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ROUND ABOUT HOME.

MICHIGAN EVENTS RELATED IN BRIEF ITEMS.

Prominent Holland Man Beat a Boy on the Street and a Serious Riot Followed—Dowagiac Grocery Blown to Pieces—Berrien Springs Heavy Loss by Fire.

Boy Horsewhipped—The Sequel.

Frank Sloter, an ambitious scribbler, yet in his teens, was publicly horsewhipped at Holland by five indignant citizens, the lash being laid to a telegraph pole and laid on the lashes till he howled. The assailants were disguised in women's clothing. Sloter was correspondent for the Mascot, of Grand Rapids, a sensational sheet, which had recently printed much libelous and obscene matter affecting Holland people.

As a sequel to the horsewhipping episode the following prominent men were arrested charged with assault and battery: S. H. Arieth, Girard A. Kantman, Hilding Johnson, John J. Hadden, and Stephen Mohr. An enormous crowd of working men held an indignation meeting on the street during protest of the assault on Sloter. They assembled near the postoffice, where officers were posted. The crowd jeered threatened and with speeches made against city officers who would allow a gang of men to vent their anger on a boy simply because they were wealthy. When things were getting hot Marshal Vanzyl attempted to arrest a man. But the crowd rallied in support of the fellow. The marshal called for his deputies and they succeeded in pulling the man after being struck several times with clubs, stones and fists. The mob followed the police and threatened to burn or break it open unless the man was released, and the officers were compelled to comply. The man was hoisted to the shoulders of his victorious friends and carried back the postoffice where the mob dispersed. Excitement is at white heat, and violence may be the outcome.

Store Blown to Pieces at Dowagiac.

The frame building, occupied by Oates & Ritter, grocers, at Dowagiac was blown to atoms, the debris falling through the air as if by a cyclone. Windows for blocks around were shattered. Brick buildings quavered on their foundations and the shock was felt by those living on the outskirts of the town. Reaper's feed store on one side and Horan & Daly's saloon on the other, were badly demoralized and are now condemned. Nearly all glass in the explosion is supposed to have been caused by gunpowder, 25 pounds of which were in the grocery store near the chimney. Miss Anna Murphy, a dressmaker, and several others were in her rooms above the grocery but by a miracle escaped injury. The building will be a total wreck, and grocery is scattered to the winds. Both were insured. That no fatality occurred is a miracle as the streets were full of people. Loss on the building is $5,000; stock $3,000.

Painted a Preacher's House Red.

Rev. W. A. Frye, of the Traverse City M. E. church, has been conducting a campaign against dancing, saloons, etc., and the other morning found that some villains had painted his house a lurid red. He at once laid it to the charge of the gin element, as he calls it, and denounces it as the work of the supporters of Ald. Morgan, who is up for the nomination of mayor. The affair created considerable talk. A large reward has been offered for the detection of the vandals. Mayor Hannah offers $250.

Berrien Springs Business Houses Burned.

The business portion of the village of Berrien Springs has burned. The fire was discovered in the upper room of a vacant building, and must have been the work of an incendiary, as there was no fire near. Seven buildings, including the postoffice, were burned. They were owned and occupied by Frank Bach, N. J. Davis, Jacob Lane, D. H. Morgan, A. D. Sutton and Zerah & Son. Only the building owned