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PARIS GREEN.

THREE HUNDRED POUNDS GONE AND MORE ORDERED.

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We are selling a Strictly Pure Article,

LUBRICATING OILS.

This week we received a supply of Lubricating Oils which differs from anything ever sold in Birmingham. HEAVY, CLEAR, CHEAP and will wear like Castor Oil.

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Everything Cheap, Everything Warranted as REPRESENTED.

For Low Price on GROCERIES, CROCKERY, HARDWARE, TINWARE, WHIPS, HAMMOCKS And Everything Else,

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Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Groceries, Crockery and Glassware, Gents Furnishing Goods, bought from Eastern Markets way down under their value, and will be sold at prices that will PARALYZE RETAIL DEALERS in Oakland county. Our uniformly low prices and splendid assortment in every line we carry brings us the Lion's share of the people's patronage.

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We guarantee to Sell any article from any line of Goods in our large Stock at a less price than same style or quality can be obtained elsewhere. We make our own prices by selling on close Margins. Give us a trial and remember

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Birmingham, Mich.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FARM FOR SALE, 160 acres of good farming land near Holly, or will exchange for village property. For particulars call on, or address Wm. W. Keeney, Franklin, Mich. 1024

FARM FOR SALE. Situated in the township of Troy, Oakland county, Mich., and 8½ miles northeast of Birmingham, consisting of 34 acres; 15 acres timber, the balance improved and well fenced and underdrained and good water. 2 acres of fruit; apples, peaches and cherries. Good brick house 18x36 with a wing 18x40. Good barn 32x60, horse barn 20x40 also a corn house 14x18, stone proof. These buildings are all built on gravel ridge, always dry and pleasantly situated. This farm is well adapted to all kinds of grain and can be had on reasonable terms. Call on or address, Nelson Horley, Troy, Mich. 40 tf

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—I offer for sale my House and Lot on Saginaw street in this village, or will exchange for small farm. Good house and barn, well, cistern, small fruits, etc. For particulars inquire at this office. Lewis B. Moore. 3mp

FOR SALE—A farm of 80 acres, good buildings, two orchards, ten acres of timber, rolling land same as north of Birmingham, price only $5,000. This farm is as good if not better, than any farm that can be bought near Birmingham, at from $4,500 to $5,000, and to any one who can be satisfied with a farm in Michigan, this is a bargain that may be found only once in a life time. Reason for selling, I am about to move to Iowa, come and see the farm or address, Robert Alton, Wayne, Mich.

SEED CORN FOR SALE. A quantity of Seed Corn, one and two years old, of the Dent variety. Call at my house, one mile north and 3 miles west of Birmingham. SAMUEL LEACH.

W. H. CONNOR has for sale a reliable 4 horse eleven years old, and weighs about 1,400 pounds. 3312

Sixty acres choice land for sale or exchange for small farm near Birmingham. For father particulars call on J. R. Gibson, Jr. 1tf

WANTED by Mrs. Cyrus G. Jarvis all kinds of plain sewing, which will be finished in a very satisfactory manner. For prices and particulars call on Mrs. C. G. Jarvis, Lowes house, Pierce st., Birmingham, Mich. 3m1

SEED corn for sale, 1 have a few bushels of red cob, yellow dent corn for sale, which I have tested, and think it will grow. Price two dollars a bushel. First come first served.
J. H. PEABODY.

SHEEP FOR SALE—I will sell 100 high grade Merino sheep at a very reasonable price. Stock can be seen on my farm 3 miles north of Fred Stephan's corners on the Town Line Rd. Batterlee, Pine Oaks Farm. 1p

PIGS FOR SALE—Anyone desiring some very fine pigs cheap can find the stock and make a good bargain by calling on Dr. Clark Pearsall, one mile north and a little east of Birmingham.

FARM FOR SALE—To be for sale my farm of 80 acres, 3½ miles northwest of Birmingham. Stone house, stone barn and frame barn, all good buildings. For particulars call at the premises or address Clark Vaughn, Birmingham, Mich. 12p

SPECIAL NOTICES.

New hats, bonnets, flowers, plumes, etc., at Mrs. Furman's. Also wall paper and bordering. tf

Call and look over my 25, 40 and 50 cent hats. Good bargains in hack and school hats. Mrs. Furman. tf

Don't fail to look over the goods on my five and ten cent counters. Good buttons five and ten cents. Mrs. Furman. tf

Call and look over my ten cent gloves and hosiery, also my calico and chambray. Mrs. Furman. tf

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper; this tells you when your subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

How did you celebrate?

D. E. Wilber was in town over Sunday.

W. D. Clizbe, wife and daughter are in town.

A nobby suit of clothes for $4 at F. Blakeslee & Co.'s

Wonder if this fourth is quiet enough for our average citizen.

Politics don't get very warm yet in this vicinity.—But wait.

Gov. Begole delivers the 4th of July oration to-morrw at Orion.

Read Will Keeney's farm for sale advertisement in another place.

It would do no harm if the rule was applied to Michigan Courts.

Springfield township pays for $200 worth of woodchuck scrips.

Charles Brandt formerly of Troy has located near Dlalus, Texas.

Miss Rhoda Simpson is home from Detroit on a short visit.

Wanted: A good girl to do general housework. Call at this office.

Rope for your hay forks, and everything in Hardware, cheap at Corson's.

Mrs. J. B. Gates of Waterford visits the family of Geo. H. Mitchell this week.

To rent for three years a brand new modern house. Apply to THE ECCENTRIC office.

F. B. Raynale & Co., have a new advertisement of seasonable goods this week. Read it.

Budge effects a Clyde business man so that he chops up his door step to get at his dog to wollop him.

Wm. Allen is the proud owner of a 36 pound wool fleece clipped from one of his own flock. Very good.

Wanted immediately. A good competent girl for general housework. Inquire of Mr. Aldrich at the depot.

Mrs. H. Clark, of St. Louis Mo., a relative of Mrs. H. M. Perkins is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Anyone wishing to purchase a new milch cow, Jersey bred, can hear of a bargain by addressing H. F. Daniels, Birmingham, Mich.

To Mrs. Charles D. Miller, of Vassar, Mich.,—a welcome daughter, all of which happened last week Did everybody doing nicely.

D. E. Wilber and family took their departure for their new home at East Jordan, Charlevoix Co., this week. We wish them good luck in their new quarters.

Mrs. S. D. Beckman of this place has been sick with a severe attack of inflamation of the kidneys, and trouble of the heart, but with Dr. Campbell's treatment is slowly improving.

We are pleased to be able to state that neither Whitehead or Mitchell were drunk or in jail last week, the versatile and truthful scribe of the Evening News to the contrary notwithstanding.

Messrs McKinley and Prindle of Southfield start out with a bran new steam engine and separator with which to thresh the grain of our farmer friends this season. We wish them success.

Messrs Partridge and McA. Randall took in the Jackson excursion last week, and report an interesting visit at the state prison, where they saw Blackmon and Mr. Ira Cole, late of Troy.

Miss Belle G. Campbell our worthy principal and her brother, Ross T. Campbell have returned to their home in Penn., and were accompained by the best wishes of their host of Wolverine friends.

Evening News June 24, James V. McKinney, the missing Grand River avenue grocer, has turned up at Columbus, Ohio. No satisfactory reason for his flight is assigned except "business troubles."

Two more unfortunates
Weary of rest;
Rashly unfortunate, gone to—

Petoskey and Harbor Springs. They are M. K. Taber and J. Allen Bigelow and will be gone perhaps a week or so, fishing and hunting.

Mrs. Jennie Heames of Detroit, who was visiting at Jonathan Todd's last week, returned home on account of the illness of her little son, whom we are pleased to learn has since recovered his usual good health.

Lost, on Monday night June 23rd, between Birmingham and Z. Caswell's a pocket book containing a two dollar bill and about $3 50 in silver. A liberal reward will be paid if the finder will leave at this office.

The Uncle Toms Cabin troupe performed to a full house last Monday evening. The donkey was there ditto Uncle Tom, Eva and the bloodhound—the braying of the mule was likened unto the Birmingham brass band.

Mr. Chaney Noble of Farmington sheared 16 ewes averaging 12½ pounds of washed wool and each ewe raised a lamb, and the buck sheared 25 pounds of washed wool. The sheep were sheared by S. A. Bone of Bloomfield.

All owners of valuable and worthless dogs, cats and other pet animals are hereby notified to keep them at home next Monday, for that is the day that Mr. Wilson, the sexton will spread poisoned food about the cemetery to poison gophers.

The reason for requiring lawyers in Connecticut to stand while examining witnesses in court is explained by the judges who make the rule. It is to prevent the long, weary, useless, senseless badgering of witnesses, and expedites the business of the courts wonderfully. —[Evening Journal.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Birmingham, Mich., postoffice for the month ending June 30, 1884. W. G. Buckle, Miss Kate Beckwith, (2) Daniel Robinson, Hubart Shults, (2) the Rev. J. L. Simpson. Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised." A. Whitehead, postmaster.

Burglars, tramps, sneak theives or what ever you choose to call them went through the houses of Gus Tibbils and John Lawrence on the Pontiac road about one and one-half miles north of the village one day last week. They managed to absorb upwards of $25 worth in both houses.

A very valuable colt belonging to Fred Walter of Pontiac and under course of training by Mr. Fadner at Birmingham driving park, died with congestion of the lungs recently despite the best medical treatment which could be procured from Detroit. The estimated worth of the animal was up among the thousands.

A tame crow owned by Mortie O. Bigelow and a family of red squirrels on Mill street, are the live attractions on that throughfare at present. Any one versed in the art of crow tongue splitting so that they can talk can get a job by calling on Master Bigelow, as Mort would like to hear his crow raking for Jim Blaine.

Nun Veilings, in three colors 38 inches wide, 40 cents per yard, regular price 60 cents at Corson's.

Mortie Bigelow is spending his vacation at his uncle Mort Leggett's at Drayton Plains. He ought to have a good time for he is a little gentleman in every sense of the word and there isn't any finer place in the world in which to lie around at case "as it were, in Tennis costume" than at this same free and easy home of "Old Jake's."

Misses Mamie E. Utter, Hattie C. Drake and Ella Drake are all home from Ypsilanti, for summer vacation. Miss Ella graduated from the State Normal with the highest honors. Miss Mame Utter is accompained by her bosom friend and class-mate, Miss Rood of Muskegon, who will remain for a short visit before returning to her home.

School closed last week with flying colors. Every department being full to the end of the school year owing to the excellent grade of teachers employed. At this writing we are unable to give a list of teachers employed for the coming year, but are assured the board will make their usual careful selection, and make next year a school year second to none in the state.

One of the celebrated professors of the Ann Arbor medical college, who examined the published analysis of our "Bethesday Spring" water, says it contains valuable medicinal ingredients and in it is a larger proportion of the iodide of potassium to the gallon than in any other spring water in this state. Potassium is extensively used for diseases of the blood and rheumatic affections.

In advance of the commencement exercises held last week the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. G. W. Lowe, the Sunday evening previous to the graduating exercises at the M. E. Church. The large auditorium was crowded to its fullest capacity, and all listened to an able discourse full of wisdom and advice to all in general and the young graduates in particular.

Pontiac and Orion celebrate to-morrow in good shape, while the D. G. H. & M. R. R. gives round trip tickets for one fare to any station on the road. Dr. Carver with his "Wild West" combination of cow boys, steers, indians and noise holds forth at Recreation Park in Detroit, while Pontiac does her share by having races, games and shooting match at the fair grounds. You pays your money and you takes your choice.

Elegant new silk mitts, silk gloves, lisle thread gloves and fans at Corson's.

The Oakland county board of supervisors completed the work of their special session Tuesday and adjourned. M. D. Ribble, of Addison, was re-elected chairman of the board for the present year. The board find there is a majority of .57 in favor of the loan of $15,000 for the new jail. A committee of three was appointed to arrange the building of the jail. The committee consisted of Daniel Morrison, of Milford Gleason Perry, Oakland, and Josephus Smith of Troy. The board also adopted a resolution empowering and instructing said committee to proceed forthwith to visit jails of modern build, to employ an architect and to adopt a plan which in their judgment will meet the wants of the county, but in no case to exceed the 15,000 voted, and to report their doings at the next session of the board. The committee are now on an inspecting tour of the jails at Adrian and Mt. Clemens.

CLAWSON.

Mr. Moses Goodel was recently relieved of a tape worm over 20 feet in length by Dr. C. L. Lathrop.

Saturday afternoon Will Martin's house was struck by lightning. His sister received a shock and labors under the effects of it.

ROYAL OAK.

The Second Methodist church is under repairs.

Wonder if "Mother" will keep her cow shut up now.

Mr. R. Vivian is on the sick list.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell on Saturday last—a son.

Mr. Melvin Marshal and daughter returned to Detroit last week Wednesday.

SEDUCTIVE BOCK.

Sad Results from Bad Beer on a Bad Boy.

C. H. Hoffman, a compositor in this office, is the most widely celebrated man in this section of the country just at present, as the Detroit evening papers have been airing his case to their heart's content for the past week.

The facts of the case are simply these: Every Wednesday morning the type which has been set for these columns during the week is done up in packages and taken to the city, and after being "locked up" in regular newspaper form it is put into a large cylinder press run by steam and the edition is run off, after which the forms are unlocked, the type again done up in packages and, together with the papers, is brought back home again, usually arriving on the evening train on Wednesday.

The duty of taking the type to the city usually devolves upon the man in charge of the mechanical part of the office, and as bad luck would have it the aforesaid Hoffman was the man to do this business on Wednesday of last week. When the train came and no papers arrived we thought a press might have broken or something of that sort occurred and laid back for some heavy work on Thursday to get our edition in the morning mail, but after the morning train came on Thursday and no paper yet, the telephone was brought into requisition and we finally found the papers in the baggage room in Detroit and they were promptly expressed to us at our request. On Friday last our senior editor went to the city and had the type brought out and the office is again in running order.

Hoffman declares he was drugged, etc., and that he was "unjustly incarcerated" and the rest of the same old twaddle which our great grandsires used to tell when they went off on a bust in Cotton Mather's time. The following extracts from the Evening News, although putting Hoffman upon too intimate terms with the management of THE ECCENTRIC, is about as near right as the News ever gets anything, and were really the first intimation received by the public in this part of the world as to the whereabouts of poor "Hungry." Hear the sweet singer of that notorious sheet as he tells his readers all about something of which he knows nothing, in his issue of the 26th inst.:

The readers of THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC will not receive their favorite publication on time this week. THE ECCENTRIC is dependent upon Detroit facilities for its presswork. Yesterday one of the gentlemen who does the heavy work about the ECCENTRIC office brought the forms to this city to have the edition printed and circulated with that neatness and dispatch upon which the ECCENTRIC prides itself. The subscribers of the ECCENTRIC pay in wood, which is not a very satisfying diet. When the rural scribe reached Detroit he swore he would have a square meal. He "didn't care a dash if eggs were 10 cents a dozen." Leaving the forms at the depot, he was fortunate enough to strike a small restaurant at No. 422 Michigan avenue, kept by a woman named Clark. The door was open and no one around. He entered and surfeited himself with ice cream, cakes, candies, etc., and was about leaving when the proprietor entered and demanded pay. This the visitor was unable to produce. Mrs. Clark called to Albert James, who was passing by, for assistance. The ECCENTRIC man assaulted James, but was finally arrested by Patrolman Coles. When arraigned in the police court this morning he gave the name of George Williams. From papers found in his clothes, however, it was surmised that his right name was Charles Hoffman. He pleaded not guilty to both charges of assault and larceny.

And here's another washle on the same subject in the issue of the 27th inst.:

Justice Miner was called upon this morning by a delegation composed of the patrons of the Birmingham ECCENTRIC, who urged the release of the gentleman connected with that sheet arrested yesterday on charges of petty larceny and assault and battery. The forms, they said, were still locked up at the depot, while Mr. Hoffman was locked up in jail. In the meantime there was a dearth of literary food in Birmingham, and the business, moral and social interests of that town were suffering from the non-appearance of the ECCENTRIC. They hoped Mr. Miner would release Hoffman's liberty, and promised that in case he did to pay all expenses caused by his appetite, take him to Birmingham, place him upon the ECCENTRIC tripod, and pledge their sacred honor he should visit Detroit no more. Justice Miner, in return, told his visitors that while he would do anything in his power to oblige either them or the good people of Birmingham, he was really powerless to act, and that they had better see the complaining witnesses. The delegation then left to hunt up the woman whose food had filled the hungry maw of the Birmingham ECCENTRIC's heavy weight; also the man who had suffered from his strength of arm.

And this is the way the penny-a-liner of Scripp's slangy sheet "does us up" and holds us up as being directly responsible for the pranks of a drunken compositor. If "the subscribers to the ECCENTRIC generally pay in wood" they do vastly better than the News does when it wants a little advertising from its country brethren. They never pay anything, not even wood.

As a matter of fact, Hoffman was bailed out of jail on Friday morning and on Monday appeared before Judge Miner ready for trial, and as the complainants failed to put in an appearance the case was accordingly dismissed. He has sworn eternal enmity to intoxicants in general; and bock beer in particular, promised never to indulge in another "toot" and has calmly settled back to "live it down."

RETALIATION BY TELEPHONE.

The following dialogue actually took place over the wire on Monday afternoon last:

"Hello, Detroit, give us the Evening News office, please."

"All right, here you are, Birmingham."

"Hello, Evening News."

"Hello."

"Say, Evening News, did you get a full report of the big $10,000 fire and extensive burglary near here on Saturday night?"

"Wait a minute, please, Birmingham, and I'll run up stairs and stop the press, and see if it is in the forms."

[A pause in which the anxious scribe runs up stairs, stops the 50,000-an-hour Bullock perfecting press, looks hurriedly over the forms and finds nothing from Birmingham; instructs the head pressman to "wait for very important news from Birmingham," sails down stairs to the telephone, anxiety written upon every feature of his ugly mug, and the conversation is renewed.]

"Hello, Birmingham."

"Hello."

"We haven't got a word about it; hurry up and give it to me, the press is waiting—wait till I get my pencil. All right go ahead."

"Well, say, Evening News, this is Whitehead & Mitchell of THE ECCENTRIC, the men you lied about so abominably in two issues last week. Remember, don't you?"

"Well, yes (rather dubiously), but never mind about that; give us the news, please, will you? All hands are waiting for you."

"Well, we appreciate the extreme kindness of the News in our case and have decided to give it to a respectable morning paper like the Free Press or Post and Tribune."

"Well, you d——d fool, you can go to h——l with it if you want to," and we heard him slam the telephone down in a rage as he heard our "ta-ta, dearie."

Verily, a cat may look at a king and the veriest little poodle may worry a prince of the realm by barking at his heels.

THESE ARE SOLID FACTS.

The best blood purifier and system regulator ever placed within the reach of suffering humanity, truly is Electric Bitters. Inactivity of the liver, biliousness, jaundice, constipation, weak kidneys, or any disease of the urinary organs, or whoever requires an appetizer, tonic or mild stimulant, will always find Electric Bitters the best and only certain cure known. They act surely and quickly, every bottle guaranteed to give entire satisfaction or money refunded. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Whitehead & Mitchell.

AN INDUSTRIAL SHOWING.

The following article goes to show that Birmingham ladies will dress and that they know and appreciate a good dress maker, Mrs. E. Lamb, who has made up for the following ladies each a full white dress suit: Misses Belle G. Campbell, Flora Wilber, Lillie Reynolds, Lillie Elwood, Carrie Beals, Rettie Beals, Carrie Cook, Jennie Clement, Lottie Lamb (3), Belle Groves, Carrie Toms, Mrs. E. Lamb and H. E. Mitchell. Misses Mattie Wooster, black; Bertha Simonson, silk; Blanche Peabody, bunting; Lotta Hall, light; Mrs. Vasburg, black; Mrs. E. Lamb, light.

This amount of work, 21 dresses, besides five waists, has been turned out in the mouth of June by Mrs. E. Lamb and Miss Carrie Toms, and we think it is a hard record to beat.

School Report

The following are the names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month of June, and who have an average standing of over 90 per cent. The first primary, Miss Agnes Parks teacher. May Thurlby, Johnnie Merrill, Bertie Randall, Mary Reynolds, Della Snow, Jennie Cobb, Sarah Gruis, Gracie Brown, Bertha Bartlett, Charlie Fredericks, Charlie Toms, Aggie Roach, Charlie Cowles, Fred Irving, Fred Gravling, Mamie Brown, Nellie Fall, Henry Burns, Cyrel Shadboldt, Tommy Thurlby, Ray Blakeslee, Linda Graving, Eddie Parks, Willie Annis, Audley Wilson, Myrtie Randall, Ray Hamlin, Lottie Lamb, Clara Fall, Nellie Reynolds, Jennie Leach, Ross Hutcheson.

The second primary Miss Ella Hickey teacher: Anna Rose, Hattie Leach, Albert Quarton, Freddie Quarton, Fred Reynolds, Claude Reynolds, Anna Adams, Stella Ward, Lawrence Ward, Lizzie Hanna, Josie Parks, Minnie Hunt, George Aldrich, Bertie Blakeslee, Eddie Benedict, Anna Cooper, Johnnie Irving, Lizzie Graham, Elmer Perry, Jay Hunt, Fred Shadboldt, Genie Smith.

Intermediate department, Miss Maggie Brown teacher: Jenny Manser, Tommy Cooper, Polly Parks, Myrtie Bird, Bessie Merrill.

Grammar department Miss Flora Jenks, teacher: Anna Hagerman, Bertie Jenks, Birdie Jarvis, Ezra Matteeson, Daisy Sibley, Guy Wallace, Orion Everett, Gertie Merrill.

High School department Miss Belle G. Campbell principal, R. T. Campbell assistant: Hattie Simpson, May Eldred, Ettie Scott, Mary Cooper, Cassius Carter.

BELLE G. CAMPBELL.

JUNE 28, 1884.

A REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Mrs. Mary A. Dailey of Tunkhannock, Pa., was afflicted for six years with asthma and bronchits, during which time the best physicians could give no relief. Her life was despaired of, until in last October she procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, when relief was felt, and by continuing its use for a short time she was completely cured, gaining in flesh 50 pounds in a few months. Free trial bottles of this certain cure of all throat and lung diseases at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Large bottles $1.

ROBBERY AND ARSON

Henry Grinnell, a Farmer near Franklin, Meets with a Loss of $10,000.

On Saturday night last between eleven and twelve o'clock the barn of Henry Grinnell about a mile and a half west of Franklin, was discovered to be on fire and the entire farm buildings except the house were soon in flames, and in a very short time the group of handsome, convenient and extensive barns, sheds, granaries, and out-houses of every description were a mass of charred and smoking ruins.

At the first alarm Mr. Grinnell leaped from his bed and upon reaching the main barn found it on fire in several places. He immediately began to get the horses out of the burning buildings, in which he succeeded, with the exception of a valuable 3-year old colt which was stabled in another part of the buildings and was lost in the flames.

In one part of the buildings was stored about 2,000 pounds of wool, the product of two years clips of Mr. Grinnell's exceptionally fine flock of sheep and the generally accepted theory now is, that some one had stolen this wool and then burned the barn to cover up their tracks, supposing that the wool would be thought to have been burned in the buildings. The fact that a mass of wool like this will not burn, but shows a charred and blackend surface after the fire is burned out, is well known to everyone. There was no trace of wool in the barn, as Mr. Grinnell searched it in time to see that it was gone, and in an orchard near the barn were discovered the tracks of a wagon and lints and fragments which led to the belief that the wool was taken to the orchard from the barn and deliberately sacked and loaded upon the wagon, after which the barn was fired in several places and the thieves left at once.

Sheriff Lewis was summoned and was promptly up the scene and himself and deputies were soon scouring the country in search of the theives. Mr. Lewis offers a reward of $100 for the return of the wool and $50 each for the apprehension of the thieves.

Mr. Grinnell takes his loss like the philosopher that he is. When asked the amount of his loss he said he would give anyone $10,000 to make him whole again. The barns were models, of farm buildings. A large tank in the horse barn was supplied with excellent water by a hydraulic ram, the floors were paved with blocks of wood precisely the same as the Nicholson pavement of our larger cities. The barns and sheds for the storage of farming implements were ample and convenient and contained all the numberless implements necessary for the carrying on of a large and well managed farm, among which was a new twine binder purchased last summer. The corn crib contained about six hundred bushels of corn. The buildings were insured for $3,000 in the Watertown of New York.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

PONTIAC.

Frank Bowlsby is happy over the arrival of a daughter. Ditto John Edington.

Miss Ida Crofoot of Detroit was visiting in town last week.

'Ras Wooster was in town Sunday night. Good bye, Ella.

Hicks & Cowles are building an addition to their livery barn.

Justice Crawford will decide July 7 whether to hold Mrs. Margaret Smith for trial or discharge her.

Pontiac will have a new cross-bar exchange.

Will Harris, Henri Allison, James Dawson and other Pontiac boys are home from Ann Arbor.

COUNTY LINE.

Fred Cartwright's house was struck by lightning, but no serious damage was done.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cantrall have gone to Lapeer county.

Wm. Pallidet's horse ran away at Royal Oak the other day, being frightened by the cars. The buggy was badly demolished.

Mrs. Brown and Sargeant returned home Saturday, after a pleasant visit among their many friends in this vicinity.

Considerable excitement down at Warren in consequent of a father killing a baby, besides other fracasses too numerous to mention. Your Warren correspondent will probably give full particulars.

Wm. Strong has contracted to cut a good deal of wheat in this vicinity.

Thursday Barr has traded his engine for a new one and intends to make things hum this fall.

John Dolan's temporary barn was blown down during the high wind Monday. Considerable timber also went to the ground. FAT.

TOWN LINE.

Burglars paid a visit to James Gray's house Sunday night. They gained an entrance by an unfastened door, entered his room and took a watch and a pocketbook containing $11; also a satchel belonging to the hired man. The latter was recovered with contents, which were valuable, the burglars having left it a short distance from the house. No trace of the thieves.

Mr. T. C. Beach and wife have gone to Olivet to be present at a reunion of her family, some of whom she has not seen for 50 years.

Bowery dance at Auburn last Friday night.

Mrs. L. Daniels was recently injured by being thrown from a buggy.

Will Patch of Novesta has come down for haying.

A great many clerkships and public offices now being filled with hoodlums might with much more decency be held by women. A woman employed in an office would not be smoking a cigar with her feet up on a desk when a citizen visits the office for business or information.—*N. O. Picayune.*