

Seek not again these early Stiles.
Your place is filled by E. U. Stiles.
Why should a genius of renown,
Sell hardware in a country town;
Far better take his "ready pen"
And "pose" with literary men.
Let common flesh conduct the sales
Of stoves and tin, of glass and nails,
While with the brightest of the "Nine"
The name of Stiles forever shine.
—[JONATHAN GREEN.

Maple sugar

Would like some.

Spring, gentle spring.

March wind this week.

There will be no race at the rink this week. Stiles' store now presents a fine selection of goods. The town anticipates an artesian well this season.

Notice the change in C. L. Pratt's ad. on 5th page.

Insurance agents have been doing the town this week.

Don't forget the Bicycle exhibition at the rink to night.

By our correspondents we find that spring is approaching.

Extra copies of the HAWK may be found for sale at the post office.

Election tickets and slips printed at this office with neatness and dispatch.

During the eclipse of the sun Monday the temperature dropped about 20 degrees.

Fred Benedict has invested in a watch dog which tips the scales at just twenty ounces.

A company of our young people took part in the Free Methodist meeting at Shaytown Sunday evening.

Three of the convicts who escaped from the penitentiary recently have been recaptured. One of them had been excluded from the penitentiary.

Thomas J. Navin, Adrian's defaulting ex-mayor, is behind the bars and refuses to be bailed out.

The Sheet and Pillow case masquerade, April 1st, will be the most interesting entertainment given yet.

Mrs. Finley says she didn't care so much about her supper, but she did want to keep her napkins and dishes.

The words "family relations" should have read "family relatives" in W. H. Dickinson's card of thanks, last week.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Hamilton will occupy the pulpit Sunday evening.

Contributions by Mrs. J. C. Sherman, Hon. H. G. Barber and "Johnathan Green" will be read with much interest this week.

The Charlotte Prohibitionist is much improved under the management of D. P. Segendorph and his competent printer, Horton Bryan.

The M. E. aid society will meet at the home of Mrs. S. P. Loomis Thursday afternoon, March 26th; gentlemen to tea at five o'clock.

Lard, 10c.; oats, 28c.; corn, 25c.; eggs, 15c.; butter, 32c.; wheat, 30c.

caused by the moon passing between the upper half of the sun's disc between the earth and that luminary. At one o'clock about half the disc was darkened, but all was brilliant as ever at 2.30. It was visible to a greater or less extent all over North America.

We are in receipt of a copy of "Smith's Diagram of Parliamentary Rules" a neat and comprehensive book treating upon the proper method of conducting business in all deliberative assemblies. The diagram answers at a glance over 500 questions. It is a very desirable acquisition to a library. Price by mail to any address, 50c. Send to Review & Herald, Battle Creek, Michigan.

A. B. Paine has applied for a patent on his "economical" furnace and has one entirely completed. In our candid judgement it is one of the best furnaces ever built in the state. The method of construction is simple and the working of the entire apparatus is simply perfect. The castings were made at the Charlotte Foundry, under the supervision of the proprietor, H. J. Hart, which is a sufficient guarantee of superior workmanship. Vermontville has at last something of which she can feel justly proud.

"Libby Prison" as rendered by George H. Maxwell of Detroit and "local" talent of Nashville, at the opera house, last Thursday evening, was exceedingly fine and was listened to by a very large and appreciative audience. Mr. Maxwell as "Ralph Evans" Walter Webster as "Hugh Bosworth" N. J. Sutherland, as "William Steuben" Miss Ellen Webster as "Charlotte Evans" Miss Ella Woolcott as "Becky Buckheart" are especially deserving of credit. The tableaux were nice and well selected.

Our play goes are always draws a good house.

J. H. Squier and sister, Mrs. Clara Vaughn returned Tuesday afternoon from a three weeks visit through the south. They were at New Orleans in time to witness the great celebration of the 50th anniversary of the state fire department, which they say was grand beyond description. They were very much interested with the manners and customs of the inhabitants of the Crescent City and in the varied branches of industry represented at the Exposition. They visited the Gulf, and give interesting descriptions of the great orange groves and rice, sugar and cotton plantations seen along the banks of the Mississippi. The temperature of the atmosphere during their stay was from 60 to 90 above most of time the weather being warm and pleasant. They say while the Exposition is not so good as the Centennial at Philadelphia, that no one would regret a visit to New Orleans and the Gulf.

The box social at the G. A. R. hall Tuesday evening was largely attended and highly entertaining, netting the Post nearly \$20. The exercises of the evening were about as follow: Music, by the M. E. choir and city band. Selling of boxes by E. U. Stiles. This part of the program was very interesting and occupied some time. The boxes being sold, the country remained to the various

—Miss Nettie Lewis, of Johnson, is visiting at C. Corey's.

—C. Corey has been spending a few days in Ionia and vicinity.

—Miss Dora Gant visited friends in Carlton and Hastings last week.

—Mrs. Maggie Bostwick visited Miss Mary Cook at Charlotte, yesterday.

—E. B. Fox, of the Charlotte high school, favored us with a call last week.

—C. M. Ambrose, J. C. Downing and J. C. Walsh Wednesdays in Charlotte.

—T. Brica and wife, of Maple Grove, visited J. M. Wheeler and family over Sunday.

—H. J. Kenfield, one of the proprietors of the Jeff. rink, Hastings, was in town Monday.

—C. A. and V. H. Hammond returned Wednesday from a weeks sojourn in Coopersville.

—T. P. Stiles, of Chester, made his cousin E. U. Stiles a pleasant visit the first of the week.

—Miss Mary Clough returned Saturday from a two months visit in Ionia and Kent counties.

—S. P. Kauffman, of Chicago, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Wheeler 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 Sunday.

—C. A. Sherman, of Brockton, Mass., is visiting with his wife and children at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Wheeler, Sunday.

—Herdie Green and sister, Miss Nellie, of Hastings returned home Tuesday, after a weeks visit with Mrs. Barrett and family.

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

—C. W. Barnes and family have moved to Pottsville 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. Ric'r, 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, Mr. 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 people have nothing more in it, at least \$2,500 worth and the next ten days.

To load them to the bondage of ten per cent evils of the credit wish to call especial

NEW

In all the latest sty might men don't waste their money. We have the dry goods line ven alike on both sides. Stock will now immense bargains ferent styles, fine at \$12.50, \$15, \$17.50, \$