuity, cunning, valor, patience, will be employ before the great scheme is consummated and history is made! What dangers he will encounter! What fearful odds he will overcome! We know he is here. Could we doubt the historical romance of the future? We see the result, we reap its benefit, but the cause, the colossal nobody whose machinations brought it all about, where is he? Let him stand forth that the age may do him honor!—New York Advertiser.

Maher and Sharkey to Fight.

New York, March 24.—A dispatch has been received in Brooklyn from Warren Lewis, president of the Greater New York Athletic club, announcing that a match had been arranged between Maher and Sharkey. It will probably be brought off in May by the Greater New York Athletic club in Brooklyn.

THE WEALTH OF THE WORLD.

Great Sum of Foreign Securities Held In England and France.

The reported valuation of all property in the United States by the census of 1890 was $65,037,091,197, or $1,036 per capita for the entire population. This enumeration, however, dealt with property located in the United States and did not go into the question where it is owned. If the estimate of Mr. Robert Giffen is correct, that $5,000,000,000 in foreign capital was invested in this country in 1880, probably an even larger amount is so invested at the present time. Deduction should also be made for the high value put upon waste public lands in the census, with the net result that the per capita valuation of the United States would be reduced to about $950 or $4,750 for a family of five. Estimates made by careful economists, who come pretty near agreement among themselves, put the valuation of Great Britain about nine years ago at $50,000,000,000 and that of France at $40,000,000,000. This would afford a per capita valuation of $1,338 for Great Britain and $1,081 for France, making the valuation for a family of five $6,690 in Great Britain $5,405 in France. The figures of France are placed higher by some authors, and the total in both countries includes careful estimates of the large holdings of foreign securities, some of them covering property located in the United States.

The great holdings of foreign securities, estimated to amount in Great Britain to about $8,000,000,000, explain to a large extent the adverse balance of foreign trade constantly shown by the British statistics. Great Britain would long ago have been denuded of her gold and become bankrupt if the excess of imports over exports shown by her trade statistics were a true measure of her financial condition. The fact that about $400,000,000 is due her annually in interest charges upon British capital placed abroad explains how she can afford to import several hundred million pounds sterling of foreign merchandise in excess of the domestic merchandise which she exports. France is estimated to hold $4,000,000,000 of foreign securities, largely Italian and Spanish, and she also has been able to show a large balance of imports of merchandise over exports during the last two decades, while piling up in the vaults of the Bank of France and distributing through her monetary circulation a larger mass of coin than any other commercial country.—United States Investor.

THE END SEAT IN THE PEW.

It Is the Place Occupied by the Protector of the Family.

"It is common enough," said Mr. Gratebar, "to see a man sitting in the aisle end of a pew in church get up on the arrival of some other member of the family, step out into the aisle to let the late comer in, and then resume his seat at the end of the pew. It seems to me that I have read that this custom originated in New England in the early days, when the men all sat by the aisle so that they could seize their guns and get out promptly in case of attack by Indians. We don't have much to fear from Indians nowadays, but the seat by the aisle is still occupied by the head of the family. He stands in the aisle while the others pass in, and then calmly takes his place in the end seat, at the head of the line, as a sort of general protector.

"Sometimes in these days, we are so very free from Indians now, the head of the family thinks it is safe for him to stay at home when he has a headache, and then the young son takes his place. I imagine that he talks it over with his mother on the way to church, so that it is all understood. When they get to the pew, he stands in the aisle while his sisters and his mother pass in. I fancy that his sisters are rather glad when they are all seated and no longer conspicuous, but upon his mother's face as she brushes past him into the pew there is a smile of affectionate pride, and then he takes his seat in his father's place and sits there with fine boyish dignity."

In the Nick of Time

Felix Marchant and his companion, both of whom were experienced in frontier warfare, arrived often "in the nick of time." The details of their experiences are exciting from start to finish.

They will be told in these columns in a new serial story

FELIX MARCHANT

the rights of which we have purchased.

Dont Miss the First Chapters

CALUMET BUSINESS POINTERS

Fine Cider For Sale.

Just received, a new lot of fine cider at James Lisa's.

FOR SALE—Three six-room houses in the Bollmann addition to Laurium. Apply to Edward Ulseth.

Smokers, if you have failed to find a cigar to suit you, try "Heimlich's Crown," the best in the market.

Our lodge room can be rented for meetings on Saturday evenings.

SIVERT OLSON.

Madame Smith, the clairvoyant, is still in the city and can be consulted at her residence on Sixth street, over Sotlich's building.

Fresh milch cows for sale, two or three being Jerseys; also milk. Apply to George Demarois, Seventh street, Red Jacket.

Have you tried Moeb's Pro Patria cigars? Worth 10 cents sold for 5 cents. Stamped Pro Patria. A cold, sweet satisfying smoke. George Moebs & Co., manufacturers, Detroit.

St. George's Hall to Rent.

The St. George's Hall is to rent on very moderate terms on the following evenings. Every Wednesday, every alternate Thursday and three Fridays in each month. For further particulars apply to John Jenkin, William Maynard, R. B. Rule, trustees

Summer Styles.

Having received a fine stock of cloths, suitable for spring and summer suitings, I invite an inspection. Suits made to order, fit guaranteed and the prices very low. Give me a call. M. JOHNSON, Over Sauer's Sample Room.

The bread and cake of the Superio Bakery can be had at the following agencies: James Lisa's, Mrs. Hoskin's, Red Jacket; Martin Kuhn's, J. C. Lean's Peter Olcem's, Calumet Village, and Weisenauer's, Gulbaul's, Lake Linden. A fresh supply is left at these agencies every day, and the prices are as low as the lowest.

To Mine Owners and Timber Contractors.

For sale, in Keweenaw county, about 750 acres of land, the standing timber being cedar, hemlock and Norway. Part of this land is on the shores of Lake Superior and about four miles from Bollmann's lumber railroad. For particulars apply at the NEWS office.

To Secret Societies and Others Wishing to Rent a Lodge Room.

The Temple of Honor lodge room is vacant on Wednesday evenings of each week. Parties desiring to rent the same may apply by letter to the Union Temple of Honor and Temperance, No. 48, Calumet, Mich. Secretary's address, 2029 Calumet street.

Our great clearing sale for the next thirty days, for cash only, to be sold at 50 per cent on each dollar, consisting of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, ladies' and gent's furnishing goods. Call early as it will be to your interest. The Laurium Fair, next to the post office.

I. FEINBERG & Co., Props.

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Upholsterer and Mattress Maker.

All kinds of upholstery work done on short notice in a first-class manner, and cheaper than the cheapest. Carpets cleaned, window draperies made, designed and hung, awnings replaced, etc. With ten years of experience, I solicit your patronage. All work guaranteed. Office and shop at No. 451 Front street, Calumet, Mich.

S. Mawrence's store will be sold inside of thirty days, a stock of $5,000, when he must get off the building, so call at once and get your bargains at your own price. It will be sold by auction and private sales every night and day. This stock includes ladies' goods, men's and boy's clothing and furnishing goods, hats, caps, etc. Don't miss this chance of getting goods 40 cents on the dollar on the prices which you must pay elsewhere.

Please Take Notice.

We are pleased to tell you that we make everything pertaining to the shoe maker's trade as cheap as ever from the best quality of leather. Men's boots or shoes soled for 45 and 50 cents, ladies' shoes soled for 35 and 40 cents. We have a nice assorted stock of fall and winter shoes, and our own make shoe packs, which we will dispose of at very low figures. Good work guaranteed.

OKER & KEMPPAINEN.

Fifth street, Red Jacket, next to Jacob Gartner's store.

The Finlanders'

Mutual Fire Insurance company of Houghton and Keweenaw counties, organized in 1890 according to the laws of the State of Michigan, will insure property of its members. Have paid fire losses over $3,000 and dividends nearly $6,000 during the last seven years to members of five years' standing. On the first day of this year the company had 482 members $421,480 worth of property insured and $10,668 54 in treasury. For further particulars apply to the undersigned JOHN BLOMQVIST, President

ALEX LEINONEN, Secretary.

Office, 448 Pine street upstairs Red Jacket

R. R. TIME-TABLES.

Passenger Trains on M. R. R. R.

In effect December 29, 1895.

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a m	p m	p m Lv	Ar	p m	p m	a m
7.45	12.15	5.00 .... Red Jacket	..... 8.30	2.40		10.10
7.51	12.21	5 06 ..... Laurium	..... 8.24	2.34		10.04
7.57	12.27	5.12 ..... Osceola	..... 8.18	2.28		9.58
8.35	1.05	5.50 ..... Hancock	..... 7 40	1.50		9.30
8.40	1.10	5.55 ..... Houghton	..... 7.30	1.40		9.05
a m	p m	p m Ar	Lv	p m	p m	a m

* Daily. † Daily except Sunday.

Passenger Trains on H. & T. L. R.

In effect December 29, 1895.

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a m	p m	p m Lv	Ar	p m	p m	a m
7.45	12.15	5.00 .... Lake Linden	.... 8.20	2.30		9.55
7.47	12.17	5.02 ..... Linwood	..... 8.18	2.28		9.53
7.50	12.20	5.06 ..... S L Linden	..... 8.15	2.25		9.50
7.55	12.25	5.10 ..... Mills	..... 8.10	2.20		9.45
8.04	12.34	5.19 ..... Woodside	..... 8.01	2.11		9.36
8.07	12.37	5.22 ..... Dollar Bay	..... 7.58	2.08		9.33
8.25	12.55	5.40 ..... Hancock	..... 7.40	1.50		9.15
8.40	1.10	5.55 ..... Houghton	..... 7.30	1.40		9.05
a m	p m	p m Ar	Lv	p m	p m	a m

*Daily. † Daily except Sunday.

D., S. S. & A. R. R.

THE Marquette ROUTE

Time Table:

In effect January 31, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE HOUGHTON

For Detroit and the east daily, and Ewen and intermediate stations, daily except Sunday ..... 9:00 a.m
For Chicago and Marquette ..... *2:20 p. m

TRAINS ARRIVE HOUGHTON

From Marquette Chicago and Ewen ..... *1:30 p. m.
From Detroit and the east ..... *7:32 p. m.
*Daily. †Daily except Sunday

For tickets, time tables and other information apply to J. H. FORD, Ticket Agt. Red Jacket Mich.

Map of

Chicago Milwaukee

& St. Paul Railroad.

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SOLID TRAINS FAST TIME!

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