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TWEEN THE LAKES.

By MAT D. BLOSSER.

Societies.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN meet in their hall over Henseler's store on second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month. J. BLUM, Recorder.

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City of Mackinac in a Collision.

The D. & C. steamer City of Mackinac came into collision with the Cross-

wick, one of the three consorts of the steamer William Strong in Lake St. Clair, and received injuries which made it necessary to put her in the drydock. A few feet from the west end of the U. S. ship canal at the head of Lake St. Clair the Strong with her consorts was met coming down. Signals were exchanged to pass to port. Suddenly the second of the consorts began sheer over into the Mackinac's course and almost instantly it crashed against the sharp prow of the big steamer. The engines of the Mackinac were at once reversed, and the steamer backed away so quickly that her stern struck the channel bank, bending the rudder post badly and rendering the rudder unfit for use. The Crosswick settled rapidly and finally sank.

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Henry Schmid, a well-to-do farmer of Clinton township, Macomb county, committed suicide by hanging. Not long ago he signed a note for \$310 payable to H. C. Nelson, and consequent trouble over it preyed on Schmid's mind till he became temporarily deranged.

Mrs. Alex. Labbe, of Menominee, shot at her husband while he was in bed, the bullet just grazing his scalp. He jumped and, with the assistance of a passing citizen, disengaged her. She said that her intention was to kill her husband, her child and then commit suicide, as she had given up all hope of restoring peace in her household.

MICHIGAN NEWS RECORDED IN BRIEF ITEMS.

Letter Carriers' National Convention. A. O. U. W. Select Knights also Meet. A Large Lake Steamer Launched at Wyandotte. Brevities.

Letter Carriers' National Convention.

The opening feature of the convention of the National Letter Carriers' association, at Grand Rapids, was the annual parade which attracted large crowds and which contained large delegations from New York, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and other large cities. Postmaster Washington Hising, of Chicago, was one of the prominent figures. The postmasters of Jackson, Muskegon, Saginaw, Bay City, Detroit, Battle Creek and Toledo were also at the head of the respective forces. The carriers made a handsome appearance in uniform and were liberally applauded. After the parade a lunch was served the carriers and the conventions opened with welcoming and speeches by Mayor Stow, Postmaster Carroll, President Olewing, Congressmen Smith and others and responses by President Quinn and ex-President Condon, of the National association, and Postmaster Hising. Among other matters of business was the passage of a resolution calling for a \$1 contribution from every member of the association to care for Herman Ditch, of Philadelphia in his old age. Ditch framed and pushed the bill for the eight-hour day for carriers. The carrier salary bill now before congress was indorsed. It provides for salaries in first-class cities of \$600, \$800, \$1,000 and \$1,200 for one, two, three and four years' service respectively, and in second-class cities \$600, \$800 and \$1,000 for one, two and three years' service, and reduces the population qualification for first-class cities. The annual banquet will be held at Reed's Lake, with speeches by prominent people.

Onionagon to Rebuild.

It is now definitely known that 353 buildings were destroyed in the recent fire at Onionagon, and that there are nearly 100 buildings now standing within the village limits. On the first day of September there were 1,825 people in the village. About 250 have left since that date, and more are going. A few buildings are in process of erection, and others will be built as fast as lumber can be secured. The Onionagon bank was closed but 48 hours on account of the fire. The relief store is being conducted on strictly business principles by the best business men in Onionagon.

The people of the destroyed village have not yet given up all hope of rebuilding, even if the Diamond Match Co. does not rebuild its plant. There are still millions of feet of lumber to be cut in the vicinity and five or six large sawmills could find ample business for years to come by making rates to compete with other mills along the lake, while a better site for an enormous hardwood industry could not be found. Every mining man in the copper country recognizes that the great mineral range near Onionagon will form the reserve copper supply of this country, when the range in the neighborhood of Hancock, Houghton and Calumet shall have been worked out. There is no better farming land anywhere in the country than in Onionagon county, the only drawback being the short spring and summer seasons.

NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

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A heavy wind and lightning storm struck Holland. Several buildings a few miles from the city were burned. The house of Elias Becker is almost a complete wreck, the roof and framework being entirely shattered. Mr. Becker and his family of five children were in the house at the time, but all escaped with but slight injury. A horse belonging to Peter Kuiger was killed.

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After being fed at the home of Barney Zilker, near Newberry, a tramp made indecent remarks to Miss Zilker, aged 20, who was alone in the house. The girl seized a rifle and ordered the tramp to leave, but the fellow tried to wrench the gun from her hands. In the struggle the weapon was discharged, the bullet passing through the girl's right leg. The tramp then skipped.

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After 14 hours are running with tubes of acid instead of the glistening metal.

Castor Talcum, a genuine man, has dropped out of sight. So have the surplus funds of the bank.

Everybody seems to know just what David B. Hill is going to do—every body, but David B. himself.

There is a rumor that the powers will recompense with the sultan over the massacre in Constantinople, but it is not believed that they will go further than to think of remonstrating.

It is announced that in the national parties of each of the political parties not a single drop of ink during the campaign will cost that party a single vote, and it will indicate the result of the management which the powers have in view. God's laws are not silent, even in the fightings and tumults of a natural cause.

A Chicago Scotchman has been notified by the police to either give up playing on his big-pipes or move to another town. It is an awful thing to be a player in a town where everybody believes he belongs "down-the-hill," but the alternative is even more cruel. Who ever heard of a big-piper playing to a lone crowd of women? It is a terrible thing for the best notes of the gay instrument, judging by the pompos air of the performer, to strike up amid the groans and groans of his chilly knees, shattered rainbow blinds and freshly brushed sunny curtains.

Iowa sets an example to Boston. After a discussion of three hours, the state committee has decided that the beautiful figure of "Iowa" is perfectly proper and therefore the state will accept. The figure, which is a copy of the water up to the hands, surmounts the breasts, signifying Iowa's offering of nourishment to the whole world, surely a most poetic and beautiful offering. The statue is to be set up in the state led by Senator Harlan and Judge Trimble, but they have lost. No let Boston accept the Baccchante statue, and all that is beautiful in art, and all that is nausaeous in mod- modesty, will an end to that sort of thing for all future time.

It looks as if the Turkish empire were approaching a point where its further existence would be impossible. It is to be hoped that such is the case. The Turks are fighting the Druses, are waging a war against the national troops; in Crete the invaders, falling back, are fighting the invaders when defeated; in Macedonia the Greek inhabitants have raised the standard of revolt, while Armenia is in a state of rebellion. The Turks are in other regions that will be found to take up its force of arms. They do not regard the present head of the empire, but they are fighting the invaders, the whole Moslem world. The trouble with the Christians in Crete may lead to more widespread upheavals than a present indicated.

The United States general-aeronauts have a report, calls attention to the great increase that has taken place in the production of St. Maura tobacco and the high price it commands on account of its superiority, especially for smoking purposes, and he gives some interesting particulars of the origin and growth of the industry. It was in the year 1862 that the first commercial house in Batavia, to a tobacco manufacturer from Japan, with the special object of inspecting the soil in Delft and seeing whether it was suitable for tobacco cultivation. The tobacco, which was then in the planter in question obtained a good position in Delft, and being provided with the necessary funds to a firm in Europe, the first bars to Europe in 1862, and so was established. This tobacco attracted the attention of experts, and it was decided to go to Batavia, and a company was established in November, 1862, with a capital of \$50,000 gold.

A copious literature of paternalism is furnished by New Zealand. It is reported to create a permanent fund for the poor, and the sum of \$100,000 of the weight, or "tax" on public amusements is the suggested source of revenue, and the sum of two dollars and a half is to be paid weekly to each pensioner.

Cornelius Vanderlin's wedding present at the marriage of his daughter to Harry C. White, was a presentive millionaire, was \$50,000. The bride's trousseau cost a fortune.

A clergyman in Jersey City has set a pecuniary precedent, saying his rent for \$20,000 "over-time work." His claims have done this much extra extra, and when he took charge, and that it was a real quibble, that no clergyman would consider as legitimately included in his regular salary.

There has appeared at Bar Harbor, say the dispatches, a sea monster which nobody is able to identify. Being, therefore, unable to get its checks cashed the monster will go along again.

CURRENT NOTES OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

A FRUIT PICKER THAT IS LIKELY TO BECOME A POPULAR SELF-GROWING BOTTLE—A CHEERFUL WOMAN ONE IN FORTY YEARS—A NEW MILITARY LANCE.

NY device which assists in presenting fruit to the market in a perfect condition enhances the value of such product. The fruit picker invented and patented by Mr. C. H. Shirk, of Shirley, Mass., is so simple and seemingly efficacious that it must be of great value to the manufacturer of a pale, to the top of which is attached the steamer or receiving sack. This device will keep the sack wire fingers extended, in which the stem of fruit is inserted, and the string which operates the shears or cutter severs the stem, allowing the fruit to drop into the sack.

Electric novelties are being introduced in all the millionaires' homes and often at an expense of \$10,000 or more. The latest is a very well built in town, where electric lights are the rule, the mistress gave a luncheon party with her guests were placed around tables arranged in long, double curves, and each guest was given a number of which was placed by each cover. After the luncheon the circuits were cut and each guest was presented with a lighted cigarette and a candle.

In the drawing room of this fairy palace every wife is an insulated tube,

which can be put here or there, as it is the case. For instance, when a woman is seated in a chair and with the light in a fine tulip cup at one side reading is possible without drawing up to a table.—Ex-Change.

A USEFUL ELECTRICAL. A few years ago, when Lord Dufferin was received in India, the rajah of Baroda, while he was there he saw Lord Dufferin take up some illustrated London papers which had just arrived by mail, and the light is originated by evaporation and superheating of the vapors from ordinary petroleum. Air is drawn into the lamp between the burner and the exterior, with the modest request and the young rajah returned to his country. After he returned to Calcutta, he was received by the king of the Druses, who had been in the most artistic manner in the shape of a paper knife. This apparatus is self-acting, and does not require any attention, the light reaching from three thousand five hundred to fourteen thousand candle-power. It is so constructed that a lamp and reservoir capable of holding ten tubes of petroleum, and supplying a thousand lamps, can be strapped on to the knapsack of a soldier. The lamps can be carried about when burning, or may be fixed in any position.

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God Protect my Little Sweetheart, is the name of a pretty song, published by J. Fischer & Bro., New York, for 40c.

Some Who Are Not.

Clint. Farrell was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Lapham went to Brooklyn

last Tuesday evening.

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IT PAYS to come to our place at all times for your family supplies. It doubly repays you at this season of the year when your wants are the greatest to do your trading with us.

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THIS WEEK and partake of these Most Exceptional Bargains:

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Half price on Staple Goods that you need every day in your family is a most unusual offering, but that's what you get Saturday. 5,000 yards Best Apron Check Gingham, worth 7c, going Saturday at 3 1/2c. That beats ours all hollow.

Wm. Kirchhessner went to Grand Rapids last week to attend the state fair and visit his son.

Mrs. Stearns and daughter, Mrs. Martin of Cincinnati, have been visiting at Mac's.

Wm. Graham and E. S. Hagan were in Lenawee County last week looking over the cheese factories.

Walters C. Mack over from Ann Arbor Tuesday. He brought his gun to show to shotgun lovers on the way.

George Haeseler returned from Detroit last Saturday, where he and Mrs. Haeseler had been visiting a few days.

Frank Haeseler had his left severely injured when a hot bar falling on him while he was at work at the brewery.

Mrs. Florence Thompson of Blissfield

had her Monday to trimming for Mrs. Rundell during the fall, millinery season.

Mr. Becker, the Lake Shore section foreman, occupies the house at the foot of Clinton street recently vacated by James F. Miller.

Henry Naumann, after spending the summer at home, returned to Chicago last Friday to resume work in a bicycle factory.

Mrs. Martha Denison was called to Ypsilanti to see her sister, Mrs. A. G. Asmund.

Miss Edith Kapp returned to Ypsilanti last Friday to resume her studies at the normal, where she expects to finish next February.

Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Farrell and a number of young people spent Sunday at the Schmid cottage, Sand Lake.

F. M. Freeman and Ex-Supervisor Wm. Burles, of Manchester, are in the city looking after A. F. Freeman's candidacy for judge of probate. —Ann Arbor Times.

Some 150 men of the Ypsilanti delegation were nominated for the state convention held at Monroe Tuesday. The choice is a good one. After the convention had nominated Mr. Barkworth the nominee was brought in by a committee, and his appearance was the signal for deafening cheers, which were repeated again and again. Mr. Salter introduced Mr. Barkworth.

When the applause died down he began his address in which he encapsulated his platform and touched upon the issues of the day in no uncertain terms. Mr. Barkworth pledged himself to elect to stand by the Chicago platform and unflinchingly to oppose the brutal gold standard.

The mother turned to the daughter and said: "After thinking the matter over with all his force, he will not favor a franchise for the franchise for the people," said the girl. "He is natural right—a franchise for an invention that is an engine of oppression to the common class."

Jackson County.

The democratic senatorial convention of Jackson and Washtenaw counties will be held at Jackson, Tuesday the 22nd at 11:30 a.m.

Monday afternoon Lewis Heydlaun, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Emma Moekel of Waterloo, was taken before Judge Peck of the circuit court, but refused to plead, a plea of not guilty was entered.

Mr. Graham, aged 9 years, residing on the 10th street, while enroute to school this morning, was knocked down and over by a bicyclist. The wheels passed over the lad's head. Last night the boy was knocked down and run over by a wheelman. —Citizen.

A couple of weeks ago George Tuttle discovered a peculiar mound near Grass Lake, and concluded to excavate a little.

After going down two or three feet he came to a layer of fine sand about six inches thick. Two feet below he found the sand and some bones of a human skeleton. Top of the mound was a tree about two feet through, estimated to be 300 years old.

Rev. H. A. Moyer, a bright young protestant pastor at Brooklyn, Jackson county, made quite a sensation in a recent sermon by announcing that he would perform no marriage ceremony unless either of the contracting parties was dedicated to the use of liquor, and he would consider it a personal favor if the girls would not drink.

Those in the community who have heard of his views are shocked, and the pastor has come to the conclusion that he will not be able to find a church where he can get a hearing.

Mr. Smith, one of the wealthiest men in the Washtenaw county fair for several years, but who was dropped by those who thought a horse race was all there was to it, is a fair but not fast enough to keep up with the pace after all, so we shall have no fair.

Fashion, has decreed that the toothpick shoe now worn by men shall go. Thus one by one the freaks of style depart.

Reform is doing some wholesome work this year.

If you editor of the Grass Lake News has any knowledge of the wealthiness of the Washtenaw county fair, he might be a power of good.

Courier. Those ignorant for you, Mr. Carlton, your daughter and I are on the Lord's side all the time.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1896.

The state board of health has cautioned physicians to guard cases of mild sore throat, in many of which it is claimed diphtheria bacillus is present.

Postmasters and other government officials have received a warning from the department at Washington not to engage actively in politics or in political discussions. Business must not be neglected, neither must they contribute to campaign funds.

We are indebted to Kenyon L. Butterfield of the agricultural college for a report of the farmers' institutes held throughout the state in 1895-6. Many of the readers of the ENTERPRISE have taken part in these institutes, and we are sure they are of value and interest to the farmers.

A neighboring farmer was approached by a book agent who wanted to sell him a "encyclopedia." The old man was surprised the agent by telling him "he would not be a good master to teach him a thing about the business, and if he caught one of his girls trying to ride one, he would kick her till she couldn't sit on it."

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YOUNG LAWYERS AND OLD.

Letter Think the Former Are Not Maintaining a High Standard.

The swearing in of an additional number of new members of the bar has taken place within a few days, both in New York and Brooklyn. Some of the names in each list were those of members of well-known legal families, but a large number of the applicants admitted gave no evidence of especially high character and training. Some older members of the bar who are most careful of the honor and dignity of the profession have complained that the character of newly admitted lawyers is not as high as in former years. A member of one of the largest firms recently complained that he found it difficult to get satisfactory clerks among the law schools are certainly as efficient as ever and the range of studies is wider than under old systems.

One reason of the complaint which undoubtedly exists as to the capacity of the recently admitted members of the bar may be that many of them have studied in offices where only a special branch of the profession is carried on. The number of lawyers paying attention mainly to one branch of the law has grown larger within a few years. The collection of accounts is largely in the hands of firms making a specialty of "commercial law" and collections and in other branches there has been a similar movement toward a separation of particular parts of law work. Whatever may be the reason, it is certain that many of the young members of the bar are not trained in the general practice of their professions.—Lead Politics.

A Swarm of Moths. A peculiar occurrence of interest to entomologists, was to be observed in the yard of the postoffice, between Hill street and Pinfold street, Birmingham, early one morning. The place was besieged with moths, which gathered in all accessible places, and circled wildly round the brilliant lights. The number of different species, of all sizes and color, was considerable.

Queen Victoria has conferred upon Li Hung Chang the title of grand knight commander of the Bath.

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AT MISS MOFFORD'S.

Letter Think the Former Are Not Maintaining a High Standard.

Y FIRST glance at Jarvis when he stepped into my den that night told me that there was something on his mind. I had known him intimately for fifteen years and at that time the clear-cut lines of his large, impulsive nature had become so familiar to me that I was as well able to interpret every phase of his varied humors as was he himself.

But I did not press him for his confidence. I had long since learned that Jarvis was one of the kind that caters to one's curiosity much more satisfactorily if left to take the initiative, so I pretended not to notice his abstraction, but busied myself in putting to rights numerous odds and ends of household decorations that had become disarranged during a week's absence of the women of the family and waited for the propitious moment when the spirit should move him to unb burden his soul to me. It came just after we had finished our luncheon of beer and frankforts and rye bread and had started on our cigars.

"I called to see Miss Mofford this afternoon," he said, morosely, "and urged her to hurry up our wedding day, but she parried all my arguments with the same threadbare excuse that has been dinned into my ears for the last six months: 'Wait till my book is finished.' Confound novels, anyway. Especially those that are written by women."

I turned my head aside to hide the irrepressible smile that would twitch at my lips at his recurrence to the plaint that had formed the basis of our conversation at least one evening out of every week since Jarvis had become engaged. I was about to study up some new phrase of consolation to offer him, but before I could get it worded to my satisfaction he broke out again with more of passionate force than I had ever known him to expend when discussing the subject:

"She expects to have it in the hands of the publishers in two weeks' time and insists that, as it is incompatible with her views for a woman desirous of both name and fortune to marry a man in my station, the wedding must be postponed until at least a fair degree of fame has been acquired through her work, which she feels confident is bound to be a success. Do you know," he added, bitterly, "I think it one of the most pernicious results of our boasted modern-day liberty that young women whose minds should retain their natural freshness and innocence should be contaminated by investigating all sorts of scandalous proceedings and the impulses that would lead a person to act thus and so just for the sake of writing a book that shall be true to life. Miss Mofford outlined to me to-day for the first time the plot of her novel and asked my opinion in regard to the consistent conduct of one of her characters."

"I had long been aware of Jarvis' aversion to playing second fiddle to the literary ventures his fiancee had in hand, but I knew from the extreme rancor that was vibrant in every tone of his voice that something of an unusual nature had transpired to vex him.

"If not violating any confidence," I said, "perhaps you will not be averse to giving me a few proof-sheets, veritably of this wonderful nineteenth-century novel."

"No," he said, "that is what I had intended to do. As nearly as I can remember this is the way she put it to me:

"I place great value, she said, upon your knowledge of human nature, and

"That settles that question," she went on, and now for one more phase of the subject, please. If she married him, leaving him in ignorance and he subsequently learned all through other sources, what do you suppose he would do?"

"He would be justified in doing whatever his outraged dignity and honor prompted," I answered. "Not only her former sin, but her deceit in dealing with him would give him license to resort to any method of arranging himself."

"Then you think," she laughed, "that my heroine is beyond redemption?"

"So far as human laws go, yes," I said.

"You see, my friend," continued Jarvis, with an attempt to shake off his fit of melancholia, "I am going to be an author, after all, in a roundabout way. When our book comes out you shall have the first copy. But really you can't wonder that it puts me out of sorts, now can you, to have my sweetheart mixed up in such an affair, even though it be in the most innocent way?"

And I, pondering deeply over what I had just heard, let Jarvis out of the front door without answering him.

Jarvis left town the next day and it was six months later when I next met him.

"I read 'your' book," I said, jestingly, when our first greetings were over, "and was greatly fascinated with it. You and your collaborator deserve great credit. It is undoubtedly the book of the season. I suppose the wedding will come off soon now?"

Jarvis' pale thin face seemed to grow perceptibly thinner and his hands trembled nervously.

"No," he said, "I guess not."

"Why not?" I ejaculated, in uncontrollable surprise.

"Because," he returned, "Miss Mofford was the heroine of her own book."

Improve on the American Plan.

Jealous African blacks kill themselves and not their sweethearts. A negro of Conakry, on the west coast of Africa, in a fit of jealousy, ran a knife into his groin, making a wound six inches deep of an ingeniously complicated nature in his inside. The hemorrhage was stopped with coarse shelly sand and the man taken to a French surgeon, who took much pains repairing the damage, but could not get all the pieces of shell out. Before he was cured the man ran away from the hospital and, as he was still jealous, he climbed a high palm tree and threw himself down. The result was only a few contusions and the abandonment of the idea of suicide.

The man is now doing hard muscular work, and the French surgeon, whose report of the case appears in the Lancet, is trying to make out what has become of the pieces of shell that are still in the man's peritoneum.

"She was 19 when she learned to love. It was a very short lesson and she mastered it easily. All her life she

had been lonely and longing for some one to confide in and cling to and she accepted him unquestioningly as her protector and guide. I do not wish to do him an injustice. He was not a thoroughly bad man; moreover, I do not desire to excuse her or detract one iota from the magnitude of her crime.

"She did not deceive her. He told her the day before they were to be married

that he had a life living. And she well, perhaps she ought not to have

done it, and of course neither an abso-

lutely good woman nor a thoroughly

unprincipled, selfish woman would

have done it. But she was only an

everyday, erring mortal and—she mar-