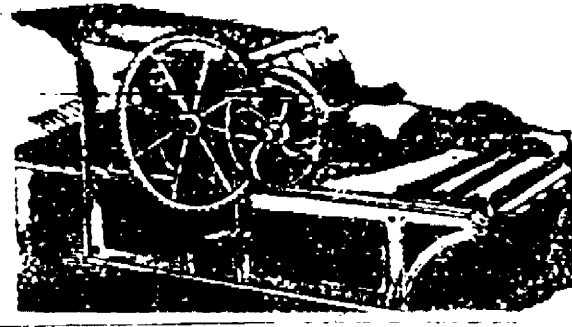




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Local and Miscellaneous.

A cold wave came last Sunday evening and Monday night, and the weather was characterized by a beautiful, sunny and pleasant.

Byron Notes.

Last Friday afternoon James, eldest son of Rev. James Withers, pasteur of the Methodist Church of this place, was drowned while in the river. The deceased was a promising young man and his death is a heavy blow to his grief-stricken parents.

A heavy rain fell visited this section last Saturday twisting the clover and wheat in bad shape.

Crops are generally good, corn a little late but promises well; no cherries but lots of berries of all kinds and a good show for apples.

Another railroad meeting last Friday at which the company wish us to extend our notes another year. I think there is a fair show of its being done.

Old Byron is going to celebrate the glorious Fourth in grand shape this year and cordially invites her Owosso friends to come over and participate therein.

Yours, PLOW HANDLE.

From Burton.

BURTON, June 29, 1885.

While on all sides are seen the prospects of a bountiful harvest, what attracts attention most is J. E. VanHouten's strawberry farm—the long straight rows of luxuriant plants with a literal red edging formed by the delicate fruit. The manner of picking and handling the berries has been so systematized that unnecessary injury to the plants is avoided. One cent per quart is paid for picking and when we consider the great quantity of berries on one plant and the size of the fruit, we see that good wages are made by the pickers. A walk through the plants on the strawberry farm will convince anyone that the title "Strawberry King" indisputably belongs to VanHouten.

Graduating Exercises of the Perry Union School.

At the M. E. Church, Perry, on Thursday evening June 25, the graduating exercises of the Perry Union School were rendered before an overflowing house. The music was under the able management of Dr. E. M. Marshall, which attestation is proof enough of its excellence.

The graduates were six in number, namely: Loren Watkins, Henry Dunning and Charles Stevens of Perry, Geo. D. Mason of Owosso township, Louis Mixer of Williamson, and Miss Ella Chittenden of Bennington.

The exercises were opened with instrumental music, rendered by Miss Matie Morris and Dr. Marshall, violins, Mrs. Herb Olcott presiding at the organ. Then followed a prayer by Rev. J. E. Platt, after which the "Happy Farmer," a quartette, was sung by the choir. Louis Mixer, the first of the class on the program stepped forward and calmly and distinctly read his essay entitled, "Politeness," in which he denounced mere posture making and showed that politeness should come from a soul overflowing with charity and good will toward men.

Geo. D. Mason was then presented to the audience and delivered in masterly style his essay, "The Purpose and Scope of Education," which was a brilliant article, drawing the line finely between learning and education, also showing the social, political and beneficial need of culture.

After listening to a vocal duet, "Learning to Spell," by Mrs. Louisa Monroe and Dr. Marshall, Miss Ella Chittenden came forward and read in a clear, soft tone her essay, entitled, "Pleasure of Anticipation," and was followed by Mr. Louis Watkins with a spirited article entitled, "True Happiness."

Music again burst from the choir, this time a solo and quartette, "Yoli Yoli" with Miss Mabel Dancy soloist. The last essay on the program was read by Charles Stevens. It was a thorough and logical research of history, showing the "Good and Evil of War," and was received with high appreciation.

Mr. Henry Dunning, the last of the class on the program, being introduced to the audience, delivered an oration on "Hidden Uses" and closed with the "Valedictory." His delivery was clear and his features were easy, all showing a confidence in his own ability.

The choir rendered its last selection "Dropping Rain," after which the President of the Board, M. L. Stevens, made a very appropriate address to the class. The class song was next in order, and was followed with presentation of diplomas by the Principal, J. G. Monroe, who addressed the audience on the condition of the school and concerning the class.

Instrumental music, followed by the benediction by Rev. Robt. Quafe, closed the exercises.

The church was tastefully decorated and the exercises were most popular ever held in Perry, and will no doubt remain long in the memory of our citizens.

Michigan Crops and Weather.

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For the Running Races of the Flint Driving Park, July 4th, \$50 are offered in premiums. Half mile race, best 3 in 5; one mile race, best 2 in 3; one and one-half miles, straight dash. Entries close on Thursday July 2. W. Hamilton, President, H. D. Nye, Secretary.

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Graduates of the Ovid Union School: Alice Biting, Lena Doolittle, Nellie Senfick, James Cox, Clayton Johnson, Nellie Town.

Among celebrations of the Fourth are the following: Byron, New Lethrop, Ovid, Cheasaning (on Friday), Elsie, Ashley.

The dead body of Eliza Sage, 34 years old has been found in the bushes near Allegan, with her throat cut.

The Grand Rapids agricultural implements works were burned yesterday. Loss \$60,000, insured \$10,000.

Geo. N. Davis has entered upon duty as Collector of Internal Revenue, at Grand Rapids.

The Lansing Common Council offers a \$50 reward for the detection and conviction of persons breaking into any residence or place of business with felonious intent.

The jury in the Dibble ("Charivari") murder case at Howell disagreed, after being out 114 hours.

Lansing is to have a new industry—the manufacture of electric soap.

Thomas McCann, of Columbiaville, while returning from Cole's circus last week in an intoxicated condition, lay down on the railroad track, and was run over and instantly killed.

A farmer of Birch Run hired a tramp to work for him for a few days, and was relieved of \$30. He succeeded in capturing him in Flint and recovered \$19.00 of his money.

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Real Estate Transfers.
(Reported Especially for Tax Purposes.)

OWOSSO CITY.
William H. Mason and wife to William W. Hoff, n 44 1/2 ft of lot 3, block 12, A. 1, & B. O. Williams' add, \$1000.

Benj. O. & A. Lee Williams and wives to Ottob DeBeaux, lots 9 and 10, block 6, A. L. Williams' add, \$300.

SHIAWASSEE
Oliver Newberry to Homer Newberry, and 1/2 of paper mill property and part of lots 41 and 42, sec 5, \$8000.

MIDDLEBURY.
Peter Freeman and wife to Daniel W. Mosher, n 30 acres of n w 1/4 of sec 24, s 3, 93.

Joseph I. Skott and wife to Wm. A. Reynolds, part of n 1/2 of n 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 13, 96 rods, \$300.

Wm. A. Reynolds to James West, part of n 1/2 of n 1/2 of n 1/2 of sec 13, 96 rods, \$250.

ROSCOE
Rose M. Jackson to John Gorman, lot 16 block 4, \$500.

PERRY
Jacob Reed and wife to Marsh Reed and wife, n w corner of n w 1/4 of sec 7, \$600.

MORRIS
William B. Wells and wife to Charles Corston, lots 5, 6 and 7, block 1, Wells' add, \$140.

GENERAL NEWS.

At New York, July 1, 1885. The report of the Collins investigating committee, submitted to the house at Springfield, Illinois, embodied a summary of the evidence, which, being utterly irreconcilable, was presented without comment. The committee dismisses Presto W. Kidd, author of the newspaper paragraph which brought about the investigation as an "irresponsible person," censures Speaker James G. Blaine for becoming the presiding officer of the house, acquits the Elgin board of trade as a body of misconduct, but finds that there is sufficient ground for the indictment of its treasurer, Mr. Huntz, for trying to use money for private purposes, and administers a mild reprimand to Representative Bruce Kennedy for making unfortunate "jokes" regarding the canal claims. All the members sign the report. E. L. McDonald dissenting to the clause referring to Kennedy. After a heated discussion a motion to receive the report, discharge the committee, and "banish" the report from the journal of the house was adopted.

Two French torpedo-boats were sunk during the recent storms off the Fomosa coast.

St. Nathaniel, Richmond, St. Evelyn, Berlin, and Mr. John Morley will be called to the British peerage.

The redistricting bill and the bill granting an annuity to the Princess Beatrice have received the royal assent.

The daily cholera bulletin from Spain reports 44 new cases and 25 deaths. The cholera and pest of the day will be mentioned on Dr. Ferran's system.

The fortification around Harat are approaching completion. Money is being sent from Kabul to the garrison in connection with the defenses of Afghanistan.

The French army in Tonquin is being decimated by disease. Three thousand sick soldiers have been sent home, and three hundred more await transportation.

The differences between Russia and Turkey, growing out of the demand of the former upon the ports for the removal of the governor of Salonica, have been amicably settled.

The French government will soon introduce a bill making an increase of 50 per cent in import duties on articles from countries which do not accord France the most favored nation treatment.

Copious extracts from the diary of the late Gen. Gordon, written at Khartoum between September 10 and December 14, 1884, are printed in the London papers. They are full of bitter and contemptuous criticisms upon the English government. The style is rambling and incoherent, and much of the language used suggestive of an unbalanced mind.

Wednesday at Windsor castle the members of the Gladstone ministry formally delivered up the keys of office to the premier, which were accepted at her hands by Lord Salisbury and his colleagues. In the house of commons Mr. Gladstone read the correspondence which recently passed between himself and the new premier. Mr. Gladstone's letters contain no specific pledges, but give assurances of general support by the liberals to the incoming ministry.

Rev. Luigi Bonomi, an Italian priest, who escaped from El Mehdi's camp, wherein he has long been a captive, and arrived at Donkora. He confirms the report that Mehdi's forces have been repeatedly defeated by the Senegalese, Garibaldians, and says that Korofan is scourged by famine and disease. El Mehdi has issued twelve proclamations, one of which enjoins the killing of all foreigners who do not become Mussulmans.

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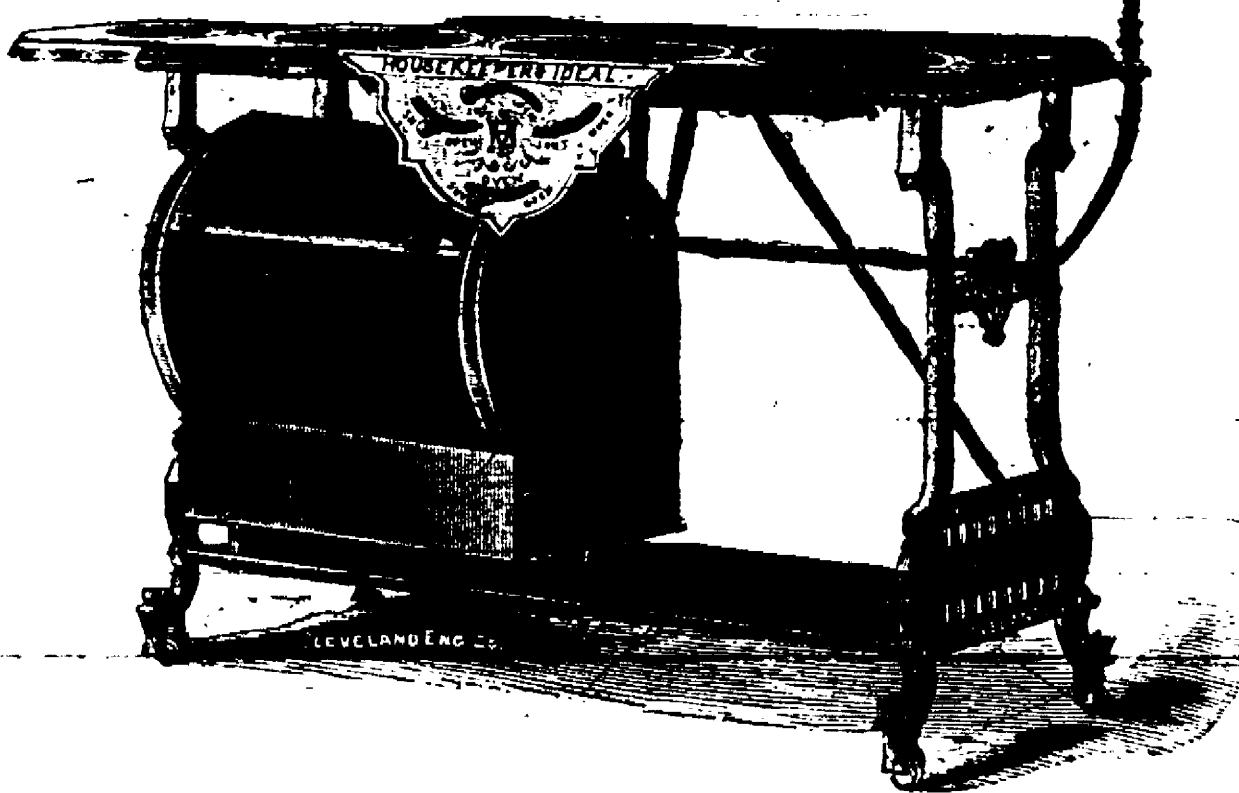
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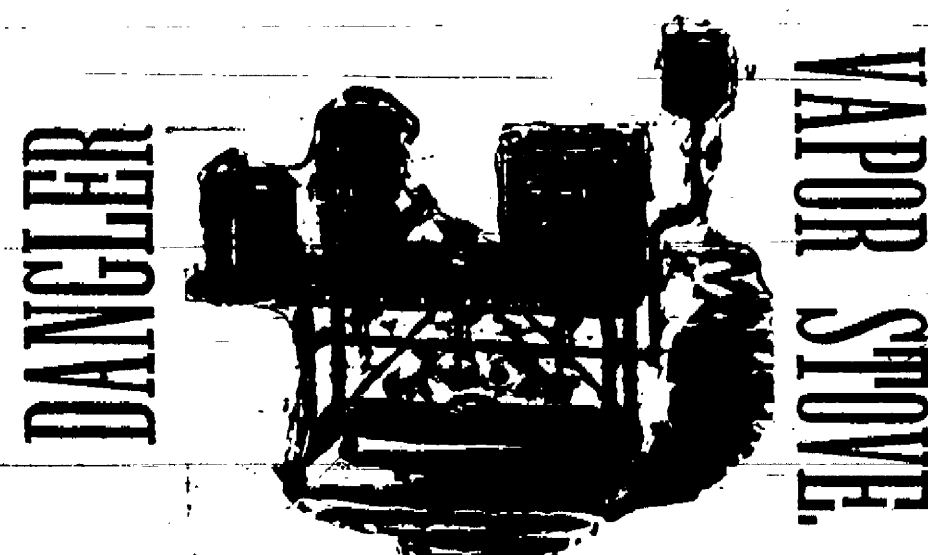
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