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The editor who returned to the Tennessee Centinel as a Tenn. Cent. show evidently thought he was smart.

Uncle Sam's wavy chews up 150,000 pounds of plug tobacco a year, for which he pays this year thirty-two cents a pound.

Grover Cleveland has declined a salary of \$6,000 a year for very little work. Who but Grover would do that during these depressed times.

It is claimed that Greater New York will expend every year \$50,000,000 in charity or \$16 for every man, woman and child within its limits.

It is said that the Greek private soldier receives only \$4 a month. It will be seen at once that at that rate Greece has had a good run for her money.

A great fuss is being made because a North Carolinian has seventeen wives. Very little is said about the shape of Periwig who has 1,743. But then that's different.

Baron Oscar Dickson, of Gothenburg, was the Nordenskiöld's leader in his several expeditions in Arctic regions, died at Hjo, Sweden, last week. Dickson helped to equip the first of Nordenskiöld's expeditions in 1872, and was a large part in the expense of that of 1872.

The members of the Woman's Vegetarian union in London have a new craze. It is for vegetarian dress. They have concluded that it is as wrong to kill animals for clothes as for food. They want vegetable gowns and vegetable gloves, vegetable gowns and even vegetable no paper. They have decided that the kid, the calf and the sheep shall be spared, for their influence can do it.

A bronze medal, bearing the date 1323 with the likeness and superscription of Gian Galeazzo Visconti, who laid the foundation of the Duomo of Milan in that year, was recently plucked up near Oronzio, Ky. So many archaeological discoveries of so-called pre-Columbian relics have been made of late years that students will be somewhat chary of accepting the present without a large grain of salt.

Chicago has at least one judge who is just Patrick Egan was before Judge Goggin, charged with robbery. The jury disagreed. Mrs. Egan was in court, and, being without money, had walked twelve miles to get there. Her condition touched the heart of the judge, who reached into his pocket and brought forth a coin, which he placed in the poor woman's hand and told Patrick's arm and walked away in peace.

It is reported that Switzerland is to be the next country which will follow the example of Italy and Belgium of reckoning time up to twenty-four hours a place of twice that in Belgium, where the new system was introduced on the 4th of this month, there is much growing at the change. But the principle is very simple. All that is necessary is to subtract twelve from every figure higher than twelve and you have the p. m. time.

Three brothers bearing a remarkable resemblance to one another are in the habit of shaving at the same barber shop. Not long ago one of the brothers entered the shop in the morning, and was shaved by a German who had been at work in the shop only a few days. About noon another brother came in and underwent a similar operation at the hands of the same barber. In the evening the third brother made his appearance, but the German, dropping his razor on the floor, exclaimed: "What a good man you are! You have shaved me at dinner-time, and I am coming back now with my beard so long as it never was!"

During the past ten years the south has made rapid progress in coming from the trade of this country to Europe. A contemporary points out that it was only a dozen years ago that the first shipment of southern goods was made to Pennsylvania. At the time it created no small amount of surprise, for it was never believed prior to that time that the south would sell from in the Kingdom of the Netherlands on this point about that shipments for April, this year, amounted to 141,111 tons. Of this the west took 88,207 tons, the east 29,900 tons, and Europe 22,883 tons. Shipments to Europe so far this year amount to more than 100,000 tons, more than double the amount exported last year. It is expected that total shipments for the year will be more than twice that of the amount sent last year.

A writer on Hawaii says that on acquiring the island the United States "will get two of the grandest volcanoes in the world." The inducement is strengthened by a scientific statement that the heat of volcanoes can be used to generate power.

In the face of the numerous pictures which represent Queen Victoria on any and every domestic occasion with her crown on it, it is rather curious to learn that she has not, as is supposed, worn it more than twenty times during her whole reign.

It is reported that except in the north, Ireland took but very little part in the jubilee celebration. Scarcely any showing was made in the capital of the country. Ireland is not hypercritical, and an Irishman who would honor the Victorian era has in himself elements of treason to his race.

Women in Austria can no longer under any circumstances be imprisoned or condemned to death. After sentence has been pronounced upon a woman, she is sent to a convent and kept there a certain number of years.

HOME NOTES

Harry Burgess Sundayed at Orchard Lake.

Notice change this week in D. & M. time card.

Look for Edith Hamlin's change of address this week.

Miss Mabel Patterson is visiting at John Purdy's.

"Little Ophelia" Perkins, of Holly is visiting at his Grandpa Keiser's.

Miss Kate and Ethel Keyser are visiting at the home of John Keyser.

Miss Felicia Mortlock, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Hunt.

Marshall Logan of Saginaw, is visiting his brother J. R. of this place.

Julian Leet was home over Sunday and started Monday for Columbus, O.

Miss Grace Blodgett, of Saginaw, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Carrie Blodgett.

Ed walking good for the health. Just ask Frank Blacklesle and Merritt Randall.

Mrs. Chas. Travis, of Big Beaver, is home again from an extended Ohio visit.

D. F. Cole lost one of his valuable horses last Saturday—Overcome by the heat.

G. B. Sinclair, of Northville, visited his sister, Mrs. Quick, on Saturday last.

J. B. Hunt and wife and T. B. Smith and wife spent Sunday in Port Huron.

Peace and the happy congregation expect to occupy its new quarters by October 1st next.

Miss Nellie Corey, of Toledo, paid Grandma Corey a flying visit the first of this week.

Wiley Pierce, of Detroit, has been spending a few days with the Blacklesle boys at their camp.

A company of militia from Fort Wayne, camped in the Power House Park last Saturday night.

Conductor Baldwin, of the electric line, took possession of Mrs. S. J. Harris' new house last Monday.

Robt. Harbison and family, of near Ludington, are visiting friends and relatives in Birmingham and vicinity.

Our old friend, Col. Drew, of Cleveland, called upon us in his friendly manner one day last week.

Rev. Church returned from Holly Wednesday, where he had been spending a short time with his parents.

The campers at the Whitehead-Mitchell cottage are having the best of times and have nearly too black backs to their credit.

Geo. W. Beckman, the first cash subscriber of this great newspaper, renewed his subscription for three years. How time flies!

Misses Jennie R. Bloomburg, May Wattlew and Minnie Hunt are visiting with the family of J. E. Quirk, Toronto, Ont.

Roy Blacklesle spends most of his time going to the postoffice, because he has good company and always signs "Dare to be a Daniel."

The executive committee of the B. Y. P. U. held their annual business meeting at the home of Miss Jennie Peck, on Monday evening.

Miss Grace Bruce has been very ill, but under the skilful treatment of Dr. McCarrroll, of Pontiac, is improving, and we hope to see her out again soon.

Mrs. Harrison Hamlin, who has been so seriously ill of late, is able to be out once more and we are glad to see her at her place of business again.

Miss Edna Curtis, of Pontiac, is visiting with her uncle, W. H. Staley, of this place, after having spent the 4th in Toledo, with another uncle, A. G. Staley.

Our old friend Chas. S. Travis, of Big Beaver almost succumbed to the heat one day last week and the result is he has to keep out of old Sol's piercing rays.

Lost—A black silk umbrella, handle of wood, with silver top and name on it. The finder will leave the same at the home of Dr. C. M. Raynale and get reward.

Misses Mollie Beardis, Minnie Hunt and Jennie Bloomburg left Wednesday morning to attend the Epworth League convention in Toronto, Ont., this week.

The foundation wall of the new building to be erected on Maple Ave. by Frank Ford is being pushed rapidly ahead by those artistic stone masons, I. N. Baker and James Unbar? These two men working together make a pair that no other three can match. This building will be the pride of Birmingham.

We had the finest sample of currents presented to us that we ever saw, by F. Beckman. Mr. B. has the same kind to sell in his nursery line. You will all receive first-class stock or no take 'em.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church of this place met at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Hendrickson, in Clawson, Wednesday afternoon, greatly enjoying the bounteous repast and fresh country air.

The framework for the new U. P. church is being erected under the watchful eye of Rev. A. H. Orr, this church's popular pastor. Woodward avenue indeed will be graced by a neat, tidy, commodious church edifice.

The Big Beaver M. E. church has been given an up-to-date overhauling, it being newly papered, varnished and upholstered and none are as happy as its members over the improved appearance of their church.

Will Benedict is daily winning praise for himself and assistants for the gentlemanly way that they deliver ice and the pleasant manner in which they do their work, which in many instances it is not the pleasantest work on earth.

Mrs. James J. Shan has been happily engaged in entertaining her friend, Mrs. Anna Eades, of Port Huron, for the past two weeks. During Mrs. E.'s visit she was entertained by her many friends and passed time most happily.

Henry W. Randall is right on the real estate trade. He sold the John Harris property that he bought at auction a few months ago, this week to Squire James Casey, and pocketed a tidy sum on the profit side of the ledger by the transaction.

Mrs. Daniel Bisset had the misfortune to break her left hand finger, caused by an entanglement with the bar door. It was a very painful accident to her. Dr. N. T. Shaw dressed the finger and made the victim as comfortable as could be.

There is nothing more useful in a home than a sewing machine. Why should it not be the best? You know what you are getting when you get the Domestic. Tested for 30 years. Endorsed by 2,000,000 users. The Domestic Bicycle is the best wheel made. July 30.

Clark Harris is busy building up the new MacCabee Hall at Big Beaver, and when complete this large and spacious hall will be second to none in the state. Big Beaver is a live MacCabee town and no other village of its size can boast of more energetic and zealous members.

Letters have been received from F. Hagerman, who announces their safe arrival at San Francisco, and that the Misses Gerie Hagerman and Winnie Daines stood the travel like old veteran globe trotters. Mesdames Miller and Skinner are advised safely and are having a delightful visit.

Mr. Snyder, pressman of the Western Newspaper Union, has been hearing of a couple of days overhauling his job press, and now with the comparatively new job press, new type, and two competent printers, we feel called upon to say, "bring in your job work, we are hungry for it."

A California millionaire has been sentenced to 24 hours imprisonment in the county jail for spitting in a street car. As it was his second conviction for indulging in the filthy practice the somewhat severe penalty was probably deserved. The case was appealed, but the Supreme Court confirmed the judgment.

The fact that a resident of Washington has died from grief because of the death of his mother-in-law, should silence those reckless newspapers that have so long misrepresented this amiable member of the family. The wisdom of the mother-in-law, her kind heart and her unselfish solicitude should be more frequently acknowledged.

Geo. Kemp, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Kemp, is home on a vacation from his labors at Eminence, Ky. Before coming North he had almost a case of sunstroke and this has left him in a precarious condition, but we haven't the least fear but that "mother, home and handsomely" with Dr. C. M. Raynale's care and advice will make George a well boy. We certainly hope so.

We caught a glimpse of Mitchell's memorandum of his duties pertaining to going out to camp and it read: Mitchell sees to loading Fish poles, Hooks and lines, Snake bite juice, Ice, Worms, More snake bite antidote.

Misses Gibbs and Minnie Gillett are with the Epworth League people at Toronto, Ont. They expect before their return to visit Montreal, Niagara Falls and many other places.

Mattie Baldwin is entertaining her mother by giving her a trip to Portland, Maine, and the latest reports from the giddy party say they are just reveling in sea baths, red lemonade, blazefs, palm leaf fans and everything and everything. Horrah for the good ladies and may they live years with the desire to travel and always have the cash to satisfy the craving.

Turn to the last page of this paper and note what M. Levinson has to say regarding Birmingham, its growth, changes and futurity. He says no more war prices on goods. He says no more going to Detroit or Pontiac for goods in his line. He says he is here to stay. He says come in and see him and his gentlemanly clerk and get some astonishing values in his goods.

Real estate deals are continually going quietly transacted. The fore part of this week M. K. Faber sold another one of his fine city lots on Pierce street to Mrs. Sarah W. Fuller, who will at once build her a cozy home to her own liking. No use talking, our village is bound to be a city of home owners and thereby hangs our prosperity and continued neat and tidy little city of homes.

A. Whitehead and family have broken camp at their cool cottage at Watkins Lake and returned home Wednesday last. The team that went to get him and his camping outfit took out Mitchell and his family. They were accompanied by Mrs. N. M. Corey, Miss Ida Corey, Miss Della Crosby and Miss Nellie Corey, of Toledo Ohio, and Miss Tillie Walker says she will stay out there until she can cross the lake on the ice next fall.

Why do you hesitate as to the proper place to buy shoes? Everybody for miles around is aware that the old reliable H. B. Merritt Shoe House, of Pontiac, can supply goods of a "Meritorious" quality at prices to correspond. Carefully read their new ad. in this week's Eccentric and then take the first car to Pontiac; do not tarry by the wayside, but trudge right along until you see the sign.

Their bargains are numerous and styles adapted to the weather. Our photographer is up to date. He is now prepared to make photographs. These are the latest novelty in photographs. They can be made from any photo. Mothers, have your children's pictures to wear. Husbands, wear your wife's picture on your coat. Boys, get your sister's picture, or if you haven't got a sister put up some other fellow's sister and have her on a button. Price of these buttons three for 25c. at Tomlinson's, the artistic photographer, Birmingham, Mich.

"Suppose an editor, every time he heard of a man criticising him or his paper in public, should retaliate by holding up to the public gaze the faults and short-comings of such fault-finder. The criticiser would think himself terribly outraged and would thirst for the editor's blood. The patient beast of burden, the country journalist, never does this except under great provocation. It isn't because he is afraid, but because he is not mean enough. He hears his paper called worthless because its editor, in doing his duty, has stepped on somebody's toes. Such persons should receive no more mercy from the editor than they show to him."

A girl may feel certain on this point, that as a man treats his mother and sisters so he will treat his wife six months after marriage. This may seem cold-blooded and very far removed from the tender feelings which courtship induces. But a girl has a choice to make.—A choice upon which the happiness of her whole life will depend; and there it always is a time, whether she notices it or not, before she parts with the control of her heart, at which she ought to listen to her judgment. Without better evidence than her own feelings, she is very likely to make a mistake, but if she can assure herself that her lover is a man who is respected and liked by his male friends and is a favorite of his, she may be pretty sure that in listening to his love she is choosing wisely.

Molasses, liquorice, fig juice, glycerine and some other substances are used to give sweetness to chewing tobacco, while in some brands there is also employed and various aromatic essences are used for their flavor.

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All men who know how to love women love horses. Lots of men who aren't bachelors have one wife too many. Lots of women think they want to vote, when all they want is a voter. Drinking may cause a few divorces, but it causes a lot of engagements. A woman's first attempt to prostitute her husband for having a baby is when she insists that it is the exact reflection of her own face.