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Change of time card this week.

Mr. Prince of Southfield has purchased a new organ.

Miss Addie Courliss is home from a visit in Tuscola county.

E. B. Converse has been visiting old friends in this place for a few days.

Mrs. N. Andrus of Bay Bity is visiting her friend, Mrs. L. C. Cowles, of this place.

Miss Gracie Camp has gone to Alpena to spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Howard.

Wordy disputes are filling the air and the prospects for a battle pretty soon are very good.

An infant child of Eugene Wooster's of Pontiac, was buried in Greenwood cemetery last Monday.

Bicycles are very numerous indeed, Pontiac, Detroit and Birmingham contributing the full quota.

Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Merry of Pontiac visited over Sunday with Mrs. Hattie Shalar of Southfield.

The week after the glorious fourth the Improvement society will give a lawn party. Particulars next week.

Does anyone want to buy a good brood mare? If so, Dr. C. M. Raynale advertises two in cheap column. See him.

Who enjoys their vacation best? Ye wealthy schoolmarm as she visits Newport, Saratoga, Orchard Beach, Big Beaver and Clawson.

Master George Corey of Detroit celebrates his vacation in Birmingham and arrived here Tuesday via bicycle, from Detroit in 11 minutes.

A neat little race came off at the Cooper farm last Monday between Stevens' Gladiator and Lewis' Detractor and Eber was the loser.

Fireworks of all kinds at Whitehead & Mitchell's. Firecrackers, torpedoes, caps, pistols, sky rockets, roman candles, grasshoppers, etc., cheap, cheap.

Miss Mabel Brooks, daughter, of Eli Brooks of Denver, Colo., will spend the summer with her uncle 'Gene of this place and is having a real good time.

The Careful Gleaners will meet with Belle Corson next Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Scripture word, "Remember;" subject, "Africa." G. Brown, sec'y.

Z. Caswell lost his large Clydesdale stallion last week. It died suddenly and is a serious loss to Mr. Caswell, who can ill afford to loss such a valuable animal.

For sale: At a very low price, a horse hay fork with all the fixtures complete. Also a good grindstone. Inquire of Mrs. O. W. Hewitt, Birmingham, Mich.

Mrs. Sidney Drake of Owosso who has been visiting her many friends in this vicinity, has returned home much pleased with her short stay among old friends.

W. C. Jenks has secured a nice flow ing well on his lots recently purchased of L. A. Randall. It is a good well and flows strong and healthy. J. Harvey Carter was the driver.

The world tipped up sidewise last Sunday, caused by Whitehead and Frank Blakeslee going to church on that day. Had they both attended the same church the world would have lunged clear over.

Strawberries are here sure enough, and the finest samples we have seen yet are from the vines of Charlie Leach. We dare not tell how good or how big they were, or the Leach garden would be laid waste.

The senior class of '89 wish the thank the choir of the M. E. church for their services on Sunday evening last. The selections were beautiful and well appreciated by all present. The seniors will never forget their kindness.

View the vivid scenes of the Johnstowns horrors at the M. E. church Friday night. The scenes are produced with such good effect that one imagines himself on the very spot where the great flood took place.

J. F. Cooper, manager of the W. U. Tel. Co. at East Saginaw, was in town over Sunday, the guest of W. C. Jenks. Fenn was on his way to Chicago on business trip, and was the same old "chappie."

Mr. J. E. Coney and wife of Jackson visited Mr. Coney's sister, Mrs. Nellie Camp, last week. They had just returned from an extended trip through the western states, and Mr. Coney declares Michigan to be the best place yet

The Ladies' Missionary society will give a strawberry and ice cream social at the residence of Mr. James Miller in Southfield, on Friday evening, June 28 Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.

And now we are to have a veritable bakery in our village. Mrs. Smith has bought out the business of Mrs. Noble and will have an oven built, a necessity which the village has felt ever since Mrs. Smith went out of business.

Farmers in this vicinity are fortunate in having such wool buyers as Messrs. Slade and Rundel to buy their clip. They are buying a lot of it this season and have paid as high as 22c per pound, and at all times pay the highest market price, their average price being about 3c cents per pound.

From the Albion Mirror: We learn that Prof. W. Hull has just closed a most successful school year at Albion. Graduating with high honors a class of twenty-four. The exercises were largely attended and Prof. Hull reaps a large amount of praise and commendation for his labors.

Misses Dan Bassett, Frank Ford, Sam Mills, John Baldwin, Eugene Brooks and Lyman Peabody are camping by the lake side near Waterford. They are out for a good time—they must have it, for the last seen of Brooks he had a dozen bottles of "spoopja" labled "Peoria, 1884."

In our account of the Lewis-Brown wedding last week we inadvertantly said that Misses Josie Hutchinson and Carrie Rainey presented a silver carving set, when it was the gift of Misses Josie Hutchinson and Mollie Smith. The man who made the mistake is now sleeping the sleep of the unjust.

G. H. Turk has got the fever, too, and has made a big cut in clothing, and for the next week he will have a sacrifice sale that will equal any of the sales in Detroit. Read his new ad't elsewhere. He gives one-quarter off on his entire stock of men's and boys' suits, pants and a vast array of overcoats A word to the wise is sufficient.

Rev. C. S. Travis of Big Beaver hereafter, as the useful Charles now reads a sermon for the Heavenries when necessary. Mr. Travis says he can read and take up a collection, but when it comes to a prayer he has to back water. Learn, Charles, and practice what you preach.

A grain buyer of Grass Lake urges the farmers to go through their wheatfields and carefully pull up all rye growing therein. He says one peck of rye in 500 bushels of wheat will lower the grade from 5c to 10c per bushel, and the fact should be generally known. Now is the time to pull it out.

The members of the Presbyterian society of this place will hold a reception at the residence of Mr. Edmiston on Tuesday evening, July 2, for their retiring pastor, Rev. J. A. Sherrard, to which they will gladly welcome each and all of his many friends in this vicinity. By order committee.

We noticed the other day a beautiful photon, which with a fine span of horses, made as handsome a turnout as we ever saw in this vicinity, and on closer examination we found it belonged to John K. Adams. We hardly recognized John with a silk hat on, but after a man has made a fortune in Grand Rapids real estate, we suppose he can wear two hats at once if he wants to, and it's nobody's business.

The brick work on the Parks block and F. Hygerman's addition is now completed and a credit to the contractors, the Allen Bros. William and Robert, who are experts in their trade. They laid for the Parks building, 161,600 and for Mr. Hagerman 21,000 brick, and with the modern cut stone trimmings the block makes a very handsome edifice.

Evening News: Fred Slocum, editor of the Tuscola County Advertiser, got the laugh from his astute neighbors and friends a while ago when he bought a cheap, pine barren farm near Caro. Fred went right along and fenced and seeded it, and now he is doing the laughing. The property brings him $20 a week for the pasturage of his friends and neighbors' cows and horses.

An exchange tells of an Ohio man who who mortgaged his farm to get his wife a pair of diamond earrings. The wife took in washing from the summer boarders to pay the interest on the mortgage and the first day she lost one of the diamonds in the suds, and tried to hang herself in the barn, but the robe broke and she fell on a $150 Jersey calf and broke its back.

The reunion of Co. A, 5th cavalry, took place at Rochester, Tuesday week J. H. Holman delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to on behalf of the boys by Capt. Samuel Harris of Chicago. A very enjoyable time was had and Capt. Harris was elected president; Lieut. W. E. Frazier, vice-president; B. F. Johnson, secretary; and J. Allen Bigelow, historian. Meeting next year at Oxford, June 11.—[Gazette.

Master Robert Black and Freddie Crawford rode up their home in Southfield last Monday on their bicycles and drove all the boys wild with envy over their nice wheels. Robbie's, although not so resplendent with gold and glitter as Freddie's, gets there just the same. Fred has a beautiful nickel wheel, spade handles, and he is a little dandy along with the bicycle.

On Friday afternoon of last week a party of young people, under the care and guidance of the winsome John Hanna, visited the school picnic at Gilbert lake, it being the close of Miss Cooper's school in that district. They then drove to Pine and Orchard Lakes, viewed the Inter-Laken club house, took supper at the hotel, and in all spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

Hurrah for Franklin! Hurrah for the band! Hurrah for all of 'em over there Franklin gets there while other larger cities are wondering whether they had better celebrate or not. The Franklin band has resolved to celebrate the glorious fourth at Franklin by a game of ball, blindfold wheelbarrow race, sack race, juvenile foot race, etc., all to wind up with a grand display of fireworks and big bowery dance in the evening. Ice cream, lemonade and refreshments will be served all day. All are invited to attend. Come one, come all.

The late unpleasantness between the north and the south—The Era and Col. Smiley—has been amicably adjusted by the colonel paying the bill, claiming, however, that another party in town had agreed to pay the same. Honor to whom honor is due.—[Rochester Era. Well, now, we're glad the colonel is absolved, because Taber and Mitchell expect news that when the genial colonel pegs out they are to receive notice of the fact and see that he is taken care of.

Excursion tickets will be sold by the Chicago & Grand Trunk, Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee and Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon R'ys, and the Michigan Air Line and the Detroit Division of the Grand Trunk railway on the 3d and 4th of July, good to return up to and including July 5th, at the rate of single fare for the round trip, between stations on their lines and to Canadian points west of and including Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Vague rumors of a terrible scrapping match are afloat, which took place the other day between two ladies of Fremont street, who are high up in the social strata, in fact, leaders of the bon ton society on their street. After the fracas, say about two hours after, our reported viewed the scene of disaster and gathered up a bushel of arms, legs, eyes, hair, teeth and fingers, to say nothing about the wire bustles, clothing and rolling pins.

The Presbyterian church was filled to repletion on Sunday morning last with the friends of Rev. J. A. Sherrard, to hear his farewell sermon, which was an able and logical discourse. His advice to the committee in charge of the business of engaging a new minister, was a common sense view of the subject, delivered from a candid and unprejudiced standpoint, and should carry the full weight of argument with it. Many of Mr. Sherrard's friends took occasion to bid him a hearty God speed after the services, as this was his last appearance previous to his departure for his new field of labor at Big Rapids, Mich.

The Oesterreich illuminated art tours will exhibit at the M. E. church on Friday evening, June 28, at which time and place there will be presented one of the brightest and best illuminated entertainment ever seen in this place or anywhere else. The audience will be shown in all their vivid and realistic splendor, the many noted points of interest, princely homes, kingly palaces, grand cathedrals, noted art galleries, statutes and magnificent scenery. Correct and startling representations of the late Johnstown horrors will be present in so vivid a manner that the entire audience will be in Johnstown on this particular occasion. The trip to the scene of the great flood, and back home again will only cost 15 cents.

The friends of Fred Cowles, once a typo in this office, will be surprised to learn that he is "roughing it" in the Upper Peninsular, having located upon 160 acres homestead claim in Houghton and having a postoffice with a name more like a sneeze than any human being can pronounce it. It is spelled Kichi, and is somewhat less than a hundred miles from nowhere, and Fred "packed" his goods through to his claim about 12 miles, and is located in a log cabin erected by himself and a chum of his. He solemnly avers that his appetite is something to be dreaded by things animate and inanimate, and that the mosquitoes are bat-like things who wear flannel blankets and smoke cigarettes.

Died, at her late residence in Pontiac, on Monday, June 24, 1889, of heart disease, Mrs. Harriet E. King, wife of E. R. King, in her 58th year. The funeral takes place this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30, from her late residence, Rev Stevens of Zion (Episcopal) church, Pontiac, officiating. The remains will be interred in Greenwood cemetery at this place, this afternoon. Mrs. King was greatly respected by a large circle of friends both in this place and Pontiac, her younger days being spent in this village. She was the eldest child of the late Ebenezer Ruynale, M. D., of this place, and her brother, Dr. C. M. Raynale of this place, and Mrs. G. A. Patterson of Detroit are the only surviving members of the family.

The baccalaureate address delivered to the graduating class of the Birmingham high school for '89, by Prof. C. M. Gaily of the Michigan university, was largely attended; in fact, the large audience room of the M. E. church was filled to its utmost limit by a large and appreciative audience, who listened to the learned professor's discourse on "Cubes, Marbles, and Men," which was most learnedly discussed, and many new points were brought out to the hearers Cubes, according to the speaker, represented truth; marbles, lies, and men, both, as they choose to be. It was full of good advice and brought to the speaker many words of praise. The M. E. choir furnished music and Revs. J. A. Sherrard and John Hamilton officiated The pulpit was handsomely decorated with flowers and ferns. The juniors acted as ushers for the great crowd and altogether it was a most notable event.

Mr. Frank B. Anderson, the live artist at Pontiac, is doing a fine business in his gallery which is without doubt the most complete gallery in the state, and we won't except Detroit galleries either. A call at Mr. Anderson's gallery, recently, found him busy among the many mysterious appliances of his business, ably assisted by four co-laborers, thus furnishing prompt and and satisfactory work. Anyone desiring photographs, large or small, cabinets, panels or anything in the photograph line should call on Mr. Anderson. He competes with those large framed portraits which are made in Chicago and other cities, and furnishes a better picture and a much superior frame for less money than those agents ask who solicit your order. Mr. Anderson has made many improvements in the old Brummitt gallery and keeps its reputation up to its highest excellency. Nothwithstanding Mr. Anderson's recent marriage he attends to the business himself and is a master hand at taking the baby's picture. Prices low and good work guaranteed. See adv't elsewhere.

The July Wide Awake has many strong, timely features, notably two especially American. One is Miss Seward's "Fourth of July at Robert College"—the American college in Constantinople, a seed-bed of American ideas in Europe; the other is Mrs. Burton Harrison's "The Republican Court," in which she gives portraits and charming little biographies of eighteen of the prominent young society women who were in Gen. Washington's circle of friends, Mrs. Washington herself leading the train. There is a thrilling story of a French child in this number, "The Child Knight Boufflers," written by Madame Cramer Bernard, a niece of Gen Grant. "How Patty earned her Salt," by Walter Colby, is quite a perfect little story. "Five Little Peppers Further On," the Margaret Sidney serial, relates some startling experiences of little Bronnie Pepper, at which everybody will be indignant. Mrs. Gen. Fremont writes graphically of her "Sierra Neighbors" in early California days. There are also many other bright things in verse and picture, all of which makes this number very interesting. Wide Awake is $2 40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, publishers, Boston, Mass.

Detroit News: Representative Connor of Saginaw has had a hard fight against Kidney Cure Warner and his millions. The rich hog, as he was called, bought Mason Island containing about 200 acres, in Wild Fowl bay, and proceeded to fence in square miles of marsh, claiming them as accretions to his island. He tried to get a bill through congress granting him this extra ground, but the state of Michigan opposed him. Next he obtained his wish from the general land office, but Secretary Vilas refused the grant, but Warner built a fence around the whole business, and reserved it for hunting grounds for rich New York people. Connor's bill makes Warner a trespasser and gives the land office authority to bring suit for ejectment. Representatives Baker, O'Keefe and Hanscome have worked against the bill on the quiet. This was one of the best arguments for its passage. Recently they visited the island and either didn't see things straight or couldn't. Connor, unbeknown to them, went up the next day, and yesterday cut them wide open. They had made false statements, Connor told the house. He said he found empty bottles where the members the day before had found full ones. He thinks that a member went down to Rochester to consult Warner to see what should be done. His bill passed by a vote of 59 to 21.

OBITUARY.

On Wednesday, June 12, 1889, at the residence of his grandfather, Mr. B. F. Skinner, in the township of Sterling, occurred the death of Thurston Barr. The funeral was held from the residence at which he died, on June 14, the Rev. Mr. Lanning of the M. E church of Warren, officiating.

Thurston Barr was born April 30, 1862, and was thus in his 28th year. He was a son of Simeon and Mary Barr of Troy. In early life he was very active, and through his enterprise in different directions won for himself a large circle of acquaintances and friends. On April 23, 1885, he was stricken with paralysis of the lower limbs and since that time he has not had their use. He was married on February 10, 1885, to Miss Rettie Maynard, and one child was born to them, little Earl G., who survives his father. Through the four years that Mr. Barr has been an invalid, he has not given up hope of an ultimate recovery, until near the last, and through all this suffering he has been patient, submissive and kind. He will be missed by a large circle of friends and sympathizers, but by none like those whose lot it has been to minister to his wants. But all must feel with him that in death he found a release from suffering and is at rest.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

The alumni banquet will be held on the highschool lawn this evening, June 27. The following program will be given:

Music	Franklin Band
Welcome Address	Rev. Sherard
Recitation	May Eldred
Alumni Paper	Mrs. Jessie Kast
Music	Franklin Band

At the close of the program ice cream and cake will be served. Admission free. Ice cream 10c. All are cordially invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

To all friends who so kindly aided us in our recent sickness and bereavement, the family and friends wish to extend their heartfelt thanks.

MRS. RETTIE BARR.

Don't buy a roll of wall paper until you look my stock over and get my prices. I shall sell clear down, as I wish to close every roll during the spring trade. Bordering cheaper than ever. Mrs. L. T. Furman.

AMONG THE SHROPSHIRES.

Two Oakland County Flocks—Recent Importations—Comparison of Imported and Home Bred Sheep.

From the Michigan Farmer.

A visit to Birmingham, Oakland Co., last week gave us an opportunity for looking over the bunch of Shropshires recently brought over by Mr. Geo. German, in company with Mr. J. F. Rundel of Birmingham. These sheep were all selected by Mr. German personally, and are from the flocks of Mr. T. S. Milton and Bowen Jones, and we think those who know the good points of a Shropshire will feel that George either has a good eye or is a very lucky fellow. The lot had been divided between two farms, although they are owned in common. The lot at Mr. Rundel's were first looked over, and then the pastures were visited to see his breeding flocks. The day was showery and the fleeces on the lambs were very wet, which did not add to their attractiveness. But when it came to handling and weighing they showed up exceedingly well. To gratify our curiosity Mr. Rundel and his son Morgan, who has assumed full care of the flock, had a number weighed. Two ewe lambs dropped in March, weighed 78 and 82 pounds respectively; one ram lamb weighed 112 pounds, and a late one, 88 pounds; four yearling ewes averaged 138½ pounds, and two others 142 pounds; a two year old ewe with a big fine lamb, which she was still suckling, weighed 175 pounds; three imported ewes, one from the Milton and two from the Bowen Jones flock, pulled down the scales at 310 pounds, an average of 170 pounds each. The weights were all strong ones, and of course in the case of yearlings and two-year olds, of sheared sheep. There is a bunch of imported yearling ewes here which are model sheep of the breed, carcasses as square as a Shorthorn, fleeces fine, dense, and bodies well covered. A yearling lamb brought over last year, a late one, and which looked small a year ago when compared with others, has developed into a very handsome ram. He was bred by Mr. Milton and sent over as an extra one, and of choice breeding. He does not discredit Mr. Milton's judgment.

With lambs Mr. Rundel has had excellent success this year, every ewe we saw having a lamb, and a good percentage of twins. It is surprising to see in what good condition a ewe is kept while suckling two lambs, which would weigh about as much as herself. And these lambs weigh up well with those imported, which looks as if "Mort," had discovered the secret of the success of the English flock masters in getting big, growthy lambs. There is a big flock of Shrops on this farm at present and we think the best, all in all, yet seen upon it. One thing is certain, the Shropshire is being bred to shear heavier fleeces. The heads are as well capped as Merinoes, and the bellies well covered. The wool is also finer, brighter, and the fleeces more dense. In this respect there has been a great improvement in the past five years.

About four miles west of the Rundel farm is the town of Franklin and within its limits is the farm of George German. It has also been noted for good stock and Shorthorns and well bred roadsters were prominent features before George assumed its management. It is in a rich farming section and an important factor in keeping Oakland county at the front as the most productive county in the state. The balance of the last importation were found here, and the way they made themselves at home in the pastures showed that they had struck congenial soil. Here are a number of yearling rams which are good enough in breeding and style for any flock. Each one had been specially selected because he was a good one, and in form and fleece all were excellent. One of them we consider a show animal which will take the very best in the state to beat. While we were looking him over a big ham some ewe came in sight with a ram lamb nearly as large as herself. He had his head in the air like a thoroughbred horse, and it was set on a strong neck with just the right curve to it to give it style. He has a rib, back and loin which could not be improved, and when you come to the hindquarters he is a model. George said the lamb was a high priced fellow, but such a lamb could hardly be too high priced for a man with a good flock of ewes. Our Shropshire friends want to look out for that fellow if he is put into the show ring this fall. And there are several yearling ewes here that will take a lot of beating. They are strong all over—form and fleece, in their pressed form, and when their fleeces grow out will be as handsome as if designed by an artist.

It will be remembered that Mr. German purchased the ram Ben Harrison at Mr. Rundel's sale last fall. He has been out all spring without grain, and looks a little thin. But he has not lost his fine form and high bred style. He is now putting on flesh again and when the month of September comes and the show season opens, he will be there and just as ready to carry off blue ribbons as a year ago.

We expect to see Messrs Rundel & German at the state fair at Lansing, and their sheep will be heard from, no matter how strong the competition. They have some winners sure. And if you like good Shropshire, just run out to these farms and look the flocks over. You will see such a bunch of sheep as are seldom seen together in Michigan, and meet good company, too.

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