

September/October 1912

Militiamen Are Now Guarding the State Prison Thursday, September 5, 1912

The riot at the prison in Jackson, which has been under way since Friday, reached a climax about 11 o'clock Tuesday when the prisoners who had been consigned to the bull pen escaped from the dungeon and proceeded to demolish prison property. From the bull pen they ran across the lawn to the dining hall and kitchen where, after driving the trustees from the building and grabbing up handfuls of food to eat, they began a demolition of everything in sight in those two departments of the institution.

The news of their get-away was hurried to the warden and board of control in the front offices, and immediately Warden Simpson, fearing the bull pen men would set fire to the buildings called out the fire department, then sent a message to Capt. Blackman of Co. L to come with as many recruits as he could hastily get together. He responded at once, arriving on the scene within a few minutes with a few uniformed and armed militiamen with him. In the meantime Warden Simpson had issued orders to place extra heavy guards on the walls and that every guard shoot any prisoner attempting to escape or refusing to halt when ordered to while approaching a wall. Within a few seconds every wall was so well picketed that it would have been utterly impossible for an escape to have been made, but perhaps this precaution was taken none too soon, for in some of the shops were ladders that could have been secured and used for that purpose.

While the fire department was inside the walls Chief King was rounding up the bull pen men, one of whom was shot for refusing to halt. When this convict dropped to the ground it put a quiet on the other fellows, and soon a message came from one of the escaped men that they would return to their cells without further resistance. But before this was accomplished nine shots had been fired. Only the one bullet, however, took effect. The prisoner wounded had been sentenced from the recorder's court in Detroit in 1911. The arrival of the militia had put a decidedly effective clamp on the riot.

Local and Personal, September 5, 1912

"Swat The Fly"

Ten little flies, All in a line:

One got a swat, Then there were nine.

Nine little flies Grimly sedate,

Licking their chops—Swat! There were eight.

Eight little flies Raising some more:

Swat! Swat! Swat! Swat! Then there were four.

Four little flies Colored green-blue:

Swat! Swat! (Ain't it easy!) Then there were two.

Two little flies Dodged the civilian:

Early next day, There were a million!

*Miss Gladys Fisk left Monday for Minard Mills where she will teach the coming year.

*An elegant new monument has been erected on the C. C. Corwin lot in Oakwood Cemetery.

*E. D. Brown brought a sample of millet to this office this week from which 12 stalks grew from one seed and the stalks are over five feet in length. It is a fine specimen of Japanese millet. Mr. Brown has ten acres of this grass to cut this year.

*Grass Lake village has received more for their money expended on the streets this year than ever before. While East Main is not in the best condition at present it will make an elegant piece of road as soon as it is packed and settled. Our village officials can well feel proud of the work done.

*Misses Florence Reeve and Lavina Donley, who recently resigned their positions with the Imperial Automobile Company of Jackson, have accepted positions with the Jackson Automobile Company of that city.

*An equal suffrage meeting will be held at the Town Hall Friday evening. Come and hear this important subject honestly discussed. Mrs. Nellie Sawyer-Clark of Kalamazoo will deliver the address. Mrs. Clark is one of Grass Lake's talented and cultured ladies and has made this subject a deep study and our people can rest assured that the subject will be handled in a masterly manner. Let there be a large crowd to welcome this worthy lady. No collection. Admission free.

*The Progressive candidate for Vice President will pass through Jackson County on Monday, Sept. 9th, stopping at Chelsea at 10:20 o'clock and Jackson at 10:50 o'clock. Governor Johnson is one of the greatest men and finest orators in the United States. This will be your only opportunity of seeing and hearing him during the campaign. You will always regret it if you do not embrace this rare opportunity. Other speakers of national prominence will accompany him.

*As we go to press it is reported that quiet reigns in the prison. It is supposed that the rioters will be transferred to Marquette. Sending prisoners to Marquette is a last resort but Warden Simpson will show no mercy to these disturbers. Corporal punishment should be established and maintained. What can a warden do with his hands tied? He is not dealing with angels, but the worst element. Don't blame the officials. They are doing all they can.

*Rev. Davis, pastor of the Baptist church, and his family this week moved into the parsonage on Church street.

*Our rural mail carriers after Sept. 30 will receive an increase in pay of \$100 per year, making \$1,100 for the year.

*The Crescent garage will be located in the block on East Main street.

*Germaine Foster with Will Wolfe and several other workmen went to Chelsea this morning to load logs for shipment. The logs were cut on the Foster farm near that place.

Local and Personal, September 12, 1912

*Bruce Burtch returned today from Maple City where he has been spending some time on account of hay fever.

*A playful spider bit a policeman's hand at Charlotte the other day and the policeman has been unable to shoot straight since then. Warning: Never let a spider eat out of your hand.

*The Junior Class will hold a clothespin social Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eschelbach. Girls bring clothespins.

*Now, some people prefer having black ants in their ice box; but for us, give us those cute little red fellows. They eat out of your hand more readily and are decidedly more industrious and affectionate.

*B.C. Whipple left a fine apple of the Duchess of Oldenburg variety at this office and if anyone has a finer or more perfect apple, they will have to show us. Bert says his apples are all fine quality this year.

*B.F. Washburne and family entertained last week a brother, uncle, two cousins and their wives from Illinois and Indiana who drove through in two cars over 300 miles. These people are well to do farmers from the above states and have farms of 200 to 600 acres, which are valued at \$140 to over \$200 per acre. They think that the outlook for Michigan land to command higher prices is most favorable and were highly pleased with the country in this locality.

*Recently Mrs. E. Cora DePuy, well known in the republic of letters, was the guest of the Carletons of this village. Mrs. DePuy is a popular writer of fiction and also wields an able and virile editorial pen. She now has a large volume in press entitled, "The Authors and Poets of Michigan," which will be accorded a welcome by the public. Last Saturday and Sunday the Carletons also had Winfield Lionel Scott, another Detroit literatus, for their guest. Mr. Scott is the author of "Azure and Silver," a volume of charming poems, and besides his pen has produced, "Lazy Hours in Venice" and other delightful works in prose. He is also an artist of genuine talent, and his pictures in both water colors and oil mark him as a master of the palette and brush. Mr. Scott has crossed the ocean four times and visited all the great art galleries of Europe.

Local and Personal, September 19, 1912

*Mrs. Myra Lee is moving from the Union Block into Mrs. Martha Pease's rooms vacated by Henry Schofield and wife.

*Mrs. Bowers, mother of Mrs. Chas. Schlee, who brought milk to the electric car to be shipped and had unloaded the milk when her horse became frightened and ran away and when opposite the school house threw Mrs. Bowers to the ground but fortunately she escaped injury.

*Rev. H.Z. Davis, the new pastor of the Baptist church, is creating a fine impression among our people. His sermons are redolent of good thought and fervent power, and are delivered with a grace and eloquence that are most impressive. His pastorate here will no doubt prove of signal benefit to his own society and the religious interests of the community as well. He has the best wishes of all.

*J.C. Haven, wife and daughter, Inez, J.W. Ford and daughter, L.M. Jones and wife attended the fiftieth anniversary of Stonewall Regiment 17th Michigan Volunteers commemorating the battle of Antietam.

*Work received by relatives Tuesday states that Mrs. Charles Pardee, who underwent an operation for goiter at Ann Arbor hospital is improving.

*The Adrian Fair will be held next week, Sept. 23-27. Adrian has the reputation of having the best fair in the state.

*C.E. Strong shipped some fine apples to the state fair last week for exhibition. Mr. Strong is an extensive apple dealer and feels that Jackson county can raise as fine apples as any where in the country.

*John Hill brought one hill of potatoes into this office which numbered 13. All were large marketable potatoes. They weighed over eight pounds and are of the Martha Glenn variety. He will have plenty of these tubers to sell at 50 cents a bushel.

*Our local Symphony orchestra, under the leadership of Dr. Faye Palmer, has resumed its rehearsals after its summer vacation. Last Monday the members met at the pleasant home of Harry Worden with Miss Irene Rohrer at the piano, Dr. Palmer with clarinet, Lois Delia Carleton first violin, Ross Kimball second violin, Harry Worden cornet. Several numbers were rendered, and effective work may be expected of the orchestra through the coming fall and winter months. The acquisition of a flutist is desired by the leader, but it seems that this delightful instrument is played by no one in our village.

*Last Saturday afternoon just as the band started the music, the alarm of fire was given and all rushed to the home of Postmaster Preston on East Main street. The cause is unknown, but it is supposed that as a match was lighted part of it dropped onto the carpet and ignited. The timely discovery was all that saved the building. John Close, who boards there, discovered it and threw part of a pail of water on the fire, which subdued it until help arrived. The damage was slight, but this should be a warning to our people. Let us have waterworks and fire protection. Don't wait until someone loses their home or their life.

*There are hundreds of acres of swail and marsh land in this county, that if properly treated would yield large crops. Harold Clark, on his farm contiguous to the village, reclaimed, by clearing off the brush and tiling, a large field that had been useless and of no account whatever. The black muck was ploughed up and subjected to the pulverizing action of a disk harrow, fertilizers were then liberally applied, after which a part was sowed to pease and millet and a part planted to corn. The result was wonderful in the profusion of yield of the seed put in. The pease and millet grew up rank and stout, and the corn prodigious in height and size of stalk and bigness of ears. Some of the latter are so large and heavy they have broken their stems and are ready to drop to the ground. All of which proves that there is money in reclaiming muck ground.

Obituary—Anna M. Wheaton, September 26, 1912

Anna M. Adams was born in Livonia, Livingstone county, New York, July 5, 1836 and died at her home at Napoleon on Sept. 17, 1912 of heart failure, aged 76 years, two months and 12 days. The Adams family moved to Michigan in 1845 and endured the hardships of pioneer life. They settled in Antrim, Shiawassee county, where the mother soon died and much of the care and responsibility of the large family fell upon young Anna who bore the burden heroically, developing the strong poise of Christian character and business sagacity for which she was noted. After a few years her father married again and Anna was permitted to secure the education she so much coveted by working her way and studying in the high schools of Corunna, Howell and Flint.

When sixteen years of age she began teaching school and taught for nine years, her work being characterized by its thoroughness and excellence of discipline. On Oct. 10, 1861 she was married to William W. Wheaton of Grass Lake, and at once became a loved and honored member in the circle of her father-in-law's large family. Her mother-in-law being of a literary nature like herself, there at once sprang up a strong and unbroken love like that of "Ruth and Naomi."

For nearly half a century they lived on the same road in the Nineveh neighborhood and she toiled unceasingly, not sparing her strength in caring for the sick, cheerfully befriending the needy and in blessing humanity. As the Lord blessed them in their home of prayer, they opened their doors and in the course of a few years they had given a home to several needy children who still acknowledge her loving interest and direction. Young in life she gave her heart to the Master and was a member of the Antrim Methodist church of which her father was a class leader. When her husband was converted they joined the Methodist church at Grass Lake, on moving to Napoleon they transferred their membership to the Napoleon Methodist church.

Her last sickness was borne with Christian fortitude and patience although her sufferings were very severe. She made all necessary plans for her funeral and on the last day, she called her husband to her and between the paroxysms of pain, said brokenly, "God bless you, Will, and He's always been a kind husband to me." So with a faith triumphant she "crossed the bar", leaving to us among other things sweet memories of her unselfishness, cheerfulness optimism and Christian character. Truly her life taught: "Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare. Who gives himself, feeds three—Himself, his hungry neighbor and Me."

Gypsies Run Out of Town, September 26, 1912

According to the Hudson paper, Monday about noon several loads of Gypsies arrived in that city from the south. First an old woman with a body guard of children tackled Fred Barkway and wanted to tell his fortune. He said he had no money, but she replied that he had, and snatched a pocketbook from his pocket. He did not propose to be robbed, and told her so vigorously to hand it back, and she did. A short distance away she noticed Joe Howe, who had been ill with pneumonia and could not call out loudly. The old gypsy told him she wanted to tell his fortune, then seeing he was sick, commenced to tap him on the chest and back, and at the same time run her hands about his clothing. Two women saw this and went to Howe's assistance and told the hag to give the money back. She handed back \$4 which she had taken from his pocket and said that was all she had taken. Mr. Howe discovered that a roll of bills amounting to \$55 had been taken from an inside vest pocket. He demanded the return of the money. Marshal Rooney had been called when the gypsies reached town, and he told them to keep on moving, and not to stop within ten miles of this city. They did so, taking the road east out of town.

Editor's note: Why countenance these vagabonds? Do not let them get near you. They are of the lowest type of humanity. We would much rather see a snake come in our door than one of these damnable pieces of humanity. Officers everywhere should keep them moving or shut them up out of harm's way. Set the dogs on them. Don't allow them on your premises.

Local and Personal, October 3, 1912

*W. Comstock showed us two onions of the yellow Globe variety, grown on our low land that weighed 1 ¼ pounds.

*Mrs. Chas. Melliot who resides on the Will Ray farm, brought some fine ripe blackberries to this office Monday.

*Billy Sibson after caring for his four children through their late sickness is now confined at his home with the same disease, scarlet fever, and is reported quite ill.

*Chester Smith, who has been suffering from bladder trouble for some time, is slowly improving. He was also threatened with pneumonia but that trouble has been overcome.

*Thomas Durbin brought down town Tuesday morning a half bushel of green peppers and one measured 15 inches in circumference. It was the finest lot ever grown in this vicinity.

*Rev. H.Z. Davis has had the telephone installed in his home. The number being 7202.

*The fishing seasons best effort seems to be silence. The call of the pickerel seems to be needing a black frost.

*Chas. Avery and C.S. Bradley attended the Twelfth Michigan Infantry reunion at Grand Ledge, Wednesday and Thursday. This is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the battle on the Hatchee River, Tenn., Oct. 4 and 5, 1862 in which the 12th infantry was engaged.

*Henry Mellencamp last Thursday evening had a horse killed by the last Boland car of the evening. The horse got loose some time in the evening and wandered down on the main road where it was feeding. The accident occurred in front of Walter Causie's place west of the Marquedant corners.

*Little Chandler Whipple was accidentally hit in the forehead with a stone while playing in the schoolyard in the Miller district, Leoni. Dr. Lyons was called and dressed the wound and the boy is doing nicely.

*First we have housecleaning, then the screens must be packed away, the storm door dusted off and a curtain put up around the piano while the microbes are parading out of the windows.

*An order forbidding the importation of absinthe into this country went into effect Tuesday according to official announcement. The drinking of absinthe will cease in America as soon as the present stock is exhausted. The available supply, it is said, will not last over two months.

Big Oil Gusher Is Struck

Saginaw, Mich. Sept. 30—One hundred quarts of nitro-glycerine was exploded when Hugh Easton of Bradford county, Ohio, sent the "go-devil" down the shaft of the Saginaw Development Co.'s oil well. The fluid shot out over the top of the derrick 75 feet. A few minutes later the gas which had formed at the bottom of the shaft exploded and the second charge threw the oil over the top of the derrick. Mr. Easton said the well will produce from 25 to 50 barrels a day. He also asserted that the product was as good as No. 1 Pennsylvania oil, which sells for \$150 a barrel. The well will be cleaned out, pumping apparatus installed and work started to determine the question of whether there is sufficient oil to warrant commercial operations. The city of Saginaw is all astir as a result of the shooting of the well. Old citizens are predicting that a bigger boom is in store for this city, far greater than the lumber days.

Important Change on M.U.T., October, 1912

New fall and winter schedules of the Michigan United Traction Company effective Tuesday, Oct. 8, contain slight changes in the running time of cars on the Grass Lake division which will be of interest to residents of Grass Lake. The same number of cars

will be operated between Jackson and Grass Lake as last winter, but minor changes are made in order to assure the operation of cars nearer schedule time. The most important change is in the leaving time of the first car, which under the new schedule will depart from Grass Lake at 6:45 a.m. The 9:45 a.m. car will leave at 9:50 a.m. and the 5:15 car will leave at 5:20 p.m. Otherwise the leaving time of cars at this point will remain unchanged. The cars leaving Jackson at 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. will run to Wolf Lake.

Dairy Cow Management

There are two ways of getting a good dairy cow. One way is to buy her. The other is to raise her, selecting the best cows from one's herd and breeding to a good male from the strain which is decided best adapted to our requirements. It is sometimes difficult to determine which are really our best cows, says a writer from Farm and Home. Some of the points of a good cow are, one not inclined easily to lay on fat, a loose hide, large frame, sharp, light shoulders, light flesh on the back, large udder coming up well at both ends, well formed teats, large milk veins, bright eyes, large middle and good-sized muzzle. Keep the cows in a clean, light, well-ventilated stable, free from drafts. Give them at all times all the clean water they will drink, but don't let them have ice cold water. Feed grain at milking time, and hay or roughage after milking to avoid dust. Clean all filth promptly and do not allow dust and cobwebs to accumulate. Turn cows out on nice bright days. Never allow them to become excited and do not hurry them to or from the pasture or stable.

What Are We There For?, October 10, 1912

Nothing is ever done that costs anything without somebody jumping up and asking why. Or more often, somebody jumps up and denounces the action without either asking why or waiting for an answer. The farther off the affair is, and the less he knows about it, the more confidently the critic generally speaks. Such is the case with the Nicaraguan disturbance, in which four American marines were killed Saturday. If they had been killed fighting Indians or Igorrotes nobody would ask any questions, but since they were killed in a foreign country some people are jumping to the conclusion that the government is making some sort of a dreadful mistake. They ask what our troops are doing in Nicaragua anyway, and in asking the question they do not expect an answer, but merely use the question as a form of complaint.

Woman Arrives to Find Her Husband in Jail, October 10, 1912

Lansing, Mich.—Mrs. Herman Miller, aged 30, arrived in Lansing from Toledo to join her husband, and found the latter held in the city jail on a charge of larceny from a person. Mrs. Miller believed her husband was a traveling salesman for a Chicago firm. She visited her husband at the jail and was very bitter toward the chief of police. "My husband may not be a salesman, but he is not a crook," said the woman on leaving the jail to employ counsel for her husband. Miller was arrested Sunday night by a Grand Trunk detective, who alleged he tried to pick a man's pocket. The police say he has been arrested several times recently at Charlotte, but was released on account of lack of evidence.

Mistake is Fatal, Bay City, Mich, Oct 7

Joseph Konieczny died Sunday afternoon as the result of drinking carbolic acid. Konieczny had been drinking and asked his wife for alcohol. She told him she had none and he sent one of his children to a drug store for some, but was unable to get it. He then went into the pantry and drank the contents of a flask which contained carbolic acid. With words of "goodbye, children" he sank to the floor and died. He was 46 years old and leaves ten children. He was in fairly good circumstances and no reason is known for his taking his own life. It is believed he mistook the acid for liquor.

Mother, Come Home

Mother, dear mother, come home with me now,
The clock in the steeple strikes six,
Forget votes for women the rest of the day,
For pa's in a deuce of a fix.
He's been taking care of the seven young kids,
'Tis more of a job than you think.
He wants to get supper, but all of the pots
And dishes are piled in the sink.
He's been darning stockings until he is lame,
His fingers are weary and sore.
He's mopped and he's scrubbed and although he is game,
He says he can't do any more.
The furnace fire's out and the cat's in the milk.
The hired girl quit yesterday.
There isn't a thing in the house fit to eat.
O, mother, come home right away.

Local and Personal, October 10, 1912

- *A firm in Detroit has established a cream station at R.C. Ordway's at Sharon Hollow. They take cream every Thursday.
- *Cora Smith fell down the cellar steps recently and is suffering with a very sore ankle.
- *Rev. H.Z. Davis preached in the Fishville schoolhouse Sunday afternoon to an attentive audience.
- *People who will leave this beautiful Michigan October weather to go to Florida and California have our sympathy.
- *The second crops of strawberries and raspberries show that nature in Michigan is doing its level best to reduce the high cost of living.
- *A number of cases of measles are reported in town. Harian Shelly, Prof. Dorr's little girl, Adelia Knight, Lloyd Haselschwardt are among the number and are doing nicely.
- *John Phelps fell from an apple tree last Saturday forenoon and received a broken leg which is very serious and sustained painful bruises. Owing to the location and severity of the break it is feared his ankle will be stiff and make him a cripple for life.
- *E..W. Crafts last week brought a stalk of yetch that was raised on his farm and it was certainly a wonder being about four feet high and showed a wonderful growth. Several tons of this feed can be raised on an acre, and is an excellent feed.

*According to the Michigan State Laws it is required that following a case of measles the patient and house must be thoroughly disinfected before removing the card. Also all cases must be reported by the attending physician or if no physician be employed the case must be reported by the householder.

*Chas. Winters, while returning home from town Tuesday, passed some children carrying an umbrella which frightened his horse and it ran away coming back into town and was caught by Bert Dowling at the M. C. crossing. Aside from breaking the harness no damage was done.

*Last week a man while out hunting was caught in a rainstorm and wishing to keep dry crawled into a hollow log. The log after becoming wet swelled so that he was unable to get out. This caused him to think of all the wrong things he had done in his life and when he found he had failed to pay his subscription to the NEWS it made him feel so small that he crawled out of a knothole.

Ishpeming Editor Sued by Roosevelt, Marquette, Mich., Oct. 26, 1912

Criminal and Civil actions for libel have been instituted by Col. Teddy Roosevelt in the circuit court of Marquette against George A. Newett, publisher of the IRON ORE, a weekly newspaper published in Ishpeming. The action is taken because of the publication by Mr. Newett in paper of an article headed "The Roosevelt Way", which included among other statements the following paragraph: "Roosevelt lies and curses in a most disgusting way. He gets drunk, too, and that not infrequently, and all his intimates know about it. Had he won in the Republican convention in Chicago then the Republican party would still be a good party, and all others would have been made up of liars and thieves and scoundrels generally. But if anyone calls Roosevelt a liar he raves and roars and takes on in an awful way, and yet Roosevelt is a pretty good liar himself. Where a lie will serve to advance his position he employs it."

Had a Lively Time, Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 28, 1912

The funeral Saturday of 10 year-old Robert Spotwood, who died Thursday, was the scene of a wild disturbance in which two men were floored by a chair in the hands of an irate woman and the corpse knocked from the casket. It all arose over a matter of religion. Mrs. Elizabeth Spotwood, grandmother of the lad, who is a Roman Catholic, was the aggressor. The funeral services were well under way under the direction of L.A. Field, a Christian Science healer. He had come to the passage, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," when all of a sudden the grandmother arose from her seat in the front row, grabbed up her chair, and the doing began. She first struck the scientist with it and he was floored. Undertaker French interfered and he also was knocked down. In the excitement the woman ran against the casket and it dropped to the floor, the corpse rolling out. A hurry-up call was sent in to the sheriff's office and when the deputies arrived the woman was taken to the city jail. The corpse was replaced and the services resumed.

Nation Drinking and Smoking More, Washington D.C., Oct. 28, 1912

The American people are drinking more whiskey and beer and smoking more cigars and cigarets than ever before in their history, according to tax returns received by the internal revenue commissioner. From July 1 to Oct. 1 of this year nearly 4,000,000,000 cigarets were smoked, an increase of nearly 1,000,000,000 over the corresponding period of last

year in the so-called records. The nation consumed 34,150,000 gallons of whiskey in July, August and September, an increase of 450,000 gallons, as compared with the same months of a year ago, while nearly 2,000,000 cigars were smoked during that time. A total of 19,800,000 barrels of beer were consumed during the three months. It was 320,000 barrels more than the same period of 1911. The internal revenue receipts for October already are more than \$1,000,000,000.