



BOW ON MEN'S HATS

Why do we have bows on the left side of our hats? In olden times when men were much in the open air and hats could not be bought for half a dollar, it was the habit to tie a cord around the crown and let the ends fall on the left side to be grasped on the arising of a squall. They fell on the left side so they might be grasped by the left hand, the right usually being more usefully engaged. Later on the ends got to be tied in a bow and later still they became useless, yet the bow has remained. We have just received a consignment of new spring styles in Felt and Straw Hats.

W. L. Douglass Men's Shoes

and Pingree & Smith Ladies' Shoes just in. We have them in Patent Leather, Patent Kid, Vici Kid, and Valure Calf in all styles and widths from A to EE. Butter and eggs same as cash.

J. D. Crosby & Son,

Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.

SATISFACTION WITH EVERY LOAD

Satisfaction with every load is what you get when you buy Lumber from us. Bargain counter buyers get the worst of it in the long run. Careful, shrewd, conscientious buyers who want the worth of their money do business with a firm whose record for fair dealing has no flaws. We never lost a customer through indifferent or unfair treatment. It pays to do business with that kind of a firm. Call and inspect our stock and get our prices.

Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

For Business and Pleasure

People ride wheels and a man who rides for either must ride a good wheel or he will be disappointed. We sell

THE CLEVELAND

The Leading Wheel the World over

Come in and examine its creditable points not to be found on any other. Remember we have the largest stock of wheels in the Thumb ranging in price from \$3 to \$50. A complete line of

BICYCLE SUNDRIES.

Repairing, brazing and enameling done with neatness and dispatch. Easy terms to parties buying wheels.

JOHNSON & SEELEY.

A new line of MAGAZINES AND BOOKS

Just received.

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

Bond's DRUG STORE.

HE IS STILL ON DECK.
Undertaker F. C. Lee is still doing business at his old stand. The report that he was about to sell out has no foundation. He is ready to answer night or day calls promptly. His stock of furniture is the largest in this part of the Thumb country. It pays to consult him before you buy elsewhere. His stock of cabs and go-carts is complete. Also handles pianos, organs and sewing machines at right prices. Of the three stores which are full of goods, the millinery department will be closed out at once. Ladies will find excellent bargains in this department at present.

EXCURSION.
The P. O., & N. R'y will give the first excursion of the season to Detroit and return on Wednesday, May 22nd, giving excursionists 8 hours in Detroit, at same rates of fare as last year.

Sheep To Pasture.
I want about 40 sheep pastured for the season. Anyone with poor feed or poor fences need not apply.
H. S. WILCOX,
Deford, Mich.

MOORE CONTROLS

The Michigan Telephone Company Lines in The Thumb.

DEAL RECENTLY CONSUMMATED

All Bell Phone Offices in This and the Adjoining Counties Will Be Consolidated.

W. J. Moore, proprietor of the Moore Telephone System, and his energetic assistant, W. R. Olin, have been quietly at work for several months past to bring about a consolidation of telephone interests in the Thumb, which is of more than ordinary importance to the business community. Several months ago Mr. Moore was called to Detroit by a representative of the Michigan Telephone Co., or what is usually known as the Bell Co., for the purpose of taking preliminary steps in uniting the Bell interests with those of the Moore system. The fact that the Bell people have been playing a losing game in this section of the country is no secret. The Moore system so completely covers the Thumb that there was no possible chance for the Bell people to put up a strong competition and hence they have entered into a contract with the Moore system whereby the latter will from now on operate the Bell lines in the entire Thumb country. The Chronicle predicts that sooner or later the so-called Thumb Co., which is owned by Messrs. Ryan and Hubbard of Bad Axe will be added to the Moore system. The local Bell office which has been managed by E. F. Marr will soon be transferred to the Moore office, which will undoubtedly be located in the Chronicle office in charge of the present manager, Miss Anna Klump. Mr. Moore has now a splendid system by which all points in the Thumb and throughout the state can be reached.

As soon as the transfer of the Bell line is made the patrons can talk to Chicago, Cleveland and other large cities.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION.

The annual Tuscola County Sunday School Convention will be held here at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, June 4th. The following program which is nearly completed will be rendered:

PROGRAM.

9:00	Song Service conducted by Fred Bigelow
9:30	Devotional Service..... Rev. L. Bruma
9:45	Greetings..... Hugh Seed, Jr.
9:55	Topic..... R. R. Rutledge
10:00	Discussion..... Led by Laura Klump
10:15	Bible Topic..... Rev. Morgan
10:25	Discussion..... Led by L. A. Maynard
10:45	Report of officers and appointment of committees..... Secy. Alfred Day
11:00	Question Drawer..... Secy. Alfred Day
APPROXIMATE.	
1:30	Song Service Conducted by..... A. A. P. McDowell
1:45	Devotional Service..... Rev. C. A. Salzer
2:00	Discussion..... Led by F. Klump
2:10	"The Teacher's Sewing Society"..... Dr. I. E. Springer
2:40	Discussion..... Led by Rev. S. P. Todd
3:00	Model Sunday School, Conducted by.....
1	Infant Class..... Mrs. G. W. Barlow
2	Boys' Class..... Mrs. L. B. Anten
3	Girls' Class..... Mrs. C. A. Salzer
4	Young Ladies' Class..... Mrs. C. Hawley
5	Young Men's Class..... Arthur Veitch
6	Bible Class..... Rev. C. A. Lobnes
3:45	Report of Committees.....
4:00	Question Drawer..... Secy. Day
DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.	
Address..... State Secy. Day	
Stenographic Views..... Jesus of Galilee	
..... Dr. G. W. Barlow	

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Tuscola county's clerk:

James Smith, Wells	27
Liberty Scott, "	19
Loyd Hall, Juniata	25
Rowena Sutherland, Colorado	28
Edmund Davison, Ellington	56
Elizabeth Wardell, Caro	62
Wesley E. Annis, Canada	27
Gella Miller, Gifford	27
Wm. Mead, Mayville	21
Lucia A. Henryes, Mayville	18
Richard Craig, Fremont	29
Ella Helker, Traverse City	30
Robert Albert, Columbia	26
Lillian Krane, Ellington	20
Frank McCrea, Almer	28
Emma Sutherland, Almer	24

HAS GONE TO HER REWARD.

Mrs. McLellan, an aged and very highly respected lady of Greenleaf, passed away last Friday and was buried on Monday. Rev. Smith of Uby preached the sermon to a large concourse of people at the Frazer church. The interment took place at the McTaggart cemetery.

Mr. McLellan, the husband of the deceased, died last August. She leaves several children, Allen and Alexander, the only two sons, Mrs. Geo. Battle of Cass City, Mrs. Duncan Buchanan of Sheridan, and Mrs. Johnson who resides in Canada.

A beautiful line of trimmed hats and sailors at cut prices. Call on Mrs. F. C. Lee.

CASE OF HERCLIFF IS SAD.

Deputy Sheriff Morris Visits His Home and Reports a Deporable Condition of Affairs.

The case of John Hercliff which was given in detail in last week's Chronicle is, even more serious and sorrowful than first reported. Deputy Sheriff Morris paid the Hercliff home a visit a few days ago and found the family in a condition of neglect and poverty. Mrs. Hercliff informed the officer that her husband's condition had been gradually growing worse for several months past. The property which they at one time possessed has dwindled away until now they only have a span of poverty-stricken horses and a cow.

The entire surroundings indicate that Mr. Hercliff is not in a condition to manage his affairs rightly. After his release on the day of his arrest here he was found by some parties a few miles west of town in a mixed up condition. Somehow the harness on his horse broke, and in trying to fix the same he got the horse headed towards Cass City, and undoubtedly would have landed here again on the same day had not these parties helped him to get home. Mr. Hercliff's condition has been reported to Judge of Probate Smith, and steps are being taken to have his mental condition examined by competent physicians.

The case appeals to the sympathy of the entire community and it is to be hoped that something can be done to relieve the family and restore the health of the unfortunate husband and father.

HANDLED HIM ROUGHLY.

Farmers at Paris Showed Their Estimate of Lightning-rod Agent.

John Uller, Sr., John Uller, Jr., and Anthony Kowalski, all of Paris township, were arrested and lodged in the county jail at this place yesterday by Sheriff Rowe on complaint of Joseph B. Smith. This Smith is a member of the gang of lightning rod agents that have been operating in this county for the last two weeks. They struck a harvest in Paris, securing a number of contracts and taking the deal became known to the farmers who are alleged to have telephoned Smith at Harbor Beach offering to take up the contracts at once if he cared to allow a 10 per cent. discount. Smith accepted and immediately drove out to Paris, where it is said he was met by a mob of infuriated farmers who held him up, searched his clothing and relieved him of all papers in his possession. During the hold-up several revolvers were fired in the air to intimidate Smith, and he was otherwise roughly handled, one party producing a rope which he proposed to use, but which cooler heads prevented. Several other well-known farmers are implicated. Public opinion is with the farmers.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND.

The following is the semi-annual apportionment of primary school fund for the towns in Tuscola County, the rate being forty cents per capita.

Akron.....	\$ 205 00
Almer.....	164 00
Apulia.....	138 00
Columbia.....	204 40
Dayton.....	182 40
Dunham.....	132 00
Elkland.....	282 00
Ellington.....	257 20
Elmwood.....	257 20
Fairgrove.....	169 60
Fremont.....	136 20
Gifford.....	216 60
Indianfields.....	233 20
Juniata.....	136 20
Kingston.....	165 60
Koylton.....	104 20
Milington.....	104 00
Novesta.....	150 00
Tuscola.....	186 00
Vassar.....	138 40
Watertown.....	138 40
Wells.....	144 00
Wisner.....	113 60
\$1658 00	

WEDDING BELLS.

One of the most charming matrimonial events of the season was celebrated on Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Helwig, near the county line, when their daughter, Miss Clara, was united in holy wedlock to George A. Bartle, in the presence of only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. Brumm of the Evangelical church.

After the ceremony the party sat down to a superb wedding supper. The catering was done by the sisters of the bride, who excelled themselves in the preparation of all the delicacies of the season.

The bride is one of Elkland's fairest daughters and the groom is a well-to-do farmer. It is needless to say they begin life with the hearty felicitations of their host of friends.

AN EXCITING TIME

At Jonathan Agar's Barn Raising On Wednesday.

OVER 100 MEN WERE PRESENT

The Race Was Hotly Contested and Looked Decidedly Dangerous.

There was an old-fashioned barn raising at Jonathan Agar's last Wednesday afternoon. The people around Shabbona in Evergreen Township are noted for prowess and daring feats, which was again demonstrated at Agar's barn raising. About one hundred and ten men took part in the bee and never in all the days of his earthly career did the Chronicle scribe witness a more exciting and nerve racking scene than at this barn raising. About three o'clock the boss carpenter, Frank Auslander, informed the crowd that it was time for them to choose sides. After the usual parley Tom Agar and Bob Cragg were selected as captains and they in turn chose their crew. Much rivalry was manifested in this as each captain was desirous of securing the best men. After a lapse of a half hour the crews were ready for business.

Previous to this the timbers had all been placed in their several positions. After the four bents had been raised by all hands unitedly, then the fun commenced. The last bent was hardly in position when the word was given by the captain and the crews made a rush for their places. Agar's crew took the east side and Cragg's crew the west side of the barn. The rush reminded one of a western cyclone. Men ran here and there, some carrying pole poles, axes, commanders, while others screeching and yelling like Comanche Indians, were climbing posts, pushing timbers, driving pins, each side doing their utmost to win out. The feat consisted mainly in placing the purlin plate. At first it looked as if the Cragg crew would win out, they having a better start than the Agar crew. During this awful turmoil of yelling and screeching and pulling and lifting and hammering and running and climbing and what not a very nerve-racking scene took place among the Cragg crew.

Wm. Harrison and Robert Coulter with some others were trying to place the short bend of the purlin plate and somehow Harrison lost his hold on the post; it slipped and had not young Coulter come to his assistance the entire bend would have been hurled fifty feet below. There is no telling how many men it would have struck and possibly killed. Even Robert Agar, who, before he lost his limb, was one of the most daring men at barn raisings, expressed his fear for the safety of Harrison and Coulter. All this time the rest of the fellows were working like beavers to win a point. About this time it was noticed that Bob Agar's crew would win out. The Cragg men had struck a snag. The south half of the purlin plate stuck and in spite of the most gigantic lifting, the fellows could not budge it. The other men were gaining. Before they had their purlin in place a young fellow by the name of Pringle was astride of it ready to place the rafters. The Cragg men became desperate. Some one yelled, "Don't give up, boys, we'll beat them yet," but all in vain. The next moment a heathenish yell came from fifty throats. The Agar crew had won. Then another mighty rush followed by the winning side for the lower table; again they won.

While the men were raising the barn, the ladies were making ready to feed over one hundred hungry men. This part of the raising was as successful as the other. In spite of the cold which was gradually increasing, all hands set to, the editor and doctor with the rest, and the victuals vanished like the snow before the hot sun. The barn was framed by Frank Auslander and as far as our knowledge goes he did his work well. The barn is 36x52 with bank stables underneath it. When once completed Mr. Agar will have one of the best arranged barns in this section of the country.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The first quarterly meeting for this conference year will be held at the Evangelical church, May 24-26. Dr. G. J. Kirm, presiding elder of Flint District, will conduct the services. Quarterly conference Saturday afternoon, preaching and sacramental services Sunday morning at 10:30. There will be English preaching in the evening.

WILL SOON LEAVE OUR MIDST

Dr. M. M. Wickware Has Disposed of His Business to Drs. Morris and King.

The rumor which has been afloat on our streets the past week, with reference to Dr. Wickware leaving the city, has now become a settled fact. The deal was finally consummated yesterday morning by which Drs. Morris of Gageton and King of Petersburg Ont., become the proprietors of Dr. Wickware's Seegar street property, horses, buggies, surgical instruments, in fact everything pertaining to Dr. Wickware's practice.

It goes without saying, Dr. Wickware will be greatly missed in our community. He has endeared himself by his gentlemanly conduct and literary attainments as a medical practitioner. The Doctor is a Cass City boy and always had a warm place in the hearts of the people of this community.

In the course of a month, he and his most estimable wife, who is highly esteemed by her many friends in and about Cass City, will move to Chicago where the doctor expects to pursue a special course of study of a year's duration. After that he will locate in the far southwest and follow his professional calling.

Dr. W. M. Morris, who has been a resident physician of Gageton for the past 24 years, has formed a partnership with Dr. King, who is a relative of the Morris family. They will step into the vacancy made by the removal of Dr. Wickware immediately. It is to be expected that they hope to retain all of Dr. Wickware's practice and gain for themselves as wide a field of usefulness as possible. Dr. Morris is an experienced physician and enjoys an extensive practice in Gageton and vicinity. He comes to Cass City not as a stranger; but is well and favorably known.

A RELIGIOUS WAR.

A Methodist Relieves His Mind in Regard to the Latter Day Saints.

The following letter was received at this office which we publish without further comment at this time.

Editor CHRONICLE:— Will you kindly allow space in your paper for a short statement concerning the scriptural controversy recently held here concerning the doctrines and teachings as set forth by the people calling themselves "Latter Day Saints?" So many rumors are in circulation that I have been requested to state as briefly as possible the plain facts.

For years this sect has been preaching here a doctrine not only unscriptural, but one decidedly pernicious. The Methodist people have for the greater part held aloof from them, thinking that to denounce them would only give them free advertising and be productive of more evil than good. Since the building of the church here, they have become more aggressive from the refusal of the Methodists to allow them the use of the building excepting on funeral occasions. The refusal has been strictly adhered to, as it seemed sacrilegious to dedicate a church to God and then allow those to preach therein who deny the authenticity of God's word, and hold it secondary to the "Book of the Mormons," who deny eternal punishment, and preach a post mortem probation. But on funeral occasions the church has been at their service, and these solemn occasions have invariably been their opportunity for a tirade against all other organizations in general, the Methodist in particular. However, the church possessed her soul in patience until patience ceased to be a virtue, and then Rev. C. W. Seelhoff bearded the lion in his den and single handed put him so badly to rout that we have not even heard the echo of one of his roars since.

Mr. Seelhoff however was forced into the fray. At one of the regular Thursday evening prayer meetings one of the Saints(?) made a point of disputing every statement Mr. Seelhoff had made in his bible reading and on the following Sunday Mr. Seelhoff from his pulpit denounced some of their teachings such as, salvation by water baptism, receiving of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, baptism for the dead, etc., and also gave a sketch of the life and death of the founder of Mormonism—Joe Smith.

The outcome was the arrival in

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SING, SING, SING!

That's What About Seventy-five People Are Doing Here.

OLD FASHIONED SINGING SCHOOL

Is Being Conducted by Prof. Case. Conventon Interesting. Closes With Old Folks Concert.

The Musical Convention as outlined in last week's Chronicle under the able direction of Prof. Case is creating more than ordinary interest in our town this week. About seventy-five pupils, both young and old, have been enrolled and through the efforts of I. B. Anten the convention will be continued next week, and will wind up with a most glorious and unique Old People's Concert. A part of the program which will be rendered is given in the supplement to this paper. Prof. Case is a host as a musical director and singer. Everyone, even the most prosaic people, are fascinated by his majestic appearance and unspeakable musical powers with which he is endowed. His appearance at the various churches last Sunday was highly enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of hearing him. While others preach the gospel he devoutly and enthusiastically sings it, and thereby makes lasting impressions. At the Evangelical church he sang one of his own selections with telling effect. One stanza reads as follows:

Be careful what you sow,
For seed will surely grow;
The dew will fall,
The rain will splash,
The clouds grow dark,
The sunshine flash;
And he who sows good seed today,
Shall reap good seed tomorrow,
And he who sows good seed today,
Shall reap with joy tomorrow.

Mr. Case has introduced many new things in this musical convention. Perhaps the most important new thing is the new way of beating time. Instead of down up and down left up, the way we have formally been taught, he has it down, down, down in all varieties of measure. This new way of beating time was first introduced about 15 years ago in the schools of Boston, and now about one-third of the larger city schools are using it.

Another new thing is the using of the syllable "ti" instead of "si" for seven of the scale. This is now being done all over the country. Mr. Case is also teaching a new way of finding "do" which is so simple and easy that children will never forget it. Those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits of this convention can do so yet as the same will continue another week.

A rich treat is in store for the people in the coming "Old Peoples Concert" which will be held at J. L. Hitchcock's opera house on Friday evening, May 24th. It is expected that this will be the most unique concert ever held in Cass City. No one should miss it.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

John Mark while driving to town last Saturday had the misfortune of having the little finger on his left hand dislocated and otherwise injuring his hand. The horse he was driving became frightened at a hog which was lying at the side of the road and quicker than it takes to tell it the animal made a lurch for the fence corner. The harness broke and led the breaching down upon his heels and then he commenced to kick, smashing the dash board and striking Mr. Marks' hand resulting in above named injury.

Mr. Marks came to the city and had Dr. Wellemyere reduce the fracture. He will not be able to use the hand for several weeks to come.

The Grand Lodge of Orangemen which convened at Flint last week elected the following officers: Grand Master, E. R. Phillips, Bay City; deputy grand master, C. B. Streeter, Luther; secretary, R. P. Peavey, Caro; treasurer, W. Egan, Saginaw; grand lecturer, M. M. McLean, Port Huron; chaplain, W. F. Bisbee, Au Sable; director of ceremonies, O. F. Jones, Detroit; tiler, D. G. Buell, Unionville; grand trustee, C. A. Hathaway, Clio; committee on laws, J. E. Walker, LaPeer; J. W. Wilson, Pigeon; A. D. Gillies, Cass City. The next annual meeting was voted to be held in Saginaw.

Closing out sale at Mrs. Lee's.