

A CRISIS NEAR.

Insurgents Said to Be Within 75 Miles of Havana.

Desperate Battle Won by Rebels Is Reported - Spanish Forces Lose 300 Men - Cuban Patriots Elect Masso President.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—The Tribune's Havana correspondent says in a dispatch sent from Havana September 19: Armed parties of revolutionists are already in the province of Matanzas and actually within 75 miles of the city of Havana. For a long time this will be denied, and as news of other attacks are received they will be either suppressed or twisted into stories of mere predatory bands of evildoers, having no real connection with the revolution, until the facts become impossible of further concealment. The west end of the island will soon be the scene of an uprising. This seems improbable, but I have it on the best authority. When this fact develops the formidable nature of the revolution will become apparent. With armed forces on both sides of Havana it would require not 50,000 but 500,000 Spanish troops to keep the revolutionists in check. Martinez Campos is at once hiding the truth of defeat and disaster and creating a belief in the immense power of his troops. It is safe to say the rebels have 25,000 men under arms at the present time and their forces are growing daily.

The salient fact is that around Santa Clara as a center a large number of well armed and well-managed revolutionists are operating. They are sorely harassing the enemy, destroying their bases of supplies and seriously impeding all railroad and telegraph communication.

Of greater importance is the reported advance into the province of Matanzas. If, as it is said, they have quantities of arms and munitions there concealed, and if they are really advancing in force, the crisis is not far off.

Hundreds Killed in Battle.
NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—News of a battle, in which the Spanish were defeated by the Cubans and lost 300 men, was received Monday by President Palma. It came in a letter written September 14 by Pedro Rovira, a Spanish private who deserted to the Cuban ranks at Para Leguano when Campos was defeated. The Cubans had no cavalry, but made effective use of dynamite bombs, which, the letter says, struck terror to the enemy.
Cubans Elect a President.
TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 24.—Letters received Monday by prominent Cuban leaders here state that on September 10 a constitutional convention was held at Najasa at which Bartolome Masso was elected president of the Cuban republic, marquis of Santa Lucia minister of the interior, Tomas Estrada Palma, representative of the government in the exterior and Maximo Gomez general-in-chief.

WITHDRAWS OPPOSITION.

Chinese Government Will Allow Investigation of Riots at Cheng Tu.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The Chinese government has withdrawn its opposition to the proposed investigation on the part of this government of the missionary riots that occurred at Cheng Tu in the province of Szechuen, western China. A dispatch received Friday morning from Minister Denby announced this fact and stated that the commission would start at once.

Postal Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The annual report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell for the last fiscal year shows that on June 30 last the total number of post offices in operation in the United States was 70,064. Of these, 66,560 were fourth-class offices and 3,504 were presidential, being an increase over the last fiscal year of 259. During the year 2,482 post offices were established and 3,162 discontinued.

Prepare an Address.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—The national all-voter committee appointed by the convention which met at Memphis some months ago has prepared an address for general circulation which declares that a double standard is needed, that a popular vote in 1896 would settle the question, and that the United States can set independently of European nations.

Funds for Albion College.

ALBION, Mich., Sept. 24.—The Michigan conference closed its session here Monday evening. Washington Gardner took up a subscription for Albion college. It amounted to \$5,000. This, together with ten cents per capita subscription on every Methodist in the conference, amounting to another \$5,000, will be a good thing for the college.

Inherited a Large Sum.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Sept. 24.—A brother of James McGinnis, a railroad brakeman, employed on the Chicago & West Michigan railway, died recently in Cincinnati. Monday Mr. McGinnis received word that he had inherited \$750,000 left to him by his brother.

Traverse City's First Mayor.

TRaverse CITY, Sept. 24.—Monday, in the first election here as a city, Perry Hannah was elected mayor by 253 majority. He has been president of the village since 1881.

Scalded to Death.

MANISTEE, Sept. 19.—Adam Shields, aged 35, was scalded to death by falling into a salt vat.

BACK FROM FROZEN SEAS.

The Peary Arctic Expedition Has Arrived at St. Johns.

St. Johns, N. F., Sept. 23.—The Peary relief steamer has arrived here with Lieut. Peary and his companions from Greenland on board. When the Kite reached Whale sound August 3 Lieut. Peary, Hugh J. Lee and their colored servant, Matt Henson, were found waiting for it. The party had only ten days previously returned from its great overland expedition, which had proved a comparative failure.

Peary and his companions have little to say in regard to their experiences. Many sensational stories are current among the crew of the Kite as to the extremities to which Lieut. Peary, Lee and Henson were reduced by hunger. According to these stories, which the explorers refuse to either confirm or deny, they were almost starved and were forced to eat seal meat and other refuse in order to preserve their lives.

Lieut. Peary was extremely non-committal in regard to the expedition generally, and all of the party declined to express an opinion on the work done, nor would they state what new discoveries he had made.

Peary's disappointment over the unsatisfactory termination of the expedition is unexpressed, but all admit that he is not responsible for the failure. No human being could have done more to make the expedition a success. Had he had more men, or even sufficient provisions, he would have accomplished much.

It is now nearly two years and a quarter since Lieut. Peary set out on his Arctic expedition with the intention of proving whether the north pole could be reached by a winter journey with sleighs, or even with snowshoes. Since then the explorers have been exposed to the hardships and perils of two Arctic winters. What they suffered in the first is partly known in the accounts brought by the relief expedition of last year, and the world will shortly learn all that has transpired since.

HERE IS A CHANCE.

Wealthy Chinaman's Offer to Any Reputable Young American.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 24.—Hip Sing Lee, a wealthy Chinese merchant of this city, offers a half interest in his extensive merchandise business and \$5,000 in cash to any reputable young American who will marry his daughter, Moi Lee.

Hip Sing Lee is the wealthiest Chinese in this valley, his fortune being estimated at \$70,000. He conducts a general merchandise store and lottery in this city and has branch stores in Watsonville, Santa Cruz and Salinas. Lee has become thoroughly Americanized, and as he is getting old, it is his wish to see his daughter happily married to some good American who will look after and care for his business and wealth. Lee's wife died about a year ago, and as several attempts have been made to kidnap Moi he is afraid that if she does not marry soon the highlanders may succeed in abducting her.

Moi Lee is 16 years old and is considered a good-looking Chinese girl. She reads and writes English.

Population of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 21.—Frank Landers, chief of the census bureau, announces that the population of Iowa, as indicated by the decennial census, will be within a few hundred of 2,035,000. Five years ago it was 1,911,894. The gain has been in towns of 3,000 to 5,000. The city and rural population has about stood still. Towns under 1,000 show practically no gain.

A Mass Explosion.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 23.—Three men were burned to death and property was damaged to the extent of \$40,000 Saturday as the result of an explosion of benzine at the Atlas paint works of W. E. Freed & Co., Allegheny. The dead are Joseph Latoric, Henry Turner and George Tala.

Hotel Burned.

EAST TROY, Wis., Sept. 24.—During a terrific storm Sunday on Lake Koshong the Hotel Beulah was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$30,000. The guests made their escape safely, but lost their valuables. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Train Robbers in Wisconsin.

WAUPACA, Wis., Sept. 20.—Robbers attacked an express train on the Wisconsin Central road in a swamp near this city, but failed to secure any booty. The train was derailed by ties placed on the track.

Died the Same Day.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. David Van Wert, the former 78 years old and the latter 72, died within a few hours of each other of old age at their home near this city.

New Jersey Republicans.

TRENTON, N. J. Sept. 20.—On Thursday the republicans state convention nominated a full ticket headed by ex State Senator John W. Griggs, of Paterson, for governor.

Drowned While Bathing.

MANASQUAN, N. J., Sept. 23.—Harrison O. Fiske, Miss Annie Earle and Miss Brown, all prominent young people, were drowned here while bathing.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Blue and Gray Meet Again on Southern Soil.

Spots Where Heroes Fell Dedicated as Chickamauga - Under One Flag Veterans Meet - Meetings in City and Tent.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 20.—After an interval of thirty-two years the blue and the gray Thursday again met around the crescent of Snodgrass hill on the battlefield of Chickamauga, but not as then amid the mists and leaden hail which marked those dreadful days of 1863, making the conflict the most disastrous in its casualties to those concerned which history knows. Under one flag a reunited host, devoted to the advancement and prosperity of one common country, the veteran foe of a third of a century ago, met Thursday to dedicate as a national park the ground made sacred by the blood of heroes who fought at their side.

Salute of Forty-Four Guns. Promptly at noon a salute of forty-four guns announced the beginning of the execution of the programme so long arranged and looked forward to. Music by the band of the Fourteenth regiment in camp on the field followed and at subsequent intervals it also was heard with delight.

The addresses of Senator and Gen. John M. Palmer, of Illinois, and of Senator and Gen. John B. Gordon, of Georgia, were preceded by the singing of "America" by the audience and followed by "Auld Lang Syne." Close of the Exercises.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 21.—The proceedings of the third and last day of the dedication of Chickamauga and Chattanooga national military park, judging from the crowd which thronged the streets, were the most attractive of the series. This was the case possibly, however, for the reason that there was nothing going on at the battlefield and every one's attention was centered upon the meetings in the city tent.

Closing Scene.

Friday night's meeting of the survivors of the Army of Virginia and that portion of the Army of the Potomac that fought at Chattanooga brought to a close the programme arranged by the national commission in connection with the dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga military park. The meeting was held in the tent and was presided over by Gen. E. C. Walthall, senator-elect from Mississippi, who fought against Hooker in the clouds on Lookout mountain. Addresses were made by Col. Lewis R. Stegman, of New York; Gov. Oates, of Alabama, and Gen. J. A. Williamson, of Iowa.

UNDER CIVIL SERVICE.

Large Part of the Consular Service Affected by a New Order.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The president has issued an order under date of September 20 placing all grades of the consular service with a compensation between \$1,000 and \$2,500 under a modified civil service which provides for class but not competitive examinations. This order will affect a little more than one-half of all those engaged in the consular service of the United States. The order was suggested and strongly recommended in a report to the president by Secretary Olney.

Fumigated the Mails.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Capt. H. M. Brooks, superintendent of the foreign mail service, Monday received a telegram from Postmaster McCoppin, at San Francisco, stating that the mails per steamer Gaelic, from cholera-infected ports, had been thoroughly fumigated in bulk bags, then opened and the contents fumigated a second time. Every precaution is being taken against the disease by the postal authorities, the fumigating being done in accordance with a standing order of the department.

Wronged Woman's Revenge.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 24.—Hattie Baker, aged 28, a woman of the town, was shot dead Monday evening while riding a bicycle by Mrs. L. Thompson, whose husband's affections Hattie alienated. Mrs. Thompson fired from a doorway 150 feet distant.

Bank Closed in Nebraska.

REPUBLICAN CITY, Neb., Sept. 21.—Bank Examiner Cline closed the doors of the State bank of this city Friday. The liabilities are \$31,000 and the assets unknown. Fourteen thousand of it was county money.

Starving Negroes.

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 24.—Over 700 negroes who left Alabama for Mexico are either missing and others on their way are stranded at Eagle Pass, facing a starving condition.

Down on Bloomers.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 24.—Mayor declared off a baseball game between the Boston bloomer girls and the home team, saying that women do not appear in bloomers in Duluth or in any city.

Says It's Felony.

MANASSAS, Ind., Sept. 20.—The supreme court says that the lending of public money by an officer is a felony and lays the offender liable to imprisonment for twenty-one years.

Five Boys Drowned.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Robert Becker, Carl Schwelger, Oscar Huber, Willie Gott and George Engel, all young boys, were drowned in the lake yesterday while bathing.

BASEBALL.

Standing of the Various League Clubs at Close of Games September 23.

The following tables show the number of games won and lost and the percentage of the clubs of leading baseball organizations. National league:

CLUBS	Won	Lost	Per cent
Baltimore	87	52	62
Cleveland	83	45	64
Philadelphia	77	49	61
Chicago	70	55	55
Boston	62	58	52
Brooklyn	57	59	49
Pittsburgh	57	60	48
New York	54	61	47
Cincinnati	52	61	46
Washington	40	62	39
St. Louis	37	63	37
Louisville	34	68	33

Western association:
CLUBS Won Lost Per cent
Lincoln 75 44 63
Peoria 72 47 60
Des Moines 68 50 57
Rockford 65 57 53
Chicago 62 55 53
Burlington 54 48 53
Dubuque 52 48 52
St. Joseph 48 79 38

President Ban Johnson, of the Western League of Baseball clubs, has just issued the following official report of the relative standing of the clubs during the season that closed Sunday. Here is the order in which the clubs stand according to the percentage of games won, calculated on the whole number of games played by each club:

CLUBS	Won	Lost	Per cent
Indianapolis	68	42	62
St. Paul	67	43	61
Kansas City	64	44	59
Minneapolis	60	40	60

HOLMES' TRIAL.

Set for October 28 at Philadelphia - Prisoner Pleads Not Guilty.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—Herman W. Mulgott, alias H. H. Holmes, was arraigned before Judge Finletter in the court of oyer and terminer Monday on the indictment charging him with the murder of Benjamin W. Pitzel in this city, on September 2, 1894. Upon the advice of his counsel, the prisoner pleaded not guilty. District Attorney Graham asked that Monday, October 28, be fixed for the beginning of the trial. Holmes' counsel objected to this date, but the judge, after hearing argument on both sides, stated that he thought October 28 would give the defense sufficient time in which to prepare its case. He then ordered that the trial be set down for that day with the understanding that when the time arrived neither side could expect to come into court and obtain a continuance on paltry excuses.

HAYTIAN CABLE.

Process of Laying It Begins at New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The United States & Hayti Cable company has chartered the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett, owned by the Commercial Cable company, for the purpose of laying the first section of a submarine cable to connect New York direct with Hayti, West Indies. The Mackay-Bennett arrived here on Friday, and on Monday submerged the heavy, or shore-end type of cable, a length of about 10 knots. The cable terminates near the landing place of the Commercial Cable company's landing place at Coney Island, and will be completed as soon as possible to Hayti.

REBELLION IN CHINA.

Mohammedans Take Up Arms for an Independent Government.

TOKYO, Sept. 7 (per Steamer Gaelic, via San Francisco), Sept. 21.—Fifty thousand Mohammedans are in active rebellion in the northwest of China. They are fighting with arms said to be supplied by Russian sympathizers, and their avowed purpose is to set up an independent government in territory taken from Kansu, Szechuan and Thibet. The authorities at Peking are dispatching all the troops that can be collected to the scene.

Effect of Heat in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Ten deaths from heat directly were recorded for the week ending Saturday night and many serious prostrations. The total number of deaths for the week was 517, a great increase over the same week last year. The record of horses killed by heat was broken, the number being 260. The maximum temperature for week was 91. The majority of deaths were of infants, thirty-one in one day being the highest.

Paralyzed by Lightning.

WISCONSIN, Sept. 23.—A violent electric storm was experienced here Saturday morning. Much property was damaged. Charles Apple and J. Rimer were severely shocked and paralyzed from the waist down.

THE MARKETS.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Town Line Tidings.

Misses Laura and Rhoda Wesbrook visited Mrs John Court, Thursday and called on Mrs John Carey also.

Mrs Clinton Snow entertained two aunts and uncles, from Lansing the last of the week.

Mrs J. B. Easterday called on friends in this vicinity, Monday.

Mrs H. Wesbrook has a fine lot of cauliflower and as nice cabbage as we have seen this season.

Miss Rhoda Wesbrook returned to Kalamazoo, Friday, to resume her duties in the asylum, Miss Laura accompanied her to Gd. Rapids and returned home Monday.

CLAY.

Barber & Crawford's customers say that their 25c. tea is the best they ever used.

Whitneyville Items.

Frank Campbell, of Hudsonville, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs Sargent.

Willis Broadbent died Wednesday, Sept. 18th, at his home one mile south of McCords. He has been a long and patient sufferer with consumption. The funeral was held at the West Bowne church, Saturday, at two o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev Turner, of Alto. The remains were laid to rest in the Daniels cemetery.

David McWhinnie and family, of LaBarge, visited at Frank Streeter's Sunday.

Several from here attended the fair at Caledonia last week.

Misses Nina and Bertha Dean were guests of friends in Grand Rapids last week.

I have a house and lot in Grand Rapids which I will exchange for Lowell property.

Fallsburg Facts.

Charley and Kittie Booth were in Gd. Rapids last week. The former went there for treatment.

Mrs Sherrard and Mrs Titus went to Gd. Rapids, Thursday, and Mr Sherrard and Mr Titus, drove down Saturday and all stayed over Sunday.

Mrs Bozung's father visited her a couple of days last week.

Mrs Clara Stevens accompanied by her children and niece, of Plainfield, visited friends here last week.

Mrs Willie Rexford is visiting her parents, D. M. Goodell and wife, at Lowell, this week and enjoying a severe case of mumps.

I will sell at my home, Saturday, Sept. 28th, a collection of potted plants at 10 cents each. Sale from 1 to 3 p. m.

East Ada.

Burwell Kellogg, of Chicago, visited his mother, recently.

F. Young visited in Gd. Rapids Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Heady spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs Buttrick.

Mrs Denny started Thursday for a visit at Syracuse, N. Y.

A young man claiming board and lodging arrived at Grant Frazier's Saturday morning.

Mrs Sam Townsend visited her husband last week.

Mrs Bias visited her sister, Mrs A. Roll, Thursday.

About twenty young men are camping on the banks of Grand River in this vicinity.

Corra Townsend visited in Gd. Rapids, last week.

John Sovo visited in this neighborhood last week.

Dora Coon has been seriously sick.

Merse Lake Ripplies.

The Sunday school class of C. S. Blakeslee gave that gentleman a birthday surprise party last Saturday evening. They presented him with an easy cooker as a testimony of their regard.

E. L. Curtis made entries of Jersey stock in five different classes at the Caledonia fair and took the blue ribbon on each entry.

Mrs W. Johnson's night blooming cereus unfolded a beautiful blossom last Friday evening. It is a rare and beautiful flower.

One of the freaks of this dry season is that the red raspberry bushes have blossomed the second time, also snowball bushes and next years buds on flowering dogwood are nearly ready to open.

Born to Mr and Mrs Bloomer, a son, which lived only a couple of days.

C. A. Parkhurst and his sister, May, have gone to Allegan Co.

The Kratt boys are clearing up Charley Bancroft's swamp near the sawmill at Alto.

A horse belonging to Frank Denise fell into a shallow well last Friday evening, but was with much difficulty

drawn out without serious injury. The same day Frank Fairchild's cow got into a ditch on W. Johnson's land. She was not discovered until after dark and had to be drawn out. While Earl Curtis was helping at these two places, one of his cows broke into his granary and helped herself to a quantity of grain and got tangled up in some wagon rods, quite a chapter of accidents—an unlucky Friday.

Call and look over our line of \$3.50 Pants to order. Sure fit.

ALTON, THE Clothier.

Caledonia.

Mrs Andrew Auble entertained relatives from Lansing, Alma and Durand recently.

Miss Mary Fuller spent last week with her brother, K. B. Fuller and wife and sister, Mrs Albert Clark, at McCords.

H. C. Denison spent three days last week at the Caledonia fair where he displayed fine products of the farm.

Messrs Doty and Thomas, who have been driving a well for Ashley Thomas, have succeeded in reaching water at the depth of nearly 160 ft.

Mrs Walden, of Gd. Rapids, visited her cousin, Mrs Dr. Danforth, Saturday night and Sunday and attended church in the village.

Miss Mabel Hubbard was the victim of a genuine surprise Saturday evening by the gathering at the home of her teacher, E. R. Bebee and a company of school mates and friends in remembrance of her 15th birthday. Refreshments were served and many tokens of remembrance were presented Miss Mabel for which she modestly thanked the company. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The L. A. S. meets Wednesday of this week with Mrs Chas. Holt.

The Y. P. S. C. E. holds a fruit social at Mrs D. S. Ingersoll's, Tuesday evening, Sept. 24th.

The youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ed. Thomas is very sick.

Last spring H. G. Holt planted a ten acre field to a new variety of Dent corn. Last Saturday an ear was picked from it that weighed twenty-five pounds.

Miss Emma Searles, of Gd. Rapids, visited the family of H. G. Holt part of last week.

Mrs Bert Fox left Saturday for Petoskey to spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs Bert Auble and husband.

They give perfect satisfaction. The Banner Oil Heater, at R. Quick & Son's.

White's Bridge Breezes.

Mr and Mrs John Ingersoll, of Lake View, are visiting their aunt, Mrs Sarah Compton, whom they have not seen for 15 years.

Little Lloyd Ring, of Alton, is spending a few weeks at A. J. Ring's.

Last Thursday night Jacob Bozung's barn caught fire from some unknown cause and was burned, with all his hay and grain. Insurance \$500.

Mrs Bert Norton is visiting in Big Rapids.

Mark Hoppough and family with Miss Ida Cooper, attended the fair at Ionia, last Thursday.

The White's Bridge Breezes are right here, sister Panzie.

There was a dance at John Vandenberg's last Friday night. Quite a good time was had.

Allie Wilder and Clair Norton attended the Ionia fair last Thursday.

Your White's Bridge cor. will endeavor to be with you Sept. 28.

Mrs Jas. Gulliford and Mrs Oscar Hogan, of Lowell, and Mr and Mrs Austin Wright, of Grattan, were recent visitors at D. O. Shear's.

John Vandenberg and Miss Emma Gayheart are visiting Mr and Mrs Geo. Gender, of Grattan.

Our warm weather has taken a severe cold it seems.

David Condon, of Alton, was at the dance Friday night.

Armon Ring and family entertained company from Alton, Sunday.

Sam Condon has a bean stalk with 128 bean pods on it and Homer Smith has one with 115. Who can beat these?

Mrs H. D. Smith spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs J. Croninger.

If your cistern pump or eave troughs are out of order see Littlefield.

Bowen.

Fred Sharp, of Elburn, Ill., is the guest of Mrs J. C. Johnson and family.

George Cole, of Carlton, visited Saturday and Sunday with W. H. Watts and family.

William Markley and wife, Charles Markley and wife, of Battle Creek, visited relatives and friends at this place last week.

Albert Stauffer and wife attended the fair at Caledonia, Thursday last.

Herb Tucker and wife, of So. Boston,

Mrs Fred Sharp and Katie Johnson Sundayed with D. D. Holcomb and family.

School commenced at this place Monday morning with Miss Lennie Van Watten, of Middleville, as teacher.

Mrs James Morgan is entertaining a sister from Clinton Co.

Mr and Mrs Swaverly, of Kalkaska, visited the latter's brother, E. M. Johnson and wife, last week.

Charley Dysinger and wife, of Lake Oleya, Sundayed with Arthur Godfrey, and family.

Edwin Bunker and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs Avis Buchanan, of Albion, at the present writing.

Agnes McGinniss departed last week for Valparaiso to attend college.

Miss Maurice Corrigan, of Freeport, is the guest of Miss Mary McGinniss.

There will be a poverty social at the home of Mrs Eliza Lowe's, Friday eve., Oct. 4th. Let every one turn out and have a good time.

The greater part of business houses in Alaska were destroyed by fire Monday evening of last week.

Mrs Robert Johnson was called to Gd. Rapids, Tuesday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs Frank Weatherly.

Cedar Fence posts, peeled, from 7c. up at W. J. Ecker & Son's.

Alto Dashes.

As Frank Palmer was passing through Alto last Sunday night on his way from Grand Rapids. He saw a light in his elevator and upon investigating found a man inside helping himself to oats. No arrests have been made and we understand that the matter will be settled out of court.

There was a large gathering at the Young People's meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday evening.

Lewis Warner and wife left Wednesday for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Coldwater.

Pete Flynn has quit working for C. O. Hill and gone to Grand Rapids.

William Jones has quit working on the section.

Station Agent, E. S. Higbee, who has been on the sick list for some time, resumed work Friday.

Clarence Damouth is working on the section.

M. Jacobus, who has been relieving Agent Higbee, left for Coral, Friday.

As B. F. Palmer was going home Friday night and when nearly opposite J. Niemeyer's he was considerably startled by being ordered to throw up his hands. He complied very promptly but not quick enough however to escape a shot which struck him on the little finger of his right hand. He retreated rapidly into Niemeyer's yard in a state of great excitement, but was much relieved to find it was only a couple of kids who were practicing the "Smalley act" on him with an air gun.

Miss Mary McVean has accepted a position as teacher in the city schools of Okoson, Mich. and left Monday for that city.

Mack says, "Jigger is getting to be a dead game sport."

M. Vanderlip is hauling ice from Lowell.

Last Wednesday evening about 30 young people walked in on John Brannan and gave him a great surprise, it being his 41 birthday, some very nice presents were brought. Ice cream, cake and fruit were served. All had a good time and left wishing John many more happy birthdays.

James Delaney and Abe Cudney attended lodge at Freeport, Sat. night.

Mr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Most Perfectly Made

Grattan Gatherings.

Corn is now in the shock and is from good, better, best.

Geo. Byrnes is still very low, but a little easier.

Mrs C. Close is making a two weeks visit with Luther friends.

Your scribe expects to be one of the group Sept. 28. Couldn't write last week.

Mr and Mrs John Lester, visiting here, attended the Ionia fair on their way to Oakland Co.

A sample of Egyptian corn grown on Mrs Peter Casner's farm was handed us. The seed came from the World's fair. While the stalk is like our corn, the grain is a curiosity, without husks.

After two disappointments in teachers the Union School secured Mr Baird, of Grand Rapids, for the upper room. Mrs Lewis Brown teaches below.

C. M. Slayton has returned from a two months trip in the eastern states, with many curiosities for his already fine museum.

Mrs M. A. Lester is justly proud of her tube rose, which is blossoming the second time this season, the stalk 8 ft. 2 in. long, bears a cluster of 20 buds and blossoms.

A. Beardlee showed us a large branch of ripe, second crop raspberries. Some apple trees are blossoming again.

Wm. Lester has added a \$100 bath room, with all the modern fixtures, to their already convenient house. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

The Cannon and Grattan Township S. S. Convention held at Grattan church Sept. 22 was largely attended and herculean efforts are being put forth to sus-

tain the Sunday School at Grattan church, lately organized. With no regular pastor the interest in this work has been on the wane until the few laborers were almost discouraged. But with E. K. Mohr, Pres. Warren Waite and other earnest workers we are to have a revival of interest and attendance. The program carried out was very effective and must bring forth good results. A collection of \$6.14 was taken, and \$10.50 pledged for sing books. The next convention will be held in West Cannon, time to be set in the future.

George Ackert was greatly surprised by a large company of friends Sept. 20, in honor of his 46th birthday. A fine dinner was served and all enjoyed the day.

A little son of Frank Donovan has scarlet fever in mild form; Geo. Byrnes is no better; Mrs Margaret Whitten and Mrs Grove Sears are sick with bilious fever.

MAUD.

Wear Harrisburg's long wearers. Sold by Anderson & Findlay.

Alton.

Mrs A. S. Holmes entertained E. K. Mohr, of Grand Rapids, and three other delegates of the S. S. Convention held Sunday at Grattan Center.

Seth Partridge will start for New York to day, to visit his mother, who is very feeble.

Monday night we had the first frost of the season, doing no particular damage.

Miss Nina Brown is afflicted with rheumatism and will be unable to attend school this term.

Mrs Effie Ford was on the sick list last week.

Jas. H. Andrews and H. Blaser went north to Hersey, Monday, with four span of horses.

Fred Ford came home from Dakota Friday.

The Alton and Vergennes nines were to cross bats Saturday, but Vergennes failed to put in an appearance.

One of the Vergennes base ball nine was hit in the neck by a ball, recently and knocked senseless.

Fred Condon and wife visited her sister, Mrs Allie Carr, in Keene, Sunday.

Dorus Church recently killed a blue racer that measured 7 feet long.

Mr and Mrs Schneider, of South Lowell, Sundayed with W. Rennels and wife.

The new Swiss minister disappointed his congregation Sunday by not preaching.

Richard McGee and Wm. Condon shipped hogs to Buffalo Saturday.

Wm. B. Aldrich left three very large ears of Dent corn on exhibition at the store.

The dance at the hall Friday evening was not very largely attended, but was enjoyed by those present.

Mrs Dr Demand, of Ewart, visited her brother, Perry Purdy, a few days last week.

Fred Farney returned from Dakota Saturday.

The last five days of south west winds have been very warm, and if the weather prophets are correct we will have a warm winter. Remember it. The prevailing winds for the coming season will be from that quarter.

Montie Sayles barn burned Saturday. Origin of fire unknown. Several hogs were burned, besides considerable other property.

Will Rexford and wife visited her sister, Mrs David Condon, Sunday.

Chester Church and wife, of Lowell, visited their son Dorus, Wednesday.

Perry Purdy found a bean stalk with 125 well filled pods upon it.

Maurice Trumbull is expecting his mother home from the Upper Peninsula where she has been visiting.

Mrs Holmes, of Grattan, was in Alton Monday.

L. White had a red pepper plant with 28 large peppers on it.

Perry Campbell left Alton Sunday a. m., on his way to attend the Dental school at Chicago.

The weather has been favorable for harvesting the bean crop, which is good. Corn ripened fast during the recent hot weather. It is a good crop.

For wagon and carriage repairs and tire setting go to J. Roth, opposite Mr. Queen's barn. New work made to order.

Low Rates to Atlanta Exposition. On account of the Cotton States and International Exposition, the D. L. & N. R. is selling tickets at low rates for the round trip. Rates from Lowell are as follows: For tickets good twenty days \$35.70 and good until Jan'y 7th \$35.00. Ask agents for full information.

Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

While in Chicago, Mr Charles L. Kahler, a prominent shoe merchant of Des Moines, Iowa, had quite a serious time of it. He took such a severe cold that he could hardly talk or navigate, but the prompt use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cured him of his cold so quickly that others at the hotel who had had colds followed his example and half a dozen persons ordered it from the nearest drug store. They were profuse in their thanks to Mr Kahler for telling them how to cure a bad cold so quickly.

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