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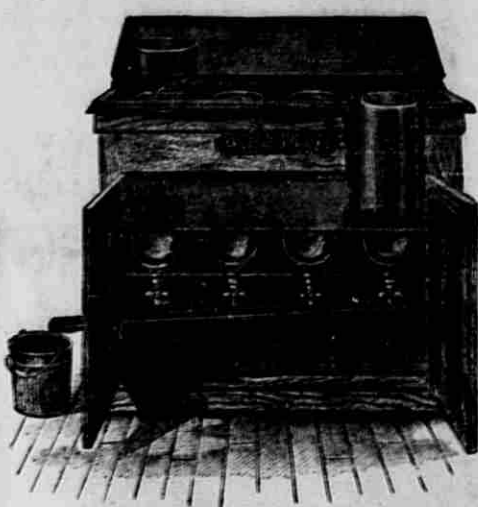
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COUNTY BOARD MEETING NEXT WEEK.

Methodist Sunday School Picnic
and Excursion.

TWO CLOSE CALLS BY LIGHTNING.

Interview with Rev. J. Swan, Late
of Scotland.

GRAND RAPIDS MAN ON SINGLE TAX.

Lowell Race Track to be Refitted
by Subscriptions.

THE CEMETERY PURCHASE HANGS FIRE.

Minor Matters of More or Less
Interest.

SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNTY BOARD.

The county Board of Supervisors will meet in special session next Monday to consider proposals and to award contracts for the reconstruction and enlargement of the county jail. Last fall the people by vote decided to raise \$20,000 by direct taxation. They levied this year for the long and urgently needed improvements to the jail, and to this amount about \$10,000 will be added by the supervisors, making the total amount available about \$30,000. Immediately after the spring election a special session of the board was held to start the work upon the jail, and at a second special session held in June the plans presented by A. W. Rush & Son were adopted. Their plans contemplate a complete reconstruction of the jail interior and a material increase in its capacity, the putting in of all the modern improvements and making necessary sanitary and humanitarian provisions for the inmates. At the last special session the jail committee was directed to advertise for bids and the results of the advertising will be laid before the board with recommendations next Monday. The jail committee met yesterday afternoon to open the bids and look them over and will continue its deliberations today and probably tomorrow as well, and will recommend which bids to accept. The bids received are from the following:

Van Doran Iron Works, Cleveland, to build the jail complete including exterior and interior work.

Champion Iron Company, Kenan, Ohio, jail complete.

J. D. Boland, city, complete.

J. E. Bolles & Co., Detroit, steel and iron work.

Pauly Jail Company, St. Louis, Mo., steel and iron.

Hirth & Son, city, cut stone.

James Curtis & Co., city, all but steel and iron work.

Sullivan & Higgins, city, mason work.

John H. Hoskin, two bids, one for all but the steel and iron work and the other for carpenter work alone.

Butter Niernberg & Co., city, masonry and removing interior.

Hanser, Hayden & Owen, city, all but iron and steel work and including plumbing and heating.

Jacob Barth & Sons, city, carpentry.

McCauley Bros., city, steam heating.

Spruiell & McGurran, two bids, one for steam heating and the other for plumbing.

For obvious reasons the committee decline to give any figures until the entire matter can be laid before the board at its meeting Monday.

The committee on claims and accounts and also on sheriff's and constable bills, were in session Wednesday and will continue in session the rest of the week preparing reports which can be presented to the board early in the special session and promptly acted upon. In this way creditors of the county can realize on their claims at an early day instead

of having to wait until the regular session in October and the work of the committees will materially abbreviate the length of the session.

One matter that will come before the session will be the proposed bounty for the scalps of woodchucks. This matter was referred to the prosecuting attorney and Supervisor Hyde in June to be put into proper form and will be ready for submission early in the week to the board. It is understood that Supervisors Hyde and Skeels have already killed woodchucks and are holding the scalps for the new order of things to go into effect. The bridge across the river at Ada, to replace one carried away by the high water in the spring, will also be considered.—[Democrat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

"Oh the sports of childhood,
Roaming through the wildwood;
Running through the meadows
Happy and free."

Dear reader, do you remember when you and I were young, Maggie? Do you recall the sunny spots in your pathway down through life? Well, all mankind must travel pretty much the same path, and happy are those who find more of sunshine than cloud in life's journey. Should we not encourage the little ones in pursuit of innocent pleasure, so that they too, may in future times, look back upon happy times which left no sting behind them? Our good Methodist friends, with this thought in mind, have arranged an excursion and picnic for the children, given by the Lowell & Hastings railroad to Lake Odessa, on Wednesday, July 26. The Sunday school teachers will be in attendance, and the children will have constant and competent supervision, that they may be as safe as in their mother's arms. Fares from Lowell and Freeport 50 cents. Half fare for children under twelve years of age. Train leaves Lowell at 6:30, a. m., Freeport 7:01, a. m. Returning, leaves Lake Odessa at 4:49, p. m., and arrives at Lowell and Freeport at 5:25. Give the little ones a day of pleasure, and if you can spare the time, go along yourself, and say as in the good old song: "Backward, turn backward ye swift rolling years,
Make me a child again, just for to-day."

TWO CLOSE CALLS.

Lightning kissed a tree in the yard of Herman Zeigler, last Sunday, burning off some curly cotton and tearing the bark off slightly, and then in the shape of a ball of fire meandered through the house leaving everybody very much awake, but doing no damage. Zeig. says he would rather be excused next time. Dr. Elsworth and wife, too, had a nervous spell on the afternoon of the same day, when lightning struck a post on their veranda only a little distant from where they were sitting. No damage done.

SOMETHING ABOUT SCOTCH POTATOES.

Rev. J. A. Swan, late of Scotland, now the guest of Rev. Jas. Provan, made the LEDGER a pleasant call Wednesday morning. In the course of a brief interview Mr. S. said that he had been much impressed with the courtesy and civility of the American people; that without exception thus far in his travels he has met with kindness and cordiality. As regards our institutions, political and otherwise, he confesses that he has not yet had time to understand them. "I presume that is so," he remarked in reply to the editor's rejoinder that "many people who have been here all their lives are equally in the dark." The idea that has often been advanced that American farmers need a tariff to protect them from cheap Scotch potatoes, the

reverend gentleman considered almost laughable, as the Scotch farmers pay heavy rents, and can hardly supply their home markets. "Why," said Mr. Swan, "You could lay Scotland down upon the state of Texas and hardly be able to find it, and that's not all; not more than two-thirds of it is tillable land. No, sir; American farmers need not fear that their Scotch brothers will flood this country with cheap potatoes, the idea is laughable."

SINGLE TAX LETTERS.

Grand Rapids has a Single Tax club, numbering many enthusiastic members, among whom are some of the most intellectual and enterprising men of that city. What is the single tax? We presume that many of our readers would like to know more of this growing public question; and commencing next week we will publish a series of articles by a member of the Grand Rapids Single Tax club. To make things interesting, we invite any reader of the LEDGER who feels so disposed, to take issue with the Single Taxer, through our columns.

TO MEND ITS WAYS.

The Track committee of the Lowell Fair association deem it necessary to have repairs made on the track. At a meeting of the directors held Wednesday it was decided to start a subscription paper with a view to raising \$200 with which to do the work, and such a paper was drawn.

CEMETERY GROUND.

The township board met, Thursday afternoon, to consider the matter of purchasing additional cemetery ground. Supervisor Bergin, who has been under instructions to purchase land for the purpose from Mr. Herrington for \$300, had the bargain made, but was not satisfied with the title. The board took a recess for the purpose of viewing other lands, and afterward adjourned, subject to call for further consideration of the matter.

"MORE SEWAGE TO DRINK.

The village of Lowell for years has struggled along without sewers but feels that it has been an up hill job. Surveyor Skeels has just completed making topographical surveys of the streets of Lowell with the view of putting in a complete system of sewerage. The sewers will empty into this city's water supply and work will probably begin this season.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.

Grand Rapids will have to accept our regrets; but really, our big sister ought not to kick. Her citizens are already drinking water at five cents a bottle; and if all the towns along the river would use the drain Nature has offered them, perhaps the Grand Rapids authorities would hustle around and give the citizens of that town a pure water supply. The Grand river isn't good to drink any way.

CHICAGO EXCURSION.

The L. & H. will sell tickets to Chicago and return, Monday, June 24, good for seven days, for \$4.45.

The Lowell & Hastings railroad will run an excursion to Lansing and Grand Ledge, next Thursday, July 27, leaving Lowell at 8:30, a. m. Fare to Lansing \$1.20, to Grand Ledge 95 cents. Special train returning arrives at Lowell at 9 p. m.

MUST HAVE IT.

"McCord, July 19, 1893.

MR. JOHNSON:—Please send us the LEDGER. I have gone into business at McCord and am doing well.

WILL BEMER.

(HOME NEWS ON LAST PAGE.)

HOME NEWS

Jerry Boynton was in town Saturday.

Mrs. C. Lawrence spent Thursday in Ada.

Editor Godfrey, of Freeport, was in town Monday.

Dr. Rickert and wife are taking in the World's fair.

Fred Alger has returned from Spokane Falls.

Ben Slade and wife are home from the World's fair.

William Godfrey left, Monday, for the World's fair.

Birth, in Vergennes, a daughter to Geo. Kerr and wife.

Robt. Bailey, of Toronto, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Childs.

Mrs. J. Robertson has our thanks for some fine cherries.

Birth, in Vergennes, a son to Arthur Hendrick and wife.

Berries of all kinds taken on subscription at LEDGER office.

Robt. Swayze and wife have been taking in the Detroit races.

Dr. McDannell and family went to the World's fair on Saturday.

Jas. Carr and wife have been spending the week on the farm.

R. Quick is making repairs on his Washington street tenant house.

Joe Quick wears crutches; he sprained an ankle the other day.

Mrs. Fred Fallas is now recovering from her long and severe illness.

Thos. Graham is painting a barn for L. M. Cogswell, this township.

Mrs. N. L. McCarty and family are preparing to go to Macatawa park.

Miss Matt Curtis, of Lowell, is visiting Mrs. Will Bemer, at McCord.

Thos. Graham is painting the new residence of Allen Bancroft, of Alto.

Pattie Perry has had an attack of malarial fever, but is improving now.

The Misses Stella and Daisy Ranney have returned from the World's fair.

Chas. McCarty and family expect to go to the World's fair in the near future.

Miss Ella Thompson, of Grand Rapids, is visiting W. H. Clark and family.

Geo. Winegar advertises a great reduction in the price of russet shoes and Oxfords.

Miss Esther Keeler, of Grand Rapids, is the guest of the family of Henry Stone.

The Forest Mills purchased their first load of new wheat for this season yesterday.

O. M. Coates caught a fifteen-pound cat fish in Grand river, the first of the week.

Mrs. Cole and daughter, of Grand Rapids, are visiting with Mrs. A. O. Heydlauff.

Miss V. May Davis has been spending a week with friends at Cannonsburg and Rockford.

A. H. Thompson, of Grand Rapids, is visiting his daughters, Mesdames Anderson and Clark.

E. B. Lovett has secured a position in Powers' Opera house, Grand Rapids for the coming season.

Worden's orchestra goes to the agriculture college Aug. 7th to play for a banquet and ball.

Miss Sada VanDeusen, of Battle Creek, is spending a few weeks at her old home in Vergennes.

Tramps are reported thick hereabouts and a citizen raises the query "where is the stone pile?"

C. W. Parks and wife spent Sunday with the former's parents, W. R. Parks and wife, of Keene.

Such of our lady readers as have slender feet will be interested in J. Robertson's advertisement.

R. J. Danies has been appointed postmaster at LaCarge, Kent county, vice G. C. Baker, removed.

Our Lowell boys on the California trip have been heard from, and report a pleasant trip and all well.

Hazen Gardner and daughter, of Battle Creek, are spending a few weeks at their old home in Bowne.

Sam'l Sweetland has returned from Chicago, where he has been employed on the World's fair grounds.

Will McCarty, who has been employed on the World's fair grounds since the opening, has returned home.

Frank McMahon, Frank Bergin and Charles Krum have returned from the World's fair, and report a fine time.

Miss Mandie Davis, of Grand Rapids, will spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Maggie Needham, of this township.

B. C. Smith, the tailor, has received a new line of samples and can now offer the finest goods for the money ever shown in Lowell.

M. D. Wilson attended the convention of the photographer's association of America at Chicago this week, returning Thursday.

The Farmer's Hotel has been doing a good business the past week and Mr. Lane proposes to put in a new register immediately.

The fishing at Pratt's Lake is first class. Some of the local fishermen have caught as many as twenty-five to thirty pickerel in a day.

B. C. Smith's colt on being turned out to pasture last week ran against a stake tearing an ugly wound in its breast. It is doing well now.

Don't go to Grand Rapids or anywhere else for job printing until you get prices at the LEDGER office. You will make a mistake if you do.

Rev. Jas. Provan, who is delivering a course of Sunday evening lectures on "Social Evils" will discuss "Intemperance" next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Coddington was adjudged insane in the Probate Court, and was ordered admitted to the asylum at Kalamazoo as a county charge.

The male quartet furnished music for services at the Congregational church last Sunday, and everybody seemed pleased with their efforts.

W. H. Clark, of the L. & H. was in Grand Rapids, Monday, arranging for the M. E. Sunday school picnic to be held at Lake Odessa, Wednesday, July 26.

W. H. Clark returned from the World's fair last Thursday, and Mrs. Clark, who has been in Grand Rapids for the last two months, came the following day.

The State Teacher's Association for Kent county will be held in Grand Rapids from Aug. 21 to Sept. 1. For particulars address A. Hamlin Smith, Grand Rapids.

A gospel and song service will be held in the school house at Fox's corner, next Sunday, at 3 p. m., local time, with a view to organizing a Sabbath school.

Mrs. Geo. Montague and daughter, Opal, have started for Dakota to spend the summer. They will spend a few days in Chicago at the World's fair, on their way.

Sept. 4th will be Labor Day, and Grand Rapids expects to outdo all previous demonstrations of the kind. It is expected there will be 7,000 persons in the parade.

The inclement weather of July 4th so interfered with the Clarksville celebration that the citizens of that town propose to celebrate over again July 29, balloon ascension and all.

The people of Pratt Lake have subscribed for material for a small depot and J. C. Ball of that place is erecting the same on his own account. It will be very convenient for the people in that vicinity.—[Freeport Herald.]

Lowell has some rickety, patched-up, tough looking sidewalks. They should be fixed up. Good sidewalks are cheaper than suits for damage, and add much to the appearance of a town.

Our enterprising young attorneys Mains & Mains have established a branch establishment at Lake Odessa, of which Wesley H. will have charge, while Edward O. will run the Lowell department.

B. H. Hicks, formerly of Bowne and Lowell, was arraigned in police court, at Grand Rapids, last Saturday charged with taking indecent liberties with a little girl. He made no defense and was held to the present term of the superior court for trial. He need expect no mercy from Judge Burlingame.

Warden Parsell was today asked by a reporter as to the truth of the sensational telegram to the effect that he proposes to hold on to his office as warden of the Ionia reformatory. The warden expressed his indignation at the report. "You may say," said he, "there is absolutely no truth in the report. I have no desire to stay here, or anywhere else, if I am not wanted. I shall be glad to turn the institution over to Mr. Fuller, (who, by the way, I have never seen), at his pleasure, and will turn it over in better shape than what I received it. No sir; there is no truth in that telegram."

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On the Registers.

Trains hotel: H. A. Pelton, A. Fairchild, R. Grundy, W. R. Elliot, A. V. Wood, Jud Watson, W. McCrone, J. S. Macard, F. F. Leary and W. G. Critchton, Grand Rapids; James Muir, Cascade; C. Radford, Chicago; T. Gillespie, Albion; J. N. Bricksley, Grattan; C. R. Hutchinson, Benton Harbor; W. D. Royce, Owosso; M. Brownell and wife, Eldora, Iowa; H. G. Wilson, Detroit; W. H. Elliot, Jackson; A. Selby, Detroit; D. W. Clark, Rochester, N. Y.; A. A. Howe, Chicago; C. H. Joslyn, Boston; J. H. Robertson, Detroit; C. Jesse Church, Greenville; Geo. McMann's Cleveland; F. O. Adams, Detroit.

Davis house: Oscar Reid, M. Jones, Walter Jewett, Chas. Hall, R. J. Enos, J. L. and F. E. Hodges, Grand Rapids; B. E. and E. D. Collar, Boston; James Taylor, Greenville; I. B. Ward, Detroit; P. F. Delos Hunt, Chicago; G. P. Leonard, Hastings; John Edinger, Greenville; L. Beurnbery, Kalamazoo; W. F. Griffith, Detroit; F. E. Rogers, Chicago; A. H. Doty, Detroit.

Baptist Notes.

Preaching Sabbath morning and evening at the Baptist Church.

Bible school at 12 o'clock, noon.

B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

All cordially invited.

ERNEST H. SHANKS, Pastor.

Congregational Church.

Divine Worship at 10:30 a. m.

Sabbath School at noon.

Divine Worship at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

All are cordially invited to attend the services.

REV. JAS. PROVAN, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Morning sermon 10:30.

Sunday school at 12 m.

Devotional meeting of the Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45.

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