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LOWELL, MICHIGAN, JULY 6, 1899.

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THE FOURTH IN LOWELL.

The weather Clerk Had It In For Us.

The committees having in charge the Fourth of July celebration had done their work well, arranging for the biggest free entertainment ever given in Lowell. The weather clerk had it in for us and did his best to spoil everything.

In the forenoon a game of ball was played between the Lowell juniors and the Ionia high school teams Score 21 to 14 in favor of Lowell.

The following events were pulled off in the mud:

100 yard foot race:
C. Vanderlip, 1
Lee Jakeway, 2
B. Vanderlip, 3

200 yard foot race:
The same as above.

Boys race:
Bert Bailey, 1
Jay Watters, 2

Fat men's race:
E. Moffit, 1
Geo. Miller, 2

Standing jump:
Lee Jakeway, 1
I. Steckle, 2

Standing hop, stop and jump:
I. Steckle, 1
Lee Jakeway, 2

Half mile horse race, run:
Wood, 1
Vandenbroeck, 2

The remainder of the games were postponed to a date to be announced later.

The prize money is held by committee to be awarded whenever the contestants see fit to compete.

Lights Are On.

The Chase Construction Co., of Detroit, completed their contract with the Citizens Light Co. last week in establishing their city lighting system with exception of adjusting the dynamo which had not yet arrived, and the lights were turned on Saturday, the Lowell dynamo being used to furnish the current. Only a portion of the lamps were lighted owing to the fact that the Lowell dynamo is not of sufficient capacity to furnish the required candle power. The large dynamo which the company have ordered for some time has been shipped and on its arrival will be immediately placed in position for doing business. In the meantime lighting service will be given the city free gratis. There are twelve arc lights on the south side of the river and eight on the north side.—[Belding Banner.

Surveying The Route.

Huntley Russell, A. May and C. W. Taylor of Grand Rapids were in the city Tuesday, having driven up from Grand Rapids for the purpose of inspecting the proposed line for the Grand Rapids, Belding & Greenville Electric Railway. The promoters have had surveyors out several days this week and also last week, through Cannon, Grattan and Plainfield, and they have ascertained that for nearly the entire distance the roadbed can be laid on the highway, it being necessary to deflect and run over private property in but few places in order to avoid steep hills.

Mr. Russell says they mean business relative to pushing the project to its speedy completion.—[Belding Banner.

Village Taxes Now Due.

Payable at Althen's store.
PHIL C. ALTHEN, Treas.

Ottawa Beach Week Day Excursion

On Thursday, July 13th, the D. G. R. & W. R. R. will run the first week day excursion to Ottawa Beach, giving all who can get away an opportunity to spend a delightful day at Lake Michigan. The Beach and its neighbor, Macatawa Park, are particularly attractive at this season and offer advantages in fishing, bathing, etc., to suit every one. Let the work go for one day and enjoy an outing.
GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

A Wheel Bargain.

For sale a good '98 wheel but little used and in good repair. Cost \$50. \$17 cash takes it. This office.

HOME NEWS.

Frank Clark was in Mt. Pleasant last week.

J. Watters of Hastings was in town over the Fourth.

Ed. Kinney of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Dr. E. A. Hodges spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

G. V. McConnell was in Belding last week Tuesday.

Chas. Howe of Grand Rapids was town Saturday evening.

James H. Martin of Ada has been granted a \$6 00 pension.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoover, a son, June 29.

Will Broadbent of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth at Lowell.

W. H. Woods and bride of Chicago visited W. H. Clark and family last week.

Miss Addie Kopf of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth with Lowell relatives.

Will Taylor and wife of Grand Rapids visited friends in Lowell Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird of Hopkins visited at D. P. Atwater's last week.

L. K. Clark and wife went to Mason Friday to attend the funeral of his brother.

Mrs. Cora Cullenback of Hastings is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams.

Chas. Quick commenced his duties as postmaster July 1, with J. W. Beery as deputy.

The Rockford paper mills have been rebuilt and have partially commenced operations.

D. F. Butts returned Monday from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends at LaPeer.

Ray Edmunds of Chicago was the guest of his parents, S. F. Edmunds and wife, Tuesday.

Miss I. Alger, of Lowell, is visiting her cousin, Miss C. LaVerne Carvin.—[Rockford Register.

Mrs. D. Campbell and daughter, Margaret, of Portland visited friends in Lowell over the Fourth.

Dr. G. A. Jones and wife of Wadena, Minn., is visiting the latter's parents, Walter Helmer and wife.

Will M. Hine and wife of Grand Rapids have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark for a few days.

Martin Nyburg, a young lad, had his hand badly cut and burned by handling a giant cracker the Fourth.

Fred E. Holmes, formerly in the employ of the Church bank and well known here, is very ill at his home in Detroit with rheumatism.

The monkeys, who refused to get in the rain at Island Park, will surely perform at Music hall Friday evening. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

R. D. Stocking walked out of the back door of his home last Thursday evening and stepped on a stick containing a couple of wire nails. "Dee" is going around on crutches now.

A city ordinance was adopted recently, at Coldwater, prohibiting the laying of any sidewalk except that of Portland cement. The penalty for violation of the ordinance is \$100 or 90 days' imprisonment.

A Clarisville girl who says "limb" for "leg" is quite modest; but when she referred to a certain breed of chickens as "limbhorn" she bursted the boiler of modesty 'till it leaked like a sieve.

Be sure and read our great offer of the LEDGER for a year and the Farm Journal for the balance of 1899 and all of 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903, nearly five years, all for the price of our paper alone. Just walk up to the captain's office and draw the greatest prize you ever drew.

Miss Florence King met with a painful accident last Wednesday afternoon while attending a picnic. Her left knee was dislocated and the knee cap knocked off by the fall. Dr. McDannell was summoned and replaced and bandaged the dislocated part.

Fire Sale of my fly nets and dusters at 50 cents on the dollar. These goods were boxed up and got wet only at the time of the fire, Dec. 7, '98. Now is your chance to buy fly nets at less than wholesale prices while they last.

H. SCHREINER, j13

At request of a number of citizens that were unable to see the animals performing on Island Park, Prof. Dubec will give a performance in Music hall, Friday evening. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

When in the mood For Hardware good You know you should; We know you would Call on us for it.

We have been very busy putting up Builders Hardware bills besides doing our regular retail sales work; but will try and take care of all that come.

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Stop Work One Day and go on Ottawa Beach Excursion.

Thursday, July 13. Train will leave Elmdale at 9:38 a. m. and arrive at the beach at 11:46. Leave at 6 p. m. Rate 90; children under 12 half rate. Take a day off and see Old Lake Michigan. Go fishing, rowing, bathing and have a general good time. Tell your friends about it. GEO. DEHAVEN, G. P. A.

Tickets will be sold at all stations as follows:

- Bay View, Mich. Camp Meeting. One fare rate. Sell July 10 to 20. Return Aug. 20. Boston, Mass.
- L. A. W. meet. One fare rate. Sell August 11 & 12. Return August 20 to 31st.
- Charlevoix, Mich. Same as for Bay View Camp Meeting.
- Cincinnati, Ohio. National Saengerfest. One fare rate. Sell June 27 to 30. Return July 5.
- Columbus, Ohio. American Science Assn. One fare rate. Sell August 13 to 22. Return August 23.

Will Price started Wednesday for the Pacific coast.

Claude Palmerton of Sylvester was in town Wednesday.

James Wickham of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Cyrus Vandusen of Grand Rapids was in town Tuesday.

Geo. Montague and wife were over from Freeport Tuesday.

Bruce Walker of Grand Rapids visited his mother the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dodds of Lake Odessa were in town the Fourth.

Mrs. Geo. Coppens of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth in Lowell.

Miss Carrie Leonard of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth with Mrs. Hewitt.

Mrs. Simpson of Ionia spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Althen.

The west side pedro club gave Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Clark a farewell surprise Monday evening.

The Board of Education met Friday evening and completed its list of teachers appointed for next year.

F. M. Johnson and family returned last night from a two week's vacation at Aumont, Mayville and Inlay City.

Frank Clark left Wednesday for Mt. Pleasant where he has purchased a hardware stock. His wife will follow soon.

Will Bustance and wife, of Elmdale, and Gene Scoville and wife and Jas. Post and wife of Clarksville drove over to the celebration Tuesday.

Adv. Letters—Mrs. Cornelia Lee, Mrs. Francis Richardson, Chas. Holdridge, Orris J. Randall, Lewis, E. T. Lillie, C. Loadell, Shay.

Mrs. H. Schreiner, of Belding, Mich., went to Detroit to stay with her mother, Mrs. E. Trall, of Belding, who is recovering from a surgical operation. She weighs 142 pounds and has been so for months ago.

The next regular meeting of the Women's Foreign Mission Society of the M. E. church will be held at the home of Mrs. A. L. Carter, of Belding, Michigan, on Friday afternoon, July 11, at 7 o'clock. Subject: "Our Work and Woe in North China."

Everybody knowing them indebted to G. C. McConnell & Co. will call and settle at once as the estate of G. C. McConnell, deceased, has to be settled up at once.

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Visitors at Theo. Carter's the Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris and daughter, of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lane and S. J. Carter of Richland, Miss Olla Moore, Messrs. William Wright Allie Knee of Greenville, and Jesse Knee of Keene.

The government has adopted a new form of money order which will be put into use the first of September next, and postmasters are instructed not to order more of the old kind than they need up to that date. The new order will be similar to a bank draft and the purchaser will be given a receipt for his money when he buys it. It will be much simpler in form and easier for postmasters to make.

DID you notice those fine Old fashioned wheels go by. They did not hear them.

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K. C. Griswold, Cashier.

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SEEDS THAT NEED CARE.

Curious and Interesting Facts About Certain Trees in California and Australia.

A California pine tree whose seed cones can only be opened by fire, or great heat has been attracting considerable attention at Kew Gardens, London. It seems, however, that this tree, *pinus muricata*, is not alone in its salamander-like requirements, for a former Australian living in London writes as follows to the London Mail: "The wattle tree of Australia (*acacia decurrens*) also possesses the same peculiarity and its seeds will only germinate when subjected to great heat. Soaking the seeds of this tree in boiling water or roasting them in a frying pan for some hours has been tried and found successful, but all other methods have failed. After the seed has fallen from the tree it will often lie dormant in the ground for years, but immediately a 'bush' fire comes along and reduces all the parent trees to ashes (as is often the case in Australia), the seed germinates and a perfect forest of young trees will spring up within 12 months. Even on ground where there has not been a wattle tree growing within living memory, these trees have been noticed to grow up after a bush fire. The wattle tree being very susceptible to fire, is easily killed, and if the same means that caused its destruction did not induce it to grow again it would very soon be eradicated."

When a Woman Wants a Watch.

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FISHING OFF A MAN-OF-WAR.

One Particularly Exciting Catch Which Raised a Row Among the Jackies.

The followers of Isaak Walton on board a man-of-war are wont to ply the gentle art (with a line alone) from over the ship's side during the evening. A sublieutenant, who was not particularly liked by his junior messmates, was one day so engaged, when a midshipman, seeing the line depending from the "chains" above, reached out of one of the main deck ports and gave it a couple of violent tugs, in imitation of a fish biting. Up the line was hauled with alacrity, but of course with no result. Once again the "sub" essayed to catch this big fish that had given him so heavy a bite, says *Cornhill Magazine*.

This time the midshipman was more elaborate, for getting a companion to help the necessary strain upon the upper portion, he hauled up the lower part of the fishing line and attached to the hooks an old shoe, an empty bottle, a holy stone and a sardine tin. Having carefully lowered these to the full extent of the line, he gave it a more powerful pull than ever, and the expectant fisherman above hauled in as fast as he could, hand over hand. But his language when he discovered the nature of his "catch" is too much to ask even an unfortunate compositor to set up in cold type.

Divorces in England.

In 1861 the population of England and Wales was about 20,000,000. In that year 258 divorce suits were entered. Ten years later there were 410 suits among 23,000,000 population. In 1881 there were 618 out of 26,000,000, and last year there were 822 out of 31,000,000. The majority of petitions are filed by the husband and plead the best of all causes. In England in 1897 only nine suits arose during the first year after marriage, but this number trebled the second year, and has progressed steadily ever since.

Peculiarity of Buddhists.

A custom peculiar to Buddhists is that of wandering about the country with hammer and chisel and carving holy symbols upon rocks by the wayside.

MEATS FOR OCEAN SHIPS.

Ten Tons of Beef and Two of Chickens Besides Sixteen Hundred Birds.

Away down in the bottom of the ship the chief steward has a market of his own, one which he has stocked and from which he draws, this serving in the double capacity of merchant and customer, writes Helen C. Candee, describing "Housekeeping on an Ocean Steamship" in *Ladies' Home Journal*. Here is an enormous refrigerator, and is presided over by a steward who is responsible for every pound of meat within it. Before the ship slips from the dock this room is stocked, for a full ship, with 20,000 pounds of beef, 2,000 pounds of veal and 3,000 pounds of mutton. From hooks along the walls and ceiling of another refrigerator hang bunches of birds, very much as dried corn and peppers hang from the rafters of old farmhouses. As many chickens as can be tied together are hung until 4,000 pounds are stowed away. Ducks are not as popular as chickens, therefore 700 pounds only are provided—about 100 pounds' allowance for each day. Turkeys are liked, and 1,000 pounds must be provided for the demands of the cook. Pigeons, squabs and other small birds, these are reckoned in pieces, and it is calculated that the family which floats across the ocean will devour 1,600 birds.

Never Heard of Kipling.

During Kipling's illness Henry James was one night riding home in a cab from his club in London. The news had just come that the crisis was past and the great writer on the road to recovery. As he stepped out on the sidewalk Mr. James handed the paper he had bought to the cabman. "Kipling's all right," he said. The cabman took the paper and leaned down with a puzzled look on his face. "I don't seem to know the name o' the 'oss," he said.

No Sunstroke in Arizona.

No matter how hot it is on the deserts of Arizona and southern California—and sometimes the thermometer goes up to 110 and 120 in the shade—you never hear of a sunstroke.

Taken at His Word.

An instructor was drilling a company of English volunteer recruits, who did not pay much attention to his orders. He noticed one man in particular, who was passing sly remarks about him. The instructor held out for some time, but at last could stand it no longer and said to the man sarcastically: "You seem to know all about the drill, my lad. Suppose you come and take my place." The man came out of the ranks and, facing the company, gave the order: "Company, attention!" Then, after a pause: "Right turn! Dismiss!" Leaving the astonished instructor, who was too amazed to speak, the company raced back to the canteen, delighted at having escaped an hour's tedious drill.

Gold Production.

A close race is that in gold production in the United States, Australia and South Africa. Last year the United States lost the first place, but may be expected to regain it. The figures for 1908 were: South Africa, \$50,000,000; Australia, \$67,702,000, and the United States, \$65,782,667. Australia, like this country, is getting more gold from low-grade ores, and gold is also obtained by dredging machinery from the ooze at the bottom of streams. Australian gold coins originally had a greenish tint, but the silver that caused it is now extracted by a chemical process.

Ammunition for Old Iron.

A cargo of shells, originally intended for the use of Spanish guns in the war with the United States, recently arrived at Glasgow, Scotland. The charges had been extracted from them and needy Spain took advantage of the recent rise in the price of metal to get hold of an honest penny by selling them for old iron. The shells are of all sizes.

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HOME NEWS.

Call at Bell's city bakery for baked goods and lunches.

Mr. and Mrs. Orton Hill have returned from a three weeks trip through Cleveland and other cities.

Mrs. S. S. Miles and daughter of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. W. and Miss Laveria will remain for a few days. Geo. E. Shyeg made a call there the same day.

Hay Wagon and Ludington Camp Meeting One Fare Excursion Rates.

C. & W. M. and D. G. R. & W. agents will sell tickets as follows:

BAY VIEW.
Sell July 10 to 20. Return August 19. One way fare for round trip.

LUDINGTON.
Epworth League Camp Meeting. Sell July 13 to 18. Return 25th.

ASSEMBLY.
Sell July 24 to August 3. Return August 21. Ask agents for full information and go via the West Michigan route.

Geo. DeHaven, G. P. A.

HORSE MEAT PATTIES.

after swindling his patrons for eight years a Paris provision merchant is caught.

Perdon, a provision merchant of Paris, has been justly sent to prison for eight months on a charge of selling horse patties, says the Paris correspondent of the London Telegraph. There was no doubt in the least about his guilt, and he can never be held up as his contemporaries or to posterity as the victim of a judicial error. The merchant in his case was a small jar of meat, which was produced in court. It was marked outside with the mysterious letters "M. H." and the magic words *paie de foie gras* which generally appeal to epicures.

This alleged pot of goose liver was simply horseflesh, and, as an official analyst remarked in court, it was bad.

FUNSTON ON THE FILIPINOS.

What Independence Means in the Minds of the Followers of Aguinaldo.

Col. Funston, whose fighting in the Philippines has made him famous, wrote a letter home to the *Topeka (Kan.) Capital*, before the outbreak of hostilities. In it he said some things which ought to cool down the participants in the Chicago meeting which attacked the president. For instance: "I am afraid that some people at home will lie awake nights worrying about the ethics of this war, thinking that our enemy is fighting for the right of self-government, etc. The word 'independence' which these people roll on their tongues so glibly, is to them a mere sound and got much more."

Weak lungs and You have them in as well as in cold.

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