

'ROUND ABOUT US.

Newsy Items Gathered In by the Banner's Staff of Special Correspondents.

ORLEANS.

Fred Millard of Belding was in town, Monday.
Miss Moxson of Greenville was in town, Thursday.
Miss Allie Clements is spending the week in Belding.
Mrs. John Currie was in Ionia on business, Friday.
Dr. Coville of Belding was in town on business, Tuesday.
Geo. Hoyt and wife Sundayed among relatives of Long Lake.
Grandma Lane is entertaining her daughter from Chicago.
A good many of our citizens attended the Ionia fair last week.
Miss Ivalena Greenop is attending school at Monroe, Mich.
Chas. Pixley has been in town buying potatoes the past week.
Master Ned Wilder of Belding was at Woodard Lake, Saturday.
Louis Sagendorf and Fred Ireland of Belding were in town, Friday.
Mrs. Mary Snyder of Cook's Corners Sundayed with Mrs. O. Purdy.
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Clements Sundayed with Grand Rapids relatives.
Mrs. A. Alderman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tom Welch of Ionia.
Frank Robinson occupied the pulpit in the M. E. church Sunday evening.
A. J. Hale and Amos Palmer were in Detroit buying new goods, Friday.
L. Mount and family of Fairplains were visitors at Geo. Purdy's, Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Purdy were in Belding, Sunday—guests at C. E. Hubbs'.
Dr. and Mrs. McDonald are spending a few days among relatives in Detroit.
Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Houghs of Belding were guests of Mrs. White, Saturday.
Misses Ola Hamman and Allie Clements went to Grand Ledge on the Sunday excursion.
Rev. A. K. Stewart is attending the M. E. conference and his family is with relatives in Hastings.
Alfred Palmer recently sold 100 lambs to western parties for something over \$800. That's better than free wool.
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Towne's little baby died Sunday and the funeral services were held at Green's church Tuesday afternoon.

FAIRPLAINS.

Joe Anderson is building a new house.
Laura Emmons is working for Mrs. Sam Harriman this week.
Quite a number of the Fenwickites attended the fair at Ionia.
Percy Jenks and wife were at the union Sunday school, Sunday.
Earl Jenks and wife of Shanty Plains attended the reunion at Big Rapids.
Laura Emmons spent Saturday afternoon with Erma Snyder at Fenwick.
The Free Methodist Elder has moved into the Eugene Rennels' house at Fenwick.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Potter of Belding spent Sunday in Bushnell with his niece, Mrs. Warren Hasemer.
A relief agent was called to Fenwick to take Mr. Kercher's place while he went to Detroit. His wife's mother, Mrs. Dr. Osborn is very sick.
A chicken pie social was held at B. C. Loree's Thursday night by the ladies of the M. E. church of Fenwick. There was over 80 took supper with them.

KIDDVILLE.

Miss Sattie Blystone is attending school at Big Rapids.
Mrs. R. Spencer and son, Charley, was in Sheridan Thursday.
Gen. J. H. Kidd of Ionia visited his father, James Kidd, Sunday.
Miss Hattie Harroun of Belding visited Miss Jennie Raby Sunday and Monday.
Rev. Frank Knapp of Hersey preached at the Blystone school house September 5.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howard and daughter of Wood's Corners called on Mrs. J. T. Raby Sunday.
Messrs. S. Nichols, R. Nichols, Chas. Murray and Omar Sharpe went to the Ionia fair on their wheels Friday. Mr. Elon Murray and Ed. Pierce, with their best girls, drove to the fair the same day.

BARTONVILLE.

G. E. Tower is in attendance at the M. A. C.
Geo. Ring is thrashing with the Condon boys.
Mr. Button has erected a shed to cover his beans.
Farmers in this vicinity are quite busy cutting corn and finishing seeding.
Geo. Kellogg has thrashed 66 bushels of oats raised on three-quarters of an acre.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holliday and Aaron Button took in the fair at Ionia last week.
Samuel Davis expects to go to Ionia Saturday, October 2, where he has Lady Bonair entered in a race against McKinley Wilkes of Belding.

SMYRNA.

Mrs. Colburn of Sparta Sundayed at R. Ellis'.
Harry Osgood and family Sundayed in Smyrna.
Mrs. A. H. Norton is visiting in Big Rapids this week.
Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy spent Sunday in Bartonville.
Rhoda and Millie Dickens visited their grandma in Alton last Sunday.
Dewey Hammond and wife of Orleans visited at O. S. Osborn's last week.
Mrs. Mark Hoppough and father returned from their visit in York state last week.
Fred Rich is batching it in that big house on the farm. Now girls some of you do take pity on him.
Mrs. P. Curtis of Lansing, and Mrs. R. Bradish of Otseco, visited at H. Skellenger's last Saturday.
Miss Myrta Ellis commenced her school in the Hotchkiss district this week. She will board at home and drive to her school.

MIND YOUR WORDS.

Words have great power. Thought unexpressed is a hidden force. A spoken thought becomes a thing of life. It is an arrow piercing the heart and felt for a lifetime, or it may be a gift that lasts forever, breathing sweetest incense, blessing the heart that has received it and bestowing constant and purest joy. "Silence is golden. Speech is silver." To know when and where to apply the gold of silence or to give the silver of speech is one of the fine arts. A word once sent forth cannot be recalled. It is gone forever on its path of joy or sorrow. Many a person would give worlds to recall one single thoughtlessly spoken word—a word that gave sorrow and pain and despair to some sensitive heart. It is of no use. The word has gone forth. It comes no more back. All the honeyed phrases, all the sweet love words in the language, cannot rub out that one word, that had its mission for grief or gladness. If for gladness, there is no wish to recall it, for it is that which giveth sorrow and pain that people desire to recall.
Then be careful of your words. Strive that they be always gentle, loving, and humane—that they may give peace and hope instead of pain and woe.

Many a word at random spoken,
May heal or wound a heart that's broken.

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros.' Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25c and 50c sizes for sale by Fisk Bangs, Druggist.

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It takes something more than femininity to make a true woman. There must be life and character, and these adorned, beautified and hallowed by friendship, love and truth, radiate forth into the world, making others better and happier.—Ex.

It Saves the Croupy Children.
SEAVIEW, VA.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers coming from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—KELLAM & OURREN. The 25c and 50c sizes for sale by Fisk Bangs, Druggist.

NO TELEPHONE IN HEAVEN.
"Now, I can wait on baby," the smiling merchant said,
As he stooped and softly toyed with the golden, curly head,
"I want 'ee' to 'tall up mamma," came the answer full and free,
"Wif yo' telephone an' ast her when she's tumbling back to me."
"Tell her I's so lonesome 'at I don't know what to do,
An' papa cries so much I des he must be lonesome, too;
Tell her to tum to baby, 'cause at night I dit so 'frail,
Wif nobody dere to ties me, when the light beddins to fade,
"All fro de day I wants her, for my dolly's dot so torred,
Fum the awful punchin' Buddy gave it wif his 'tittle sword;
An' ain't nobody to fix it since mamma went away,
An' poor 'tittle lonesome dolly's dittin' thinner every day."

"My child," the merchant murmured, as he stroked the anxious brow,
There's no telephone connection where your mother lives at now."
"Aint no telephone in heaven?" and tears sprang to her eyes.
"I foun' dat God had ever 'ting wif' him up in the skies."
—Atlanta Constitution.

WE DRINK ANIMALS.

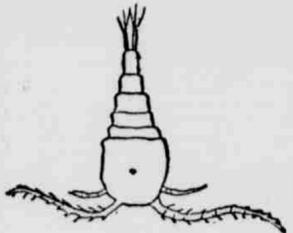
A THOUSAND LIVING CREATURES IN EVERY GLASS OF WATER.

Most of Them Are Harmless, However, and Their Presence Need Occasion No Alarm—Queer Shapes of the Micro-organisms—Some That Are Dangerous.

It is a popular fallacy that each drop of water we drink is teeming with more or less pernicious germs and that every time a thirsty man consumes a glass of nature's beverage he runs the risk of engulfing a choice and varied assortment of typhoid bacilli, scarlet fever micrococci and other unspeakable microscopic monstrosities. The idea is all wrong, of course, but there is some truth in it—that sort of half truth that is oftentimes worse than no truth at all.

That there are micro-organisms in the purest water is perfectly true. Even distilled water is not quite free from them. But they are mostly quite harmless, good natured little chaps, with no more malice, so to speak, in their composition than a 2-months-old baby.

In all there have been discovered in ordinary unfiltered city water about



THE CYCLOPS.

1,500 species, and an average sized tumbler of drinking water will contain from 500 to 1,000.

But do not be alarmed and proceed to forswear "Adam's ale" for some more potent beverage. They are so infinitely tiny that if it were possible for a man to drink all the water that ran through his tap in a week he would not have consumed more than one hundredth part of an ounce of foreign matter.

One of the most common organisms found in water is the amoeba. It is one of the lowest forms of animal life, being really nothing more than a piece of jelly. Amoebae are quite as nutritious as gelatine, and when it is reflected that it would take about 50,000,000 of them to make a decent sized pudding no one need shudder if he unconsciously drink a couple in a glass of water.

Another wild looking but perfectly harmless little beast is the sun animalcule. It is also jellylike, and the formidable spines are softer than the finest down.

The infusoria are among the prettiest as well as the smallest of all micro-organisms. They average about one-two-thousandths of an inch in diameter, and an army corps of them would find no difficulty in drilling on the point of a needle. They make good infinitesimal fish food. They can make water very unpleasant to drink by imparting to it a fishy taste and odor, but to do this there must be at least 400,000 in each cubic inch of water, whereas up to now there have never been found in ordinary drinking water more than 1,000 per cubic inch.

Perhaps the most pleasing creatures yet discovered in the water we drink, and the kind most calculated to shake the firmness of even the staunchest of teetotalers, is the cyclops.

It is a member of the great family of crustacea, to which lobsters and shrimps and crabs belong, and is exactly like them in shape. If the one shown in the sketch could be made one thousand times as big as he is, he would be as large as a shrimp.

Among the microscopic plants found in ordinary drinking water are many very beautiful forms. One of the commonest is the desmid, which is exactly like a tiny cabbage. It is probable, too, that in proportion to its size it is quite as nutritious.

The diatoms are another very common class of water plant and present an endless variety of forms. Some of them glide slowly to and fro like fairy boats; others are in chains and many live together in colonies. They all have glass cases, beautifully marked.

In fact, they are mere minute specks of jelly with the thinnest of glass walls and are warranted not to scratch.

The only really dangerous classes of plants to be found in drinking water belong to the bacteria. Many of these, however, are not at all harmful. They live and thrive and flourish in our bodies just as they do in their native element, but we feel no ill effects.

But once let the typhoid germ, or the diphtheria bacillus, or the still more deadly plant that is responsible for cholera find lodgment in our systems and we have inadvertently admitted a poison producing agent which not all the medical skill will be able to eliminate until it has run its course.—New York Herald.

Cucumber Cream For Sunburn.

It is a well known fact among French women that the juice of green cucumbers forms a very pleasant remedy for sunburns and the like. To prepare a most valuable cucumber cream, take 2 large green cucumbers that are just on the verge of becoming yellow. Cut them into small pieces and press out the juice. They will yield about 2 ounces of juice. Take 4 ounces of almond oil, one-half ounce of spermaceti and one-half ounce of white wax. Put these together in a cup and place in a bowl of boiling water until dissolved. Then take the cucumber juice and pour over the mixture and stir until dissolved. The cream is now ready for use.—Popular Science News.

Cartridges tested by the Roentgen rays to determine if they have been carefully loaded are offered for sale by a London gunsmith.

Louisiana levee repairing employs 12,000 men.

SPECIAL MARKET LETTER

The following market letter is furnished us by McLAIN BROS. & Co., Commission Merchants, Rialto Building, Chicago:

The bank clearings of the country during the past week show a decided improvement when compared with the previous week, notwithstanding the decrease at the south in consequence of yellow fever apprehensions, and are the largest for a like period since the second week in August. The continued movement of grain in large volume affords encouragement for holders of railway shares, and is the chief element of strength in the stock market.

The outward movement of agricultural products keeps foreign exchange near the gold importing point, and an influx would soon begin were it not for the flow of securities from England, which settles trade balances of that country without the necessity of its parting with the precious metal. The large purchases of wheat by France promise a gold movement from that country to ours at no distant day.

The wheat situation remains much the same save in its speculative features, the recent decline having considerably increased the short interest, leaving it in position to be rapidly advanced whenever anything of a strengthening nature is injected into the daily news.

The supply and demand relations are now so heavily determined, and their results are so favorable to the exporting countries, that even though the market be unduly depressed by the pressure of increasing spring wheat receipts and the offerings of aggressive short sellers, an assured export demand will doubtless assert itself and cause a recovery from all such depressions.

The northern hemisphere crops are now practically secured, and their output and condition fairly well determined, and there are no substantial reasons for raising the earlier estimates of their promise; in fact in some of the larger European countries it has been necessary to lower the estimates; in France and Italy especially are the results disappointing, the official returns showing a shortage of about eighty-five millions of bushels in the former and a forty-six millions in the latter. The latest estimates of the London Review indicate that European importing countries will require for the year 400,000,000 bu of wheat a quantity large enough to absorb all the prospective supplies, and to raise doubts as to the possibility of securing so great an amount. With an export demand such as these figures suggest, and the probability of a decrease in Russian shipments, which late advices from that country indicate, the outlook for American farmers is pessimistic indeed.

The future of the market largely depends on the Russian movement; if it decreases materially there will be but little to prevent a substantial recovery in prices from every break, and possibly an upward movement that will surprise the trade. The southern hemisphere crops are several months from maturity, and can afford no relief for an over-sold market; their excellent promise will encourage short selling and prove an element of strength by creating an excessive short interest to be provided for.

Our exports are now very large, and show no indications of abatement; such a free outward movement will absorb wheat enough to prevent the first rush of northwestern wheat from becoming burdensome, and will prevent excessive accumulation before it is over. Winter wheat farmers seem disposed to await developments before parting with their reserves, and without liberal receipts from that source the spring wheat movement will not alarm the trade.

Crop returns from the northwest necessitate a lowering of previous estimates, and advices from the Pacific Coast state that considerable damage has been sustained in Oregon and Washington by unwelcome rains. Farmers in winter wheat section are preparing to sow a large area to wheat, the breaking of the drought having left the ground in a more favorable state for plowing.

The recent break in corn has eliminated from the market a large volume of speculative holdings, and has increased the short interest; the steady advance preceding the break not only created a large scattered long interest, but also increased the movement from first hands and decreased the export and eastern consumptive demand, thereby adding rapidly to the in-store stocks; the decline will not only change the speculative situation by reversing the long and short interests, but will also serve to check interior marketings and again enlarge the demand. However right the theories of a short crop may be, they are impotent to create an immediate consumptive demand for a present oversupply, and operators for an advance must await with patience the time when the shortage will be manifest in the supply.

Corn when compared with wheat is low, and if anything occurs to materially advance the latter it will doubtless cause a speculative demand for the former which will provide for any temporary excess in receipts. Country dealers are accepting fewer bids, foreshadowing decreased receipts as soon as the grain in transit arrives at its destination. The premiums existing for deferred futures will naturally tend to restrict the country movement by offering unusual inducements for carrying the grain in cribs or in elevators.

The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada shows the following changes for the past week: Wheat increased 1,574,000 bu, corn increased 133,000 bu and oats increase 1,052,000 bu.

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