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Finger-Nails and Characters.

Since the new science of reading character by the handwriting has come it is even said that the care taken of the nails affect the handwriting. The long, almond-shaped nail is a great support to the middle finger, which guides the pen. One can hardly imagine a person with short stubby finger-nails, which are covered with skin, writing the long, graceful English hand which so delights the recipient of the note from a grand dame. It is said that poets and people with imagination are apt to have long taper fingers and beautiful finger-nails. They have a handwriting in which the long up-strokes and down-strokes cut into the lines above and beneath them. The heads of their capital letters are large. The handwriting shows ardor and impulse. When it has a markedly downward movement this handwriting shows a tendency to melancholy. An aptitude for criticism is shown among people who bite their nails. They are cynical and severe, uncharitable and bitter. They write a small, cramped and illegible hand. However, there may be good-natured critics, men with versatility of comprehension. They would have small but well-shaped nails, and their handwriting would be somewhat angular, showing penetration and finesse. The nails of a musician are, of course, to be observed, although the piano sometimes injures them. The great musicians have a sloping handwriting. There is, however, an eccentricity peculiar to the handwriting of executive musicians, as witnessed in that of Beethoven. The finger-nails of mathematicians are apt to be square, not beautiful. The handwriting of such persons shows a quiet movement of the pen. The lines are straight with the paper, the up-strokes and the down-strokes are short, while the capitals are small and angular. Diplomacy has a long, supple hand, and a long, beautifully kept, slender finger-nail. But the handwriting of a diplomatist is not apt to be clear; it always look like a snake gliding away. There are no clear, gigantic capitals, like John Hancock's, none of the fine curves suggestive of generosity and expansion; all is compressed and impenetrable. Certain inflexible natures express themselves both by finger-nails and by the handwriting—both are blunt and determined. The Chinese have such long finger-nails that one might almost write with the ends of them. The tenacity of the Chinese nail, which does not break, shows that they have more lime in their bones than we of a different race. At one time, when good Queen Anne bit her finger-nails, it was the fashion for all the English aristocracy to bite theirs; and in those days the English finger-nail was not what it is now. Fashion exerts a powerful influence on man, savage or civilized. The Botocudes of Brazil and the Hydalls of Queen Charlotte's Island insert a wooden or ivory plug under the lip of their women, causing a hideous deformity that resembles a shelf overhanging the chin. The fashionable women of to-day wear a bustle, which is almost as deforming.—*Harper Bazar.*

Izaak Walton.

We can never wonder at Izaak Walton's perennial popularity. The essential freshness of the topic is enough to assure immortality to any book. In his quaint and godly talk he gives expression to the simple poetry that inspires the feelings of many an unlettered brother of the craft. Even when he wrote in prose he was really as much of a poet as many of the melodious masters of the lyre he quotes with honest admiration. And his own simple verses, coming straight from the heart, are often singularly touching. Take for instance, and almost at haphazard, his profession of his angling faith:

"I care not, I, to fish in seas,
Fresh rivers best my mind do please,
Whose sweet, calm course I contemplate,
And seek in life to imitate."

His mind reflected with a sober Quaker line coloring all the pictures of rural beauty and felicity about him. We have had many books since then by such devoted lovers of English scenery as Gilpin and Howitt, and Borrow and Jennings. But we know none that breathes so entirely the essence of tranquil enjoyment, or so ardently expresses the happy faculty of finding recreation in trifles. Unreal it may be in its idealization of manners in the immediate neighborhood of the court and capital; for the golden age had gone over before the days of Walton, and we imagine that maudlin, the pretty milk-maid and her mother, that have been scarcely so unsophisticated as they appeared. But the worthy old angler saw everything as he wished to see it; and certainly life then went comparatively placidly, even within hearing of the bells of Bow.—*Cornhill Magazine.*

A counterfeit dime is made of glass mixed with base metal. It looks exactly like a genuine piece, but when struck with a hammer breaks into pieces.

AMHERST FARMER.

Dick Nelson is just immense as Dick Bustle the Baker, in the "Last Loaf."

After a silence of five months the hum of the flouring mill is pleasant to the ear.

Blaine and Logan and Cleveland and Hendricks campaign whips at Meobreg's harness shop.

New wheat is coming in freely, although the price is way down, but other produce is as bad.

Hon. Isaac Stephenson will attend our fair the 2d day, Sept. 24th. Turn out and greet him.

The new school would be just boss for the high school. It would save expense to the district to make the change.

We learn from Secretary A. J. Smith, that Hon. Isaac Stephenson will attend the Portage County Fair, the second day, next Wednesday.

This berg will be surprised some fine morning (we will not say how long hence), by the announcement of a marriage between two of our most popular young people.

Through the exertions of the Secretary of our county fair, every one in the country can shake hands with Governor Rusk the last day of the fair, Sept. 25th, by coming on that day.

Mr. H. H. Suhs, who for the past three years has been principal of the schools at this place, will be a candidate before the Republican convention for the nomination for county Superintendent of schools.

John Vanskiver reports his sheep dying of some strange disease. They are taken suddenly and perfectly helpless, neck stiff, ending soon in death. Nothing seems to help them, and he can't tell what is the matter.

The ladies of our town last year made Floral Hall exhibit the best for years. We trust that they will take the matter in hand and do even better this year. They can if they only try, and with few exceptions they have always shown themselves friends of our Fairs here.

At the Amherst Lumber Yard, near the depot, Wm. V. Fleming & Son keep constantly on hand lumber, timber, lath and shingles and sell at very low figures. Now is the time to buy if you contemplate building and these gentlemen are the ones to buy of. They manufacture their own lumber and make their grades as liberal as possible.

Jerome Baneroff has bought a hotel in Fresno City, Fresno County, California. That place is located about 150 miles south-east of San Francisco. We hope he will do well. The place has about 2,000 inhabitants, is on the Central Pacific railroad in the heart of a good grazing country, and near some very rich mines, both gold and silver. The foot-hills west of him are heavily timbered with white and yellow pine.

Dr. A. H. Guernsey, the pioneer doctor, is represented in the *Farmer*, and calls attention to his stock of pure drugs and medicines. The doctor also carries a stock of groceries, lamps, wall paper, school books, and other articles too numerous to mention. His lines are all full in quantity, and fine in quality, and will bear close inspection. Buyers are invited to call and look over the stock.

Sunday, while the people at Wau-paca were at church, a tramp broke in the door of Sheriff Rows' house, stole a watch and a small sum of money, then broke into Chesley's house and raised \$50 and skipped out, coming this way. He was closely followed and caught at this place about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day and was taken to Wau-paca and bound over to the next term of court.

Isaac Simcock, the pioneer hardware merchant, carries a full stock of everything in his line and sells at bottom prices. Now the winter is coming on, you will want a stove and the place to get it is at Simcock's. He makes a specialty of the "Elmhurst" and the "Crowning Glory", the two best stoves in the market. Isaac is an exclusive hardware dealer and deserves the support of all.

Our merchants anticipate a lively trade this fall, and all are filling up their respective stores in view thereof.

Come and see the 1-1-1-1 on B. B. B. bubble from Tom Chubb's B. B. B. Busom, in the "Last Loaf."

The mill company here will clean out the river below the mill, thereby gaining at least 18 inches more head of water.

Those who hunger at the County Fair can get a square meal of the ladies of the M. E. Church who will preside over the eating house on the grounds.

The Amherst Cornet Band will play at Iola at the Republican Mass Meeting, Friday, Sept. 26th. We guarantee them good music. We are pretty proud of our band, and the progress they have made.

H. I. Nelson talks of opening a skating rink over Foxen & Murat's store. It will pay, besides furnishing good and proper recreation for our young people, as well as the older ones. We hope to see the project succeed.

T. W. Boss calls attention elsewhere to his stock of furniture, which every one that comes to Amherst should call and inspect. His prices will be found reasonable, and his goods the best in the market. He is the Boss hand on repairing of all kinds, and warrants satisfaction.

Edgar Starks speaks to the public through the columns of the *Farmer*, calling attention to his stock of drugs, paints, oils &c. He also makes a specialty of holiday goods of which he carries an excellent assortment. When you want anything in his line call and look over his stock. You will also find a fine show case full of cutlery, and a good 5 or 10 cent cigar.

If you want your picture or your children's taken, remember that W. C. Huff, whose advertisement appears elsewhere, is the leading artist of Stevens Point, does first-class work and warrants satisfaction. He has a fine gallery over the post office and pays special attention to copying and enlarging old pictures. If you have a picture of a near and dear friend which you would like to have enlarged, take it to him and he will bring out a picture that will please you.

The County Fair.

From the Stevens Point Journal.

In view of the abundant harvests just gathered, and the great progress that has been made in this county in horses, cattle and sheep and other stock, as well in agriculture, during the past few years, the fourteenth annual fair of the Portage County Agricultural Society, which will be held at Amherst on the 23d, 24th and 25th of the present month, ought to be by all odds the finest exhibition of the kind ever held in this part of the state. And it will be if the farmers and mechanics turn out and bring and exhibit what they have. The vegetables raised in Portage county cannot, either in quantity or size, be beat anywhere, and this year we are told there is as fine No. 1 hard wheat in this county as was ever produced on the far-famed wheat fields of Minnesota. As for corn, we would be safe in defying the corn districts of Illinois to exhibit a better quality than that which can be shown by the farmers of this county. Many other things might be named, of which our farmers can bring together just as good an exhibit as their brethren of any other county in the state. But speaking of the approaching fair, we would remind all that it is not sufficient to go there empty handed, and then tell how much better you have at home. That isn't what makes a fair a success. The proper way is for all who have anything that is good, to take it along, and thus help to make up the exhibition, and let others see what you have got, and compare notes with your neighbors and others. If the farmers and mechanics of the county would do this each year there would be no doubt about the success, financially and otherwise, of these annual fairs. The Agricultural Society has already been of great advantage, but it might be made of still greater advantage. In the matter of giving an impetus to berry and fruit raising, it has alone been worth all the money and labor its originators and aiders and patrons have expended upon it.

The First National Bank of Stevens Point, is an institution of which that city is justly proud. Although this bank has only been established a little over a year, their last report shows a remarkable increase of business. They already have a large business from this section of the country, and if polite attention, and fidelity to the interests of their patrons will secure it, they will add to the list. See advertisement in another column.

The Stevens Point Hospital should receive the attention of every one who contemplates going into the woods the coming winter. By buying a ticket for \$5.00, you will be sure of care and skillful medical attention, should you be taken sick, or accident overtake you. This institution is run on strict business principles, and patients receive excellent care. The building is pleasant, and provided with gas, and hot and cold water. For full particulars and circulars, address Dr. H. M. Waterhouse, Resident Surgeon, Stevens Point, Wis.

Governor Rusk Expected.

The following letter from Governor Rusk explains itself:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
MADISON, WIS., Sept. 16, 1884.
A. J. SMITH, Esq., Amherst, Wis.
Dear Sir:—I will endeavor to be with you the 25th of September. I am to be at Elkhorn the 24th, and will take the Central Railway from Milwaukee so as to get to Amherst the 25th if possible.
Yours Respectfully,
J. M. RUSK.

The publishers of the *Farmer* are under obligations to A. J. Smith for valuable assistance on the local department of the paper. Mr. Smith has a card in another column which should be read by all. When you have legal business to transact, collections to be made or property you want insured against fire, call on A. J. and you will find him competent and trustworthy.

Amherst Flouring Mills.

The conspicuous advertisement on the first page will attract the attention of the thousands of readers of the *Farmer*. Messrs. Coleman, Jackson & Co., the proprietors are practical and successful millers and their success is due to the straightforward way in which they conduct their business. Since buying this mill, they have expended nearly \$6000 in placing it in shape before doing a dollar's worth of business. They put in the very best of machinery and built over the mill from foundation to garret. Since starting up, the new mill—for such we may now call it—works to a charm. The flour is first-class, and the custom department, which will be a leading feature, is giving universal satisfaction. They are prepared to buy all kinds of grain and pay the highest price, spot cash. They are now building a side-track to their mill, and making preparations to do an immense business. The farmers will find this firm straightforward and honorable, and their miller, Mr. F. E. Timian, a pleasant man to do business with.

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Insure your property in the above reliable Companies, at A. J. Smith's office, on Mill street.

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ED. MOORHOUSE, " at Excel'r Flour'g Mills.

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All kinds of repairing done to order on short notice.

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Amherst Schools.

Though but a small village, Amherst has long enjoyed the reputation of having excellent schools, a fact proven by the many tuition pupils who seek admission here each winter, for the purpose of availing themselves of our superior educational facilities. It is not claimed for the schools that they reach the higher branches of study, and fit pupils for professional careers, etc., but they do claim to give them a thorough, practical, common school education, that will suffice in all the ordinary avocations of life, and prepare them for an entrance into any of the higher schools should they choose to do so. For several years the schools have consisted of two departments, but the past year it has become evident that the great increase of pupils demanded more room and another teacher. Accordingly money was appropriated for that purpose at the last annual meeting, and now a neat little building is in process of construction, in the center of the town, the result of said appropriation. It will be used for the primary pupils, and the schools will then consist of three departments. As soon as practicable a high school will be organized.

The present teachers are H. H. Suhs and Mrs. D. W. Keith, who have held their respective positions the past three years, and have spared no pains to make the schools successful and pleasant. The district has shown its appreciation of this fact by hiring them both again for the coming year. Miss Frankie Fryar will have charge of the primary department which will be opened as soon as the new building is completed. The present Board of Education consists of P. N. Peterson, Charles Couch and J. O. Foxen. The two last mentioned gentlemen have been acting in this capacity many years, and have proved most efficient officers. Mr. Peterson was elected clerk at the last annual meeting, and is also proving the right man in the right place.

A tuition fee of one dollar per month is charged to all pupils residing outside of the district. The district hopes to accommodate all that may apply the coming winter, without incommoding our own pupils, for lack of room, as was the case a year ago, when many were refused admission. All the branches requisite for a teacher's first grade certificate, are taught during the winter if required.

Churches.

The Methodist Episcopal church, was organized in 1862, and though but a little band it has struggled on to the present time and finds itself in fair circumstances. Its members built a substantial building soon after organizing, which has answered its purposes well. They have also recently added a parsonage to their property. The present pastor is Rev. J. T. Dumbleton of Stevens Point. The trustees, are Dr. A. H. Guernsey, W. V. Fleming and Edwin Grover.

The Norwegian Lutheran church. This is by all means the strongest church in the village. It was organized in 1877, and has a large membership. The society built a fine church a few years ago, which adds greatly to the appearance of the town, by its conspicuousness on the east side of the village. The present pastor is Rev. Nels Forde who is now a resident here. Its trustees are O. H. Bakke, Lawrence Johnsen, Gunder Terkelson, John Tostensen and Nels Rolleson.

The German Lutheran church was organized about six years ago. The society owns a neat little building on the west side of town. It has a small membership and services are held but once a month, when Rev. Schilling of Stevens Point officiates.

President Arthur is credited with an ambition to occupy a seat in the Senate, from New York.

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McGLACHLIN & SIMONS.

The famous wolf den at Pomfret, into which General Israel Putnam crawled, and from which, after he had killed the old she wolf that had destroyed his sheep, he was drawn out by his neighbors by means of a rope attached to his body, himself pulling the dead animal after him, is gradually filling up with the accumulations of gravel and rocks that fall from the roof and sides. It was visited by a merry picnicing party of ladies and gentlemen from Old Mashentuck, East Killington, the other day. They spread a dinner in the lonely brush pasture near the cave, had dinner, made speeches about Old Put, the Revolution, the wolf hunt, and so on. One of the party, Rev. G. H. Childs, was appointed to explore the cavern. The opening, which is about two feet square, is near the top of a high ridge that is strewn with cyclopean boulders, about half a mile from the country road. A few stunted forest trees grow aslant from rocky footholds along the hillside. The surroundings are wild and rugged. There is no dwelling house within many miles. Mr. Childs squeezed through the aperture, and, with his lantern on his arm, crawled along the passage downward for seventeen feet. There he reached the open chamber of the cave, in which he could stand nearly upright. It was impossible to penetrate further, the passage being almost closed with small stones. It was at this point that Putnam saw the old wolf ten or fifteen feet beyond him squeezed into the extreme end of the cave, "growling and gnashing her teeth." Half rising, with his knee for a rest, and holding his lantern high in his left hand, he illuminated the further darkness, Putnam coolly sent a bullet into the animal's brain. Mr. Childs found that the sides of the cave are very rough and uneven. The roof is as smooth and regular as though it had been carved by the hand of man. The wolf den is five or six miles from the railroad, and few persons visit it on account of the difficulty in getting there. The nearest settlement is Pomfret Street, a beautiful, sequestered country village, itself several miles from railroads, to which wealthy city people whose youth was spent among the hills of old Wyndham county resort to live over again the old-fashioned days. Lofty elms and spreading maples shadow the village, and all day hardly a sound is heard in its straight, grassy street. The houses are old and primitive in style, but very neat and trim, with fresh gardens on either side. —*Norwich Cor. N. Y. Sun.*

Neatness.

The frog has the reputation of being a dissolute character, but the great care which he exercises in a sanitary way and his genial habits of cleanliness must win for him many admirers among the neat people of the country. The bullfrog unlike old Sam Johnson, never wears soiled linen. His shirt bosom is immaculate-creamy in the richness of its purity. The bullfrog does not slobber on his shirt bosom. No matter how convivial he may be—no matter how late he may be out at night, his shirt bosom, the next morning, looks as though it were newly laundered. The principle of neatness is innate. There are always streaks of slovenliness athwart the escutcheon of cultivated neatness. Mr. Bobsall, for instance, is always neat. His shirt is always clean and about him there is an air of gentility. He seems to make no special effort in this direction. The truth is, his principle of neatness is in-born. Now, there is Mr. Brittlersash. He puts on a clean shirt every morning, yet he is never neat. All sorts of stains will go out of their way to settle on his shirt bosom. He cannot be neat. The most elaborate profession in the school of neatness could not teach him the art. He was born to be slovenly in appearance.

The bullfrog is much neater than the catfish. The catfish wears an ulster with a yellow frontage, and he may make an occasional attempt to be cleanly in appearance, but he has never succeeded. There is one thing which stands in his way: He is not careful of his diet. He bites off more than he can chew and slobbers on himself. The frog looks with something like disdain on the catfish, and it serves him a good purpose to keep out of the broad-mouthed gentleman's way. The catfish would not hesitate to lacerate the pure bosom of the frog. The catfish is a cannibal. He would eat a piece of his grandfather. —*Arkansaw Traveler.*

A Novel Marketing.

A party of Philadelphians who recently returned from a trip to Canada tell a quaint story illustrating the extreme thrift and simple habits of the old French inhabitants of Canada. While they were in Quebec they arose at 4 in the morning to visit the French market, one of the sights of Quebec. Driving ahead of their carriage they noticed an old French peasant on his way to market. He was in a little low cart, with a seat about eighteen inches wide, drawn by a large shepherd dog. When they reached the market one of the Philadelphians purchased the man's entire stock, an enormous five cent string of onions and a dozen bunches of radishes for five cents. The day's marketing was over for the old Frenchman, and he whipped up his dog for the return trip. He had traveled eight miles from Beaufort, near Quebec, and paid four cents toll to sell ten cents worth of vegetables. When the wear and tear of dog and man was deducted from the six cents, the profit must have been a small one indeed. —*Philadelphia Press.*

A Yankee performing a journey through the back countries on foot saw two horses in a field as he passed along, one of which he determined to borrow for a few miles, as he was feeling very weary. Accordingly, writing in pencil on a slip of paper that he would leave the beast at the next town on the road, he tied the note to one horse's fetlocks, and mounting the other with merely a halter for bridle, rode off with him. This transaction happened to be observed, an alarm was given to the owner of the animals, who, saddling the remaining one, without paying any attention to the note attached to its leg, rode away after the unknown borrower, or, as he considered him, perhaps, thief. Unluckily for the Yankee, he was mounted on a slow traveler, compared with the steed he had left behind, and he soon desisted with some consternation a rider behind urging a powerful beast, along the road at full speed, evidently in pursuit of him. Having neither whip nor spur he found it a difficult matter to impel the horse he rode, beyond its usual pace, and his pursuer, therefore, had every chance of coming up with him directly. At this moment he perceived a cottage by the roadside at no great distance toward which, by blows and kicks, he urged his steed somewhat faster, the farmer gaining on him nevertheless at every step. Reaching the door he dismounted and went in. The farmer riding up immediately after in a tremendous passion threw himself off his horse, leaving it by the side of its fellow, and ran into the cottage to seize and secure the thief. The Yankee, however, was prepared for him. Having slipped upstairs, he opened the front window which looked out upon the road, and as the farmer ran into the house he let himself down outside, mounted the saddled horse, seized the other by the halter and rode off securely with both.

The hero of the second story was at least as ingenious. A new liquor warehouse opening at Boston on a ready-money and low-price system, Jonathan walked in one day with a two-gallon keg on his shoulder, and asked for a gallon of the best brandy. The liquor having been poured through a funnel into his keg the money was demanded. Pretending ignorance of their mode of doing business, the Yankee said he would pay the next time he came into town. The shopman demurred, saying that he did not intend to give any credit. "But," asked the Yankee in mock surprise, "do you intend to take back the brandy?"

"To be sure," replied the other, "if you don't pay for it."

"Then," said he, "you must bring your measure, for I had some liquor of my own in the keg."

A Journey To the Sun.

As to the distance of ninety-three million miles, a cannon-ball would travel it in about fifteen years. It may help us to remember that at the speed attained by the Limited Express on our railroads a train which had left the sun for the earth when the Mayflower sailed from Delhaven with the Pilgrim Fathers, and which ran at that rate day and night, would in 1884 still be a journey of some years away from its terrestrial station. The fare, at the customary rates, it may be remarked, would be rather over two million five hundred thousand dollars, so that it is clear that we should need both money and leisure for the journey.

Perhaps the most striking illustration of the sun's distance is given by expressing it in terms of what the physiologists would call velocity of nerve transmission. It has been found that sensation is not absolutely instantaneous, but that it occupies a very minute time in traveling along the nerves; so that if a child puts its finger into the candle, there is a certain almost inconceivably small space of time, say the one-hundredth of a second, before he feels the heat. In case, then, a child's arm were long enough to touch the sun, it can be calculated from this known rate of transmission that the infant would have to live to be a man of over a hundred before it knew that its fingers were burned. —*Prof. S. P. Langley, in the September Century.*

A German cobbler, with his kit in his sack, solicited work of the loungers in the New York City Hall Park, and on getting a job squatted on the pavement, did the work, took his pay, and went off, with a crowd following, in quest of further employment.

Courage.

"Charles A. Dana married when he was receiving \$5 per week for literary work," said Capt. Gray, putting aside a newspaper which contained a picture and biographical sketch of the great journalist. "By George, he must have had courage!"

"Not necessarily," replied Mr. Balkins. "I was never regarded as a man of extraordinary courage, yet I married when I only had \$6 in money and no income at all."

"I should regard that a very courageous act."

"No," replied Mr. Balkins, "for you see the girl I married was worth \$50,000." —*Arkansaw Traveler.*

There is a rivalry between Kansas and Colorado as to which shall be considered "the banner wheat state."

AMHERST FARMER

Potatoes are coming in freely.

Mrs. A. J. Luce is visiting friends here this week.

J. J. Nelson will burn coal in his office this winter.

A. P. Anderson is doing a good job on his cellar.

Geo. Worden has finished plastering his new house.

R. R. Fryar has as tasty a looking house as any in town.

H. H. Boss has the timber out for an addition to his hotel.

Threshers complain of the weather. When it don't rain, it is too hot.

The G. A. R. Post here will meet twice a month, from October 1st.

W. C. Holley's child is recovering. He was almost given up at one time.

The well on the fair grounds has been recurred. Jesse Lee did the work.

The new school house is ready for the masons. It will be a fine room for the little folks.

John N. Webster shook hands with comrades of Post No. 16 here. John reports good crops in Almond.

Efforts are being made to get the Stevens Point and Waupaca Base Ball clubs to play here fair time.

About next week the steam horse will cross the mill dam in our village on the Coleman Jackson & Co. switch.

The Dramatic Club will give a social dance at the close of the play on the last day of our County Fair, September 25th.

Trains on the Wisconsin Central railroad have been from one to three hours late for the past week, owing to the floods.

Dr. Dusenbury being unable to get a vacant house, will board after October 1st, just where or with whom is not settled yet.

E. Turner challenges the county on Berkshire pigs to be shown at our County Fair this week, the winner to take the lot.

S. N. Buswell will, as usual, strive for the first place on vegetables at our Fair, and will get it unless you pitch in to win.

There will be some fine blooded stock shown at our County Fair next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Don't fail to be present.

Dr. Guernsey's white rabbits are a nuisance, and unless they are kept at home, there will be a rabbit potpie in the west side of town.

Some disease seems to be running among the chickens of our village. Quite a number have lost from two to six within the last two weeks.

R. Thompson will start up his cane mill next week. Those wanting a good article of syrup will do well and be satisfied, by patronizing him.

Boys who insult old people at night by throwing melon rinds and the like at them, will make their mark in—the county jail or state prison.

F. E. Purple has turned granger. He has rented a large farm near Brown's Valley, Minnesota, for a term of years. Frank left here last summer and we hope he has struck it rich.

Farmers will do well to bear in mind that Andrew Moberg, the village harness maker does good, honest work. He keeps all kinds of harnesses on hand and also a large stock of whips, curry combs, brushes, &c. Buy your harness at home and you will get something that is worth the money. Mr. Moberg also does all kinds of repairing on short notice.

Don't fail to read the advertisement of John Iverson, calling attention to his full fall and winter stock of dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, crockery, glassware, &c. John is an honest dealer and will do his level best to please his customers. He also sells agricultural machinery, Andrew Howen, the popular clerk, is always on the alert to wait upon customers and his motto is let no one go away dissatisfied.

Jas. Thomson will return here about the 20th of this month, and will probably pass the winter with us.

School commenced Monday last, with a large attendance. H. H. Suhs and Mrs. Keith are the teachers.

A. J. Smith, our Attorney, was nominated for congress by the Prohibitionist at Madison, September 4th.

L. B. Cate is expected here soon. His wife is here now. They will live in the Thomson house about October 1st.

Don't fail of attending the County Fair next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is probable that the Governor will be present.

T. J. Simons, one of the live publishers of the Stevens Point JOURNAL, debulated our streets Monday and shook hands with the boys.

The "Bee" on the fair grounds Saturday did good work, in repairing the fence, ect., and the officers tender thanks to all who aided them.

B. Rice has his large new house nearly completed. When it is finished he will move in and Merrit, his oldest son, will run the farm in Lanark.

We don't see why our city fathers don't put up and maintain at least four street lamps. One is needed badly at the bridge for the protection of life and limb.

Mrs. Willard, A. J. Smith's sister, is now in Washington Territory. Her Post Office address is Stanwood. She has turned a granger and can vote with other women there.

Hon. E. L. Browne will speak here in the near future on the political outlook. He is a forcible speaker, and it is a pleasure to hear him, if you don't agree with his conclusions.

We claim the best market in northern or central Wisconsin for all that a farmer raises, and with our milling facilities we do not want to see a bushel of grain shipped away from here or the Junction.

At the special school meeting held Monday evening, the Board was instructed to raise by a loan \$225.00 to complete the new school building. The seats will be purchased on one year's time without interest.

The Temperance Sunday school continues to be interesting, and the attendance is really remarkably. Not since its organization has the attendance been less than 50; averaging at least 65 since November 6th, 1882.

One hundred dollars expended by our business men in repairing the roads south of here and in the town of Lanark, would be money placed at 25 per cent. for them. It would bring a large trade here which now goes to Waupaca.

The Prohibition candidate for congress in this district will occupy a desk in the Secretary's office at the County Fair. Let the ladies interview him, although not handsome to look at, you will find him a pleasant gentleman.

Dr. Jesse Smith, the well known dentist of Stevens Point has removed to his new office on Clark street, opposite the Jacobs House. Dr. Smith's work is conspicuous for its perfection. If you want a plate made, or teeth extracted or filled he is the one to go to. Satisfaction to all is his great aim.

In the spring this place will make an effort to become incorporated. It is needed. Although it may be a little more expensive, we would have the advantage of controlling our own affairs, and could then improve our streets by establishing a grade, build side-walks, and have officers who would suppress much of the lawlessness seen here now.

A. Thum, the progressive grocery, dry goods, clothing and in fact general dealer, calls attention in our advertising columns to his line of goods in each department. He keeps a nice clean stock and sells at lowest living rates. Although in small quarters he has an abundance of goods and always keeps his stock well assorted. You will find him a pleasant gentleman to trade with.

Next year from all indications that terrible scourge cholera, will in all probability visit this country, and our advice to all who can is to sow sun flowers. Let those large golden beauties be sown in every yard and at the back part of the house, where the slops are mostly thrown. It is said they are a sure preventative to epidemic diseases. It will do no harm, and the seed for the poultry will pay for the ground.

Jerome Nelson, the reliable and successful miller, has a card elsewhere of his Excelsior Flouring Mills, just below the village and the Rising Star Mills, Nelsonville, where custom work is done to the entire satisfaction of all, and the highest cash price paid for wheat. He has both mills in perfect order, supplied with the celebrated Stevens Roller system, and warrants gilt-edged flour and first-class work.

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Death of David R. Clements.

On Friday morning the people of the city were startled by the announcement that D. R. Clements was dead. He had been in from the farm for several days, and comparatively few had missed him from the street, but as a matter of fact he had been confined at home under the care of Dr. Phillips, since last Tuesday. He was, however, so as to be around, and go out of doors at will. When in the house he lay upon a lounge, and as he had occasion to go out doors quite frequently, insisted upon keeping his clothes on. At about 11 o'clock Thursday evening he went out doors, first requesting Mrs. Clements to keep the light burning. As he did not return as soon as she expected, Mrs. Clements and Katie went out to look for him. Not finding him about the yard, they called John Rennie, who went down town, and returning again looked about the yard, continuing the search until about 3 o'clock, but without success. A little after daylight, however, Mr. Clements' dead body was found by his daughter Katie in the back yard. He had evidently passed through a gap in the fence, passed to the other side of the yard, where he fell down, and the Doctor thinks died almost instantly.

Mr. Clements was among the early settlers of this part of the state. He was born in the town of Pinkney, Lewis County, N. Y., December 14th, 1819, and therefore at the time of his death was in the 65th year of his age. In his youth he received a common school and practical business education. He came west in 1847, and settled in Stevens Point. For a time he was engaged in the mercantile business, occupying a store on the corner of Public Square and Main Street. He was afterwards engaged quite extensively in the lumber business, which he followed more or less almost continuously to the time of his death. For the past few years a good share of his time had been spent on his large farm in the town of Stockton. He was a prompt, methodical and energetic business man, and at different times occupied various public offices, including that of chairman of the Board of Supervisors. In 1858 he was elected Sheriff, defeating John Finch. He was elected to the Assembly in 1872, and re-elected in the following year, his opponents in the latter year being A. H. Bancroft, Democrat, and S. A. Sherman Independent. He was also postmaster of this city for a short time, to which position he was appointed by President Hayes.

In December, 1862, he was married to Miss Eveline Harvey, in this city. Three children were born to them, one boy and two girls. The former died when about four months old. Of the girls, Miss Katie is now at home with her mother, and Belle is attending school at Batavia, N. Y., whither she went on Tuesday of last week.

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