

# MENTONE

## Our Home Grows

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THE MENTONE GAZETTE, JULY 10, 1886

### GOOD ADVICE

Gain a footing in this world of hard facts and vain fancies you must to your spending. No matter how much you make, if you spend more, you will always be poor and in debt. The art is not so much in making money as in judiciously spending it. Little expenses make big mice in the barn, eat big holes. Hair by hair the head gets bald. A barrel is soon empty if it leak but a drop a minute. When you want to save, begin at your mouth; many thieves run down the red line. Let all things keep without compass. In clothes choose suitable material rather than flimsy finery. Never stretch your legs. The blanket will reach. If you give all to back and board there will be nothing left for the savings bank. Fare rough and work hard while you are young, and you will have a chance to rest when you are old.

[Not such bad advice for today, either, is it?]

THE MENTONE GAZETTE, JULY 17, 1886

### THE STORM

The weather had been warm and sultry, though rain had fallen occasionally all forenoon on last Monday. About 1 o'clock the clouds thickened and it was observed converging storms were arising from the northeast and northwest -- a sure indication, as old weather prophets will tell us, of clashing elements -- but it seemed that instead of a direct junction of the opposing forces, occasioned, perhaps, by a difference in altitudes, the two storm brigades were only slightly diverted from their original course and sent furiously whirling in a more southerly direction. The southwesterly branch passed over a section of country about three miles west of Mentone, but on account of its great height it did its work by bombarding the people with frozen shot and torrents of rain, completely destroying the growing crops in many places. The southeast section, being lower, charged with great fury upon everything in its path, which covered a trip country about 2 miles wide, the western limits of which touched the suburbs of Mentone. Torrents of rain flooded the streets and the buildings. The storm made it difficult to see the surrounding buildings. Windows were shattered by the congealed bullets hurled from the celestial battlements of "Old Boreas." When the fury of the storm was past it was like the clearing up of smoke after a battle. Everybody rushed out to see what damage had been done.

The blast had taken a large part of the roof from the M.E. Church, another picked up the partly finished house of Ed Mollenhour and carried it about 12 feet off the foundation. Seven or eight trees were blown across the railroad east of town; and the wires were grounded and communication with the East was cut off, however, by the vigorous efforts of the section men, the track was cleared in time to prevent the delay of any trains. The center and heaviest part of the storm was about a mile East of town where it spread destruction on all sides. In the vicinity of Etna Green, the hail accumulated on the ground to the depth of six inches, and along its entire path, the growing corn was utterly destroyed; oats were battered into the ground so as to be rendered worthless; wheat which had not yet been stacked, was spread out miscellaneously over the ground; orchards were stripped of their fruit and in many cases, the trees were torn out by the roots and broken so as to ruin the orchards.

Hundreds of dollars worth of timber was destroyed and property damaged countless ways. Some of the losers among the farmers along the storm's course are - Stacy Rockwell, Job Truex, Will Clark, George Whetstone, Joseph Cattell, Wm. Sanders, Zach Griffis, Richard Christian, Abram Baker, Peter Blue, A. Garwood, Elliott Manwaring, Isaac Bell, Jefferson Ely, Henry Eiler, Joseph Smaley, Samuel Jones, Tom Warren and hosts of others. We name these to indicate somewhat the course of the story. Hail-stones in the vicinity of Mr. Manwarings were around three inches in diameter. Wells Sanders brought a hatful of ice to town Tuesday morning which had withstood the summer heat for nearly 24 hours. We are all satisfied with our experience with ice cyclones for this summer.

THE MENTONE GAZETTE, JULY 24, 1881

### NORMAL NOTES

The Normal starts off in good shape with an enrollment of 69.

THE MENTONE GAZETTE, AUGUST 7, 1886

MEMORIAL DAY, 1886

By Mrs. Benj. Richardson

Our soldiers left their happy homes,  
And tearfully bid loved ones adieu,  
Not knowing what their fate might be,  
Or if their homes again they'd see.

Ah, many who stood on the battle field,  
Gave up their lives our flag to shield.  
Some fell who were our Country's pride --  
Brave boys who for the Union died.

Many a thousand in prison died,  
Who left their homes and firesides,  
Died in prison without food or care,  
And buried without perhaps a prayer.

And as you get here today,  
To decorate their graves with flowers,  
God Bless them still, we love to say, --  
Those boys who sent these homes of ours.

May God, with all His tender care,  
Bless and protect them everywhere;  
And may each soldier, with the blest,  
In that bright world, gain peace and rest.

THE MENTONE GAZETTE, AUGUST 14, 1886

Some innocent young ladies of Rochester, Indiana, wanted some maple sugar; so they armed themselves with a meat-ax and tin pan, and went out to the woods to tap some trees. One hacked and lacerated the trees in a frightful manner, while the other stood with the pan in hand, ready to catch the sap as it flew; but after tapping an elm, three or four ash, and several oak saplings, they concluded that it was a bad day for sap.

THE MENTONE GAZETTE, AUGUST 21, 1886

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THE MENTONE GAZETTE, SEPTEMBER 4, 1886

### THE EARTHQUAKE

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### GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

#### The Shock Felt in Mentone

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The earthquake destroyed the principal business portion of the city and hundreds are homeless.

To add to the horrors of the night, many fires broke out, and about twenty houses were burned. Ninety persons are reported killed and several hundred wounded.

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If you want a little quiet smile, listen to the grammar class wrestle with the nouns in the difficult sentences.

Andrew still insists that "Army" is in the feminine gender, second person, and he hopes a possessive case. Singular! Ain't it?

There seems to be a determination on the part of both scholars and teachers for a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together.

**THE MENTONE GAZETTE, JULY 31, 1886**  
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