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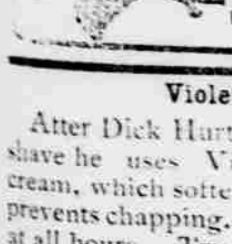

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Reynard.

The residence of Mrs. Ing, in the northern part of Hudson township, was burned to the ground with all its contents on Wednesday night last. The family were all from home, and as there had been no fire in the house for several hours before the leaving of Mrs. Ing, and as a severe thunder storm passed over that night, it is supposed it was struck by lightning. Mrs. Ing is quite poor and the loss comes very heavily upon her.

Jine Fitzgerald was bitten by a rattle snake on Thursday, but by a free use of whiskey, the effect of the poison was counteracted.

Joe Melton lost his celebrated horse, "Saladin," the first day of the week.

Rufus, the Republicans correspondent, from Deepwater township, seems to think this a fine locality for growing weeds. Now Rufus, the old Judge always told you not to throw stones and you should have heeded his admonitions and save yourself this exposure: James Raybourn says John Campton told him that Thomas Day had shown the contract between yourself and Day whereby you agree to pay Day —dollars to let his sheep graze down the grass and weeds in your cornfield and Riley Plevins says he knows of you hauling four loads of oyster cans from Sam Shaw's, in Appleton City, to set up over your corn to protect it from the sheep.

Prof. Allison has been spending several days with old friends this week in our town.

Ava E. Page is down in the southern part of the state talking to the grangers.

The heavy rains last Saturday night took out several culverts and some of the roads are almost impassible.

Mr. Editor, you ask what has become of the Osage Valley railroad. Come down on the line between Deepwater and Appleton City, and you will find more than three hundred men moving the dirt. Mr. Nettleton has put his entire force from the line between Clinton and Osceola on the line between Deepwater and Rich Hill, and the building of this road, with other things, will cause Hudson to give a good sound democratic majority at the next election. Rads, put this in your pipes and smoke, and try and be comforted.

Rev. J. A. Smith was elected pastor of the Baptist church, receiving ten votes to eleven cast for other pastors. VEX.

Foster.

Oat and flax harvesting is all the rage now.

Wm. Close and J. B. Walkup have each purchased a new reaper.

Charley Imel has been cutting hedge for Mrs. Woodfin during the wet weather. He says he will cut for one meal in two days if some one will give him a job.

We suppose some of the readers of the TIMES would like to hear how the Foster celebration turned out. They advertised Senator Plumb would deliver the oration, but it was a Plumb failure, so Messrs. Ephland and Davis addressed the vast assemblage in the Senator's place.

One of Mr. Gover's children is quite sick. Dr. Smith, of Foster, is attending it

So much rain has fallen lately that some of the farmers are about discouraged. Some of the corn is dying, so if it don't stop raining pretty soon, some of us are in a good shape to starve.

Browme must want to monopolize the item business judging from the way she keeps digging at Observer and Silabuster. Now this is a shame and some of us should give her the hint to "cheese the racket".

John Jinnings met with quite an accident last Thursday, while he was leading a horse from the water trough the horse became unmanageable and seized John by the arm and inflicted a bad bite. Dr. Smith was called and pronounced the wound not dangerous, but it is quite painful.

W. L. Gover and Tom Campbell are putting their threshing machine in running order to begin threshing in a few days.

The gallon house at Foster is doing a big business. The proprietor is Mr. Scribner and he has a billiard and pool table for the boys to pass the time with.

We would like to know why Tim McHenry is found Sunday afternoons going toward Jason Woodfin's?

What paper in Bates county has as many correspondents as the TIMES? KID.

Johnstown.

Upon every hand can be seen the industrious farmers—some are following that old adage. "Make hay while the sun shines," others are harvesting, whilst others are cultivating corn. Most of them will get through their busiest work this and next week.

The glorious 4th is passed, and everyone is satisfied and glad it only comes once a year. There was only one little episode occurred here; one of our dry goods clerks and a medical student here, concluded that the celebrations near home would not be ample enough to gratify their fastidious tastes, so to Kansas City they must go; they started, but as they got back by dinner time the 4th, we suppose the cars jumped the track and they concluded to not go. The indications for this month are a wedding, a death and a departure. The death will result on account of the departure.

QUERRIES.

We wonder who the "Rock of Ages," will shelter after Sept. 12.

If Mr. Wills and Mr. F. B. have all their pockets filled with those new pictures they received sometime since?

Perhaps by next week, we will have something new to chronicle.

VERITAS.

Burdett Items

Weather is warm.

A good old fashion rain on Thursday night.

Corn crops are looking fine and the farmers are busy in their hay fields.

Miss Lightfoot of Texas is visting her uncle Mr. H Lightfoot and family. She will probably remain all summer.

Geo. W. Cowley has returned from Huron, Dakota Ty, where he has been living for two years. It is thought that George has enough of the far west, and thinks that old Bates is the garden spot of the world.

Miss Tee Berry and sister are visting friends and relatives in Hume, Mo.

We would like to know it Charlie Wright enjoyed his company and ride last Sunday afternoon as well as Sunday before. LEO.

Facts Relating to the Draft Horses of France.

While some people in America call all horses imported from France Normans, it is a fact that there is no breed in France called by that name by the French people; the name Norman, therefore, is purely American. The principal breeds of France are known as Percherons and Boullanias. The Percherons are the most highly prized of all French races, and all departments of France go to the Perche for stallions to improve their local breeds. The Percheron Stud Book of France is published under the authority of the French government admits only animals of pure Percheron origin and birth, established by their pedigrees of their ancestors for generations. The fact that no recorded pedigrees can be furnished with any of the more common breeds of France, explains the eagerness of many importers in insisting that all horses importing from France are alike, and that pedigrees are useless.

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"How is Jim Bullard getting on?" asked a stranger at a railroad station of a Dakota town

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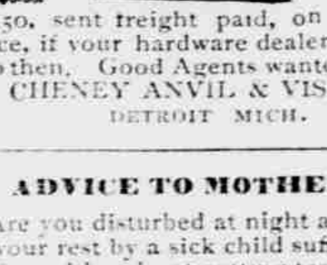

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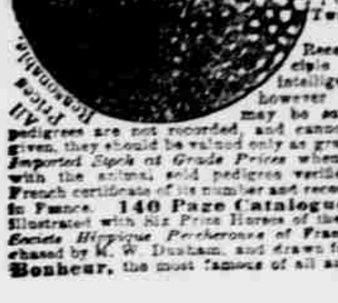

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