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EDITORS' EXCURSION

TO THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY—REMARKABLE SPEED

Of the Wabash Flyer—Sights and Incidents—The Exposition.

About 100 Michigan newspaper people left Detroit last Thursday morning, for a trip to St. Louis, Missouri, the city of the Universal Exposition of 1904, over the line of the justly celebrated Wabash Railway company. The merry party was accompanied by A. F. Wolf-schlager, Detroit Wabash passenger and ticket agent, and wife and R. S. Greenwood, Michigan Wabash passenger agent of Chicago.

Two splendid coaches were placed at the disposal of the pencil pushers; and the trip over a roadbed almost devoid of curves and ballasted to perfection, was most enjoyable, the pleasure being enhanced by an ideal day.

We were surprised and disappointed by our glimpse of north-eastern Indiana. The farm buildings for a long distance are very poor. Many of them looked as if they had not seen a drop of paint or a new board in fifty years; while many of the barns and sheds were covered—in some cases only partially—by the old split shingles of pioneer days. The poor soil probably accounts for it all. There is much more hardwood timber along the line than is to be found along most Michigan railroads. From Central to Western Indiana, passing the oil fields, the condition of the farms and farmsteads gradually improves, until we enter the Illinois corn belt. For 150 miles over the black prairie loam was, one almost unbroken stretch of corn stubble. The corn had been picked and the stalks left standing. Farmers were busy breaking the stalks with drags and disk cultivators and raking them into windrows to be burned. In the evening these corn fires could be seen for many miles on either side. THE LEDGER people hope to make the same trip "When the corn is waving, Annie, dear." The sight at such a time must be grand.

During all this time we were conscious of "getting there" pretty lively; but when we stepped from the train at Decatur, Mr. Greenwood astonished the party by saying that we had covered the last seventy-five miles in seventy-five minutes. At Litchfield, the report was fifty-two miles in fifty-three minutes. The return trip from St. Louis to Detroit was made mostly at the rate of one mile per minute, some of it at the rate of 90 miles per hour, one mile in forty seconds. And yet, but for the dancing poles, trees and fences, one could not appreciate the speed, as there was not the jar and rumble incident to the ordinary thirty-mile gait, owing to the perfect road bed and equipment.

It was dark when we crossed the Mississippi, and after a late supper at the Laclede hotel (named in honor of Pierre Laclede, one of the first white men on the site of St. Louis,) most of our party were ready for bed, though we surmise that some of the youngsters improved the opportunity of seeing a great city at night.

On Friday, the Michigan editors were entertained by the World's Fair Commission in the new Administration building on the grounds. This is a massive stone structure, just completed for the University of Missouri; but will be occupied by the Commission until after the fair in 1904.

Ex-Governor Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, and prominently mentioned for president of the United States, addressed the party, setting forth the plans and purposes of the Exposition. Fitting responses were made by Col. A. E. Meigs of the Western Newspaper Union and Miss Emma Bower of Ann Arbor, in behalf of the newspaper men and women of Michigan.

After enjoying a substantial banquet, the entire party was conveyed in carriages around and through the 1180 acres of the beautiful Exposition grounds. Owing to rain, we could see the buildings only from the carriages. Some are apparently nearing completion; others are still surrounded by a network of scaffolding; while in the Administration building scores of architects and draftsmen are working on plans of a multitude of other buildings. Judging from what we saw, the architecture of the coming fair will not be inferior to that of the Chicago or Buffalo expositions, while the St. Louis grounds are naturally far superior to either. No swamps to fill up; but a vast park of great natural beauty, sufficient in extent to contain at the same time the Chicago, Buffalo and Paris expositions.

Arrangements are being made by Iowa educators, to transport, maintain and instruct 200,000 Iowa school children for 10 days each, at this fair. The commission has given a site for a building for the purpose, rent free. At best, it is calculated that the expense will be \$12 for each of the 200,000 boys and girls. So it will be seen that our Iowa friends have undertaken a large proposition.

Of the fair, THE LEDGER will have more to say from time to time as the preparatory work progresses.

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GONE TO REST.

DEATH OF MRS. ELLEN FLETCHER

Lived in this Section Nearly Forty Years.

Mrs. Ellen Fletcher was born in New London, Ohio, Feb. 29, 1844, and died at her home in Lowell, Mich., April 11, 1903 aged 59 years, 1 month and 12 days. Her maiden name was Morse, and in early childhood she came with her parents to Monroe county, Mich., and it was there that she sought and found her Savior, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church of that place. With her father she moved to South Boston, Ionia county, Mich., in 1864 and joined the South Boston M. E. church by letter.

She was married to Asa Fletcher August 26, 1866. To them five children were born, three daughters and two sons. The two eldest daughters preceded her to the better land. The husband, the daughter, Mrs. Bertha Cowles, the two sons, Guy and Axel, one brother, Edwin Morse, one sister, Mrs. Mary Vanhouten, three grandchildren and a host of friends remain to mourn their loss. She was kind, loving, and indulgent as a wife, as a mother, a sister, a friend, and therefore held a place in many hearts. The funeral services were held in the home on Monday, April 13 at 1 p. m., and were largely attended by the friends and relatives from Lowell, South Boston, Belding and Grand Rapids. Rev. Chas. Nease officiated and the body was laid to rest in the South Boston cemetery.

EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS.

Death of James O'Heron at that Advanced Age.

James O'Heron, an old resident of Lowell, died at his home in this village, Monday, aged nearly 84 years. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at St. Mary's church, and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery in Bowne.

Deceased was born in Ireland and came to this country at the age of twenty. He lived in Bowne for a long time and moved here where he lived a good many years. He leaves two children and a widow.

"He's Getting a Big Boy Now."

B. C. Needham was sixty-one years old last Friday, and on that evening he was agreeably surprised by the invasion of his home by twenty-four friends who had come to celebrate the event. Refreshments were served and Mr. Needham was presented with a handsome Morris chair. A program of music and recitations was much enjoyed.

New Village Officers.

At the Council meeting Monday evening the following appointments were made:

President pro-tem, D. G. Look.
Marshal and Street Commissioner, Merritt Sayles;
Night Watch, (re-appointed) H. F. Lane, salary \$37.50 per month;
Attorney, R. E. Springett, salary \$75 per year;
Chief Fire Department, J. T. Mueller (re-appointed) salary, \$5 per month;
Special police—Frank Pickard, Bethel E. McLain, Jos. T. Jones, Rollen Mack, Freeman Winters.

Success Club Easter Party.

The Success Pedro club held its third gathering at Train's Opera house Monday evening, and despite the hard rain, which continued throughout the evening, a large number were present.

The decorations and prizes were appropriate to Easter. Miss Rosa Rhodes served punch from a neat booth, arranged for that purpose.

Weldon Smith acted as caterer. First prizes were won by Mrs. E. D. McQueen and Rowland Ryder, seconds by Mrs. J. E. Lee and Dr. Greene, and consolations by Miss Elsie Williams of Reed City and Geo. M. Winegar.

R. D. Stocking's orchestra furnished the music.

Bad News.

The McMahon grocery store was entered, seized and closed on an attachment by the Judson Grocery company of Grand Rapids Monday morning, and an invoice of the stock has since been made.

In order that all his creditors might be served alike, A. E. McMahon filed a petition in bankruptcy at the county seat Tuesday, and the Judson company will not be permitted to freeze the other creditors out.

Easter supper at the Baptist church Friday evening. Special music. Price 20c.

G. V. McConnell of Reed City was in town to-day. He reports trade good in his town.

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The LAMB WIRE FENCE

is made of the best quality of galvanized hard steel wire and is the most durable and efficient wire fence on the market—(a trial will convince you.)

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at present, but as the prices on the raw material is advancing, so must it on the fence very soon. Take advantage of this opportunity and order now.

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the best that ever happened and prices are low. If you want to catch fish, big fish, buy your supplies of

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Best \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoe Made

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It's Sweet to be Remembered

when your best fellow buys some of our elegant Home-Made...

CHOCOLATE DROPS At Only 20c per Pound...

Weldon Smith

The Boss Baker, who Bakes Bread that Beats 'em all.

Building & Loan Annual.

The annual meeting of the Lowell Building and Loan association will be held at the store of Yeiter & Wadsworth Monday evening April 20, for the election of officers and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

J. B. YEITER, Secretary.

NOTICE.

The accounts of the recently dissolved hardware firm of Scott & Cambell have been placed in my hands for collection. Those indebted to the firm will please make settlement as soon as possible as the books must be closed up.

R. E. Springett, over City Bank.

EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE

GRAND RAPIDS, SUNDAY, APRIL 26.

Train will leave Lowell at 11 a. m. See posters or ask agents for particulars.

Do not forget Wednesday, April 29 at Hotel Waverly you can consult the eminent specialist, Dr. Woolsey. No matter what your disease or weakness consult him. Cures guaranteed, so you run no risk.—adv.

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62 Monroe St. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
Cloaks, Suits, Furs
Whatever you may need for your Spring and Summer wear you will find at Morrison's. Whatever you find at Morrison's is correct in style, faultless in workmanship, perfect in fit—materials latest and best. Morrison guarantees the most quality and selection, being personally bought in New York by Mr. Morrison. Our suits, skirts and waists are not duplicated in Western Michigan.
The prices for Suits range from \$10.00 to \$25.00. We have a few choice Pongee Silk Jackets and Silk Coats. They are very well-made and the newest things in the east for early spring wear. We have also some elegant Shantung Coats and Traveling Garments.
We will store your Furs if you wish at reasonable prices. We have George Vulpis protection from moth, fire and theft. Furs repaired during the summer if you wish. It does not cost much.
Come to the Food Show, leave your parents and phone your appointment.

MORRISON'S

62 Monroe St. Grand Rapids, Mich.
"Always the latest things."

PRIMARY BILLS PASSED.

Colby's Measure, After a Long Debate, Gets Through the House by Vote of 79 to 13.
SOME OF ITS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS.

Talk of Adornment—Speaker Carlton Thinks It Will Come About May 10—Labor Men Stirred Up by a Bill Recently Passed by the Senate.

(Special Correspondence.) Lansing, April 10.—The Colby-Powell-Stone general primary election bill, which has passed the house of representatives, abolishes all nominating conventions, state, congressional, legislative, county and city. All candidates for all congressional, legislative, county, city and township offices to be nominated by direct ballot of the people on one day. Each party is to be provided with a separate ballot. Every person desiring nomination for state, congressional or legislative office must file a petition with the secretary of state 30 days before the primary day, and deposit a fee of one-half of one per cent. of the salary of the office he seeks office, or one-fourth of one per cent. if he belongs to the party dominant in the district in which he seeks office, or one-fourth of one per cent. if he belongs to any other party. Every person seeking a nomination for county, city or township office must file a petition with the clerk of the county, city or township and pay a similar fee. The primary is to be conducted in the same manner as the general election, the election commissions printing the ballots, the boards of registration conducting the voting. The votes are to be counted and returns made in the same manner as at general elections. The candidates receiving pluralities on the ballot of each party shall be the nominees of that party.

Talk of final adjournment is prevalent among the legislators. "There is no reason," says Speaker Carlton, "why we should not take a final adjournment May 10 and wind up business a week earlier. There are no important measures to be decided except the primary election and some railroad matters. Members have not become very well acquainted with any other bills that are worth passing, and most of those have already been reported out by committees." Senator Goodell is making a canvass of the senate preparatory to bringing a resolution to its adjournment for April 20, or May 10 at the very latest.

Labor men in the house are stirred up by a bill which passed the senate last week. It provides that men who take railroad tickets from companies or individuals upon the agreement that they shall do certain work and then refuse to do the work may be punished by fine and imprisonment. Representative Shea, of Detroit, has prepared some amendments which he will ask the house to add to the bill, calculated to allow workmen to get even with companies which do not keep their part of agreements as to work, board, etc. It provides that whenever agreements are made to take men from their homes to do work in some other place, the officer or agent of the company making the agreement shall prepare a statement of the conditions in writing, giving the wages to be paid, hours of work, kind of board, etc., and if the company does not observe these terms their officers or agents may be fined or imprisoned. Senator Fuller who introduced the bill which passed the senate is a lumber dealer, and the amendments were probably intended to reach the men who take railroad tickets from companies to work at some other place, and when they have arrived at their destination, refuse to do as they agreed. Fuller has told Shea that he will agree to any reasonable amendment.

The senate passed the bill to raise the salaries of the state tax

BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS.

Result of Elections in Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas and Other Western States.

CHICAGO REELECTS MAYOR HARRISON.

Wisconsin Elects Supreme Court Justice and Circuit Judge—Cities and Towns Show Their Preferences at the Polls—Democrats in St. Louis Are Victorious.

Chicago, April 8.—Carter H. Harrison, democrat, was elected mayor of Chicago for the fourth time by 7,679 plurality over Graeme Stewart, republican. Alderman Smulski, republican, was elected city attorney, and F. C. Bender, republican, city clerk.

In Springfield William J. Butler, Gov. Yates' candidate for mayor, was overwhelmingly defeated by Harry H. Dewar, the democrat. Butler, however, secured the necessary, 51,000 plurality. Dewar was elected by over 1,000 plurality. Mayors were elected in other Illinois cities as follows: East St. Louis, Silas Cook (ind.); Galesburg, George Shumway (rep.); Moline, C. P. Skinner (rep.); Rock Island, Willis McCaskey (rep.); Quincy, John A. Steinbach (dem).

In Illinois township elections republicans were successful in the following places: Bloomington, Clinton, Danville, Decatur, Elmhurst, Elgin, Fairbury, Joliet, Kenney, Maroa, Plano, Peoria, Pawpaw, Sayre, Warsaw, Wheaton, Woodstock, Xenia, Centralia, Keokuk and Napoleon. Democrats won victories in Hement, Chenoa, Galena, Havana, Kankakee, Lockport, Madison, Marseilles, Toledo and Taylorville. Non-partisan tickets carried in Assumption, Aurora, Alton and Alhambra.

Milwaukee, April 8.—The judicial election in Wisconsin passed off quietly Tuesday. Judge Robert G. Stecher, of Madison, judge of the Ninth circuit court, was elected to the place on the Wisconsin supreme bench made vacant by the recent death of C. V. Bardeen.

There were no changes in the four circuits which elected judges. Though several returns will be available for two days, Judge Silverthorn, of Wausau, is re-elected judge of the Sixth circuit; John Goodland, of Appleton, the Tenth; James O'Neill, of the Seventeenth, and O. T. Williams, of Milwaukee, of the Second circuit.

The proposed amendment to the constitution, increasing the number of justices of the supreme court from five to seven, was undoubtedly carried.

Comparatively few mayors were elected in the state, and there were few political changes in the cities which chose an executive. Oshkosh reelected Mayor Mulva (dem.), and at midnight the indications were that Le Grange had defeated the republican candidate, who suffered most heavily in the arctic winter.

Lake, Waukesha, Racine and Marinette went republican. The democrats carried Neenah, Menasha, Amerus, Berlin, Portage, La Crosse and Beaver Dam. In Janesville the entire citizens' ticket, headed by Wilson, was elected by 648 plurality, making a complete change of city officers.

License carried in Lake Mills, Glenwood, Stoughton, Sparta, Deerfield, Richland Center, Sturgeon and Broadhead. Virgona voted against license.

St. Louis Democrat Wins. St. Louis, April 8.—Election returns completed at 1:30 o'clock, show the St. Louis vote democratic by a plurality of over 18,000, in about one-half the registered vote, which is 32,000. Five republicans and one independent candidate were elected to the house of delegates. The other 22 members elected are democrats. In the senate democrats elected their six candidates.

Result in Kansas. Topeka, Kan., April 9.—Returns from all the towns in Kansas which held elections Tuesday disclose the fact that the vote in favor of enforcing the prohibition law is the most overwhelming in the history of the state. A special effort was made by the opponents of prohibition to make a good showing at this election, and thus pave the way for a re-submission campaign two years from now. Only six towns of any importance in the state voted in favor of a liberal policy toward the saloons.

Man and Wife Drowned. Henryville, Ind., April 13.—A shipboard at noon Sunday flooded this part of Clark county and did great damage. The heavy fall of water has extended north as far as Sellersburg and Seymour. County Commissioner Raymond and wife were drowned while crossing Blue Lick creek after church. The waters had risen so rapidly that the barge was swept away. Both bodies were recovered.

Front of Kaiser's Pleety. Berlin, April 13.—Emperor William observed Good Friday in an unprecedented manner. He caused the royal standard on the castle to be placed at halfmast in memory of the crucifixion of Christ.

Observed Annular Day. Lafayette, Ind., April 10.—Annular day was observed Thursday. The public schools were closed and the courts were adjourned.

ENGINEER WAS DEAD. A "Royal Blue" Train Runs for Twenty Miles with No One at the Throttle.

Baltimore, April 13.—A fast-flying Royal Blue train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, running between New York and Washington, ran 20 miles Saturday night without an engineer at the throttle. J. Frank Purley, the engineer, leaped out of the cab window at a point south of Wilmington, Del., and had evidently been struck by a telegraph pole or some other obstruction, and probably instantly killed. The body was found by the fireman, who brought the train to Baltimore.

TWO LIVES LOST AND FIVE PERSONS INJURED BY THE BURNING OF AN INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENCE.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 13.—Nathan Morris, one of the best-known attorneys of Indiana, and Frank Haas, the 12-year-old son of Dr. Haas, were burned to death Sunday morning, and Mrs. Joseph Haas, Miss Belle Haas, Miss Rose Haas, Louis Haas and Grace Lemon, a governess, were injured more or less seriously. The residence of Dr. Joseph Haas, at No. 323 North Alabama street, was nearly burned to the ground.

Gives Up His Place. Washington, April 13.—It is announced that Assistant Attorney General James H. Beck tenders his resignation to President Roosevelt before the president's departure for the west. In tendering his resignation, Mr. Beck took occasion to express his pride and gratification at having been privileged to serve under the president's administration and that of his predecessor.

Tiltman Trial Postponed. Columbus, O., April 9.—The trial of James H. Tiltman, former lieutenant governor of this state, charged with the murder of Narcissus George Gonzalez, which was called for the present session of court, has been continued until July.

Death of a Journalist. Chattanooga, Tenn., April 13.—Col. J. E. Maclean, the veteran editor in chief of the Chattanooga Times, died Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

We still hear an occasional man say, "Ready-made clothes don't hold shape." They don't eh? Well, our clothes do—

No matter what price suit you buy here—\$7.50 to \$25.00—we guarantee all of them to retain shape.

We stand ready to give you a new suit or refund your money for any that do not "hold up."

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Commencement Programs

Come in and Look Them Over.

THE INTELLIGENT FARMER.

He Gets the Best There is Out of the Farm Because He Gets His Own Best Into It.

E. L. Vincent says in Farm and Fireside: "Few of us get the best there is in our farms. That is because we do not put the best there is in us into them. There isn't much use in expecting great things on the farm unless we are willing to plan, work and study how to get those great things. How shall we go it to do that? In the first place, the soil must be in a good state of fertility. This means that we have carefully saved up every particle of barnyard manure we have, and have seconded this effort by a judicious use of commercial fertilizer. It means, too, that we have not previously cropped the land to destruction. Then we will plow thoroughly. Not one man out of ten in this country knows how to plow; or, if he does, he has not the proper gun to the gun to do it. Once in a while we meet a farmer who insists that this part of the farm work shall be done thoroughly. He is on the way to success. It was an old Scotchman who said: 'Ye dinna ken how to plow in this country. It's the scratch the ground.' And that is about what most of our farmers do—we scratch the ground. And again, to get the best there is out of the soil we must use the harrow more faithfully. The farmer has no better tool than a good harrow. I say a 'good' harrow, because hosts of farmers have not such a thing as a first-class harrow on the place. They are working away with the same old 'V' shaped 'drag' their fathers used, or else have picked up at some sale a worn-out thing not worth bringing home. No good work can be done with such a tool. Harrows of an up-to-date pattern are reasonable in price nowadays, and every farmer ought to have one or more. Good, clean seed is a requisite, too. No so to sow seed that will not grow, or that is full of weed seed. This may mean the purchase of a fancy sowing mill, to be used in releasing seed. We may better do this than to seed our farms down with foul weeds. But finally, we will fall either all if we do not keep the weeds down in every crop that can be cultivated. This means steady work for a few weeks in the spring of the year, until the potatoes have been planted, and the corn is too large to admit of working a horse through it. But the cod, tell the story. Other things being equal, the man who puts himself into his work as I have here described may rest assured of a good crop—the best the soil will produce. And that ought to make him happy."

IMPROVED PLANK DRAG. An Invention Which Has Been Made on Every Farm and Can Be Used on Small Estates.

We get from the Practical Farmer the illustration of an improved plank drag. The rear plank, A, is set flat instead of sloping and has

EXCELLENT PLANK DRAG. Two rows of straight, narrow spalls set in it. The teeth project three inches. A block of wood, B, is used at each end of plank as shown in cut and this may be taken out to vary the depth of the teeth. The rear of each plank also is about with iron strips two inches wide and one-half inch thick. This adds to the life and efficiency of the drag.

MORE PAY FOR LABOR. The State Commissioner Finds Conditions Greatly Improved in Michigan.

Lansing, April 13.—The condition of labor in Michigan, according to the report of the state labor commissioner, has undergone great improvement during the last few years, a portion of the improvement being due to state factory inspection, but the greater part to generally improved business conditions.

In his report the commissioner of labor has gone extensively into the social conditions of factory workers, in addition to compiling interesting information in regard to the hours of labor, wages and employment of workers in the varied industries of the state.

The number of factories inspected during the year was 6,441, the inspection being thorough in every county but two in the state. In the factories inspected there were employed 172,896 males and 33,749 females, a total of 206,645. Out of this entire number only 4,721 were between the ages of 14 and 16 years.

The 1,690 superintendents interviewed received an average of \$417 a day. The number of foremen was 6,150, and they received \$27.5 a day on an average. The offices forces numbered 7,222, and the average wages paid was \$2.19. The average daily wages paid the remainder of the 190,883 employees was \$1.90 per day. Five years ago this average was \$1.53. The daily pay rolls of the factories inspected aggregated \$346,741.28, for each week \$2,080,447.68, and for the year \$108,183,376.36.

In a chapter on organized labor it is reported that there has been an increase in the membership of trades

unions of over 30 per cent. Wages have advanced over 14 cents a day, and over 40 per cent. of the unions report that hours have been shortened. Nearly 65 per cent. have agreements with employers. During the year 62 unions reported strikes, 40 of which resulted favorably to the strikers. An average of \$73.27 was paid by each union for strike benefits.

The inspection of tenement-houses in Detroit shows that while there are but few places in the city that can properly be described as sweatshops there are a number that give every evidence of developing into such.

The woman factory inspector in her supplementary report says that the laws against child labor are better enforced in cities than in the towns of small population, which she attributes largely to the fact that the school laws are more rigidly enforced.

A large number of girls from 14 to 16 years of age was found in the factories, but their work as a rule was not arduous, and the hours will not average more than nine per day. Cash girls in stores, the inspector represents, have really a harder time than the shop girls. In factories where women are employed it was found that generally the work was not hard, although he can hear. He can take no solid food. It is thought there is a chance that he can recover his speech.

More Birds for Lovers. Maturity is an important factor, says a writer in Farmer's Advocate. The bird that is to be pushed for eggs must be thoroughly mature or she cannot stand the pace. When I began to keep hens I was pleased down to the ground whenever a little misbegotten pullet began to lay at the age of four or five months, and I would send an item about it to the local paper. But I have learned better now. A precocious pullet never makes a phenomenal egg-laying hen. She lays one letter of eggs in September or October and then shuts up shop until February or March. I want a bird that has grown through a struggle that is thoroughly mature; and I will keep her busy from the time she lays her first egg about Thanksgiving, until she goes into moult the following fall.

Watermelon Railroad. Probably the best railroad prospect in the United States principally to haul watermelons will be a branch which the Burlington is getting ready to connect in southern Missouri this summer. The line will be 50 miles long, and will run through a district which is distinctly the home of the watermelon. Enough melons are raised to produce there to keep one railroad busy during the season hauling them.

Gen. Butler on New Orleans. Representative Meyer, of New Orleans, was in a group of former confederate soldiers, who were telling their stories in the democratic cloak-room. Somebody mentioned Gen. "Ben" Butler and the historical spooner "Spauld" snorted Meyer. "Did I ever tell you that those soldiers of Butler's did not do me any wrong?" he asked. "I was away from my home, where my mother was cooking dinner. What do you suppose they did?"

"Stole the dinner," said Representative Spight, of Mississippi.

"Stole the dinner, my eye!" said Meyer. "They threw an dinner at the store and stole the stove!"

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Washington Correspondence: N. Y. World.

QUIT THE TURKEY BUSINESS.

How Secretary Whitney's Good Intentions Were Spoiled by a Few Impatient Women.

The story of how a few impatient women destroyed a mighty good resolution was recently told by the chief clerk of the army department. In 1888 Secretary Whitney was delayed in getting out his report, and finally had to push it through with a rush, says the New York Tribune.

"So well was the work done," says Mr. Peters, "and so pleased was the secretary, that two days before Thanksgiving he sent for me and said: 'Mr. Peters, I wish you would go to the market and buy a turkey for every employee of the government printing office.' 'But, Mr. Secretary,' I replied, 'it would require 3,000 turkeys to fill that order.' 'It makes no difference if 3,000 were needed; buy them.' 'It is impossible,' I said; 'there are not 3,000 unsold turkeys to be had in Washington today.' Then, said he, 'ascertain the names of the men and women who have the principal part in getting out the report, get a turkey for each today, and order the necessary number—3,000—no 4,000 in it into them. There isn't much use in expecting great things on the farm unless we are willing to plan, work and study how to get those great things. How shall we go it to do that? In the first place, the soil must be in a good state of fertility. This means that we have carefully saved up every particle of barnyard manure we have, and have seconded this effort by a judicious use of commercial fertilizer. It means, too, that we have not previously cropped the land to destruction. Then we will plow thoroughly. Not one man out of ten in this country knows how to plow; or, if he does, he has not the proper gun to the gun to do it. Once in a while we meet a farmer who insists that this part of the farm work shall be done thoroughly. He is on the way to success. It was an old Scotchman who said: 'Ye dinna ken how to plow in this country. It's the scratch the ground.' And that is about what most of our farmers do—we scratch the ground. And again, to get the best there is out of the soil we must use the harrow more faithfully. The farmer has no better tool than a good harrow. I say a 'good' harrow, because hosts of farmers have not such a thing as a first-class harrow on the place. They are working away with the same old 'V' shaped 'drag' their fathers used, or else have picked up at some sale a worn-out thing not worth bringing home. No good work can be done with such a tool. Harrows of an up-to-date pattern are reasonable in price nowadays, and every farmer ought to have one or more. Good, clean seed is a requisite, too. No so to sow seed that will not grow, or that is full of weed seed. This may mean the purchase of a fancy sowing mill, to be used in releasing seed. We may better do this than to seed our farms down with foul weeds. But finally, we will fall either all if we do not keep the weeds down in every crop that can be cultivated. This means steady work for a few weeks in the spring of the year, until the potatoes have been planted, and the corn is too large to admit of working a horse through it. But the cod, tell the story. Other things being equal, the man who puts himself into his work as I have here described may rest assured of a good crop—the best the soil will produce. And that ought to make him happy."

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From Our Point of View

If the primary election bill which has passed the House will do away with the corruption that has attended township caucuses and county and state conventions in recent years, every good citizen will hope for its enactment.

The trusts have received a black eye in the decision of the United States Court of Appeals annulling the merger known as the Northern Securities company. If the decision is sustained by the Supreme court it is believed that every trust organized within the last thirteen years will be clearly illegal, and that the Attorney General will be obliged to proceed against them. "There is a God in Israel yet."

The failure of the McMahon grocery firm is universally regretted. The brothers have been hustlers and cheerful and steady workers. If any fault is to be charged against them it is their too accommodating spirit which led them to trust poor paying customers. No extravagance or side ventures figure in the count; and the "boys" have the sympathy and esteem of the public in their misfortune.

The State Commissioner of Labor reports that wages of factory hands have increased from \$1.30 to \$1.60 in the past few years; but neglects to state how that increase would offset the vastly increased cost of living. The simple fact is that the cost of fuel, meat, rent and other necessities, makes the city laborer's wages "look like thirty cents."

BUSINESS men should unite for protection against dead beats. If all scallawags were refused credit everywhere, they would be obliged to work and earn money to pay for what they get. Everybody would be the gainer and no one the loser. As it is now, one dealer, by costly experience, learns that a man whom he has trusted is dishonest. He pockets the loss and turns the beat over to another dealer. So it goes on, until the worthless scamp owes every business man in town. This ought not to be and need not be if business men will use a little horse sense.

The bill passed by the Senate to increase the salaries of the State tax commissioners from \$2,500 to \$3,600 is in accord with a long-established, vicious custom. The threadbare old scheme is to create a new office at a salary moderate enough to permit the passage of the bill creating it. Then, when the office is well established, it goes another bill to increase the salary; and the increase goes on for all time. It's an easy thing to raise salaries but almost impossible to reduce them. Every state, county and city in the Union has been doing this sort of thing for years; and yet, the average citizen wonders why his taxes are so high.

WHILE the vote for Supervisor in Lowell was too close for comfort, that sort of result is much to be preferred to a situation in which a nomination is equivalent to an election. If the contest for the other offices had been closer, it would have been still better. The man who has a "sure thing" has not the incentive to do his duty that the officer has who had a hard run for election, as the former expects a re-election whether he merits it or not. The bigoted partisan community may prosper temporarily, but it will sometime reap the reward for its narrowness, principal and interest, no matter which party is in the ascendancy. It is true in the Democratic South and in the Republican North. As for Lowell, she would have been well served by Mr. Bergin; and will be by Mr. White.

TO BEAT TO DETROIT.
Detroit, April 13.—The twenty-sixth annual session of the Grand council of Michigan, Royal Arcanum, will be held in Detroit, Tuesday, April 21, at Stevens' hall, on Grand River avenue. The council will convene at 9:30 o'clock in the morning and the meeting will last all day, the business including the annual election of officers.

Death of a Pioneer.
South Haven, April 13.—Elihu Weed, who died recently in the home of his son, Orlando, in Cass, was born 90 years ago in Maine and came to Michigan in 1832. He was the second white man to settle in this section of Michigan.

Enjoys a Building Boom.
Boyne City, April 13.—A building boom is on here. There are no empty houses, rents are high, more than 100 houses have already been contracted for, and several new business blocks will soon be under way.

For His Comfort.
"Now, you mustn't try to talk," said the surgeon, who was sitting and bandaging the man's swollen jaw. "The least said is the soonest mended."—Chicago Tribune.

Appropriate to Her Feelings.
"Her chatter today seems to be all about her own troubles."
"Yes, I noticed she was talking a blue streak."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

No Doubt Possible.
"Clara—And are you sure that he married her for her money?"
"Clara—Absolutely; I've seen her—Town Topics.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

BAPTIST.
The Easter Sunday school exercises were of a very interesting nature this year. The church was tastefully decorated. A cross stood in one corner of the church surrounded by the base by Easter lilies. The program in the evening was very interesting throughout. The scholars acquitted themselves nicely and reflected great credit upon those who have taught them.

METHODIST.
In spite of the weather, which delayed the opening of the services for about half an hour, the Easter exercises in the church were very good. And the boys and girls who took part, the singers and the musicians, and the committee that got up the program have our thanks. The members of the class of thirteen, Mrs. Eggleston's class were present. Look part in the exercises and were graduated from the primary department into the main school.

The Epworth League meeting will be in charge of Misses Ethel Westbrook and Clara. Law next Sunday evening. The topic is "Four Red Flags." Come and see what they are and come early.

The themes for the sermons on Sunday next are, for the morning, "A Positive Testimony." For the evening, "How to Have a Good Time."

W. C. T. U.
The Central W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of President, Mrs. Merris Mann, Tuesday, April 21, and program will be in charge of Mrs. Atwater, topic, Mary T. Lathrop.

The Lowell W. C. T. U. will be entertained at the home of Mrs. N. H. Hain, Friday at 2:30. A member is requested to be present and respond to roll call by repeating the pledge. Important business.

WHEN THE NERVES ARE SHATTERED.
When the nerves are shattered one cannot think, work, eat, sleep or accomplish anything. It's a case of force all the time, a continued effort to keep going, no life, no energy, no ambition, upset at anything, nervous headaches, crying spells, fits of depression and utter despondency.

Dr. A. W. Chase, who has cured this condition to stay cured by rebuilding the shattered nerve system, neutralizing the nerve acids, and resupplying what is lacking, the active principle of life, Nerve Force.

MARDI GRAS 1897.
Race record 2:17. Fossil March 10, 1896. Weighs in staid condition 1,100 lbs. With these opportunities Mardi Gras has shown himself to be a game and reliable race horse, having started but five times in 1897. Winning four first monies, reducing his record from 2:20 to 2:17. Scarcely 30 days out of the stand, he was started at Mexico in the class and won, in straight heats, reducing his record to 2:17. A glance at the tabular record of 13 horses, and won in straight heats, again reducing his record to 2:17. The next week he started at St. Joseph in the 2:27 class, in a field of 9 horses, and won a 3-heat race, reducing his record to 2:17, in one of the most hotly contested and most sensational races ever trotted on the St. Joseph track.

He is a horse of splendid conformation, and he comes by, as well as his speed and gameness, by right of inheritance. A glance at the tabular record here will show him to be the great sire and dam, which are the foundation of the breed. His sire, one of the best bred sons of Nutwood, was bred at famous "Glenview Farm," near Chicago.

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Our Country Cousins

LOGAN.
Married, in Grand Rapids, April 10, Roy Deming to Blanche Lee, both of this place.

Harry Rogers of Campbell spent Sunday with Roy Ford. Jackie Blough and wife spent Sunday with Edwin Yonder and wife of Boyne Center.

Frank Chesley of Grand Rapids visited the East Boyne school Thursday also called at Norman Ford's.

Richard Johnson raised his barn Saturday. A number from here attended Mrs. Keller's sale in Boston Thursday.

The Misses Seattle, Ada and Edna Keller of Campbell spent Sunday with Louella and Berdie Snyder.

Miss Lizzie Heintzelman returned home from Grand Rapids Saturday evening.

Melvin Hooper of Elmdale called on friends here Sunday.

SOUTH BOSTON-ELMDALE.
Mrs. Chas. Kilian is home from Ann Arbor.

Misses Bell and Glennis Young visited Anna Layer of South Lowell Friday.

Miss Hester Jackson of Campbell and Nellie Tucker were married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. They will move to their home recently purchased of M. C. Keller, who will move to Grand Rapids.

PRATT LAKE.
Mr. and Mrs. Manning entertained Jas. Scott and family of Lowell, Mr. Dutcher of Byron, Mable Layer and Matta Ross of Blakeslee of South Lowell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis were the victims of a very pleasant surprise last Thursday evening, when about sixty friends and neighbors came to their home, bringing an elegant lunch. Flinch and carrom helped pass away the time which goes all too soon at these friendly gatherings.

One editor told us not to burden him with thanks for the gift of the Pilgrim. We will not but will just give him a hearty "thank you." The correspondents will greatly enjoy the Pilgrim.

M. C. Keller and Will Fletcher took a business trip to Grand Rapids the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Tucker will be at home to their friends in their new residence, the Tucker place lately vacated by Mr. Keller's people, after Monday.

The Easter exercises at the M. E. church were a success in every feature. The committee in charge are to be congratulated. At the close of the program, Rev. Manning made some remarks saying only one thing was lacking to make the exercises as fine as he ever attended and that was an altar service. An invitation for any who would, to lay aside the old life and begin a new one was given and four young ladies of Miss Norma Freeman's Sunday school class united with the church on probation.

Rev. Manning is in Byron attending to the removal of a building which he has purchased to enlarge his place of business.

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VERGENNES STATION.
Elder Mudge expects to be at the church Friday April 17, at 2 o'clock p. m., for a farewell visit, as he is moving to Chicago. A special meeting of the Christian church and association will be held at that time. All cordially invited.

Mr. Frank Keech's niece from Grattan visited her last week.

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Emma Reed has been visiting Frankie Fairchild the last two weeks.

Mrs. Blanche Kellogg and children of Lowell visited at Charles Roth's last week.

Little Theo. Bailey is very sick with typhoid pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gott of Saranac were at M. L. Bally's Sunday and Monday on account of the sickness of the children.

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Proceeds from the dinner April 6 by the Ladies Mite society, \$12.

Town meeting passed off very quietly, the town going Republican as usual.

J. F. Joyce sold 12 hundred dozen of eggs last Saturday to parties in Grand Rapids.

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Hip, Hip, Hurrah! for Supervisor White.

A farmer in our town is still holding for higher prices 2500 bushels of onions.

Guests at C. O. Hill's Saturday were Cella Noble and Mrs. Ben Soules of Lowell.

John O'Harrow and family visited at Freepost Saturday and Sunday.

A number from here attended the Easter exercises at South Boston.

Mrs. King and Mary of Elmdale visited Chas. Vetter's Saturday and Sunday.

Howard Bartlett's new residence in under headway.

If you have kidney and bladder trouble the toxic germs are doing their deadly work. You will find the Hazzard Kidney Cure, the great germ destroyer, destroys these germs in the system and kidneys and removes the cause of the most distressing cases of kidney and bladder diseases.

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Cascade Sunday school association will meet with the church at Cascade Sunday April 19, and an excellent program will be rendered. Come all.

Mrs. B. Sinclair passed to her eternal rest Monday morning at 10 o'clock, funeral at Cascade church Wednesday.

H. A. Abble and wife, who recently sold their farm, have moved into Mrs. Muir's cottage at Cascade Springs for an indefinite time.

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Cascade grade initiated a class of sixteen in the mysteries of the first and second degree Thursday evening, April 9.

Thomas Nippres is building an addition to his barn and having a stone wall built under a part of it.

M. M. Austin of Winchester Ind., when what do in an hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was finally cured. Only 25c at Look's drug store.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Life Pills. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from asthma, but your New Life Pills cured me. I am now well and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures for consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the perfect remedy for all throats and coughs. Price 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by D. G. Look, druggist. Trial bottles free.

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 Laces and Insertion at.....5c
 Ladies Kid Gloves at.....49c and 79c

A. W. WEEKES.

Heard About Town

Homer Watters is seriously ill.
 Maccabee pedro party at hall, April 18.
 F. R. Eckerspent Monday in Grand Rapids.
 Mrs. Hilier visited in Grand Rapids last week.
 K. O. T. M. pedro party at hall Saturday.
 Miss Jennie Joseph visited in Grand Rapids Monday.
 Big red apple shoes, for boys, \$1.25 and 1.50 at Godfrey's.
 Earl Hunter made a business trip to Toledo, Ohio, last week.
 Miss Lotta Ruben was home from Grand Rapids Saturday and Sunday.
 Born, in Lowell to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor April 8, a daughter.
 Merritt Sayles and family have moved to their home on Peck's hill.
 Work on the new electric plant has been suspended until dryer weather.
 W. L. Douglas shoes are the best in the world. Godfrey sells them.
 All persons indebted to me please call and settle at once.
 Dr. A. E. Cambell.
 Mrs. Dan Newcomb was called to Ionia this week by the death of her aunt.
 Chas. Fisher returned to Chicago Tuesday after spending his vacation here.
 S. E. Parish of Ithaca visited his mother, Mrs. M. A. Carr, Friday evening.
 Two new milch cows for sale by M. W. Morse. Inquire at Ecker & Foster's lumber yard.
 Miss Elsie Williams of Reed City visited Meadames H. W. Hakes and W. S. Godfrey this week.
 Miss Kittle Carr and sister-in-law, Mrs. Eugene Carr, spent Sunday and Monday in Grand Rapids.
 Jas Lyons, with his house-keeper, Miss Monroe, spent a few days with her brother, in Lansing last week.
 Miss Ella Kopf, who has been at King's Bridge, N. Y., for some time has returned to her home in Lowell.
 The Sheep Shearing festival which was to be held yesterday at Grange hall in South Boston has been postponed one week.
 Mrs. Remington returns to-day to her home in Lawrence, Kansas, after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Reutlester.
 See Godfrey for clothing and shoes, trunks, telescopes, suit cases, hats and caps, rain coats and rubber boots at lowest prices, quality considered.
 Mrs. Anna Hart, who has been visiting her friend, Mrs. B. Fenning, has left for Kalamazoo where she has accepted a position in the asylum.
 Ecker & Foster recently purchased of E. J. Booth about two acres of land adjoining their mill yard south and east. This will be used principally for storage.
 Denlek & Sons paper hangers and decorators, have an adv. in this issue. They paint and paper over carpets without soiling them.
 James Gibson & Sons advertise in this issue to do all kinds of cement work. The Gibsons are good workers. Encourage them with your patronage.
 Mrs. George Taylor and three children of Grand Rapids, are visiting Mrs. L. L. Taylor, on their way to Hastings, where they will make their home.
 Mrs. Stella Remington was surprised by eighteen or twenty friends at the home of Mrs. Phil Reutlester yesterday afternoon. The ladies presented her with a fine gold watch chain.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Althen gave a reception at their home Saturday evening for E. Herbert, who left this week for South Dakota. On account of the storm the attendance was small. His friends presented him with a handsome bible as a token of their respect. Mr. Herbert has been a good citizen of Lowell for many years and in his departure carries the esteem and best wishes of the entire community.
 Elmer Sayles of marine guard, United States ship, Kentucky, writes from Singapore, March 2, that the ship was bound for Hong Kong. He says the heat is "ferce." Admiral Evans was aboard. He describes the place as very pretty and the people as "the funnest he ever laid his eyes on." "They are all old bats with white whiskers and moustaches and wear little red coats and shirts." Elmer is a nephew of our townsman, Merritt Sayles.

Mrs. M.A. Hewett is on the sick list.
 Jas. Spencer of Smyrna was in town Monday.
 Lonnie Watson of Belding was in town Monday.
 Mrs. M. A. Carr is in Grand Rapids to-day on business.
 Cleveland blouse waists for boys at Godfrey's. Price 50c.
 FOR SALE CHEAP—A new single top buggy, rubber tires.
 W. F. Howk.
 Rain coats and rubber boots are good for wet weather. Godfrey sells 'em.
 Misses Martha Packard and Bertha Austin spent Wednesday in Grand Rapids.
 Miss Eva Carr of Lake Odessa spent a few days with her cousin, Mrs. J. C. Hatch.
 Born, in Bowne, April 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Don McVane, a ten-pound daughter.
 F. D. Rommell of Sturgis, who has been visiting friends here left Monday for South Dakota.
 Mrs. Charles McElwain and son Willie, from Milwaukee are visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Young.
 Mrs. Lura E. Vining attended the golden wedding of her brother, Calvin Vining, and his wife at Lake View, Tuesday.
 Died, in Lowell April 11, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ward. Funeral was held Tuesday at the Bailey church.
 Mrs. E. J. Collingwood returned Tuesday to her home in Denver, Col. after a four month's visit with Mrs. Wm. Burnett.
 It's a suit and shoe selling time at Godfrey's. Come in and get your choice. Emphatically and absolutely lowest in price.
 The family of Waldo Francisco moved Monday to Grand Rapids, where he has the position of chief engineer of the Edison Electric company at an increased salary.
 DeWitt Carveth has returned from Ann Arbor, where her eyes were operated upon. He can now to recognize his friends and will be able to perform the duties of life. Good job.
 S. B. Cook returned to Midland, Tuesday after a week's visit with Lowell friends. He reports business good in his section. Mrs. Cook is in the millinery business and and S. B. is teaming.
 Mrs. Mary VanDusen has a letter from her husband, Elder Elam VanDusen written from the island of St. Vincent. He reports another eruption of the crater on that island, which he describes as a "grand" spectacle. At mid day in the Barbadoes, it caused a mid-night darkness. Mr. Van Dusen hopes to come home soon; but small pox has broken out there and he may be quarantined.

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EDITORS' EXCURSION.

(Continued from page 1).

A large portion of our time Saturday was devoted to a streetcar ride through the city and an inspection of the Anheuser-Busch brewery, claimed to be the biggest thing of the kind in the world. We hope it is, for it's an almighty bad business; and the visit there was none of our fixing. We didn't drink any of their old beer; and we are not going to go back on our life-long principles and slobber on these wealthy spollers of good grain. They claim to employ 5,000 people and we should judge that at least 2,000 of them are little boys who ought to be in school for five or ten years yet. If they do not make beer soaks of them it will be strange. The concern claims to have sold 8,000 barrels of beer in 1865 and 1,109,315 barrels and 83,790,300 bottles in 1902. This shows there is plenty of work for temperance people to do yet.
 A visit to the Inland Type foundry was pleasant and profitable; but here, as at the brewery, a great deal of child labor is employed—too much.
 At the LaClede we met Col. John B. Crisp, a noted and eloquent Missourian of the old time. He expressed his admiration and that of Missourians generally for Michigan and her people, and said that it was largely on account of veneration for Lewis Cass, whose portrait, among those of great Americans, held the gaze of a Missourian longer than any other, with the regret that he could not have been president. The few press boys present gave the kindly old gentleman a round of applause and wished that the opportunity afforded for a set speech.
 A small party of us visited the magnificent Planters hotel, on the site of the famous hostelry of the same name in ante-bellum days, for years the hot bed of secession.
 For the benefit of any of our young friends contemplating matrimony, we inspected the bridal chamber and two accompanying apartments, and found them elegant indeed. It is really finer than silk and the price is only \$45 per day, not including board. The cheapest guest room in the house is not less than \$4 per day and Col. Meigs informed us that a gentleman had just called for his room bill for six days and got it—\$35. His board had been paid for as taken.
 These are not samples of World's Fair prices, as rooms and meals can be obtained in the city at reasonable rates.
 We were surprised to find so great a change in the climate from Michigan to Missouri. Tulip beds were in full bloom as were all kinds of fruit trees, and woods were bright with Spring flowers. When we left there Sunday morning, we were none too cool with thin clothing and no outside wraps; but before reaching Michigan were forced to don coats and close car windows. A brisk, cold wind was blowing as we reached Detroit; and we did not blame Brother Lameroux for vainly regretting the fine overcoat he had left in the hands of a St. Louis sneak thief.

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CONGREGATIONAL.

Mrs. Charles Althen will entertain Band No. 3 of the Congregational church Friday afternoon to supper.
 The Congregational Easter exercises Sunday evening were largely attended and passed off pleasantly.
 Rev. S. T. Morris attended the Congregational association at Freeport Tuesday.

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