CLAWSON.

Jack Lawson is riding in a new road-wagon.

Robert Soults is a little under the weather at present writing.

See Colmer's foot wear before buying elsewhere.

Miss Ada Starret, of Detroit, is the guest of Mr. Jas. McBride.

The friends of Mrs. and Mrs. Samuel Reid gave them a pleasant surprise last Thursday evening, bringing with them oysters and cakes without number. All enjoyed themselves heartily.

Billy McBride supports a new top buggy.

The Sunday school is well attended by the youths of the district, and we wish there were a few more older ones to take the same interest.

Mrs. Reid has been ailing for some time but is now on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Buel after more than 30 years residence in this place, have moved to Detroit to live with their son Bert.

A house full of friends gathered at Will Perkins', Friday night, and tripped the "light fantastic" "till the we sma' hours in the morning.

SOW LINE TOOTINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. Boomer have returned from Tawas. Mr. B. did a little hunting while there and brought back a deer which he generously divided with his neighbors. Thanks for a Thanksgiving dinner of venison.

Sylvester Lord has bought Mr. White's place and moved in last week. Mr. White has gone to Flushing to live near his daughter, Mrs. Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson visited a brother of his in Detroit last week whom they had not seen for a number of years, and just learned he was in the city.

Mr. Waugh has hired out to Bert Kelley and will help look after the unfortunate at the county house this winter.

Charlie Boomer has gone to Flint for a holiday.

Crow Patch is hunting partridges in the vicinity of Novesta.

Miss Annie Porter visited at Patch's recently.

Our Sunday school will give an oyster social at Oliver's, Thursday evening, December 18. Come one, come all.

Friday night, December 11, there will be a dance at Milo Lowe's.

Variety is the spice of life, take your choice.

Mrs. T. C. Beach is visiting at the county house.

Jim Hathaway is laid up with the grippe and his clover buller is laid up for repairs. Cause run a stone through it.

ALWAYS AT THE FRONT.

We have received a copy of the hand somely illustrated prospectus for 1892 issued by the Detroit Free Press. The achievements of this famous paper in the past have been great, but if it promises for the future are to be fulfilled and there certainly is no reason to expect the contrary—The Detroit Free Press will in 1892 be, as its publishers confidently claim the most entertaining and instructive paper published, giving additional pleasures to its thousands of old subscribers and fresh in enjoyments to the many thousand new ones that its merits deserve. Its list of contributors for 1892 includes many of the most famous names in American literary and public life, and most of the articles to be published are of unusual importance and interest, presenting a splendid array of valuable features in addition to the inimitable work done by its own staff of bright and famous writers.

The Weekly Detroit Free Press is not only the brightest humorous and literary paper published, but it gives also an incomparable news service. No event or incident worth chronicling escapes its attention. Important matters are always treated in the fullest manner, while the ordinary news of the day is carefully condensed in order that nothing may be omited for want of space. Its State news service is especially complete and valuable, while its general and foreign news columns are not surpassed in excellence by any paper in the land.

Something over a year ago The Free Press began the publication of a Semi-Weekly edition, issued on Tuesdays and Fridays. We understand that the publishers are somewhat surprised by the success of their new venture, although there is no reason why they should be, for it is just such a project as is bound to succeed when backed by the resources and skill of The Free Press establishment. This Semi-Weekly edition fills the place of a daily newspaper better than any other medium, and at a merely nominal cost, its two weekly numbers make sixteen pages, containing all the bright features of the literary edition of The Free Press, and, in addition, the most complete news service known outside of the metropolitan dailies. The publishers of The Free Press will mail copies of the paper and prospectus to all applicants.

STRAWS TO TICKLE WITH.

She—"Ah, Jack, I'm afraid I'll make you a scorry wife." Jack—"Yes, no doubt. Any one who marries me will be sorry."—Colorado Sun.

Wife—"We are going to disband our sewing society." Husband—"Why, what is the trouble?" Wife—"All the women in the parish have joined."—Exchange.

Biggs—"I'm glad to hear you're paying some new pieces this year." Boggs—"No they're the same ones I played last year, only I've had my piece tuned."—Harvard Lampoon.

Dilly—"I thought your name was Fred with E. Gusto. Gusto—"Yes, I go by Gusto Dilly—"Then why don't you write it Fred with the H because that's English, doncherun Gusto."

Noah—"I think, my dear, we will go into the ark to-morrow." Mrs. Noah—"Why? Noah—"I see the paper predicts tight local showers followed by clearing weather."—Life.

Mr. Mercer—"Do you think advertising pays?" Mr. Macomber—"It didn't pay me a cent money by it." Mr. Mercer—"What did you advertise?" Mr. Macomber—"I advertised for a wife and got her."—Puck.

Guide (pointing to monument)—"Yes, sir, Rome, the proud, the wicked man of his time. He lived to a great age." Tourist—"Was he last illness fatal?" Guide—"Yes, very fatal." "What a wonderful thing that we see him now permanently cured."—Pharmaceutical Era.

First Tramp—"If I had my way I'd have 365 national holidays in the year." Second Tramp—"Wot's the use of that? Then there would be one working day every four years. Oh, you are a nice one you are." "Yes, you think I make a poor use of the poor laboring man, wouldn't you!"—Texas Siftings.

WHAT IS SQUAWBUCK OIL?

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Mr. J. E. Harris, Manager Michigan Oil Company, Detroit, sends us the following communication:—

"While the action of the last legislature in lowering the fire test on Kerosene was undoubtedly a serious mistake it is not entirely responsible for the very inferior quality of much of the oil that is now being brought into the State. The new law is responsible for the increased danger from explosions or fires, but it is only partially responsible for the inferior burning qualities of the oil. For several years past Michigan people have complained that their oil was not what it should be, that it did not give a clear bright light, but burned with a yellow ish flame, causing smoke and gas to be thrown off, which filled the house with a strong, disagreeable odor. Moreover, in a very short time the lamp-chimney would be covered with a thick white coating. Very few people have understood the cause of this, and a great many have even supposed that all kerosene had the same faults.

"The fault is not in the matter, however, of these. A few years ago crude oil was discovered in Ohio. It was found to be very much inferior to the Pennsylvania oil, and was supposed to be fitted only for use as fuel. It was found to contain sulphur, arsenic, asphaltum and other noxious constituents, which no process of refining could remove. With these faults the oil still retained friends, people whose sole idea of business is to cut prices, rather than to give quality, in the great struggle for business. The crude oil could be obtained for a song and could be put through a cheap process of refining. The result is that many sections of the country have been flooded with this oil. The West has been the chief sufferers, as the Ohio refiners have refused absolutely to turn the oil and forced the refiners to shoul them poorer goods. Michigan has been a chief sufferer, as the people, having no petroleum in their State, are of course not at well acquainted with its properties as the people of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, etc., and consequently fell easy prey.

"Not content with using the cheap bad crude oil, these refiners in their efforts to retain and secure trade go further and put it through the cheapest refining process known. After the light oils are extracted from the crude there still remains in them a large per cent of paraffine wax. This must be pressed out, or the wax will clog up the lamp wick, and cause the lamp to smoke, char the wick and throw off bad odors. This is not done to the cheap oil, as it is an expensive process, and the wax is sent with the paraffine wax, and reaches the consumer in the condition of which so much complaint is heard on all sides. The sulphur in the Ohio oil causes the white coating on the chimney, and the paraffine wax and inferior burning quality of the crude cause the poor light, bad odors, dangerous gases and charred wicks.

"The State can prevent much of this evil by ordering not only a high fire test but also a high gravity test. A gravity test detects the presence of paraffine wax. A fire test alone accomplishes little as regards the quality of an oil. A very inferior oil may have a high fire test. The very presence of the paraffine wax referred to gives an oil a fire test as the wax will not burn. It is the two combined—high fire test and high gravity—that a good oil must have. The additional test to secure these properties is but a few cents per gallon, which is repaid a large degree by the longer life and greater illuminating properties of the oil.

"The people of Michigan should insist on their representatives passing a law governing these properties of kerosene. In the meantime, they should demand of their grocer that he furnish them the high grade oil. At the present time there is but one oil of this quality sold in Michigan. It is the "National Light" oil, manufactured by the National Refining Company, which has a national reputation. This oil is guaranteed made from the best grade of Pennsylvania crude, and is entirely free from paraffine wax or other foreign substances. It is the best oil that can be refined, and is guaranteed to give twice the light of the cheap oil, will last longer and will not give the least smoke or smell, nor char the wick. It has high fire test, 150 degrees being guaranteed, high gravity and low cold test. Every consumer can buy "Star" oil should he prefer it, but "National Light," and they will not only get the best article but also be entirely free from the danger of the "Star."

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COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

W Herron and Miss Maggie Leadridge were married Thanksgiving day.

Miss Libbie and Fred Hawthorn are in Chicago.

Fred Race's folks have a new organ.

Plenty of corn husking yet

August Rookwell lost two daughters last week with diphtheria.

Wm McRoberts rejoices over the advent of another daughter the 28th inst. William is more than proud.

Dr. Flynn has 25 cases of diphtheria, mostly convalescent.

John Pressel reports another daughter. John thinks she is much prettier than Wm. McRoberts' baby. They will have to leave the matter to their respective wives as we have had no experience in that line.

Will McClellen and Miss Julia Ames were married a few days ago.

TROY TWINKLINGS.

Pleasant weather just at present, hope it may last.

Xmas exercises are being prepared by this Sunday school and quite an enjoyable time is expected.

Maud Blount is home again for good. George Scott, ditto.

Mrs. Charles Leonard is improving slowly.

Rather queer that some of our young men can't afford a winter hat.

The new grist mill under the charge of Messrs Jarvis and Beckett is sure to be a success with two such hustlers.

Where is our new tinshop?

Charles Walton, late of California, Sundayed with C. Blount and family.

Dr. La Fayette and friend, Mr. Cleveland, spent Tuesday evening with C. Blount and family.

Han. and Seth Francis, of Thomas station, spent a few days with the Blount brothers last week.

Mrs. E. Hill leaves us soon for her old home.

Miss Maud Blount spent part of last week with friends in Utica.

Harry Aspinwall is trying to get a new (Brand) of cigar just at present.

Miss Ida Morgan left last Friday morning for her home in Saginaw.

Minnie Clark is at home again. Also Mrs. J. Jennings.

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