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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.

More rain needed badly.

The ides of November will soon be here and many hearts will ache after the 6th inst.

Eight Cleveland and Thurman poles were raised here last week and about as many for Harrison and Morton.

Smoke Taber's Ben-Hur, Record Breakers, and Detroit Sluggers cigars. For sale by all first-class dealers.

Mrs. M. E. Homan who has been visiting east and later at this place and Sand Beach, returned to her home in Elgin, Ill., Monday evening.

Mrs. L. T. Furman has been visiting with Mrs. R. A. Parker of Detroit for the past ten days and enjoyed a real good vacation and a much needed rest.

A wholesale dealer and jobber in fine cigars has an office desk in Whitehead & Mitchell's store. He is a stranger, they took him in and his name is W. J. Taber.

Dr. O. W. Hewitt is seriously sick. A consultation of Drs. Raynale, Campbell and Galbraith on Tuesday last elicited the fact that he is in a critical condition.

Geo. Randall, the thresher, shook out 1,333 bushels of wheat and oats for Mat. Erwin of Southfield one day last week, and 800 bushels were threshed in the afternoon.

If you are ever going to want a piano or organ call on Whitehead & Mitchell. They are agents for the celebrated Schubert and Boardman & Gray pianos and the Palace organ.

The Clawson republicans raised a pole last week Saturday and during the night the democrats followed suit. It is a poor hamlet nowadays that doesn't boast of at least two poles.

At National hall next Tuesday evening the many friends in this place of Byron G. Stout will have the pleasure of listening to him in a speech on sound democracy. All invited.

Last Thursday was woodchuck day and 141 scalps were brought in at 15c each, which drew from the treasury the sum of $66 15. The woodchuck must go.—[Rochester Era.

Here's richness for the farmer. Bill Sharood has sworn off and hereafter he will be found at his shop chuck full—of days work at ridiculously low prices. Read his ad. in another column.

John G. Wilson and John Baldwin raised their democratic poles last Monday and the snapping, cracking and flapping of "them air" flags kept the whole neighborhood awake nearly all night.

Married: On Sunday, September 30, 1888, at the Residence of George Riffenburg, in Birmingham, James Frost of this place to Miss Catherine McKay of Ontario, Rev. John Hamilton officiating.

We are in receipt of a neatly printed volume of the public school at Albion, Mich., under the supervision of Pro. W. C. Hull, who now holds a very responsible and lucrative position in that institution.

That Frank Hollister is a lucky one. Here he has been the happy father of a bouncing baby girl for nearly three weeks and we never got on to it. But we're after him now and here present the facts in the case. We all smoke.

Strayed into my enclosure, a skeleton with one wheel held up by a rail. Said vehicle has been on my premises over three months and the owner must appear at once and take the "dumd thing" away. Will Hutton, Southfield, Mich.

Some newspaper talk tells who has had the yellow fever. Our fellow townsman, Geo. Blackwell, had a two months pull at it many years ago while in the West Indies, twelve miles from Kingston on the island of Jamaica.

The Rev. Mr. Cole, the new Baptist preacher, has rented the Rev. T. Middlemis' house and will fill the Baptist pulpit for some time to come. The Baptist congregation is to be congratulated upon having secured so good a pastor.

Candidates are quite numerous in this vicinity and hand shaking seems to be quite fashionable. Candidates now go through the land shaking hands all over and will continue to do so until after the 6th day of November, when two-thirds of them will cease.

Our former clerk, Allie J. Bodine, is manager of a thriving general store at Hyannis, Neb., is making money, is happy and satisfied. There's pluck for you and an example for many of our young men who are sitting around "doin' nothin' for nobody."

Flowing wells are no variety in Southfield. Last week James Shain struck a gusher for the Erity school house that beats all the other big wells in that vicinity. Mr. Shain is now busily engaged in boring several flowing wells for Mr. Erity at the head of his pond, and with promising results, too.

The most remarkable success ever attained in the way of amusement attractions in Detroit is the "Battle of Atlanta" now in its 75th week's run without a losing day. Morning and afternoon finds the great cyclorama building crowded with admirers of this great work of art. When in Detroit be sure to visit it.

An exchange says: If we were to put a two-line item in the most obscure corner of the paper which stated that a certain business man charged more for his goods and kept a poorer grade than his competitors, that man would hire a bull headed slugger to come around and kill us the next morning. But if we were to ask the same man for an advertisement of his wares, he would say, "No, I don't believe in advertising; no one reads advertisements.

We received to-day by mail from J. L. Hudson, the popular Detroit clothier, a handsome little book entitled "According to Hoyle." It is a careful compilation from leading authorities, of rules governing correct play in games of whist, euchre, bezique, sixty-six, Vernon's game of whist and how to score base ball. This enterprising merchant gives these useful books away to those who may wish them, upon receipt of a cent stamp and address.

The Cleveland Thurman club rejoices exceedingly over the great success of their pole raising last week, under the careful supervision of James A. McKinney, the renowned pole raiser. No accident occurred to mar the joytulness of the occasion, and besides the speech of F. F. Williams, John D. Norton, candidate for state treasurer, and Dahiel L. Davis, candidate for legislature from this district, made rousing speeches at National hall in the evening. Birmingham now presents a holiday appearance with her numerous poles and bright flags and streamers.

A certain married lady sat up till 12 o'clock a few nights ago waiting for her husband to come home from lodge, at Lyons. At last weary and worn out by long waiting, she went to her sleeping room to retire and there she found the missing husband fast asleep. Instead of going to the lodge he had gone to his room and didn't leave the house. Such are the tribulations of married women whose husbands belong to lodge.—[Muir Tribune.

Scribner's Magazine for October is notable for the varied inherest of its contents and the eminence of its contributors in their special fields of work, among them being Lester Wallack, the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Robert Louis Stevenson, Prof. Arthur T. Hadley and H. H. Boyesen. The illustrations present an equal variety of subject and treatment. The magazine is one of our most welcome exchanges, and the low price of $3 per year brings it within the reach of all. Scribners Sons, New York.

It is evident that Michigan is considered a doubtful state this fall by both of the old parties. The state is already being talked to salvation and what will it be by election time? There will be at least 150 speeches in the state this evening and before election at least 5,000 more will be delivered. Never in its history has Michigan been considered so doubtful. The man who makes a prediction of the result makes it from braggadocio or bluff.

Being well known is no reason for not advertising or stopping an advertisement. Barnum is well known, but advertises just as much, if not more, than ever. Business is constantly changing, old firms withdraw from and new ones enter the fields of trade, and not to continue advertising, if one would continue in business, would be like the well conditioned man ceasing to eat because he already had sufficient flesh, sinew and bone.

There is no little complaint from people who reside outside of Detroit, regarding the outrageous discrimination in charges at some of the hotels in the city. The Brunswick hotel charges only 50 cents per meal, but when a person from the country stops there they have to put up 75 cents. Here's a pointer: Steer clear of the Brunswick.—[Holly Advertiser. Pshaw Jim, why don't you register "city" and save the extra quarter? Or better still, show 'em your bicycle pass, or go over to Crawford's and have Emily bake you some slap jacks. That's the way poor folks do down here.

The wedding of Mr. Sam Slade of this place and Miss Kittie Buell of Franklin took place at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. J. A. Buell, on Tuesday evening last at 7.30 o'clock. A few personal friends from Detroit and the relatives of the family were the only guests. Rev. John Hamilton officiated, and one the most notable guests was the venerable grandmother of the groom, whose 83 years rests very lightly upon her venerable head. The presents were numerous and costly. The newly made couple took the 9 o'clock train from this place the same evening for their new home in Detroit, accompanied by the best wishes of many warm friends in this vicinity.

This is the condition our cemetery would be in were it not for the ladies cemetery association. Too much praise and commendation cannot be given the ladies for their earnest work. Read what the Lansing Republican says and then compare the difference: "Cattle have been permitted to enter Mt. Hope cemetery, browse on the shrubbery, trample the grass, tear up the grading and do other damage to the premises. The rickety old fence that surrounds the grounds is no protection and the board of trustees complain of a lack of funds to repair the inclosure. It is hoped that the city council will take some action in regard to the matter."

The Art Amateur for October gives an excellent fact-simile of "Storymy Weather off the Coast of Maine," painted in oils by Edward Moran, who talks instructively about marine painting, and also gives instructions how to paint this picture. There is a striking double page design, "Nighthawk and Nightingales," together with a crayon portrait study of a little girl, china painting design for a honey dish (apple blossoms) and a cracker jar (lilies), a continuation of the fish plate series, a bold figure design (George Washington) for a large hammered brass plaque, and a companion (Mary Washington) is promised for the next number. Price 35 cents. Montague Marks, publisher, 23 Union Square, New York.

The October number of Wide Awake opens with a delightful story of some original "Shut-Ins" by Mrs. Ella Peattie. Mrs. Kate Garnet Wells gives a readable article about the Massachusetts society for the prevention of cruelty to children, entitled "Some Children of the M. S. P. C. C." "Puck and puppypulf" is a dog story, a droll one, showing the funny side of a dog's character There are also good art articles, well illustrated. Edward Everett Hale concludes his "Boston Common" articles, Mrs. Leonowens has a paper about the ancient and modern Japanese; Oscar Fay Adams writes about La Motte Fouque; in fact the magazine is full of interesting articles by talented writers, which space will not permit us to mention. Wide Awake is $2 40 per year. D. Lothrop Comyany, Boston. Send five cents for specimen copy.

The Detroit Journal offers to pay $1,000 in gold to the person who shall name the four separate coldest days between December 1, 1888, and March 15, 1889, on which the thermometer at the U. S. signal station in Detroit shall register the lowest temperature. The guesses must be written on postal cards, one guess to a card, and must reach the office of the Detroit Journal before December 1, 1888. Gen. A. W. Greeley, the chief of the U. S signal service, writes to the Journal that the coldest weather will occur between January 14 and 24, but this is by no means certain, for he predicted that July 14, 15 and 16 would be the three hottest days of 1888, and these days were exceptionally cool. Although over 6000 separate guesses were sent to the Journal in competition for their $500 cash prize for the three hottest days, the actual result of the contest was surprising; not one of the guessers named the three correct days. The Journal, however, came within one half of a degree of having to pay the sum of $500 to S. L. Epperson, 144 Jones street, Detroit, who guessed June 17, July 11 and August 3. The guess held good from Friday, August 3, till Monday, August 27, when it was found that on Sunday, August 26, the thermometer at the U. S signal station in Detroit registered 81 degrees. The three hottest days of the summer in Detroit were as follows: June 17, 94.2 degrees; July 11, 91.5 degrees; August 26, 91 degress.

DEMOCRATS, ATTENTION.

The members of the Cleveland and Thurman club are hereby notified that their next regular meeting, Tuesday, October 9, at 7.30 o'clock, Hon. Byron G. Stout of Pontiac will address them. All members are requested to turn out, bring in their friends, families and invite all their friends, and especially the ladies. G. H. Mitchell,

President T. & C. Club.

Oct. 3, 1888.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' stand ng." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellevilte, Ohio, adrms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending Sep. 29, 1888.

J. McClain, Mrs. Margarett Ann Nixon, Mr. Edward Spitzer, Miss Jennie Young.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

F. HAGERMAN, P. M.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severe t tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

NEW HATS. NEW HATS.

We have just received a large line of new felt hats, all shapes, all colors and all prices. The lady who cannot suit herself from our stock is indeed hard to please. We have also bonnets for young ladies, middle aged ladies, and for old ladies. Prices lower than ever before. Fall colors in sewing silks, twist and embroidery silks. Hosiery and underwear for misses and children. Come and see us. Allyn & Co.

Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic is a confection of roots, herbs, barks and seeds, Try it. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

MERRY HEARTS HAD WE.

The Tenth Anniversary of the Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Travis of Big Beaver.

Everybody who is fortunate enough to know Charlie Travis, the agent of the Consolidated Oil Co., knows that he is a right good fellow as good fellows go, and in point of fact his good wife is not far behind her worthy spouse in the estimation in which her friends hold her as a friend and neighbor.

These worthy people are boarding at the residence of G C. Gibbs of Troy, at present, and it occurred to them that they would celebrate the tenth anniversary of their wedding day in a quiet manner, so they issued a few invitations and the result was that "Sly and I" with our better halves, went down to the Gibbs mansion in the town of Troy, near Big Beaver, on Wednesday evening of last week to see how Charlie and his wife would take in their friends.

Well, of course we were a little late—large bodies are always "slow to move"—and to save us we couldn't get a move on Sly before everybody else had got there; but all things come to those who wait, and the assembled company were ushered in to supper shortly after our arrival and the "lay-out" well repaid them for waiting, for such a supper is seldom met with in this neck of woods. We did not need our bicycle appetite to appreciate it, either, for long after every one else was done we had to keep right on eating to keep Sly company. We always have to sacrifice ourselves that way. One of the pleasantest features of the supper, and in fact of the evening for that matter, was the unexpected (on our part) presence of Winter's Detroit orchestra, which rendered some choice selections while we were discussing the other good things on the table.

After supper the presents, of which we append a list, were inspected, and then some one proposed a quadrille, and although there were several present who solemnly averred that they never did and never would dance, it was but a very few minutes before such staid and sober bodies as Ike Pearsall, G. C. Gibbs, Adams Bayley and Charlie Travis himself, were whirling in the giddy mazes of a waltz from Strauss or a veritable clog jig. Oh, it was a sight for the Gods and mortals to weep over, but they kept it up until it really was time to go home and the assembled company were loth to leave such a jolly company of jolly spirits. The only draw-back to the evening's entertainment was noisy, hilarious Bayley, who allowed his feelings to overcome him once or twice while he was keeping his lonely vigil with his cigar out in the kitchen. He must have fallen asleep in his sociable way, for when some one opened the door he braced up, listened to the music for a moment and imagining that he was at a political meeting, gave three cheers for Harrison in a manner that roused the sleeping babies up stairs and also roused the ire of their respective mothers, but Bayley escaped with a few slight bruises.

We are quite confident that we are echoing the sentiments of every individual present at this most pleasant affair when we say that no more enjoyable party has been held in the town of Troy the last year than this same tin wedding of C. S. Travis and wife, and we heartily hope that they may live to see a golden wedding in the happy years to come, when all the merry guests of last week Wednesday evening will be present. We append a list of the presents:

Silver card receiver and match box, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. B. Tuttle, New Haven; Chinese silk picture scarf and jardinere, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lyon, Chicago; pair of vases, Mr. and Mrs. L. Woodruff; pair of easels, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wattles; hand painted satin banner, Miss Retta Travis, Mason; case of perfumery, Hal. Gibbs; Mahogany patent rocker, Mr. and Mrs. A. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Pearsall, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bayley; tin chamber set, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sly.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Mr. VanFleet, sr., was buried at Warren Sunday. He has been failing some time and was well along in years.

Fred Cartwright has been nominated for sheriff of Macomb county on the republican ticket, and his friends think he will get there.

Mrs. Oviatt died at Hiram Bailey's one day last week and was buried Friday.

Ike Brace's heart is made glad by the arrival of another daughter.

That pole and flag at Steve Cooper's does not belong to Steve at all, Frank White and Joe Cooper being sole proprietors.

Mudge and McCary & Phelps are cleaning out the grain in this vicinity.

Mrs. Cole and her mother, Mrs. Benson are visiting at Petoskey.

DOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Moses Shug is director; school commenced October 1; Miss Nellie Hendricks teacher.

Tom Nelson's children have all passed safely through diptheria. Dr. Campbell attended them.

Gage Crawford's family is at Linton's for the present, having been burned out at Pontiac. Being a working man the loss is a heavy one to Mr. Crawford.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

A PARABLE BY A DANIEL.

There was a certain man whose name was Uncle Sam, and he was the greatest among the men of the West. And it came to pass that in the fullness of time there was born unto him two sons and the name of the elder was called Democrat and that of the younger was Republican. In the process of time these two sons became men of renown, whose fame spread throughout all the land, and when they had both waxed great they became rivals for the favor of the people, they both aspired to the highest offices, and coveted the chief honors among the people. And it came to pass that the younger triumphed over the elder and took from him the offices and honors and ruled over the land many years. Then did the heart of Democrat burn with envy, and he sought to win again the popular favor; he spake smoothly unto the people, he sympathized with them in their burdens, saying "If I were ruler, this thing would not be so." He sought the popular side on all questions of the day, and made use of many devices to win the heart of the people, but could not.

Now there dwelt in that land a certain Beast, called Saloon, and when Democrat saw that his devices availed him nothing, and that Republican triumphed more and more, then went he unto the Beast and bowing down before him said: "Ask what shall I give thee that thou mayest fight for me against my brother for he has triumphed over and spoiled me of mine offices and honors." Then was the Beast well pleased at this request, for he had often been withstood by Republican and had had chains put upon him so that he had come to regard Republican as his foe. And the Beast covenanted with Democrat and Democrat struck off his chains and he did roam throughout the length and breadth of the land and did destroy and devour much people, and when he had made desolate many homes and had waxed great, then gave he Democrat the victory over Republican. What think you, would not Republican be now greatly incensed and very wrath with the Beast? But with Republican this was not so, the rather did he at once repent of the evil he had done to the Beast and longing for the offices and honors, he straightway went out and fell down before the Beast and worshiped him and desired of him as he had helped Democrat his brother, that so also would he help him. Then was the Beast glad, yea was he very glad, for he reasoned with himself. Have I not Democrat heartily with me and there wanteth but this man Republican and now he is with me, and now will Democrat, Republican and I covenant together and we will be mighty, and then will they fight for me against the avenger Prohibition who is now upon my track, and who has sworn that he will not cease his quest until I shall have been slain and the people delivered from my depredations. Yea, verily I shall live and thrive mightily, and gain power in the land. Then turned he unto Republican and said: "I will be a friend unto thee, and I will divide the dominion between thee and thy brother, so that ye may both prosper in the land." And Republican covenanted with the Beast to stay the hand of Prohibition and for a fixed sum of money, the price of blood, confirmed unto the Beast the liberty to roam throughout the land, seeking his victims in the cities and the villages thereof.

What therefore shall be done unto these two wicked sons of Uncle Sam? Go to; I shall tell you what shall be done unto them. They shall be utterly cast down and destroyed, and there shall be nourished up another son that shall rule over the land in righteousness and shall cast down the Beast and crush him into powder and his very name shall be forgotten. Selah!

SOUTHFIELD ROAD.

Communion services at the U. P. church Sunday.

Mrs. James Cannon gave a very pleasant tea party to her friends and neighbors last Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Parks and daughter Eliza visited in this neighborhood recently.

Quite a number of the young people attended Senator Palmer's picnic last week.

Wm. Soults and wife visited with C. Wilson of Warren last week.

Communion services will be held at the R. P. church the second Sunday in October.

Henry Otto of Pontiac called on old friends Monday.

SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Miss Marion Crosby of Albion is the guest of Miss Sarah Seldon.

Frank Compton of Tustin City has been visiting Joe Brooks.

Harry Russell rejoiceth over the arrival of a fine boy on Tuesday of last week.

L. C. Phelps has put in new feed stones and is now prepared to grind feed with any one.

Prof. Smith of Farmington gave a fine free concert here Monday evening and organized a singing school.

Last week Tuesday evening a fine little girl came to stay with Henry Hooper.

Miss Hattie Caul attends the Ypsilanti Normal school.

Mrs. Lackie and sons, Will and Trenham, have returned to their home in Toronto.

Spencer Palmer of Novi Sundayed with his mother.

The M. E. congregation was much pleased with their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Marshall, on Sunday last.