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Nigger Chasers, Torpedoes, extra quality, Colored Star Serpent Mines, Colored Geysers, Bombshells, Pin Wheels, Colored Roman Candles, Colored Rockets, Balloons, Pistols, Blank Cartridges, Flags of all sizes. A nice line of Confectionery and Fruits just arrived this week. Come and see us.

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HURRAH FOR THE 4

Cass City Will Celebrate Independence Day.

ELABORATE PROGRAM PREPARED

The Committees Are Hard at Work and the Outlook is promising for an Old-fashioned 4th.

Cass City will celebrate the Nation's day. Not only in remembrance of 1776, but also in honor of 1901. If money, wise planning, hard work and plenty of enthusiasm count for anything, then the coming celebration of the Glorious Fourth will surpass anything of the kind ever held in the Thumb. The following program is a sample of what is in store for the patriotic crowds that will assemble here:

LITERARY PROGRAM.
The committee has secured Rev. Jas. Torbet of Dalton, Ohio, as orator of the day. Mr. Torbet is a brother of Rev. A. Torbet, the pastor of the local Presbyterian Church. He holds the high position of presiding elder in the M. E. Church. He is a cultured gentleman and an eloquent speaker as well. In order to accommodate the crowd Hitchcock's Opera House has been secured where all are assured of a comfortable seat. There will be plenty of choice music. The officers will have the use of three bands, which will have a tendency of making the occasion interesting.

CALEDONIAN GAMES.

Standing broad jump.
Running broad jump.
Standing hop, step and jump; running high jump; pole vault; high kick; 100 yd. dash; shoulder stone throw.
For these events there will be two prizes, first prize \$2; second prize \$1.
Boys under 15 years 100 yd dash; running hop, step and jump; running broad jump; pole vault. First prize, \$1; second prize, 75c.
Boys under 11 years running broad jump; pole vault; 50 yd. dash. First prize, 75c; second prize, 50c; third 25c.
Tug of war, 10 men on a side. Prize \$5.

HORSE RACES.

3:00 trot or pace, \$100; 2:20 trot or pace, \$120; half mile run, \$30. The committee having these races in charge have the promise of a fine string of horses. Bay City, Yassar, Caro and Bad Axe will be represented in the event.

BICYCLE RACES.

Farmers' race, 1st prize \$3; 2nd prize \$2; 3rd prize \$1. One-half mile open to all, 1st prize \$3; 2nd prize \$2; 3rd prize \$1. One mile open to all, 1st prize \$4; 2nd prize \$2; 3rd prize \$1. The program will be the best ever witnessed in Cass City. Besides this there will be a big show which promises to be a drawing card. In the evening there will be fine display of fireworks and many other features which will make this Fourth memorable.

TAKE NOTICE.

Lansing, June 10, 1901.

Editor of the CHRONICLE:—
Dear Sir:—Through information received from various sections of the state I learn letters and postal cards are being sent out from Ann Arbor and elsewhere making promises of assistance, for a stipulated amount, in securing money due to individuals and estates, in cases of double payments of taxes occasioned in most cases through redemptions by the owners after the purchase of state tax certificates. It is the present policy of this department to ascertain as to all amounts that are held by the state and due to individuals and estates and to remit such amounts with interest, where interest is due, as rapidly as possible. In the meantime will you please ask your readers not to make any payments or promises of payment to individuals to secure amounts due them. Ask them to send such letters or postal cards or any information which they may possess relative to amounts due them to me and their claim will be promptly adjusted in full. Inasmuch as some of these unsettled matters have been on the books of this department for forty years or more it will require time and labor to properly adjust them, but work in this direction is now in progress and will be hurried forward until completed. A kindly compliance with this request will be a favor to many of your readers as well as to myself.

Yours very truly,
PERRY F. POWERS,
Auditor General.

Delicious. Heller's buckwheat flour for cakes.

UPPER PENINSULA LETTER.

GERMFASK, MICH., June 12, 1901.
Mr. F. KLUMP,
Cass City, Mich.

Dear Sir—It is a very great pleasure to me to have the honor of writing for the Chronicle about the Upper Peninsula of the State of Michigan, just as I see it.

It has been said that the Upper Peninsula has nine months of good sleighing and three months of poor. But the cynic who made such an atrocious statement as that, knew nothing of what he was talking, and cared less for what he said. Since successful agriculture could be carried on in the Lower Peninsula with a number of degrees colder temperature than it now has, it is not improbable that agriculture can be successfully carried on in the Upper Peninsula, only a few miles north of the Lower.

Now, if the soil is sufficiently fertile to permit agriculture, there is no barrier in the way. There is certainly more sand in the Upper Peninsula than in the Lower, and in and around Negaunee it appears to be solid rock, scarcely any of it arable, although there are numerous farms not far from Marquette. Portions of Mackinac, Schoolcraft and Luce Counties are pine tree regions and that means worthless sand, but the larger part of these counties contains rich and fertile soil, better than any I ever saw in the Lower Peninsula. This is hardwood land; containing much elm which signifies good land.

Quite a number of settlers are now located on this hardwood land. Many have good buildings and all are more prosperous than the average farmer of Lower Michigan. Rarely one sees a pair of patched trousers. Their chief products are hay and potatoes, because for these two articles there is a ready demand at home. However, let it be remembered that even corn can be successfully grown here, and it is to a certain extent. There always will be a ready home market for certain products because great mines are near by and the Soo, which is destined to become the great city of Upper Michigan, is not far distant.

The farmer here escapes paying taxes on many articles for which the Lower Michigan is assessed. So they pay a smaller per cent. of the state tax. This is another advantage. Great progress is being made in educational lines and every family enjoys at least five months schooling each year. Good teachers are in demand. School teaching is much more lucrative and no less monotonous than in the Lower Peninsula. There are as yet few churches, but ere long such a statement can not be made. However, the people are just as moral here as any on earth. A pack of cards is a rare thing among the settlers.

Game is plentiful here and as there are many lakes, fish are also abundant. The sport lover finds ample opportunities to supply his longings. As for a variety and an abundance of opportunities I have seen no better place than here. One can secure one hundred and sixty acres of land for less than eighty acres would cost him below, and it will contain more than enough timber to erect all buildings a modern model farm possesses. The commons will pasture his stock in summer, so he can raise it very cheaply. One with capital can invest his money here in a manner that will pay mightily big dividends. I also know of an excellent chance for a merchant. It seems to me that this should be an asylum for immigrants and settlers. And I firmly believe that in the course of a few years this will be as well settled, as thickly populated and as valuable as any agricultural community of which our beloved State can boast.

Yours,
M. R. KEYWORTH.

Gollmar Bros. & Schumans circus showed at this place Saturday to large audiences. They have the best circus on the road, the performance as a whole being better than most circuses put up. This was their second visit to this place and they left a good impression each time.—Sheffield Standard, Sheffield, Ill. At Cass City, Thursday, July 4.

The best quality of flour and the best sample of milling will be found in Heller's buckwheat flour.

A genuine African vlack vark, only one ever seen in Europe or America, the greatest animal feature ever secured by any show, to be seen at Gollmar Bros. & Schumans combined shows at Cass City, Thursday, July 4.

A Bargain.
For want of room I will sell my entire outfit of bicycles at wholesale prices.
G. W. GOFF.

COMMENCEMENT

Of 1901, Will Linger Long in the Memory of the Graduates

HON. WASHINGTON GARDNER

Spoke to an Appreciative Audience. His Eloquent Address Will Always Be Remembered.

Commencement week of 1901 will always be remembered as one of those happy events that have come to our High School during recent years. The weather was ideal and the music furnished, the addresses made delighted the large audiences at the various exercises.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY.

Baccalaureate Sunday of '01 is already a matter of history. It is the day of all days to High School graduates, the day of final inspiration for life's struggle. It was a typical June day. The air was cool and balmy. Everything was favorable for a day of great blessing. When the hour for service arrived the M. E. Church was filled with an expectant audience. Dr. Morgan preached the baccalaureate sermon, choosing as the basis of his discourse Matt. 11:29. It was a scholarly, spiritual and inspiring address, of which the following is a synopsis:

It is the part of religion to interpret all the essential things of life in terms of the spiritual; to bring out the larger meaning that belongs to our experiences, our relations, our achievements, and our hopes. Interpretation is one of the methods by which the burdens are lifted, and rest given to the soul. For this cause men seek the philosopher, or turn to the message of the poet or orator. Here in music holds much of its charm, and the master of fiction finds his scepter. To meet this want, Jesus gives a gracious invitation, and declares that what is hidden from the wise and prudent is revealed to the humble hearted learner who comes to Him.

* * * As you come what is the idea which you bring? The idea contained in the term Education is diffuse. Culture suggests the exclusive and self-conscious. Training applies to the more immediate and practical; while Discipline speaks chiefly of the moral development. It is the idea of the Scholar and Scholarship which you bring. In this term we have an idea at once vital, specific and fully abreast with the advancing thought and processes of our time.

First, then we inquire into the idea of the scholar. The word has very simple and very noble uses. It may apply to the little child; it may apply to the mature powers of the man of four score, to whom has come the knowledge of many schools and great libraries, and the garnerings of a lifetime of study and investigation.

* The essence of the scholarly spirit is learning. * * * The true and life long scholar is among the finest ideals presented in the history of the race.

In speaking of the advancement of scholarship the speaker said: "It is not possible to estimate the advantage which comes to people in all departments of life from the almost universal conviction that the world is advancing, that the golden age lies in the future, not in the past. It is one of the factors constantly determining the scales in favor of the progress yet to be made. This conviction has been the best of foundations, and is a part of Christianity's gift to the world.

It is permitted us only to glance at the record of scholarship as the channel through which advancement has come. Even under paganism, such progress as was made, was in the period, when, in Greece and Rome, scholarship was a living and growing force. The dark ages were dark because the light of scholarship was wanting. The beginning of the modern world was in the Renaissance, or rebirth of schools, learning and scholarship. The leading discoverers and explorers are scholars—Columbus, Livingston, Stanley. Behind great agencies, as servants of modern life—printing, steam, electricity—stands the scholar. Scientific advance through the whole range of astronomy, geology, physics, chemistry, botany, zoology, anthropology, and sociology, is almost wholly the work of scholars. Medical advance from Hippocrates to Pasteur, owes its triumphs to the same source. The wonders of modern engineering, the Brooklyn bridge, the Eiffel tower, would be impossible without the scholar. * * * The place of scholarship in our government was indicated a few years ago by

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A WELL-EARNED VACATION.

Our schools are closed and for some weeks the teachers have been planning where to spend the warm months and how best to find rest after the laborious work of the year. The Chronicle has been informed by them as to their plans in prospect.

Prof. Kyes will visit his father's home near Hale Lake for a week, then he will attend the Summer School at Ypsilanti for the purpose of taking special work in science and mathematics. Mr. Kyes is one of those mortals who find rest in work. His work here thus far has been characterized by energy and intelligent supervision and we have reasons to believe that when he returns to take up his work next school year, there will not be a dull day during the entire year. Our Professor is O. K.

Miss Winifred Nellis has served as assistant principal for two years. She is a nice lady. Her openhearted, happy disposition has made for her many friends in this community. She has been a hard working teacher. We are sorry to announce that she will not return to us again at least not in the capacity of "schoolmarm." No telling what else may happen. Time will tell. We intended to say that Miss Nellis expects to visit the Pan American exposition, but the greater part of the summer she will enjoy the restful scenery of her parental home.

Miss Nellie Westland, after a very successful three years term of teaching, has bid our village adieu. She will be missed in school, church and society. She is a lady of more than ordinary ability and her work in the 8th grade department has never been excelled. The 8th grade is probably the most difficult to manage, but Miss Westland proved herself equal to the requirements. She now leaves the school with the satisfaction of having succeeded, and no doubt will always dwell upon the pleasant memories of her school work at Cass City. Miss Westland will spend her vacation at the home of an aunt in Jackson.

Miss Eleanor Woodruff came into our midst only a few months ago. Her lot was not cast in the most pleasant place. Unavoidable circumstances made her work for a time anything but pleasant. However, Miss Woodruff persevered and she leaves our midst with the knowledge of having been faithful. That's the best recompense one can have. She will spend the summer at her home in Ypsilanti.

Miss Palmer is coming back. That's good news. The Chronicle would like to say a whole lot of nice things about the "little lady," but we fear she might object, she is so very modest. However, if anyone wants to know what Cass City people think of her, we would refer them to great and small within our borders. We want to emphasize the fact, she is coming back. Sometime during the summer Miss Palmer will be found at the Pan American. Her address is Milford, Michigan.

Miss Paulina Schack will be found at her home in Reed City, and at the Ferris Institute in Big Rapids. She is one of the most happy mortals in the world, all because she will be with her "boys and girls" again next fall. She has made a most excellent teacher and the patrons of the Cass City schools will extend a hearty greeting upon her return.

There is just one more to mention. It's the grand, good lady who has presided over the infinite destiny of the little ones in our school. She has been with us the past two years and may for all we know stay two more years. She will if the little folks have a voice in the matter. She is an ideal kindergarten teacher. Her home is in Grand Rapids. Her vacation will be spent with her aged parents. There will be joy and comfort wherever she may be. She has sunshine in her soul. Her name is Miss Mary Elliott.

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J. W. HAWKINS.

Gollmar Bros. & Schumans combined shows which will give an exhibition here Thursday, July 4, comes very strongly recommended by the press and public wherever they have been. Let all turn out and make the occasion a grand holiday.

To rent—Two rooms. Enquire of GOTTLEB AHR.
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FRIEDERICKE AHR

Died at the Home of her Daughter, Mrs. C. O. Lenzner.

LONG AND FAVORABLY KNOWN

Closely Identified Many Years with the Evangelical Church and Was Highly Respected by All.

From the handle of the front door of Gottlieb Ahr's home on Seagar Street a streamer of crepe was seen on Wednesday morning which told the passersby that Grandma Ahr had passed into eternity. Mrs. Ahr was one of Cass City's oldest settlers. In 1868 she came here with her husband from the so-called German colony, which was a German settlement near what is now known as Bay Port. Cass City was then in its infancy, there being only a few buildings which formed the nucleus of the village.

From the first Mrs. Ahr asserted a beneficent influence in the community. She was always admired for her strong common sense and helpful disposition, which characterized her entire life. Especially was she a strong factor in church life. She was one of the charter members of the Evangelical Church of this place. For many years the services were held in the Walmley schoolhouse one and one-half miles from the village. Mrs. Ahr took a leading part in all these services. Being musically inclined she led in song in every service. Through all kinds of weather, in summer or winter, the good woman journeyed to the little schoolhouse and became a source of inspiration to all. She was active in her sphere of work up to a few weeks ago, when she took to her bed never to rise again. Seven years ago she deceased wrote the following short sketch of her life, which we have translated from the German language:

"I, Johanna Friederike Ahr, nee Stoll, saw the light of this world at Vaihingen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, August 8, 1820. I came to this land in the year 1854 and entered holy wedlock with Gottlieb Ahr in 1856. I was born into eternal life in 1859 and joined the German Methodist Church. After a period of nine years I came to Cass City where I became a member of the Evangelical Church in 1868. For a long time I had a hard battle with Satan who tried to rob me of my experience as a child of God; but after much prayer and by the assistance of the Holy Spirit I gained the victory. I expect to leave one son, four daughters and—grandchildren. I have nothing to glory in myself, but in the grace of God I do glory, for He has done great things for me. To Him be all honor and praise now and throughout all eternity. Amen."

At the close of this remarkable document she makes the request that the following words should be used as her funeral text: "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."—Rom. 5:20. She also chose the hymns which were sung at the funeral service. The funeral was held to-day. The pastor, Rev. L. Brumm preached a powerful sermon to a large congregation.

Mrs. Ahr leaves an aged husband and five children, Mrs. C. O. Lenzner, Mrs. H. S. Gamble of Sebawaing; Mrs. S. Striffler of Argyle; Mrs. F. D. Royer of Northview, Mo.; and Theophilus Ahr, her only son.

OBITUARY

Parker—John J. Parker died at his home early Thursday morning after a lingering sickness of several months duration at the age of 45 years. The doctors call his ailment tuberculosis meningitis. He was born in Canada and moved to Cass City in 1872. He was a member of the Forester and Orangeman fraternities. His funeral will be held at the M. E. church Sunday at 2 p. m.

Battle—John Battle, a wellknown and highly respected man in this community, died at his home last Sunday at the age of 59 years. He was born in Canada and for the past 18 years he resided five miles north of the city. His funeral was held last Tuesday. Rev. Pollard of Cumber officiated. He leaves a wife and five children.

For Sale.
The Wallace Block, corner of Main and Oak Streets, will be sold on reasonable terms, if sold at once. Inquire for particulars of
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W. S. WALLACE, Sen.

There will be a big dance on the 4th in the opera house. A grand building, No. 1 floor, excellent music. All are invited to participate.

Gollmar Bros. & Schumans 2 big shows united will give an exhibition here Thursday, July 4.