

The Northville Record.



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From A Traveler.

A FLYING TRIP THRU THE SMALL TOWNS OF EASTERN OHIO.

Correspondence for the Northville Record.

The morning train of July 27th rushed on its hurried course, leaving among others one of the sojourners of your pleasant village. (Northville) Detroit was reached in good time and the day spent here was well occupied.

The Steamer Northwest lay at the M. C. R. R. dock and on board came the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the honorable men and the rogues for the great races of Cleveland were to commence on the morrow and a motley crowd of gamblers and jockeys were on their way to witness them. At nine o'clock the steamer started down the river and shortly after card-playing was begun and kept up till a late hour. The boat reached Cleveland about 5 o'clock.

A. M. Cold wet and disagreeable every way was the outlook but through it all we trudged, to catch the morning train for Solon on the Mahoning Division of the A. & G. W. R. This place is within 15 miles of Cleveland and contains about 100 inhabitants. One Hotel, two Stores and a Cheese factory are the principle objects a stranger sees. After staying here an hour I took the stage for Chagrin Falls some four miles away. It is situated on the banks of the Chagrin river, in which a beautiful fall of 30 ft gives its name to the town. This place presented a stirring scene for an inland town of only 800. People were stirring about and acted as if they had something to do and intended to do it, eight miles from Solon is the small town of Aurora but when I first beheld it, no thought of this Son, rising in glorious majesty from the far off hills flitted across my waking vision but I looked longingly for the sign which told where Man and beast might find rest and food. The morning train bore me to Medina Station, 30 miles from Cleveland. Here I took a carriage and passed through the little villages of Medina Corners, Auburn, Troy, Parkman, Maple Grove and Hiram, returning late at night to the station. These are all inland villages of only local importance. Hiram, perhaps, being an exception at this place there is a college belonging to the "Christian Church" containing some 200 students. It being vacation all was quiet as nature's very own. The night I passed in the village of the Sun (via Aurora) was the scene of a burglary at Medina Corners. C. H. Ray was tied into his room by means of ropes attached to the doors and then the robbers proceeded to help themselves to the good things in his larder after which they descended taking with them between \$200 & \$300 dollars. A barn was struck by lightning a few miles out of M. involving a loss of some \$500.00 insured for \$400.00. The last I saw of Medina was a long string of lightning rods men going to the scene of the accident. Their business was said to be flourishing in that locality.

Gardenville, some six miles from M. contains about 1000 people, this is an active, stirring town with an excellent Hotel, Bank, Mills, Stores, all doing a thriving business. Leavitts, is 12 miles further East and 49 miles from Cleveland. At this point the Mahoning division crosses the A. & G. W. R. R. This is nothing but a R. R. town. Newton Falls, some four miles from Braceville on the A. & G. W. R. R. is an incorporated village of about 500. The Mahoning river runs through the place. Here the crusaders had done their work thoroughly and no intoxicating liquors are to be found.

Eleven miles from Leavittsburg is the town of Backesburg, containing about 700 inhabitants. It is so scattered one can scarcely realize that there are more than half that number. Business looked as if it was ready to give up in despair and let the place die a natural death.

Kinsman on the Lake Shore Road is a pleasant little place and on the public square a game of "national base ball" was in progress. For the game was ended I was on my way to Orangeville, 13 miles from B. Near this place a coal mine is located which has turned out its thousands of tons of coal, but is now worked by a small force and the uninhabited dwellings of the miners are windowless and doorless, presenting an aspect anything but cheerful to the passer by. One half of this place lies in Ohio and the other in Pa. Whether the line is drawn so close as to pass through a man's sleeping apartment lengthways of the bed causing him to sleep in Pa. and his wife in Ohio, I can not tell. Saturday night has come and here I must pass the Sabbath, my hurried flitting from place to place must cease at the command of him who has said, "Six days shall thou labor and do all thy

work." And now, a few words on the general features of the country through which I have passed. The soil is much the same as in your own locality. The country is rolling, making many a pleasant picture. One hill east of Mantra, is one mile in length. The principle business is cheese making. A milk Can stands at every gate. The crops bid fair to eclipse anything they have had in these parts for years.

STATE NEWS.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

An immense building for the preservation of foreign and domestic fruits is soon to be erected at Battle Creek, by Nathan and Thomas Wellens, large capitalists and fruit importers of Philadelphia.

Bay City has heretofore voted \$327,000 for water-works, and now the Common Council has ordered a special election to be held August 18, to vote \$50,000 to be used in laying additional pipe.

The new flouring-mill of Harris & Bros. at Mount Pleasant, Isabella county, is said to be one of the finest mills in Northern Michigan.

A new postoffice, called Rustford has been established on the line of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad. Mason work has been commenced on the new college buildings at Hillsdale.

Bay City has 77 manufactories with a capital of \$4,000,000.

RAILROADS.

A train of 72 cars was recently drawn from Ishpeming to Marquette by the engine Gitche-Gumme. It was said to be the heaviest train ever hauled over the Marquette & Ontonagon railroad by one engine.

The earnings of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad for the six months ending June 30 were \$9,674,829, and the operating expenses were \$5,608,903.

The new depot of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad at Kalamazoo is said to be one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in the State.

The Gratiot Journal says work has been suspended on the line of the Grand Rapids & Saginaw Railroad for want of funds.

FARMING AND FRUIT INTERESTS.

James E. Bonino, the Quaker farmer of Cass County, cultivates 900 acres of land; and his average crops are about 10,000 bushels of corn, 3,000 bushels of wheat, 2,000 bushels of oats, and 200 tons of hay.

A Grand Rapids man recently caught 275 speckled-trout in the Boardman River, which weighed 33 pounds when dressed.

During the present season Isaac Adams of Tecumseh picked 69 bushels of raspberries from less than one acre of land.

The product of many fields of wheat in the vicinity of White Pigeon has been over 30 bushels to the acre.

The knitting-mill at Centerville, St. Joseph County, now ships \$200 worth of manufacture goods daily.

The present wool clip at Géousee County is estimated at 470,000 pounds.

The camp meeting of the Seventh Day Adventists at Battle Creek will continue from August 6th to the 17th. The General Conference of the United States will be held during the time, and business of importance will be transacted.

The common Council of Ludington has appropriated \$2,500 to the Library Association, on the condition that it shall be used for a library building. A Presbyterian church is to be erected at Mount Pleasant at a cost of \$3,000.

MENINNS AND ASSOCIATIONS.
Goldwater expects to have a lecture from Mrs. Brigham Young the coming winter. It's Ann Eliza.

The annual reunion of the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry will be held at Tecumseh, August 18.

The Fifth Michigan Infantry will hold its annual reunion at Ann Arbor, August 27.

CRIMES AND CALAMITIES.
Rufus J. Vail, a ticket agent at Monroe, was recently convicted of larceny, and sentenced by Judge Pratt to pay \$1,000 or be confined in the Detroit House of Correction for two years.

The Temperance people of Big Rapids are receiving threatening letters from would-be intimidators, but the Magnet says "the recipients don't scare worth a cent."

The Presbyterian church at M-land was badly shattered by lightning July 24.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Dwight May of Kalamazoo has formed a law partnership with Germain H. Mason of Centerville. The firm is an able one, Mr. May having been Attorney General of the State, and Mr. Mason being one of the ablest lawyers in Southern Michigan.

Judge Melendy, who was forced to resign his position as Circuit Judge of St. Joseph and Branch Circuit on account of paralysis, is rapidly improving in health, and intends to open a law office at Centerville.

The American Express Company

has presented S. D. Heath, the Express messenger who killed the robber Queenan, with a valuable gold watch.

C. A. Dolliver, an East Saginaw blacksmith, is happy over the fact that he has shot Goldsmith Maid and Judge Fullerton.

Mrs. Julia Ripley, a former resident of Jackson, took the first law prize at Columbia College, Missouri.

Hon. E. O. Grovernor and wife of Jonesville have gone East on a tour for health.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Adjutant General Robertson is compiling a history of the Michigan officers who served in the war of the Rebellion. He calls upon every officer, or the friends of deceased officers, to give him full name, with date and place of birth, company, regiment, transfers, and battles and marches in which he participated. He desires the postoffice address of every Michigan officer living.

The Saginaw Courier says that incredible as it may seem, the stride of Goldsmith Maid in the recent contest was 16 feet 8 inches while her forefeet were 8 feet and 1 inch. She trotted the last mile in 2:16, as stated last week.

Little Billy was very cross and tired the other night, and he wanted his father to take him on his knee; but father was tired, so pretended to be. "I want you to hold me on your knee," he whined. "I'll you I can't do it; I am tired," replied his father, impatiently. "Tired! You wasn't very tired last night when you held Mary on your knee in the kitchen."

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