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LEDGER OFFICE.

A LOWELL MAN

Sent to Jackson for 30 Years for Attempt

TO WRECK THE D. C. H. & M. TRAIN.

Deaths of Miss Nettie Sayles and Geo. Cook.

THE SARANAC TRAIN WRECKER HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

Deputy Sheriff Taylor of Saranac July 26 arrested Cass Waterman of Lowell for the attempted wrecking of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee train last week Monday night. Officer Taylor has done some excellent detective work on the case. He secured a full confession from his man. Waterman was taken to the scene of the attempted wreck, three miles east of Saranac, where he produced the wrench and bar with which he loosened the spikes and removed the rail. He was then taken to Ionia.

The attempted train wrecking took place Monday night, July 22. A piece of rail about six feet long had been removed entirely, and the spikes on the opposite side were loosened. The evening train from Detroit which reaches Saranac about 9 o'clock passed completely over the void in safety, though the cars and passengers were roughly shaken. The train backed up and found Waterman lying by the side of the track. He claimed to have been hurt by jumping from the train and the train took him to Saranac.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Sheriff Montgomery of Ionia lodged Cass Waterman in jail at that place Friday night, for attempting to wreck a passenger train on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railway Monday night. A six-foot piece of rail was removed, but the track being straight the train passed over in safety. Waterman is 47 years old, and was arrested in Lowell, his home, by Deputy Sheriff Taylor of Saranac. After being taken into custody Waterman confessed the crime. He says his purpose was to throw himself in the wreck and then claim damages from the company. After passing over the gap the train stopped and returned to the obstruction. Waterman says he then got aboard and went on to Saranac. The tools used, a railroad bar and wrench, he says he carried across the country from Clarksville, hiding them in the woods until he wanted to use them, and after the job was finished left them in that vicinity. He was taken to Ionia on the train Friday afternoon, which was stopped at the place of the attempted wreck, and Waterman found the tools for the sheriff where he had left them. He was arraigned Saturday.—[Grand Rapids Democrat.]

"The woman tempted me" said Adam, and "The woman tempted me" said "Cass" Waterman, the Lowell train wrecker, in his confession yesterday, in which he accuses Mrs. May Hunter of this city of putting him up to the crime. But all this did not save him from the law, for he was sentenced to thirty years at hard labor in the Jackson penitentiary.

Waterman, whose real name is Luther W., although he is better known as "Cass," waived examination in justice court in Ionia yesterday and was immediately taken into the circuit court, where he pleaded guilty to the villainous crime. Judge Davis sentenced him to thirty years in Jackson. As he is 48 years of age, thirty years is practically a life sentence. He will be taken to Jackson tomorrow.

He weakened yesterday still further and told the officers that the job was put up at Morrison Lake last week between him and Mrs. Mary Hunter, of No. 602 South Division street, this city, with whom he has been living. Waterman was to ditch the train and

pretend that he was aboard and injured and then collect damages of the railroad company.

Investigation in this city resulted in the finding of Mrs. Hunter's home in an upstairs room at a block at this number, but the people there said she had not been at home for over a week but had gone to visit friends near Clarksville. This is the place where the tools used were taken from the D. C. H. & M. tool house.

Waterman has not had a good record. Besides the suspicion that he drowned his wife in 1869 to get her insurance money, and that he swindled the G. R. & I. road out of \$400 as the supposed victim of an accident, as stated yesterday, he has served time in both Joliet and Jackson. He has been married four times, and all his wives are dead.—[Grand Rapids Sunday Herald.]

NOTICE.

Don't forget Mrs. Emily Merriman's entertainment at Train's opera house Friday evening, Aug. 2. Admission 10 cents.

Program:
Kindergarten march, Who has the Whitest Lambkins?
Recitation, The Tree-toad.
Vocal solo.
Drill, Merry Birds.
Recitation, Pity Pat's Prayer.
Recitation, A Secret.
Shaker drill.
Solo, Tired Eye-lids.
Recitation, The Man in the Moon.
Chickee-lee Tramp.
Solo, O Then! O Then! O Then!
Recitation, Mother's Face.
Duet, Dandelion Jolly.
Dialogue, To-morrow.
Good night, Hush-a-by.

DEATH OF NETTIE SAYLES.

Miss Nettie, youngest daughter of Mrs. G. R. Sayles, died at her home in this village, Saturday, July 27, after a long and painful illness, of a complication of diseases.

Miss Sayles was born in Keene, August 3, 1858. She removed to this place, where she attended school and graduated with the class of '79. She taught several years at Evart and was engaged for another year, when, three years ago she was obliged to give up her work on account of poor health. She leaves a mother, three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. S. E. Hall of Albion, Joseph Sayles of Evart, Mrs. Mark Warner of Bowne and Porter and Emily Sayles of this village, all of whom were present at the funeral except the oldest sister.

Funeral services were held at the house Tuesday, Rev. A. P. Moors officiating, and were attended by a large number of friends.

GEORGE WILLIAM COOK

died in this village, Friday July 26, after a lingering illness.

He was born in Williamsport, Ind., August 27, 1843. When 5 years old he came, with his parents to Lowell where he had resided ever since. He was married to Mary Davis at Saranac, July 3, 1877. Besides his wife, he leaves a mother, one sister and a brother, who live at North Robinson, and another sister living in New York city, who were all present at the burial.

The funeral was held at the house, at 3 p. m. Sunday, conducted by Rev. E. H. Shank.

Mrs. Cook wishes to extend thanks to those kind friends and neighbors who stood by her in her time of bereavement, most especially to Mrs. Moore, to the choir and to those who furnished the beautiful flowers.

ANNUAL PETOSKEY EXCURSION VIA D. L. & N.

will be run this year on Thursday, Aug. 29, affording an opportunity for everybody to visit the resorts of Northern Michigan with little expense. The train will run as usual via Grand Rapids and the West Michigan "Scenic Line," the popular route to Charlevoix, Petoskey and Bay View. The beautiful scenery along this line north of Traverse City is

alone a sufficient attraction to make the trip a delightful one. Tickets will be good to return on all regular trains until Sept. 7, inclusive. Train will leave Lowell at 11:30 a. m., stopping at Grand Rapids 30 minutes for dinner and arriving at Traverse City at 5:45 p. m., Charlevoix 8:15 p. m., Petoskey-Bay View 8:50 p. m. Round trip rate to either point \$4.00.

Stops will also be made at Manistee Crossing (for Manistee), Thompsonville (for Frankfort), and at all stations north of Traverse City, to let off passengers. Baggage will be checked accordingly. No stop-off allowed on tickets. There's great fishing along the line north of Traverse City. Take your fish-line with you.

L. M. Fuller, G. P. A.

A GOOD GAME.

That was a well played, well umpired, well attended and an all round satisfactory game played on the home ground Tuesday, between the Ozarks of Grand Rapids and the local team. The Ozarks won fairly on the merits of the game by the following score:

The score	R
Lowell	0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 1-6
Ozarks	0 0 1 0 1 4 0 1 *-7

OFF FOR DAKOTA.

The following men left for the Dakota harvest fields on Monday:

Chas. Gardner, Jas. Corrigan, J. Cayle, E. N. Harris, J. Moloney, E. C. Donaker, Bert Heffron, Jacob Reightsager, G. Bien, W. Burch, Art Sayles, Frank Jarstar, Jas. Corbett, S. Murphy, Fred Farney, H. Malons, Nelson Beckwith, Bert Colvin, Ed Flynn, John Williams, Fred Ford, L. Simonds, Chas. Keech, H. P. Cole, W. H. Rexford, F. C. Masterson, and Geo. Brown.

Here's hoping that they will all strike it rich and get home again safe and sound.

A SILVER LINING—GRASSHOPPER BUTTER.

EDITOR LEDGER: There is an old saying afloat somewhere that assures us that "all clouds have a silver lining," and I am reminded of the hopeful suggestion, after reading the weekly crop bulletin of the weather bureau, which says, among other items of interest to farmers: "Pastures are very brown and short and afford practically no fodder," and "Grasshoppers are reported as doing considerable damage, especially in the north part of the state." And now comes the Boston Herald with the silver lining to the cloud:

"It has been discovered in the oleomargarine West that grasshoppers can be manufactured into the very best of creamery butter, and that caterpillars are even better. Here is a chance for some one to turn the leaf-eaters to profitable use, give the community cheap butter, and at the same time perform a public service in two directions. But the product must not be called caterpillar butter, if a ready sale is expected for it."

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

We wrote the old gent who sends us the above sweet morsel that "life in the LEDGER office was rather monotonous and that our garden was ranged in boxes in the big windows of our sanctum." Old gent knows we can't help ourselves a minute and yet tantalizes us with this reply as he goes out on his fishing trip:

The woods where the squirrels chatter;
The woods where the red deer run;
The woods where the rabbits scatter
At the sound of the hunter's gun;
Where the cool, fresh wind comes stealing,
And the crisp and brown leaves lie,
And the gannet trees stand revealing
A glimpse of God's blue sky?

Or the office dim and musty,
On a noisy, narrow street,
Where the foul air is dusty,
And the buildings almost meet;
To slave, to rise or blunder;
To stick at a sordid trade—
Ah, which is the life, I wonder,
For which a man was made?

ISLAND LAKE EXCURSION

STATE TROOPS IN CAMP.

You want to see the "Boys in Blue" at Island Lake, we want you to do so. To make it easy, the D. L. & N. will

run a low rate excursion on Sunday, August 11th, leaving Elmdale at 8:42 a. m. and arriving at Island Lake at 11:20 a. m. Returning, leave at 7:30 p. m. Round trip rate \$1.00. Grand review of troops will take place during the afternoon. Refreshments may be had at the pavilion, in the grove, or at the hotel at Spiritualists camp ground on north side of the Lake. Row boats in plenty at reasonable rates.

VISIT STATE TROOPS ON SUNDAY

August 11th will be the "big day" at the Island Lake encampment of the "Boys in Blue" and as everybody wants to see how they act in camp, the D. L. & N. railroad will run special train excursions on that day, at very low rates.

Trains will leave Elmdale at 8:42 a. m., arriving at Island Lake at 11:20 a. m. Returning, leave at 7:30 p. m. Round trip \$1.00.

Aside from the troops, other attractions will be found to make the day pass pleasantly.

Spiritualist camp meeting is now in progress and is worthy of a visit.

A POPULAR PREACHER.

Rev. J. T. Husted has lately been called unanimously by his church to remain as their pastor another year, which is his eighth year. After the vote was taken, a committee was appointed to go to his home and request his presence at the church meeting. Upon his arrival he was informed of the action of the church, and feelingly said that he would remain with them another year in accordance with their unanimous request. He further said that owing to the stringent times and so many of his church members being out of employment and unable to pay as much as when they had good employment, he accepted the call on the condition that they should only be compelled to raise \$700 salary and sufficient to pay his house rent, which was another donation of \$100 by him, or a reduction of his salary to that amount, at his own suggestion. The church were willing to try and raise the same amount as last year, but he said no, that he was willing to share the inconvenience of these hard times with his church members rather than be a burden to those out of employment.

THE DROUTH BROKEN.

It may be of interest to readers at a distance to know that the unexampled drouth that has held this section in its grip ever since last spring has at last been broken by generous showers. Fall crops that were not already beyond help are saved, fall pasturage insured, the air purified, and everybody made to feel more cheerful.

A GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

An old story of murder and a haunted house was renewed last week by the finding of four skeletons under the old building recently burned at the corner of Main and Jackson streets. The story goes that the building on this corner was occupied by an old Fruehman in the early days, and that he was very mysterious and was regarded with suspicion by his neighbors. The more reasonable theory is, however, that the corner was the site of an ancient burying ground.—[Ionia Dispatch.]

Persons who patronize papers should pay promptly, for the pecuniary prospects of the press have a peculiar power in pushing forward public property. Pay the publisher promptly, his pocket book is kept plenteous by promptly paying patrons, he puts his pen to his paper in peace, his paragraphs are more pointed pungent, and he paints pictures of present passing events to the perusing public. Paste this precious piece of proverbial philosophy in some particular place where all persons can peruse it.—[Cedar Springs Clipper.]

Hon. N. B. Hayes of Muir, the largest farmer in Ionia county, is at present financially embarrassed, having just recorded mortgages aggregating \$25,000, while others amounting to \$22,000 were already on record. Mr. Hayes owns a farm of 800 or 900 acres near Muir, and is a capitalist as well as a farmer. Many of his friends are sure that if given time he will be able to pay his liabilities in full and have a comfortable balance left.

The colored people's camp-meeting at Lake Olessa is said to have been a dismal fiasco.

