









THURSDAY, DEC. 29, 1887.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES.

Locals on 4th page.

We wish all our readers a happy and prosperous new year.

Children, be ready for school again next Tuesday morning.

Maggie and Gracie Pottle went to Jackson this afternoon to visit friends.

C. J. Van Valkenburg gives a party at his home in Iron Creek this evening.

Miss Della Rickerson, of St. Joseph, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Ann Denison.

The snow shovel, which has been inactive for several months, is now in active use.

Miss Virginia Cobb, of Texas, has arrived in town to spend the winter with Mrs. Pottle.

Our friend W. C. Ruckman, of Eau Claire, Wis., has our thanks for St. Paul and Minneapolis papers.

Those who have occasion to use large quantities of ice will soon begin preparations for securing a supply.

We can supply a few back numbers of the ENTERPRISE containing the serial story "Daring and Suffering."

The street commissioner and his snow plow have begun their labors in clearing the snow from the walks about town.

We saw a very neat medicine case a few days ago which Henry Smith has purchased for use when he begins practicing.

It is a poor rule that does not work both ways. Tuesday men were blowing about the snow; yesterday the snow blew about them.

Macomber Bros. state in their changed advertisement this week that they are closing out their stock of cloaks at one-fourth off. Read it.

The holiday number of Our Little Ones and The Nursery is at hand. It is indeed a bright number, containing many pretty illustrations and stories that will be sure to please the little folks.

Charles Rowe, who resides in Sharon, three and one-half miles north of this village, will sell his stock and personal property at auction on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1888, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Ben Reynolds will be the auctioneer.

The Detroit Free Press, that staunch, enterprising and reliable old newspaper, the people's favorite, asks for patronage through the advertising columns of the ENTERPRISE this week. If any of our readers wish to take the paper we will club it with ours.

An Ann Arbor man was in town on Tuesday, showing himself and span of horses, to the disgust of everybody on the street. Finally, when he wheeled his horses upon the sidewalk, the marshal told him to drive off the street, which command he obeyed very promptly.

In these days when economy must be practiced by us all, if we intend to live within our means, the fact should not escape us that an estimate has been made by eminent writers, who prove that a careful reader of newspaper advertisements saves over 25 per cent in the necessary expenses incident to household and personal wants.

Some papers claim that an order has been issued by the postoffice department that letters mailed on trains will be carried to the first postoffice where the stamps will be cancelled before continuing on their way, thus causing a delay. Such an order would be very unjust, as many letters are mailed in haste and if taken to a postoffice would not reach their destination in time. But it is said that on such letters the postmaster loses his percentage for cancellation, and it is to protect fourth-class postmasters that the order is issued. If the fourth class postmaster is so poorly paid, why not raise the percentage for cancellation, instead of depriving the public of an accommodation.

A grocer, being greatly troubled by flies, put 21 sheets of sticky fly paper about his store. In the evening he gathered them up, and noticed how much heavier they were, being covered with flies. He weighed the 21 sheets and found they weighed seven pounds. Then he put 21 fresh sheets on the scales and they weighed four pounds four ounces. Thus the flies weighed two pounds twelve ounces. He found that there were 20 flies to each square inch of the fly paper, each sheet had 336 square inches and 6,720 flies, and the 21 sheets had 141,120 flies. That one may ascertain the weight of a fly; for if 141,120 flies weigh two pounds twelve ounces, it's easy to calculate what one will weigh.

When a woman makes up her mind she won't do a thing, she won't; but when she says she will, no matter how many obstacles may be in her way, she will bravely overcome all difficulties, and in the end, do whatever she undertakes. At least, such is the peculiarity of Manchester's fair sex, as the following will demonstrate. Not long since a lady living a few miles in the country wished to come to town, but her better half told her that she would be obliged to ride on a load of straw with him if she came. Now it would take something larger than a straw stack to cause her to change her mind, so in a fairly-like manner she gracefully ascended the load and rode into town, and after they had driven into the barn, she dismounted from the hay loft and went about her trading.

PERSONAL.

E. E. Force, of Sylvan, was in town today.

Frank Freeman was in Jackson Monday on business.

Miss Mary Robinson returned home to Plymouth today.

Mrs. Clyde Dickerson, of Toledo, is visiting friends in town.

I. M. Robinson visited friends in Kalamazoo over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Ayers visited friends in Jackson over Sunday.

Mrs. Lawyer Whiting, of Ann Arbor, is in town on business.

Dr. F. A. Kotts spent Christmas with his sister in Tecumseh.

C. W. Santford arrived home from New Jersey last Monday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Kay spent Christmas with her parents in Franklin.

Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Millen are visiting relatives in Adrian this week.

Bert Wade expects to go to Hillsdale next week for a short vacation.

Miss Inez Fitzgerald visited friends in Tecumseh the first of the week.

J. H. Hollis returned home on Monday from Chicago and the west.

Mrs. E. B. Norris, of Ann Arbor, is visiting relatives in town this week.

James Phillips and family, of Jackson, visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Martin Updike and Ambrose Welsh, of Tecumseh, were in town last Monday.

Mrs. Sam McCord, of Mason, is spending the holiday week with friends here.

Thomas Perry, of Tecumseh, has been granted a patent on a windmill derrick.

S. W. Clarkson and daughter, of Ann Arbor, spent Christmas at L. D. Watkins'.

Mrs. Munson Goodyear went to Jackson on Monday to visit her daughter a few days.

We learn that James Waters intends to accompany Frank Freeman to Florida next week.

Miss Eva Case, of the ENTERPRISE office, visited her parents in Summit over Christmas.

Dr. & Mrs. C. F. Kapp went to Northfield on Monday to attend the funeral of his mother.

Mrs. Verner Crane, of Tecumseh, came here Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. C. J. Robinson.

Mrs. A. J. Austin and son, of Norvell, visited her sister Mrs. Mat D. Blosser, over Sunday.

A. F. Freeman, esq., and John F. Spaford were in Ann Arbor on Friday last on business.

Frank Morey, of the dental department of the university, is assisting Dr. Fred Kotts this week.

Mr. & Mrs. P. F. Blosser attended the masonic festival at Clinton on St. John's day, Tuesday evening.

Wm. Burdless and family attended a family reunion at Wesley Keyser's in Clinton, last Saturday.

The Misses Addie and Hattie Smith, of Toledo, visited their sister, Mrs. H. K. Berger, over Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Carr, of Jackson, are visiting his parents and other relatives in town this week.

Lawyer Patchin, Manchester's good-looking legal representative, was in town Monday.—Saline Observer.

Miss Della Morey, of North Adams, who is attending the conservatory of music at Ypsilanti, was in town on Thursday and Friday last.

A. D. Perkins, of Hillsdale, and Mr. & Mrs. Rob. Miller, of Toledo, visited at S. H. Perkins' over Sunday. Lon and Rob favored us with a call on Monday.

Albert Case, of Summit, came here on Monday afternoon to attend the annual meeting of Manchester Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was master, and to visit friends.

Mrs. W. T. Perkins, of San Francisco, Cal., arrived in town on Saturday and remained until Tuesday, when she left for Springfield, Mass., where she will spend the winter with her sister.

Commander Kelly has sent to the pension department at Washington the names of Erasmus Logan, Franklin Hall and Albert H. Green as ex-prisoners of war, whose postoffice address is Manchester.

Mr. & Mrs. Lucian Kief and family, of Ypsilanti, came here last Saturday to spend Christmas at J. F. Nestell's. Mr. & Mrs. Kief returned home Tuesday and Misses Hattie and Fannie remained until the next day.

Roll of Honor.

The following list of students have been neither absent nor tardy, and have attained a scholarship of 90 per cent. HIGH SCHOOL.

Minnie C. Sullivan, preceptress.

Herbert Earle

Nellie Embler

Fred Haag

Jennie Hollis

James Kendall

Emma Kremer

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

May E. Hunt, teacher.

Beulah Bailey

Leila English

Amelia Youngs

Maggie Pottle

Dora Sauer

Charles Leeson

Anna Jacquemin

Lou Green

Clarence Taylor

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Emma Fausel  
Louisa Kramer  
Warner Spencer  
Willie Shaffer  
Tillie Deetling  
Eugene Kirchgesner  
Katie Unterkircher  
Mary Unterkircher  
Louis Earle  
Floy Kimble

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.  
Alice Richmond, teacher.  
Edith Kapp  
Fred Balz  
Emma Clark  
Adolph Fausel  
Anna Fausel  
Anna Fellows  
Pauline Pfeiffer  
Will Haarer  
Eddie Knapp  
Carrie Kirchgesner  
Bertha Lehn

SECOND PRIMARY.  
Julia Conkling, teacher.  
Clarence Berger  
Louis Beaver  
Charlie Carner  
Katie Grossman  
Ernst Kuenzler  
Oscar Kirchgesner  
Myrtle Quackenbush  
Bessie Torrey  
Anna Unterkircher

FIRST PRIMARY.  
Anna G. Gieske, teacher.  
Bertha Clark  
Willie Clark  
Joy Clark  
Belle Case  
Charlie Copp  
Cyrus Dickerson  
Fred Dowling  
Bessie Dorr  
Anna Engel  
Bertha Fausel  
Bana Gumpert  
Herman Gutekunst  
Ricka Gutekunst  
Carrie Hasley  
Lottie Hasley  
Lois Hollis  
Johnnie Kern

WARD SCHOOL.  
Minnie A. Perkins, teacher.  
Elora Berger  
Otto Bauer  
Charlie Burdless  
Maud Carner  
Nellie Clark  
Mamie Farrell  
Maud Jaynes  
Clinton Jaynes  
Willie Kalmbach  
Frank Kremer  
Freddie Mayers  
Simon Neyer

SCHOOL ITEMS.  
Classes in botany, physiology, physics and chemistry, will hereafter have the advantage to be gained by the use of a fine, compound microscope.

By reference to the school circular it will be noticed that chemistry has been placed as a second year study. There is at present, we are informed, a class of 16. Four sets of reagent bottles, with names blown in the glass, according to the new nomenclature, have been purchased.

It gives us much pleasure to announce the growing facilities of our school. The school board has generously supplied the laboratory with apparatus and working material, a well-ventilated room with a special flue for the escape of deleterious gases, and it is now possible to furnish thorough instruction and training in this important branch.

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR.

A Paper Read at the November Meeting of the Norvell Farmers' Club.

BY A. R. PALMER.

I have heard it said that the experience of an intelligent and observing man, who has followed the business of farming for a lifetime, is worth more for practical use than all that has ever been written on the subject of agriculture. Every year then ought to teach us important lessons. To read these lessons of most value to us we need to spend some time and thought in reviewing the experiences of the past year, in examining the causes of our successes and of our failures, in studying the results of the methods and operations of the year, else we shall fail to see or remember many things that may have had a large influence, and so fail to profit by many of the lessons we ought to have learned.

The past season has been remarkable in several respects. Wheat was more seriously injured by insects than in any year within the memory of many of us. We suffered one of the most disastrous drouths in years. The season was an extremely hot one, the thermometer at our place standing at 90° or above on 35 different days.

These things are beyond our control, but we ought to be somewhat wiser than before as to the best measures to use to lessen their injurious effects as much as possible.

We did not cultivate during the drouth and as I was closely at home I saw little of the operations of our neighbors, but from impressions gained from reading I have written the following principles as to the effects of stirring the soil in a dry time, on which I would like the criticism of the members of the club:

1. A loose and fine soil on the surface acts in some degree as a mulch.
2. Stirring the surface soil serves to lessen evaporation from below and facilitates the absorption of moisture from the air.
3. The soil will dry out as far down as stirred, hence the cultivation should be shallow.
4. But if the soil has been undisturbed for some time, and is crusted over, cultivation will prove an injury to the growing crop.

In several instances I have understood that where manure was plowed under, the growing corn was more injured by the drouth than in other places in the field where there was no manure. This is a common experience with oats, but I think it is not usual with corn. I do not think it is so with us although our corn showed less benefit from manure than usual.

In planting our corn I instructed the planters to put four kernels on one side where the soil was strong and rich. It being low ground the corn was good there, but I should not give such a direction again, as I do not think the fourth kernel added anything to the yield of corn. Three are enough, and I am inclined to think that on most of our lighter soils, unless well manured or quite rich from being in pasture or from previous manurings, two kernels in a hill are enough at the distance we plant—three feet eight inches. With one ear to each stalk that will give 80 bushels per acre with 80 ears to the bushel, and those of us who were at our fair saw baskets filled with less than half that number of ears. I have husked small ears enough this season to last me for several years.

Some time since I opened what I call a fence post record, stating therein when new lines of posts were set, the kind of post, green or seasoned, etc. This fall, in a line of 80 rods of half-seasoned tamarac posts set in 1883, five posts are so rotted as to be broken off.

Quite recently we have had an experience in digging post holes with a digger borrowed of a neighbor. This tool is a sort of double spade with curved blades fastened together just above the blades, like a pair of shears. By spreading the handles the ends of the blades are brought near together and the earth retained until it can be raised out. Doubtless all have seen the tool. Any sized hole can be dug, down to about five inches in diameter. I am satisfied that it is a valuable tool to own for any man who has many post holes to dig. It will work anywhere that a spade will, works easier, and about twice as fast.

IRON CREEK.

Wells Martin has been visiting at his father's.

Miss Esther Martin, of Clinton, visited here over Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Lapham and daughter Maud, visited in Jackson last Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Sutton, of Adrian, are visiting relatives at this place this week.

The Iron Creek social club meet at the residence of J. R. Holmes tomorrow evening.

CLINTON.

The methodists intend to have protracted meetings soon.

Rev. Fairchild baptized the evangelist McDonnell and five lady converts at the baptist church last week Wednesday evening.

McAdam & Mensing are to fill the new Smith building with a large stock of dry goods, etc., and will be ready for business about the first of February.

At the annual meeting of Clinton Masonic Lodge, D. Woodward was elected master; Will Dorr, senior warden; Dr. White, junior warden; S. F. Marshall, secretary.

Real Estate Transfers.

WASHTENAW COUNTY.

Mary S. Wood to Armida Tripp, land in Saline, \$25.

Thos. J. Wood to Armida Tripp, land in Saline, \$500.

LENAWEE COUNTY.

Morris Fox to John A. Smith, land in Franklin, \$400.

Augustus Montgomery to Chas. M. Gore, land in Ridgeway, \$300.

Thomas A. Newton to John O. Maxwell, land in Cambridge, \$2,600.

The Champion Washing Machine only costs \$7. Jas. Field.

Only one cent a word for advertisements in the Want Column.

All accounts due Kensler Bros. should be settled before the 1st of January.

