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Cass City.

MUSEUM AT STATE CAPITOL

Contains Many Interesting and Valuable War Relics.

The Chronicle Scribe Found the Following Thrilling War History As Given Below.

In addition to what we said in last week's CHRONICLE about the state library, we give the following item of war history which is closely connected with a war relic to be seen in one of the cases at the museum. It is a heavy chain and collar with a card giving the information that it was once used to chain a slave, and that it was brought home by Col. Spaulding, of St. Johns. The history connected with this chain is so full of interest that we put it in print for the benefit of our readers. This we are enabled to do through the courtesy of A. F. Hurbbut, custodian of war relics.

"Near Bowling Green, in Green county, Kentucky, lived a widow, who owned among others, a muscular, brawny negro, but who was more intelligent than the average and who had become a good engineer. He drew for his own salary of \$1,200 as first engineer on a boat on the Ohio river.

But his mistress had become alarmed lest with the approach of the northern army she would lose him, and had him taken off the boat and brought him home. He discussed the situation with her and as it appeared to him told her that the time was coming when the slaves would be free.

This alarmed her more and to be sure and keep him she had the iron collar put about his neck, chain as large as a log chain attached, a staple put through the girl in the barn and riveted.

The firmer she tried to hold him the more determined he became. With a saw furnished by a colored friend, he sawed out a piece of girl and started for the camp of the 23rd Michigan, then camped at Bowling Green, and stopped with Co. A. When the northern boys saw him they covered him with a tent and kept on playing cards. Pretty soon came a pack of blood hounds hot on the track and followed it to the very tent under which the slave was in hiding. With stones, clubs and old army shoes the boys pelted the hounds till they ran back, but following them was the sheriff and several deputies on horseback who demanded of Col. Spaulding their property. He could not do different than to help them, and told them to look, and if they found him take him away.

The boys kept mum, the hounds dare not come up again, and the sheriff failed to find the slave. That night a delegation consisting of S. Cochrane, of Leslie, Tom Short of Houghton; and others, took him to the blacksmith shop where he knelt beside the anvil and with a cold chisel the iron band was cut off his neck. He remained with Co. A till the next night when he disappeared and was never again seen by the boys who concealed him.

A log house had been built and furnished by the soldiers for Col. Spaulding, and for safe keeping the chain was deposited in one of the bureau drawers in the house. When the Col. came north to take the degree of M. M., he brought the chain with him, which was afterward deposited with the state librarian and later, when the museum was established, found a place there.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

The Methodist Church is favored in securing Rev. G. E. Morehouse to conduct evangelistic meetings, beginning next Wednesday evening. He is a native and resident of Michigan and has been constantly engaged for ten years in all parts of the state in revival work and is honored wherever he is known. There will be meeting each week evening except Saturday beginning at 7:30 and full services on Sunday. Afternoon Bible readings in which Mr. Morehouse is very strong will begin on Thursday, Feb. 7th, at 2:30 at the church. A preparatory meeting led by Mr. Morehouse will be held at the McConnell schoolhouse at the close of school, Wednesday, Feb. 6th. Similar services will probably be arranged in other localities later on. The pastors and members of the other churches are cordially invited to attend all the services and take part. The opening service of song will enable business men to hear the sermon which will begin about eight o'clock.

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A SERMON ON HELL

A Large Audience Greeted Pastor Rushbrook at the Baptist Church Last Sunday.

He Did Not Mince Matters But Took a Fearless Position on the Question of Future Punishment.

Pastor Rushbrook, according to the notice given in last week's CHRONICLE, preached a pungent sermon at his church last Sunday morning on the terror striking subject of Hell. Mr. Rushbrook is a thorough bible student and handles all questions from a plain biblical standpoint. He has strong conviction as regards the essential doctrines of the bible and is never afraid to state his position. His last Sunday's discourse was thoroughly orthodox and before he was half done with his sermon there was very little comfort left for those who are inclined toward higher criticism. The following is a synopsis of his sermon:

It does seem my dear friends that in referring to a subject such as we have chosen this morning, we are indeed standing on holy ground. There is nothing in this world less believed or as little talked about as the subject we have chosen. Many and various are the opinions in regard to its existence. Some say they do not believe it and because they do not believe there is such a place they think that it is impossible for there to be one. Unbelief my friends cannot do anything with or change the existence of a place of punishment. Sometimes people tell us that this earth is all the hell there is and that man's conscience is hell enough and all there will be. Let men say what they believe or what they please, this bible will be fulfilled to the letter in regard to your life and mine. The only safe line to take is that of simple belief.

Hell is the abode of the evil spirits, the infernal regions, the place of eternal punishment. This definition is the one generally accepted by the best authorities. We may take it as we please, but that is the general conception of it. The poor Hindoo who bows down before his idols is just as capable of judging the great question of life and death as we are. God knows whether such a place exists or not and he has given us proofs that it does exist. He has not left it for us poor weak mortals to solve, but he has given us his word here in this bible and in it he has solved this question. Now that he has solved these questions for us, all he wants is for us to be Christians and believe what he has written.

In our bible the word hell has been translated from the old Hebrew and Greek. Joseph and many others believed in God's word and that there was such a place as hell. We find this word translated thirty-three times from a Hebrew word "Sheal"; ten times from the Greek word "Hades"; twelve times from the word "Genewah"; and one from the word "Tartarus." The pit is mentioned three times. Every one of these places refer to the place known as the infernal regions or the place of the departed spirits, and not to the grave or the resting place of the soul. The reasons why these passages refer to the place of the departed spirits and

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THE ALLEN-WICKWARE MUSICAL.

The entertainment given by Mrs. Allen, Miss Laura Wickware and their pupils on Thursday evening of last week, at the Opera House, was well received by an appreciative audience. The class presented a very pretty scene, the ladies being dressed in white and the gentlemen in black. The program was artistically arranged there being an instrumental piece and then a vocal selection alternately. All selections were nicely rendered, and the teachers as well as the pupils did credit to themselves in every detail of the entertainment. Louis Usher won great applause by his able rendering of the song, "The Sousa Girl." His acting was original and the entire audience was appreciative. A unique selection was given by Messrs. Glen Moore and Louis Usher in "The Rogue's Song." They were disguised as tramps and their make-up amused everybody. It is to be hoped that the class will favor Cass City with another such a treat in the near future. The instructors Mrs. Allen and Miss Wickware deserve much credit for the thorough training given to their pupils.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE

At Deford Last Week Was Well Attended and Very Instructive.

The Topics Were Timely and Ably Discussed by the Various Speakers.

The one day farmers' institute which was held at Deford last Thursday was a complete success. About 100 people were present and entered into the spirit of the meeting with vim and enthusiasm.

The program, as advertised in the CHRONICLE, was carried out in detail with one exception, namely, an address by Edmund Starkey on the subject of "Sugar Beets." Alexander Livingstone was chosen chairman, who efficiently filled the chair during the day. The occasion was enlivened by appropriate music rendered by a quartette of young people. J. W. Hutchins, of Hanover, as representative of the Agricultural College, gave several helpful addresses on farm topics, which were well received. Mr. Hutchins is a bright farmer and talks intelligently on all questions pertaining to the farm. He is unassuming and gentle and makes friends wherever he goes. The discussions were full of zest and spirit and many witty and humorous sayings were given by the local speakers.

Deford is more than ordinarily blessed with home talent. Men like John McCracken and H. J. Wilcox are old hands at the business of speech-making and never fail to make a point. Hiram Wilson was also a leading spirit in this gathering. Cass City was represented by John Marshall and John Murphy, who helped to make the gathering profitable. Mr. Marshall's paper on the Sheep Industry will be given in next week's CHRONICLE in full. One of the best papers presented was given by John McCracken. His subject "Bread" was handled in a unique manner, and appears in another column.

THE BEST WE EVER HAD.

The CHRONICLE congratulates the management of the Village Lecture Course upon the successful termination of this season's entertainment. As far as the CHRONICLE is able to judge the course was the best in every way, of any ever given in our midst. Every number was first-class. The weather was favorable, and the people showed their appreciation in giving the management their loyal support. Through Mr. Auten's foresight the course was so arranged that our citizens had the opportunity of hearing the lecturers not only at the Opera House, but also at the M. E. Church on the Sunday night following the lectures. The trustees of the M. E. Church deserve much credit for opening their house for these gatherings. While Mr. Auten has been eminently successful in the managing of the lecture courses the past few years, and thereby assuming the entire responsibility, for which he deserves the general gratitude of the public, he, nevertheless, feels as if the citizens should appoint a committee who shall have charge of these annual entertainments in the future. We are requested to say that there will be a meeting of the business men at the Cass City Bank next Tuesday night, for the purpose of organizing a lecture committee. The following is the financial statement for the past season:

Receipts.	
Cash on hand from last year	\$ 8.28
Total receipts this year	300.43
Collection M. E. Church	8.19
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	\$316.90
Expenditures.	
Gearhart	\$ 45.00
Copeland	65.00
Clark	44.00
Concert Co.	85.00
Opera House	50.00
Printing, express, etc.	10.15
Cash on hand	17.75
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	\$316.90

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BREAD IS THE STAFF OF LIFE

All Kinds of Food for the Physical Man Means Bread.

This Thought Brought Out in the Following Article by John McCracken.

If it was a council of lawyers they might discuss the difference between law and justice. If it was an assembly of ministers they might talk of remodelling creeds. If it was a collective body of bankers they might try to prove that usury and interest was one and the same thing. If it was a meeting of politicians they might appropriately try to defend the practice of bootlegging, but this is a gathering of the tillers of the soil, the creators of wealth, the producers of bread. Hence we deem it proper at this time to bring our thoughts together on the most important factor connected with national life—our country's bread.

At this age of the world's history, when we speak of bread in this land, we connect the thought with the wheaten loaf. In parts of Germany and Russia they think of flour made from rye. In Scotland and Ireland the mental vision beholds the oat meal. So in different lands they have different grains from which to make their bread. But in olden time such was not the case. Bread was made from almost every product of the soil, and it is in the broad sense that I bring the word before you to-day, trusting that our minds may move together on the subject and a mutual benefit arise. Scriptural readers will recall that a command given to the Israelites in the fourth chapter of Ezekiel was "to take wheat, barley, beans, lentiles (our peas), millet and fitcher (our rye), and put them in one vessel and make bread." So let us return on this occasion to the ancient manner of making bread. Let our minds grasp as in Scripture times, that all kinds of food for physical man means bread. Then consider the word in the light of history, in what we have seen in our own time, in what rises up before us as we judge the future by the past, and we will be forced to the conclusion that our most important consideration is the resources of our country's bread, that bread is to national life what blood is to physical manhood.

Since the beginning of time bread has been the important factor on which rested the perpetuity of tribes; states and empires, and without which kingdoms withered away and died. History tells us that it was the miraculous bread served daily that fed forty millions of people as they threaded their way through the wilderness from Egypt to the Promised Canaan, and what was most important to the Israelites has ever been, and is to-day of most importance to every tribe and nation. Its presence has sustained, its want has destroyed. I repeat it, without bread an army is as helpless as the nursing babe. About one hundred years ago there came upon the stage of action, a man who dazzled the world with his military achievements.

The first Napoleon overrun province, kingdom and empire, dethroning rulers till the world trembled at the sound of his artillery. His thoughts of self were as lofty as his military genius was brilliant. Intoxicated with confidence born of success, he entered Russia, intent to penetrate to the heart of the empire and winter his army in the city of Moscow. But the crafty Russian conceived of a better plan to defeat the great conqueror than by sword and cannon. By Russian torch Moscow became a sea of flame. Whatever direction Napoleon headed his army the Russian soldiery destroyed all before it. Bonaparte was forced to retrace his steps; not before the arms of the nation he had invaded, but before the skeletons of want. The brave veteran who had faced danger and won victory on a hundred fields, died for the want of bread. Napoleon returned to France, but the flower of his army had fallen. He met Wellington, but not with the trained soldier; his army was largely of raw recruits of but three months' training. We review his history only to find that it was the want of bread that contributed more to his defeat at Waterloo than the failure of Grouchy or the arrival of Blucher.

At present Great Britain is staining the soil of South Africa with the bravest blood they have met since the days of Pickets and Saxons. But the most they have to fear is that their foemen will continue to find food. If

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