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## *ROYAL OAK RIPPLES.*

**Arrivals and Departures—Illness in Our Vicinity—Weddings Picnics, Birthday Anniversaries, Our Lodges, etc.**

Mrs B H Shipman is quite ill.

Mrs J Schunover Sundayed at Utica.

Wedding in town in the near future.

S J Willson is very low at this writing.

Mrs C Mow was in Detroit on business Saturday.

School opened this week with a good attendance.

Mrs Wm Fortis made a flying trip to Pontiac Tuesday.

Tom Alger has been spending a few days with Detroit friends.

Mr Dickinson, of Wayne, recently visited at Mrs Esther Fay's.

Andy Martin, of Rochester, dined at Alex Persleo's Monday.

H H Wheeler and Dr Kidder were in Detroit on business Tuesday.

T Bernier and wife, of Pontiac, Sundayed at David McDowell's.

Leon Prager and wife were guests of Pontiac friends over Sunday.

The Warren L O T M's paid our local Hive a pleasant visit last week.

Mrs Esther Fay made a visit to the Detroit City Water Works Saturday.

David McDowell spent a portion of last week with his daughter at Warren.

Mr and Mrs Hacking, of Delray, were guests at John Davidson's over Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Riley Tillison, were guests of their brother, John Tillison, over Sunday.

Miss Bertha Austin, of Detroit, was a guest of Miss Maude Alger a portion of last week.

Mrs A Hutchins returned home Sunday evening from a visit with her daughter at Highland Park.

R D Calkjns, of Parma, while enroute for North Branch, was a guest at Mrs. A. Hutchins' recently.

Ed and Geo McKinney, of Southfield, were guests at J M Lawson's Saturday and Sunday last.

Mrs Davidson, of Troy, was a guest of her daughter, Mrs C G Willson, the fore part of the week.

Miss Emma Griffin and J Gilbert, of Detroit, were guests at Edward Connor's one day last week.

Our new electric track was laid very rapidly, and curves in this immediate vicinity are things of the past.

A new tenant house is being erected on the farm belonging to Mrs Dows, of Detroit, near the Ten Mile Road.

Wm Fortis is very sick, his illness resulting from injuries received some time ago while attempting to ride a wheel.

Several of our citizens went to Birmingham Tuesday evening to become enrolled as members of a new organization called the Home Forum Benefit Order. Are you on the list?

Mrs J Lewles is having extensive repairs made on the interior of her house which is to be occupied by Mr Merritt, the stone mason.

New shoemaker's shop in town soon—site, Seventh street, between Main street and Centre avenue. Further particulars later.

Philo Ford and wife of Battle Creek, returned home Friday on their wheels, after a two weeks' visit with friends in Royal Oak.

Miss Covey, of Canandaigua, N Y, who has been spending the summer with her uncle, W Aspinwall, left for her home last Saturday.

Jessie, Mable and Georgie Robb, of Detroit, are spending the last week of their vacation with their Grandpa and Grandma Connor.

The little grocery store occupied by E. W. Stanton presents a very attractive appearance with its new coat of white and green paint.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M E church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Chapman Wednesday. All enjoyed themselves well.

Thos Holmes spent Sunday last with old friends in Detroit. He was greeted with outstretched hands since his long absence of five years. Come again, Tommy.

J Richard, while drawing millet last week, met with quite a serious accident, but we are happy to say, there were no bones broken. Try it again, Jack.

A Missionary Society was organized last Saturday among the enterprising members of our Baptist church. May they be instrumental in doing much good.

Peter Sirenson is now proprietor and owner of the blacksmith shop which he has previously occupied as a tenant. He is indeed monarch of all he surveys.

Mrs Williamson was removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs Peter McKay, in Birmingham, last Tuesday, where she may be properly cared for during her protracted illness.

Miss Myrtle Hutchins, who has successfully taught in the Parma schools for the past four years, leaves today for that place, where she will occupy her old position the coming school year.

Company at the Ira Barnum residence during the past week: Fred Canney and wife, Detroit; Mrs J Nichols, Oxford; Miss Ella Abby, Metamora; Miss Lottie Hall, Troy, and Miss Major, of Mt Vernon.

Willie, how many young ladies have you on the string, anyway? There are other pebbles on the beach besides at Owosso, eh? Royal Oak society answered every purpose last Sabbath didn't it William?

The cyclonic breeze that struck our little town last Sunday caused many a cheek to turn pale. Many large trees were blown down and the branches scattered about promiscuously. We are thankful to say no further damage was done.

Edward Connor and wife were in Detroit Tuesday in attendance upon a birthday surprise party for their son who resides in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Connor went laden with good things and the surprise was complete in every respect.

## *FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS*

Dr. Buel and George Pickering have lately purchased new carriages.

The storm of Sunday was very severe at this place; several trees were uprooted.

Robt. Allen will begin the erection of a new house next week. David Brooks has the contract in charge.

The threshers of Mudge, Randall & Allen are doing most of the work in this vicinity. Grain is a fair yield.

Those who witnessed the Bigelow-Baker race on Monday declare it exciting and interesting. It is unnecessary to say Baker took the lead.

Rev Beattie's pastoral year is drawing to a close. He has been an ardent worker and has the welfare of the church at heart. It is hoped he will be returned to this charge. The conference is held at Lum, a village on the P. O. & N.


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## IS ALL FIXED OVER.

**Wonderland Held a Grand Re-opening Last Monday.**

**Wax Figures This Time are of Special Interest to the Little Children.**

Wonderland reopened last week Monday. During the past two weeks the house has been redecorated from cellar to garret. If the patrons realize that it is the same place it will probably be because the same price of admission is charged at the main entrance. One could not place a hand upon a section of wall or ceiling that is not changed in the decoration. Many of the departments have been added to extensively and the groups of wax works in the Eden Musee have been changed entirely. Every inch of the immense institution has been given the attention of the decorator, the carpenter the painter and the paper hanger. The result is that Wonderland is a model place of amusement of its kind.

The new Eden Musee is now the finest west of New York City. Manager Moore has inaugurated the novelty of illustrating babyhood stories and "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Cinderella," are the most prominent of the artistic representations. The stories of both are prettily illustrated by the cleverest work of the artists. One of the most captivating of the groups is the illustration of pretty pictures of Cinderella. The first is where the prince has discovered Cinderella, the wearer of the little slipper, and the second shows Cinderella in the kitchen had "all the birds of heaven" flocking in at the window to help her pick up the seed from the hearth.

THESE ARE OTHERS.

The figures are in diminutive and wonderfully perfect, as are also the figures picturing the beautiful stories of "The Babes in the Woods" and "Little Red Riding Hood." The latter is pictured meeting the wolf in the woods and the child and the wolf are as perfectly made as if they were real. In these diminutive groups the figures of adults are only three feet tall and those of the children but 14 to 16 inches. Yet they are as perfect in form as can be.

The masterpiece in the Eden Musee, however, is "The Doctor," after the celebrated painting of that title by Luke Fildes. A dying babe lies on a couch and beside it sits the doctor with his brow knit in deep anxiety. In the background are the mother, her head bowed upon the kitchen table, while she sobs, and beside her the father, looking intently at the doctor with stern, distracted features. Every expression painted by the great artist Fildes on the canvas is delineated in wax in this group and it is the most beautiful that has ever been seen here. Across from this group is the "Messenger of Cheer," also a beautiful reproduction in wax of a famous picture. A French artist, Moreau of Tours, painted it. The subject is a poet, who, discouraged with life, has fallen asleep and sees before him the beautiful vision of a guardian angel.

ONE IS FUNNY.

There is one comical wax picture. It is that of a darkey, who, loaded down with a watermelon under each arm sees a rooster strut proudly out of a hen house near by. It is a question of watermelon or rooster with him and his eyes roll with gluttonous uncertainty as to which he will have.

A complete change has been made in the cosmorama. When the World's Fair was in progress D. H. Burnham, of Burnham & Root, the chief constructionists of the great display, undertook to secure paintings of the different sections of the fair by famous American artists. It was his intention to publish them in the edition de luxe of the "Book of the Builders." This scheme fell through. However, 1,000 copies of the paintings by famous artists were printed and then the marble blocks were destroyed. Manager Moore has secured one of the 1,000 sets that were printed. Among the artists who painted the originals were such famous men as Harry Fenn, F. D. Millett, L. C. Earle, H. Bolton Jones, Francis C. Jones, Hobart Denman, Childe Hassan and Thomas Moran. The picture painted by Mr. Moran, which shows the Administration building across the artificial lake under a gorgeous sunset, was valued at $3,000.

## Base Ball.

Last Saturday's ball game was an exceptionally interesting one. The Detroits and home team both playing good ball. The score was light on the Detroit side, mostly on account of home team's pitcher, Hable who struck most of them out at the plate, a few of them only having the chance to touch a base once or twice. The following is the score by innings.

| Innings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Birmingham | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3—16 |
| D. A. C. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—2 |

Batteries—Hable and King; Kelsey, Bamford and Dingwell. Umpire—Goldsmith.

## Industrial Fair at Toronto.

For the Victorian Era Exposition and Industrial Fair at Toronto, Ont, the Grand Trunk Railway System will sell tickets from all stations in Michigan Aug. 30 to Sept. 8th inclusive, to Toronto at one fare for the round trip, good to return until Sept. 13, '97. For particulars call on or address any agent of the System.

## *COUNTY LINE CULLINGS*

Rev. Forest Dory visited C. Kidd's people and others last week.

Herman King has bought quite a number of cattle for this winter's feeding.

Mrs. Paine Himes has been visiting relatives in our vicinity the past two weeks.

Mrs. Wm. Wilson, of Mt. Clemens, visited old friends in our vicinity last week.

S. Paine's people have returned to the city after a pleasant summer at the Cherry Tree farm.

Frank Drummond returned home Monday after visiting at Port Huron the past few weeks.

Mrs. Libbie Simson, of Evanston, Ill., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Hawthorn, and other friends.

Some ten of the Rathbone sisters spent Monday evening with sisters in Detroit. A splendid time of course.

Robert McClure has been selling shaks at surloin prices all the week on account of a new arrival of a baby boy lately.

Oyster color is the very newest shade and is particularly effective in heavy satin or faille.

A new summer dress material is called chaille de lustre, and is, as its name indicates, a glossy fabric, somewhat resembling mohair.

The modish silks for early autumn wear are in the pretty bayadere stripes, a trying fashion, however, becoming to none but women of the Trilby type.

Narrow baby ribbon is a feature on modish gowns, and is now ruffled and used to edge ribbons of greater width—a particularly pretty finish for the long ribbon sash.

The old fashioned iron grenadine is again the vogue, superseding the flimsy materials which masquerade under that name, and to which even the crispest of taffetas fails to give a satisfactory body.

Brilliant hued plaids are in high favor, and the up-to-date girl revels in an endless variety of sailor-hat bands, belts and neckties, which, worn in sets, give a chic finish to her duck skirt and tailor-built shirt waist.

A full niche of black at the throat gives a modish finish to the simplest costume and is a needed touch of precaution these chilly August evenings. One recently seen in London is of black chiffon, cascaded to the waist-line and edged with narrow white ostrich feather trimming.

To avoid that unpleasant sagging at the bottom of the dress the newest silk petticoats are stiffened at the hem with a whalebone, one ingenious woman who particularly dreads an appearance of limpness placing a second bone across the front breadth in a casing ten inches above the dust flounce.


# Poor Blood

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## BLOODY WAR IN INDIA.

**Great Britain Apparently has a Hard Task to Subdue the Rebellion.**

While there may be many theories as to the cause of the present rebellion against British rule in northern India and on the borders of Afghanistan the fact is daily becoming more sorely apparent that Great Britain has on her hands a revolt which made equal the famous Sepoy rebellion if it does not culminate in one of the bloodiest combats of the century.

Fresh dispatches continue to show that affairs are constantly growing worse. Fort Ali-Masjid and Fort Lundi-Katal have fallen into the hands of the Afridis tribes after desperate fighting. Fort Lundi-Kotal was at the Afghanistan end of Khyber pass and was garrisoned by 300 Khyber rifles. Thus Khyber pass has fallen into the hands of the Afridis; the posts in Kurram valley are threatened by the powerful tribe of the Orakzais; the Mohmand tribesmen are meditating a renewal of hostilities around Fort Shabkadr, while thousands of troops are engaged in crushing the revolt in the Swat valley and two large brigades are holding the Tochi valley, where the Mahsud-Waziris are again restless. The Orakzais have risen and cut telegraphic communication with all of the garrisons and posts of Kurram valley. The wildest excitement prevails among the Hindoo traders at Hanu, on Kurram river. It is rumored that 7,000 Waziris intend to swoop down there, sack the town and massacre the inhabitants. The mullah and his emissaries, especially those from the Afghan government of Khost are actively stirring up the Waziris, who are also affected by the disloyal attitude of the Kurram tribes.

Later—A strong force of Afridis, it is just announced, has crossed the Kohat pass and therefore the proposed advance of a column of British troops from Peshawur, through that pass has been countermanded. With Khyber and Kohat passes in possession of the enemy the gravity of the situation is increased. The Shinwari and Kahri police posts on the Samana range, were attacked, evacuated by their garrisons and burned by the enemy. In addition the Orakzais looted the Nariab, Samana, bazaar and burned the school. There is considerable excitement among the tribes along the Bolan route to Quetta, and the wires have again been cut.

A dispatch from Simla says: The Indian government has decided to send an expedition, in large force, against the Afridis. All the British army officers on leave of absence have been ordered to rejoin their regiments immediately.

Paris: The Memorial Diplomatique asserts that the ameer of Afghanistan has ordered the faithful to hold themselves in readiness for a holy war and that a meeting of mullahs had been convened at Cabul to discuss the situation.

**The French-Russian Alliance.**

The visit of President Faure and a party of leading French officials to Russia and their tremendously enthusiastic reception by the czar and the official and civil population of St. Petersburg and other places visited is arousing much interest throughout Europe. The language of the czar at a banquet in which he spoke of the "alliance" between the two great powers has made an immense impression. In Paris it is said that a distinct understanding really exists between France and Russia and that this understanding is apparently in the nature of an alliance for preservation of the peace of Europe, though some of the French papers are inclined to believe that the "alliance" means Russia's support of France in the event of the latter attempting to reconquer Alsace and Lorraine from Germany. Paris went into a frenzy of enthusiasm over the welcome to be extended to President Faure on his return from Russia. The principal streets and buildings were elaborately decorated with flags and buntings, preparations were made for beautiful illuminations, with scores of balls, fetes, etc. The remarkable feature of it was that all was done spontaneously by the citizens, with no attempt at official organization. The excitement reached such a pitch that there is talk of making Aug. 30, the national fete day instead of July 14, and also instituting life presidencies with Faure as the first incumbent. The Journal says the czar will visit Paris at the end of this autumn.

In London the accomplishment of the Franco-Russian alliance is accepted by the majority as an undoubted fact. Reasonably or unreasonably the alliance is regarded as foreshadowing the retrocession of Alsace-Lorraine, which, France holds, Russia would be glad to assist in, as a snub to Germany. Secondly, the alliance upsets Germany's desire to bring about united continental action against Great Britain. Thirdly, the alliance largely shifts the control of Europe back to France. The popular opinion of London rejoices at the alliance as being entirely directed against Germany. The emperor of Germany has received a rebuff which he will bitterly resent. There is no doubt the formal alliance of France and Russia makes henceforth impossible for him to be that arbiter of the destinies of Europe which he aspires to become. The dual alliance is at least as powerful as the triple alliance was forgetting.

## TELEGRAPHIC TICKINGS.

Lightning destroyed the barn of Arthur Corey, near Hubbardston. Eight years ago to the day his barn was struck and destroyed. On each occasion Mr. Corey was in town buying a binder.

Thirty striking miners employed by the Saginaw Coal Co. went back to work at the old wages of 70 cents a ton. The backbone of the strike is now broken and no further difficulty is anticipated.

Ottawa, Ill.—Modern Woodmen of La Salle county held a picnic. There were over 5,000 strangers present. Mayor Hook welcomed the Woodmen.

Lebanon, Ind.—Otto Dickerson, a well-known farmer living three miles north of Lebanon, left home last Tuesday and has not been heard from since. A large posse of farmers is searching for him.

Virginia, Ill.—The Modern Woodmen camps of Cass county held their biennial log rolling and harvest home picnic at Ashland, Ill., with a large attendance. The address of welcome was made by Prof. Morgan McMasters.

A pile of ties was discovered on the tracks of the Alpena & Northern railroad near Alpena, which would have wrecked a train had it struck the obstruction at full speed.

Wm. H. Kelly, aged 40, despondent because he couldn't get work, took morphine and was found dead on the street at Grand Rapids. He leaves a widow and an infant child.

## GRAINS OF GOLD.

Earnestness is self-denial at work.

Is is hard for self to see the other side.

If you would outwit the devil, keep busy.

The dog with a gold collar is still a dog.

A bad man sees little good in other people.

## FIGS AND THISTLES.

Confidence is the tie of friendship.

Idleness digs the graves of manhood.

Game, worth catching, must be hunted.

The prayerless everdraw on the bank of mercy every day.

The man who walks with God, does not travel in a circle.

There are too many people who only try to be good on Sunday.

The man who walks with God, does not make a crooked path.—Rams Horn.

By a new law, Connecticut riders of bicycles who neglect to use bells on their wheels will be subject to a fine of $20 of less in each case, and may be held for any damage or injury caused by their neglect.

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