

OUR RAILWAY EXPERIENCE.

While on a night train from Chicago to the Michigan railroad, last week, we managed, as there were but few in the car, to turn two seats facing each other and laying the cushion of one cross-ways, reclined thereon, sleeping soundly, not even the conductor's loud and authoritative "tick-ets," arousing us until the train's arrival at Kalamazoo.

Here we straightened up, and observed a restless middle aged man gazing at us with an expression that betokened a desire to sleep but an inability to accomplish it.

He remarked "stranger, you seem to sleep well, notwithstanding the jar and noise of the train, got a good bed there."

We answered affirmatively, and again lay down. Arousing up soon time after we found that he had quite removed our feet to the floor and was occupying the opposite seat, him self. We ventured to remonstrate with him at this intrusion, telling him very quietly that there was plenty of seats in the car which he could adjust in the same manner, and that we wanted this. At this he got up very reluctantly and occupied his former seat, when he remarked:

"Stranger, you understand traveling. I guess I don't. You have two seats and make a comfortable bed." By this time we were partially asleep, when we heard him yawn and say to himself "I wonder if he ever had a whole car to himself."

CHERRY-STONE FARMING.

In one European museum there is a head of Jupiter, carved by a great artist on a cherry stone. The lines are so minute that they cannot be seen fully without a glass. It is painful to behold so much genius pent up in so petty a space, and one feels a sense of relief as he turns to Michael Angelo's Moses, wrought of more than life size in a marble block which gave his sublime chisel "ample room and verge enough."

Farming along the Atlantic slope has much of it resembled "cherry-stone carving." It has been among stumps, outlying the wood choppers, among stones which are still more imperishable, on land too rough for machinery, on soils yielding nothing unless drained and manured, and in climates where winter eats up all the yield of summer. The energy wasted on such farms, what would it not accomplish in Nebraska! Finding there its elements soils inexhaustibly fertile, self-drained, without stumps or stones, in the latitude of Philadelphia, and with large choice of markets, it will put forth all its might and reap its richest reward. Nor is a Nebraska farm beyond the reach of any man. Homesteads there may be had for less than twenty dollars apiece. Farms are also offered by the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company on terms which over three thousand settlers have preferred, even to taking free homesteads. Among these terms are low fares, prices and interest, first payment long deferred, etc., and all for farms just such as one wants, and just where he wants them.

Prof. J. D. Butler.

MILFORD.

Mr. Jacob Peters & Son, the well known millers of Milford, are making some marked improvements in their flouring mill. New machinery of the latest and best models are being used, and with the exception of frame, the entire structure will be now, necessitating the expenditure of several thousand dollars.

Mr. John Leavenworth, the millwright, of Novi, has charge of the work, in which capacity he stands unrivaled in the State; hardly a mill about these parts but has undergone repairs through his hands, and although well along in years it is likely he will live to prove a benefit in many similar cases.

Three virtuous old Chicago ruffs attacked an old man whom they found fishing on Sunday, and after knocking him down and jumping on him asked him if his Bible did not tell him better than to fish on Sundays.

A spread eagle orator wanted wings of a bird to fly to every town and hamlet, in the broad land; but he wilted when a naughty boy in the crowd sang out, "you'd be shot for a goose before you had flown a mile."

An obituary notice in a New England paper concludes with the information that the deceased "leaves two infant daughters, both girls."

STATE NEWS.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

A sewing-machine manufacturing company is being organized at St. Joseph, and \$50,000 of stock has already been subscribed. It is expected to raise the amount to \$100,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. S. Dyckman, of South Haven, has been offered \$10,000 for his crop of peaches, by Chicago parties. Last year Mr. Dyckman took the premium at the State Fair on the largest and best bearing orchard in the State.

The Flint Globe says that there will probably be as many bushels of wheat threshed in that county as in any preceding year, and the quality is exceedingly good.

The Lapeer County Agricultural Society will hold its annual fair at Lapeer, October 8th, 9th and 10th.

The prospects are good for a large and excellent crop of apples in Gratiot County.

Grand Rapids is looking for 100,000 people to be present at the State Fair.

Rain is needed in the southern portions of the State.

A meeting of the Eaton County Teacher's Association will be held at Bellevue, August 28th and 29th. Professors Hosford and Estabrook will be present and participate in the exercises.

The main building of the State Public School at Coldwater is up and ready for the roof.

The Adrian Methodist Church is talking about a division.

A daily paper is contemplated at Marshall. That city is soon to be lighted with gas.

Coal has been discovered at Nankin in Wayne County.

Detroit is to have a self-propelling steam fire engine.

PERSONAL.

The Kalamazoo Telegraph says Hon. Samuel H. Blackman, Representative from the First District, Van Buren County, who was so badly hurt on the Jackson & Lansing railroad last February, has almost entirely recovered from his injuries. A few days since he was at Allegan on a visit. The only remaining difficulty is a partial loss of memory and a lack of strength. He is, however, recovering these slowly.

A. A. Bliss, of Jackson, has been appointed State Prison Inspector, vice W. L. Eaton, who is ineligible under the rules of civil service reform, being postmaster at Jackson.

Capt. F. Marace, of Portsmouth, is probably the oldest living native of Michigan. He was born at Detroit 81 years ago, and for a long time was an Indian trader and interpreter.

High McCurdy, of Commerce, Mayor of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of this State, has purchased a residence in Grand Rapids, and will remove to that place.

Judge Melendy, of Centerville, has so far recovered from his stroke of paralysis as to be able to ride out.

Senator DeLand has been appointed Chief Engineer of the East Saginaw Fire Department.

Dr. M. W. Alford, a leading physician of Galesburg, died at his home August 15th.

J. N. Davis has purchased an interest in the Grand Rapids Daily Democrat.

Gen. Joseph Hooker was in Detroit August 18th.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

The big Rapids Magnet says that a Greenville lad, on a wager, attempted to eat 35 ears of corn, and had reached the 25th one when he lay down and died.

Lorenzo Magdon, a Manistee land-lord, has been committed to jail, charged with conspiring to kill D. D. Ruggles, who has been a leader in the crusade against whisky saloons.

RAILROADS.

The Grand Rapids Eagle says that iron is laid on the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad to a point less than 25 miles from the end of the land grant, or Little Traverse Bay, and the contractors are laying four or five miles of iron every week. The road will be complete, ballasting and all, to Little Traverse by October 1st.

The Michigan Air Line Railroad from Romeo to Ridgeway has changed hands. It is now run by J. E. Young & Co., mortgagees, who built the road and did not get all their pay.

The Adrian Car Company employ about 200 mechanics, and on a recent pay-day disbursed \$8,800.

Surveyors are at work on the route of the proposed East Saginaw & Port Huron Railroad.

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