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The First Trousers.

The pantaloons or trousers were made in Assyria in the reign of King Asshurizipal B. C. Horses were introduced into the army as cavalry. Here now was a problem. The cavalrymen had to have some sort of uniform and it was impossible for him to wear a skirt and ride astride a horse. The tailors to his majesty's armies wagg'd 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 weave. Drop in and see them.

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

CASS CITY AWAKE!

The Business Men Should Ever Be Reaching Out For New Enterprises.

WE NEED SEVERAL INDUSTRIES

All Things Come to Him Who Hustles For it—Spasmodic Movements do not Count, Steady Intelligent Planning and Work Alone Brings Success.

There was a small gathering of business men at the council room the other evening for the purpose of taking some measures in the development of the clay deposits which lie adjacent to Cass City. It is expected that in the very near future a quantity of the material will be sent to Bucyrus, Ohio, from which samples of brick will be manufactured. These bricks will possibly be placed on exhibition during the National Manufacturers Convention, which convenes at Detroit in the early part of June.

The few men present were deeply interested in the project, and steps were taken to have the Business Men's Association, or whatever is left of it, meet this Friday night and give this project further consideration. The question was asked whether the Business Men's Association was still alive. The activity of the association has been of such a spasmodic character, that it is pretty hard to tell whether it is, or whether it is not. This leads the Chronicle again to remark, that the present condition of the Business Men's Association indicates a lack of interest on the part of some at least, and just so long as this spirit of lethargy exists nothing will be accomplished by way of developing our natural resources or securing new industries for our town.

If Cass City is to grow, then new enterprises must be developed, and this takes brains, push and money. We think even the most phlegmatic merchant in town will agree with us on this point. Now, who is to furnish these requisites? Does it not stand to reason that every loyal citizen must and should be willing to make some sacrifice if necessary in order to bring about the desired end?

If this be so, then everybody must take hold of the work, and especially it is necessary that the Business Men's Association should be constantly at work either through its officers or committees to bring about some definite results. Other places which are forging ahead have live men, who are constantly on the lookout for new enterprises. It is with towns and cities as it is with private concerns. The parties that hustle the most get there the quickest. The Chronicle takes this view because of its unshaken faith in Cass City's future.

OBITUARY.

Undertaker McKenzie reports the following deaths and burials during the past week.

Decker—Nichols Decker, a highly respected citizen of Greenleaf township, died at the age of 62 years after several months of sickness. Mr. Decker lived in Greenleaf for 26 years, and was one of the foremost and enterprising citizens of that town. He was a devout member of the Sheridan Catholic church, also belonged to the Forester and Gleaner fraternities. The burial service which was held last Monday was conducted by Rev. Crowley of Gagetown.

Jerome—Nathaniel C. Jerome of Grant, aged 83 years, dropped dead last Friday and was buried last Sunday at the Williamston cemetery. Mr. Jerome lived in these parts for many years and was well thought of by all who knew him.

Snover—On Saturday, May 4th, Elady Snover, an esteemed young lady of Novesta, suddenly passed away while visiting friends at Essexville near Bay City. Miss Snover was only 22 years old, and her sudden death has created widespread sorrow. She was at the time of her demise the record keeper of the Lady Macaboe Hive at Shabbona. Last Monday her remains were brought here and laid to rest in the McQuillan cemetery.

Harrington—A very sad death occurred on Tuesday in Novesta township. Jas. Harrington was taken sick about May 1st with the gripe. The same developed into pneumonia and after a few days of intense suffering he succumbed to the malady. Mrs. Harrington and her two children have the heartfelt sympathy of her neighbors and friends. The interment occurred at the McQuillan cemetery yesterday.

BROKE HER ANKLE.

Mrs. P. E. Weydemeyer Fell from a Ladder and Sustained a Painful Fracture.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Weydemeyer met with a painful accident which will keep her in bed for several weeks at least. It seems she had stepped upon a step ladder to repair the wall-paper on the ceiling which had been broken. While doing this the ladder broke under her weight and she fell heavily upon the floor. No one being near to help her she managed to drag herself to her bed where Mr. McArthur found her in the evening. Dr. Deming was called in and upon examination found that a bone was broken near the ankle joint.

Mrs. Weydemeyer is making preparation to join her family in Montana soon. This misfortune which has overtaken her will possibly delay her departure for some time. Mrs. Weydemeyer has the sincerest sympathy of her many friends, and all hope for a speedy recovery.

A NEW ELEVATOR

To be Built by a Stock Company at Gagetown.

FRUTCHEY, McGEORGE & CO.

Are the Promoters and Assure the Success of the Enterprise—Is a Good Thing For Gagetown.

The Gagetown Times in speaking of the proposed new elevator which is about being built in our sister village, says:

"Just as we go to press, Messrs. Frutchey & McGeorge informs the Times that together with a stock company of our enterprising business men, they will begin active operations at once towards the rebuilding of the elevator which was burned last November, and the work will rapidly be pushed to completion. Robt. Young will act as manager and a hearty support will be given Messrs. Frutchey & McGeorge, the popular and successful grain dealers by the farmers of the splendid agricultural country surrounding Gagetown."

The company is composed of the following enterprising gentlemen: A. Frutchey, E. A. McGeorge, H. Frutchey, J. L. Purdy, Robert Young, L. C. Purdy, Geo. Hoperoff, Jac. F. Zeala, O. A. Rogers, H. A. Gifford, J. P. Ryan and M. J. Ryan. The company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$7,000. The building which will be erected immediately will be 22x68 in size. Under the agreement Frutchey, McGeorge & Co., have the rental of the plant and all business will be controlled by them. The plant will be equipped with all modern improvements and the outlook for a successful business is very flattering.

LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY.

Next Sunday there is to be observed among the Methodist churches the twelfth anniversary of the formation of the Epworth League. That which will lend special interest to this anniversary is the fact that during the past year a new movement has been launched in the League looking toward a vast system of training institutes by which in every presiding elder's district throughout the church, leaders will be trained to take the most vital ideas and method and make them practical working forces in the chapters.

Among these ideas that are coming to the front the foremost may be said to be Bible study, missionary work, personal efforts to win souls, and Christian stewardship, the last laying special emphasis on the tithing system in giving for church and benevolent purposes.

Dr. Morgan who was one of the founders of the League, is an active worker in this new movement, presided at the Delaware, Ohio, conference, at the hour devoted to Bible study, and gave an address which has brought to him the responsibility of helping complete the course of Bible lessons which are to form the opening year's work in that department. In addition to his many other duties, he is working steadily on these lessons which are to cover the life of Christ, and form a complete harmony of the four gospels. Next Sunday Mr. Morgan exchanges with Rev. Thomas A. Greenwood of Saginaw for the anniversary day, so Mr. Greenwood will occupy the pulpit here both morning and evening. His subject at 10:30 a. m. will be "The Just shall live by faith," and at 7:30 p. m. "The Place and Power of the Epworth League." He is secretary of the Saginaw District League, and will no doubt give an interesting sermon and address.

IS HE DANGEROUS?

Came to Town Before Breakfast and Swiped Onions From Stevenson's.

A STRANGE CASE OF DEMENTIA

Marshal Ramsey Placed the Unfortunate Man in Jail—in a Short Time was Ordered Released by Justice McArthur.

A very sad case of financial and mental misfortune came to our notice yesterday morning. A middle aged man by the name of John Hercliff, who lives with his wife six miles west of the city, made his appearance on Main street sometime before seven o'clock. About half past seven, Marshal Ramsey, who was standing near the Sheridan House corner, noticed Hercliff in the act of filling his pockets with onions in front of G. A. Stevenson's store. Immediately he took the man in charge and placed him in the village lockup.

Justice McArthur was consulted and after learning the facts in the case ordered that the man be released. The Justice has already taken steps to look into the case and if necessary steps will be taken to bring the matter to the notice of the county authorities.

It seems, Mr. Hercliff was at one time an intelligent and prosperous farmer. About three years ago he entered into a contract with Charles Montague to clear a large strip of land in Columbia swamp. He hired a large force of men and instead of making lots of money, he sank nearly all he had. From that time on, it is claimed by those who know Mr. Hercliff, he seems to have lost his grip on the affairs of life, and is now reduced to poverty and imbecility. This is proven by the fact that he has come to town almost regularly every day for the past three weeks at an early hour, wandering about until the hour when the banks would open, then he would proceed to the banks and asked to make a loan of a considerable amount. He repeated this performance yesterday morning after he was released from jail.

It is a very sad case of misfortune and it is to be hoped that something can be done for the family.

A FOOL OR KNAVE.

It's pretty hard to class some people. Their ways are past finding out. Everything about them smacks of duplicity, so that those who have any dealings with them must constantly keep their eyes peeled. A case of this kind transpired at the elevator office on Wednesday. The man who is the star of the scene lives not over one hundred miles from Deford. On account of his family we refrain from mentioning his name. This man it seems is a small dealer in beans. On the above day he brought twelve pounds of the Boston fruit to the elevator, and after receiving his check he entered the office and by mistake the clerk paid him for twelve bushel instead of twelve pounds of beans. The fellow had no kick coming. He took the money and went home rejoicing.

In the evening when the books were balanced the mistake was discovered by the elevator people. Yesterday, Mr. McGeorge drove out to where the man lives and confronted him with the facts. Strange or otherwise, the man said he knew at the time that he was overpaid, but concluded to go home and return the money next day. Mr. McGeorge gave him a sermon without the usual introduction, and after lifting a liberal collection to defray his traveling expenses, he returned home in deep reverie.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The 12th anniversary of the Epworth League Sub-District Convention will be held at Akron next Wednesday, May 15th. The leagues of Cass City, Deford, Grant, Kingston and Shabbona will be represented by speakers and delegates.

Rev. C. A. Lohnes of Deford will speak on the subject of "Soul Winning." "Difficulties of the Rural Chapters," will be discussed by Mrs. C. S. Karr of Grant. Milton Moyer of Kingston gives the response to the address of welcome. Fred Bigelow leads in a discussion on "Temperance." "Bible Study in the New League Movement" is one of the most important topics on the program and will be treated by Dr. Morgan, pastor of the local M. E. church. A great rally of Epworthians is expected.

A RAISE IN SALARY.

Cass City PostOffice is Doing a Flourishing Business and Postmaster Wickware is Rewarded.

Postmaster Wickware is happy. There are good reasons for it, too. On Wednesday he received a letter from the postoffice department which reads as follows:

Washington, D. C.
May 6, 1901.

Sir:—In compliance with the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1883, the returns from your office for the four quarters ended March 31, 1901, have been reviewed and, upon the basis of the gross receipts as therein shown, your salary as postmaster has been fixed at \$1400 per annum, from July 1, 1901, and your office has been assigned to the 3rd class.

Very Respectfully,
W. U. JOHNSON,

1st Assistant Postmaster General.

The above means an increase of \$100 salary. This increase is based upon the receipts of the local postoffice for the past four quarters. The postmaster informs the Chronicle that Uncle Sam's business is in a flourishing condition, and the outlook for the next year is bright.

We notice from a report published in the Detroit Evening News that Bad Axe has experienced a relapse. The salary of the postmaster has taken a tumble from \$1500 to \$1400. Must be something wrong with the capital of Huron County.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

On Monday evening the village council held a regular meeting. All hands were present and the following business was disposed of.

Dr. Deming was again appointed health officer at a salary of \$15 per year.

The committee on printing were instructed to have a plat made of the village.

The following liquor bonds were received and accepted: Druggist Bond as principal and I. B. Auten and E. H. Pinney as sureties. Druggist Fritz as principal, with E. H. Pinney and J. D. Brooker as sureties. John Gordon as principal, and A. Frutchey and Richard Clark as sureties. Maggie Sheridan as principal, with Michael Sheridan and Henry Wettlauffer as sureties.

The Chronicle was awarded the contract for printing the council proceedings and all legal notices.

The water rates for Henry Wettlauffer were fixed at \$10 per annum.

On Tuesday evening the council held an adjourned meeting.

The committee on streets and sidewalks presented the following report which was accepted and placed on file.

Be it resolved by the Village Council of the Village of Cass City, that the Street Commissioner of said Village be and is hereby required and instructed to construct of Cement sidewalks within said Village according to the provisions of Ordinance Number Twenty-Six of said Village, entitled "An Ordinance relative to the construction and maintenance of sidewalks in the public streets of the Village of Cass City, and the duties of the Street Commissioner in relation thereto," as follows: a sidewalk on the North side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lots 3 and 4 of Block 1 of Fox's Addition, to be of the width of 10 feet and be at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the North side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 2 of Seed's Addition, to be of the width of ten feet and be at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the North side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block five of Fox's Second Addition, said sidewalk to be of the width of 5 feet and be at least six inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the North side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 6 of Fox's Second Addition, to be 5 feet wide and at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the South side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lot 4 of Block 1 of the Village of Cass City, to be of the width of 10 feet, and be at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the North side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lots 4 of Block 2 of the Village of Cass City, to be of the width of 10 feet and be at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the South side of Main Street, in front of and adjacent to Lots 1 and 2 of Block 9 of Sear's Addition, to be of the width of 5 feet and be at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk on the East side of Ale Street, in front of and adjacent to Lot 8 of Block 2 of Ale's Addition, to be of the width of 4 feet and be at least 6 inches higher than the grade of said street, a sidewalk

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A GRAND CONCERT

Under the Direction of Prof. Case, the Noted Musical Director.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Convention Will Last One Week and Special Attention Will Be Given to the Elevation of Vocal Music.

The music lovers of our community are promised a special treat next week. Prof. C. C. Case of Gustavus, Ohio, who has an international reputation as a director of musical conventions, will be here for the purpose of reviving and promoting an interest in vocal music. He has just closed a series of concerts at Caro, and the Caro press has spoken in the highest terms of praise of his work done there.

The convention here will last one week and will be held at the Presbyterian Church. The main object of the convention as set forth in one of his circulars will be: Improvement in the Performance of Church Music; the Cultivation and Elevation of Musical Taste, by Study and Practice of Music in its Higher Departments, and generally to revive and promote an interest in Vocal Music.

The Convention holds its sessions in the Afternoon and Evening of each day for 5 Days (10 Lessons.) The Convention will not interfere with the day schools, as the sessions will be at 4:15 p. m. and each evening. Beginners, both children and adults will be admitted as well as those who can read music. The Drill in Voice Culture work that Mr. Case will give, is well worth the price of the tuition. Mr. Case will give private Voice Lessons during the days, and a good deal can be accomplished in a lesson a day during the Convention.

Next Sunday Mr. Case will sing to the Evangelical Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., at the Presbyterian church at 10:30, and in the evening he will sing in the Methodist, Presbyterian and Evangelical churches. There will be a charge of fifty cents for the entire ten lessons. There will be free admission to the concert on Monday evening. He will also give private lessons for one dollar each.

Prof. Case is famous as an instructor at Chautauqua and Bay View Assemblies and there is no doubt but what he will receive an enthusiastic reception by the lovers of music of our village.

VENI VIDI VICI.

That's What Our High School Boys Did at Caro and Vassar.

Our High School base ball team opened the season with two games to their credit. The games were played at Caro and Vassar on Friday and Saturday of last week. The Cass City team consisted of Karr, c; Gale, p; Schenck, 1st b; Moore, 2nd b; Schwadner, 3rd b; Hunt, s; Fritz, 1st r; Morrison, c f; Eno, r f. The large number of young people who went to Caro with the players were well paid for their trouble and expense. The game from the start was an interesting one, both teams playing good ball. Cass City took the lead but had to give up their supremacy in the middle of the game, but again forged ahead by bringing in 10 scores in the sixth inning and the game ended with Cass City leading by a score of 24 to 18. Considering the number of scores made by both sides it was a closely contested battle. Schenck won the applause of the day by making a home run in the eighth inning. The ball team remained over night in Caro and proceeded to Vassar on Saturday morning, Usher and Landon taking the places of Fritz and Hunt. The game there was a little one-sided. The grounds were extremely poor for good ball playing and the Cass City boys took two innings to warm up in allowing Vassar to run in four scores. They then proceeded to give Vassar seven shut outs, winding the game up with the score standing 4 to 19 in favor of the Cass City boys. Both games were splendid representations of our national game, not one kick occurred in either game making it pleasant for the spectators and commendable of the players. Messrs. Bullen of Caro and Jones of Vassar who umpired the respective games have the respect of the visiting team for their impartiality and fairness in all decisions. The ball boys express themselves well satisfied with the treatment they received.

FOUND—An end gate to a Studebaker wagon on Wednesday. Enquire for J. W. MACOMBER.

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 Line and Portland Cement and will guarantee it equal in quality to any make.

Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

WATCH THIS SPACE NEXT WEEK FOR JOHNSON & SEELEY'S NEW AD.

A PLEASANT WEDDING.

At 8:30 on Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of George W. Seed and Mary E. Fisher at the home of the bride's father, John Fisher. No one knew of the wedding, not even the near relatives, until a few hours before the happy event took place. The contracting parties managed admirably in keeping the affair a secret until the last moment. Dr. Morgan performed the ceremony in the presence of a few relatives. Mr. Seed is an excellent young man who is held in high esteem by all who know him. The bride has long been known as one of Cass City's bright and promising young ladies. They will make their home with Mr. Fisher, whose welfare will be tenderly looked after by both young people.

The Chronicle extends hearty congratulations to the happy couple and wishes them a long and happy journey through life.

Found a pocket book east of town. The person who lost it should enquire of the undersigned.

HENRY BALL.

A new line of MAGAZINES AND BOOKS

Just received.

Also Hammocks, Base Ball Goods, Camera Supplies, etc. at

Bond's DRUG STORE.