

County Sunday School Picnic.

The annual picnic of the County Sunday School association will be held at McCurdy park Aug. 31.

Estate Consists of Claim.

A. J. Tingley of Owosso, has been appointed administrator of the estate of his son who was electrocuted on June 26 while working for an electrical company at Jackson. The estate consists of the claim under the compensation law against the employers.

Patsy Once More.

Patsy Cavanaugh got off the track once again Sunday and will have to suffer for a violation of the Pray law. He went to Oakley and was to bring home a bottle of alcohol for two foreigners, but dropped it on the way. He gave them whiskey instead and then went back Sunday to get more, and when he came to the home of his friend Mrs. Ada Ketchum, was profane, and the police locked him up and he was given a hearing Monday, and an examination set for Wednesday.

New Haven Mine Leases Sold on Judgment.

The leases held by the New Haven Coal Mining Company on 120 acres of land, the title to one acre and a house, and its interest in the railroad from Owosso to the mines, was sold Tuesday on a judgment obtained by Lee Ott through his attorney Warren Pierpont, last spring. The judgment more than covers the value of the company's holdings.

Every Member Canvass.

Plans for an every member canvass, to take place in this city among the members of the First Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon, August 27, between two and five o'clock, were formulated Monday evening during a meeting at the church building of the executive board of the church.

It was decided to form teams of two men each among thirty or forty men. These teams will go by automobile to the homes of the church members in this city and secure pledges for the coming year, the money to be used in defraying the expenses of the church during the next twelve months.

Seriously Injured.

Delbert Butts, an employee of the Malleables plant, was seriously injured Saturday when the bicycle he was riding collided with a motorcycle ridden by Fred Bartel employed at the Welch elevator. Both men live at Middletown and were on their way to work when the accident happened. Both were on the left side of the street, and as Bartel sounded a warning to pass Butts, the latter swung to the right but swerved back to the left and was knocked to the ground, striking on his head and rendering him unconscious with blood coming from his nose and ears. He was taken home and it was found he had suffered concussion of the brain, but he is slowly recovering from the effects of the fall.

Bentley-DeCann.

A pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday morning when Miss Faith Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bentley, Corunna avenue, was united in marriage to Clarence DeCann. Rev. M. DeVoist, uncle of the groom, and pastor of the Free Methodist church at Lansing, performed the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends of the young couple. Miss Winnie DeVoist played the bridal march. Mr. and Mrs. DeCann left on a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Ont., and will be at home at 723 Grand avenue, in about two weeks. The bride has been employed at Woodard's factory for the past four years and the groom was formerly employed as bookkeeper at the Ann Arbor offices.

Wants Divorce After Nearly Forty Years.

Corunna, Aug. 11.—Albert J. Aldrich now of Wentworth township, Livingston county, has begun suit for divorce against Alice M. Aldrich, whom he married on Nov. 2, 1879. He charges cruelty and desertion.

Aldrich asserts in his bill of complaint, filed by W. J. Parker, that in 1913 he was driven from home and has not been allowed to return since. He says that he turned over to his wife a general stock at Vernon worth \$1500, and all of their household goods valued at \$1000. He went to Wentworth township and started in business again.

The Aldrichs have six children, all but one of them grown. Aldrich says that his son, F. D. Aldrich, remained with his mother, and that on numerous occasions when he, the father, attempted to affect a reconciliation with his wife, his son interfered and abused him, being upheld in it by his mother.

DRUMMERS TO PICNIC

Owosso Council No. 218 of the United Commercial Travellers will be joined by Saginaw Council in a grand picnic and celebration at McCurdy park, Saturday. Music, games, sports and heaps to eat and drink, with dancing and story telling will fill a big program.

ASKS \$20,000 FOR INJURY

Edward Armstrong Sues Ann Arbor For Loss of Arm.

Corunna, August 16.—Edward Armstrong, former brakeman employed by the Ann Arbor railroad Co., Wednesday filed a suit for \$20,000 in circuit court against the railroad, through his attorney, George E. Pardee of this city.

Armstrong, who is thirty years old and who has a wife and several children living here, sustained injuries in the railroad yards at Ann Arbor on March 28, last, which necessitated the amputation of his right arm.

The brakeman was walking beside a moving train and stepped upon a nearby track. A car was shunted rapidly down the track upon which he was walking and he was struck. Armstrong claims that the railroad employes who shunted the car were negligent in causing it to be operated too rapidly.

New Postmaster Monday.

H. Kirk White, recently appointed postmaster for this city, received his commission Thursday evening and will enter upon his new duties Monday.

Automobile Mail Service.

Eugene D. Young proposes to give the patrons on his route the best possible service and to that end will use an automobile in delivering mail whenever the roads will permit, being the first of the city letter carriers to use a machine. Heretofore he has used a horse. This change will result in quicker service for the several manufacturing plants and business concerns which he serves. "Tony" is to be commended for his enterprise.

Spoke For Diekema.

Gerrit J. Diekema, candidate for governor subject to the action of the Republican voters at the primary Aug. 29th, was announced to tour Shiawassee county on Monday in the interest of his candidacy. Unfortunately he sprained his ankle the last of the week and was unable to get here. In his stead Congressman McLaughlin of Muskegon, and Hon. N. J. Whelan, former speaker of the house of representatives, came and spoke at several towns about the county. Both these gentlemen gave excellent talks to rather small crowds at most of the stops. They urged support for Mr. Diekema on the ground that he was the best qualified man for the position on account of his long experience and interest in the affairs of his native state, his unwavering determination to do what was right and because of insistence that the affairs of Michigan can be more economically handled if the budget system advocated by him is adopted. Both the gentlemen took occasion to give a strong endorsement to the national ticket and Congressman McLaughlin referred several times to the efficiency and worth of Cong. Fordney, whom he declared should be retained in congress as long as he was willing to serve.

Vicious Foreigner Held.

Corunna, August 16.—Martin Vavra, the foreigner arrested some time ago on a serious charge, was bound over to the circuit court, Wednesday, following an examination in Justice court here. Vavra is alleged to have committed an offense against his daughter, a fourteen-year-old child. Vavra is held in jail, owing to his failure to furnish bail of \$1,500.

New Equipment for Postoffice.

As the result of the recent inspection made by Major W. Haverstick, inspector of U. S. government buildings, the post office in this city is to be supplied with new standard rural routing cases to conform with the other furniture in the building and individual electric fixtures will probably be installed for each case. The latter improvement will light the work room better and at a less maintenance cost.

Commenting upon the fact that Congressman Fordney will go to Maine to take part in the state campaign preceding the election on September 11, the Greenville Independent says: "Congressman Fordney is recognized as one of the Republican leaders of the house, and for the good of his party has accepted the draft and will leave the primary campaign in this district to his friends to look after while he is away in Maine. Surely his interests will not suffer here while he is away."

SUSPEND ORDERS TO MOVE TROOPS TO BORDER

Danger of Railroad Strike Caused Change in Plans.

Orders were given the last of the week to move the remaining mobilized national guard to the Mexican border, but they were rescinded Tuesday because of the danger of a strike of railroad employes all over the country, and it was thought unwise not to have some guardsmen to preserve order in case of trouble or to guard trains or operate trains carrying mail.

Jury for September Term.

The following jurors were drawn Wednesday by the county clerk for the September term of circuit court.

August Schuknecht, Bennington; E. D. Wiltse, Burns; Robert Whittemore, Caledonia; George Schaar, J. Schaar, Charles Coon, Corunna; A. E. White, Fairfield; Fred Waidie, Hazelton; Grant Swarthout, Middlebury; Ray Jones, New Haven; Chas. Bush, Owosso township; Albert Britton, Jacob Reiff, Charles Graham, Frank Hanson, Charles Beehler, Owosso; Oliver Wallace, Perry; M. W. Jones, Rush; George Bruno, Shiawassee; Clyde Austin, Sciota; Arthur Phelps, Venice; Charles Paine, Vernon; Clarence Beers, Woodhull; E. D. Curtis, Antrim; L. W. Leffingwell, Bennington; John S. Smith, Burns; Aha Sutton, Caledonia; Edward Morrison, Corunna.

The jury will report on September 6.

HON. WASHINGTON GARDNER

Candidate for Governor—Will Speak at County Fair, Thursday, Aug. 24th—Splendidly Equipped for Any Position.

No one has to vouch for the Republicanism of Hon. Washington Gardner, patriot, soldier, preacher, statesman, business man, leader in the civic affairs of his home city and a commanding figure in the life of Michigan. His career is known to all: Soldier in the civil war at the age of 16 years; shot down on the battle line at 19; college graduate at 25; later graduate from law school; practiced law several years; then entered the Methodist ministry and later became a member of the faculty of Albion college. While filling the latter position he was appointed without solicitation on his part to the office of secretary of State by Gov. John T. Rich, and was later twice elected to the position by very large majorities. During his term of office he was nominated and elected representative in congress from the third district, filling this responsible position for twelve years, and for ten of these years was a member of the important committee of appropriations. At the close of his service in congress he was accorded the high honor of a public dinner given by the leading citizens of Washington and attended by the President and many of the notable men of congress. In referring to his work as a member of the appropriations committee one of his associates on the committee said:

"Mr. Gardner has never inserted in an appropriation bill a single item to gratify a friend or to win the applause of the thoughtless. No man in Washington owes him a Thank You for a special favor. I bear witness to the sterling qualities of this man. His honesty, infinite patience and intelligent application are too unworthily recognized by any mere public dinner. In giving this slight token of respect, we feel that we honor ourselves more than we do him."

In September, 1914, by the unanimous vote of 1099 delegates representing every state in the Union he was unanimously chosen as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and while serving in that position won signal honors for his work. He is now chairman of the committee on national legislation of that organization.

His entire life work has fitted him to fill with very great honor the governorship of Michigan and his nomination would be a credit to the party he represents.

A. M. Bentley and Judge S. S. Miner are enjoying a stay at Washington Harbor, Isle Royale, having reached there on Thursday evening of last week after a lake trip touching several points en route to Duluth. Mr. Bentley writes that the temperature there during our hot weather ran from 80 to 83 during the day and from 45 to 50 at night; that it is a great place to sleep, eat, fish, lounge and rest and that the boating is fine. He also said that he already felt 100 per cent better and that Judge Miner is happy.

WANTS \$5,000

Mrs. Zelma Richards Thinks William Strauch Has Injured Her Reputation.

The declaration in the suit for \$5,000 damages begun some time ago by Mrs. Zelma Richards, who lives near Duane, against Wm. Strauch, prominent Vernon farmer, has been filed. Mrs. Richards claims Strauch made improper advances to her and when she spurned them he chased her about the house. She claims also that Strauch spread the report she enticed him into making the advances in order to sue him.

FINE RACES NEXT WEEK

Best Entry List Ever Secured Promises Good Sport for the Many Thousands at the Fair.

The list of entries for the horse races at the Shiawassee County Fair next week—Aug. 22 to 25—is the largest ever secured for a race meeting in the county, and every class in both trotting and running races will be well filled with horses that are fast and well trained. Horses from the Saginaw and Ionia races this week will practically all be shipped here Saturday. Most everybody loves a race and will have an opportunity to see the best next week.

SLEEPER TO SPEAK AT FAIR.

Albert E. Sleeper of Bad Axe, one of the Republicans of the state with gubernatorial aspirations, has written Secretary Dowling of the fair association that he would speak at the fair grounds on Governor's day, August 24, during the county fair.

The Canadian government has reserved 250 square feet of Floral Hall space for a fine exhibit of products of Canadian soil at next week's fair and will doubtless be a most interesting exhibit.

The Michigan Employment institution for the blind at Saginaw has reserved 400 square feet of space for its interesting industrial exhibition of its blind artisans deftly making brooms and weaving rugs. A car load of machinery and material has been shipped and their carpenters will arrive Saturday to install the machines and complete arrangements. Every available foot of space in Floral hall is now taken.

W. Dowling was at the Ionia fair Wednesday and arranged for two Arms Horse Palace cars to bring about thirty head here Saturday at the close of the Ionia fair.

East Main street has been oiled to the fair ground and will be a great help in keeping down the dust.

NEWS FROM CAMP.

Camp Ferris, Grayling, August 16.—Announcement Tuesday that the movement of troops to the Mexican border has been indefinitely postponed caused a feeling of unrest and impatience among the guardsmen and it is expected that there will be an increase in the number absent without leave.

Major Wells announced that he had received instructions from the war department, asking that all troop movements be suspended until further instructions. No reason for the order was given by the war department, although the belief is that the National Guardsmen are being held at the mobilization centers, pending the settlement of the differences between the railroads and their employes.

There are thirty absent without leave from the Thirty-third Michigan infantry. Five of these left on Tuesday. Several were reported away from the auxiliary troops, including three men from Ambulance Company No. 1 of Detroit. Walter Knight, a private in this organization has been absent ten days and will be prosecuted on a charge of desertion. None of those absent from the Thirty-third has been gone ten days.

Following were denied discharges: Company K, Cheboygan, Private William Monahan, Private Louis Lord; Company M, Sault Ste. Marie, Irvine Miller; Company L, Menominee, August Schwartz; Company H, Owosso, Private Roy Smith.

The civic committee of the Improvement Association is endeavoring to work out some plan for the general improvement of the river front through the city and the cleaning-out of the rubbish which has been thrown into the river. The committee had a very satisfactory interview with the City Commission Monday evening but did not receive a promise of any support this year as no money was included in the city budget for the work desired. The committee may attempt some work later on through local donations and thus be able to clean up the most unsightly places.

Use Relief Fund For Proper Purposes

The Improvement Association at the luncheon Tuesday, voted against the expenditure of any more of the funds raised for the relief of soldiers' families for the mess fund of Company H. Announcement was made that the swimming pool at the armory had been opened and that Wednesday of each week will be set apart as ladies' day, when men and boys will not be admitted to the building. Also that arrangements had been practically completed for a competent woman to be present during the day and that for a nominal fee swimming instruction would be given. The opening of the pool was made possible by the gift of \$50 by A. M. Bentley toward the expense of the janitor service and maintenance for the first month.

DIEKEMA SENDS MESSAGE

Gerrit Diekema, one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for governor, has written an open letter to Shiawassee county Republicans in which he expresses regret at being unable to speak here last Monday night and sets forth his platform. The letter is as follows:

I cannot tell the people of Shiawassee county how great my disappointment was in not being able to address them as planned last Monday, and I therefore, take the liberty to ask the press of the county to permit me to say through its columns some of the things which I desired to speak to the people about.

I wanted to tell them that my ambition to be governor of Michigan was not a selfish one, but was an ambition to be of service to the people and to give to them the benefit of more than twenty-five years of experience in local, state and national government. I want to throw into the scrap heap much of the present machinery of state government which has outlived its usefulness, and for which new and up-to-date machinery should be substituted. I wanted to tell the people about the budget system, which if enacted into law, will, I believe, save the people in the state taxes at least two millions of dollars during a single administration. The present method of making appropriations has long since outlived its usefulness. It has no scientific basis and does not conform to methods used in large private business enterprises. I do not hold the members of the legislature responsible for the enormous increase in state taxes during the past ten years. I hold the system responsible. The budget system will strike a death blow to log-rolling, trading, bartering and petty politics. No one who has not studied the possibilities of the budget system as a tax-reducing, money-saving agency can realize all of its meaningful possibilities. The people must be educated and aroused. This great reform will only come when the people demand it, and I feel that I have at least rendered my state a service in arousing the people to the needs of a modern business system in state government.

I wanted to tell the people of Shiawassee county that I had not made a single promise of an appointment to any man in Michigan; that if elected governor I would be able to use my best judgment in selecting appointees for their integrity and efficiency. Such men as could and would give Michigan a business administration.

I wanted to tell your people that in conducting my campaign I am keeping strictly within the law and am not violating the corrupt practices act by the posting of lithographs along the streets and highways or the placing of them in show windows. That through my friends and my own efforts I am making an appeal to judgment and reason and not to cupidity, passion or prejudice. That I do not believe the governorship of this great state is for sale, and that if it were I would not be a purchaser. That no candidate for governor had ever yet succeeded, in Michigan by cash register method and that a candidate for governor who came into any county with a check book in one hand and a fountain pen in the other would so offend the moral sense of the good people that he would soon find his candidacy to be hopeless.

I actually believe that the next governor of Michigan will have greater opportunity to be of real and lasting service to the people than has been afforded any governor since the days of the great Austin Blair, and I believe that he should be a man with the necessary courage and will power to establish the great business reform above outlined, and that he should have the ability to arouse the people to action by lucid and forceful explanation of his program from the platform and stump.

These are a few of the things which I would so much like to have discussed with your people and I only hope that the opportunity may be afforded me later on.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Aug. 15.—(Special correspondence.) The Democrats are up in the air in the Senate on the immigration bill. The fact that the President is opposed to the measure and wants it put over until the next session of Congress, has caused several Democratic candidates for the Senate a great deal of anxiety. The fact that the Republicans will attempt to tack the bill in its entirety on the child labor bill, has disconcerted the administration Senators. This measure is one of great public interest and has almost the solid support of the Republican members of the upper branch. Senator Gallinger has always been strong for the bill and is one of the Republican leaders who is forcing the Democrats to action at present on this proposition. The Democrats in caucus acceded to the wishes of the President and voted to postpone it until the next session, but the Republicans propose to put them on record and will force a vote at this session, if possible.

A prominent citizen of Maine was a recent guest of one of the Republican congressmen from that state. Speaking of the outlook there he said: "If I can judge anything from the way people are talking, the Democrats are due for an awful jolting down in Maine in September. Practically all of the Progressives are back in the fold. There are not enough left for a coroner's jury. With a united party, I look for a clean sweep from one end of the state to the other. I feel confident that all four of the congressional districts will be again Republican. The second district now represented by Congressman McGillivuddy will return a Republican. We shall elect both United States senators. That's the way the people talk down in Maine."

Representative James T. Lloyd of Missouri, one of the veteran members of the House, a Democrat in politics and a former chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee, is not very optimistic about Missouri. He gave the other members of the delegation cold shivers when he stated publicly that there is not 1,000 difference between the Republican and Democratic votes of that state. While he states that he thought the Democrats might carry Missouri, his words were not tinged with enthusiasm and apparently were not filled with great hope. Coming from such a source it is little wonder that the Democrats are alarmed about that state.

Geo. O. C. Pingree of Pittsburg, Kans., a friend and constituent of Representative "Phil" Campbell of Kansas, was a recent visitor to the national capital. Speaking of the outlook in that state he said: "Kansas will give 80,000 for the Republican national ticket and I think that figure is conservative. There is no Progressive party left in our state. It is united with Republicans and that means an overwhelming vote for our ticket in November. Hughes is a popular idol in Kansas and the people were for him before the convention. When he was nominated that settled it. I am of the opinion that as Kansas is going so is going the country."

Hon. Harry L. Woodward of Parkersburg, W. Va., who formerly served in congress has been renominated by the Republicans in the fourth district of that state. He was a recent visitor at the capitol, and speaking of the situation in his state he said: "I have been campaigning all over my district for some time. I have come in contact with the people. I have not the slightest doubt about what is going to happen in our state in November. Hughes and Fairbanks will win by a substantial majority. Our state is in favor of protection. I look for a big gain in the congressional delegation."

Quarterly Conference.

The last quarterly conference of the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city will be held at the church on Thursday, August 24. The election of officers and the reading of reports for the past year will take place. Rev. C. W. Baldwin of Flint, superintendent of this Methodist district, will preside.

The fiscal year for the church in this city ends August 31.

New Haven Pioneers

The fourth annual pioneer homecoming of New Haven district No. 2, will be held at the Union church, two miles east of Henderson, on Thursday, August 24. All morning trains will be met at Henderson by committees to escort the home comers to the scene of the festivities. It is expected that a large number of people from all parts of the state will attend the meeting. Anna Swartzmiller of 600 Alger avenue this city, is secretary-treasurer of the pioneer association.