

COUNTY.

The Whitmore Lake singing school has closed.

The Ypsilanti has commenced a crusade against the cigarette.

John Randall has bought the farm of C. E. Campbell, near Milan.

J. Sturm, of Saline, has been reaping a harvest in cutter sales.

Mrs. G. M. Smith, died in Ypsilanti, January 16th, aged 42 years.

There will be no Junior exhibition in the Ypsilanti high school this year.

The South Lyon singing school is going to sing for the benefit of the Grand Army.

A big poultry show, open to the world, will be held in Ypsilanti, February 6 to 11.

E. Bascom, of Stony Creek, fractured a thigh by falling on the ice, one day recently.

G. J. Nissly, of Saline, captured \$100 worth of prizes at the Grand Rapids poultry exhibition.

M. E. Root, of Salem, died January 12 of pneumonia, aged forty-three years. He leaves a family.

The Saline river is being stored in many ice houses in the shape of huge chunks of ice, clear as crystal.

The average attendance for the past three months at the Gregory Sunday school has been fifty-eight.

A company is being organized at South Lyon to establish a planing mill and to manufacture church seats.

Eliza Johnson, born a slave, but for the past forty years a resident of Ypsilanti, died January 13, aged 86 years.

The members of the African masonic lodges of the state banqueted in Ypsilanti, Monday evening, although watermelons are not in season.

Accidents from slipping on the ice are yet in order. South Lyon has one. Mrs. Waldo Whipple slipped, on Wednesday, of last week, and broke one of her ribs.

James L. Camp, of York township, died January 13, of quinsy, at the age of 38 years. He came to this county about four years ago from Kendallville, Ind.

The barber who locates at Whitmore Lake must be handsome, says a Whitmore Lake correspondent, as if that would enable him to please his gentlemen customers better.

Miss Emma C. Fritz, of Lima, writes from Alameda county, California, of the flowers blooming and the grass growing in the valley and snow falling on the mountains.

The Ypsilanti has private advices that Manchester will vote for prohibition. This is astounding intelligence, especially to those posted in Manchester's previous elections.

A gay and festive time will be held at the Follett house in Ypsilanti next Wednesday evening, the occasion being the annual reception of the Ypsilanti Polo and Social club. Of course the Chequamegon orchestra furnish the music.

J. T. Campbell, who has been making an extremely readable and lively paper out of the Pinckney Dispatch, has sold out to attend the law department of the University. The new proprietor, A. D. Bennett, is a good printer as well as localizer.

Alex. Smith, the chairman of the York local option committee, personally canvassed eight sections of York, obtaining 154 signatures and reports 95 per cent. of the votes on these as in favor of prohibition. In Milan village he says he obtained 65 per cent. of all those to whom he applied.

A petition is being circulated to the legislature for a law forbidding any person fishing with hook and line in Whitmore lake for five years. As this happens to be the only way in which they can fish, Whitmore would be pretty well stocked with fish at the end of such a five years.

The finding of mineral water at South Lyon has awakened the denizens of that fire stricken village to the fact that now is the time to boom. The South Lyon Picket says: "The finding of mineral water last week seems to have given us a fresh start and capital and energy that has for years been lying idle will be brought into play and our town push onward with the sweeping tide of progress." That mineral water seems to have the effect of making the South Lyon editor's eloquent.

Chelsea.

Fred Cooper has been quite ill for a week past.

A saw mill is being built at Jerusalem in Lima.

Sam Guerin's stock of groceries has been closed out.

H. S. Holmes is closing up his Grass Lake business.

The village has been very lively this week as a result of the good sleighing.

George Taylor, executor of the estate of Isaac Taylor, deceased, made final settlement at that estate last Tuesday.

Tally one good long credit mark for Judge Kinne for abolishing card playing in the judge's office in the court house.

John E. Durand spent Sunday with friends in this village. He is now traveling for a company establishing creameries.

The new course of study for Chelsea Union School has been made up without any music, vocal or otherwise, in it. That, in the eyes of many patrons of the school, is a great mistake.

Prof. Swift's lecture on Telescopic wonders was slimly attended last Friday and Saturday nights. A nonsensical, one horse show is generally better attended than an instructive lecture in this place.

Dexter.

Rev. H. Burns took a trip to Detroit, lately.

Miss Mary Bilby has been visiting at Ann Arbor.

Jacob Haas intends to build a large barn in the near future.

Mrs. R. J. Webb and her sister have gone to Howell on a visit.

Mrs. E. A. Nordman spent a few days at Chelsea, Francisco and other places.

Mrs. Cooper, of Eaton Rapids, is here attending the funeral of her father.

George Green, brother of Byron Green, died on the 19th. inst. of consumption.

J. V. N. Gregory has taken a trip to Marshall, but the object of the journey is a mystery.

Mrs. O. F. Hall went to Ypsilanti to see her uncle's family and she had a good time.

Something at Chelsea attracted Mrs. S. Newkirk and Mrs. Dr. Chase, and they went.

A. G. Willsey, a prominent citizen of this village, is very sick with inflammation of the bowels.

The union revival is still in progress here, and with sufficient encouragement to warrant a continuance of the meetings.

Miss Ella Cutler, of Detroit, has for a few days been visiting with the family of E. H. Andrews of the firm of Andrews & Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Davis, of Augusta, spent last Sabbath in Dexter with their son, Samuel Davis, of the mercantile house of Andrews & Davis, Dexter.

Ex-Commander Robinson, of G. A. R. Post, of Plymouth, with his daughter, May, Mr. and Mrs. Chilson and Mrs. Farrand, all of Plymouth, were, during the last Sabbath, guests of Rev. H. Burns and wife.

On the 25th inst., two funerals occurred here, and both of old pioneers of Dexter. One G. W. Hayes, son-in-law of E. B. Lyer, and the other Evander Cooper, who settled here before the name of "Dexter" was known.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the High School Literary Society: E. Clark, president; Hellen Waller, vice-president; Jessie Doane, secretary; Ione Stannard, critic. This has been recently organized, and occupies half an hour each week for literary exercises.

One of our prominent citizens is circulating a petition praying for an enactment against the manufacture and sale of limburger cheese. The reason of his prejudice is that it is an easy instrument for practical jokes. He knows it. A short time ago, his olfactory admonished him that the atmosphere about him indicated the presence of an obnoxious element, but for the life of him he could not locate it. Everybody shunned him and he hated himself. All his efforts for relief proved futile. Powerful disinfecting agents had no effect. It clung to him like the old man of the sea to the shoulders of Sinbad the sailor. He at last thought himself to examine his clothing, and in a pocket of his coat he found a small speck of limburg. He is a profane man, but he was very quiet on the ground, as he says, that he could not do the matter justly. He has discovered the perpetrator, and his breast rankles for retaliation. Reconciliation is impossible.

The dog, in many respects, is the most remarkable brute in the whole circle of animated nature. He is endowed with senses and instincts often surpassing reason. He seeks the society of man, and follows him to every quarter of the globe, romps with him, strolls with him over the fields, hunts for him, fights for him, and if need be, dies for him. And we admire the man who appreciates the dog, though he may in many other respects, be grossly indigent. One of the greatest dog fanciers in this community is Thomas Birkett, of Dover. In his visits to Dexter he is always attended by four of them, two grey-hounds, one fox-hound and one setter, and, as if they were trained to be his body-guard, the grey-hounds are always ahead and the two others behind their master. As to their general characteristics we know but little, but one of the grey-hounds has a peculiarity seldom seen in a dog and that is his capacity as a trotter. Birkett's team is not slow, but the horses are not equal to the dog, as trotters and much less so as runners. Now, in relation to the natural disposition of dogs, we will say that

there is only one species of unkindness that will make an enemy of him, and that is, tying empty oyster cans to his tail. We once witnessed an experiment of this kind, and it is said that Ben Roper was the perpetrator of the indignity, as the canine was seen to emerge from Ben's barber shop with four oyster cans fastened to his caudal appendage. He ran with a speed that indicated his impressions to be that he was a locomotive towing a fast train, and behind time. His movements were so erratic, however, that it was difficult to predict, at one moment, his exact locality the next. His general course was toward Fred Jaeger's saloon, but when near it, a short turn was maneuvered, the consequence of which was a strong centrifugal force, breaking the coupling of the rear part of the train, and endangering the physical welfare of some passing pedestrians. The lightening of the load increased the speed, so that before the thoughts of spectators could be concentrated nothing but dust was to be seen. Like the boys and the frogs in the fable, it was fun for Ben but death to the dog.

Freedom.

Christina Eiseinan is very sick.

Miss Sophia Neis visited Jackson last week.

Herman Bertke was in Ann Arbor Saturday on business.

Messrs. Kress and Geringer are visiting friends in Owosso.

August Reno has come home to stay for an indefinite time.

Fred Kalmbach, while out hunting one day last week, fell and broke his arm.

The Misses Howk and Hartbeck, of Detroit, are the guests of relatives and friends here.

Perhaps that anxiously awaited-for wedding in Lima may occur soon now, that it is leap year.

Those of our young people who attended the dance and oyster supper at Lima last Wednesday evening, report a good time.

Sleigh riders took possession of T. Guinan's tenant house last Thursday night and tripped the light fantastic toe until the wee sma' hours of the morning.

[From another Correspondent.]

Freedom.

Mr. J. Lutz has finished hauling ice this week.

Prohibition is again a much discussed topic in Freedom.

Miss Mary and Mr. W. Vogal were visiting their parents last Sunday.

Mr. E. Koebbe has been visiting friends up north for the past two weeks.

Several cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria have occurred in different parts of the township.

What is one of the leading perquisites of boys and girls for the past few weeks? Answer, sleighriding.

Lyndon.

Tate Watson is seriously ill at his home in Lyndon.

Efforts are being made to change postmasters at Unadilla.

D. M. Joslyn and wife are visiting their son, Eugene, in Bay City.

Miss Katie Howard of Sanduskey, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. V. Heatley.

H. Hadley received several bruises in trying to escape from a load of overturning hay.

S. O. Hadley reports that every man asked, except one, signed the local option petition.

William Stephenson says a man can have more apple orchards than is profitable. Putting this idea into practice he has commenced to cut down his orchards.

The Baptist society, of Lyndon, held their social at A. J. Boyce's last Thursday and quite a large crowd was present and a very enjoyable time was had. Receipts, 20 cents in excess of amount received at Uncle Spence's.

Lodi.

Farmers are employing their spare time filling their ice houses and hauling logs to the saw-mill.

Our young people are improving the good sleighing and these bright nights by having from 6 to 10 dances a week. One was given at Geo. Yedele's Tuesday evening and two on Wednesday evening, one at Jacob Lukehart's the other at Geo. Hacks.

E. P. Harper attended the directors meeting of the Eastern Michigan Agricultural Society at Ypsilanti on the 21st inst.

Hiram Briggs intends engaging in the onion industry next season to the extent of an eight acre patch. He has recently purchased 15 acres of adjoining marsh from Matt Renchler which he also intends for this crops.

An attendance of 40 and a very pleasant time is the report of those who attended the Presbyterian social at A. A. Woods' last Friday evening.

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