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A Few Facts



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Cass City Lumber and Coal Yard

Cleveland Bicycles..

Are still in the lead.

We have just received a new lot of them including one with a Gear Case which encloses both sprockets and chain, making it dust proof in every way. It is a beauty.

Sundries and Repairing.

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Pure Paris Green

at the right price



Also Insect Powder, Hebebores, Poison and Sticky Fly Paper

and other articles used in destroying insect life at

Bond's Drug Store.

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This week we call your attention to

4th OF JULY GOODS

We have the

Gold Chop Fire Cracker

Chinese cannon Cracker, Cannon Ripper, Young America Salutes,

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.

C. E. FRITZ & CO.

"THUMB" SYSTEM SOLD.

Independent Telephone Companies Will Make Things Lively For the Moore Aggregation.

As a result of the exclusive contract made by the Moore lines in Huron and Tuscola with the Michigan Telephone Co., a deal was made last Friday by which the Valley Telephone Co., of Saginaw purchased the Thumb Telephone Co., in Huron county owned by F. W. Hubbard & Co., bankers of Bad Axe and Port Austin. The principal towns reached by this company are Bad Axe, Sebawaing, Bay Port, Caseville, Port Austin and Harbor Beach, besides about 20 other places. The new owners will immediately spend \$25,000 on a copper circuit from Saginaw and Bay City to Sebawaing and Bad Axe by way of Fairgrove, Akron and Unionville. It will also build lines in Tuscola county.

The above news was sent out from Saginaw last week. The Chronicle called up Mr. Moore and asked what he knew about the Saginaw deal. He answered by saying that the report was undoubtedly true. "I expected" said he "that the Saginaw people would put up a fight as soon as I leased the Bell line. They had to do something in order to save themselves. I could have purchased the Hubbard line but, it being in such poor condition, I did not want it." To the question how an opposition line in Tuscola county would effect his system, Mr. Moore said: "It's hard to tell at present. However, we are ready to meet all comers."

A TERRIFIC RAIN STORM.

The Lightning Played Havoc With A Granary.

A severe electrical and rain storm passed over Novesta Township on Tuesday afternoon, the lightning doing more or less damage. Robert Brown's granary was demolished. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Williams in the house nearby felt the effects of the shock. A rooster which had sought shelter under the granary was killed. Walter Lewis, who was cultivating corn nearby, felt the shock and his horse stumbled to the ground. The heavy rain which accompanied the electrical storm was welcomed by the farmers of that township.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Board of Supervisors for Tuscola County are now in session at Caro. It is expected that the session will last during the entire week. The following committees were appointed: Ways and Means, Beutow, Greenfield, Berry.

Equalization, Hunter, Bush, Trotter, Reid, Pattison, Jennings, Youngs.

To settle with County Treasurer, Hamilton, Ross, VanBuren. Claims and Accounts, Cole, Hart, Meecham.

Rejected Taxes, Trotter, Jackson, Hunter. Roads and Bridges, Bush, Ross, Jennings.

To settle with Superintendents of Poor, Fox, Bishop, Pattison.

Stump Pulling.

I have invented a new stump puller and am ready to take your order for pulling stumps. I can pull more stumps than ever. If there is a stump that I cannot pull and turn same bottom side up, you don't have to pay for the work done. Give me a call. My charges are reasonable—from 25c to \$1.00 per stump. Call or write. I live two miles east and two and one-half miles north of Cass City. 6-14-2* J. W. HAWKINS.

Gollmar Bros. & Schumanns 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.

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. & Schumanns 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. GORF.

See the Wertz and Adair troupe of world's champion acrobats with Gollmar & Schumanns 2 big shows united at Cass City, Thursday, July 4.

A LARGE CROWD

Attended Camp Meeting Last Sunday.

A GREAT SPIRITUAL REVIVAL.

Elkton Camp Grounds a Scene of Bustle and Confusion all Day.

The members of the Evangelical Association in and around Elkton have enjoyed a treat of good things spiritually the past week, it being their annual camp meeting. Throngs of people from everywhere in the Thumb attended and partook of the feast spread for them. Sunday morning a number of Cass Cityites wended their way to Elkton and listened to a splendid sermon in German by Rev. G. J. Kirn of Flint. A large number partook of the Sacrament services which followed. In the afternoon Rev. Sheurer who presides at Sebawaing preached in English. The singing by the choir was highly appreciated by the congregation. After a rousing testimonial meeting the audience was dismissed until evening when Rev. J. M. Bittner took charge of the song service, and very sweet the music sounded as the quiet of the holy Sabbath evening gathered round and the stars came twinkling out one by one through the tree tops. After the song service Rev. Schwenck of Howell preached an eloquent sermon. He is a good speaker and the audience was very attentive during his discourse.

The meetings were held under a large tent in a beautiful grove east of the village of Elkton. They were enjoyed by all and the Christian people will always remember it as a season of refreshing.

BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The amazing pace at which interest, in the coming Bi-Centenary Celebration at Detroit grows, passes ordinary belief. The grand possibilities of the proposed plans have only served to accentuate the great success which the celebration is sure to obtain. All classes of people are interested and even the trades are vying with each other in preparing their floats. The ladies, also, have become more than ordinarily interested and propose to mark by elegant bronze and imperishable stone the deeds of those who came with Cadillac or those who have assisted in the development and progression of the city.

It is proposed to mark every historical spot in the city. The patriotic women, who have much of this in charge will replace at the foot of Belle Isle that stone cross which Friar Caron is said to have erected in 1615 about the time that Champlain first reached the Georgian Bay. The place where the great fire started, the old home of Gen. Grant, the site of Fort Shelby will be marked. A massive stone chair of justice, fashioned after those chairs of state of 1701, will be placed and exercises commemorative of raising of five flags over the forts and town, form good instances of the celebration. These incidents will be scattered through the three days.

On all Michigan railroads a very low fare has been granted with a long limit of return and an excursion rate of less than one fare for the round trip to the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo during the Bi-Centenary Celebration.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council held a special meeting last Monday night. On account of the absence of three of the trustees very little business was transacted. Trustee Brotherton presided. Trustee Moore and Hugh Seed Jr. were appointed as a committee to settle with Treasurer Bond. Trustee Brotherton, chairman on the committee of streets, reported that the opening of a water way on the north side of Sanilac street was of much more importance than the council had any idea of and hence recommended that the entire council look over the ground before any further action be taken.

WAS INJURED.

Last Monday while Christian Striffler, a highly respected farmer living on the county line, was making some repairs on the hay loft in his barn unfortunately lost his foothold and fell some 12 feet to the barn floor. His left shoulder was badly injured by the fall. Dr. Morris, who was called to give medical aid, thinks it will be some time before Mr. Striffler will be able to do any work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

The 14th Annual Rally at Argyle a Great Success.

The northwest part of Sanilac county is noted for its enthusiasm in Sunday school work. The unusual activity in this sphere of religious work in the several townships centering around Argyle is largely due to the untiring labor of A. C. Graham of Freiburgers and A. J. McLaughlin of Argyle. For years the Sunday schools of these several townships have held annual picnics near Argyle until now it has become a mighty factor in Sanilac county.

On Wednesday the 14th annual rally was held at Walker's grove near Argyle Center. Upward of 3,000 people participated in the event. The Sunday schools of Argyle, Shabbona, Tyre, Greenleaf, Austin, Novesta, Evergreen Union district No. 1 attended. The Cass City Cornet Band played inspiring music and several ministers, Rev. Seelhoff, Smith, Moody and others, gave inspiring addresses. It was a great day for the cause of Sunday schools and there is no doubt but what the good work received a great impetus for better work and usefulness.

A RUN-AWAY.

Richard Parr's team ran away about 1 o'clock Tuesday. They were left standing by the roller mill and became frightened at the noise. They took a spin down Sanilac, to Seegar street where they turned and went north. In front of C. E. McCue's house they collided with the hitching post which tore off one of the hind wheels and damaged the wagon box. A little farther on they took to the sidewalk and as they neared Mr. Auten's residence someone stopped them. There are altogether too many runaways in our town. An application of the village ordinance relative to hitching horses would have a very beneficial effect upon careless drivers.

OBITUARY.

Gill—Mrs. Catherine McColl Gill was born in Scotland May 20th, 1829. In 1854 she was married to John Gill in Scotland and a few years afterward came to the New World. To whom were born three children two of whom still survive, John Gill and Mrs. John Pettit. Two adopted children shared the bounty of their Christian home, Wm. Gill and Mrs. Jane Harder. Mr. and Mrs. Gill donated the land on which the Brookfield Presbyterian church stands. She was a Christian woman of positive character and worthy life, and many of the neighbors attended the funeral which was held in the Gageton Methodist church Monday morning, Rev. Torbet officiating. The last two years of her life were spent in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Pettit, north of town.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

William Paul, living six miles on the Mayville road in Fremont township, with six others was standing in a barn unloading hay when a bolt came in the barn running down a post by which Mr. Paul was leaning, killing him instantly. Geo. Whitmore was severely injured. The others were more or less shocked. Mr. Paul was about 70 years old. The funeral occurred Wednesday at 2:00 from the Fremont church.

TARRY THOU TILL I COME.

"The Wandering Jew" is having a wonderful revival in literature lately. The first book in this fascinating field was "Salathiel" by Geo. Croly, Christ's words to whom, "Tarry thou till I come," spoken beneath the weight of the cross to the scoffing Pharisee, sets the Jew wandering. Most notable followers of this story were Eugene Sue's masterpiece, and "The Prince of India," by the author of "Ben Hur... General Wallace himself praises Croly's "Salathiel" as one of the six greatest novels ever written. One New York publisher has lately issued an illustrated edition at \$1.40 net. Now comes John B. Alden, so well known as the pioneer in cheap book publishing, with an excellent edition at 25 cents; even this, with a view to widely extending the knowledge of his publications, he offers to mail postpaid to the readers of the Tri-County Chronicle for the nominal price of 12c., if they will order at once and mention the paper. Doubtless many will accept this offer. Address John B. Alden, Publisher, 442 Pearl St., New York.

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.

HE IS MISSING

The Son of Conductor Wickware Cannot Be Found.

PARENTS ALMOST DISTRACTED

Was Seen Last on Wednesday Afternoon. Some Think He Was Drowned.

When Conductor Wickware returned to his home on Wednesday evening after making his day's run from Pontiac to Caseville and return he was informed by his wife that Howard, their eldest son, had not been at home since noon. This seemed strange for the boy was very steady and never stayed away from home very long. The parents consoled themselves by the thought that possibly he had gone out into the country and for some reason was detained. After waiting for him all night, and as the morning dawned they became thoroughly alarmed over his prolonged absence. Mr. Wickware has instituted a thorough search, but up to Thursday noon no trace had been found of the missing boy. It is thought that the young man was drowned while in swimming.

A RELIGIOUS WAR.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:—I wish to give a brief sketch concerning the controversy held here last Thursday and Friday evenings. It was to be a debate but the Mormons refused blankly to sign the proposition agreed for discussion, and because we would not permit this one to be discarded and agree to another they "wouldn't play." Their proposition which they proposed is as follows:

1. Baptism is not essential to salvation.
2. Laying on of hands.
3. Bible says not two resurrections.
4. Probation after death.
5. Living apostles not needed today.
6. Gifts and blessings such as miracles, healings, etc.
7. Joe was a false prophet.
8. Book of Mormon not divine.
9. King James' translation contains no mistakes.
10. Wicked are to be burned eternally.

Do these appear to be the same as the original: "Resolved that the doctrines and teachings of the Re-organized Church of Latter Day Saints is false." Their proposition is ridiculous and their method of debate unreasonable. They would not debate unless we would agree to spend at least one night on each of the foregoing heads, making ten nights at least. Could there be anything more inconsistent? It is very evident that this course was pursued in order to escape defeat by Elder Rushbrook. We are not at all surprised at this, for what else can be expected of that class of people? The Mormons refused to sign the proposition or abide by Parliamentary Rules. Elder Rushbrook occupied the floor for the evening and dealt the Mormon doctrine such a blow that it ought to convince any intelligent mind the absurdity of such teachings. Mr. Cornish was to reply on the following evening and as is his custom he denied everything and didn't prove anything. According to history Mormonism was built on ignorance and rascally, so we can't expect anything very elevating from them. If I should publish some of the insulting words, which I may later, it would prove conclusively that they have not changed for the better.

Now as to the foundation of their doctrine. They claim that an angel appeared to Joe Smith and directed him to a spot where he could dig up a series of golden plates, a special message from God, revealing the true gospels which he translated as the Book of Mormon. Now, speaking with all reverence, it must surely have been an angel of Satan, because the angel of God does not appear with divine revelation to licentious men such as Smith. He, Smith, tries to quote scripture to substantiate his teachings. The proof for Mormonism they claim is found in Isaiah 29:11-12. If anyone will read these verses intelligently, it can undoubtedly be seen that the subject is not a book dug out of the earth by the direction of an angel, but that is speaking of the indifference of the people, that the vision of all or the understanding of God's commands is become as the words of a book that is sealed. If there is no more truth in Mormonism than in their interpretation of this passage and there is not, it is nothing more than a device of Satan to ruin precious souls.

I was amused to hear the explanation of Matt. 20:1-7 by Mr. Cornish in his discourse on Friday evening. He said the five calls represented five incidents in history where God called man to himself. The first was to Adam, the second to Noah, the third to Moses, the fourth to Christ and the fifth to Joe Smith. I would like to know what hour it was and the number of the call when Abram was called out of Haran into Canaan to be the father of a great people, or when Nehemiah led God's people back to Jerusalem and rebuilt the walls. You will notice the hours are of various lengths. From one till three 1656 years, from three to six 857 years, from six till nine 1491 years, and from nine till eleven 1830 years. The fifth call was given to Joe Smith in the eleventh hour to the Gentiles. What blasphemy that is on the fair name of Christianity. Christ himself commissioned his own disciples to preach to the Gentiles, for He said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." And again He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Another ridiculous statement of the advocate of Mormonism is this, That Joe Smith healed all manner of disease wherever he went. It reminds us of the words of Christ, "a wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign,"—Matt. 16:4. If we study the history of Utah and other places where they hold the balance of power, we would soon be convinced that quotation is applicable. Mr. Cornish made a statement concerning Joe's death that better blood was never shed; that it cost the best blood of the nineteenth century to bring forth the Book of Mormons and Doctrines and Covenants. If that is true, all the people of the last century were murderers, thieves and criminals of all kinds because Joe was guilty of all these. He also says that they preach the only true gospel and that everyone that has not heard the Mormons on earth must hear them after death before they can be saved. What an abominable falsehood! We are sure that the apostles never heard the nefarious doctrine of Smith and to think the apostles and the people of all ages that feared God will have to hear a doctrine, which is undoubtedly of Satan, before they can inherit the kingdom of God, it is false and can easily be proven. If the Mormons think this to be untrue let them give me an answer through the press if they do not wish to meet us in open debate. Mormonism is a pack of lies from beginning to end and their own books prove it. This is not a statement made at random. Joe Smith claims that there are about 2,200 mistakes in the King James version, and therefore gave his people a new translation of the Holy Scriptures which the Mormons are ashamed to use. I will give more of their doctrines later, just as they are found in their books. I have them, and would be glad if everyone would read for themselves. The question is often asked, "If they are false, why do people follow them?" My explanation is that there are some people who are seeking after villainy rather than godliness, and Mormonism is vile. A short time spent with them will convince. C. W. SEELHOFF, Shabbona.

EDITOR CHRONICLE:—As your paper has many readers in the vicinity of Shabbona I ask space to say to the fair minded people of that burg and surrounding locality that friendly treatment and friendly treatment only can have a good effect on those who have gone astray whether through delusion or otherwise. My visit to your town on the evening of the 20th inst. to listen to a debate between Mr. Rushbrook and Mr. Cornish gave me the impression that while Shabbona has a good meaning and many liberal-minded citizens, she has not a few self righteous professors that sorely need praying for until they could learn there is a brotherhood of man. And the Rev. Rushbrook of Port Huron, who refused an introduction to his opponent in debate, should learn that it was the coldness of JOHN CALVIN'S HEART that made him a persecutor of those who differed with him. Yes, a persecutor even to the death that stands today a dark blot on the history of his great name. I think it safe to believe that a stranger who is willing that the best argument should gain the victory would be a fair judge and I do not hesitate to tell you that in my opinion the so called "Saints" were treated in a very UNSAINTLY manner. JOHN McCracken, Deford, June 24th, 1901.

Delicious. Heller's buckwheat flour for cakes.