

REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Annual Meeting of the National League in Louisville.

W. W. Tracey, of Illinois, Elected President - The Convention Declares for Woman Suffrage - Full Text of the Platform Adopted.

TRACEY HONORED.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12.-The National League of Republican clubs elected W. W. Tracey, of Illinois, president. There was only one ballot, as follows:

M. H. de Young, California.....405
W. W. Tracey, Illinois.....322
Gen. W. H. Eastling, Pennsylvania.....413
As soon as the vote was announced Mr. Tracey's election was made unanimous.

The convention approved the woman's suffrage plank of the platform by 375



W. W. TRACEY.

to 185. Planks opposing public gambling and favoring one-term presidency were approved by a majority vote.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform as reported was as follows:

"We, the representatives of the republican league clubs of the United States in national convention assembled, reaffirm devotion to the principles of the republican party as enunciated at the national republican convention in 1892. We point with pride to the passage of a general law for the safety of life and limb of railroad employes, upon recommendation of President Harrison, by a republican congress, and in conformity with the expressed pledge of the national republican convention. We declare that we are in hearty sympathy with every legislative enactment which will promote the interests of the wage-earners and tend to equalize conditions and harmonize the relations between labor and capital, always regarding the moral and material welfare of the great body of the people as the primary object to be attained, and recommend as one of the most efficient means to attain this end, the establishment of a system of arbitration for the adjustment of differences arising between labor and capital.

"We declare our faith in genuine secret ballot laws, fortified by efficient acts for the suppression of corrupt practices in elections. We demand the enforcement of existing laws by the duly instructed officers of the law, and demand the abolition of the system of private armed forces represented by the Pinkerton and like detective agencies.

"We demand the suppression of all public gambling, whether in food products or by means of lottery tickets. We heartily urge an amendment to the constitution making the president ineligible to a second successive term. We recommend to the favorable consideration of the republican clubs of the United States as a matter of education the question of granting to the women of the state and nation the right to vote at all elections on the same terms and conditions as male citizens.

"The foreign policy of Benjamin Harrison and James G. Blaine deserves and receives the commendation of all Americans who believe in preserving the rights and dignity of the United States and in extending the scope of its influence in accordance with that policy we reaffirm our determination to encourage the reinforcement of the Monroe doctrine, not only as it applies to North and South America, but also to those islands in the Atlantic and Pacific which are or may become necessary to the protection of our coast line and our trade. When the American flag covers American interests and American honor it must never be lowered."

The platform was adopted, section by section, together with the following:

"WHEREAS, The democratic party for the first time in thirty-two years has succeeded to power, both executive and legislative departments of the government, we now direct attention to the fact that it should either give the people a fair trial of the policies advocated in its national platform or admit that it gained supremacy by gross misrepresentation and hypocrisy."

RESOLUTIONS.

The following supplementary resolutions were reported favorably from the committee on resolutions and adopted: "Since the last national assembly of republicans the patriotic citizens throughout the land have met an irreparable loss in the deaths of R. B. Hayes and James B. Blaine.

"Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed by the president to investigate and report annually the condition of the republican party in the several states. That the republican party is the party of the people and the purposes of its creation were the destruction of slavery and the greatest possible expansion of human liberty within the land. It knows no sect or creed. Therefore the exclusion of any person from any republican club or organization on account of his religious belief merits the severest condemnation of this league."

The league then adjourned to meet in Denver next May.

China Will Retaliate.

NEW YORK, May 14.-Rev. Dr. J. S. Baldwin, for twenty-two years a Methodist minister in China, says he has positive information from official sources that if the Chinese are shipped from this country to China simply because they are here without taking out certificates, Americans in China will be likewise deported from that country to the United States.

Floods Many Acres.

VIRGINIA, Ill., May 14.-An overflow in the Illinois and Sangamon rivers in Cass county has flooded several thousand acres of rich farming lands, entirely destroying the wheat sown last fall.

Damages for the Loss of a Hand.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 13.-Frank O'Brien, a section hand living here, has been awarded damages of \$3,500 against the Chicago & Alton railway for the loss of a hand in a collision.

HOLDS ITS OWN.

General Business Bears Up Well Despite Numerous Failures.

NEW YORK, May 13.-R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"The smash in the industrial stocks a week ago, the failure of some firms and of the National Cordage company and the largest decline in stocks known in any week since 1873, have been followed by surprisingly little disturbance. Business has shown remarkable soundness and strength under such a strain. Bank failures at Chicago and Indianapolis and rumors of others reflect large losses through Chicago speculations in real estate and grain, and at Indianapolis through the failure of the Premier Steel company, but commercial credits are not as yet materially affected. Interior money markets are growing tighter and more cautious, but no such stringency is yet seen as to check general trade, which appears to have improved. Unrest is caused at Indianapolis by the failure of steel works and a bank and money is close. At Detroit collections and prospects are a little better.

"The volume of trade at Chicago is satisfactory, though somewhat disturbed by financial troubles, and retail distribution is not up to expectations. There is a heavy demand for money and accommodations are somewhat difficult, collections being slow. Receipts of wheat are very large, 350 per cent. above last year. "Milwaukee reports close collections and money scarce. At Minneapolis trade improves. The flour output is large, with heavy foreign sales. St. Paul reports rapid seeding, favorable weather and improving trade. The volume of trade at St. Louis is heavy, shoe factories working extra time, and trade in dry goods is excellent, with easy collections.

"Speculation has lifted wheat two cents, though the crop report is less gloomy than was expected. Corn has slightly advanced and pork products largely. Cotton is unchanged, exports in April having been \$3,000,000 less in value and \$2,000,000 pounds less in quantity than last year. Oil is one and one-half cents lower, exports also declining. All exports from New York have been \$1,000,000 less for the last two weeks than last year, while imports show an increase of \$3,700,000 for one week of May.

"While the failures in the United States and Canada for the week were 280 in number, against 175 last year, and in the United States alone 275 against 150, there were only eleven with ratings over \$100,000. From \$200,000 to \$300,000 there were five, from \$300,000 to \$500,000 only two, one from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and two with ratings over \$1,000,000. Considering the extraordinary pressure in stock and money markets the report indicates greater soundness than could have been expected."

DESPERATE SALOON MEN.

Houses of Prohibition Leaders at Muscatine, Ia., Blown Up.

MUSCATINE, Ia., May 12.-Three terrific dynamite explosions occurring at 1:30 Thursday morning avoiced thousands of citizens here and called out the entire fire department. Dynamite bombs had been thrown into the residences of Hon John Mahon, editor of the Muscatine Journal; E. M. Kessinger, retired capitalist, and F. Rosenberger, attorney. The dwellings were all completely wrecked on the interior and the escape of their fifteen sleeping occupants is most miraculous. Beyond a few bruises and severe nervous shocks, all escaped injury. The owners of the residences are prosecuting the saloonkeepers here, against whom six injunctions were granted Wednesday. Suit will be brought against the remaining thirty-two saloons, but Judge Wolf adjourned court until to-day, owing to public indignation and slight injuries sustained by Attorney Rosenberger. Mr. Mahon places his loss at \$8,000, and Kessinger's will be fully as large. Rosenberger's house in a complete ruin. No clew has yet been discovered, but detectives have been put to work. Public indignation runs high.

ROBBED AT JACKSON PARK.

Pickpockets Secure \$4,100 in Cash from an Aged Californian.

CHICAGO, May 13.-The first big robbery that has occurred at the world's fair grounds was reported to the police at the Central station. The victim was N. B. Martans, 70 years of age, who came from Woodland, Cal. He was robbed of \$4,100, which was taken from him by a pickpocket as he was crossing the bridge from the Electricity to the Manufactures building. Mr. Martans had a farm in California, but his wife and child being dead he sold his property and concluded to take a trip to Coblenz, Germany, where he was born. With the \$4,100 obtained from the sale of all he had in the world, he started. No clew to the theft has been discovered.

SYNDICATE FORMED.

To Transmit Electric Power Generated by the Waters of Niagara River.

NEW YORK, May 13.-A syndicate has been formed here with a capital of \$4,000,000 for the construction and equipment of a line between Niagara Falls and Albany for the transmission of electric power generated by the waters of Niagara river passing through wheel pits into a tunnel which has just been completed. Through the medium of the transmitting company the cities and villages along its proposed line can be supplied with electricity for light, heat and power.

Chinese Not Permitted to Land.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.-The steamship Danube, which arrived from Victoria, D. C. a week ago with 612 Chinese, left on her return trip, having on board 410 Chinese who were refused permission to land. The vessel was libeled for \$20,000 by the government for overloading, but was released on bonds.

Lost at Sea.

LONDON, May 14.-The steamer City of Hamburg collided in a fog off Trevoise Head, coast of Cornwall, with the ship Comtesse Evelyn, and the crew of sixteen and nine passengers of the latter vessel were drowned.

Two Men Killed.

MASCOUATON, Ill., May 15.-A west-bound freight train on the Louisville & St. Louis Air Line road ran into an open switch near West Belleville Saturday night. The engine went into the ditch and the cars rolled up all around. Fireman John Meaker, aged 38, and a brakeman were killed outright. Engineer Mahaffey, aged 25 years, sustained injuries that will likely prove fatal.

AN AWFUL DROP.

Ten Employes of a Michigan Mine Dashed to Death.

The Cage in Which They Were Being Brought Up Breaks Upon Reaching the Surface, and the Unfortunates Fall to the Bottom.

A DROP OF OVER 3,000 FEET.

HOUGHTON, May 15.-Ten timbermen were dashed to pieces in the Red Jacket perpendicular shaft of the Calumet and Hecla at noon Sunday. The miners were coming up in the cage to dinner and the engineer hoisted the cage against the timbers of the shaft, when the coupling pin broke and the men and cage dashed downward, over 3,000 feet, to the bottom. The names of the killed are as follows: Allen Cameron, James Cocking, Andrew Edno, John Hicks, Michael Leavitt, Joseph Pope, John Rodgers, Con Sullivan, James Trevni and Robert Wuopia.

Never in the history of copper mining has so serious an accident occurred as that of Sunday. Sunday work in the mine is only done in the line of repairs to the machinery and timbering up the wall of the shafts. The ten men killed went down in the morning to timber the mine, had worked all the forenoon and stepped into the bucket to be hoisted 3,150 feet to the surface to get their dinners. The time consumed in being hoisted is usually but a minute by the powerful engines used.

The cause of the accident was a faulty indicator, which did not show the brakeman in charge of the hoisting apparatus when the cage had reached the top of the shaft. Ernst Tulin, the engineer, says his indicator showed 750 feet more to hoist. Tulin could not stop the machinery in time, and when the iron car struck the beams at the top of the shaft the coupling pin or the steel wire rope by which the car was suspended broke, letting the ten occupants of the cage down to a fearful death at the bottom of the shaft, 3,000 feet below.

Many pitiful scenes have been witnessed at the mouth of the shaft. Most of the ill-fated men had families and when the first rumor of the awful accident spread wives and children hastened to the scene, hoping that the report had been false, but finding instead that it was only too true and that many of them were widows or orphans. The wife of Joseph Pope, one of the miners, had come to the mouth of the shaft with his dinner. She saw her husband come up, spoke to him lovingly, but was crazed when she saw the cage dart upward and then drop out of sight.

The mouth of the shaft is closed. A searching party has gone down Calumet No. 4 shaft, over a half mile away, and will come through the cross-cut or tunnel to search for the remains. Although thousands of miners and others had gathered around the fatal shaft, all were painfully silent. The terrible fatality seemed to have overawed them. None of the bodies has been recovered as yet. General Manager Whiting and Superintendent Duncan are almost crazed by the awful responsibility which the accident has thrust upon them.

RUIN BY A GALE.

Buildings Demolished, Live Stock Killed and Several Persons Hurt in a Hurricane Near Pinckney.

PINCKNEY, May 13.-A cyclone passed 2 miles east of this village at 2 a. m. Friday. It struck the barns and outbuildings of Louis Dryer, completely destroying them. The orchard was also destroyed. The storm next struck the premises of William Placeway and William Thompson, half a mile farther east, destroying all their farm buildings, orchards, windmills, etc. All the members of both families were injured, but it said that none is seriously hurt. Many horses and cattle were killed. One mile east from Placeway's farm the house and outbuildings of John Fitch were completely wrecked, not a post remaining standing. The family, consisting of seven persons, were all injured, but none seriously. So far the damage is estimated at \$15,000. The cyclone started 1 mile southeast of here and traveled northeast 1 1/2 miles. Mr. Placeway's family escaped injury. A stone anchor to a windmill weighing a ton was carried 3 rods, and debris from buildings was carried over a mile. Fitch's house was moved 2 rods from its foundation and completely upset. The family remained terror stricken in the dismantled house till daylight. The width of the cyclone was about 6 rods.

SWEPT TO HIS DEATH.

Donald Campbell, of Portland, Dashed Over a Dam in the Grand River.

PORTLAND, May 11.-Donald Campbell, a prominent business man, was drowned Wednesday morning. With C. J. Warren and H. S. Soles, he was demanding a break in the Grand river mill dam, when their boat broke away and the men were carried swiftly over the dam. Campbell's body was recovered half a mile below the village. The other occupants of the boat hung on and were rescued.

Texas Murderers Hanged.

SHERMAN, Tex., May 13.-Charles Luttrell and John Carlisle were hanged at noon for the murder of M. T. Sherman, April 28, last year, at Denison. Sherman was the principal witness in a murder and assault case against John Carlisle and Ed Myers and was murdered while asleep at his home.

Standard Oil Barrel Works Burned.

WRITING, Ind., May 15.-The Standard Oil company's barrel works here burned Saturday night. Loss between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

CYCLONE IN MICHIGAN.

Much Destruction Caused Near the Town of Pinckney.

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MICHIGAN BANKS.

One at Charlevoix Falls and One at Hillsdale Voluntarily Close.

CHARLEVOIX, Mich., May 13.-The bank of Charlevoix closed its doors Friday morning and placed its affairs in the hands of R. W. Kane as assignee. There was no run on the bank, but its affairs were in such shape that this move seemed necessary to do justice to all creditors. The firm is composed of W. P. Brown and his son, Gardner R. Brown, and while their capital was not large, they were supposed to be doing a safe and conservative business. The Northern Michigan Seed company, for which the Browns furnished the financial backing, has been a heavy drain, parties who expected to put in additional capital failing to do so, and this company is included in the assignment. No other failures will result. The deposits will probably not exceed \$10,000.

HILLSDALE, Mich., May 13.-The first state bank of this city has gone into liquidation and quit business. The business has been transferred to the Hillsdale savings bank, which will assume all the liabilities and pay depositors in full.

Will Visit the Fair.

GRAND RAPIDS, May 13.-The 8,000 wheelmen in Michigan will accept the invitation of the Columbian exposition authorities to attend the fair wheelmen's day. A road race will take place here May 30.

Heavy Rains in Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 15.-The rainfall in Starr, Zapata, Hidalgo and other counties on the lower Rio Grande border has been greater during the last four days than ever before. The dry beds of creeks are filled and overflowing their banks. The rains have caused the price of cattle in all of southwest Texas to advance 25 per cent.

BASEBALL.

Standing of Clubs in the National League for the Week Ending May 14.

The following table shows the standing of the various clubs of the National baseball league.

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Per cent. Rows include St. Louis, Cleveland, Washington, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Louisville.

Machinists Refuse Colored Men.

CHICAGO, May 12.-The International Association of Machinists, which adjourned Thursday from its annual convention, refused to strike out the word "white" from its constitution.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns: NEW YORK, May 15. Rows include LIVE STOCK-Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, FLOUR-Pair to Fancy, Minnesota Patents, WHEAT-No. 2 Red, COGNAC, Uprated Mixed, OATS-Mixed Western, RYE-Western, BUTTER-Western Creamery, BUTTER-Western Creamery, BEEVES-Shipping Steers, Cows, Stockers, Feeders, Butcher's Steers, Hogs-Live, SHEEP, BUTTER-Creamery, Fair to Choice Dairy, EGGS-Fresh, BROOD CORN, Self-working, Crooked, POTATOES-New (per bu.), POKE-Mean, LARD-Steep, LARD-Spring Patents, Spring Straights, Winter Straights, Winter Patents, GRAIN-Wheat, Cash, Corn, No. 2, Oats, No. 2, Rye, No. 2, Barley, Good to Choice, LUMBER, Flooring, Common Boards, Fencing, Lath, Dry, Shingles, KANSAS CITY, CATTLE-Steers, Hogs, SHEEP, OMAHA, CATTLE-Steers, Hogs, SHEEP.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Chapel.
All the boys are excited over the trout fishing.
Preparations are being made for the services on Memorial Day.
D. J. McNaughton has set out a number of peach and pear trees.
Clarence McMillan was all the week training his horse for the races Saturday.
Some of the farmers are getting discouraged with the weather, as they cannot sow oats or barley.
Elmdale.
Theodore Foster is in Keene, sawing ties.
There are visitors at A. S. Stannard's from G'd Rapids.
Lee and King have moved their picket mill to P. Bedell's.
Josiah Biough's father and mother, from Penn., are visiting their children and friends in this vicinity.
Mrs Robert Church died Thursday morning and was buried on Saturday. She had been sick for a long time.
Geo. Plummer and Thos. Leese started Saturday morning for Grattan, with seven of F. King's horses and colts.
Ada.
The Teeple made a business trip to G'd Rapids last Saturday.
Miss Lettie Livingston was at Grand Rapids last Thursday.
Jerome Parker and Miss Rosa Bradford were married last week.
Mrs Doil has gone to Grand Haven, to visit her sister, Mrs Robinson.
Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Watson were at Grand Rapids on Saturday.
John Hendley and wife, of G'd Rapids, were here last Thursday and Friday.
Rev Mr Osburn, from Grand Rapids, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday.
Mrs Hattie Dennison, of Grand Rapids, was the guest of Mrs Clements last week.
East Lowell.
Mrs King is not improving.
Mr Hendershott has rented Mrs Mary E. Wolf's place.
Mr Farlin talks of going to Mass. to be treated for a cancer.
Sam Morgan and wife, of Lowell, made Mrs Hendershott a call Sunday.
Mr and Mrs Frank Godfrey made their mother, George and family a short call Sunday.
Several people of this place attended the Epworth League anniversary exercises at the So. Boston M. E. church. An enjoyable time was reported.
During the storm last Thursday, a barn belonging to Luman Cogswell, was struck by lightning and also upset. It is lying in a perfect mass of ruins. A young man, who was working for Mr C., was stunned by the lightning and struck by a falling timber, breaking his leg. Mr C. has our sympathy in his loss.
Special Sale of Wall Paper, Saturday, May 18th, at Will M. Clark's. Don't miss it.
Cascade.
Thomas McKnight has sold his farm to his son Joe.
The U. A. S. meets with Mrs Senica Teeple, May 24th.
S. Finch, of Bowne called at the home of nephew, Johnny Thompson, Monday.
Mrs Louis Stark and son, George, from Florida, arrived in the village a few days ago.

friends in G'd. Rapids, Friday and Saturday.
Rev. Jacobs failed to be at the Snow School house, Sunday.
Wilber and Cora Burras called on Mrs H. Westbrook, Sunday.
Miss Nancy Thibos returned home from Elmdale, Wednesday.
Mr and Mrs Frank Sargent of Lowell spent Sunday in this vicinity.
Mr and Mrs James Green Sundayed with Mr and Mrs John Brown.
Mr and Mrs Seward Onan Sundayed with Mr and Mrs Wm. Hesche.
Lena Onan is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs Wm. Hesche.
Wm. Patterson, of West Cascade took dinner with W. F. Rector, Monday.
Miss Annie Onan spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs Sam Onan.
Miss Anna Hesche is visiting her parents and friends in this vicinity, this week.
Mrs Wm. Stapleton is visiting her daughter, Mrs F. Vanderhoof, in West Cascade.
Mrs Fred Wood had a quilting Thursday, owing to the rain, there was not a very large attendance.
LADIES and MISSES OXFORD TIES, cheap at J. Robertson's.
South Lowell.
The carpenters have begun work for W. Cilley.
There was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting, Sunday.
Chas Yeiter and wife, Sundayed with Mrs Yeiter's mother at Elmdale.
Mrs Hamilton, Lake Odessa, called on relatives, of this place, Saturday.
Miss McDiarmid, of Bowne, is now a member of G. Rittenger's family.
Allen Clark starts for Kansas Tuesday morning, in search of health.
Eugene Comstock visited friends at Lake Odessa, Saturday and Sunday.
Willis Merriman has purchased a horse of John Studt, of West Campell.
Hired men must be hard to please as Henry Lampman, has his third one this spring.
Mr Ketchum, of West Lowell, will build and remodel barns for G. Rittenger, this summer.
JOE.
Highway Commissioners and Pathmasters Orders at the JOURNAL OFFICE. Call and see them.
Fallsburg Facts.
Mrs Will Burch is on the sick list.
John Wright is visiting friends in Ingham county.
Will Bailey, of G'd Rapids, Sundayed at Frank Sherrards.
Bert Beach, of Cannonsburgh, is visiting in this vicinity.
Mr Stanton has moved his house across the road from where it stood.
Milan Richmond, of Smyrna, was the guest of Elmer Richmond, Sunday.
Miss Hattie Sherrard, of Belding, visited Mrs Frank Sherrard, the first of the week.
Miss Hannah Sayles starts this week, on an extended visit with relatives in Canada.
Sabbath School has been organized at the school house with the following officers:
Supt.—B. Hoag.
Ast. Supt.—Mrs S. Hale.
Treas.—Mr Copeland.
Sec.—S. Hale.
Lib.—M. C. Deuney.
Bowne.
Rumor of a wedding in the near future.
Norman-Chapel has purchased a new road wagon.
Mrs Eugene Bryant, of Alto, is quite sick at this writing.
Libbie Smith sewed for Mrs Wilder McDiarmid last week.
Mrs Robert Johnson visited friends in G'd. Rapids, last week.
Mrs Peter Burg entertained the L. A. S., last Wednesday afternoon.
Mrs Riley King, of Elmdale, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Wm. Lee.
Wm. Berriage, of Lansing, is the guest of his sister, Mrs Thomas Huntington.
H. Draper and wife, of Freeport, Sundayed with Jacob Draper and wife.
Eddie Bunker and wife have moved into part of Hobe McVean's house, at Alto.
Walter Salisbury and wife, of Grand Rapids, are visiting at Marvin Yerrington's.
W. H. Pardee and wife, of Freeport, Sundayed with Mrs J. C. Johnson and family.
Lewis Coons and wife, of Lowell, visited at Wm. Stauffer's, last Thursday and Friday.
Charley Gardner, wife and sister spent the best day with the latter's mother, Mrs Hiram Lowe.
John McNaughton and wife, Wayne Pardee and wife, of Lowell, visited at John McConnell's, last week.
Arthur Godfrey, wife and Grandma Day spent Saturday and Sunday with Zora Godfrey and wife of Lake Odessa.
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Four Corners.
An elegant rain and wind storm, one day last week.
Day hands are rather scarce in this vicinity at present.
Joseph Jones, of Lowell, was seen on our streets on Sunday.
Chet Parrott is working Richard Thurlby's farm this season.
Mrs Isaac Brannan visited in Grand Rapids, a portion of last week.
Frank Houghton caught an elegant string of perch from Morse Lake.
Earl Curtiss and wife expect to start for the World's Fair, in the near future.
W. D. Chatterton has placed some ornamental trees in front of his residence.
George Sherman is digging a ditch for John Scott on his farm near Campbell lake.
Aaron Spitzer, an old time resident, is stopping with his sister, Mrs George Parrott, this season.
Lewis Parrott, of Alto, intends to knock out one town on fine houses when he has his completed.
Dr. Wells is setting out 1,800 plum trees on his farm this spring. He has also put in 47 rods of tile.
Mrs Lucy Menzies and daughter, Hazel, of Caledonia, are spending a few days with her father, John Hartley.
We are sorry to hear of the misfortune that befell our friend, Ed Marr, while at work on Luman Cogswell's barn, last week.
Albert Houghton went fishing one day last week, but we should judge he did not catch any and was bent on fresh meat for supper, as he accidentally threw his pole and line down with his hook baited and a hen swallowed it and he had to cut her head off in order to get the hook loose.
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Alton.
Mrs Perry Purdy is not improving very fast.
Mrs Richard Huckleberry is dangerously ill.
At the Bernard McGee sale, last Tuesday, property sold at fair prices.
Mr and Mrs Nelson Holmes visited friends in Lowell, last Thursday.
Mr and Mrs George Elby, visited at Maurice Trumbull's, over Sunday.
Mr and Mrs Riley Jones, of Grattan, visited at Perry Purdy's, Saturday.
Mrs Libbie Carr, of Keene, visited her sister, Mrs Fred Condon, last week.
W. B. Wells and wife are visiting his sister, Mrs Orrin Trumbull, this week.
Mrs Alice Brown and family visited at John Andrew's, Saturday and Sunday.
Work has been commenced on the wall of the washout, near Day Condon's.
Ernest Godfrey and wife Sundayed with her mother, Mrs Hastings, of Lowell.
David Condon killed three blue jays, last Thursday, measuring, respectively,

4 ft., 4 in., 5 ft., 5 1/2 in., and 5 ft., 6 1/2 in. in length.
Chas. Westbrook, of Lowell, visited with Ed Condon, of near Smyrna, Sunday.
Mrs Herrington, of Cannonsburgh, visited her daughter, Mrs Doris Church, Sunday.
Philip Krum and Frank Keech wove 100 rods of three-wire picket fence in one day, last week.
Mrs Brown and her mother, of Grand Rapids, visited Mrs Goble, last week, and with her visited Mrs John McWilliams, of Lowell, last Wednesday.
There will be a dance with good music at the Alton Grange Hall, Thursday eve, May 25th. A general invitation is given. A good time is anticipated.

Michigan Crop Report.

The outlook for wheat on May 1 was not as promising as one month earlier. It is now estimated that five per cent of the acreage sowed will be plowed up because winter killed or otherwise destroyed. The average condition in the southern counties is 78 per cent, in the central 79 per cent and in the northern 88 per cent of vitality and growth of average years. Compared with April 1, the decline in the southern counties is 8 per cent, in the central 12 per cent and in the northern 10 per cent. This decline, however, is due to the fact that the extent of injury could be better estimated May 1 than on April 1, rather than to actual damage to the crop during April. The weather during April was cool and wet, and neither wheat nor grass made the growth usual in this month.
The average condition of wheat May 1, 1892, was, in the southern counties, 84, and in the central 81, and the crop in the State that year was 24,141,000 bushels. The average condition May 1, 1891, was, in the southern counties, 104, and in the central 99, and the yield in the State that year was 28,089,000 bushels. The average yield per acre in 1892 was 13 bushels, and in 1891 18 1/2 bushels.
In their general remarks correspondents in the southern counties almost without exception report wheat in bad condition. The fields are spotted, large areas being killed out by ice, wind and water. Insects, also, have done much damage.
The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed by farmers in April is 811,348. Of this amount 185,576 bushels were marketed in the first or southern tier of counties, 144,583 bushels in the second tier, 161,798 bushels in third tier, 246,863 bushels in the fourth tier, 49,938 bushels in the fifth and sixth tiers and 22,795 bushels in the northern counties. At 85 elevators and mills from which reports have been received there was no wheat marketed during the month.
The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in the nine months, August-April, is 12,341,018, which is 1,697,834 bushels less than reported marketed in the same months last year.
The average conditions of clover meadows and pastures is 80 in the State and in each section of the State. This is fully 10 per cent better than one year ago. The average condition in 1891 was 100 in the southern counties and 60 in the central.
Nothing has yet occurred to injure fruit buds, and the outlook is favorable for nearly a full average crop.

Two pretty milliners of Muskegon

will attempt to break all previous records in the line of travelling. They will leave Muskegon on June 11, and will walk the entire distance to the world's fair city. Neither of the two will be allowed to accept any assistance from any one of the masculine persuasion. The walk will be one of 194 miles, and they have arranged to make it in 14 days. They will travel three miles before breakfast, seven miles between breakfast and dinner, and make another short trip before supper. They will carefully avoid all cities and villages, walking only through the rural districts. The younger of the two is a sketch artist and many of the scenes they will see will be reproduced on canvas before the Windy City is reached. Preparations have been made to the smallest details, so that they shall not suffer from sunshine or rain. The friends of the two are preparing to give them an ovation when they leave.—Ee.

To the Farmers.

I am often asked how it is that I sell so many agricultural implements with seemingly so little trouble—just the easiest question to answer. If you get the goods the farmer wants it is no trouble to sell. No one knows the value of good implements as well as the farmer. Take for instance the McCormick binder and mower, the Thomas and Tiger hay rake, the Thomas tedder, the Superior drill, the Reed harrow and wheel cultivator, the Planet Jr. goods, the Oliver and Syracuse plows, the Adit bean planter, the Little Giant bean harvester, the Studebaker and Capitol wagon, the Arthur Wood carriage. These are the staple goods in the implement business. I take no chances in buying in any quantity because they never depreciate in value. They are as staple in the market as gold dollars; once in a while the farmer gets taken in by the persistent roddimen, who take their time in the field, use up their oats, eat up their dinner and finally palm off some of their new fangled notions upon them, that are entirely without merit. Then again, I always treat my customers well, take care of the goods I sell them, cheerfully replacing free of charge anything that may prove, upon use, defective. So you see it is no trick at all to sell goods. If you only know what the farmer wants and treat them well, I always have a good stock of the above goods on hand. Call and see me if you are in need of anything.

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