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MISSOURI LETTER

E. R. Huxley Writes of His New Home.

A MOST A TRAGEDY AT PORTLAND.

New Fraud for Farmers to Guard Against.

MISSOURI LETTER.

Willard, Mo., Aug. 17, 1895.

Editor LEDGER:—We are pleased to little that your paper continues its weekly pilgrimage to our rural abode on the Ozarks, and assuredly meets with a hearty welcome. Enclosed please find the requisite amount to insure a continuation of LEDGER-istic visits for the ensuing year.

Having quite a surplus of space on this sheet, I have concluded to utilize it in jotting down a few lines in relation to this locality. We have had an abundance of rain thus far during the season. Would have been glad to have dispensed with a sufficient amount to have supplied Michigan with fruit deficiency. The grain, hay and fruit crops in this section are plentiful.

In a former letter I gave a brief description of Springfield, the queen city of northwest Missouri, soil, products, etc., etc. This time I will try and portray to your vision a faint pen picture of Percy cave. (I might do better with a brush) one of the subterranean caverns that abound in this section of the country. It is situated seven miles south and a little east of Springfield, near the Sac river, and about one hour's ride from our country domicile. This drive, especially at this season of the year, when the roads are bedecked with numerous varieties of wild flowers, and resound with the ceaseless notes of the feathered songsters, is extremely pleasant.

We first pass through a beautiful stretch of magnificent farming land, then it becomes more mountainous, with numerous windings through various ravines as we near our destination. The scenery in the vicinity of the park, the gray, towering peaks of the Ozarks, the deeply shaded dales, with bubbling springs, the dark and sullen murmur of the Sac, as it winds its way along its rocky course; the beauties of which baffle the efforts of my feeble pen to describe, vividly remind us of fancied scenes in fairy-land. The cave is illuminated by electricity on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week. On first entering the cave one is struck with wonder and awe at the glittering scenes that confront him. It is said no cave in the world has so many and such beautiful stalactites and stalagmites.

E. R. HUXLEY.

Friend Huxley's letter terminates rather abruptly indicating an omitted sheet or a race to catch an out going mail. He is cordially invited to send in his "To be continued" whenever the spirit moves him. Always glad to hear from him.

ED. LEDGER.

MORE FUN FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Lawrence gave a party to about forty little folks at Island Park, yesterday in honor of the ninth birthday of their daughter Lila. The children made the grove ring with music and mirth from 3 to 6 p. m., and were feasted on good things to their heart's content.

These parties for little folks are eminently right and proper. They are bright pages in the book of life. Fortunate are those who have more light than dark pages. Make the little ones happy.

Base ball at Parnell Thursday of last week.

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High School 003000450—12
Batteries, Parnell Boler, Corrigan and Laughlin. High School, Fankler and Bush. Umpire, Claude Giles.

FIRED TO KILL.

Portland's big farmer's picnic came near ending last week Thursday night in a tragedy. At 9 o'clock Mrs. Thos. Crapo discovered a man in front of her house whose actions were suspicious. She called at a neighbor's house and Ray Badgely, a young man from Lake Odessa, went to her assistance. He grabbed the fellow by the collar who immediately pulled a revolver and fired; the ball just missed Badgely's head. Officers arrested Aaron McCauley, of Mulliken, in the same vicinity a few moments later. He is the Crapo woman's first husband and it is suspected the charge was intended for Crapo, the assailant mistaking his man in the darkness.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT

It's going to be a great day in Grand Rapids, August 25th Big German Schwabenfest at Reel's Lake. Prominent among the attractions will be a balloon ascension by a noted German aeronaut, accompanied by his dog "Kaiser" who will perform the parachute drop. It will be an occasion of general merry making and well worth a visit. The B. L. & N. will run a special low rate excursion on that date leaving Etchikan at 10:30 a. m. and returning leave at 7 p. m. Round trip rate 45 cents. L. M. Fuller, C. C.

A NEW SKIN GAME.

Verdant people in Greenville and vicinity were done up recently by a sharper who called himself Cook, and claimed to be a detective from the state board of health. "Cook" said he was inspecting the cows in that vicinity; if one was found sick he would claim the cow was diseased and the milk was causing much of the sickness there, and notified the owner that he was liable to a heavy fine, but if the owner would kill the cow and give "Cook" \$5.75, his expenses to and from Lansing, "Cook" would say nothing.

From the number of cows reported killed, so far as heard from, "Cook" must have reaped a rich harvest in a short time. He spent his evenings in this city, appointing detectives at from \$5 to \$10 per head, to hunt up sick cows. Cook jumped his board bill and a warrant is out for his arrest.

GOOD BYE OLD HOME.

Our readers will regret to learn that Arthur Stone has decided to make his home at Sault Ste Marie where he is now employed. Mrs. Stone is now preparing for the removal which will be made within two or three weeks. The best wishes of everybody in Lowell will follow these people to their new home wishing for them all happiness and prosperity, and a return to the old home sometime in the sweet bye and bye.

SCHOOL NOTES.

All pupils of the high school and foreign pupils who expect to enter the high school this fall, are requested to assemble at the high school room, Thursday or Friday, Aug. 29 and 30 for classification.

Those pupils of the county who have received eight grade diplomas from county commissioner will be admitted to the high school without further examination.

OBITUARY.

Died, at his home in Lowell, Aug. 14, of paralysis, John Robertson, aged 70 years. Deceased was born near Glasgow, Scotland. He came to America in 1849, settling in Wisconsin, where he cast his first vote for John C. Fremont. The wife of his youth dying, he married Lucina W. Parker of Merton, Wisconsin, in 1853 and removed to Canada the same year.

In 1868 he, with his wife and five children went to Scotland, returning in 1873 to Lowell, where he has since resided, becoming a member of the Baptist Church the same year. His wife died in 1877 and in 1879 he married his only daughter, Mrs. Jennie Tew, who died in 1881.

He died at a little over 70 years of age.

children were young and needed a mother's watchful care, and she has been a faithful wife and a patient, kind mother, bringing them up carefully through all the trying years, until now, as men and women grown, they know how to appreciate her faithful, loving care. This wife, with three of the eight children, John A. Keelie and William W. and Mrs. Mary Anderson of Ravenna, survive him; the others have "gone before."

Mr. Robertson was known among us as "the honest shoemaker," and was universally respected.

The funeral services were conducted at the house, on Saturday, Aug. 17, by Pastor Shanks, who took for his text, the first clause of the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd," which was a favorite passage with the deceased.

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 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

VERGENNES.

Misses Belle Beckwith and Ina Alger went to Ionia Saturday to visit friends. Mrs. Fred Rodgers has been entertaining Mesdames Harriet Windsor, T. J. James of Grand Rapids, S. Baddington of Chicago and Mary Neaves of California.

Wm. Daniels and wife of Belling were recent guests of Marion Weekes and wife. Clara Hodges and brother, Master Clinton, are spending this week with friends in Grand Rapids.

Lute Bailey and wife entertained A. W. Weekes and family last Sunday. Bert Sweet spent Sunday with friends in Grand Rapids.

Roy McDonald and Earl Nash were in Alton Sunday.

Mrs. James Wright entertained Mesdames Harriet Windsor and T. J. James of Grand Rapids several days recently.

P. W. McPherson has grown the most grain of any one in the town we think. He threshed two days of last week 2,000 bushels of grain. 1,400 bushels of it was wheat. Can any one beat that?

T. B. James, wife and son Claude, G. W. Crosby and wife and D. S. Blanding and wife spent Sunday at Cascade Springs, and visited Mr. Holt's trout pond, which is very interesting. The scenery around the springs is lovely and it is a very pleasant drive down there and well worth the trouble of going.

Last Saturday the Fallsburg base ball nine started out on the war-path to take the scalps of the Vergennes nine or to beat their playing ball, which they thought would be no easy thing to do, but alas, the sea is changed when our boys who washed up in three straight times. The batteries were: Fallsburg Russell and Willie; Vergennes Dutcher and Warl. Dutcher struck out ten men and Russell two and the score stood 13 to 18 in favor of Vergennes. Pretty good for our boys for this is only the first game they have played since they organized.

S. O. Littlefield has purchased the tin jobbing business of L. F. S. very much and will continue business at the old stand.

KEENE CENTER.

Mrs. Cora Converse Peck, wife of Clarence Peck, died August 8, near Bruce crossing, U. P., and her remains were brought to Keene, her old home, for burial. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church here Sunday, Aug. 11, Rev. L. B. Kenyon officiating. Mrs. Peck was a school girl at the Center. She was born July 25, 1872. She leaves two children aged 3 and 4 years, respectively.

Miss Ella Lampkins has gone to Sandusky to visit her sister Lottie. Mrs. John Welch, her aunt, is keeping house for her.

Della, daughter of Mrs. Norman Kennedy, has been very sick but is better now. Miss Carrie Woodman of Grand Rapids is spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson and other relatives and friends here.

Corn, beans and potatoes planted about June 1, are just coming up.

W. R. Hull of Lowell visited their cousin, Mrs. B. F. Wilkinson recently. Mrs. Erma Hull entertained company from Saranac last week.

The Ladies' Aid society was entertained by Miss Addie Beattie. A large crowd attended.

The next thing that should be done is to get the church painted. It needs it very badly.

FOX CORNERS COLLECTION.

Mrs. S. Lee spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Abram Krum.

W. J. Botzen and wife spent Sunday in Muskegon, while the young people enjoyed the day at Reed's Lake.

Mrs. L. J. Lee entertained her mother, Mrs. L. Charles of Fenton a few days last week. Geo. Krum, wife and little son Morris, visited relatives in Ionia Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Allen Robinson was in Grand Rapids last week, caring for her sick sister.

Mrs. L. J. Lee and mother are spending the week with relatives in Grand Rapids and Berlin.

Miss Ora Weekes of Lowell spent a few days this week with her friend, Bertha Lee.

FALLS-BURG NEWS.

Natie and Rolf Wesbrook visited their aunt Mrs. Wm. Rexford a few days last week.

Wesley Falls was sick a few days last week but got able to go home with his son Henry Friday.

Mesdames Rexford and Wesbrook spent a few days at N. J. Hubbel's and other friends at Saranac last week.

G. Sears and wife visited Henry Scott's Saturday and Sunday.

Arthur Sayles and wife visited M. C. Denny and wife Sunday.

Ilen Sage and wife visited at Ira Pott-ruff's Sunday.

Ed Condon and family visited at Wm. Rexford's Sunday.

Mrs. Will Scott has gone to Trufant to visit her father's family.

Mrs. White of Stanton is visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Sayles this week.

Mrs. Bert Lillie is at Coopersville visiting her father and mother the last week.

Willie Rexford writes home that threshing began Monday.

Wm. Rexford threshed two thousand bushels of grain in a day for Pete McPherson last week.

Cora Goodsell of Lowell is visiting her sister Mrs. Willie Rexford this week.

Henry Tredenick was at his father's this week.

RIVER ROAD RIVALS.

School commenced in this district Monday with Minnie Martin as teacher.

Wm. Page, wife and son El are spending the week with friends at Millbrook, Mont-calm county.

Phil Dodds and wife of Lake Odessa, Mrs. Grant Warner and Cecil, Mabel Cogswell of East Lowell and Etta Lee and wife were recent visitors at Ed Story's.

Mrs. B. B. Parker visited at John Parker's near Freeport Thursday.

John Denny of Fermano spent a few days last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Ernst.

Chas. B. Carter and daughter, Mrs. L. J. Post, spent two days of last week with Zeo Carter and wife at Lake Odessa.

Mrs. Hastings entertained Ernie Godrey and wife of Alton and Frank Tarlton and wife of Lowell Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Courtwright, visited her daughter, Mrs. Eyle in Grand Rapids recently.

Stella Batey of Cascade visited her friend Baby Ernst last week.

Miss Lizette Althaus has been home the past two weeks caring for her mother, who has been quite ill.

The many friends of Mrs. R. H. McCall are very glad to see her again able to ride out and hope she will soon be even better than that.

CARD OF THANKS.—We would acknowledge the kindness and sympathy of our many friends who attended and labored during the sickness of our dear husband and mother-in-law.

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HOME NEWS

W. H. Fox and wife of Clarksville visited his sister and Mrs. Fox's mother in Lowell Sunday.

J. G. Andrews and daughter Martha of Freeport visited his son E. M. Andrews and family in Lowell Sunday.

Willie Kelley of Freeport was in Lowell Saturday.

The D. G. & M. will give an excursion to Grand Rapids and Grand Haven on Sunday, Aug. 25. Fare from Lowell to Grand Rapids and return 60 cents same to Grand Haven 85 cents.

D. n't forget the biz peach meeting at Grand park, Aug. 28.

Being about to remove from Lowell, we offer for sale numerous articles of household furniture, including coal cook and wood heating stoves, and many other articles. Mrs. ANTHONY STONE.

Saranne Loca: Clyde Barnes and Frank Lidl of Lowell were in town Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lee and daughter Fannie of Lowell visited at H. F. Clark's last Sunday. Miss Maude Youngs of Kalamazoo returned to Lowell last Tuesday after spending a few days at H. C. Giesler's. A. L. Coons of Lowell was in town last Monday night.

Mrs. George Jepson and two children of Charlevoix are visiting Mrs. Joseph Jepson and family.

Peter Garvey of New York is visiting his cousin, Mr. J. D. Kelly this week.

For old style anti-rust tin ware, order of Littlefield.

Rockford Register: The Grand River Valley Horticultural society will hold its next meeting the fourth Tuesday in August (27) at the Grange Hall, in Rockford. Peaches and other fruits will be discussed and a very instructive and interesting session is anticipated. The public is cordially invited. Picnic dinner, Orville Reynolds and wife of Lowell were visitors last week at C. B. Van Deusen's. Chas. H. Wilson and wife drove to Lowell last week to visit friends and relatives for a few days.

WANT TO TRADE—A house and lot in Lowell for one in Grand Rapids. See Littlefield.

E. Grover closed his furniture repairing shop here and left for Mt. Pleasant, after a six months stay. Mr. Grover has done a large amount of work here and we have yet to hear of a single unsatisfactory job. We can recommend him and his work.

Gib Worden has returned to Lowell again, after an absence of about six months, a portion of which was spent with a daughter who lives at Milwaukee. He says that the foreign element predominates and that seasons are terribly numerous. Times are hard there and thousands of men out of work notwithstanding. Which fact some Wisconsin lunatics want Uncle Sam to renew the business of encouraging immigration. Wisconsin had better provide employment for laborers now on hand before howling for more "furiners."

A few dollars will pay for a ticket to Petoskey and return on the D. L. & N. and C. & W. M. excursion August 29th. Tickets good ten days. Ask agents or write to L. M. Fuller, chief clerk, Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Roger Friar of Grand Rapids is spending a week with her daughter Mr. J. D. Kelly.

Mrs. Jo n Koritz of Hastings is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Courtwright.

While engaged in wrestling Monday afternoon, Herb Kellogg had his elbow thrown out of joint. He was fixed up and is doing all right now.

The case of Jacob Mastenbrook vs. Frank C. Alger, to determine water rights in a creek in Vergennes township, has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

FOR SALE—Three 40-acre farms, cheap. Enos & Bradfield.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Johnson entertained their friends, Miss Gertrude Shafer, of Grand Rapids over Sunday.

On the Ark Fruit farm, Walker Center, J. S. Parmlee has an Early Michigan peach tree only one year old that bore this year ninety-seven foot peaches.

Mr. Parmlee will have to take a seat for Dan's Blanding of over one hundred trees of the same kind, which has 39 well developed peaches.

Casnovia has a lady bicyclist 84 years of age.

Uncle Wallace (at the window of his evening prayer.)—"An' if it ain't no good Lawd's will let de good angel ob de Lawd come down an' take po' ole Uncle Wallace home." (Three sharp raps at the door.) Uncle Wallace—"Who's dar?" Voice—"De angel ob de Lawd come to take po' ole Uncle Wallace home." U. W.—"Uncle Wallace down lib heyah—libs way on down the lane."

Real Estate transfers: Leander A. Forward to Laura E. Forward, lots 5 6 and 7 blk 1, Fairchild's add to Lowell, \$600. William O. Jury to Daniel C. Gillie land on sec 10 Lowell \$3,500. Daniel C. Gill to Robert H. Austin pe land on sec 10 Lowell \$3,500.

Freeport Herald: J. W. Boynton was in town last Thursday and said he was going to begin work on the L. & T. extension to Hastings soon and engaged Wm. Karcher to help survey the line. A. D. Shepard drove to Lowell Saturday to visit his parents, H. H. Shepard and wife. He returned Sunday a. m. accompanied by his mother.

Perhaps you would like to visit Grand Rapids again before the season is over. Try on August 25th when the D. L. & N. will run an excursion train, leaving Elm Dale at 10:30, a. m. and leaving Grand Ledge about 8:45, p. m. It's a delightful place to spend a day; rate for the round trip, 45c.

Miss Sadie Lyon of Grand Rapids is spending a few days with Lowell friends.

Miss Anna DuPee has returned to her home in Grand Rapids, after two weeks visit with friends in Lowell.

Toll Lee is visiting Grand Haven a few days this week.

R. P. Watters of Bargetown Kentucky, visited friends in Lowell Wednesday.

Roy Ecker of Greenville visited friends in Lowell Monday.

There were no services in the M. E. or Congregational churches last Sunday on account of the absence of the pastors.

To whom this may come, greeting—All persons having unsettled accounts with the undersigned should call (office with R. Van Dyke) and adjust the same within the next thirty days; or some other method will have to be resorted to for full payment of the same. V. R. Blaisdell & Co., Lowell, Aug. 15, '95.

Miss Catherine Lane gave a delightful dinner party Wednesday night at the residence of her uncle on Stocking street. After dinner dancing and cards were the pastimes. The party was given in honor of Miss Anna McCarthy of Vergennes. (Grand Rapids Democrat.)

Miss Allie Beery has been visiting Mrs. Geo. W. Lemau at Grand Rapids.

Joseph Schisler of Caledonia township asks the Circuit Court to grant him a divorce from his wife, Agnes, on the grounds of cruelty. The couple were married in 1862 and have seven children, the youngest seven years old, residing with the mother in Welland county, Ontario. The cruelty consists of such trifling acts as knocking the complainant down with a hoe, a stove poker and fist, rendering him insensible, threatening to poison him and being so generally abusive that he was obliged to leave the Province. He is owner of a \$5,000 farm in Welland county, which he has leased for fifteen years to his son without rent, providing for the support of his wife.

You need a vacation and the best place to spend it is in northern Michigan. Take advantage of the D. L. & N. and C. & W. M. excursion to Petoskey August 29th. Rates are very low and tickets good ten days. Ask agents about it.

Dr. O. C. McDannell and wife leave tomorrow for a week's visit with their daughter, Mrs. G. A. Brown at Marquette.

Base ball here this afternoon, Lowells vs. Kents of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Bert Owen and daughter Beva are visiting friends in Lowell.

Some of the little friends of Winnie Johnson gave her a farewell surprise party at Grandpa Johnson's last week Thursday, and presented her with some pretty mementoes of the occasion.

Mrs. N. L. Coons and babe are visiting at Midgville. Newton joins them Sunday.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of H. A. Peckham and Hattie M. Wilson for September 4th. See Ecker & Son for wood and kindlings.

Littlefield has had 40 years experience in the tin business at the bench. How it happened: McSmith—How did you come to know so much about Korzger's family affairs? Bepus—He and I both got shaved at the same barber shop.—Oakland Tribune.

Northville hand will play at the fair at Grand Rapids.

Alvi Burhans an elderly resident of Portland was crossing the street here he was struck by one of those buggy which was passing and his hip dislocated.

Lesser of two evils: Mrs. Lumpkins—Joshua, I am going to the dentist's to have a tooth pulled out. You mind the baby while I am gone. Mr. L. (with acidity)—You mind the baby Jennie; I'll go and get a tooth pulled out.—Tid-Bits.

The farmers in the vicinity of Portland who have threshed their wheat, report a yield of from five to thirty bushels per acre. The latter figure is a rare exception, however, and the average yield will be about twelve bushels.

Property owners between the house of correction at Lonia and the city limits will pay for the material for a cement walk to connect the two and the state will furnish the labor.

Buy all kind of wood of J. W. Ecker & Son.

LeRoy McDarmid, principal of the West Ward school, returned last Tuesday evening from the State Agricultural college, where he has been taking a summer course of study.

J. L. Earle and family have moved to the house owned and lately vacated by C. S. English.

A. W. Morgan has sold his oil wagon, horse, harness and business to David Hazeltine.

Chas. H. Westbrook has purchased the saloon at Rockford formerly run by Pat Kelly.

Annual low rate excursion to Petoskey this year via D. L. & N. and C. & W. M. Rys will be on August 29th. Tickets good until Sept. 7th to return. Rate from Lowell is \$4.00. Ask agents for particulars or write to L. M. Fuller, chief clerk, Grand Rapids.

Lonia district fair association will be held at Lonia September 18, 19 and 20. The speed premiums hang up amount to \$1,500.

Monday afternoon two large barns filled with wheat and belonging to Eliza Miller, who lives east of Greenville caught fire from a traction engine and were totally destroyed. Loss, \$2,500.

Mr. Chas. R. Hine one of the solid men of Lowell, is visiting Henry Whitney and family.—(Cedar Springs Clipper.)

Littlefield will hang your engravings so they will not blow down.

Daily shipments of peaches this week will run from 1,000 to 1,500 bushels. Large shipments of pears, plums and apples have been made daily also.

W. R. Blaisdell, John S. Hooker and several others attended the annual picnic in Caledonia last Tuesday and report a very social and enjoyable time.

Lawyer Jas. D. Malcom of Grand Rapids has been spending a few days this week with his uncle, Dr. I. B. Malcom.

County Clerk Eady has been admitted to the bar.

Second hand buggies for sale very cheap. R. D. Stocking.

Money to loan on real estate. Low rates, no bonus. Lowell State Bank.

The pioneers of Grand River Valley will have a merry day at Ada, August 27th.

There is not much encouragement for one-fourth of the citizens of a village to paint and fix up their property and display a little pride and enterprise while the rest allow their residences and business buildings to look like cow sheds. Every five dollars invested in paint and labor on old buildings add ten to its value and twenty-five in appearance. All should help in building up and beautifying our village.—(Clipper.)

Littlefield hung cave-troughs for Angus McDiarmid 30 years ago, and McDiarmid says they are good yet.

Mines Hattie and Irene Stone leave to day for Lakeview to visit their uncle for a week.

A new swindle is shown up by the Allegan Gazette: "Another sleek individual is working unsuspecting farmers in south-western Michigan. If he calls on you, kick him into the road promptly. He is selling what he claims is a new variety of seed wheat. It is guaranteed to yield from forty to sixty bushels per acre, and all he asks is four dollars per bushel for a trial sowing. He has succeeded in inducing several farmers to invest and they live in the region where the Bohemian oats swindle was perpetrated a few years ago, too.

People in search of good laundry service, are cordially invited to give the Banner laundry a trial order. Money refunded if work is not right. Trade at home and your cash will return to you. CHAS. SEEVERY.

The time is coming—and not far distant, so rumor goes—when the bicycle that now costs \$100 can be bought for next summer for \$50 or \$60. A report has been circulated to the effect that a syndicate is being formed for the purpose of putting on the market on or before April 1, 1896, 400,000 bicycles which are to be made at \$18 each and sold as low as \$30. This bicycle is to be as good for all ordinary purposes, as the \$100 wheel of today and it is supposed it will lead in the cutting of prices.

Harold Weeks, son Representative Weeks of Lowell is spending a visiting trip at Ottawa.—(Behring Star.)

THE BEAUTIFUL TREE OF LIFE

ONE of the most poetic and charming pictures in the whole Bible is that portion of scripture in Revelation, describing the Tree of Life, standing by the banks of the peaceful river, bearing the twelve manner of fruits and leaves for the healing of the nations. In this grand book, the author has endeavored to group together the brightest thoughts of all ages and times on the fruits borne by the Tree of Life, burning and beautiful words that go right home to our hearts and lift us into a higher and holier atmosphere. Taking up these one by one and enlarging upon them, what a glorious feast of good things we find in them; and what a rich harvest we may reap in our every day walk and conversation by the stillly and contemplation of the thoughts, ideas and feelings expressed in them.

Many, in the hurry and scurry for wealth, in the heaving race for place and power, are losing sight of the TREE OF LIFE and the TREE OF DEATH. They ignore the awful consequences of eating of the fruit of the one, and they are fast forgetting the only substitute to be had for the fruit of the other—the leading of upright, Christian lives. The latter result is best brought about by storing the mind with the noblest thoughts of the best thinkers; as we find them embalmed in the writings of the great and good; and as the best time for sowing seed is in the spring, so the best season for sowing good wholesome influences is childhood; and the duty of all parents is to see that the proper seed is implanted in the minds of their children.

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 J. N. Hubbel had a horse cut quite badly on a barb wire fence.
 Picking peaches is the order of the day here.
 Mrs. S. A. Ware is visiting friends in Muskegon.
 C. McTear and daughters, B. E. Boylan and wife, Martin brothers and wife, of Lowell and Don Shepard of Odesa were recent callers of John Gray and wife.
 Mrs. C. Henshott was a victim of neuralgia last week.