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FROM THE SCENE OF ACTION.

Washington, July 13.—While the long expected fall of Santiago did not take place today, it is evident that the crisis has been reached. Within the next twenty-four hours it will either surrender or receive such a baptism of fire as seldem falls to the lot of a besieged town. Gen. Shafter is quoted as saying, "If he refuses I will open on him at 12 noon tomorrow (Thursday) with every gun I have, and have the assistance of the navy, who are ready to bombard the city with 13-inch shells."

Washington, July 13.—The press reports of the burning of Siboney by the medical officers of the United States army had a depressing effect here upon the friends of the soldiers at the front in Cuba. It has been for a long time impossible to learn anything from any official source as to the exact state of affairs at the headquarters of the Army Corps. Finally the fact was reluctantly admitted that Yellow Jack existed at Siboney, but the reports received over night from the medical officers did state there were fourteen cases of fever that were suspicious.

The insurgents on July 6th reported to Admiral Dewey that the German Gunboat Irene in Subig bay refused to permit them to attack the Spaniards on Grande Island Rear Admiral Dewey promptly dispatched the United States cruisers Raliegh and Concord to investigate the matter. On entering Subig bay, the Raliegh opened fire on the forts, whereupon the Irene slipped her cable and steamed out by another channel. The result of the fire of the American warship was that the Spaniards, numbering over 500 men, surrendered everything.

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PLUMBING.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING. Of the Fractional District of Arcada and Pine River.

The Proposition to Vote on the Adoption of the Free Text-Book System Drew Forth a Large Crowd.

A large and representative crowd of citizens assembled Monday evening in the high school room to show their interest in the affairs of our schools. The meeting was called to order by J. F. Schwartz, president of the board, and the minutes of the last annual meeting

were read and opproved. The director's report was made by W. C. Clark which was as follows: RECEIPTS.

	Back Taxes *rimary Money Library Foreign Tuition From Books	40 233	200
·I	Total	\$ 7703	82
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On motion the report was accepted and placed on file.

The election of a trustee to succeed J. F. Schwartz was then taken up. Geo. Sharrar, Seth Tubbs, Dr. Kelly and Caris she moved three miles west from the old Brown were appointed tellers, and upon place. In 1876 they moved to Gratiot the first two ballots but upon the third the time of her death. ballot J. F. Schwartz having received a majority of all votes cast, the vote was daughter, an aged mother, one sister, declared formal, and upon motion to that four brothers, and numerous nephews effect J. F. Schwartz was elected to and nieces, to mourn their loss,

succeed himself for three years. A vote was next taken to choose a trustee for three years to succeed G. S. Ward. J. M. Montigel received a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot and upon motion was declared elec-

The principal issue of the evening was brought up by the announcement of the question of whether the district should adopt the free text-book law of 1889 or in default of this action would come under the law of 1897 on the first of January. 1899 and be under the control of the state board of commissioners which are to be selected for that purpose. Very few had looked up the two laws and knew scarcely anything in regard to the matter, while some interpreted the law to mean one thing while others took entirely an opposite view. After the law D. Lemen.

had been read and discussed the question was put to a vote with the result that the district decided to adopt the free textbook system. The vote stood 30 to 10 in favor of the system on the first ballot. As there was no further business to come before the meeting it was moved, supported and carried that the meeting adjourn.

Free Street Fair.

Free street fairs are rapidly taking the place of county fairs in this and many other states and their popularity is acknowledged by all who have had the good fortune to attend one of them. The matter has been brought to the attention of our merchants with the result of considerable interest being manifested in the project. The editor of this paper was in Cadillac last Saturday and while there secured much valuable information as to the manner of conducting these fairs, a very successful one being held in that place last fall. The most feasible plan it seems would be to call a meeting of the citizens, appoint the several committees, settle upon some date in the fall, and then proceed to work. The first week in October would be the best time for holding the fair undoubtedly as it would not conflict with the fair at Ithaca.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Alma Sanitarium Co. was held at the Sanitarium Monday, July 11th, inst. at which time the following Board of Directors was chosen: Dr. J. H. Lancachire, Alma; Dr. E. S. Pettyjohn, Alma; A. W. Wright, Alma; L. A. Sharp, Alma; Dr. D. R. Brower, Chicago; Dr. H. W. Longyear, Detroit; Willis T. Knowlton, Saginaw.

At the meeting of Directors elect for organization, the following officers were chosen: President, Dr. J. H. Lancashire; Vice President, Dr. E. S. Petty-Geo Thompson, work on highway. john; Sec'y and Treas., L. A. Sharp.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Margaretta Chestnut was born Feb. 4th, 1846, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and died June 29th, 1898, aged 52 years 4 months 25 days,

When a child of only five years she came to Michigan with her parents and resided five miles west of Lansing at the place called Delta Center. She lived there till the time of her marriage, Jan., 1st, 1866, to George W. Chestnut, when vote of the meeting proceeded to an in- county, and located four miles west of formal ballot. There was no choice for Alma at Elwell, where she resided till

She leaves a husband, one son, two

Barn Burned.

Word was received here as we go to press of the burning of a large barn belonging to Ed. Creech near Forest Hill on Wednesday. The barn was filled with hay and some wheat that had just been drawn in.

Court of Honor Meeting. Alma District C. of H. No. 578 will Wilson, Hannah and Beckner. hold regular meeting on Tuesday evening next. All members are requested to be present as there is business of importance to transact.

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Village Council

ALMA, MICH., July 7, 1898. Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Alma in the Council Chamber on the above date.

Present.-Trustees, Brewbaker, Pollasky, Wilson, Hannah and Beckner. Absent -President Tinker and Trustee Dean.

President Pro-tem Brewbaker in chair. Minutes of last regular meeting read upon motion approved.

Minutes of special meeting of July read and upon motion approved. President Tinker appears and takes

Upon motion the following bills were allowed at footing:

H Havlin, work in cemetery. waterworks. Poliasky, rebate on cement walk

Mrs Ely.
Dr I N Brainard.
Geo B Campbell, special police July 4th
Henry Frousch
Vint Richards
I DeLong John Greig, railroad ticket
John Greig, railroad ticket
Argus Printing Co., printing water rules
We Brock, stars for special police
Homer Hollinger, work on engine house
Aima Electric Light and Power Co...
We Kinch, clerk, three monts
Upon motion the J. F. Schwartz bill
of \$5.75 was allowed at 75c amount for

repairing hose cart the balance (pertaining to use of well) was referred to committee on streets.

Upon motion the bill of Fred Hall was referred to the committee on streets for investigation. Upon motion the Electric Light Power Co.'s bill for pumping was al-

lowed at \$125. Upon motion the Electric Light quality. Power Co.'s bills for excess during the months of May and June was referred to the water board.

Upon motion the printing bill of C. F. Brown was referred to the committee on printing. Upon motion the John D. Spinney bill

was referred to the committee on claims. Upon motion ordinance No. 33 was placed upon its last and final reading. Upon motion ordinance No. 33 was adopted approved and ordered pub-lished by the following vote:

Ayes.-Trustees Brewbaker, Pollasky, Nays .- None.

Street commissioner reported side-walks along property of Mr. Stuttz, N. Church on East Superior-st. and Ed. Weston needed repairs, Chas. Spicer's walk needed to be relaid, new walks needed along the property east of Mr. Holmes' store and along property of Dr. Pringle, Mr. Dingman, T. Ely and Wm. accepted and the clerk ordered to serve

Treasurer's report read and upon motion accepted and placed on file.

Committee on opening of street reported progress and requested extension of time, which was granted. Upon motion council adjourned

W. W. KINCH. S. W. TINKER, President.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Miss Myrtle Nelson of Cedar Lake a guest of Mrs. Theo. Nelson.

turn the same. Ed. Edwards has leased the Angel House to Rufus Utley and will move into the Wm. Johnson house recently

Will the party who borrowed a Gratiot

county atlas from this office, please re-

vacated by Wm. Kinch. A card from Will Spicer, dated July 11, states that he was pleasantly surprised by a visit from Prof. J. W. Ewing and wife. He says it is quite a treat to see

anyone from home. We have received a very interesting letter from Will Young, a former college boy, who is now with Troop D, 1st Ill. Cavalry stationed at Chickamauga, which we will publish next week.

Thompson & Sanderhoff, H. J. Vermeulen, C. L. & G. M. Delavan, L. H. Hayt, Messinger & Co., Dean & Hollenbeck, Pettyjohn & Co., and J. P. Losey have new advs. in this week's issue.

A. W. Brock has just completed a job of eave troughing on the barn recently built by A. W. Wright on the Reed farm, which is probably the longest solid piece of troughing anywhere in this part of the state. The lenght is 178 feet and is made of the celebrated "O. G."

Religious Notes.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Sixth Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. Sunday School at 3:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. All are wel-

BAPTIST.

Preaching by the pastor morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Incoruptible Crown." Evening subject, "Elijah's Flight and Encouragement." All are heartily welcome to the services of the church.

METHODIST.

At the request of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union the pastor Rogers. Upon motion the report was of the Methodist church will preach in the morning upon "The Law of the Sabbath." The evening subject will be "The High Rock."

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