

The First Trousers.

The pantaloons or trousers were made in Assyria in the reign of King Assurizinal B. C. Horses were introduced into the army as cavalry. Here now was a problem. The cavalrymen had to have some sort of a uniform and it was impossible for him to wear a skirt and ride astride a horse. The tailors to his majesty's armies wagged their heads a long time over the problem and finally decided to cut the cavalrymen's skirts from hem to waist band in both front and rear, letting each part fall on its respective side of the horse. As can be readily imagined, this split skirt made a poor article of clothing; yet humble apology for a garment was destined to be the father of the original trousers. "Why not," said one of the workers of the needle or shears, "sew together the edges of each division of the skirt and thus form a separate skirt for each leg," or in other words he invented a pair of pantaloons. We haven't any of those ancient kind, but we have the very latest spring styles, both in cut and weaves. Drop in and see them.

Crosby & Son,
Cass City's Shoers and Clothiers.

New Designs & New Colorings in Wall Paper

are arriving daily. Don't forget that we have a line of Ingrains as well as medium and cheaper goods. Our prices are exceptionally low as the inspection of our stock will show.

Window Shades A large assortment including extra large sizes always on hand at prices that will interest you. Eggs taken in exchange at

Bond's
DRUG STORE.



Right from the Sunny South

Just received a few carloads of

Yellow Pine Finishing Lumber

including Flooring, Casings, Base, and Mouldings; in fact anything you need to finish your house in the latest style. Call in and let us tell you not how much but how little it costs. We are making special prices on Marble Head lime and Portland Cement and will guarantee it equal in quality to any make.

Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

Wall Paper and Window Shades

Our spring stock is now ready. We invite all to see our line. We have the designs and can fit up rooms with the latest and most artistic designs for a very small amount of expense. We have some of the highest grade of paper as well. We have no schemes to offer in offering borders cheap and making it up off something else. We do not believe that the honest way. A reasonable profit on everything is our motto. Our window shade stock is large and we carry in stock the regular size; also in the large shades as wide as 54 inches. Orders taken for anything larger. A nice line of Room Moulding also carried.

T. H. FRITZ,

Druggist.

ODDFELLOWS DAY

Was Celebrated with Much Splendor At Vassar.

SPLENDID PROGRAM RENDERED

About 500 Members of the Order Participated. Mayor Spears, J. D. Brooker and Rev. Jennings Made Speeches.

The eighty-second anniversary of Oddfellowship in America and the eleventh annual meeting of the Tuscola County Anniversary Association was held at Vassar on Friday, April 26th. The day was an ideal one in every respect and several hundred Oddfellows and Rebekahs availed themselves of the opportunity to celebrate the day which is of so much importance to those who are identified with the order.

Cass City as usual was in evidence all day long. The local fraternity had made every preparation to assist in making the celebration a success. The degree team, which by the way is acknowledged to be the crack third degree team in the Thumb, had made thorough preparation to carry out their part of the program.

When the Chronicle reporter arrived at the depot on Friday morning a large delegation of Oddfellows and Rebekahs were ready to board the train for Vassar. It soon became evident that all business and household cares were left behind. All were in the best of spirits and hilarious jokes and capers were indulged in from the early morning until late at night. The Cass City party was made up of the following Oddfellows and Rebekahs: John C. Laing, H. S. Wickware, J. D. Brooker, O. K. Janes, W. J. Campbell, Dr. Fritz, Ed Keating, Geo. Stevenson, Amos Bond, George Perkins, William and John Schwadner, Wm. Straube, D. Livingston, Jas. Tennant, F. C. Lee, E. Allen, Alex. Brian, C. W. McPhail of Scottville, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lauderbach, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hendrick of Elmwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Heller, Jas. Ramsey and Mrs. Retta Wallace. At Kingston Geo. E. Hoppes, E. A. Randall, A. Stickle, W. E. Silect, John Boyl and Rae Beigratt boarded the train. After a two and a half hours' stop at Clifford, during which time the entire Cass City party went out sight-seeing, the Pere Marquette train was boarded for Vassar. At Silverwood and Mayville large delegations of Oddfellows and Rebekahs swelled the festive crowd. When the train arrived at Vassar the visiting delegations were met by the Vassar lodge, both Oddfellows and Rebekahs, and escorted to the opera house where the ranks were broken and one and all went to find some dinner. At 2 o'clock a public program was rendered at the opera house. The address of welcome was given by Mayor W. J. Spears, our Hon. J. D. Brooker, gave a felicitous response. Rev. G. W. Jennings of Pontiac, followed with an entertaining address. All of the speakers touched upon the origin and purpose of the order. Mr. Brooker eulogized the founder of Oddfellowship, Thomas Wilkey, and plead for a better observance of the cardinal principles of the order, namely, Friendship, Love and Truth. Rev. Jennings promised not to tell any stories but nearly his entire speech was made up of nonsensical stories and sharp drives at the speakers who preceded him. His brief explanation of the principles of Oddfellowship was aptly illustrated and well received by the audience.

The exhibition drill on Huron avenue of the cantons, Uniform Rank No. 27 of Flint and No. 22 of Bay City, was greatly appreciated by the large crowd. On account of some hitch the conferring of degrees in which the Cass City team was to participate, was abandoned. This was a sore disappointment to the visitors.

At the business meeting of the association Caro was chosen as the place for next year's gathering. Henry Johnson was chosen president and W. C. Meredith vice-president; Amos L. Kinney, secretary and W. A. Forbes, treasurer.

The return home of the Cass City pilgrims was exceedingly odd. It reminded one of a Free Methodist camping with the emphasis on the Free. However no sides were split, no heads cracked and no limbs broken. Said one of the Rebekahs next day, "We had a glorious time!" So note it be.

Watch for Johnson & Seeley's big Cleveland day. They will exhibit the largest delivery of Cleveland bicycles ever seen in the county.

DUCK VERSUS FISH.

Ducks Are Shy, Fish Won't Bite. One Says, "Let's Dive for Them."

A jolly set of sports set out for the bay last Thursday. There were four in the party when they started but only three returned. No one seems to know what became of the missing number of the party. The last seen of him was on the bay making a nautical expedition towards North Island. It seems the journey was rather tiresome on account of the boggy condition of the course which the ambitious explorer was pursuing and when he had gone away, he came to a lonely fish net stake which he utilized as a wardrobe for his outer garments the same as men do when about getting a wardrobe for his outer garments being in a solicitous mood, not knowing but what he might be overtaken by a school of suckers, rowed out to the stakes and recovered the clothing and brought them home to remember him by. It is confidently expected, in case he should have taken the Jonah route that ultimately his precious carcass will be spewn ashore somewhere near Campbell's club house.

Lest we forget, it behooves us to state that the party left Cass City for a drake or gander shooting expedition. But on arriving at the place they found most of the fowls had gone to roost. The few scattering flocks smelled—danger and hence partook themselves to a place of safety. One of the party who resembles the fat woman at Barnum's show, suggested that they try their hand in spearing suckers. Another of the party who has a superior equipment for locomotion, blinked, and allowed that he could steer the boat as straight as a whiskey bottle if the others would do the spearing. The mention of the whiskey bottle reminded the fat man of a story about an Irishman whose name was Mike, at the same time picking up his spear to make ready for action, and as he was eagerly scanning the water for fish he commenced to relate his story. Of course it was very amusing, so much so that the man with the paddle was taken with a cramp in his artificial limb which began to twitch and jerk. The boat began to wobble and quicker than it takes to tell it the fat man had lost his equilibrium and with a snort like a rhinoceros he took a header for the water. This spoiled the fun and the fishing. After delivering their companion from a watery grave the party pulled for the shore. After snatching a few hour sleep they returned to their homes in a crestfallen condition.

TO LOCATE IN GRAND RAPIDS.

O. K. Janes and Family Will Soon Leave Our Midst.

With much regret we announce the fact that O. K. Janes and family are about to leave our midst. Mr. Janes will be missed in our business circles. He has always taken a prominent part in every enterprise which has been inaugurated for the advancement of Cass City's business, social and moral interests. Mrs. Janes will be equally missed in the various social and church circles of our beautiful town, and certainly the beautiful Laing home will seem empty without the little daughter who is the sunlight of the family. There is one consolation for the aged parents, that Mrs. Janes, who is their only daughter, expects to return here and spend most of the summer with them. Mr. Janes has recently received a very lucrative position as district manager of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., with headquarters at Grand Rapids. This has come to him because of the fine record which he has made as their agent in this vicinity. Mr. Janes is very enthusiastic in his new vocation and looks forward to a successful business career.

The Chronicle extends best wishes and hopes that both Mr. and Mrs. Janes will enjoy the fullest measure of joy and prosperity.

WILL START A MACHINE SHOP.

A Mr. Pierce of Marlette has leased a part of the Cass City foundry building for the purpose of starting a machine shop. This new industry will be greatly appreciated by many people who heretofore had to go to Caro when they had any machine repairs to do. We hope Mr. Pierce will meet with good success in his new venture. He has rented the Hitchcock house on Houghton street and will move his family here next week.

FOR SALE.

80 acres of land, Section 3, Lamotte township, good frame house, frame barn, 14 acres cleared, 5 acres in wheat, 2 wells. Enquire at farm. 4-12-4* R. SHERRIFF, Shabbona P. O.

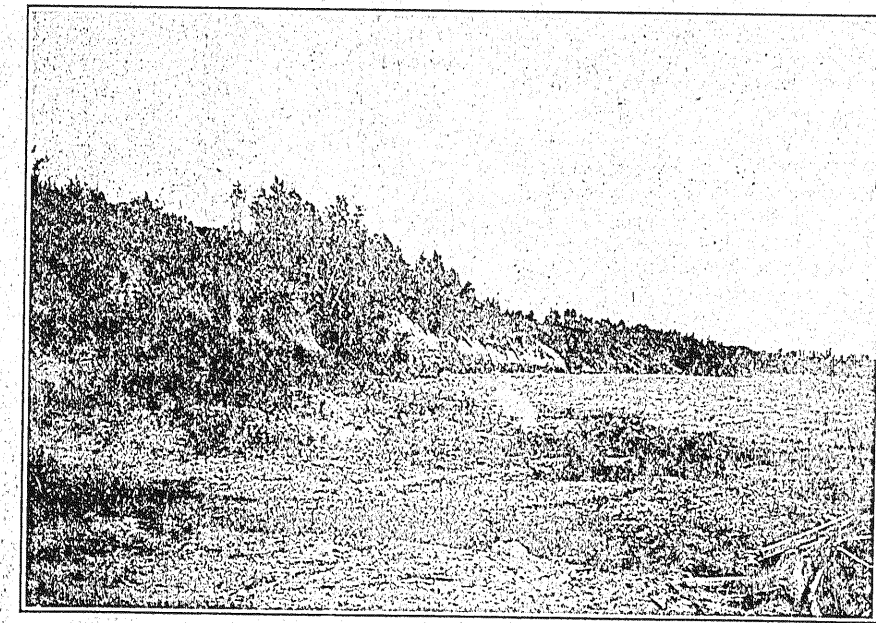
SHALE AND MARL

A Report of the Geological Survey concerning These Minerals

IN HURON AND SANILAC CO.

Some Extracts From the Reports of Dr. Lane, Who Has Made Personal Investigations.

The report of the Geological Survey respecting the mineral resources of Huron and Sanilac Counties contains much that is of interest. Dr. Lane made personal investigations in these counties covering a considerable period of time. We present in connection with extracts from the reports a number of fine half tone engravings through the courtesy of Mr. Lane. The report says: Most of the clay of Huron County that I have exam-



SMALL OUTCROPS NEAR FORESTVILLE.

ined has occasional little pebbles of limestone that cause a certain amount of loss in making brick, as in the burning process such pebbles slake more or less, and the escaping gas "bursts the brick, and there is a spot of slaked lime left as a weak spot in the brick." Such waste brick, however, makes excellent material for road mending, and should be widely used.

The clay at Sebewaing is washed. The clays are probably, like almost all the surface clays of the State, calcareous, containing much carbonate of lime in a finely divided state. This tends to produce white brick as it neutralizes the iron, but such clays are readily fusible and cannot be burned hard without melting.

The shales, especially some of the beds of the Michigan series, seem quite plastic and pure, but it is dangerous to judge from churn drill samples. They are exposed extensively only by the coal working around Sebewaing, in connection with the grinders as already described, thence south to the Point aux Barques light-house, and on Section 32, White Rock. Here they are well exposed in the bluff for over a quarter of a mile, and also in a bed of a creek up to the road. This last exposure appears to be a very clean shale, and well suited for making high grade clay products. It is similar in character to the shales used for the manufacture of Portland cement in Branch County, and, should the marl beds back of the Forest Beaches or in Sanilac County prove to be extensive, it might well assist in the establishment of a cement industry.

The shales of this series show, so far as the tests go, the properties desirable in the manufacture of vitrified wares. They also burn to a good red color and vitrify at a moderate heat. Samples of the shale from near Forestville and White Rock (just over the line in Huron County) have been subjected to tests by Professor Ries and the results appear in the report on Huron County. Part 2, p. 208. If the indication of usefulness suggested by these tests is borne out in practical application, the favorable exposures of the beds in Sanilac County offer possibilities of a profitable industry.

Marl of good quality occurs in some of the marshes, but the extent of these deposits is not known. A deposit of this kind near Tyre has been utilized on a small scale for the manufacture of scouring polish. It is made up mostly of broken shells which are reduced to a powder by grinding.

The most important use to which marl has been applied in this State is as an accessory ingredient in the manufacture of Portland cement, which is usually made from a mixture of shale and marl. "The essential elements of such cement are silica, alu-

mina and lime, the first two of which are supplied by the shale and the last by the marl or limestone. The best results are obtained from a mixture in which the lime percentage is equal to 2.8 times the silica plus 1.1 times the alumina." (Prof. Ries.)

Should the Forestville shales prove suitable for the manufacture of cement, the occurrence of sufficient supplies of marls within available distance will be a matter of considerable economic importance.

A NEW FIRM.

Our town has been the center of much activity on the part of agents representing various music houses. A great many instruments, especially pianos, have been sold to parties in this immediate vicinity during the past two years. The fact that Cass City is a promising field for the music trade is again demonstrated by the coming into our midst of dealers in musical instruments, Messrs. Robb &

THE SECOND RALLY

Of Amateur Athletes Representing the Schools of the Thumb.

AT CASS CITY, ON JUNE 7TH.

Caro, Bad Axe, Vassar, North Branch, Flayville, Unionville and Cass City Will Participate.

Friday June 7th, is the date of the second field day for the various High Schools A theletic Clubs of the Thumb. The outlook for a big day is very promising. Last years meet was very successful, and the fact that several High Schools have been added to the organization will make the coming event even more interesting.

It is expected that a large crowd will be present and the preliminary arrangements are being perfected as fast as possible. The following program has been arranged:

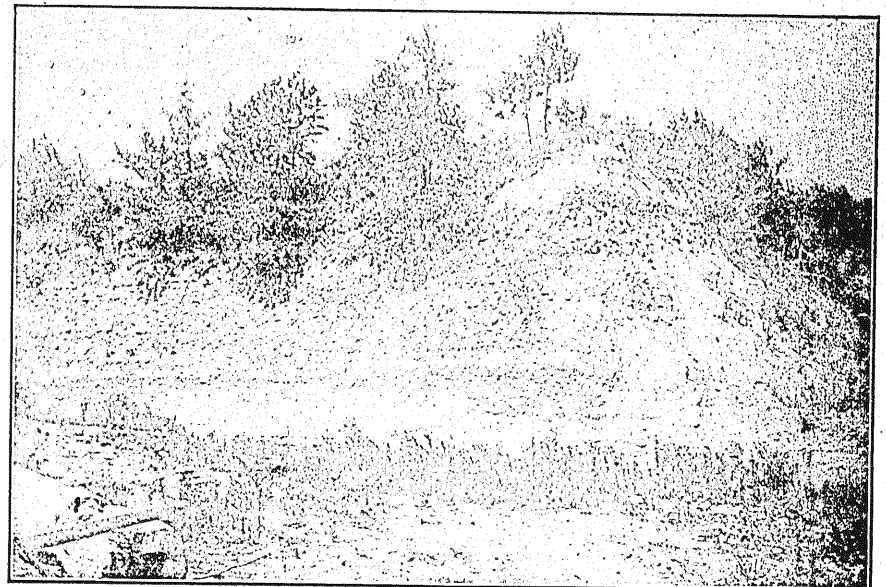
Stand broad jump; run broad jump; hop, step, jump; run, hop, step, jump; stand high jump; run high jump; pole vault; 100 yd. dash; 14 mile run; 220 yd. hurdle; putting 12 lb. shot; relay race 1 mile, 4 men 1-4 mile each; 1-2 mile run; 1-2 mile bicycle race; running high kick; throwing 12 lb. hammer; 100 yd. hurdle; tug of war, 3 men each.

RETURNED FROM THE SOUTH.

Dr. Deming and Martin Dew returned from their southern trip on Wednesday evening. Mr. Dew's health is greatly improved, and he may possibly return to the balmy climate of the south in the fall and make that country his future home. Dr. Deming is greatly delighted with the southern climate, especially at Tallapoosa, Ga., where he and Mr. Dew made a lengthy stay. He met Frank Moore and family who moved there about two years ago. Mr. Moore has entirely recovered his health, and is nicely located near Tallapoosa, where he is the owner of a nice peach farm. The doctor says many people from the north are immigrating to the south and are gradually transforming the towns and cities into places of industries and business centers.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

After this date, all advertising matter must reach this office not later than Wednesday 2 p. m. The observance of this rule will be strictly observed. THE PUBLISHER.



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cause a desire to ride a good wheel. We have them. We do not have any special opening days, but every day we give you bar gains and value received. We have the finest line of wheels to select from in the three counties, and with the different makes that we handle, we are sure to please you. Come and see us before you make a purchase.

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