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ROSE-LIKE WATERFORD

It Budded, Blossomed and Then Faded Away.

MEADS MILLS ONCE A THRIVING MANUFACTURING TOWN.

Its Former Industries Now a Picturesque Mass of Ruins.

Near the north-west corner of Wayne county on the banks of a little branch of the Rouge, is a place romantic and picturesque enough, even without its historical associations, to inspire a painter or a poet. The river there is a clear, sparkling stream, so narrow that in many places an active man can jump across it, yet with a current so swift that several mills are turned by its dancing waters.

This little stream flows through the now deserted village of Waterford or Meads Mills, the name by which it is more commonly known to day, between Plymouth and Northville and about two miles from each. Meads Mills was founded by two brothers, Dyer and Gannett Ramsdell, and the plat on record in the office of the register of deeds is dated March 18, 1847. A large flouring mill was built by three brothers, Marshall Wadsworth and Samuel Mead. Quite a colony of the mill's employees settled around it, thus forming a nucleus for the village and the post-office was established under the name of Mead's Mills. It was the plan of the founders to make this an ideal home for working people, and so they laid it out with wide streets and parks. The product of the mills found a market in Detroit 22 miles distant. A rail-



THE OLD FLOURING MILL AT MEADS MILLS, AS IT LOOKS NOW.

roads were yet unknown in Michigan, all transportation was accomplished with wagons. The flour mill turned out 200 barrels per day. Three cooper shops were operated, and these, with the throng of farmers' wagons bringing wheat to the mill, made Waterford a busy place.

Then other industries began to appear. A sawmill was built—not one of the modern kind with buzzing circular saws and harsh noises but one of the old-fashioned picturesque sort run by water power with a big over-shot wheel and wooden machinery. Then the Ramsdells and Seth Hughes built a foundry and shop for the manufacture of farm implements. Their plows and cultivators became famous and the industry grew to large proportions. Next came a sash and blind factory built by Isaac Perry Andrews. All these industries gave an impetus to Waterford which promised to be one of the largest towns in Michigan.

THE FIRST CALAMITY.

But in the midst of all this prosperity came calamity. The flouring mill caught fire one night and burned with all its contents including several thousand bushels of wheat and considerable flour. This was a severe blow to the little village, but the Meads were not daunted. The debris was cleared away and a much larger mill was built. The new mill was the largest in the state at that time and was proposed to be an immense wheel 15 feet in diameter.

The completion of the new mill was celebrated with a grand ball



DR. LEWIS W. CARLISLE AND WIFE, PAULINE, FROM A PICTURE TAKEN ABOUT 40 YEARS AGO.

given on the floor of the packing room which was larger than most ballrooms in Detroit.

The ball was attended by several hundred people from three counties and was an event long to be remembered. Although it took place more than 50 years ago, several persons who shone on that occasion are now living, some of them in Detroit. After the ball the water was turned on the great wheel, and the rattle and hum of machinery took the place of music and dancing. Then Waterford was again a busy place with the rub-a-dub-dub of the cooper shops and the throng of wagons from many miles of surrounding country.

In the meantime a store had been established by the Mead brothers for the sale of every conceivable article of merchandise. A school was established at which were educated men not unknown to fame. Many years ago a school exhibition of the good old-fashioned kind was held in a large warehouse adjoining the mill. George L. Whitney, a retired feed merchant of Detroit, whose father at that time owned the saw mill, says that on that momentous occasion, he made his first appearance on any stage, at the age of 7 years and edited the large audience by reciting the classic poem, beginning:

A little mouse, it had a house
All built of leaves and straw.

It is also related that Seth Hughes, Jr., son of one of the plow manufacturers, recited the beautiful lyric beginning:

The fog he would a-courting ide,
With sword and pistols by his side.

The great feature of this exhibition, however, was a patriotic play written for the occasion by W. F. Hughes in which he took the part of Gen. Winfield Scott. This great performance was repeated for three consecutive evenings, and still the people were not satisfied, but wanted another repetition. Mr. Hughes now resides at 72 1/2 Sixth street, Detroit.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.

During this era of prosperity the agitation of the slavery question was at its height, abolition sentiment being quite strong among the people of Waterford and surrounding country. In fact, the village was a prominent station on the "underground railroad." In the mill and factories were employed several negroes, who easily found their way into Canada when there was danger of capture and return to slavery.

One of these fugitives was a young mulatto named Robert Wallace, a very bright fellow who acted as janitor of the mill and slept in the office on the second floor. Fred Carlisle took a good deal of interest in the young man, teaching him to read and write. On the night when the first mill was burned he was asleep in the office and did not awake until all chance of escape by the stairways had been cut off. The people for miles around attracted by the fire had assembled near the doomed building, awestruck at the sight of such a conflagration as they had never before witnessed. Soon it was announced that the young mulatto was in the building and a cry of horror ran through the crowd. There was no doubt that the fugitive had perished, or must perish, but at last one of the upper windows was opened and the face of Wallace appeared. There was no ladder to reach him, and the only chance was to leap for it. He hesitated a moment then made a leap, landing on his feet, but he was crippled for life. He afterwards became a minister in the Wesleyan Methodist church.

WATERFORD'S DOOM.

The fire fiend seemed to have a grudge against the little village. After six or seven years of most successful business the second mill was destroyed. The large wooden building, five stories high, burned like a box of tinder and with its valuable contents was consumed in the briefest space of time. The flames were plainly seen from Detroit, Ann Arbor and other distant places. This put the seal on the doom of Waterford.

The factories continued to run for several years but the rival towns of Northville and Plymouth, with their growing industries, drew the men away and one by one the shops were closed. The water power is just as good as it ever was, but no one with capital has ever utilized it.

The water privilege fell into the hands of Ashley Ramsdell after the mill was burned. Under the law the franchise would become forfeited after being abandoned 20 years. When the Fint & Pere Marquette railroad was built the water was let out of the pond, but about fifteen years ago Mr. Ramsdell had a new dam built, one end of which is near the bridge over which the railroad crosses the stream.

During a period of unusual rainfall the water flowed over the levee and little by little wore a small hole through the high embankment south of the bridge. This rapidly grew in size until an immense torrent was flowing through it and there was great danger of the entire embankment being washed away, thus involving a loss of several thousand dollars and weeks of blocked traffic. The railroad officials decided that the hole must be stopped right away and sent a train loaded with grain bags filled with coal which were dropped into the rapidly growing abyss. But they might as well have dropped bags of cork. So rapid



SAMUEL MEAD, (From a picture taken 30 years ago.)

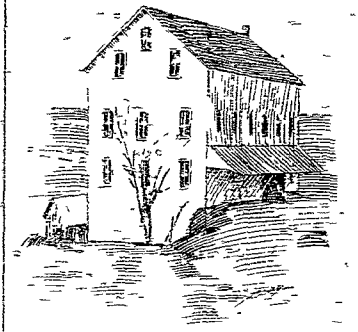
and irresistible was the rush of the water that the bags went through the opening and were carried hundreds of feet into a field. Some of the farmers near by gathered up a good supply of coal and grain bags after the water had subsided. The problem of saving the railroad from destruction was then solved by cutting the dam and letting the water flow into its natural channel.

LIKE A CITY OF THE DEAD.

And now, when Waterford? It is no more. It has not appeared on the maps of Wayne county for years. It has been omitted from the Michigan state gazetteer nearly two decades and is not even a flag station on the railroad. The post office department long ago wiped it off its list. The sawmill has rotted and fallen away little by little. There is not a vestige of the great mill except the empty excavation and a few pieces of the broken machinery

scattered about. The shops that for many years resounded with the rub-a-dub-dub of the barrel making have tumbled down or been moved away. The warehouse in which the incipient orators delighted their audiences is in a state of dilapidation. The main part of the plow factory still stands empty and desolate. The sash and blind factory might as well never have existed, so far as finding its site is concerned. The school house is now a barn. The church—but Waterford never had a church, and it may be that's what's the matter with the village that has burned and rotted away. The streets are still open and in the old decayed houses there is still a semblance of a village.

The original founders and builders have all passed away, but of the generation that grew up with the village and learned their lessons in the old school house many are still in active life. Of the four sons of Dyer Ramsdell, the founder of the village, Ashley who succeeded to the ownership of the property, died a few years ago at the old homestead adjoining the village. Jonathan G.



THE OLD RAMSDELL MILL, STILL IN OPERATION NEAR MEADS MILLS.

Ramsdell is a circuit judge at Praverse City and one of the leading attorneys and politicians of the state. Thomas J. is a leading attorney at Marquette, and Dyer Jr., is a farmer at Portland, Mich. Frederick Carlisle, son of Dr. Carlisle, worked in the flour mill, studied medicine, then went into literature and politics. He drew the resolutions adopted at the formation of the republican party in 1854 and is too well known in Detroit to need further mention. M. L. Whitney abandoned the old saw mill, and is now operating a flour mill at Kent City. The Meads after leaving Waterford, built mills in several places including two in Detroit, one of which on the corner of Larned and Second streets, is now run by David Mitchell and the other is the well known Commercial mill on the corner of Woodbridge and Randolph streets. Samuel L. Mead of 365 Fourth avenue is the sole representative of the family in Detroit. Dr. Carlisle has been dead about 40 years but his widow lived to the age of 99 years and 8 months, and died in Detroit four years ago.

WATERFORD MAY RISE AGAIN.

The Detroit, Plymouth & Northville Electric railway will soon be completed through Waterford. As it is only two miles from Plymouth on the south and Northville on the north, the deserted village may be inhabited again by the families of men who work in the factories in those towns.

A short distance below Waterford on the same beautiful stream, another village bearing the name of Phoenix, was laid out and the plat recorded Jan. 14, 1847, or about two months earlier than Waterford. Its founder was J. A. Austin who built a flour mill and some houses for his employees. Mr. Austin was unfortunate in his financial affairs, and in a spell of despondency over the prospect of losing his property drowned himself in the Detroit river. The mill then became the property of a man named Mathews who also built a distillery, but the mill burned down and the distillery was not a success.

Mr. Mathews built a new mill which is still in operation and is a fully up-to-date mill. It passed through the hands of several owners, one of whom was G. P. Benton who has lived in Waterford all his life. Its present owner is H. W. Holcomb, who now resides near the mill.

Phoenix never attained to the dignity of a real village being, at its best, but a little cluster of cottages, perhaps about 100 in number. Waterford was evidently too powerful a rival to permit its growth.—Detroit Tribune.

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Yellow Peaches, can	15c	Am. Club home Cheese, jr.	18c
McClaram's Impri Ch'se, jr	25c	Imp Swiss Cheese, lb	15c
Full Cream Cheese, lb	16c	Grape Nuts, pkg	15c
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Aconi's	5c oz	Queen of the Isles	5c oz
America	5c oz	Novelty	5c oz
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The Record, Northville.

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Notice to Subscribers.

NORTHVU LE. MICH. APR 14 '99.

The Grand River electric railway company presented a franchise for

Suburban News.

Mrs. Frederick Hinchman was found dead at South Lyon last week in a house into which her husband and herself were just moving from Green Oak. She had remained alone during the night while Mr. Hinchman was gone to their former home for load of goods and it is not known how long she had been dead when he

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JAMES HAMILTON
JAMES BEATY
Commissioner

MORTGAGE SALE.—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Henry Pickle and his wife Elizabeth Pickle, to Marvin Bovee, dated January 1893, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne county, Michigan, under the number of Deed No. 220, the said Marvin Bovee, Lender, 224 of mortgages, on page 94, now which there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of seven hundred and fifty four dollars and twenty six cents (\$754.26), and no suit or proceeding having been instituted to enforce the payment thereof, the monies secured by said mortgage, or part thereof now, therefore be it so that the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the same having been made operative according to the conditions thereof, shall be exercised, and the same shall be given that on the day the 27th day of June A. D. 1894, at twelve o'clock noon (city time) I will sell public auction to the highest bidder or bidders, front door to the City Hall, in the city of Northville, Michigan, a certain building, in which the tenant (Cottier) of the county of Wayne held the premises, described in said mortgage, to pay the amount due thereon and all legal costs, charges, expenses of sale, including an attorney's fee, and the said building is situated on the east side of the highway and allowed by law to be taxed and being in the Village of Northville, Wayne county, Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing at a point in the center of the line of the highway, and extending north from the north west corner of a piece of land, bounded May 30 1882 by Benjamin Garretts and Susan L. Wilkins, thence northerly to the north line of Buckner's addition to the Village of Northville, thence westerly to the west line of said addition, and thence south, thence southerly pushed to the line to the center of the highway, the southerly side along the center of said highway to the place of beginning.

MARVIN BOVLE Mortimer
New York Attorney for Mortgage

CHANCERY SALE.—In pursuance and
virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court
of the County of Wayne, made in the Michigan
Chancery, made and entered on the sixth
of February, A. D. 1899, in a certain cer-
tain pending, wherein Major D. Gorton
complainant and Joseph Helle, John H. Helle
and John H. Helle defendants, the fol-
lowing Black-Burn and defendants. Notice is
given that I shall sell at public auction, at
the highest bidder at the western or west-
world street entrance to the city Hall, City
of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michi-
gan, at the City of Detroit, County of Wayne,
the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne
held on Monday the twenty fourth day
of April A. D. 1899, at 12 o'clock P. M.
Detroit City time, on said day, the following
described property, viz: Two parcels
of land, to-wit: The first parcel is situated
in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan,
County of Michigan, described as
a piece of land containing about 30 acres
the northwest corner of section ten and
the southwest corner of section three in
Township, being the same land deeded
to Daniel I. Cady by Henry M. Hill, com-
missioner of the State of Michigan, the said
parcels sold off to the Henry M. Hill Com-
missioners and to C. M. Thornton Jr., who
land is described in said deed from Henry
M. Hill to Major D. Gorton as follows: The
White to Major D. Gorton as follows: The
or parcels of land situate in the Township
of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michi-
gan, described as follows: The first parcel
described as follows: The first parcel is
the west half of the north-west quarter
section ten (10) in said township after
deducting forty acres from the south end of
lot deduced to Daniel I. Cady by Anson S.
Helle and the same piece of land heretofore
deduced to Daniel I. Cady by Anson S.
Robinson and wife on the 23rd of May
1849, containing thirty-six acres more or
less. Also that piece of land described
commencing at the south-west corner of
section three in said township, described
as follows: The first parcel is situated
thence easterly along the center of the
way to a stone at the north-west corner
lands owned by Adin Cummings, thence
along the west line of said lands to the
line of section three, thence west to the
line of section ten, thence north to the
covered by the waters of the mill pond
merely owned by Hiram M. Perrin, where
water thereon is at high water mark, as
also said Perrin had a right to raise the
said dam, and the land beginning at
south-east corner of section three, and
by Hiram M. Perrin and used for saw-
lark; thence north 58° east four rods
to a stake in the gravel hole, thence south
east, two chains and fifty links; thence
south-east, and one half degree west
thirty links to the north-west corner
formerly owned by Daniel Cady on sec-
tion ten; thence south 80° east, six chains
four links, thence northerly to high wa-
ter mark in the Perrin mill pond, thence east
to high water mark, and thence north
mill pond, to the place of beginning.

Dated, Detroit, March 4, 1899.

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TIME TABLE
In effect Oct. 16, 1898
Trains Leave Northville as follows:

GOING NORTH		GOING SOUTH	
Train No. 1	8 a. m.	Train No. 4	9:57 a. m.
" "	9:21 a. m.	" "	6:21 p. m.
" "	7:21 p. m.	" "	8:35 p. m.
" "	9:13 p. m.	" "	10:30 p. m.

Trains Nos. 1 and 9 run through to Alpena. Train No. 3 connects at Ludington with steamer for Milwaukee and Milwaukee, with other points making connections for all points West and Northwest. Sleeping and Pullman cars between Bay City, Saginaw and Detroit.

Connections made at Port Huron and Detroit in Union Depot for all points South, Canada and the East. For further information see time card of this company.

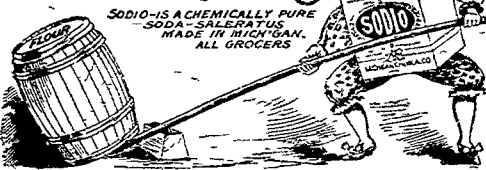
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Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western R. R.

(Sept. 25th 1898)

Going East		a	m	p	m	p
Tr	Grand Rapids	7	00	1	35	5
"	Hunting	8	00	3	30	6
"	Howell	9	52	4	00	7
"	Salem	10	45	5	00	8
"	Plymouth	10	50	5	03	9
Ar	Detroit	11	40	5	40	10
		a	m	p	m	p
Going West		a	m	p	m	p
Tr	Detroit	8	00	1	10	6
"	Plymouth	8	48	1	49	6
"	Salem	9	01	2	00	7
"	Howell	9	52	2	39	7
"	Lansing	10	45	3	34	8
Ar	Grand Lodge	11	12	3	54	9
	Grand Rapids	12	35	5	20	10
		a	m	p	m	p

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Where reads the sign:

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He's ushered in with grace and ease,
And buys a supply of groceries;
And home he goes, of foes bereft,
With bargains rare—and money left—
And vows to trade where o'er the door
Still hangs the sign,

"Fry Bros.' Store."

Competitors around him sway,
And try to get his cash away;
Get back! he cries and cease your roar.
I'm going to

"Fry Bros.' Store"

Bring your Wyandotte
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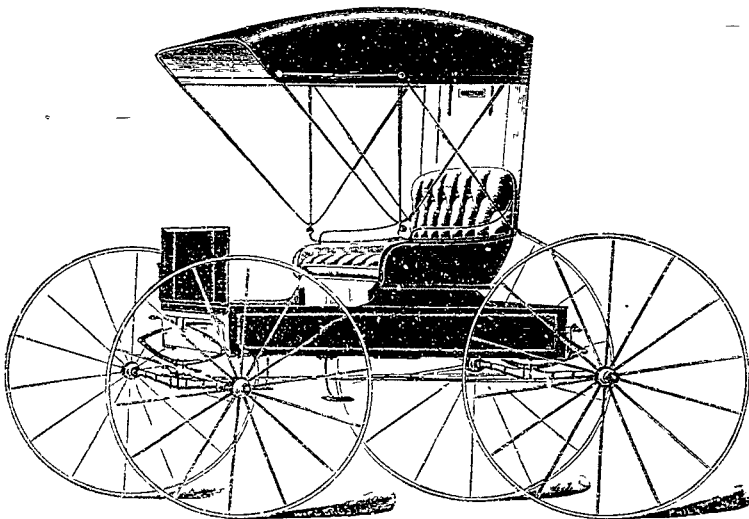
In Printing

BRING IT to us, we add that little touch that gives it value, and we think out the economics for you

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READ "LOST MAN'S LANE".



NORTHVILLE.

Purely Personal.

C. C. Chadwick is home again.

C. H. Ball was home for a few days this week.

Miss Irene Greer was home from Ypsilanti over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Harmon has returned from her southern visit.

Mrs. Alice Rockwell of Detroit is visiting Northville friends.

Royal Starkweather was home from Ypsilanti over Sunday.

Clark Carmer and friend spent Sunday with friends in Wixom.

D. P. Yerkes of Milford was a Northville visitor over Sunday.

Miss Rachel Lancaster was home from Ypsilanti part of this week.

Mrs. T. H. Turner is on a visit at her mother's home in New York state.

John Crommer spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Freeman in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor of Plymouth visited friends here over Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Goodell of Novi was a guest at the home of A. C. Harmon Wednesday.

Mr. Colon of Detroit spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother, Lewis Cammon.

Mrs. Wm. Nevison was in Detroit last week taking instructions in Ladies' tailoring.

Mrs. E. A. Bovee of Ypsilanti has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Gady, and other relatives here.

R. D. Morrison, late of the 35th Mich., was the guest of his aunt, Miss Emma Lapham, last week.

Harry Geiman of Carleton accompanied by Prof. Sissong of the Carleton schools were Northville visitors over Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. E. Fry, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Smock, spent last week with her son Will and family at Leslie.

Mrs. Jesse Holden left a few days ago for Illinois where she will visit relatives, and then go west to join her husband who has purchased a farm.

The Rev. Dr. John Herbenet of the Presbyterian church of Northville, Mich., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Huck of 617 West Lafayette avenue having returned from a visit to his sister, Mrs. Samuel W. Gardner, wife of Samuel W. Gardner, 1 S. N. in New York City. Dr. Herbenet will leave today for Portsmouth, N. H., on a visit to his parents who reside in that city—Baltimore Herald, April 7

EXCURSION NOTICE

DET. GD. RAPIDS & WEST N

Grand Rapids and Grand Ledge, Sunday, April 24. Baseball at Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids vs. Detroit. Train will leave Plymouth at 8:15 a. m. Leave Grand Rapids at 6:00 p. m. Rate \$1.75. Rate to Grand Ledge 75c. Island Lake 75c.

Art School at Macatawa.

An art school is to be established at Macatawa Park in July, which, if successful, will probably be made a permanent fixture and will be conducted on a scale similar to the college work of the northern resorts. Frank Forest Frederick, professor of art and design in the University of Illinois, will be in charge of the classes which will be held in a studio in the Macatawa Park auditorium. Work will begin Monday, July 3, and continue during the summer months. There will be three classes, the elementary class for the study of freehand drawing and perspective, the intermediate class for the study of composition and methods of sketching, and the advanced class for the study of landscape painting. Full information may be had by addressing Prof. Frederick of Champaign, Ill. Ask agents of the D. G. R. & W. Ry., for circulars and remember that this line is the one to take for Macatawa Park.

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FOR SALE—House and Lot known as the Bailey house on Rogers street. Inquire of W. H. Ambler 30th (B) 30th (B)

FOR RENT—Rooms, suitable for small family for housekeeping. Apply to Mrs. Burgess, 46 Randolph street 33w2

FOR RENT—Good house in Northville. Apply to C. J. Ball 32d 1

FOR RENT—Fine store on Center street after April 1st. Address or apply to C. J. Ball 32d 1

FOR SALE—Several Houses and Lots, also Houses for rent. Apply to P. E. White 26th 1

FOR SALE—Walnut Extension Center table. Good condition, \$5.00 take it. Apply to Mrs. Neal 35th 1

WANTED—Plan sewing and Dressmaking. Mrs. Buzell, Northville. Inquire of Detroit 33w1

FOR RENT—Large House (corner of Duinlap and Wing St. known as the W. V. Ely residence. Inquire of A. W. Ely Administrator 32d 1

FOR SALE—House and half-acre lot on Base line, half mile west of village. Choice fruit, trees and vine. Hen house, shop, stable, well, etc. etc. For next 10 days will sell cheap. Frank Fry, Northville 34w2p

FOR SALE—Gasoline Stove, Bedroom Suite, Lounge, Sofa, Child's Desk and two Oak Center tables. Apply to Mrs. D. McPhail, Main street opposite school house 34w2p

FOR SALE—One House and Lot corner Wing and Main street, also vacant Lot joining same 62x110 feet on Wing street and one House and Lot in Berkey known as the Shaffer House. For price and terms address P. D. Adams, 303 Grand River Ave., Detroit Mich. 13th

FARM FOR SALE—A fine 50 acre farm, good House, two Barns, good Apple and Peach orchard, six acres timber, close to the village of Northville. Also a good House and lot on Cady St. in the village of Northville. Enquire of L. W. Hutton Northville Mich. 26w10p

Council Proceedings.

A stated meeting of the council was held in the council room Monday evening, April 10, 1899. Present: President Burgess, Councilmen, Alder, Dolph, Barley, Van, Ruch, Bovee. Minutes of last meeting read, and approved.

To loving bills were allowed and ordered paid: J. W. Davis Cent. wk. \$1.50

On motion report of committee on clock that no clock was in apparent good order was accepted.

On motion bids for care of clock (Meritt & Co. \$24.00 and W. L. Becker \$23.00) for cleaning were read and the latter was accepted.

On motion proposition of Ruch and Printers for doing printing for ensuing year same as for past year was accepted.

On motion matter of franchise for Grand River electric railway company was referred to a committee consisting of the president, Bovee and Miller.

The president appointed the following committees:

Street—Dolph, Bovee, Miller, Lighthill, Bovee, Barley, Miller.

Wells—Bovee, Van, Ruch, Bovee, Van, Bovee, Miller.

Fire—Ruch, Miller, Dolph, Lighthill, Bovee, Miller, Dolph.

Lock—Ruch, Miller, Dolph, Park, Miller, Dolph, Bovee.

Comptroller—Van, Barley, Ruch.

The following appointments of the president were confirmed:

Bd. of Review—C. G. Harrington, 1 N Starkweather.

Health Officer—Dr. F. B. Macomber.

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THE DANGEROUS NAUTILUS.

Interesting Account of This Pretty But Poisonous Marine Creation.

C. F. Holder gives an interesting account of his experiences with the physalia, the nautilus-like "cuzen" of southern waters, which floats on the surface with its trailing fishing lines extending far below. The balloon, or float, is from five to six inches in length, a delicate sac filled with air, and tinted with many beautiful hues among which purple, pearl and pink predominate. One end, is elongated like a finger, and along the dorsal surface extends a ruffle which can be raised at will, and becomes a perfect sail, richly tinted in red, yellow pink and silver. When the animal is at rest it is raised two or three inches, and, catching the wind, drags the tentacles at an angle of forty degrees to the surface of the water. These are purple, hair-like objects, which look very beautiful, as crinkled and curled, they drift through the water. But were to the unfortunate fish which, attracted by their bright appearance, touches them. He is instantly inclosed by the tentacles and stung to death with a thousand darts. The tentacles are covered with minute bombs, resembling an elongated capsule, in the interior of which is the dart, a thread with branching points on either side.

But this is not the entire armament of the physalia. The coiled dart or lasso floats in a liquid poison of great power, the effect of which Mr. Holder speaks from personal experience. He was swimming in five feet of water, when he passed over the tentacles of a large physalia. The sensation as the purple thread wound around the abdomen and thigh was of molten lead being thrown upon the flesh, and the shock was so great that he had to be assisted from the water. They tried vainly to rub off the blue mass with cloths, and then with knives, and finally a razor was used. The flesh was raised as in a burn, the mass of darts apparently eating into the flesh. The case became alarming, and a fatal termination might have resulted had not been at hand. One singular symptom of the shock was an obstinate asthmatic condition, which made breathing almost impossible. It was several weeks before the wounds were completely healed and even twelve months after the flesh had the appearance of having been tattooed in fanciful designs of blue India ink. Of all the so-called "stinging animals" found in the sea, the beautiful "Physalia" is probably the most dangerous.

The Cuban Gold Myth.

If we listen to the voice of the chamber-or go to the books on Cuba for our information we shall find that the mineral resources of this island include gold, silver, mercury, lead, antimony, copper, chrome, iron, manganese, pitch, bitumen and even coal; but when we come to look for practical metallic results commensurate with these varied mineral resources we shall be disappointed.

The gold fiction is the most time honored, for the original Spanish settlers expected to find rich gold mine in Cuba. According to their historians "much gold was taken from this island at the beginning of the conquest but it seems probable that most of this was taken from the chiefs or caciques of the Indians and very little from the ground. "El Viajero Universal" Madrid 1797, says "some of this metal (gold) is still found at Holguen. Whenever the existence of gold in Cuba is discussed this "myth" at Holguen is invariably brought forward. It is true that some work has been done at this point and a little gold has been extracted, but there has never been any systematic exploration and there is nothing there which may be dignified with the name of a mine.

The Engineering Magazine

Three Famous Statues.

The three most famous statues in history are the Colossus of Rhodes, the Sphinx and the statue of Memnon at Thebes and of these the last is the most remarkable, in consequence of its property of emitting sounds when its lips were touched by the rays of the rising sun so that it seemed to greet the coming day. It was originally a portrait model of King Amenophis III., and was one of a pair of statues between sixty and seventy feet high carved out of single blocks of sandstone and transported from the quarries to Thebes, whereas the Sphinx was carried from the living rock in situ.

Of statues other than stone the most remarkable is that of Buddha at Nara, near Kyoto in Japan which was erected A. D. 1100. It is made of bronze and is fifty-three feet six inches high and more than twenty-eight feet broad across the shoulders. On its head are 960 curls, and the image is surrounded by a glory or halo seventy-eight feet in diameter, on which sixteen images, each eight feet long, are cast. Two smaller images, each twenty-five feet high stand in front of the larger one. The total weight of metal in the main figures is about 450 tons, of which 500 pounds consists of gold.

Ravages of the Ship Worm.

The ship worm has caused the loss of more vessels than were ever destroyed in war. In tropical countries this worm penetrates the timber of vessels and eats away the wood until there is only a shell left, which will crumble at a slight blow. Large beams, apparently sound, after removal from vessels, after the outside crust has been broken, have been pulled to pieces by the fingers. During the last century an East Indian man docked in London crumbled to pieces when the supports were placed underneath and the water removed.

A Travelling Cat.

A large tom cat for 13 years made voyages on a mail steamer between Sydney and San Francisco. The animal has died, and was buried at sea, having almost completed 1,000,000 miles of travel.

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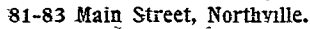
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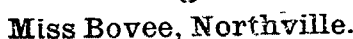
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