

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**Lawrence.**  
The welcome rain came on Monday and plenty of it.  
Anthony Northrup will build a house on his lot in town. James Thompson and Sidney Stearns have taken the contract.  
Miss Mamie Rowland and her brother Marion of Paw Paw, visited friends and relatives in Hartford and Lawrence last week.  
Miss Alice Ackley of Decatur, and Miss Cora Ruggles of Hartford, formerly teachers in our school, have been visiting friends in Lawrence.  
One of our "habitual drunks" had the privilege of "sobering off" in the cooler last Saturday night. That cooler ought to be better patronized.  
Quite a number of the old soldiers and their wives attended the reunion of Co. C, 3d Mich. Cav., at Four Mile Lake last week. They all report an enjoyable time.  
Mr. John Avery of south-west Lawrence, was stricken with paralysis on Monday last, while working with a threshing-machine. We hear there is little hope of his recovery.

**PROSPECT LAKE.**  
Harry Chase returned to Grand Rapids last Thursday.  
Jennie Wakeman gave a birthday party on Saturday of last week.  
Lyman Cooper went to Lansing last Tuesday as a prohibition delegate from this county.  
Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hall of Almena, and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lillie of Allegan, visited at Albert Bryant's last week.  
Elsie Carris gave a birthday party last Thursday. Several of her young friends remembered her by their presence and their presents.  
Fred Phelps shipped two pairs of his thoroughbred pigs to parties in New York a few days since. He has just purchased a boar of Linbeck of Keeler.  
Ham Tyrrel of Lamoni, Iowa, formerly a resident of this place, called upon his old neighbors here last week. He looks as if the climate and feed of Iowa agreed with him.  
Growers of cabbage would do well to consult the correspondent of the *Decatur Republican* from Lawrence, as to the best means to destroy the cabbage worm. Consultation free.

**Mattawan.**  
At last the long looked for rain has come. Ladies' Aid Society at Mrs. B. Stanton's Friday afternoon.  
Miss Florence Whelan has been visiting her aunt at Schoolcraft.  
Mrs. Bonfey and daughter are visiting at Mr. Chas. Lurkins' in Milwaukee.  
The M. E. Sunday school will picnic at Pagsley's Lake on the 4th day of August.  
Mr. Ed. Bonfey, who is now working at the asylum, was home last Saturday evening.  
Messrs. E. F. Morris and P. R. Payne were elected school trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the removal of Mr. Hawkins and the expiration of the term of Mr. Adams.

**North Hamilton.**  
Jennie Shearer is on the sick list.  
Mrs. Will Harris is quite ill again.  
Mrs. Ferris' grand-mother is visiting her.  
Leona Johnson has a cousin from Ostemo, visiting her.  
Ernest Worth is confined to his bed with rheumatism.  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Northrup visited at Roll Harris' last Thursday.  
Bert Lake was called to his home in Breedsville on Friday last; his sister is not expected to live; she has brain-fever.  
Will Tomlinson of Nebraska, is calling on old acquaintances in this neighborhood. He has been to Delaware, to visit his parents, and is now on his way home.

**Lawton.**  
Chauncey Burnham and wife of Gobleville, visited friends here last week.  
Mr. Wm. Johnson has gone to Worthington, Minn., where he has secured a position as book-keeper for Mitchell Bros.  
The M. E. Society gave a lawn social in the yards of Mrs. P. G. Kennedy and Mrs. G. D. Johnson last Saturday evening.  
Anybody who wants to buy, beg, borrow or steal a fine lot of roller skates can be accommodated here. No choice as to how possession is secured and no questions asked.  
Mr. Juan McKeyes returned last Saturday from a trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. He don't like the whirlpool well enough to take the chances of swimming through it.  
A game of ball was played on Tuesday at Kalamazoo, between the Kalamazoo and a picked nine composed of three players each from Lawton, Decatur and Dowagiac. C. H. Smith, Aaron Shaffer and L. S. Rowlee represented this town.  
The Mattawan and Lawton kids played a game of ball here on Wednesday of last week. Lawton was victorious by a score of twenty-eight to fifteen in an eleven innings game. The scorers and outsiders were so interested in the game that they did not let the players know when the ninth innings was completed but allowed them to continue the fun.

**Gobleville.**  
Mr. Strong's house is occupied by a family from Bloomington.  
Anyone taking the *Light* will notice that Clark Herron is married.  
Eli Bush and Geo. Young have each given their house a coat of paint.  
We had a heavy rain here last Sunday night, and Monday morning.  
Joe Dushon, an old time resident, is making a visit here to old friends.  
Mrs. Tom Welch of Paw Paw, has been the guest of Nick Welch the past week.  
Elmer Sirmine of Denver, made Gobleville a visit last week. He looks hearty.  
Mrs. Will Stedman has returned from a two weeks' visit with Will at Chicago.  
It is reported here that Chris Bowman has been appointed postmaster at Kendall.  
It is expected that the Adventists with their tent will next locate at Lawton, probably next week.  
A grateful republic, after a suit of nine years, has just awarded Ransom Root a pension of \$1,412.  
Mrs. Blakeman, mother of Jerome Blakeman of Waverly, is visiting him, intending to stay some time.  
Bush shipped a car of hogs from here and another from Bloomington, last week, paying \$3.75 per hundred.  
We took a run over to Almena last Sabbath, to the tent Sabbath school. They seem to be doing well and had a fair turnout.

Wm. Healy and E. A. See attended the state prohibition convention at Lansing this week.  
Mrs. Hunt returned last week from her visit north, and was suffering with a bad cold.  
The Central has put up another car house in place of the one burned; this time near the depot.  
Ferguson, the butcher, is feeding his hogs on beef tallow and claims it fat's them; the idea! making lard from tallow!  
The teachers for the ensuing year are Will Sage at fifty dollars, and Miss Morwin at not to exceed thirty dollars per month.  
Kit Young served a summons on a man in Allegan County. The man has not yet appeared. Expect Kit dropped him a card.  
A Sunday School excursion of twenty-seven coaches from Kalamazoo, passed through here on Wednesday of last week for South Haven.  
Five of our business men were called on last week to pay a note of \$2,000, to which they had attached their names as an accommodation.  
Elder R. M. J. Pound will deliver a temperance lecture either at the church or Clemon's hall, on Sunday, August first. Something new is expected.  
A Waverly farmer was in town the other day to buy steel traps to catch woodchucks; he was out of meat and expected the minister to dinner the next Sunday.  
It was not expected that a citizen of Waverly would know any better than to clap his hands in a church, but those in the city certainly ought to have better manners.  
Clark Herron has returned from the west, where he has been teaching school. He is uncertain as to his next location. A good chance for some one to pick up a school teacher.  
Ed. Root, who is stopping with Billy Markillie, while trying to stop some coits kicked by one of them. Dr. Devere, happening by, acted the good Samaritan and poured oil on his wounds. All right.  
Almena, we have tried to torture something out of those references but can't see any point. Let us not tread upon one another as the frog said when he got among the horses. As you wish, we will drop the subject.  
Charley Thayer drove his cow into the stable to tie her and, not backing up when he told her, thumped her on the head and was very much surprised to see her drop down dead. She was not a total loss however as she was good beef.  
The old Squaw—Princess Viroqua—gave a couple of lectures here last week, the gist of which was that a genuine "Ingun" would not lie, but after they got mixed with the Yankees, they were bad medicine. If that is so, we expect she must be about one-fourth "Ingun."  
Last week the married and unmarried men played another game of ball for the ice-cream. The married men were beaten by a score of 19 to 25, and the *Light* accuses them of flunking out and refusing to play. This, the captain indignantly denies and says the *Light* is a —.  
Mr. Crosby is now shipping his Amsden peaches of which he has about 400 baskets. He expects about 1,500 baskets of different kinds. A peach crop here is something unusual, and they sell like hot cakes. So far he has marketed them at Kalamazoo. His trees are small, averaging about six baskets to the tree.

**Decatur.**  
Mr. N. E. Hooper is building a new barn.  
Prof. Pearce returned home one day last week.  
Mr. E. A. Crane of Kalamazoo, was in town last Thursday.  
Mr. Will Snow and wife of Paw Paw, were in town last Friday.  
Miss Alice Ackley has been visiting at Lawrence during the past week.  
Quite a number of our people visited Lake Park last Sunday to hear Dr. Kenyon's lecture.  
Rev. A. N. Alcott will preach at the Universalist Church next Sunday morning and evening.  
George Longwell, Ed. Stevens and Al. Stevenson of Paw Paw, were in town one day last week.  
Mr. Wm. Tuttle and wife of Kalamazoo, spent the greater part of last week at his brother's, Mr. J. H. Tuttle.  
Bert Cole of the *Courier* and wife, and Bruce Cumings and wife from Paw Paw, were the guests of Mrs. Bugbee on Sunday last.

**Not a Water Haul.**  
At Pagsley's lake, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Paw Paw, our fishermen often catch pickerel with hook and line weighing 12 to 20 pounds. Sheriff Galligan and A. R. Costa had heard of this lake. Armed with good tackle they started out yesterday to land a few of these finny monsters. After fishing four hours without any take, John told A. R. that pickerel never did bite till just before dark, then look out for them. So fishing away till nearly night, lo and behold John got a bite. "Got one, by thunder; an old lunker." "Give him line," says A. R., "and let him run awhile and you can handle him easier." "He is a big one," says John; "here take my revolver, and as soon as I get him to the top of the water, put a ball just back of his front fins, as I don't want to lose him, he is such a monster." "All right," says A. R., "let him run awhile, and when you get ready to get him up I'll bust him." "He is an old setter," said John, "and if Frank Knappen was only here now wouldn't his eyes bug out? Now get ready. I'm going to pull him up and be sure and shoot him just back of the gills and not break the hook or welse him." A. R. got ready and John began to lunge on his pole. "Carefully!" called out Costa; "don't let him flop much as he comes to the top." Galligan hauled away. "—him!" said both in a breath; "nothing but a mud-turtle!"—*Kalamazoo Telegraph.*

**Kansas Letter.**  
The following letter from our old friend, Frank Millington, who is employed in a Kansas drug store, indicates that the prohibition of saloons in that part of the moral vineyard is really a great success, and that while the saloons have been abrogated, the drug business has also received a great boom which, as a matter of course was very desirable.  
KIRWIN, KANSAS, July 23d.  
EDITORS TRUE NORTHRENS:  
Enclosed I hand you—excuse me for reaching so far in front of you—a dollar and a half to pay my subscription to your "measly old paper."  
I hasten to refute the assertion of Mr. Thomas, or rather to correct the natural impression given by his way of speaking; in our county, we have no saloons. Kirwin is a lively little place of 1,200 inhabitants with a number of flourishing business houses. We have four drug stores and another is soon to be opened to supply a "long felt want." Although I had always believed Kansas to be one of the healthiest of states, I find, by re-

fering to a certain class of public documents, to which I have ready access, that our male population is quite generally more or less afflicted with various alarming diseases that require treatment of a stimulating character. It is really wonderful. But Kansas is a prohibition state and we glory in it.  
Splendid rains and nice warm weather. Corn is "bunkum." Wheat brings forty cents and old corn sixteen cents per bushel. Wonder how some of my old farmer friends would like to market their crops at that price? Unwashed wool ten and one-half cents per pound! Let those who complain of the little T. & S. H. plug R. R., complain no more. Kirwin is on the calamity branch of the Union Pacific; one passenger train a day each way—west at 12:29 midnight and east at 5:45 a. m. A freight train each way carries passengers. During the month of January last, only three mails were received in Kirwin. Will some of my kind friends please pack for me a box of old papers and books next fall, so that I may not completely mold up? I will also accept clothes, cash or congratulations; gratuitous advice not necessary.  
I am daily receiving hundreds of thankfully, awfully grateful certificates from persons benefited by the cards I have circulated regarding Criterion Mineral Water.  
F. S. MILLINGTON.

Prof. Bradt of Hartford, made us a brief call on Tuesday last. The Prof. is just as fat and jolly as ever, and has just as hard work to cross his legs.  
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