the first of the week.

—H. J. Hart and wife, of Charlotte, visited friends here over Sunday, guests of D. M. Purchis and family.

—Mrs. Bancroft and Misses Florence and Sara Lane, of Bellevue, were guests of Mrs. F. M. Potter, Saturday.

—Editor Schurtz, of the Journal and R. D. Liesenring of Eaton Rapids made us a pleasant call Friday evening.

—Mr. D. Goodman, of Rochester, N. Y. is visiting with Jas. A. Hunter and family at the latter's residence.

—C. A. Sherman, of Bro[illegible] field, graced the editor's office on Wednesday, after a weeks visit with [illegible] Barrett and family.

—Miss Lydia Ives returned Wednesday afternoon to her home in [illegible]ckbridge after a three weeks visit with Miss Frankie Dancer.

—C. W. Barnes and family have moved to Potterville where they will permanently reside. The best wishes of the HAWK go with them.

—Mrs. Dr. Green, returned Saturday from Roxand, where she has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Rider, who has been seriously ill, but is now convalescing.

—J. C. Nichols, the one who taught the young ideas and wielded the birch at Chester Center, the past winter, was the guest of his uncle, M. J. Herrick, Friday and Saturday.

At the Rink.

Bicycle Exhibition at the rink by Freidberg and Lescher who have been engaged by us to exhibit, Look at the bill in the postoffice window. Come one and all for you wont see the like again in a lifetime. Admission, 10c.

THE WALRATH-BROCK RACE.

Comments of the Press In Relation Thereto.

Some twenty, more or less, young ladies met Tuesday evening to arrange a supper and make bouquets for a good time when Johnny came marching home. The supper is still uneaten, and the bouquets—What are the wild waves saying? ....."Brock's backer"—which his name is Johnsing—has gone into mourning over the untowardness of the unforeseen.....There is more Hastings money in Nashville now than there was a few days ago.—Hastings Democrat

The Banner thought Brock a faster skater than Walrath. It has changed its mind, however.....C. L. Walrath is the champion roller skater of Barry county.....Mr. C. L. Walrath is champion of Barry county, and the Banner congratulates him upon his justly earned laurels. He defeated Brock, did it easily; and, doubtless, could as easily defeat him again.—Hastings Banner.

Nashville usually gets to the front in pretty good shape.... The champion of Hastings and a half dozen races met his "Waterloo" when he tackled the little red-haired Nashvilleite.-Nashville News

BOOTS and SHOES.

All three departments RUNNING OVER FULL. The last two weeks have been terribly busy ones with us and between the large trade we have waited on and the immense piles of goods that we have had coming in, that had to be opened and [illegible] would not be strange if some good [illegible] any [illegible] resen[illegible] sugge[illegible] the me[illegible] names. Some [illegible] have also cure[illegible]

The people have said for two weeks that our store was so full that we could [illegible] nothing more in it, and yet, since they commenced saying that we have received at least $2,500 worth and there are at least $2,000 worth more ordered that will be in under the next ten days. The fact is the people have made us their

MOSES,

To lead them to the land of honest dealing and low prices and to free them from the bondage of ten per cent. for freight, compound interest on account and all the other evils of the credit and chattel mortgage system. In our dry goods department we wish to call especial attention to about twenty pieces of

NEW STYLE DRESS GINGHAMS

In all the latest styles of fancy plaids and stripes, to sell at ten cents a yard. The mighty men don't get them because they think they can't afford to handle them, pay freight, stand wastage from remnants and sell them for one cent a yard profit. From their numerous partners, large expenses and immense losses from bad depts, they probably would lose some money on them and we cannot help admiring their judgment in not keeping them, for when we can only clear half a cent a yard they would lose money. We have just opened fifty pieces of spring styles of prints and every thing in the dry goods line is now full. The ladies will find these Broadhead Worsteds, woven alike on both sides, to be the best thing in the market for the money. Our clothing stock will now invoice at least $1,000, more than ever before and consists of some immense bargains in $3.50, $4, $5, $6 and $7.50 Mens' suits, besides several (5 or 6) different styles, fine all wool, suits, to sell at $10 and in addition to these fine worsteds $12.50, $15, $17.50, $20 and $22. Everybody

SUIT THEMSELVES AND GET FITTED.

No better evidence is needed that our prices give satisfaction than the fact that we have been obliged to fill in sizes twice on our $22 suits. In our

BOOT and SHOE DEPARTMENT

We had hoped to give prices this week, but our space does not permit. We have started in by making an average reduction of from 20 to 30 per cent. A two weeks trade has amounted to nearly $300, which is away above our most sanguine hopes.

Nothing but this nice line of goods and the low prices could have done it and our friends can assure themselves that we shall devote very careful attention to this branch of trade.

In all departments we are now stocked up heavy and we invite buyers to carefully inspect our goods and prices.

F. S. LOOMIS,

Vermontville, March 13th, 1885.